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A BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT "AN ALIEN HARVEST", "THE MATRIX", AND OTHER MATTERS

In our Editorial in FSR 34/3 (September 1989), and on one or two occasions since then, we have made brief reference to two books, Linda Moulton Howe's AN ALIEN HARVEST, and Valdamar Valerian's THE MATRIX, and we have also alluded to certain extremely terrifying statements that have come, or are alleged to have come, from a number of U.S. citizens who claim *"to be in the know"* — in particular, John Lear; Paul Bennewitz; William Cooper; and Robert Lazar.

Paul Whitehead prepared two excellent reviews of the books for us, but as the alarming nature of the alleged picture became more clear, I decided that we ought to refrain from publication of these, at least for the time being.

The reviews contained the necessary information about the cost of these two books (both extremely expensive and in limited editions), and about how to obtain them, and in view of our decision not to publish the reviews it is not surprising that quite a number of British readers should have since asked us for further details, both about the two books, and about the statements of the four men mentioned above. A further statement from us now seems to be called for, so I am slipping in a hasty note just before this issue of FSR goes to press.

(1) AN ALIEN HARVEST is by Linda Moulton Howe, the courageous lady whom we know personally and who has made a big name for herself with this book and with her documentary film of the same title (she is a professional documentary film-maker), as well as with her previous and equally electrifying documentary on the CATTLE MUTILATIONS. We understand that the book is still available, though costly (upwards of £40 at the current rate of exchange). And it can be obtained from our good friend Mr Robert C. Girard, who runs the best book supply service in the world on Ufology and everything related thereto. His address is:-

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and he issues an excellent monthly Catalogue.

(2) THE MATRIX, by Valdamar Valerian, was in an extremely limited edition, costing U.S. $60, and was actually published by Arcturus Books. So far as I know, it is long ago out of print, but any enquiry about it will have to be directed to ARCTURUS BOOKS (who have however recently issued a MATRIX II in a limited edition of 500).

With regard to the general thesis, not only of these two books, but also of the statements and articles by Lear, Bennewitz, Cooper, Lazar, and others, readers will doubtless already know that it indicates that *"the game is already up for us", and that sinister Aliens are already in control here and have underground bases on Earth. In the alleged words of John Lear, "all is over bar the screaming".*

Well now — I still do not know whether there is any truth whatsoever in all this stuff, or whether it is simply a massive piece of disinformation on somebody's part. Inevitably the appearance of these books and these statements immediately evoked a violent reaction in the United States. Over there the disputes are already raging, and are violent enough, about such relatively "tame" questions as the authenticity of the "MJ-12 DOCUMENTS", or the genuineness of the "GULF BREEZE PHOTOGRAPHS", and the entire American UFO research community seems consequently to be engaged in an orgy of recrimination and abuse.

(As for ourselves at FSR, we must state that we feel there is no great doubt now about the GULF BREEZE affair, and that it seems to be looking more and more certain that the "MAJESTIC-12" story is substantially true.)

On the other hand, we are still very much in the dark about the spectacular books and the equally spectacular statements and articles of the four men named. We are told that the Aliens have their underground bases at such places as DULCE, and GROOM LAKE. But up till now, we have absolutely no way of knowing whether there is any jot of truth in any of it. We admit that we do possess seemingly unassailable material about terrible atrocities committed against human beings in China by Aliens — material communicated to us privately, and personally, by a millionaire industrialist who frequently has reason to make business visits to China and knows that country well. All this, we repeat, may well be true, alas. *Even if it is true, I am not going to publish it. Let somebody else do that if they want to.*

One may ask why? The only reply can be that there are surely still other aspects of which we must not lose sight. Firstly, as we have suggested repeatedly, there seems to be overwhelming evidence for the presence here of *many more than just one species of "Alien". If so, then surely there must be more than one possible policy or attitude towards us! The outlook may seem dismal at present. But how foolish it would be to assume that we see the entire picture!* — G.C.

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BELGIUM HAUNTED BY HUGE TRIANGULAR CRAFT: PART II

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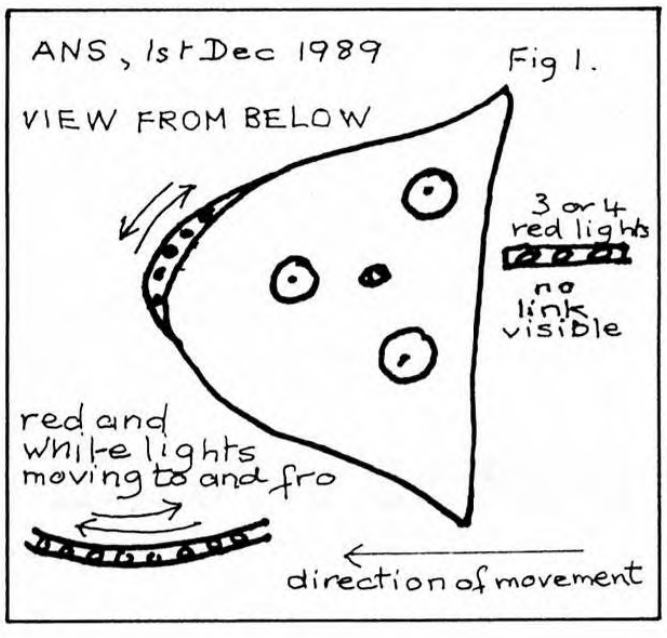
Once again we acknowledge our indebtedness to our splendid French colleagues for the following further Report which we have taken from their *Lumières Dans La Nuit* No. 301, and which continues the Belgian story as far as mid-April of 1990. — EDITOR

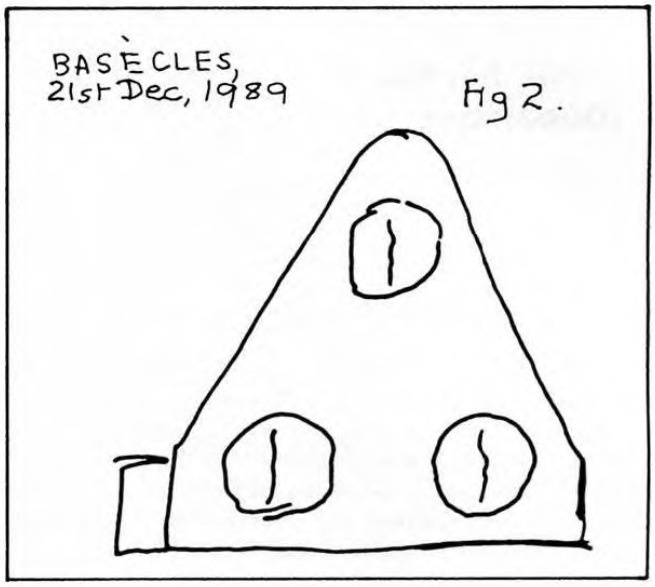
1. *December 1, 1989.* Ans (Belgium)

This sighting is one of the most interesting of the whole Belgian "Wave", and lasted from 1745 hrs. to 1800 hrs. The chief eyewitness was a professional military man, M. Francesco Valenzano, a prévisionniste météo (weather forecaster) of the Belgian Air Force, who that evening was with his daughter on the Place Nicolaï at Ans. It was the daughter who drew his attention to the object, saying *"Look, Daddy, an aeroplane!"* Both saw a very large object which seemed to be coming from the direction towards the south of Liège, and flying very low (100-150 metres).

Extract from his letter sent to SOBEBS four days later:-

> "What caught my attention was the displacement of the blue and red colours from one end of the craft to the other. When it was above us, we saw three big "lights" on its underside, directed downwards, and it passed over us. Then it veered towards the Place Nicolaï, where it performed a complete turn, flying round above the buildings, very slowly. Having completed this movement, it headed back towards us again and flew over us once more. It was at this moment that I noticed, in the middle of the three "headlights", a red "light" that was revolving both horizontally and vertically, the effect of which was that intermittently one could see the underside of the machine.
>
> I place the word *light* in inverted commas for two reasons: firstly, because these lights did not dazzle us, and, because, though the craft was flying at a very low altitude, no light beam was seen to strike the ground from it. Secondly, on the day in question — a Friday — there was some faint mist, and when you shine a lamp through mist or fog, a cone of light appears. Well now — there was no cone from any of those three lights!"





2. *December 21, 1989.* Basècles (Belgium).

The newspaper *Nord-Eclair* of January 5, 1990, carried an interesting piece of testimony, under the name of Yves Leterme, which serves to reinforce three other reports concerning a sighting of the UFO phenomenon at Basècles (between Tournai and Mons) at daybreak on December 21.

At the outset, a resident of Beloeil (northern sector of Basècles) and two children, aged 15 and 18, saw, at about 0715 hrs, a red glow behind a copse. Then, at a distance of some 500 m. or so, they saw a material object hanging stationary in the air, at a height of 50 m. or so. Then it moved off towards the south-east at high speed.

Half-an-hour later, Monsieur M-A- also saw a glow behind the trees of a copse not far from his house. Shortly afterwards, this glow rose up and remained stationary in the air for 7 or 8 minutes. The witness described it as "a material object, of triangular shape, which dipped at an angle of about 45° as it went up, thus showing three quite powerful — but not dazzling — yellowish-orange lights. At the centre of each of the three lights there was a sort of vertical filament of a lighter shade. (See sketch) M-A- had plenty of leisure in which to watch the phenomenon, and called to his wife, who was also able to watch it for a minute. Then, says M-A-, "the object rose up, slowly at first, then accelerating to a very high speed. There was no sound, and no change of colour". He reckoned its size to be maybe 10 m. wide and 10 m. high. "It was as big as a house", he said. He had been watching it for a total of about 10 minutes when, already pretty high in the sky, it suddenly vanished. The agreement between the account of this witness and the account of the three other witnesses (i.e. at Beloeil) is quite striking.

3. *December 24, 1989.* Aische-en-Refail (Belgium)

On this date there were reported sightings from Valenciennes in France (just below the Belgian-French border) and from this place, in Belgium, in a small village 15 kms. to the north of Namur and some 50 kms. to the west of Liège, on the road from Gembloux to Eghezée. Four eyewitnesses are known: namely, Monsieur Desmaré who reported the case a few days later to SOBEPS, his wife, and their two daughters. He is a pilot with the ULM, having, at the end of December 1989 about 500 hrs. of flying to his credit, which endows his testimony with a certain credibility . . . Shortly after 2300 hrs., he and his wife were waiting for their eldest daughter, due to arrive from Brussels. She arrived at 2320, and at once mentioned that she had seen a shining object stationary near the BP garage on the motorway. This first phase of the sighting lasted ten minutes, so any suggestion that it could have been an emergency service helicopter watching the road for accidents is ruled out.

At 2340 Monsieur Desmaré stepped out to shut the garden gate and, glancing in the direction of the BP garage, saw the UFO heading straight towards him.

The thing was flying slowly at a height of about 100 m. or so. He called to his wife and the two daughters, who all came out at once — first turning off the outside light so as to be able to view the phenomenon better. According to Monsieur Desmaré, the UFO, which was still approaching, *"was like a big manta rayfish, with rigid wings"* and was on a course of about 100° (slightly to the south of due East) towards the southern suburbs of Liège. There was no sound to be heard from it, but what astonished him most of all was the fact that the thing seemed totally unaffected by any turbulence or gusts of wind. On the leading edge of this "wing" (let us not forget that this is an ULM pilot speaking) could be seen "three good-sized light sources, much larger than aircraft identification lights. Nevertheless, they did not *look like* lights, for no luminous beams came from them. These three light-sources were on one and the same horizontal level, and their stability was surprising.

The thing passed right over the witnesses, at a height of only 100 or 120 m., and at an estimated speed of 50 km.p.h. A faint sound now became detectable, which Mme Desmaré likened to "the sound of an airline plane passing over at 12,000 or 15,000 m.", while her husband spoke of it as being "like the sound that one hears near a high voltage station or an overhead electric cable".

As the thing passed over them, they noticed, in the centre of the triangle, a greenish light smaller than the white lights on the leading edge. And, a few seconds later, they also noticed a fourth light resembling those at the front. In his letter to SOBEPS, Monsieur Desmaré added yet a further interesting detail:

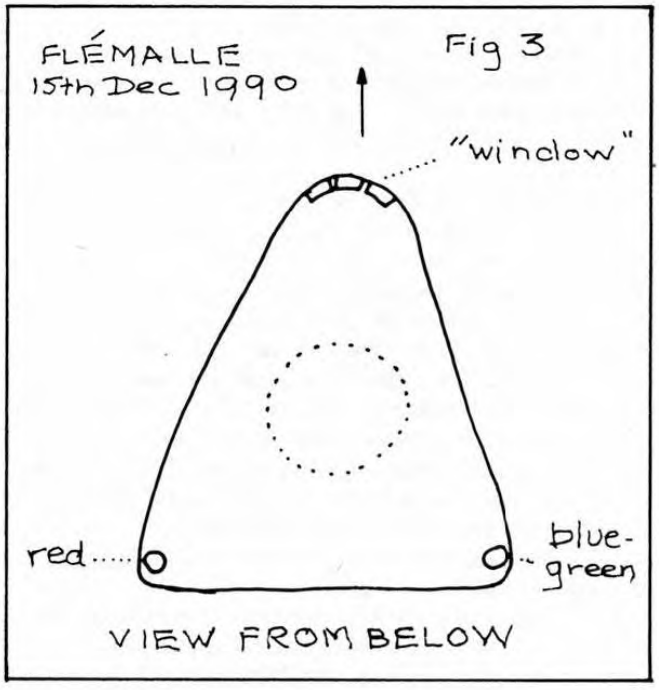
> "A curious thing was that, as the craft got further and further away from us, we could still see the three front lights, which would suggest that they were an outstanding feature."

4. *February 15, 1990.* Flémalle (Belgium)

This close sighting is particularly interesting in view of the comparison which it enables us to make with at least one other case, namely No. 1 at Ans in Belgium at about 1745 hrs. on December 1, 1989. The chief witness, Stany Box, had had an earlier sighting at 2030 hrs. on February 8. (And, incidentally he would have a third at 1950 hrs. on February 20, and would furthermore also be one of the many witnesses to the sighting of April 14, to be described later).

Four sightings by one witness over a little more than two months — one of them a close encounter — might seem a bit astonishing, but there is a very simple explanation. The second sighting (Feb. 15) strongly aroused the witness's sense of curiosity, so that from then onwards he has devoted every moment he could to the study of the phenomenon. If his patience has been rewarded, this is quite simply because, since the end of November 1989, the opportunities for seeing *"the triangle"* have been extremely numerous in that part of Belgium, as is proved by the impressive mass of eyewitness accounts collected by SOBEPS.

At 2022 hrs. then, on February 15, 1990, something resembling *a delta-wing with a rounded front,* flew, very low, and very slowly, over Stany Box's residence. This "rounded front" had some illuminated panels, described by the witness as a "window" *(verrière),* but this "window" remained visible when the object was far off, which permits us to suppose that the "window" must have extended below the lower surface of the machine. And another curious detail is to be noted: the lights that one might have been tempted to interpret as aircraft navigation lights *were green on the left-hand side and red on the right-hand side, whereas of course on our aircraft it is the other way round!*



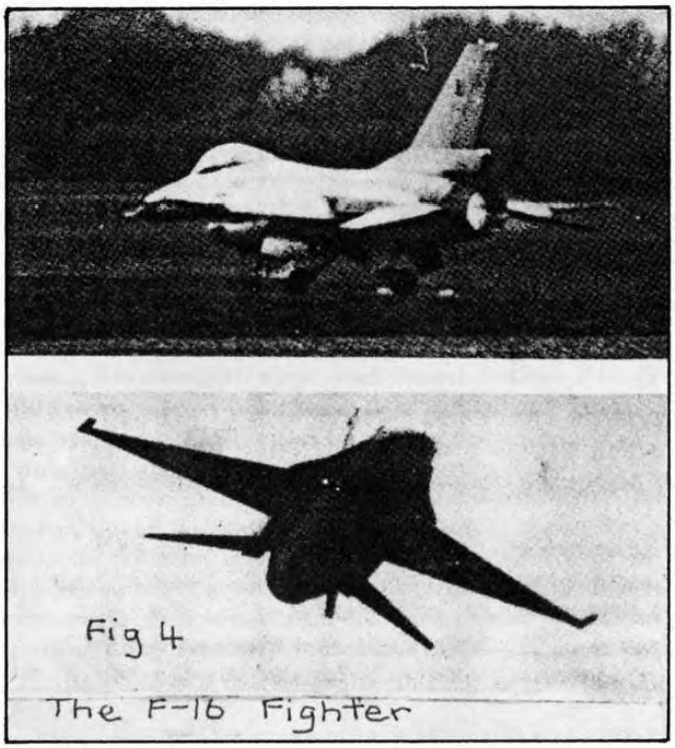
5. *Night of March 30/31, 1990.* West of Liège (Belgium)

This night of Friday, March 30/Saturday, March 31, was one of the high points of the "Belgian Wave". The witnesses were plainly less numerous than they had been on November 29, 1989, owing to the much later time of the day, *but they do include 18 gendarmes.*

As for the intervention in the affair (bang in the middle of the night) of two *F-16* aircraft — well, from any way that you like to view it, it did cause a certain stir . . . (See following article! G.C.)

It all started at about 2300 hrs., at Ramillies (45 kms. to the west of Liège and 20 kms. to the north of Namur), when Maréchal des Logis Alain Renkin, a gendarme of the Wavre Gendarmerie Brigade, spotted, in the clear sky, a large luminous dot, of changing colour, travelling by "jumps" — first to the right, and then to the left. Although he was not on duty at the time, he alerted the Air Force Base at Beauvechain, only 20 kms. distant. That is where the *F-16* aircraft of

No. One Wing, All-Weather Fighters (the highest performance aircraft of the Belgian Air Force) are based. (The *F-16* is, roughly speaking, very comparable to the French Mirage 2000).



The Beauvechain radarscopes were not in use at that late hour, so the Air Force there contacted the Radar Control Centre at Glons (north of Liège, near Tongres).

Meanwhile, at Ramillies, the luminous point of light was turning to a reddish hue, and seemed to be receding towards Gembloux, rising as it went. At 2308 hrs., Capt. Jacques Pinson, second-in command of the Gendarmerie Brigade at Wavre, was alerted by Maréchal des Logis-chef Vossem. Accompanied by another gendarme, Pinson set out at once for Ramillies, arriving there at 2315 hrs. Meanwhile, the phenomenon was still visible there: three luminous points in the sky forming an isosceles triangle. Simultaneously, the Glons Radar Centre contacted him, requesting confirmation of the sighting.

The most luminous of the three points of light continued to withdraw slowly towards Gembloux. The upper point was visible towards Thorembais-Saint Trond (due west), while the third point was towards Chaumont-Gistoux (between NW and WNW).

At 2325 hrs. several gendarmerie patrols, at La Jauchelette, Jodoigne, and Thorembais-les-Béguines, were also watching the phenomenon. The distance separating those three light points are still unknown to us of course, but clearly it was a matter of *kilometres.* If, therefore, in this sighting we are concerned with a "triangle" still, then it is no longer a question of an object (a "platform") having approximately the dimensions of an aircraft, but it is a formation of three luminous sources contained within an incomparably large space, and with no visible material links between them.

Shortly after 2330 hrs., three fresh points of light, moving at first in "jumps", appeared. They formed an equilateral triangle, situated below the big triangle. The gendarmes (18 of them were watching it) were using binoculars, and discovered that each of the points of light *"resembled a sphere bisected by two great, sharply back-swept, wings".*

At about 0015 hrs., two "lights" of this same sort appeared in the sky over Eghezée. Meanwhile, at Beauvechain, two *F-16s* were preparing to take off. . . .

They arrived over the sighting point at 0036 hrs., and guided by the gendarmes on the ground, carried out two sweeps and then flew some circles around the "big triangle". If we are to believe the account subsequently published by the Military Authorities, the pilots of the *F-16s* did not locate the luminous objects, and confined themselves to flying around as directed by the gendarmes. (Now known not to be true. See following article. G.C.)

When the fighter craft started to fly around the "big triangle", or maybe inside it, two of the "luminous objects" vanished, leaving only one — the brightest (and also the lowest on the horizon). This then began to climb vertically — emitting brief and vivid red flashes, before fading out, in its turn, in the sky.

Meanwhile, the radar at Glons was showing discontinuous echoes on its screens — that is to say, echoes "vanishing on the spot" in less time than it took for the antenna to perform a sweep.

It was also on that same memorable night that a very interesting video film was secured, which was shown on the Belgian Television a few days later. On the Boulevard Maurice Lemonnier at Brussels, at about 0215 hrs. in the morning, Monsieur Marcel Alfarino managed to film a formation of three lights with — momentarily — a fourth light — also white, but weaker in intensity, near the centre of the "triangle". According to the witness, the lights were carried by a triangular-shaped object travelling slowly and emitting a faint whistle, and whose edges bore small sparkling lights which do not show up on the film. Here we have, in fact, a description such had already been given many times during the "Belgian Wave".

6. *April 9, 1990,* near Florenville (Belgium)

A witness saw a "grey triangle", which emitted a "very piercing noise comparable to the Larsen effect in a micro".

7. *Night of April 9/April 10,* 1990. Flémalle (Belgium)

Once again it is here, a place in the south-western suburbs of Liège, where we have already recorded a low-altitude overflight on February 15. (And where we shall later have at least two more sightings, namely on April 14 and April 17.)

And here we have a second interesting case in which there is an effect on animals (although a UFO link is only suppositional, inasmuch as no object was observed). All that was found was that, in a field where some deer are kept, a marked area was found, with not very sharp contours, where the grass had turned to an *inexplicable yellow.* The owner of the field, Monsieur Louis Disse, assures us that the grass was still of its normal colour at about 1500 hrs. on April 9, and that the anomaly, whatever its cause, had occurred during the evening or the night. Monsieur Disse also said the deer had suddenly become very shy, and now seem to avoid the marked area.

8. *April 10, 1990.* Berloz (Belgium)

This place lies some 30 kms. to the WNW of Liège, and near Waremme. Here it seems there was a third case where animals were affected. It was on April 10, at about 2230 hrs. About ten people were watching, from some distance, the movements of a luminous phenomenon, and, according to the newspaper *La Dernière Heure* (April 12) "When the big light flew over, two horses shut in a paddock were suddenly seized with panic, and started to whinny".

9. *April 12, 1990.* Spy (Belgium)

The details of this case are taken from an article signed by Gilbert Dupont and published in a leading Belgian newspaper on April 18, or 19, or possibly 20.

The eyewitnesses (or, to be more precise, two of the eyewitnesses, for there would be more of them later that night) were gendarmes: Police-Sergeant Jean-Pierre Maquet, aged 31, and Corporal Hugues Besson. At 2123 hrs. they were on the bridge over the river Sambre at Flawinne (very near to Namur) when they saw a big point of light quite low down on the horizon. They then moved on to Spy, and there, at a spot called Hordin, the object suddenly appeared and was heading towards them, at an altitude estimated by Sergeant Maquet at less than 300 m. Here is an extract from his account:-

"At first we had a frontal view of it. The main features to be seen were two rectangles of light, very powerful but without being dazzling. These lights were enormous — as big as the windscreen of an R4. The thing was moving silently... When it passed, slightly tilted, we got a very clear view of three smaller lights, one green, one red, and one dull white, disposed in a triangle. The object was moving slowly." He watched it for half a minute. It followed the relief of the ground below. It disappeared towards the Spy hills.

Three other Namur gendarmes would also be eyewitnesses of the phenomenon that night: namely First Sergeant Léopold Legrand, First Sergeant Marcel Metzier, and Gendarme Gilles.

10. *April 14, 1990.* Flémalle (Belgium)

(Account by Joël Mesnard, Editor of LDLN.)

"A week earlier, Patrick Vidal had telephoned me explaining that the Belgian Military Authorities and SOBEPS were jointly organizing four sessions of night-watch at the Easter weekend, using important equipment for surveillance, telecommunication, and observation. And they invited me to join in the operation on the night of April 14/15. Having absolutely no time to spare (due to the delay with LDLN) I ended up by committing myself to an 850 km. car-trip plus a night's watch — all in 24 hours — not a prospect to be relished.

On that cold night, on a hill near Flémalle, some 15 or so people watched, including scientists, notably the eminent Belgian physicist Léon Brenig of the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles) who had, himself, seen the "triangle" near Aywaille, (25 kms. SSE of Liège) on March 25, 1990. (Triangle, with three white lights at points, and a red light at centre). Also many SOBEPS members and others, with phone link to the nearby civil airport of Bierset, manned by SOBEPS. Also plenty of instrumentation. Nearby, at Bierset a *Merlin III* aircraft of the Belgian Air Force, with Brenig and other scientists aboard, stood ready to take off in pursuit of anything seen. Soon after 2310 hrs., the "triangle" DID appear. He filmed it, and they all saw it but none at first realized it was not a plane! Later, the Air Force plane from Bierset appeared overhead, "pursuing" along the right course but in the wrong direction, so something had gone wrong!

Joël Mesnard discusses the theory that it was an *F-117A ("Stealth" aircraft),* and rules it out. Patrick Vidal, standing beside him, claimed it had "a raised delta wing, with, at the rear, something like two curved protrusions". As Mesnard points out, there is nothing whatsoever about the *F-117A* that has a "curved shape".

11. *April 15, 1990.* Noiseux (Belgium)

A much more interesting sight was to come 24 hours later, at the little village of Noiseux, 40 kms. SSW of Liège. (Reported in the newspaper *La Voix Du Nord* of April 20.)

At about 2000 hrs, a Noiseux resident, Monsieur José Olette, a Warrant Officer Engineer in the Belgian Air Force, stepped out of his house to exercise his dogs. And, above the Marche-en-Famenne Plain, some "luminous spots" at once caught his attention. Described by him as "three yellow points arranged in a triangle. The lights were not dazzling". There was also "a sort of trapezium, with two yellow lights and one red light which, as it seemed to me, constituted the structure of the craft. Of an imposing size, the craft was stationary, and at an altitude of about 100 m."

Monsieur Olette wanted to alert the Gendarmerie, but discovered that *his 'phone was cut off. There was no electric current in his house. But, at the nearby farm, 100 m. distant, he could see the lights were on. And all the road lights were still on.* He got a torch, and signalled with it. One of the spots flashed several times "in response to his signals". His sighting lasted for 20 minutes, in all of which time he did not think of alerting his neighbours. He said: "I was just fascinated by that enormous, silent thing". Finally it moved off slowly and vanished into the night.

The newspaper adds that, on that same night, the Gendarmerie Post at Marche-en-Famenne received four other calls, between 2130 and 2320 hrs., and all of the witnesses who called described an immense triangle with lights. An aircraft (a *Britten-Norman Islander*) provided by the Belgian Army to help in the four-day watch, took off to try to observe the phenomenon, but without success.

12. *April 16, 1990.* Belgium. (Precise place not yet established.)

From 2115 hrs. onwards, a Marbais restaurant owner, Monsieur Jean-Marc Florkin, and his wife Geneviève, saw a big luminous point and tried in vain to contact the Bierset Control Post.

The following passage is from Gilbert Dupont's article already quoted above on the Spy sighting:

"At about 2145 hrs., an aircraft passed over, and then there appeared, beneath the object, a light that we had not seen before. In front there was a large point of light from which came what looked like two beams, thus forming as it were a triangle whose base was however not visible. And, intermittently, we saw a flashing light. The thing was totally silent, and it was impossible to estimate at what distance it was. Before it vanished, it emitted behind it a sort of streamer of light of a predominantly bluish hue. It disappeared very quickly — in a flash."

The great interest of this particular case lies in the fact that the witnesses filmed it, thus securing a document of vast evidential value.

13. *April 17, 1990.* Flémalle. (Belgium)

Monsieur Joachim Sferrazza, a café-proprietor in Ans, and his wife had been tracking UFOs since the beginning of December 1989.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 17, they took up positions to watch once more for the phenomenon, near the Flémalle sand-pits. The choice of this site was not due to chance, for there had already been several sightings reported from there, and also strange marks, on a half-macadamized road not open for traffic

(round marks, 2-3 m. in diameter, seemingly produced by "sweeping" the chippings, which had subsequently vanished, during the night of April 14-15, as though by magic).

At about 2130 hrs., using an amateur's camera lent to him by a friend, *Monsieur Sferrazza filmed two UFOs.* The images of one of them (duration: 20 seconds) are especially interesting.

The object is round, and has a "metallic" appearance. Near its centre, a small black spot is visible, and, on the periphery, three "notches", roughly disposed in a triangle, can be seen.

What is most astonishing about this UFO filmed at Flémalle in Belgium is its extraordinary resemblance to another UFO seen by scores of people, and also filmed, at Crozia, in Southern Italy, on May 30, 1987.

A TRIANGULAR CRAFT SEEN OVER EASTERN FRANCE

According to a report published in the Spanish newspaper *La Vanguardia* (Barcelona) for April 17, 1990, a Frenchman and his wife who were driving in their car in the region of Montbéliard, Département of Doubs, Eastern France, on the night of Sunday, April 15, 1990, had a very similar sighting to those reported so widely in Belgium of late. The witnesses, Marcel and Silvia Matzner, said: "We were driving along when a triangular-shaped machine appeared and began to fly along at a height of twenty metres or so above us. It had powerful lights in the centre and on its sides." (The position of Montbéliard is at 47° 31 N 6° 48 E).

(Credit and thanks to FSR Consultant J. Plana Crivillén of Barcelona.)

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A UFO ON THE F16's RADAR

AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Exclusive report for PARIS-MATCH by Marie-Thérèse de Brosses

(Translation from French. G.C.)

We are indebted to FSR Consultant J. Plana Crivillén (Barcelona) who has sent us the French text of this report. — EDITOR

We are authorized by the Belgian Ministry of Defence to publish this documentation. It's *"the scoop of the skies"*. These two screens (shown in the accompanying photos) are the incontestable testimony to an encounter between Science and Fiction. For the first time ever, the Belgian Air Force has agreed to divulge the radar-images of a UFO intercepted by the pilots of its *F-16s.* The recordings were registered during the night from March 30 to March 31, 1990. It was the precision and the clarity of these images that induced the Belgian Defence Ministry to deploy a considerable effort during the subsequent tremendous UFO-chase (in the event not so successful) over the entire Easter weekend of 1990.

Behind the figures and the symbols of these exceptional documents, PARIS-MATCH enables you to discover and to decypher the incredible performances of these flying objects, which are very real indeed, and yet which still remain "unidentified". Maybe we are *not* alone in the Universe.

Who says this? It is the Military, the proverbially silent Military. They are telling you that the UFOs are no myth. Today, on June 22, 1990, for the first time ever, an Air Force has consented to reveal (in part) a major portion from this file which is not Science-Fiction.

On this day, June 22, 1990, after submitting to all the Security checks, I find myself in the Headquarters of the Belgian Air Force, near Brussels. In a small room, Colonel De Brouwer, Chief of the Operations Section of the Belgian Air Force, switches on a video tape-recorder. On the video screen appears the film brought back in the *"black box"* of the *F-16* aircraft that, in the night of March 30/31 last, was sent up in pursuit of an unidentified flying object. (This isn't the really big chase that was to happen two weeks later, during that famous Easter weekend when the whole of Belgium tried unsuccessfully to chase the UFO. This is in fact quite another mission, and one that until now has been kept completely secret).

Ever since November 1989, the Belgian Military have been on the alert. Numerous Gendarmerie reports are coming in daily, describing sightings of UFOs, over the national territory of Belgium. It had all begun on that crazy night of November 29, 1989, during which thirty groups of eyewitnesses (including three Gendarmerie patrols), scattered over a distance of 800 kilometres between Liège and the Belgian/German and Belgian/Dutch frontiers, observed, over a period of hours, a strange triangular and almost silent apparatus moving very slowly, and at a very low altitude, and without creating the slightest tubulence.

Like all the Air Forces in the world, the Belgian Military possess supersonic aircraft that stand ready, 24 hours a day, to take off at five minutes' notice. Here it means two single-seater *F-16s* armed with missiles.

The Air Force Headquarters are careful and cautious. On two occasions during the previous months, the two *F-16s* have been sent out in vain to investigate reported sightings. On the first occasion they detected nothing. On the second, it was simply a matter of luminous blobs produced by the lasers emanating from a night-club.

COL. DE BROUWER: "OUR DEFENCE SYSTEM IS POWERLESS AGAINST THESE MACHINES".

On this night, March 30, after receiving repeated calls — notably from a Captain Pinson of the Gendarmerie — the Air Force Headquarters will therefore carry out several preliminary checks. In addition to the simple visual sightings made by numerous eyewitnesses, two radar-stations have both already picked

up the echoes of a UFO. These are the radar post at Glons (south-east of Brussels), which forms part of the NATO defensive system, and the radar post at Semmerzake (to the west of Brussels), which controls the civil and military air traffic of the entire Belgian national territory.

The ranges (300 kms.) of these two radar stations suffice to cover the zone where the expected sighting will occur. The general relief of the terrain over this region shows little accentuation, and the radar coverage is perfect for any object flying at above 200 metres altitude. All the same, the Air Force Hqrs. will now proceed to carry out a series of detailed verifications, lasting a total of fifty minutes, so as to be able to eliminate any risk of error.

The two radars indicate the same position for the object. And the excellent atmospheric conditions exclude all possibility of a false echo due to a temperature inversion.

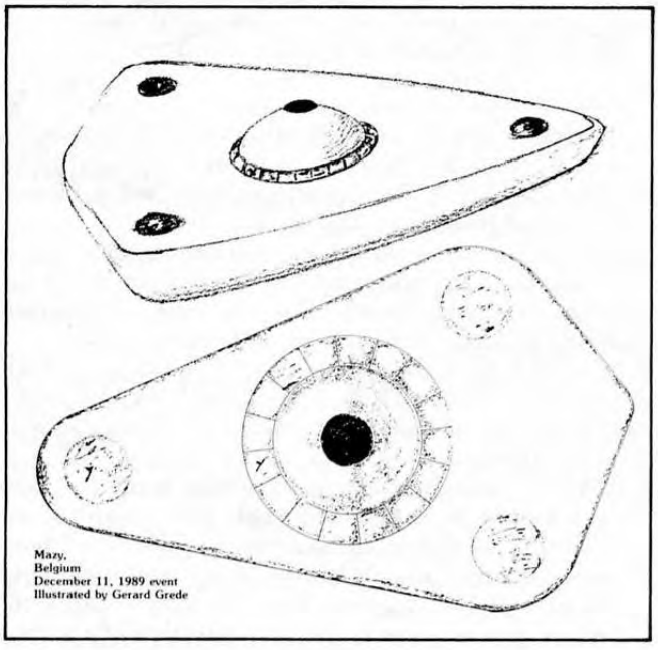
All aircraft, be they civilian or military, are equipped with an automatic radar transponder system which enables them to be identified immediately by a coded signal appearing on the radarscope. The radar echo received on the night in question resembles the echo from an aircraft travelling at a very low speed (50 kms.p.h.) and frequently changing course and changing altitude. But it furnishes no message permitting it to be identified.

The Belgian Air Force cannot allow an unidentified flying object to overfly its territory. So, at 00.05 hrs., the order is given to the two *F-16s* to take off and go and track the intruder.

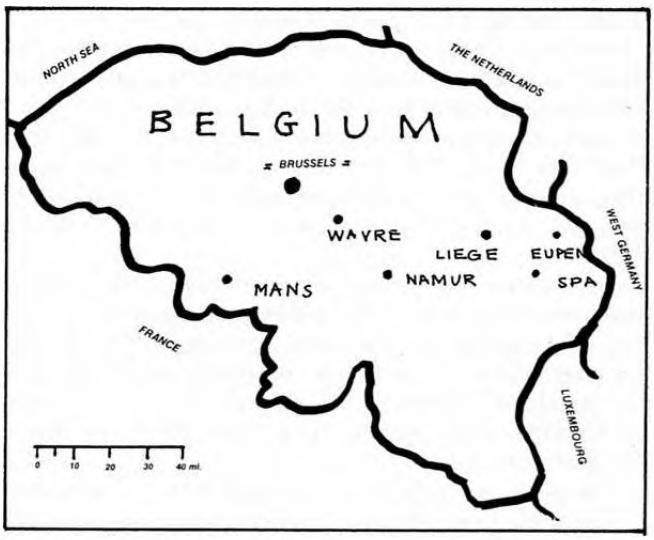
The lead-pilot, and head of the patrol, keeps his eyes glued to the screen of his pursuit radarscope — his best "organ of vision" during a night mission. (The *F-16* is a highly sophisticated machine; its pursuit radarscope is not rigidly fixed in relation to the 'plane, but permits an extremely clever search for its target, both horizontally and vertically, over a wide field of 90°.)

A few score metres behind the lead-pilot, his wingman, in the second *F-16*, follows the movements of his patrol-leader, at the same time concentrating on maintaining contact with the Operations Co-Ordinations Centre.

Suddenly the two *F-16s* "see" the intruder appear like a little bee dancing on their radarscopes. Then,



Mazy,
Belgium
December 11, 1989 event
Illustrated by Gerard Grede



using a small lever (the 'joystick'), as in the video games, the pilots indicate to their own on-board computers the target to be pursued. As soon as lock-on is achieved, the spot on the screen is transformed into a 'diamond-shape', which means that from now on the two radars of the *F-16s* will automatically remain locked-on to the target, indicating on their screens its position, its distance, and its speed. The target is in fact quite near to them . . .

On this section of the video-tape, which Colonel De Brouwer has, in such an exceptional fashion, authorized us to see, the radio exchanges between the two pilots can be followed. And we feel their excitement.

"Look!", says Colonel De Brouwer, halting the picture and pointing to the 'diamond'. "At this moment we have what we call, in our military jargon, *a successful interception.*"

I ask: "What does *'successful interception'* mean in concrete terms?"

He replies: "Our fighter 'planes are equipped with automatically guided missiles. Had the order been given, all that the pilots would have had to do would have been to release their salvos of missiles and these, provided already with the data furnished by the on-board computers, are smartly 'homed in' onto the target. (In this present case of course there was no question of their doing that. Our aim was simply to identify the intruder.)

"The pilots themselves will not have had the necessary time for initiating all this procedure. Their radars will stay locked-on to the target for just six seconds, and the object, which has meanwhile been progressively increasing its speed, and is at this moment doing 280 kms.p.h., now changes to 1,800 kms.p.h. and changes altitude from 3,000 metres to 1,700 metres — *all in the space of one second!* This fantastic acceleration corresponds to 40 *g*s. It would mean the instantaneous death of any human being on board. The limit of what a fighter pilot can stand is about 8 *g*s.[1]

"The trajectory followed by the UFO is moreover extremely disconcerting. After moving to an altitude of 1,700 metres, it dives rapidly towards the ground and, at below 200 metres, it escapes simultaneously from the radars of the two *F-16s* and also from the radar installations at Glons and at Semmerzake. Over that vast suburban sprawl to the south of Brussels the ground-scene is in fact just one continuous glitter of sparkling lights, against which the pilots are incapable of distinguishing the slightest thing visually."

"THIS CANNOT BE ANYTHING MADE BY MAN."

"In any case", explains Colonel De Brouwer, "It would have been quite out of the question for the *F-16s* to have been able to overtake the machine at that low altitude, where the density of the air prevents them from going faster than 1,300 kms.p.h. Beyond that speed, the temperature in the compressors of their engines would cause the turbines to explode. So, you see, *there was a logic* in the movements of the UFO!"

The entire happening is as though the mystery machine was guided intelligently to evade its pursuers. And during the next hour the same scenario will be enacted twice more. The official report furnished by the Headquarters of the Belgian Air Force to SOBEPS (The Belgian Society for the Study of Space Phenomena) states:-

"In three cases, the pilots managed to lock their radars on to the target for a few seconds, and each time this brought about a drastic change in the behaviour of the UFO."

The UFO is literally playing hide-and-seek with the fighters. It dives towards the ground at very high speed to evade both the radars of the aircraft and the ground-radars, and then quietly climbs again at low speed a little further on, thus re-appearing once more upon the radarscopes and starting off a fresh process of attempted interception.

This staggering merry-go-round is observed from the ground by a large number of eyewitnesses (including twenty Gendarmes). They see the UFO and they see the two *F-16s, but during the entire duration of the affair (75 minutes) nobody hears the famous supersonic 'bang' that ought to have accompanied the object's passage through the sound barrier! No material damage was reported from immediately below the event, whereas, given the speed and the low altitude of the machine, its breaking of the sound-barrier ought to have led to the shattering of an incalculable number of panes of glass.*

Thus, for the first time in the world, a journalist has been authorized to see a document establishing proof of the interception of a UFO. I have observed on the screen the locking-on of the radar, the recordings of the parameters of the UFO's flight, and its staggering changes of speed.

All the details of this business are recorded in the Report that has now been passed to SOBEPS. This collaboration between the Air Force of a country and a private research group is a fact without precedent which must be counted to the credit of, and as proof of the seriousness and competence of, the members of SOBEPS, who include several high-ranking scientists, such as the physicist Léon Brenig (Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Auguste Meessen (Professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain). The latter has been a member of SOBEPS since this body was established 18 years ago. Interviewed on the Television News, Monsieur Guy Coëme, the Belgian Minister of Defence, stated that he was authorizing the Air Force to release to SOBEPS all the information in its possession.

After viewing this shattering video-sequence, I bombarded Colonel De Brouwer with questions. Firstly: could the object have been a sonde-balloon?

Answer: "No. The object behaved as though it were totally independent of winds and air-currents, and in our investigations we have made a complete study of the meteorological conditions prevailing. That was why we did not publish our Report immediately. We made every possible verification. Our defence-system is not prepared for this sort of thing. We needed time for analyzing and interpreting the data from the computers and the video-cassettes of the fighter aircraft".

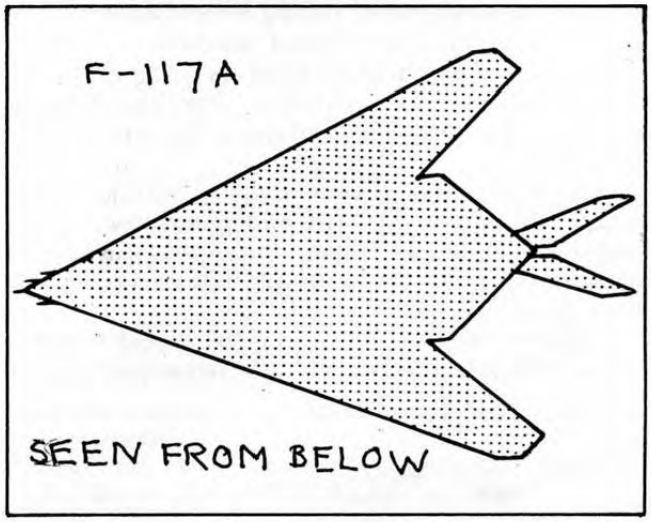
Next I asked: "Was it a natural phenomenon, or the re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere of a piece of rocket debris?"

Answer: "No. A meteorite or a rocket fragment does not penetrate our atmosphere in a zig-zag fashion. And the analysis of the radar recordings shows numerous changes of direction. Furthermore, the atmospheric conditions at the time ruled out any phenomenon of an electromagnetic nature".

— "But" — I then asked, "What about that famous *F117-A,* the American *"Stealth"* aircraft, which many people believe was this UFO?"

Answer: "THAT AIRCRAFT WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT DESIGNED FOR ANY SORT OF PENETRATION AT LOW ALTITUDE. MOREOVER, ITS MINIMUM SPEED IS 278 KMS.P.H., WHEREAS THE SPEED OF THE UFO WENT DOWN TO AS LITTLE AS 40 KMS.P.H. THE *F117-A* DOES NOT POSSESS SUPPORTING JETS THAT WOULD ENABLE IT TO FLY SO SLOWLY AS THAT. FURTHERMORE, NO MACHINE IS CAPABLE OF FLYING AT 1,800 KMS.P.H. SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND, IN SUCH DENSE AIR AND — *A FORTIORI* — WITHOUT EVEN MAKING ANY *BANG'."*

AT THIS POINT, THE MINISTER HANDS ME THE TELEX MESSAGE FROM THE MILITARY ATTACHÉ OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS TO THE BELGIAN AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ATTESTING THAT THE F117-A HAS NEVER BEEN STATIONED ON THE TERRITORY OF EUROPE, NOR HAS IT EVER FLOWN ABOVE IT.



Professor Jean-Pierre Petit of France [FSR Consultant. Ed.], who accompanied me on my visit to the Belgian Air Force Headquarters, is himself a former Air Force Lieutenant, and he has served as a controller in aerial interception operations. This high-ranking physicist, who is a Director of Research at the French National Centre For Scientific Research (CNRS) and who has just recently written the book ENQUÊTE SUR LES OVNIS [— in English "THE UFO INVESTIGATION"] published in 1990 by Albin Michel, Paris), is categorical, and he makes this firm statement:-

"At the present time no machine built by man exists that is capable of such performances, especially of flying at supersonic speeds without making any bang. What degree of confidence can be placed in this proof? The same degree of confidence as was given to the first detection of a *supernova* in 1987 in the Magellanic Clouds Galaxy.

Actually, the proof of the existence of these stellar cataclysms called *supernovae* depends upon that single observation. I am firmly convinced that this sort of interception of a UFO by radar has already actually happened a great many times over the past thirty years (maybe by means just as sophisticated as those of the *F-116* and already in use by all the Air Forces of the world for more than ten years past, or, maybe, previously to that, by more primitive types of radar), and I am convinced that the Military Staffs of all the countries in question have kept this information rigorously secret out of fear of provoking panic among their populations."[2]

"Well, then" — I asked — "What is happening now, and what is the reason for these revelations?"

Dr Jean-Pierre Petit replied as follows:-

We are living through a period which is beginning to be an era of 'openness'. After the Berlin Wall, now the 'Wall of Silence' is crumbling. As far as the UFO phenomenon is concerned, we are entering upon a phase that is totally different from the earlier phases. It is the end of commercialism and of charlatanism. The true scientists are making their entry upon the scene. Just look at the work of Professor Meessen . . ."

At SOBEPS ([3]) where they have recorded over a thousand eyewitness reports on the Belgian UFO Wave, I had learned something absolutely fascinating. During the night of March 31, 1990, at a spot 30 kms. to the south of Brussels, three eyewitnesses who can be regarded as totally reliable, Lucien Clerebaut, Secretary-General of SOBEPS; Patrick Ferryn, a film-producer; and a Monsieur José Fernandez, observed a luminous phenomenon low on the horizon. This light gets bigger, and approaches. And a triangular-shaped machine with rounded angles, carrying four very powerful big lights, and numerous small lights around its periphery, *and of an apparent diameter six times that of the Moon,* passes over them at an altitude estimated at between 300 metres and 400 metres. Monsieur Ferryn takes four pictures of the object, with very high sensitivity film (1 600 ASA). A few minutes later, as a measure of control, and with the same speed and same camera aperture, he also takes some photographs of an ordinary aeroplane passing over.

When the film is developed: SURPRISE! On the photographs the position-lights of the aeroplane *(flying at a much higher altitude than the UFO)* form three white blobs, whereas the enormous lights of the UFO are scarcely visible! And the general shape of the huge object, which had nevertheless been perfectly visible to the naked eye and was flying far lower, much closer to the eyewitnesses, has completely disappeared!

Then, remembering that a simple irradiation with infra-red can prevent images from showing up on a film, Professor Meessen proceeds to have an experiment carried out in his laboratory. Using a simple prism, he projects directly on to a negative colour film a spectrum (going from the red to the violet), and then he superimposes infra-red radiation upon the lower part of the photograph. Upon being developed, the colour-spectrum is perfectly visible on the part of the film not touched by the infra-red radiation, but it is very considerably attenuated, if not totally annihilated, on that part that had not been irradiated.

Professor Meessen comments: "If the UFOs are truly physical objects, and if they emit infra-red, then it would be perfectly normal that eyewitnesses who take photographs should have some surprises when they come to develop their snapshots, inasmuch as they may even find that what they had observed visually and photographed has now completely vanished. Which fact, incidentally, would account for the very limited number of photos that we have from this UFO Wave, and it accounts, generally speaking, for the quasi-impossibility of getting close-up photographs at all".

Professor Meessen remains extremely cautious. As a good disciple of the famous French scientist Claude Bernard, he remains faithful to the scientific method, which is to observe the facts and then to propose various hypotheses which he then subjects to experimental verification. For him, it is absolutely essential that the enigmatic *dossier* on the UFO problem be studied.

He says: "Insofar as testimony is concerned, we already have far too many independent eyewitnesses, usually thoroughly trustworthy, speaking of coherent physical effects, and we have far too much agreement in the accounts of the events described for us not to take this *dossier* very seriously. If all these people are making it up, then it is a malady, a disease, *that we've got to understand!* But then, of course, there are the physical effects too . . . The Belgian Air Force's Report enables us to apprehend the phenomenon in a rational and scientific fashion. The simplest hypothesis is, of course, the *extraterrestrial* one, but that also presents other problems. We are in no hurry to arrive at conclusions. We shall go on working".

When I met Professor Meessen, he had not yet had the opportunity to see the documentation that Colonel De Brouwer had allowed me to view. The Report by the Belgian Air Force Headquarters on the successful interception of March 30 makes it clear for us why, on that famous weekend when so many tens of thousands of people were mobilized for the hunt, the Air Force had placed at the disposal of SOBEPS such extensive facilities (two *F-16* aircraft for patrolling the territory, and a twin-engined *Hawker* capable of carrying a large load of passengers plus so much monitoring equipment, including an enormous infra-red camera). **THE HIGH-UPS IN THE MILITARY ALREADY KNEW WELL ENOUGH THAT THE UFOs ARE REAL. BUT THEY WEREN'T TALKING. THEY SIMPLY WANTED TO KNOW MORE.**

At the time, the newspapers were amazed by the failure of the "Easter Chase", but all is now explained.

Nobody can say that the UFO wasn't there at the rendezvous. Because there were the visual sightings of it from the ground. But, if the machine stayed below an altitude of 200 metres, then it was undetectable by radar.

At present, the eyewitness reports are getting fewer. But the questions remain.

WHY OVER BELGIUM? AND WHY THE THOUSANDS OF EYEWITNESS REPORTS?

How puzzling this Belgian UFO Wave was! First of all — WHY OVER BELGIUM! WHY THOSE THOUSANDS OF EYEWITNESS REPORTS OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS?

Why did none of these UFOs land, whereas, in the previous decades, the eyewitnesses had talked of *landings?*

Why *triangular-shaped* machines? (More than 90% of the eyewitness reports.)

So many questions . . . And all without answers.

Summing up, Lucien Clerebaut, of SOBEPS,[3] says:-

"As far as we are concerned, the release to us of this

Report by the Belgian Air Force, and the confidence in us which it indicates, are worthy recompense for our 18 years of labour."

Heedless of the disconcerting irregularity of the UFO phenomenon (waves of sightings alternating with long periods of absence), and likewise heedless of the sarcasms of a section of the world of scientific research that is violently hostile towards those sorts of investigations which are considered "unhealthy", scientists of top calibre, such as Professors Meessen, and Brenig, and Petit, and others, will continue to beaver on.

AND THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR THEM TO BE SUPPORTED.

FOOTNOTES

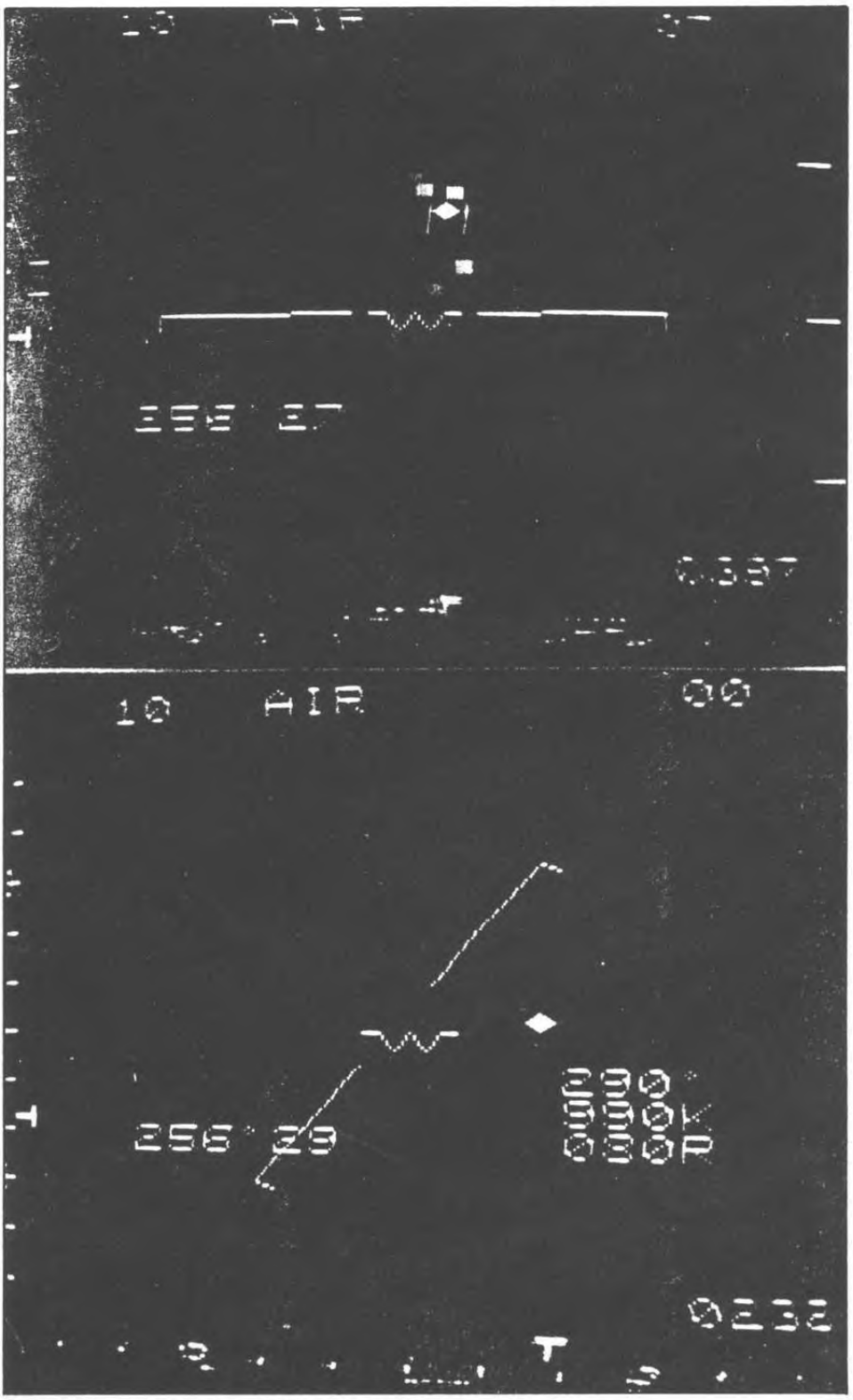
[1] *g* is the unit of acceleration. 1 *g* equals the gravitational pull of the Earth; i.e., 9.81 m/s per second.

[2] See, in this connection, Jean Sider's book CES OVNIS QUI FONT PEUR [= English: THOSE UFOS THAT TERRIFY], published by Axis Mundi, Paris (1990).

[3] The address of SOBEPS is: 74 Avenue Paul-Janson, 1070 Bruxelles, (Telephone: 19-32-2-254-28-48). Their journal, issued quarterly, is "INFORESPACE".

COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

May I say that we find this "change of tune" by SOBEPS quite fascinating, and that we heartily congratulate them on this great triumph, which is a real feather in their cap! Only a few years ago, so far as I can recall, the main activity of most of the UFO investigation groups in Belgium seemed to consist of joining in the chorus of nasty remarks about FSR while proclaiming (like the famous *"Nouvelle Vague"* in France) that UFOs do not exist! — G.C.



HOW TO "READ" THE RADAR IMAGES

THESE photographs are extracted from the radar recordings of the *F-16s* sent up in pursuit of a UFO during the night of March 30/31, 1990. The two pictures formed on the screens with an interval between them of some seconds. On the first photograph the successive previous positions of the UFO are shown by small squares. The pilot having locked-in his radar onto the intruder, the symbol representing the UFO has now become a diamond-shaped lozenge. The small vertical lines framing it indicate that the pilot has signalled to his computer the target to be pursued, and the radar will henceforward stay automatically directed onto it. In the centre of the picture the "W" indicates the axis of the flight-path of the *F-16*, with its course, 256° 29 (west/south-west) indicated below. The lines on each side of the "W" represent the artificial horizon. The word "AIR" at the top-centre of the screen means that the radar is programmed for an air-to-air search, namely the detection of everything at an altitude of over 200 metres. The UFO is at a height of 2,000 metres, recorded at the top-right of the photo by the figures 07 (7,000 ft.). *The full video sequence shows that the UFO then dives towards the ground in one second.*

In the second picture, the figures 00 (top-right of the screen) show that the UFO is below the height of 200 metres. The line of the artificial horizon falls away; the aircraft starts to bank to the right in order to line up on the diving UFO. The column of figures beneath the diamond lozenge gives the speed of the object in knots, or 1,830 kms./p.h. (Mach 1.5)!

Finally, the 08OR indicates the nature of the target in coded language. This figure indicates that the target corresponds to no known identification.

The UFO went through the sound-barrier without producing any bang. In one second, it will be lost for the pilot.

FURTHER BRITISH PRESS COMMENT ON THE "BELGIAN WAVE"

By Gordon Creighton

As we indicated some time ago in our discussions of the Soviet reports of 1989 about UFO sightings and UFO landings, the journalists of the English-speaking world dealt with the problem by wrapping it up in a fog of general buffoonery which is so far unparalleled. If time and space permit we intend in due course to supply a detailed analysis of this remarkable operation.

Not too much has been said yet in Britain about the Belgian affair. *"Mum"* is clearly the word on *that!* But Britain's *Daily Mail* of October 11, 1990, has given us a nice piece in the buffoon tradition, with the buffoon headline carefully selected so as to cast ridicule on the entire report:-

HOW THEY TOOK THE NEWS FROM MARS TO GHENT

Daily Mail Reporter

Have the lords of the universe chosen their first colony on Earth? If they have, their subject people could be . . . the Belgians.

The question is exercising the minds not only of the Belgian scientific establishment but also of the air force and police.

UFO freaks can forget all that stuff about flying saucers, according to a series of sightings over the tiny country more often concerned with eating, drinking, and minding its own business.

The mysterious visitors are appearing in flying pyramids.

Belgian police have logged more than 2,600 sightings of a triangular object, with three huge lights, hovering in the night sky — including reports from at least 20 of their own gendarmes. And UFO-spotters are euphoric after the latest sighting was apparently backed up by the Belgian Air Force's own radar log.

According to a physicist at Brussels Free University, Professor Léon Brenig, two *F-16* fighters scrambled from Ghent after reports from the public of another UFO.

He says their radar locked on to an object which accelerated away before they could see it.

The pilots have been forbidden to say anything. But Air Force Colonel Willfried De Brouwer, in charge of an official investigation into the incident, admitted: "They are convinced it was something special".

Professor Brénig, formerly an unbeliever, now claims to have seen a UFO himself.

He is hoping the analysis of photographs and radar echoes of earlier episodes will be ready this week and will be discussed at a gathering of the country's scientists later this month.

He is also arranging a UFO hunt for members of the Belgian Society for the Study of Space Phenomena, with the backing of the Belgian Army and Air Force, he says.

"No country has ever taken UFO sightings so seriously", he said. "I am a sceptical man, but I feel that something is happening which is very strange . . ."

A DRAMATIC AND FULMINATING SOLUTION!

By Gordon Creighton

Only two days later (October 13, 1990), after all the hours that we had put into reporting and translating these stories from Belgium, we find, in one of Britain's most prestigious newpapers, the *Daily Telegraph*, the authoritative report which has finally put paid to all our nonsensical efforts over these past forty years in attempting to pander so much rubbish about so-called *"flying saucers"* and *"UFOs"* and so on.

Already, as our readers will be aware, we had seen, in the summer of 1990, the announcement from BUFORA, the world's leading authority on all these matters, that all UFO research was now at an end, and that all so-called "UFO reports" and "flying saucer reports", and all tales of close encounters with alien beings, have been conclusively and effectively explained away as due to the simple phenomenon of *plasma vortices*. (This ruling has received the official *imprimatur* of J. Randles, the leading world authority in all these questions and Britain's only professional writer since Wm. Shekspir).

(Inevitably the startling news puts the future of such a journal as ours in much jeopardy, and we shall shortly be discussing the problem of whether we ought to pack up or, conceivably, find some other theme on which we might continue to pontificate.)

We give below the all-important press item from the London *Daily Telegraph* of October 13, 1990, in which, as readers will see, Mr Adrian Berry, Britain's top scientific writer, rallies to the support of Mr Ian Ridpath, Britain's most distinguished living astronomer, in giving the true explanation for the absurd stream of tales that have been coming out of Belgium for almost a year past. In this particular case, admittedly, it seems that the ridiculous error has been due to the simple misinterpretation of an *astronomical* phenomenon (to wit the planet Mars) and not due to the misinterpretation of a *plasma vortex* phenomenon, but that does not alter the fact that the daft lunacy of thousands of simple-minded Belgian citizens — not to mention the daft lunacy of some of the top officials of their much-vaunted Belgian Air Force — now stands plainly revealed for all to see. (Incidentally, we here in Britain have the Belgians among our Allies in NATO! And — horror of horrors — NATO actually has its *Headquarters* in Belgium — of all places! The mind boggles at the depth of the dangerous incompetence which this scandal has now revealed. What can be the possible use of such nincompoops as this Belgian Air Force within NATO? Surely all of us who are concerned about the future of NATO and of Western Europe will feel eternally indebted to Messrs Adrian Berry and Ian Ridpath for

having prised the lid off such a veritable can of worms!)

Here is their Report:-

***DAILY TELEGRAPH,* October 13, 1990 (page 7).**

BELGIAN UFO SPOTTERS ARE 'LEFT SEEING STARS'

by Adrian Berry, Science Correspondent

THOUSANDS of Belgians have reported UFO sightings unaware that they are looking at the planet Mars, a British astronomer said yesterday.

More than 2,600 people claim to have seen a strange triangular object with three huge lights hovering in the night sky. Pilots of two *F-16,* fighters, scrambled to investigate, reported that it accelerated away from them as they approached.

But Ian Ridpath, Editor-in-Chief of *Popular Astronomy,* claimed the alien presence was nothing more than an illusion created by *Mars,* now unusually bright and close to the Earth, and by certain other stars.

"I don't want to say anything rude about the ignorance of Belgians" — he said — "since people in many countries have mistaken *Mars* for a UFO .

"What they are seeing is almost certainly a triangle in the night sky in the constellation of Taurus, formed by *Mars* and two other bright stars, one of which is probably the bright orange star *Aldebaran,* 65 light-years away".

"The description by the fighter pilots of the object accelerating away is exactly consistent with what a planet or a star would appear to do. This illusion has been the cause of thousands of false UFO sightings."

"Next month, *Mars* will be even brighter, and for this reason NATIONAL ASTRONOMY WEEK is being held to educate the British public about the night sky and ensure that they don't make idiots of themselves like the Belgians."

Other astronomers agree with Ian Ridpath that people need educating, noting that, during blackouts at the time of the 1972 miners' strike, dozens of people looked at the stars and demanded to know why "those people" were still getting electricity.

Jimmy Carter, the former U.S. president, once mistook the bright planet *Venus* for a UFO, and during the war several pilots tried to chase the two planets, *Mars* and *Venus,* thinking they were enemy aircraft.

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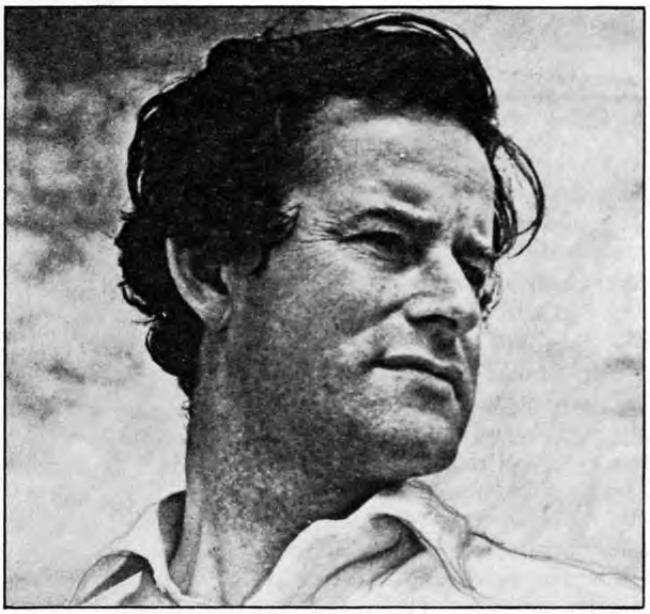
Our readers will no doubt recall with admiration the sagacity and skill displayed by Ian Ridpath a few years ago at the time of the absurd story about a UFO having been seen in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk. It was he who solved the matter by pointing out that what had been seen by the American Commanding Officer and other U.S.A.F. officers was simply the Orford Ness lighthouse flashing through the trees. These American imbeciles, some of whom had already been stationed there for months or even several years, had not even noticed the lighthouse until that evening, and did not even know that it was there! So naturally the poor fools concluded that it was a "UFO"!

THE CROP CIRCLES IN 1990

By George Wingfield, M.A. Hons. (Natural Sciences), FSR Consultant

THE Crop Circles in 1990 excelled themselves in every conceivable way, and, indeed, in many ways which could never have been foreseen. The total number of Circles recorded was far in excess of the previous year and most likely exceeds 1000, though this is only a guess. Unprecedented new shapes such as "dumb-bells", rectangles, triangles, "scrolls" and semi-circular rings were found. The size of some individual Circles also far exceeded what had been recorded before. But most staggering of all was the appearance of elaborate formations, which were called pictograms, —some up to 150 yards long—, whose complexity and varying combinations of certain distinctive features, exhibited an articulateness which the Circles had never previously shown.

This rapid growth in the complexity of the Circles during the year 1990 was so marked that none but the most hardened self-deluding sceptic could possibly seek to deny it. It is an aspect which had been clearly apparent in earlier years, but one which accelerated with seemingly increased urgency in 1990. Theories which claim to explain the Circles cannot afford to ignore this unmistakable evolution, however unwelcome it may be to those explainers whose fixed ideas have failed to appreciate the real nature of this phenomenon. Nevertheless it is true to say that an explanation of what is happening, in terms generally acceptable and understood, seems as remote as ever in 1990. But the idea that some intelligence is at work has now gained considerable ground.



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The first 1990 Circles started in late April and early May to the north of Devizes. In addition to a plethora of small circles, several large ringed Circles appeared in the young crops. All of these exhibited very precise narrow rings, usually 6 to 9 inches wide,

of a variety not seen in earlier years. The first ever triple-ringed circle had appeared in late 1989; now we had two more of these near Devizes, one with 4 small satellites on the second ring. These giants were all accompanied by "grapeshot".

The largest of the giant triple-ringed circles was one which I discovered during an aerial survey to have "grown" an extra outer (fourth) concentric ring one week after it first formed. A few days later the first recorded "four-rings-at-once" circle (with 4 satellites on the second ring) appeared less than a mile away. This reinforced the idea, often expressed by dowsers of the Circles, such as Richard Andrews, that it is the developing dowsable pattern at the time of formation which determines the actual pattern of the resulting circle. Immediately adjacent to this prodigy, a new "Celtic Cross", with four satellites on its widely-spaced single ring, appeared a month later. One satellite was neatly positioned at one of the two points where this orbital ring intersected the outer ring of the older formation.

On May 18 the first Cheesefoot Head circle of 1990 appeared in the Punchbowl there, as has become almost traditional. This was unlike other circles in having an internal concentric band of standing corn. There soon followed other circles such as two triple ringers (with wide rings, each about 4 ft thick, quite unlike the Wiltshire ones), one having the inner rings in the form of segmented arcs, which had never previously been seen. But at the same time even more curious geometric patterns were starting to appear nearby. On May 23 the first of the "pictogram" series of Circle formations was found between Chilcomb and Cheesefoot Head.

The basic component of these formations is a "dumb-bell" consisting of two circles joined by a straight avenue of flattened crop, as can be seen in the photographs. This first one also had the feature of two narrow parallel rectangles on either side of its avenue, and these were often repeated, in pairs or singly, in subsequent pictograms. Other features, such as semi-circular rings concentric with one circle, followed, and many of the series had one or other of the dumb-bell circles ringed. These pictograms constituted an extraordinary development in the circle saga, and again and again cereologists shook their heads in disbelief as they repeated the familiar litany for 1990, "Never seen anything like this before . . ."

Roughly every week or so a further pictogram appeared near Cheesefoot Head (with one at Litchfield, an old circles site 17 miles north, unvisited since 1985) until Pictogram 7 on July 6. Many of these incorporated a tractor tramline as the dumb-bell's shaft, making it into part of the design. This unmistakable characteristic, though not the invariable case, confirmed a frequent tendency of many circle formations, such as quincunxes in previous years, to align themselves with the tramlines, though this was questioned by some observers. The fact that the agency which causes the formations is "aware" of the tramlines, and makes use of them, must cast serious doubt on the notion that the circles-forming agency descends randomly from the sky.

In June John Haddington organised a circles watch lasting ten days between Silbury Hill and Wansdyke. During this, the "trilling" noise was heard again by several people and some of the observations are described in the first issue of *The Cereologist.* To increase the chances of seeing a circle form, the watch group consulted medium Isabelle Kingston, who claims to have received many channelled communications relating to the circles. After doing some map-dowsing she recommended that the fields below the great tumulus, Adam's Grave, near Alton Barnes, be watched, since she said that circles would form just there. It was not a place where circles had formed previously, and was nearly two miles from the nearest of last year's circles. This was the only place which Isabelle specified. As a result several nights were spent by the group watching from Adam's Grave for circles which, however, failed to appear during the course of our vigil.

A month later, on July 12, the most remarkable, and what was to become the best known ever, set of circles appeared in the wheatfield below Adam's Grave at Alton Barnes. This spectacular giant pictogram, the eighth to form, is illustrated in my photograph. It consisted basically of two dumb-bell formations together in line, with several additional circles, about 130 yards long overall. The major circles in the dumb-bells, either ringed or plain, were all swept clockwise (as with Hampshire pictograms), but these exhibited protruding features never previously seen. Variously referred to as "keys" and "claws", they resembled rudimentary hands with either two or three "fingers".

At the same time a further similar giant pictogram was discovered near Milk Hill close by. This too had "keys" or "claws" protruding from the principal circles. Both giant pictograms pointed directly away from the Alton Barnes White Horse, carved in chalk on the slopes of Milk Hill, and both lay approximately three-quarters of a mile from it. It is surely no coincidence that the White Horse, for which the Circles have always shown a marked predilection, as at Westbury and Cherhill in particular, symbolises the gateway between the physical world and the psychic, or metaphysical, domain.

A villager in Alton Barnes, half a mile away, had heard a strange humming noise from East Field on the night before the great pictogram was found there, and the village dogs had all started barking. Other stories were of cars in the village which would not start that morning. The beauty and mystery of this huge labyrinthine hieroglyph drew visitors like a magnet. Many people travelled from places all over the country to Alton Barnes during the next month to see this new wonder of the world. Their sense of excitement and awe was often quite tangible to others who were there and few of them doubted that this was some intelligently produced, but obscure, symbolic message. Many of these visitors seemed deeply affected by what they found, and some observed that this pilgrimage had all the makings of a new religion. Farmer Tim Carson wisely cashed in on this fervour and curiosity by charging £1 admission to the field, thereby netting over £5000.

In view of the massive press coverage of these events, there is no doubt that the Government was fully aware of, if not alarmed by, public reaction to such things. The Army were seen to take a great interest in the new circles, and much activity, especially with helicopters, was observed in the Silbury Hill area in the following weeks. The Military also became closely involved with Colin Andrews' and Pat Delgado's *"Operation Blackbird"* circles watch at Bratton, which ran from July 23 for 3 weeks. Sponsored by BBC TV and Nippon TV, this was a hi-tech attempt, like the previous year's *White Crow,* to film a circle forming. At times, however, it risked turning into a media circus.

On July 25, amid fanfares of media hype, the *Blackbird* team announced via the BBC that they had video recorded "a major event" — flashing orange lights in the sky above a field where a large new formation of circles had appeared during the night. But within a



The celebrated 'Giant Pictogram' at Alton Barnes, found on July 12, 1990. A double dumb-bell formation with 'keys' and 'claws', and about 130 yards long! © *George Wingfield*

few hours, the crowning glory of success crumbled into dust when it was found that the roughly fashioned 6 circles were no more than an elaborate hoax, and that the unknown deceivers had left an ouija board and wooden cross at dead centre of each.

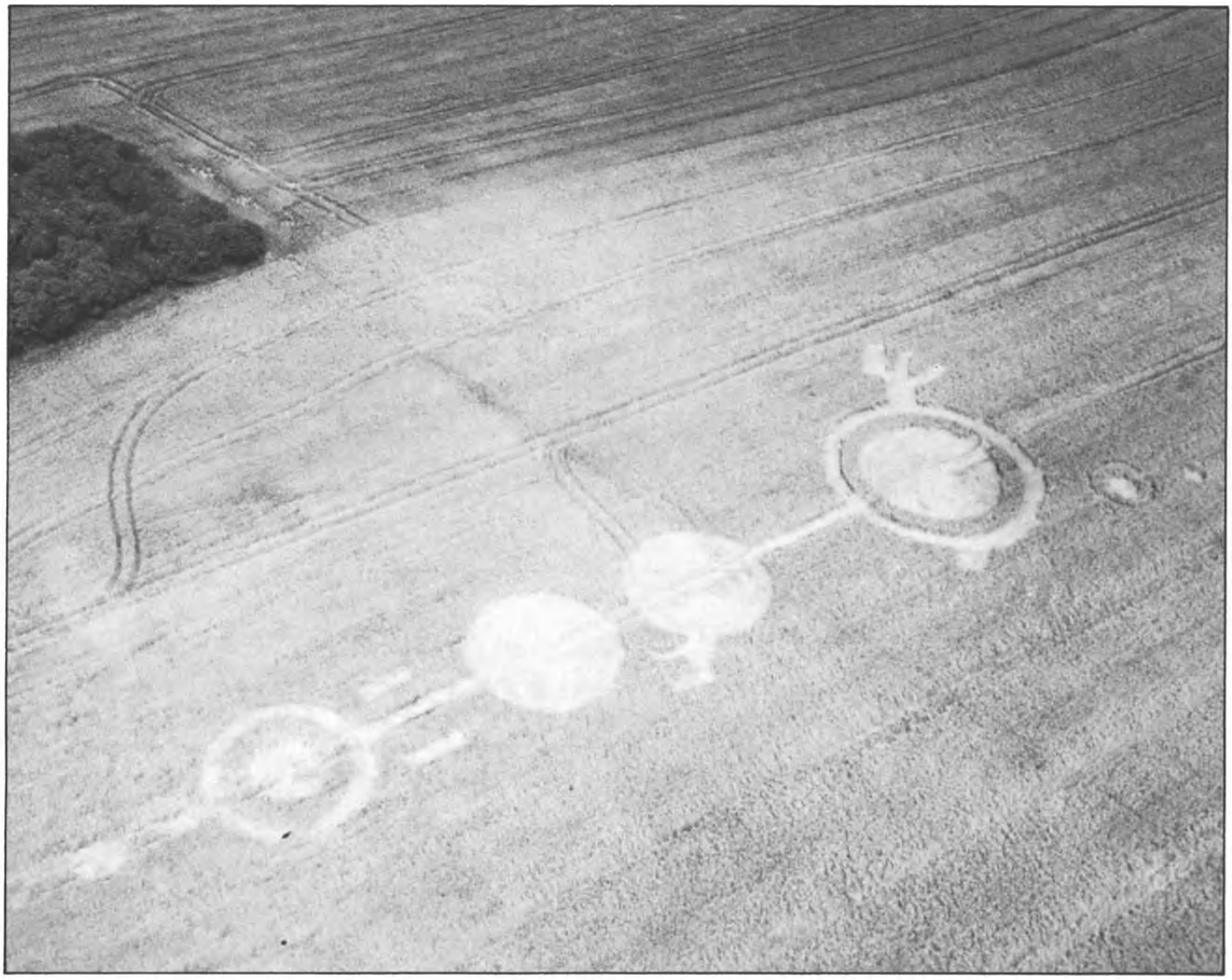
Information reaching CCCS, from a source which I cannot name, shows that the hoax was perpetrated by a special detachment set up by the Army for this purpose. It was officially inspired; it was practised at night; it used known circles configurations, and it was executed with military precision. The purpose was to defuse a situation which verged on public Circles-hysteria. And it was to a degree successful. But why ouija boards and crosses? Any other hoaxer (and there were several claimants) would hardly have left tell-tale objects behind in the circles. The Army, since it could never admit what it had done, had to leave behind indications of a hoax, in case Andrews and Delgado proclaimed it genuine, thereby redoubling popular enthusiasm. The objects chosen were meant to point to "New Agers" and occultists as the perpetrators, suggesting that really they made all the circles. Army boots and a field marshal's baton would have been rather more appropriate in this particular case.

To some extent the operation had the desired result, and the Sunday papers soon vied with each other to proclaim that all the circles were hoaxes. *The Mail on Sunday* irresponsibly carried instructions on how to make one's own circle, and another tabloid produced Fred Day (59), who had been making circles for 47 years. There, at last, the mystery was solved, and they laid claim to the £10,000 offered by another paper for a solution! Such facile reasoning demonstrated little else than the idiocy of certain journalists.

Meanwhile the genuine circles continued unabated. On the same day as the Bratton hoax, an extraordinary set of new circles appeared near Beckhampton, 15 miles away. These included "scrolls" — circles joined by a sinuous flattened path like a reversed S, and the first reported triangles. All were strongly dowsable. The Army showed much interest in these, photographing them from a small unmanned helicopter known as a WISP. This it omitted to do at the Bratton hoax, for obvious reasons.

More pictograms were to follow the amazing Alton Barnes formation. On July 27 a similar but even larger double dumb-bell pictogram, 150 yards long, was found one mile from Silbury Hill, away from which it pointed almost exactly. This was placed precisely half way between West and East Kennet Long Barrows, and, unlike the other giant pictograms, lay athwart the tractor tramlines. Despite several hoaxed circles which various jokers were now producing, there is no suggestion that this or any of the other pictograms was a hoax. And it is reported that *Operation Blackbird* did eventually catch a real circle forming, very rapidly, on its video recording equipment.

On August 4th a great new pictogram appeared at Cheesefoot Head, scarcely forty yards from the second pictogram which had arrived two months earlier. Three times as long, this extraordinary cipher included a wide ring enclosing two long rectangular



Another 'Giant pictogram' found — also on July 12, 1990 — near Milk Hill, Stanton St. Bernard (1½ miles distant from the first 'Giant Pictogram' shown above). © *George Wingfield*

parallel "boxes" on either side of its main "avenue". This striking feature had appeared earlier in a less elaborate pictogram near Pepperbox Hill outside Salisbury. Three other plain circles and four arcs, symmetrically disposed along the main axis, completed the design. There was "tremendous energy throughout this configuration" according to Lucy Pringle, a psychic, and this was independently confirmed by George de Trafford and Janet Trevisan, who perceived a "domed disk of energy" about 12 ft off the ground above the middle circle.

From June onwards CCCS received scattered reports of circles from all over England and some from Scotland. Many were from places where circles had never previously been found and sometimes they were of formations not previously known, such as a circle with seven satellites at Bickington, Devon. This was found the day after a large bullet-shaped UFO, with a line of coloured lights flashing in sequence below it, had been seen travelling slowly and silently over Bickington towards Haytor. Also a set of circles was found for the first time near the ancient henge of Wandlebury near Cambridge. Like the first circles near Silbury Hill in 1988, these were positioned on the "Mary current", a line of dowsable energy which runs right across England and is described in the book *"The Sun and the Serpent"* by Hamish Miller and Paul Broadhurst (Pendragon Press, 1989).

In July and August pictogram formations were found near Salisbury and in Sussex, and a curious triangular formation of circles joined by flattened pathways except on one side, was found near Duns in Scotland. This, like many circles, appeared close to an ancient burial mound which stood just 70 feet away. Large numbers of circles were reported from the north of England, notably near Wigan. And at least forty circles were reported in Norfolk, not previously known for its crop circles.

Some of the Norfolk circles were accompanied by UFO reports. That which appeared at Whitehorse Common, near Swafield, on July 26, was preceded by the sighting the previous night of an orange light which went down near where the circle was subsequently found. A strange formation of circles at Hopton, consisting of a ringed circle with ten satellites spaced around it, was found in the place where a great red light the size of a full Moon was observed descending into a field. This object was said to have had a Saturn-like ring around it, and blinked out on reaching the ground. Several people saw this and it was reported to the police. The actual position of the circles is again on, or extremely close to, the "Mary current" line through Hopton.

As the circle season drew to a close with the August harvest, reports arrived with increasing frequency, due to some extent to the fact that many circles were only discovered during harvesting. The momentum of the phenomenon during 1990 was such that it seemed impossible that events would cease solely due to a lack of standing corn. Indeed circles were still being reported from the north of England, where the harvest is a few weeks later, long after the corn was cut in the

south.

It is certainly becoming evident that the Circles are just the outwardly visible sign of some much greater process that is at work, and which is only dimly perceived by the majority of us. According to the dowsers and the psychics who are involved in Circles research, the energies which they detect have been continuously increasing over the last few years, one effect of which is the increasing complexity of the Circle formations. Circles generally form at the intersection of ley-energy lines and these lines themselves are said to be multiplying and strengthening. This proliferation of the dowsable lines is said to provide an increasingly complex blueprint for potential circle formations or pictograms. But the action of the agency which traces out that pattern in the crop, producing the visible circle, and what precipitates that event, remains little understood.

This interpretation of events might be accepted by the materialist were he able to detect these dowsable lines with scientific instruments, but in wishing to do this he mistakes the true nature of the lines. Dowsable energies are subtle energies whose essential characteristic is their interaction with living things. As such, they directly affect the consciousness of the individual, rather than just his body, and thereby produce dowsing reactions, and often other psychic interactions as well. Insofar as we are dealing with energies which affect consciousness, these may also embody symbolic forms which are capable of various interpretations. Given that this is the nature of this phenomenon, it is not unexpected then that the formations in the fields may also exhibit a symbolic content.

It is the nature of these subtle energies and of the intelligences, or consciousnesses, which appear to be manipulating them, which we must understand in order to unravel the mystery of the Circles. Meanwhile we can only wait to see what new wonders will unfold in the cornfields in 1991.

G.W.
September 1990

From newspaper EL MUNDO (Spain), May 7, 1990.
(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

UFO LEAVES CIRCULAR MARK 4 METRES WIDE ON AN ARGENTINE FOOTBALL PITCH

Report from Buenos Aires:

Residents of El Carmen, 60 kms. to the south of Buenos Aires, insisted yesterday that a UFO had left a circular mark more than 4 metres in diameter last Friday (May 4) on the turf of a small football field.

A commission consisting of 35 residents of the area attended at the Police Station yesterday to testify to the phenomenon.

Raúl Marozzi, a 20-year-old youth, was preparing to take part in a football match there with friends, and arrived at 3.00 p.m. local time, half an hour before the start. According to his statement, he was "paralyzed" by the sight of "a very powerful light that blinded me".

He went on to state that, as soon as he was able to react, he ran to call people living in the neighbourhood, who for the space of an hour were able to observe the "spectacle" of the hovering UFO.

Luis Burgos, an expert from the Argentine UFO Association (AAO) explained that *"on this occasion, unlike what usually happens, instead of being scorched, the grass changed colour to an intense green — almost bluish".*

He added that what happened was similar to "an accelerated process of photosynthesis", being the result of the presence of the unidentified flying object above the football pitch, for more than one hour, at a height of 20 metres.

The last sighting of a UFO in the Buenos Aires area was at the end of 1988.

A UFO also left a similar mark on the grass in the General San Martín Park at La Plata, capital city of the Province of Buenos Aires.

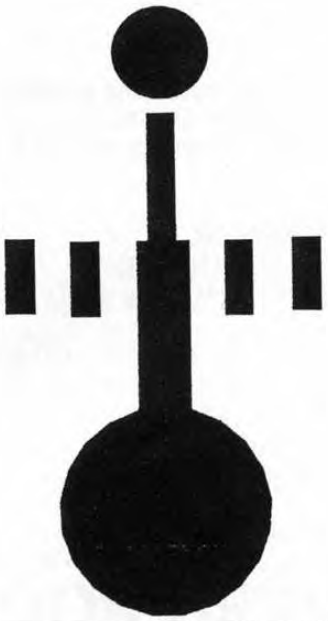
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THE "PICTOGRAMS"

OVER our fair realm of Merrie England, the whirlwinds, or the dust-devils, or the hedgehogs, or the plasma vortices *(maybe a grand combination of all of these, cavorting in concert)* have once more been up to their merrie and prankish tricks. We give, opposite, an excellent selection of the images, as furnished by Mr Wingfield to illustrate his article. But FSR is a tiny journal which cannot compete with the great publishing houses with all their resources for colour printing, and we urge all those who wish to delve more deeply and study the wonderful aerial photographs to go straight to the specialized books:-

1. Delgado & Andrews: *Circular Evidence.* (Bloomsbury Pub. Co., London, 1989.) Superb colour photographs.
2. Delgado & Andrews: *The Latest Evidence.* (Bloomsbury, 1990.) More superb colour photographs.
3. Ralph Noyes (Editor): *The Crop Circle Enigma.* (Gateway Books, 1990.) Still more superb colour photographs, plus (some might think marred by) a plethora of "wiseacring" and speculation which surely cannot *all* be expected to yield an answer.

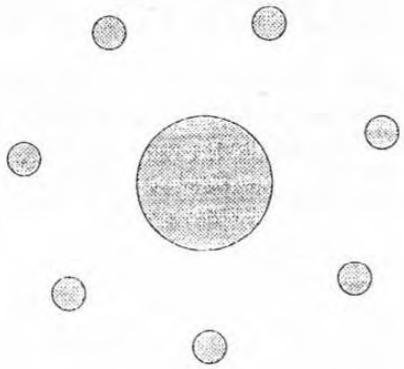
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FIRST PICTOGRAM, CHILCOMB, 23/5/90



SECOND PICTOGRAM
CHEESEFOOT HEAD, 1/6/90



OCTUPLET FORMATION,
BICKINGTON, DEVON, 10/6/90.



SEGMENTED TRIPLE-RINGER
CHEESEFOOT HEAD, JUNE 1990



THIRD PICTOGRAM, CHEESEFOOT HEAD, 16/6/90



FOURTH PICTOGRAM
LITCHFIELD, 23/6/90.



FIFTH PICTOGRAM
LONGWOOD ESTATE, 28/6/90



PICTOGRAM 10
JULY 13, 1990
CRAWLEY DOWN
SOUTH WONSTON



PICTOGRAM 11 JULY 1990
near PEPPERBOX HILL, SALISBURY

BOOK REVIEW

by Paul Whitehead, FSR Consultant

THE WATCHERS: THE SECRET DESIGN BEHIND UFO ABDUCTION, by RAYMOND E. FOWLER, Foreword by WHITLEY STRIEBER. Published by BANTAM BOOKS, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York 10103. Hardback. Price US$19.95 excluding postage. 1990. (NOTE: BANTAM BOOKS in London stated in November 1990 that they have no copies available here and they do not appear to be contemplating selling it here.)

This book bothers me. It brings us up to date with the story of Betty Andreasson; how she has apparently been visited by aliens on a regular basis since the age of seven; how they planted a series of messages in her mind, presumably for release at key times; and how they are allegedly involved in genetic experimentation in order to save mankind as a species.

Now, says the author, is the time for the final and earthshattering part of the aliens' message to be released to mankind. The message can only be produced under hypnosis — and if true is somewhat alarming.

This is the third book about Betty Andreasson, and Fowler hints that there could be a fourth. Her story goes beyond the usual thresholds of high strangeness that have been established in the typical "abductee" scenario. It introduces us to concepts of paraphysics with which few readers will be familiar — humans turned into balls of energy, existing as intelligent spheres of light inside a UFO, while Betty — herself turned to pure energy — looks on.

The descriptions, and what could be described as spiritual or religious knowledge imparted by the aliens in control of all this, makes interesting reading.

But then author Fowler himself claims to have been a human chosen for abduction, and speculates he may be on a co-mission with Andreasson to impart alien knowledge about the state of mankind to the world. The Andreasson story alone stretches one's credibility to the limits; to overlap that with another abduction story concerning the author seems both self-indulgent on Fowler's part and unnecessary.

Some British readers, fed on a diet of plasma vortices and weather-fronts as explanations for UFOs and encounters with their "ufonauts", might baulk at this book. And that would be a shame, for it has much to commend it to the researcher and to all those interested in psychology or parapsychology.

Betty Andreasson is a committed Christian — and Fowler indicates he also might be. Christians would probably be shocked at what emerges from their story, but researchers into *Out-of-the-Body Experiences* and *Near-Death-Experiences (OBEs and NDEs)* would be fascinated.

For some of the descriptions of Betty's encounters, and the messages imparted, are strikingly similar to those experienced by people who have "died" and later been revived or have "woken up" in the mortuary! Fowler acknowledges this, and writes that Betty has had several *OBEs.*

What common factor could there be between what apparently happens to some "dead" people in an *NDE,* and to fully live people who are "abducted"?

Are the messages imparted similar to the "secret third part" of the message given to the children at Fátima in 1917 by a vision of the Virgin Mary, and since then allegedly hidden away in the vaults of the Vatican?

Is there also a similarity to the messages being given, or apparently given, to people involved in channelling and automatic writing sessions in various places around the world? Several people — some belonging to occult groups and believing themselves to be possessed of supernormal powers with access to confidential knowledge imparted by "the gods" or "aliens" — have been attempting to contact "aliens" via these means. They will be disappointed if they discover that Betty Andreasson has been there before them!

But to return to the book. In a typical abduction, the abductee finds himself in a UFO, perhaps undergoes a *"medical examination"* and is then given knowledge about the state of mankind and the world. He also reports that his world-view has changed, and that he has psychic abilities.

Now, listen to what somebody on the verge of death may experience during an *NDE.* A typical *NDE* occurs during the later stages of an *OBE.* In her book, *"Return From Death",* published by Arkana Books/ Penguin, Margot Grey gives many examples. Here is a composite experience:-

"I was certified dead, my death-certificate had been signed, and I was taken to the mortuary. I was not conscious of any of this, though I do remember reviving in the mortuary and giving the attendant a terrible shock.

During all this I had an experience which has changed my life and given me a number of psychic abilities. I was conscious of floating above my body and of seeing the surgeons as they tried to revive my heart. Then I entered a long dark tunnel through which I moved at tremendous speed, eventually emerging into a beautiful landscape/beautiful building (some experiencers emerge into a landscape, others into a building). There was a great sense of light.

(At this point some experiencers meet people whom they recognise — people who have already died. But at some stage the typical *NDE* experiencer will meet some "beings" whom he/she may interpret as *"God"* or *"Jesus",* or as simple *"beings of light".* Knowledge is imparted, either through ESP or by the exchange of energy waves passed from *"God"* to the experiencer; these waves or vibrations can be seen, and give the receiver certain information.

This information is strikingly similar to the messages given to abductees. The experiencer is either given a choice to stay or return to Earth, or is ordered to return to complete some sort of mission. (The abductee, however, is merely returned — there is no choice.)

"It was so beautiful, I did not want to return," is a typical comment. It must be stressed that this is not a wish shared by abductees, however. While under hypnosis they can go through considerable stress, and suffer physical pain, as Betty does.

From the moment when, as she was a child of seven in 1944, she and her father saw small grey beings walk through their front door and take her away (the door was closed!) in a glowing UFO parked close to their house, until whe she was a woman, Betty has been subjected to many "high strangeness" experiences.

In the Middle Ages she would have been burned at the stake as a witch or a religious heretic.

Her case, and those of other abductees, presents us with a challenge. *NDEs* are already the subject of considerable study. More study of some type is required. But if, as Fowler suspects, abductions and *NDEs* take

place *within another "plane of existence",** what scientific discipline could become involved?

There are changes of perception in the scientific community on some of these matters, but Fowler comments:-

"If the recalled memories of UFO abductees like Betty actually reflect genuine physical events, then our comprehension of reality is indeed limited. We could be compared with lower animals that experience life within the constraints of their particular physical and mental capabilities. Such animals are completely oblivious to the coexisting world of man and his technology . . . The forces that operate behind UFOs appear to be functioning on an infinitely higher plane of awareness that man is only just beginning to perceive through experiences like Betty's."

This is a book not only about abductions but also about silent, unmarked helicopters; men-in-black; highly detailed accounts (and drawings — Betty has a photographic memory and has considerable artistic talent) of UFOs, both inside and out; of great personal tragedy for Betty; of investigative work which confirmed dates, times and locations of some weird experiences; and of intrigue on behalf of the reader.

I leave you, dear readers, to ponder.

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* NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

For years past, in my articles for FSR, I have been pointing out that there is not yet a shred of evidence that any human has ever been taken aboard a UFO *in the physical body,* and that the only possible explanation therefore is that they are literally *"lifted out"* of the physical, and taken, in their *"astral"*, or *"etheric"*, or *"spiritual"* or *"radiant"* body, or whatever you may choose to call it *(there are at least a dozen such terms that have been used at various times)* for their uncanny rendezvous with beings *who arrive from some totally different reality that is in all probability also* HERE. — G.C.

BOOK REVIEW

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UFOs: THE GULF BREEZE SIGHTINGS. By ED WALTERS and FRANCES WALTERS, Pub. by WM. MORROW & CO., NEW YORK, 1990. Hardback. US$21.95. (BANTAM BOOKS, LONDON, say (November 1990) they also have copies available for £14.99).

PROCLAIMED as the most astounding multiple sightings of UFOs in U.S. history, Ed Walters' UFO encounters of 1987 and 1988 undoubtedly rank as one of the most significant UFO cases of modern times. Certainly this book does appear to be one of very few books on the subject that actually "deliver the goods". But acceptance of whether or not this is, at last, the genuine article is already dividing ufologists everywhere.

The thirty-nine excellent colour photographs of UFOs taken by Ed Walters are of a quality seldom previously achieved with this elusive subject, and if we are to accept their authenticity, then we can only conclude that the non-human intelligence behind this quite extraordinary chain of encounters intended that these pictures should be seen. But are the photographs genuine?

The photographs were mainly taken with a Polaroid camera; this is a most difficult sort with which to fake photos. They have been examined in relentless detail by MUFON investigators, by technical experts from the Polaroid Corporation, and by Dr Bruce Maccabee, a government research scientist, who is a US Navy optical physicist and photo-analyst. He and the others conclude that there is no evidence of a hoax and that the photos are indeed authentic.

The story of Ed Walters' continuing series of UFO encounters is told plainly by him and his wife in diary form as events unfold. These include Ed's confrontation with small robot-like entities, apparently occupants of the UFO, which are vividly described. He tells of recurring contact with what seems to be a particular type of UFO (though other types did appear), usually accompanied by telepathic communication from the UFO intelligence. On some occasions when the UFO appeared near his house he was struck and immobilised by a blue beam which shone down from the craft. This beam seems also to be the means by which the small alien creatures leave and re-enter the UFO. Two of the encounters with UFO and these aliens resulted in *"missing time"* experiences, which regression hypnosis of the author at a later date showed to have concealed abduction events. These are not described in the book but may be the subject of a further volume.

What are we to make of these bizarre and unbelievable happenings, which to many readers will seem just too much to accept? The reaction of the skeptics is, of course, fairly predictable. Since it is too difficult to pin this particular series of UFO encounters on the planet Venus or the mythical "plasma vortex", they have no alternative but to accuse Ed and Frances Walters of having perpetrated massive fraud and faked all the photographs with the motive of financial gain. What these people are really saying is that since their view of the world is unable to encompass such events, the events *have* to have been fraudulently contrived. Some of the debunkers, who are clearly rattled, have gone so far as falsifying photographs of Gulf Breeze-type UFOs themselves in order to discredit Walters' photographs. Others have attempted to undermine the Walters' story by producing a 9-inch model UFO, said to have been found in an attic of a house where Walters lived at the time of the UFO encounters, but subsequently left vacant.

Neither of these attempts at character-assassination have been in the least bit convincing. Quite apart from anything else, the town of Gulf Breeze and its vicinity has been the centre of a major UFO flap for several years and well over a hundred witnesses have sighted UFOs there, some similar to those seen and photographed by Ed Walters. On some occasions people who were with Ed saw "his" UFO, or were with him when he shot photos of it with a sealed Polaroid camera. Bob Oechsler, a former NASA mission specialist who has investigated the case in detail, tells me that he saw the UFO when he was travelling with Ed in a truck.

Ed Walters has taken polygraph (lie-detector) tests which indicate that he, at least, believes what he has told us about his UFO encounters. Ed is a wealthy man whose house-building business brings in more than $300,000 a year and the suggestion that he contrived the UFO story for financial gain simply does not hold water. And this case has been investigated in the greatest detail by the top people in the MUFON organisation, such as Walt Andrus, Don Ware, Bob Reid and Charles Flannigan. These men are no fools and there is every reason to respect their judgement. My own impression of Ed Walters, whom I've met, is

certainly one of sincerity.

The high degree of strangeness of the events described bears the hallmark of the genuine UFO phenomenon, as will be recognised by experienced ufologists. Once again a whole series of encounters, and indeed, two abductions, are targetted on a particular individual. Nevertheless the reality of his experiences is not a purely subjective matter, as is amply evidenced by the testimony of others who were associated with him, and also others he did not know, who lived in Gulf Breeze. All of us struggle to rationalise the bizarre happenings which the Walters describe, and, if we accept that these did in fact occur, interpretation is no easy matter. An extraterrestrial explanation is undoubtedly that which is most favoured by U.S. ufologists, but despite that, the overall impression we are left with is not that of "nuts-and-bolts" flying saucers.

Ed Walters' UFOs have a distinctly ghost-like and insubstantial quality. They appear from nowhere and they blink out like lights being turned off. Despite their craft-like structure and apparent "port-holes", these elusive objects seem to have no more than a transient existence within our dimensions. Stereo camera measurements show they are smaller (25 ft diameter or less) than one might suppose, and appear much closer to the observer, say within 500 ft, than is usually thought. Nevertheless they are capable of leaving lasting images on photographic film, or, as happened here, traces in the form of ground markings, or swirled circles, like the English Crop Circles, in grass.

The key feature of Ed Walters' encounters is the psychic interaction between whatever non-human intelligence is "out there" and his mind. Once this link is established, the UFO may appear to him, and sometimes to others with him, and any subsequent developments of this transient manifestation then take place. Without denying the reality of what occurs, this seems to be far more something of a paranormal nature than the arrival of a solid spacecraft from Outer Space.

One reason that UFO events have consistently eluded understanding is that they are simply not explainable in terms with which we are currently familiar. For this reason the Gulf Breeze case will most probably in the long run be held to have been discredited by the skeptics, who will never allow such matters to become generally accepted. No doubt they will refer to the "Gulf Breeze Hoax", saying that the photos were all faked using model UFOs, and this may eventually become the general perception of the Ed Walters case.

A balanced appraisal of the facts shows that the truth is very different. The reader will judge for himself and I strongly urge everyone who is interested in the subject to read this very important book, which gives a better insight into the UFO phenomenon than almost any other. Meanwhile, although Ed Walters' UFO encounters may have temporarily ceased, the inhabitants of Gulf Breeze, Florida, still report sightings of strange luminous objects in their skies.

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A PLEASANT ENCOUNTER IN BRAZIL WITH "HUMAN-LOOKING" LITTLE PEOPLE

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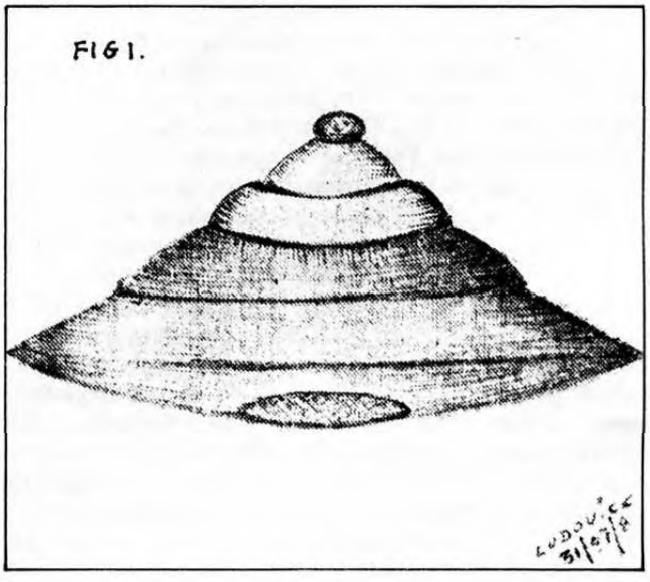
It happened on Sunday, July 31, 1988, in the neighbourhood of Itacuruçá, a place lying about 100 kms. from Rio de Janeiro, along the coast.

The witness was awakened by the barking of his four dogs. He looked at his watch: it showed 4.00 a.m. Then he looked at his compass. It was spinning around wildly.

Looking out through the window, he saw a bright light, so strong that everything appeared to be in daylight. He opened the living room window, and then saw a large UFO, about 30 m. wide, flying to and fro, quite slowly, above his house, swinging from one side to the other as it moved.

Once again it flew over the house and back; and then stopped at a height of about 200 m.

The disc — or maybe not actually the UFO itself, but a vapour-like aura surrounding it — displayed some very bright and colourful blue and orange lights. In its base was a large circular opening from which, as the object passed closer to the house, he was able to see that there was a white vapour coming out, like the vapour produced by a refrigerator when there is too much ice in it. Other than that, he saw no other openings on the object. He said the UFO itself seemed metallic-looking, and leaden grey in colour. He said it looked *"something like a wasp's nest"*, or also a bit like the "June balloons" that are traditionally let off into the air during festival days in Brazil. (See his sketch, fig. No. 1.)



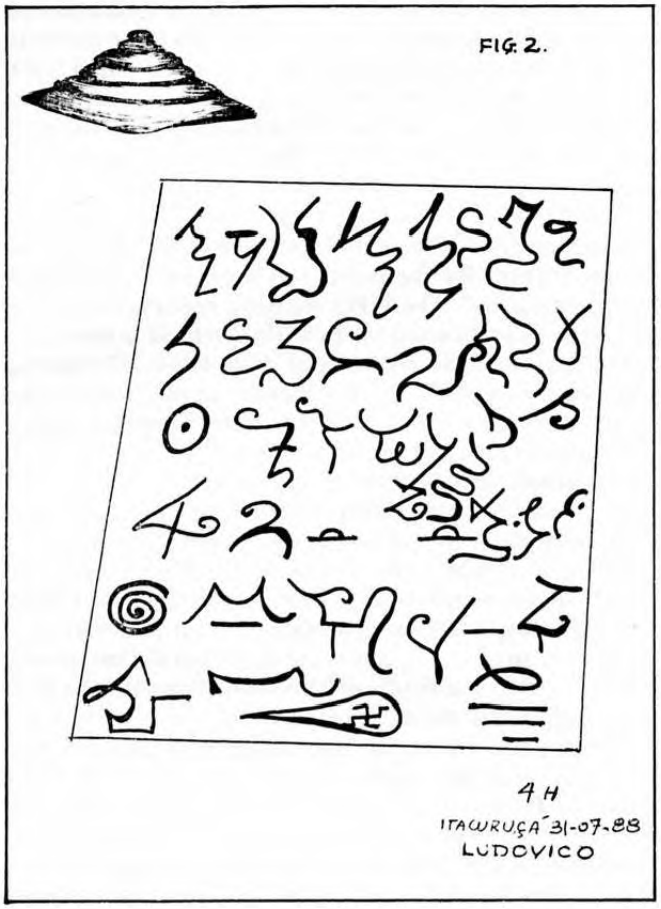
He said: "I continued to watch it, and, as it passed over the house for the third time, I saw it stop, and it suddenly emitted a brightly lit white panel with writing in black letters on it. The borders of the panel were also black."

"On impulse, I ran to fetch a pad and pen, and I started to copy down what I saw. This phase must have lasted for about ten minutes, during which time I

did my best to copy faithfully what I was seeing, and as if guided by an invisible hand to take down the message. I cannot tell whether my copy was a faithful one. I was in a panic. It was a strange sensation. It was as if the world were about to end."

To this day, the witness has not discovered the meaning of what he copied, and has not been able to decypher the signs. (See fig. No. 2.) As soon as he had finished copying the signs, the light on the panel went out, and the UFO departed with a strange sound, "like that of a rusty handle being turned around and around".

(The above statement was written down by the witness on the day of the episode, July 31, 1988.)



An Encounter with the "Little People"

At this point we should add that the witness had already experienced other episodes and encounters, including one in which he met "Little People". This was when he was about ten years old. (From photographs, the witness appears to be now about 35—40. ED.)

He and his small brother and sister were out in their garden near a bird-house. It was noon, and a large UFO came right down towards the children, just above the bird-house. It seemed to cover the place, "like a roof". The children began calling to their mother, who was indoors: *"Mummy — come out quickly! Come and see the flying saucer!"*

Their Mother came out, but by then the UFO had flown off, so all that she saw was a speck in the sky.

According to the children, the UFO had heated up the whole area around them, but their Mother thought this was merely the heat of the Sun at noon.

Nevertheless, these three children have never forgotten that experience. All three remain deeply impressed by it, although all this happened almost forty years ago.

And it is perhaps noteworthy that, as all three children grew up, they developed considerable "paranormal abilities".

Another More Recent Encounter

On September 2, 1988, the young man, who was the principal witness in these two episodes just related, had another strange encounter. After night-fall, he noticed many *"strange little lights, like those given off by glow-worms, only larger"*, in the woods close by his house. He felt impelled to go and investigate. As he did so, the lights gathered together, and he heard a sound like the chirping of crickets or of grasshoppers. Then suddenly he found himself surrounded by five "little men", who resembled twelve-year old human children. They were 1 metre 20 cms. in height, and wearing light beige-coloured uniforms with a thick vest that looked like fibre-glass, as did their boots. These vests looked very thick, and, he thought, might have been armour.

The little fellows walked about quite normally in front of him, and he noted that they were all carrying little *"wands"* which were emitting, from their tips, the "lights" that had first caught his attention. These "lights" kept flashing on and off — pulsating — and very bright — but they did not hurt his eyes. They lit the whole place up, like daylight.

One of the little beings took him very gently by the arm and led him into a nearby cave. This cave was a large, brightly lit chamber, and in it there was a long rectangular white stone, like a bed, on which he was made to lie. Then they all began to examine him with their "wands". They paid very special attention to a large and deep festering wound half-way down on the front of one of his legs, caused by an accident a few days before when he had fallen upon a rusty nail beside a railway line.

Immediately after this experience with the "little men", the wound healed up.

All the time that he was with the "little men", they were talking away to each other, "chirping like crickets".

This gave him the idea of asking whether they knew what his name was? It proved to have been a good idea, for one of them instantly replied in perfect Portuguese, giving the witness's name correctly, his voice sounding like that of a small child, in a shrill treble.

He describes his little captors as being white-skinned, with thin arms, and dark-green eyes. Their hair was short, and ash-blond in colour.

Their attitude towards him was kind and friendly throughout. They gave him a fruit to eat. It was smooth and red on the outside, and of a lighter colour inside. It smelled and tasted good, and the taste was that of a plum. The actual texture of the fruit was however rather like that of an apple. It contained no stone or seeds.

Before the witness left the cave where this examination of him had taken place, he picked up a stone from the floor of the cave. He gave this stone to me, and I still have it.

Following upon his experience with "the little people", the witness felt confused and troubled for several days. He also said he felt as though he was "floating in thin air" for some time afterwards.

When we interviewed him on September 9, 1988, just a week after this last episode, he was looking very pale — quite different from his healthy, normal, sunburnt self.

I have not yet given you his name. He is my son, Ludovico Granchi. And the other two children mentioned are of course also my children.

THE TRUTH ABOUT G.E.P.A.N.

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(Translation from French. — G.C.)

We have published a number of important articles by Dr Jean-Pierre Petit, the last being *GEPAN = CONDON*, on page 21 of FSR 33/2 (June 1988). — EDITOR

G.E.P.A.N. (Groupe d'Etude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non Identifiés), a body created in France in 1977 by the C.N.E.S. (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales — French National Centre for Space Studies) was officially terminated at the end of 1988. At the same time as they did this, the C.N.E.S. created a new organization, the S.E.P.R.A. (Service d'Expertise des Phénomènes de Rentrées Atmosphériques, Dept. of Expertise on Atmospheric Re-Entry Phenomena).

Today, if anyone telephones to the C.N.E.S. and asks for G.E.P.A.N., they are put through to S.E.P.R.A., and with a bit of luck they might get Jean-Jacques Velasco, formerly responsible for G.E.P.A.N., and now responsible for S.E.P.R.A.! If the caller expresses astonishment, he will be told that G.E.P.A.N. still exists, but that it has simply changed its name.

The truth is more complex than that. And we are in a position to give it.

Who has not asked himself, ever since 1977, why it was that G.E.P.A.N. had been formed in the first place? Here I can supply two answers. The first answer is by quoting a phrase of Monsieur Meslée, Director of Public Relations at the C.N.E.S., during a press conference given for the FRANCE-INTER Radio Chain in 1980. To a journalist who had asked him this question, Meslée replied:

> "In 1976-77 there was a certain degree of inquietude among the public regarding the UFO phenomenon. It therefore seemed essential that we should establish an organization able to reassure people and set their minds at rest regarding that phenomenon."

SO — IN PLAIN LANGUAGE — G.E.P.A.N. WAS A SORT OF TRANQUILISER FOR THE PUBLIC.

The second part of the reply comes from a conversation that I had in 1987 with Monsieur Roger Lesgard, at the present time the Director of the Musée de la Villette in Paris. We were in Quebec together at a scientific gathering. I had recognized Lesgard at once, but he had clearly totally forgotten me since 1977.

Adopting the attitude of a quite conservative sort of scientist, I engaged him in conversation as follows:–

Q: "Monsieur Lesgard, weren't you with the C.N.E.S. in the '70s?"

A: "Yes, I was the Secretary-General of the C.N.E.S. at that period."

Q: "Then maybe you will be able to give the answer for me to a question that I have often asked myself. What was that, eh, that strange group that was set up at that time, at the end of the '70s, and that was thought to be concerning itself with UFOs?"

A: "You mean G.E.P.A.N., which was set up in 1977. It was I myself, in my capacity as Secretary-General of the C.N.E.S., who did all the administrative work in establishing that body."

Q: "Ah — good. Did that organisation really deal with UFOs?"

A: "We had created the department in order to calm things down a bit about the UFOs, but, *rest assured,* no serious research was truly undertaken on that phenomenon."

Q: "Does the organization still exist? I have heard that it was going to be terminated."

A: "Well, you know, when an organization of that sort has fulfilled its role, I suppose it is simply left to die. But Alain Esterle, who was the man in charge of it during the "hot" period, did a good job there. Finally, given the pretty negative role that had been assigned to the body, I'd go so far as to concede that you are right."

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So G.E.P.A.N. was indeed set up in 1977 to serve as a tranquilizer for the public; as a "fixation anchorage for the abscess". The UFO sighting reports converged on that organization, which for years continued to play marvellously its role of "Black Hole". Having confided to G.E.P.A.N. the details of what they had seen, eyewitnesses of UFOs were then no longer tempted to turn to the press or to the private UFO investigation groups. And, incidentally, they were always expressly told by G.E.P.A.N. to keep quiet, "pending the result of the investigation".

But G.E.P.A.N. also had a second function: collector of information and what's-what, on behalf of the Military. *In fact, one might consider it, with its pretty derisory structure, as simply the emergent part of an iceberg. And the iceberg was situated somewhere at the very highest level among the Military.*

The motivations of the various Military Men charged with the task of overseeing the files were several. In the first place, they desired to reap the maximum amount of information on the UFO phenomenon, and eventually to extract from it some exploitable scientific profit. All this shows very clearly in a report compiled in 1976 by the I.H.E.D.N. (Institute of Higher Studies on the National Defence), regarding which several of us received communications. The report mentioned possible "spin-offs" from the UFO report files, and potentially interesting applications, notably in the domain of MHD *(Magneto-hydrodynamics).*

I tried, myself, over many years, to develop some concrete research on this matter of MHD.* From 1979 to 1981 I was in contact with G.E.P.A.N. And the people there — principally the engineers Esterle and Zappoli — having had the main ideas of it explained to them, then attempted (rather clumsily) to set up some experimental research on MHD at a centre working closely with the Army. This was C.E.R.T. (The Centre for Study and Technical Research), in Toulouse. This complex (C.E.R.T.) which comprised several research units, had all the necessary blowers and other means and resources *ad hoc.* But they failed at first because they lacked the necessary ability in the subject.

When I found out about this operation of theirs (because they had made the attempt without my knowing about it), I broke off my contacts with G.E.P.A.N. *And at that point in time there happened something very important: the business of the UFO landing at Trans-En-Provence.***

On one of my last visits to Toulouse I had a discussion with Jean-Jacques Velasco, who in those days was there as a mere technician, his qualification being as an *optician.* He showed me some photos that had been taken at an alleged UFO landing-site where there were quite pronounced mechanical ground-traces. He explained that these ground marks were accompanied by a pretty curious traumatism which had been suffered by the vegetation in the immediate vicinity. Subsequently, it was established that those photos and those analytical findings referred to the landing-site at Trans-En-Provence.

During my initial collaboration with G.E.P.A.N. I had launched a certain number of ideas for possible studies. One of them, inspired by my MHD studies (ionization of air), and by the celebrated affair of the RB-47, was to build a generator of 3 Gigahertz microwaves. During that visit to Toulouse, I asked Velasco if they had done anything in that direction since I made my suggestion. He replied that — yes — they had — and that, in collaboration with D.E.R.M.O. (the Department of Studies and Research on Microwaves) they had been experimenting with a *defoliation-machine,* worked with microwaves, and that it functioned very well.

It was this piece of news, combined with my discovery that G.E.P.A.N. — without my knowledge — had started, under contract, to develop experimental research into MHD, that convinced me that I was simply being *manipulated* by those people (Velasco was merely a simple pawn on the chess-board) and that induced me to break with them. This conversation with Velasco was subsequent to the biochemical analyses of vegetation from Trans-En-Provence that had been carried out in Avignon at the I.N.R.A. (National Institute of Agricultural Research) by Professor Bounias.

Without going into too much detail now (though the matter is worth another article) let us simply say that Bounias had demonstrated, by his very sophisticated study, *that the lucerne plants at the Trans-En-Provence site had suffered a significant and important trauma — namely a profound alteration of their pigments and, above all, they revealed an extraordinary correlation between the phenomenon and distance. And he too had recommended that an experiment be set up to simulate the phenomenon with the aid of electromagnetic waves.*

One year later, we learned about all this, after the publication of G.E.P.A.N.'s famous *NOTE NO. 16* containing the results of these studies.***

Shortly after the publication of *NOTE NO. 16,* G.E.P.A.N. underwent its first dismantling. Esterle and Zappoli were dispersed to other branches of the C.N.E.S. (French National Centre For Space Studies) and the autonomy of G.E.P.A.N. was totally suppressed. We may well imagine that the publication of that Report (NOTE NO. 16) was regarded as a very grave error on the part of Esterle, who was taking his role as "emergent part of the iceberg" too seriously, indeed all the more was this the case, because the tests of simulated bombardment of vegetation with microwaves had apparently turned out to have positive results. Consequently the C.N.E.S. preferred to place G.E.P.A.N. under a more accountable "rod of iron".

But it was dawning upon Bounias and myself that there was ambiguity about the game being played by G.E.P.A.N. So we decided to make representations jointly to the C.N.E.S. and to request that simulated studies of the Trans-En-Provence case actually be undertaken by means of a bombardment of the lucerne plants at the spot with pulsed microwaves. At the same time I requested that I present a report on my own studies of MHD before the seven members of G.E.P.A.N.'s Scientific Council.

Let us recall, in passing, the names of those seven Council members:–

— GRUAU. Secretary to the Council. Director at C.N.E.S.

— R. OMNES, Cosmologist. Dean of the d'Orsay Faculty of Sciences.

— R. PELLAT. Director of Scientific Projects at C.N.E.S. Plasma Physicist.

— COMMANDANT COCHEREAU. Representing the Gendarmerie Nationale.

— G. MONNET. Astronomer. Director of the Lyons Observatory.

— FAURE. Psychiatrist.

— PERRIN DE BRICHAMBAUT. Of the National Meteorological Bureau.

Our requests, which we went on repeating until 1985, had no results. *We received no replies from anyone.* During that year (1985) I made contact with one of the Scientific Council's members, namely Christian Perrin de Brichambaut, the high official from the French National Meteorological Bureau. He refused at first to believe there could be any bad faith on the part of the heads of the C.N.E.S. But, at the same time, he was astonished to see that, after the elapse of more than a year, no meeting of the G.E.P.A.N. Scientific Council had taken place! So he wrote to the Directors of C.N.E.S. to draw their attention to our proposals, and asking when the next meeting of the Council would take place. And he was extremely surprised to receive no reply.

This state of affairs dragged on for several years. With letter after letter Perrin de Brichambaut, who found it difficult to accept the evidence, went on repeating his requests. But, the more insistent he was, the more silent did the C.N.E.S. become. His last letter, dating from the summer of 1987, was a recapitulation of all the information accumulated by G.E.P.A.N. and a re-statement of the Trans-En-Provence analyses and of the results obtained in our MHD research. And he concluded with three very precise questions:–

1. *Does G.E.P.A.N. still exist, or has it been suppressed?*
2. *If it exists, is a meeting envisaged in the near future?*
3. *If it has been decided to close down the G.E.P.A.N. facility, would it not be advisable to envisage a winding-up meeting at which the conclusions of the past years might be drawn?*

At the same time, he still insisted on having an answer to the proposals that Bounias and I had made. **The C.N.E.S. did not answer a single one of Perrin de Brichambaut's letters, but their reply came at the end of 1988. The C.N.E.S. suppressed G.E.P.A.N. and replaced it by the S.E.P.R.A. Now — here is a very important detail: S.E.P.R.A. no longer had the obligation of being accountable to a scientific council the majority of whom were civilians, because the Scientific Council had also been abolished at the same time as G.E.P.A.N. itself.**

So there was no longer any obligation to reply to Perrin de Brichambaut. (This non-response was, by the way, conveyed to him in semi-official fashion by his colleague Payan, who had secretly been supervising the activities of G.E.P.A.N. since 1977.)

I am now about to have a book published by the Editions Albin Michel (it ought to be out in the summer of 1990) which will provide full details of all this very complicated affair, of which I am only giving an outline here. *The book will contain the written testimony of Perrin de Brichambaut, who does not hesitate to call the whole operation an intellectual swindle, and*

who has decided, along with Bounias and myself, to testify about the entire lamentable business before the French public.

All of us have considered, indeed, that it was our duty to tell people what G.E.P.A.N. was during the thirteen years of its existence: A COVER-UP OPERATION. And I now range myself with the French astronomer Dr Pierre Guérin, who has long been saying that, among the "high-ups", they know perfectly well what the situation is as regards the UFOs.

There is, in fact, a considerable *qualitative* difference between the civilian G.E.P.A.N. — now become S.E.P.R.A. (a derisory construct, reduced now to the status of a letter-box), and the real military G.E.P.A.N. whose existence we now begin to guess.

Michel Bounias thinks that this MILITARY G.E.P.A.N. possesses, and is making total use of, the methods of analysis which he himself had worked out for the Trans-En-Provence case, and that they are now employing it all for their own ends and in the most complete and absolute conditions of secrecy.

Having now become independent, the French Military G.E.P.A.N. consequently no longer has any need to have recourse to a biochemical analysis service that is situated in the civilian sector, since it now has its own specialists.

The whole story of our own MHD work would deserve another article devoted entirely to it. I will confine myself here to quoting an anecdote dating from early in 1988. Between 1985 and 1988, the French Army had masterminded some research into the suppression of shock-waves, and had entrusted the work to a certain civilian laboratory possessed of the requisite blowers (hot), namely the Laboratoire de Thermodynamique de Rouen. (The fact that the 1.3 million Francs contract came from a Civilian Ministry alters nothing.)

Once again I was barred, the Army meanwhile bringing about a highly grotesque situation as they insisted upon my eviction from the operations. I was supposed to be directing the research, and yet at the same time being kept at a distance from it all and refused all official responsibility in connection with the contract!

So all was perfectly clear: the Military were interested in MHD. But above all they were afraid that it might become known that they were also interested in the UFOs! This unpleasant state of affairs dragged on for eighteen months. Then I decided to pull out of MHD altogether, and to return to theoretical cosmology, which I am now doing.

Meanwhile, this research in MHD still goes on. Clearly my own abandonment of the business has been a bit of a setback. It is an extremely complex field, and one in which the Military still feel uncomfortable, though it is one of the keys to *Star Wars* (MHD supply to Space combat stations). *But today the Military and the researchers who are working for them have acquired the necessary theoretical know-how about the calculation of the MHD flows around objects, with the shock-waves being cancelled out by the Lorentz forces — all of which had originally been developed and worked out by my pupil Lebrun and myself.*

Then, in the spring of 1988, quite by chance, I met Professor Claude Thénard, a researcher at the University of Rouen, who is in charge of the project and is now left to himself. He told me this in confidence:–

"I have seen Bradu, our contact-man in D.R.E.T. (*Directorate of Technical Studies and Research* — i.e., official military research). He told me that the D.R.E.T. are *repeating* all this research, in their own secret laboratories."

— Yet one more proof of the existence of this "MILITARY G.E.P.A.N."

What then are we to conclude from these first-hand reports? (In so serious a matter as this you could never base yourself on second-hand information.)

The conclusions are:–

1. **That the MILITARY G.E.P.A.N. has always existed.**
2. **A civilian G.E.P.A.N. was created in order to serve as an interface with the private research groups and with the few rare scientists who possessed concrete and exploitable ideas about the UFO Phenomenon. The aim in creating it was not to promote research, but to scoop up as quickly as possible what the civilian population knew about the UFOs in order to feed it to the Military G.E.P.A.N.**
3. **Functioning side by side with the Military G.E.P.A.N., the Civilian G.E.P.A.N.** *was to be an organ of disinformation, a permanent debunking operation.* Due, however, to causes such as the MHD business and the Trans-En-Provence landing case, it finally proved no longer possible to draw up a Final Report (as had originally been envisaged), in the same way as was done by the Condon Commission, which had been identical with G.E.P.A.N. in every way as regards the objectives originally aimed at.
4. The publication of the analyses carried out in the Trans-En-Provence case was a grave blotting of the copybook, which led to the dumping of Esterle.
5. We have every reason for thinking that the simulation tests that Professor Bounias and I had suggested were already carried out successfully by the Military G.E.P.A.N. several years ago, and that the results were positive.

Working in liaison with a civilian laboratory in Rouen, the Military G.E.P.A.N. are also pushing ahead with their studies on MHD Propulsion, the objectives in this case being not only to further their own understanding of the UFO Phenomenon but also to develop a supersonic cruise missile.

As for S.E.P.R.A., it continues, after a fashion, to conduct its disinformation operations, such as the one recently sponsored (August 1989) on a TV channel (TF1, in the programme ***"FUTURS"*) by the C.N.E.S.**

The journalists who had prepared the programme admitted to us quite frankly that the texts had all been written by the C.N.E.S. The film was a sort of reportage on the activities of S.E.P.R.A., and preceded by a film showing what the E.D.F. (French Electricity) and the C.N.R.S. (French National Centre for Scientific Research) know about the effects of *lightning*. Then we saw the S.E.P.R.A. going to a site reported to them by peasants (flattened corn and a hole in the ground at the centre of the marks). Then Velasco delivered his conclusion, as an expert: THE MARKS IN THE FIELD WERE THE RESULT OF LIGHTNING.

The photos of the strange phenomena of the marks found in the English cornfields were then shown, the aim clearly being to link the two themes.

The journalists went on to explain that, by means of this investigation into the cornfield markings — an investigation which was to be regarded as a model — the S.E.P.R.A. was pursuing its objective of torpedoing all UFO research, by showing that Truth can only be arrived at by dint of a rigorous approach, even though this might shatter the dreams of a few here and there.

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* I have already translated a huge account, supplied to me by Dr Jean-Pierre Petit some years ago, an absolutely amazing and mind-boggling story of the remarkable experiments he and his colleague Lebrun had carried out in *Magnetohydrodynamics;* about their laboratory tests in which they succeeded in showing that models could fly at immense speed *without producing any sonic boom;* and about the way in which pretty well every civilian and military authority in France had attempted, by every conceivable form of skullduggery, to abort their work and their efforts. Dr Petit wrote learned papers on it, and he gave lectures. HE EVEN WENT TO MOSCOW, AND TALKED WITH SOVIET SCIENTISTS AND ASTRONOMERS (INCLUDING THE LATE DR SAKHAROV), ALL OF WHOM WERE INTENSELY INTERESTED AND FAVOURABLE. CLEARLY THE USSR — IF NOBODY ELSE — WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF SUCH MEN AS DR JEAN-PIERRE PETIT. ALL THIS STRUCK ME AT THE TIME AS SO ODD THAT THE ONLY CONCLUSION TO BE REACHED WAS THAT THE WHOLE OF FRANCE WAS SO SCARED OF THE UFOS THAT NONE OF THEM, EXCEPT JEAN-PIERRE PETIT, DARED TO LOOK INTO MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS! THE TRUTH WHICH NOW EMERGES IS FAR DIFFERENT. THE FRENCH MILITARY AND SCIENTIFIC LEADERS *WANT* MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS ALL RIGHT, BUT THEY DON'T WANT ANYBODY BUT THEMSELVES TO KNOW ABOUT IT OR HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, AND ARE PREPARED TO TREAT TWO DISTINGUISHED FRENCH SCIENTISTS IN THE MOST UTTERLY DISGRACEFUL AND SHABBY FASHION BY STEALING THEIR WORK AND DEPRIVING THEM OF ALL CREDIT!

If space permits, we may publish Dr Petits' very long article.

** Some of FSR's readers seemingly expect us to be pretty well omniscient. Unfortunately this is a slightly exaggerated requirement for one man to meet, and we have to admit that we have not been able to cover everything, although, over nearly 35 years, the FSR achievement, in cases translated or researched, and placed on record, *is equalled by none in the world.* However, the UFO landing at Trans-En-Provence on January 8, 1981 is one that we have never yet dealt with properly, so it seems. We have indeed mentioned it several times (see FSR 28/6, p.6; 29/1, p.22; 34/2, rear cover) but nothing more, probably because until now we had not realized its great importance in connection with the "Cover-Up" in France. LDLN may possibly have done already a full account of it which we have missed. We shall look into this, and try to rectify the situation.

*** I have most of G.E.P.A.N.'s series of "NOTES TECHNIQUES", including the notorious "NO. 16". With its vast mass of 64 pages of charts, graphs, etc., it succeeds in its objective of befogging the issue and preventing the reader from ascertaining what precisely happened to the lucerne plants at Trans-En-Provence.

UFOs OVER HUNGARY

ACCORDING to an important article in the London *TIMES* of April 19, 1990, Hungary has begun to have the same sort of UFO visitations since the recent political upheaval there as the Russians have been seeing since the start of their era of *perestroika* and change.

The number of the sighting reports in Hungary has apparently obliged the state-run Urania Observatory to establish a special unit to log them! Included in the reports so far was one fairly close encounter of the third kind.

A UFO Study Centre has also been set up in January 1990 in the northern Hungarian town of Eger. This is called the *Centre for the Gathering of UFO Phenomena* (also described as *The UFO Data Collection Centre*). The Centre is run by a 35-year-old woman freelance lecturer on Astronomy, Judit Vas, and it seems the party responsible for the setting up of this Centre was Andras Horvath, the Director of the Urania Observatory, who hoped that, by doing so, he could do something to prevent his own Observatory staff from being inundated in all the UFO reports! As usual the mass of reports has been found to contain a lot of accounts relating to aircraft, satellites, meteorites, balloons, bright stars, and so on. *But several of the baffling reports, some involving personnel of the Hungarian Army, have been found by Mrs Vas's Centre to be 'more than optical illusions', and well worthy of scientific investigation!*

One of the cases, emphasised by Mrs Vas, concerns a series of alleged encounters with 'giant extraterrestrial creatures' at the Tarnaszentmaria Army Barracks. These phenomena, it seems, went on for about a month, and were duly logged by the Hungarian Army.

The current Hungarian Wave began in the night of October 20, 1989, when, according to the testimony of the entire Army unit, an eerie noise was heard, which increased in volume every 20 seconds or so. Then one of the Army guards noticed 'three shining round objects preceded by a beam of light'. After a while, these disappeared over the forest behind the barracks.

On November 13, 1989, Hungarian Air Force pilots at the Kecskemet Military Airfield reported seeing a fluorescent green figure about 1.2 m. in height which 'beamed itself up into Space'. And a farmer in south-eastern Gomaendrod claimed that he had had a fight with two little green men with long ears, who paralysed him with a mysterious force before disappearing.

On November 20, 1989, soldiers on guard duty at the Tarnaszentmaria Barracks observed a cloud of red mist in the sky, with curious flashing red lights inside it, followed by a UFO shaped like the planet Saturn, which floated over the barracks and then vanished over the forest. Two of the guards reported that they had been *'illuminated briefly with a powerful beam of light which made them sick'.*

Later that same night, a Private Lajos Dioszegi spotted 10-ft. tall figures in the forest-clearing facing the barracks. "They were moving around as if they were chess-pieces", he said. "All the animals in the barracks — pigs, sheep, and dogs — became frantic, and one of the guard dogs, maddened with fear, broke its steel chain and ran away."

Mrs Vas said (the *TIMES* report of April 19, 1990) that among the many sighting reports awaiting evaluation she had one from a motorist from the village of Lajosmisze, who had 'suddenly become aware of a flying light phenomenon, flying at first parallel with his car, and then directly above it'. The beam from it was so powerful that it illuminated a 50-yard stretch to either side of the road.

When the driver reached a bend in the road, he tried to brake, but his car continued at the same speed and then cornered at a 90-degree angle without skidding. The driver felt that 'some external power' had kept his car on the road, since he himself had lost control of it. This situation lasted for a further 200 yards and had then abruptly ceased.

Mrs Vas said that, while many of the accounts might have perfectly rational explanations, "we cannot ignore the inexplicable phenomena being reported to us".

A further report in the English-language news-

THE WATCHERS: THE SECRET DESIGN BEHIND UFO ABDUCTION
by Raymond E. Fowler
Foreword by Whitley Strieber.
Pub. 1990
by Bantam Books, New York.
Hardback: US$19.95

(Order through a bookseller!)

UFOs: THE GULF BREEZE SIGHTINGS
by Ed. and Frances Walters.
Pub. 1990
by Wm. Morrow & Co. Inc.
Yew York.
Hardback: US$21.95
(Available also from Bantam Books, U.K., London, £14.99)

(Order through a bookseller!)

paper *Cyprus Mail* (September 6, 1990) covers the later development in Hungary, and quotes Mrs Vaz as saying: *"Since I got involved in this subject, I feel that they DO EXIST — even if Science wants to deny it".*

According to the Cyprus paper, on July 24, 1990, a Hungarian bus-driver, Imre Herczeg, reported a close encounter in the village of Kisbajcs, near the north-western city of Gyor. He said that, when driving his bus to his home after work, he saw two powerful red lights *and a strange figure about 1.2 m. in height.* He said: "Its pear-shaped head had two slanted eyes . . . its entire body was steel-blue . . . its hands seemed disproportionately long, and I seem to remember that he had four fingers". (From the bus-driver's statement to the newspaper *Nepszabadsag*). Since the incident, he said he had been plagued with headaches and blood-shot eyes.

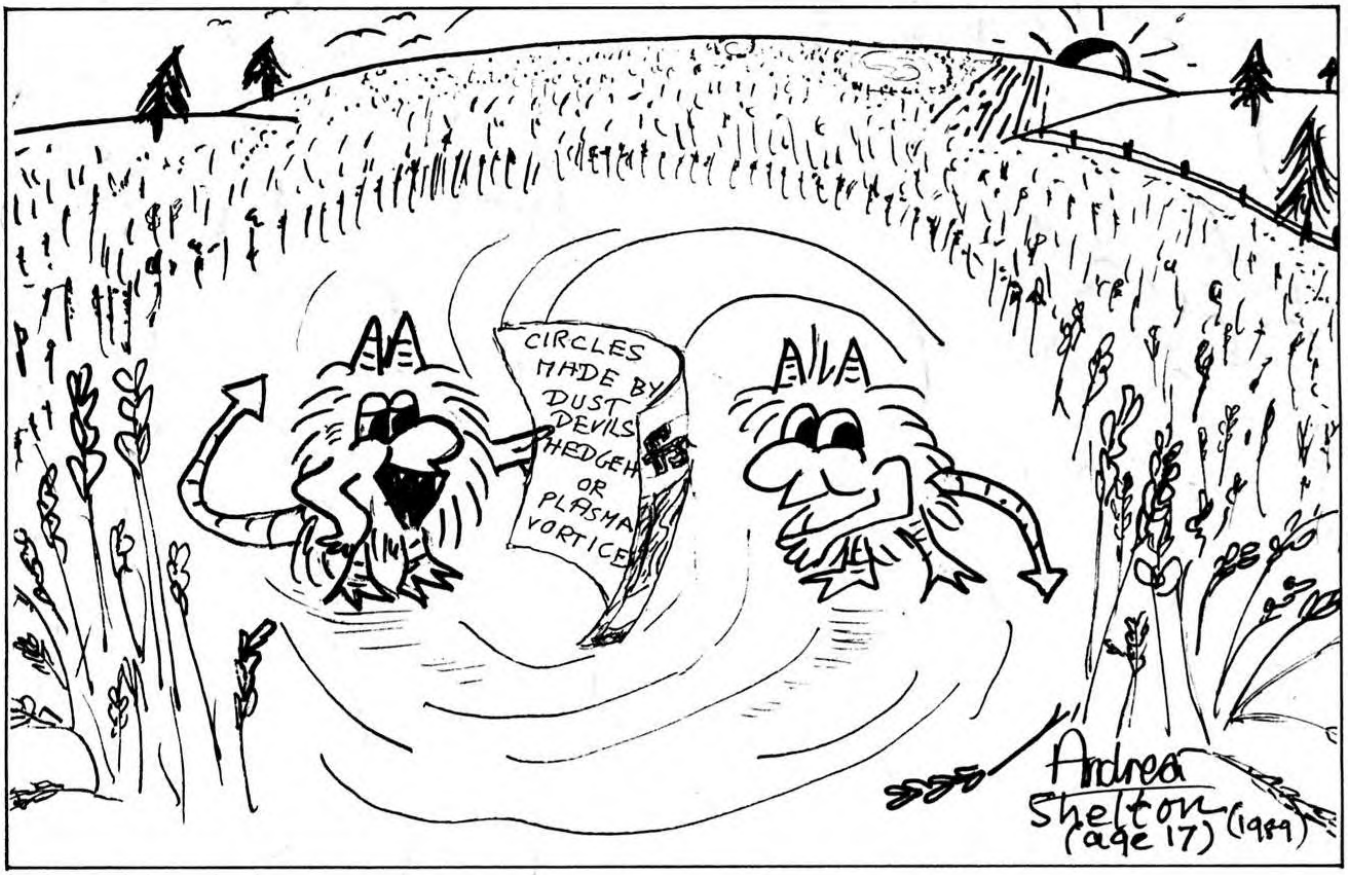
The newspaper *Nepszabadsag* reported later that there had been several sightings of a football-sized pink sphere hovering above the Danube on the same night during which the bus-driver had had his close encounter.

Another report mentioned by Judit Vas came from a lady named Agnes Girand of Budapest, who told her that she and her two sons had seen an enormous flying object 'with laser-type lights' one night last January. Judit Vas said that it certainly seemed impossible to account rationally for that story either — and that it was not the only report from Budapest about strange lights seen in the sky that same night.

Discussing the story about the events at the Tarnaszentmaria Army Barracks (15 km. to the west of Eger) Judit Vas mentioned that one of the reports came in to her from a 20-year-old soldier there who declared he had seen lights in the sky, a "space-ship", and "Space-creatures". She herself went to the barracks to interview the witnesses. While there, she herself "saw mysterious poles of strong light beaming down onto a lonely cottage".

Of the 20-year-old soldier, whom she interviewed, she could only say that at any rate it was quite certain that he *"does not drink!"*

N.B. The Hungarian researchers emphasise that this UFO Wave in their country began only a few weeks after the big Wave over Voronezh and many other areas of the USSR in the latter half of 1989. — G.C.



TOP-DUST-DEVIL TO UNDER-DUST-DEVIL:-
"That's the trouble with you, Gubbins. If you had applied your mind properly to the job, we could have been getting rectangular circles and circular rectangles long ago!"

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