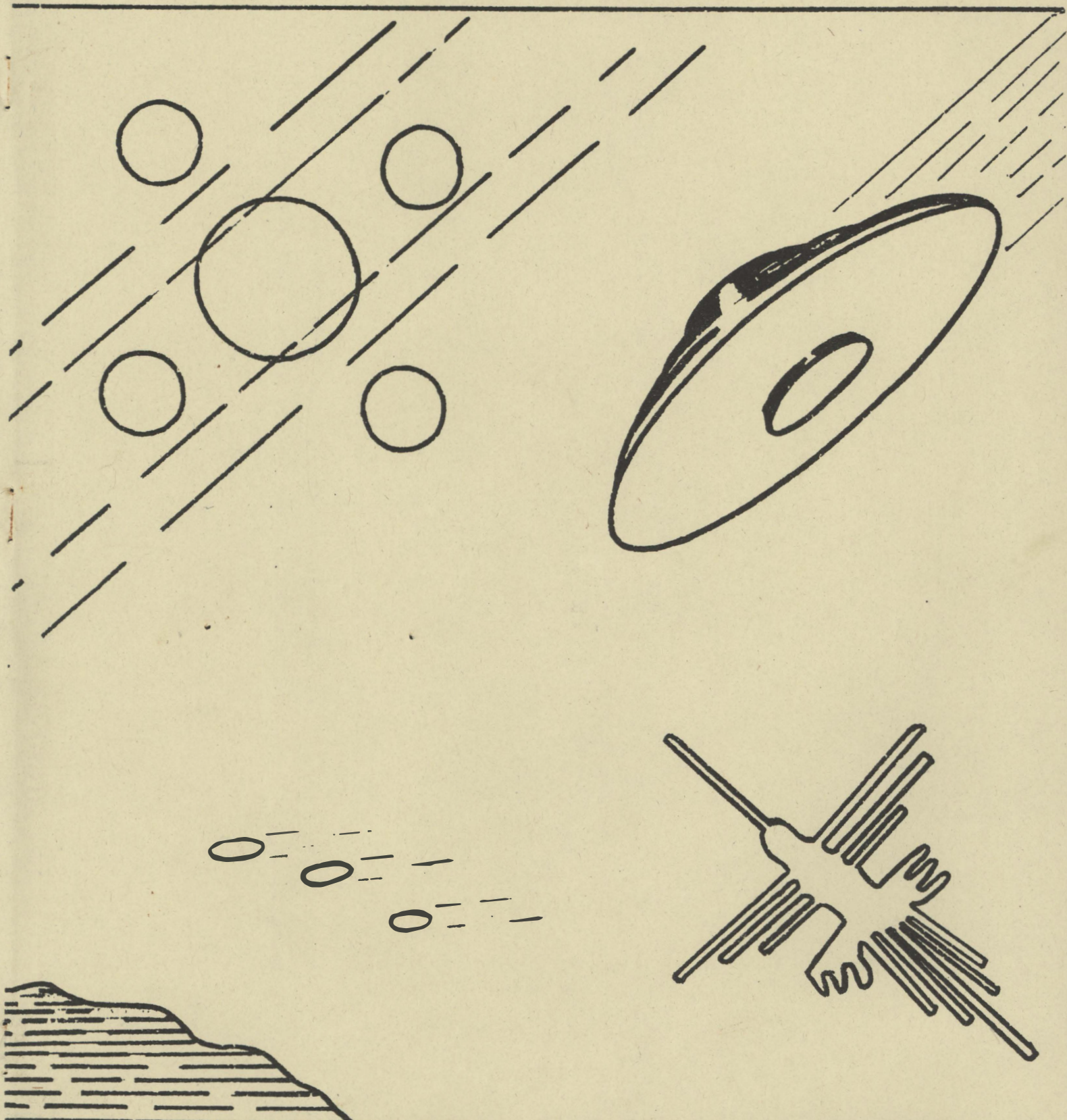


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CROP CIRCLES GALORE!

We are now at the height of the Crop Circle 'season' and circle seekers can not have been disappointed at the wide abundance of designs that have appeared mainly, (as usual) in the fields of Wiltshire.

The John Macnish video 'Revelations', which many members have now seen, can only add fuel to the fire of incredulous arguments that some 'hardened' Crop Circle followers have maintained. We are now asked to consider the possibility of an overall intelligence in the wheat heads performing the feat of circle and pictogram making.

The 'Revelations' video opened our eyes to how many of the seemingly impossible feats of 'pictogram making' have been carried out at night. The disclosure that large helium filled illuminated balloons have been released over the Wiltshire fields at night (with controlled flashing lights) could account for many of the strange sights reported across Wiltshire.

However the Macnish video does not give the answer to all of the many questions still outstanding about this phenomenon. It made no mention of the glowing 'tube of light' seen by more than one witness over the wheatfields. It also made no comment about the small silver ball filmed flying low over the wheat fields a year or so ago. A similar small flying silver ball was encountered by a Cessna aircraft over Blackbushe Airport some years ago, but no Crop Circles appeared on the airfield as a result! The small silver ball may be irrelevant to the forming of the circles and may be purely an observation vehicle of some kind.

It was interesting to hear the final comment of more than one academic hoaxer, that they believed there was an underlying mystery to the appearance of Crop Circles.

We have know a number of prominent Crop Circle researchers for some years and our thanks go to Busty Taylor for a selection of his excellent aerial photographs which are reproduced in this issue, together with some superb ground shots taken by PRA members Tony and Claire Upton. Finally we have an exclusive review by Pat Delgado of the John Macnish "Revelations" video.

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CIRCLE VISION

CROP CIRCLE COMMUNIQUE 2

The introduction lead-in shots were much the same as we have seen in previous documentaries and do not warrant any special comment.

I thought coverage of the crop circle competition was handled and described fairly, inasmuch that it did not prove anything other than crops can be flattened into patterns at night by manual means. It also showed that, with enough practice, a determined hoaxer could create a neat and tidy pattern which some people demand as important criteria found in 'genuine' circles.

It is part of life that there always were and there always will be hoaxers, I have said many times, practice makes perfect. Rupert Sheldrake reiterates that forgers of bank notes and other artifacts thought to be worth copying, can fool all of the people some of the time.

Dr.Robin Allen of the Wessex Sceptics described a non deliberate detail of their circle making was the production of a certain amount of braiding and layering of the crop stems. He said that Dr.Terence meaden had stated that these features could not be made by man unless they had a doctorate and had studied these details. Just this one particular extract from the video highlights the fact that all special features of an inexplicably created circle can be replicated by humans fortuitously or intentionally. The energy that creates non human created circles is operating in this same human manner but, possibly, with a smoother result.

I am sure that some of the inexplicably made circles have been rougher in appearance than those made by humans, why not? If it is the 'cause' of these manifestations by an unknown energy we are seeking, we should not be looking for only perfection in crop patterns, we should become aware that this planet is immersed in un-named energies which are capable of functions beyond our present level of understanding.

The item about recording a crop circle being made at night by humans proves nothing significant other than the depths to which some people will sink to gain unworthy and shoddy points. I wonder how many forged bank notes and coins these tricksters have had pass through their hands without realising the truth.

Ken Brown seems to be implying that all crop circles have kinked stalks on the stems that have been flattened and the kink is, 'just one of those things that happen'. Imagine asking some scientist

to explain some particular detail of a certain phenomenon and he replies, 'Oh that is just one of those things that happen'.

Of course Ken Brown may be closer to the truth than he realises. Those of the crop circles which are inexplicable may very well be 'just one of those things that happen'. What a wonderful world we live in.

I was heartened by the remarks of various individuals towards the end of the video, reiterating what I have said in recent years, that there is a basic phenomenon of simple crop circles. I have also said that it is highly likely that these have been appearing for thousands of years.

Further reiteration was the question, 'What is the motivating power that manipulates people to create crop patterns from simple circles to apparently significant symbolism'. This must be a good area for psychological research, for we have crop circles made by inexplicable means and the energy and maybe intelligence thus used may be working through humans to produce similar patterns.

On the whole the video was fairly well produced for John Macnish's purposes even though the material was interspersed with familiar scenes of crop circles from the past. It is interesting to note John's courage of his convictions in this video. The process required to make a complete U turn in the presentation and substance from those he made in his 1990-1991 documentaries to this most recent one must be the outcome of some powerful driving force or desire.



LOCKERIDGE Wilts. Crop Wheat 19 June 94

Photo: Busty Taylor

CROP CIRCLES 1994



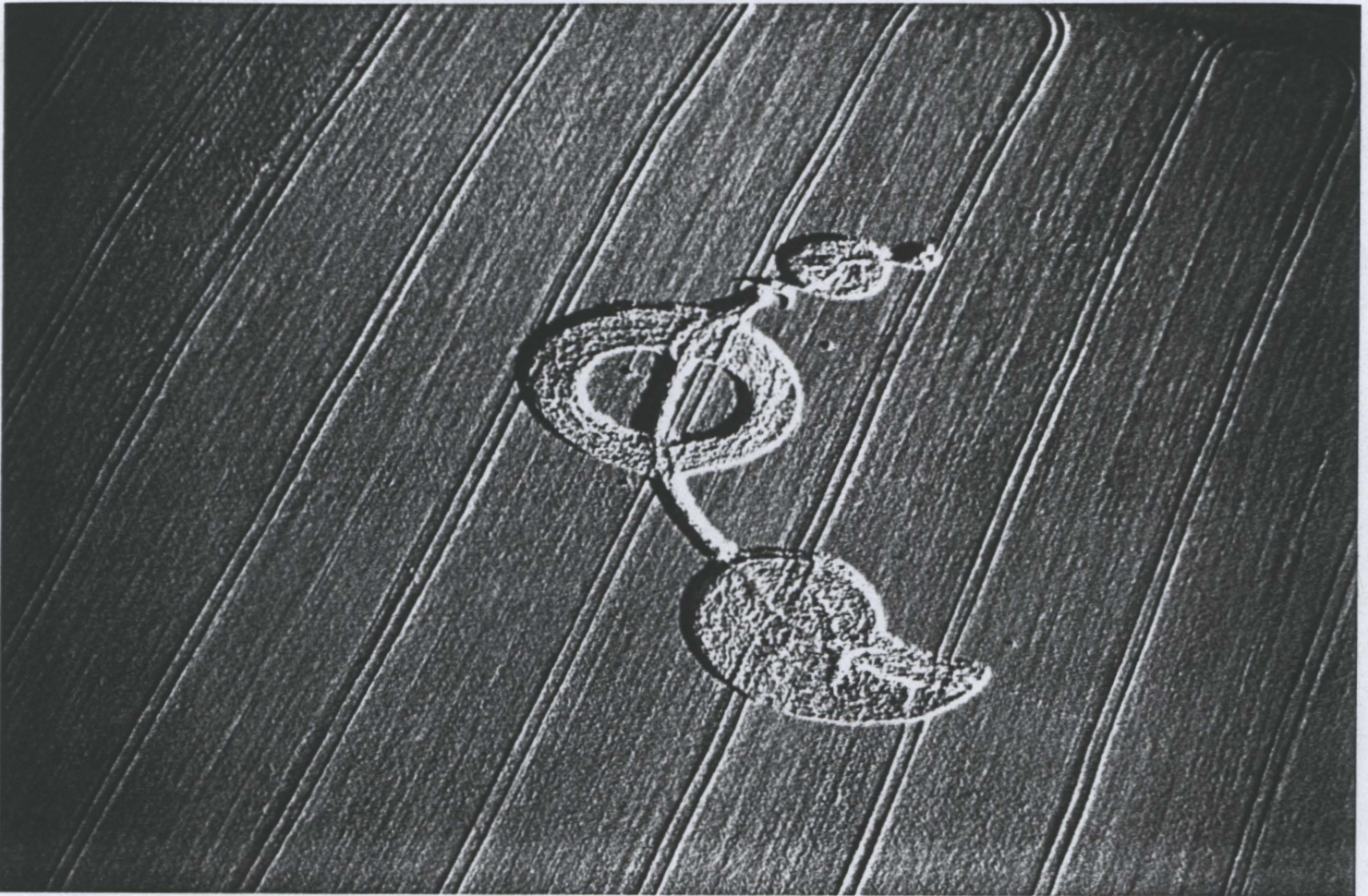
AVEBURY "Avenue" Wilts. Crop: Wheat Date Formed: 30 June 94

The "Galaxy" situated at the south of the avenue below tumuli. "Tails" tightly curved. Note 'grapeshot'. Farmer rotovated centre of circle and destroyed crop. O/D of circle approx. 200'.

Photo: Tony & Claire Upton



Wilsford, Wiltshire (Devizes Rd.) July 94
Photo: Tony & Claire Upton



West Kennet 10-7-94 Photo: Busty Taylor



Barbury Castle 7-7-94 Photo: Busty Taylor

ANOTHER SCHOOL SURVEILLANCE CASE

A recent L.I.T.S. (Lights In The Sky) witness, Mr G.R.Myers contacted us with his report which referred to the sighting of a hazy light in the Burton Joyce, Notts. area on the night of Wednesday 8th June 94 at about midnight. Although this was of interest, a much earlier incident that Mr Myers related was even more fascinating.

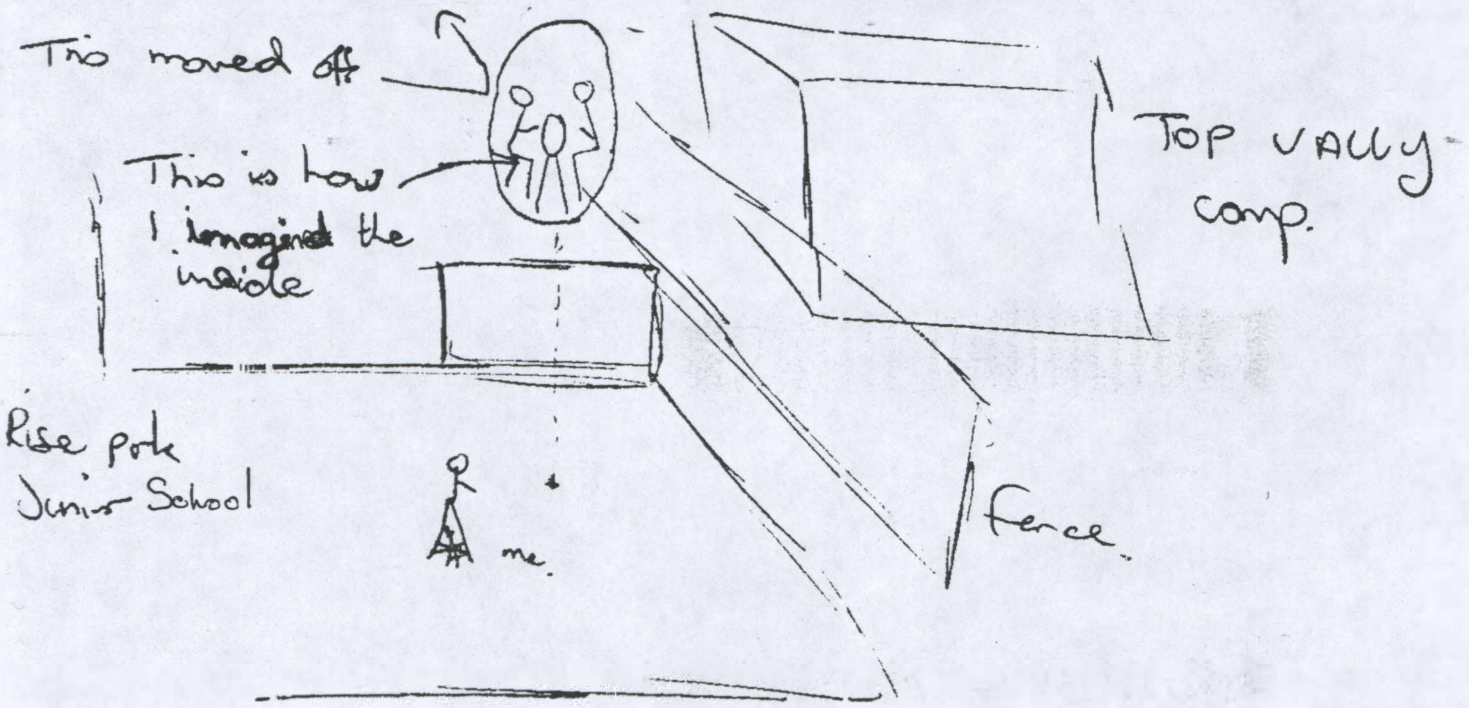
When Mr Myers was a youngster at school he remembers a 'silver egg' hovering over the school playground....a type of UFO activity that has been noted many times previously.

Mr Myers relates his story:-

I was at Rise Park (Nottingham) Junior School at the time and I must have been seven or eight years old. This incident took place about eighteen years ago. It was a nice day and I remember that as children, we had been told it was the day that a satellite was going to fall into the atmosphere and burn up and we were told to look out for it!

I was in the playground with the other children, when suddenly a silver object came out of the sky and hovered about 20/25ft above the playground. I remember it as being like a beautiful silver egg, with not a blemish on it and it didn't make any noise. I remember that I was intrigued at the time and I wondered how two people could sit inside it (although no figures could be seen). Then suddenly it moved away, so fast and without any noise "like a fly".

All the kids and staff saw this, but nobody spoke of it afterwards, which I still find strange to this day!



A. Myers

U.F.O. Sighting Report.....December 15th 1987

By some miracle in 1987 I was fortunate enough to witness a "Close Encounter of the First Kind", this made quite an impact on me at the time although I was a "believer" anyway!.

The encounter was observed by at least four other friends of mine but they were very unwilling to report the sighting. However, after a complete memory block of around 3 hours I jumped out of my armchair at home and started to get very excited about it, I rang local radio stations and newspapers, even the local airport, nobody was interested, they even made fun of it all. The local police station seemed to have all the right questions to ask me and were extremely nice, they suggested that I call the Ministry of Defence but I did not think it was a good idea.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, 2 weeks later I read an article in the local rag "UFOs spotted in the area", I rang the phone number given, I needed to talk to somebody, it was driving me nuts!. I spent 5 hours with a "Sightings Co-ordinator" from the " National UFO Investigation Network ", I made my report and produced a drawing of the "Mothership" that had passed over my head. He talked at length about other sightings and indeed the whole subject in general, this left me hungry for more information and suppose a longing to meet others that have shared the experience.

From my earliest memories a had wished that I could see something, now I have, it was a sight I will never forget.

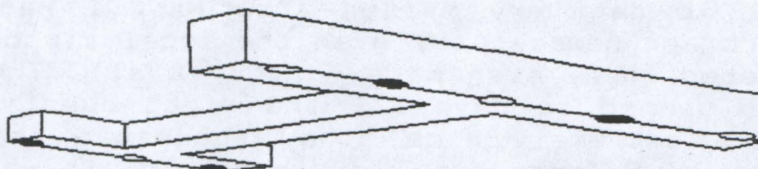
One encouraging aspect of my sightings interview was that I was told that an almost identical sketch had been made of the "Mothership" by a local couple in Long Eaton, this couple had also reported smaller objects moving in and out of the craft.....For the record I has estimated the craft as being a Quarter of a mile long with very dull pastel coloured lights which remained static (pale green & yellow) clearly these were not navigational or landing lights, the object was moving very slowly with an accompanying low frequency humming noise.

This giant object was travelling at around 2,000ft and at about 50mph, south from Weston on Trent toward Kegworth, It was blotting out stars in the shape of a large Gothic style letter "T".

Mr....F

U.F.O. Sighting Report.....December 15th 1987

This is a drawing of the object observed by Mr F and friends as described in the previous report.....



DETAIL....VISIBILITY.....CLEAR TO INFINITY
WEATHER.....COLD & DRY
TIME.....5:30pm on 15/12/87
LOCATION.....CASTLE DONINGTON

OBJECT....COLOUR.....BLACK AGAINST DARK SKY
HEIGHT.....ABOUT 2,000 ft
SPEED.....50mph
SOUND.....LOW FREQUENCY HUM
LIGHTS.....2 ROWS PASTEL GREEN
 + YELLOW ALL STATIC
DIRECTION.....SOUTH
ANGLE.....ABOUT 60deg
SIZE.....12 inches WIDE(arms length)
DURATION.....3 TO 4 MINUTES

COMMENT...APPEARED TO BE FOLLOWING NATIONAL GRID POWER
 LINES BETWEEN CASTLE DONINGTON POWER STATION
 AND RATCLIFFE ON SOAR POWER STATION.

TALE ENDERS

THE CANADIAN UFO NETWORK have recently sent us an abduction report concerning a Mrs Betty Stewart Dagenais of Ontario. Her total of five encounters cover from 1925 to 1979. The report describes how her first contact took place when she was five years old and how she was "floated" into a craft. At a later stage an implant was placed behind her left ear. This was surgically removed at the York County Hospital, Ontario. The tissue was taken to the University of Toronto's Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science, where it was placed under a scanning electronic microscope, but it failed to find anything unusual. (Full report available to PRA members by request).

ELITE FILES are always turning up! These pages of what could be called garbage, refer in one instance to the old classic of Captain Mantell's plane, which they claim was hit by a 'beamship' and crashed full of holes! They also claim that this accounts for his missing body! (Incident Date 7-1-1948)

Editors comment: Captain Mantell's aircraft (a piston engine'd Mustang) was sent up to investigate what was almost certainly a 'skyhook' balloon. He flew up to 18,000' without any oxygen equipment (maximum permissible height without oxygen is 10,000ft), then 'blacked out' and crashed. His body was found and buried (I've seen a photo of the grave). As for his aircraft being in small pieces, I can assure readers that diving straight in from that height, there is very little left larger than about a foot square.

The ELITE FILES (who never print their address) also claim that JENNY RANDLES is a government agent, BUDD HOPKINS is a government informer and PHILLIP MANTLE (co-author of "Without Consent":abduction cases), doesn't believe in UFO's.....It's a pity the ELITE paper is a little hard to be put to a useful purpose!

UFO's OVER DERBY IN 1950? We have a query from a reader, but my records don't go back that far.....does anyone recollect cigar shapes over DERBY in the 1950's ?

BUSTY TAYLOR is speaking at the Cricklade Theatre, Andover on Tuesday 27th September,7.30pm. Tickets £4 & £5 Tel:0264-365698

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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THIS MONTH DUE TO HOLIDAY PERIOD.