- ...The scientists should think again. Trying to withhold important information from the press frequently leads to tears. Moreover, the position of the alien space-travellers themselves needs to be taken into consideration. It is hard to imagine that any intelligent life-forms would bother to travel for aeons through the Universe only to fall under an embargo of stupefyingly dull scientists. How much better for the press to let the whole world know so that we could all turn out to entertain the visitors. In any case, if the little green men have any real intelligence they would already know that it would be folly to signal to the scientists "Take us to your leader!"; it would be much better for them to say "TAKE US TO YOUR LEADER-WRITER!"

So there it all is. The International Academy of Astronautics have met in Buenos Aires, and have issued their pronouncement. Our readers can see it all for themselves, in black and white. So let us have no more silly denials of censorship and of the UFO Cover-Up

And now for one final interesting point. Note that the entire Buenos Aires Statement is concerned with the alleged possibility of the detection, BY US, of extraterrestrial intelligences DWELLING AT VAST DISTANCES IN SPACE. Here we have the very nub of the problem, everybody seems to make the stupid assumption that WE are going to find THEM - away out there, at vast, safe distances. Even the most intelligent astronomer who has ever worked in England, the Czech, Dr. Zdenek Kopal (Professor of Astronomy, University of Manchester) also appears to have suffered from this strange anthropocentric and hubristic illusion, for, on Page 307 of his fine book, MAN AND HIS UNIVERSE (pub. London 1972, Hart-Davis), he says:

"A thousand, or ten thousand, years of evolutionary difference is just nothing on a cosmic scale; and the chances that we could come across another civilization in the Universe at approximately the same level of development - and with which we could effect some kind of intellectual understanding - are therefore vanishingly small. The risks entailed in an encounter with another civilization would vastly exceed any possible interest - let alone benefit; and could easily prove fatal. Therefore, should we ever hear that 'space-phone' ringing in the form of observational evidence which admits no other explanation, for God's sake let us not answer; but rather make ourselves as inconspicuous as we can, to avoid attracting attention."

(The italics here have been added by me, and I can only say that I have never in my life come across a more intelligent statement,)

So, we see that every single Government is desperately trying to make us imagine that it is WE who will discover THEM, at vast, safe, cosmic distances in light-years.

BUT NOT A SINGLE GOVERNMENT DARES TO TELL THE PLAIN AND SIMPLE TRUTH - NAMELY THAT - WHEREVER *THEY* MAY HAVE ORIGINATED *THEY* ARE ALREADY HERE, IN *OUR*(?) WORLD, IN VAST NUMBERS, AND HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY BEEN HERE SINCE LONG BEFORE OUR SPECIES EVER BEGAN TO EXIST.

LET US BE FAIR! HOW COULD ANY HUMAN GOVERNMENT OR HUMAN ORGANISATION BE EXPECTED TO ADMIT *THAT*?.

HENCE THE COVER-UP! AND I THINK THAT ANY TALK ABOUT PLANS TO LIFT IT SHORTLY IS PROBABLY SOME OF THE USUAL HOGWASH.

BUT WHAT A CLUMSY MISTAKE IT WAS TO HAVE LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG, AND HAVE ADMITTED - THROUGH THIS PRESS REPORT - HOW MATTERS REALLY STAND. - G.C.

## WAITING FOR THE TRIFFIDS

As usual, the "cornfield circles" seem to be popping up on all sides, though this year's total may possibly prove to be smaller than last year's. (So far, for the south of England, we hear talk of "about 100"), whereas for 1990 it seems to have been 400, if not more.)

Mr. George Wingfield recently lectured on the circles to a large and appreciative audience in Germany, where they have also started appearing. From Japan too we have received reports of a considerable increase in the numbers.

In our forthcoming Winter Number, at the end of this year, I therefore plan to give an over-view of the British cornfield circles for 1991, prepared by George Wingfield. And I can reveal to you all one very interesting piece of news that is going to displease a lot of people:-

George Wingfield tells me that never before has there been such a high proportion of the cropfield cases in which witnesses have observed lights or glows or "somethings" in the sky right over the fields in which the phenomena will later be found.

Here, in the British "Home Counties" (Hertford-shire and Buckinghamshire, to the north-west of London) where I myself live, we have felt a little as though the "Triffids" are now closing in on us, with six recent sets of quintuplets or "five-ringers": including two at Amersham (a mere 10 kms., as the UFO flies, from FSR at High Wycombe); two at Rickmansworth (20 kms. from High Wycombe as the UFO flies); and one in a

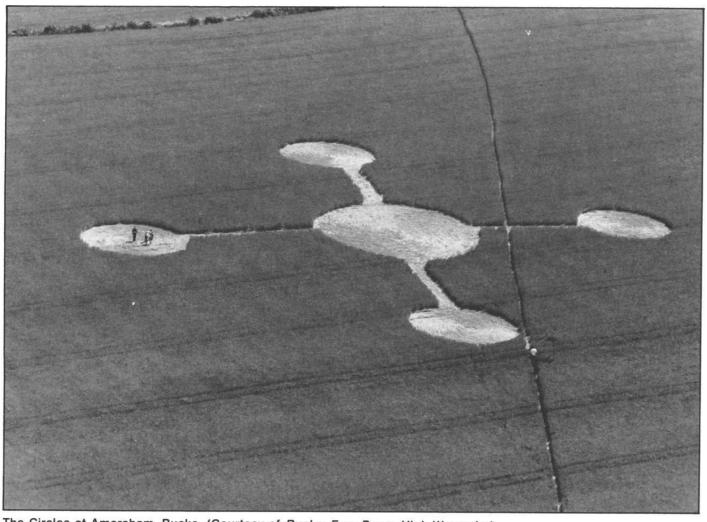
cornfield at Butler's Cross, in the bosky glades of the famous Chiltern Hills and (unless I am very much mistaken) actually on the estate of *Chequers*, the weekend home of our Prime Minister, and indeed no more than one mile from his front door!

(Does Mr. Major, we wonder, ensconced in his *dacha*, sense — as we do — the approach of the "*Triffids*"? Remember how, in the film, the folk peeped out around their lace curtains and watched as they approached, silently and relentlessly, up the garden path?).

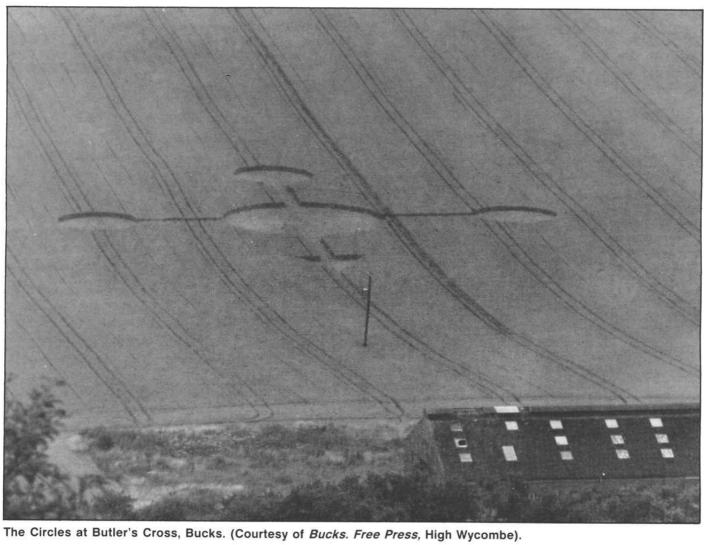
One notable new feature of our new quintuplets at both Amersham and at Butler's Cross is that the four outlying "satellite" rings are now strongly linked up to the central circle by means of a "cross" of clearly pronounced straight arms or bars, like paths. And, even more interesting, is one of the features at Butler's Cross, where, as our photograph clearly shows, one of the "arms" ends, not in a "satellite" ring, as is normal, but in a clearly, sharply defined triangular arrow-head, pointing due East!

We understand that Dr. Meaden, the High Priest of Cosmic Vortices, is in raptures over this triangle, which, as he points out, is "almost a circle", or "on the way to being a circle". (We wonder whether Pythagoras or Euclid knew about all this?).

As for me, I wish it to be known that I firmly believe that this arm, pointing to the East, and shaped like an arrow, is a clear instruction to our Prime Minister that he is



The Circles at Amersham, Bucks. (Courtesy of Bucks. Free Press, High Wycombe).



to let Gorby have something or other, maybe his shirt.

With regard to the smaller quintuplet at Rickmansworth, the furious farmer, who wants to save his crop has declared it to be a hoax. Hopefully it is, because, of all the cornfields in Hertfordshire, this particular one at Rickmansworth is the nearest to my front-door. So it seems they have got me well staked out. And secondly, the field in which it lies, is immediately beneath that part of the sky where, in December 1979, police-men and police-women from the Rickmansworth Headquarters of the Hertfordshire Constabulary witnessed, for some hours, what was probably the most amazing display of aerial cavortings ever carried out by mysterious alien craft over Rickmansworth. (see my report, "A Flagrant British Cover-Up in 1979", in FSR 30/3 (1985).

Finally — a few words about the witnesses who have seen "strange lights" above the cornfields where cropcircles are subsequently found. Our Amersham case is a notable one for this, and we have two witnesses.

The first witness is Mrs. Meg Green, of Woodrow, Amersham, who told the local newspapers that she was driving on the slip-road to the A414 Highway, near Amersham General Hospital, on the night after which these circles were found, and she saw "a red light in the field. It was like a car head-lamp, but it was bright red. It was moving about, from left to right, and switching on and off". With regard to the crop-circles, which she viewed next day, her comment was that — "if, as folk had alleged — they had been done by children, then it was pretty remarkable how symmetrical they were, seeing that the children would have had to do it all in the dark!"

The second Amersham witness, a friend of Mrs. Meg Green, was Edith Chalwin, of First Avenue, Amersham. She told the local press that, when closing her curtain two weeks ago, she had spotted a strange light in a field adjacent to the one where the circles we later found. She added: "It was quite high up in the air — I suppose it could have been at about six feet. And it was quite strong and bright".

The Amersham quintuplet, measuring more than 180 ft. in diameter (for the entire pattern) and with its central circle measuring 55 ft. across, was discovered on the morning of Sunday, July 28, and we might be

wise to pay attention to the words of Amersham truckdriver Robert Lilley, because he claims to have proof that its entire construction took place within the space of a maximum of twenty-five minutes!

This is what he told the local newspaper:-

"I was out walking, on Sunday morning, and took Bobby, our neighbour's dog. At that time, there was nothing there. I took Bobby into the woods, and we were in there for a short time. When we came out again, the large set of crop-circles had formed in the field. From not seeing it to seeing it — not more than 25 minutes, at the outside. The dog went berserk. He kept scratching and sniffing all around, and along the edges".

Robert Lilley told the press that "he believed something strange happened, early that Sunday morning, which cannot be explained by normal phenomena."

Those who have read the first Delgado-Andrews book, Circular Evidence, will recall their account of how I advised them to take a dog to a cornfield-circle, and how they subsequently took Mr. Andrews Senior's own dog (naturally, a good local country dog, fully used to everything to be found in woods and fields). Once arrived in the corn-circle, the dog became violently ill and vomited, and it took quite a long time to recover.

I know of one other case, in which a dog implacably refused to let itself be dragged anywhere near to a cornfield circle. And at the Amersham site I met a lady, herself very conversant with all cornfield circle problems, who told me that in one of the Hampshire circles she had experienced "a powerful disintegrative force".

Finally, for the record, we have to add that, on August 7, 1991, (that is to say, ten days after the discovery of the Amersham quintuplet), Judy Stickney, a member of the FSR investigative party, took her own dog, a fine *boxer*, right into the quintuplet, and that the *boxer* displayed absolutely no reaction whatsovever. But of course with time one would expect that whatever residual influences were there might wear off. Moreover, by August 7, the Amersham site had been fully contaminated by the feet of thousands of visitors. G.C.

## HOW LONG HAVE WE HAD CROP CIRCLES? AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

Whatever the brainless mass of the public may think, there are plenty of folk who know for a fact that for half a century past the archaeologists have been conducting careful surveys of Britain, because they know by experience that many a Roman or pre-Roman building-site has been discovered solely from the air. And since the great majority of such sites lie in the southern half of our island, and indeed precisely in that region where almost all the crop circles and pictograms have lately appeared, then it is important that we should take notice of what one leading British archaeologist has recently written.

In an article, An Archaeologist's View, published in the Spring 1991 issue of *The Cerealogist*, the noted Cornish antiquary, Professor Charles Thomas, says this:-

"Wessex from the air has been covered for a half-century for archaeological purposes, and in the recent drought years a large sum of public money is granted to record the huge number of new archaeological sites that appear.

Crop circles do not appear on the older air photographs. Therefore the present process is (a) of recent origin, and (b) probably cumulative....."

From Bucks. Free Press (High Wycombe), Friday, August 2, 1991.

"This is news to me", said Buckinghamshire YF organizer, Barbara Plastow, responding to the suggestion that the local Young Farmers had taken oaths never to reveal their complicity in the Secret of the Corn. "If any of our lot were doing this I would have heard about it by now. What do people think we are — the Masons?"

## A STRANGE AFFAIR, AND A STRANGE SEQUEL

## By Gordon Creighton

We have received from Mr. Thomas M. Olsen of Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A., a weird account of how a woman (name on record with FSR but withheld from publication) photographed a UFO, in broad daylight, in 1989, over the town of Little Rock in the State of Arkansas, and we have Mr. Olsen's special permission to publish it, and it is given below, as *Item I*.

Then, as first follow-up, we offer *Item II*, Mr. Olsen's letter to us of May 21, 1990, giving additional information about the lady's sighting, and next, as *Item III*, the lady's letter of May 2, 1990, to him, describing her own

psychic predictions or "hunches".

Following, as *Item IV*, we give the full text of a highly "interesting" document dated August 6, 1990, which in some way (we know not how) had come into the possession of the radio broadcaster Mr. Robert Early of *Station KBIS-AM* at Little Rock, and which Mr. Early had then sent on to Mr. Timothy Good in England.

There follows, as *Item V*, Mr. Olsen's letter of February 4, 1991, to me. Although, as readers will see, Mr. Olsen states at the beginning of this letter: "I suspect it is spurious", I now feel that this is by no means an accurate reflection of his thinking. For, quite recently (in the early part of June 1991) I spoke by telephone to both Mr. Olsen and Mr. Early, and both of them gave me the clear impression that they regard the "IAA Document" as rather more likely to be genuine than not, although both of them agree that various other reliable UFO investigators in the USA who have seen the document, or copies of it, do incline to view it as a hoax. At any rate, it seems a good idea that we publish the "IAA Document" now, and let FSR readers form their own opinions about it.

The principle reason for my own belief that it is no hoax is the fact, established by Mr. Olsen, that whoever compiled this document unquestionably possessed an astonishingly detailed knowledge not only of the lady's correspondence with Mr. Olsen, but even of her confidential conversations with trusted friends!

Be it noted however that the lady herself does seem to know something about the identity of the "IAA" organisation, because I understand that she was greatly alarmed by the document. Indeed, if we read every line of this material carefully, we can see that she may indeed know personally who some of the "IAA" members are!

We may of course all be quite sure that, both in the USA and in Britain, and indeed probably in every other developed country, there are secret bodies and organizations who take a very real and very "loving" interest in the doings and activities of all of us who are awake to the existence of the UFO Problem. Clearly we represent some sort of "danger", whereas the still-slumbering masses can never be a "danger".

Here in Britain, even in quite small towns and communities, we have been aware, and for many years past, of the presence of some sort of organization such as is indicated by paragraph 7 of Mr. Olsen's letter of February 4, 1991, to me. If, as Mr. Olsen says, an individual named Al Belic has actually told Robert

Early that the "IAA" (INTERCONTINENTAL AERO-SPACE ALLIANCE) is "a secret body funded by every major government, with about 2,500 staff, for UFO cover-up", why, then, surely it must have its branch — or at the very least a representative — here in the small English town where I live, and EVERYTHING AT ONCE BECOMES TOTALLY EXPLICABLE INCLUDING THE MASSIVE DISAP-PEARANCES FROM THE INCOMING MAIL FOR FSR FOR MANY YEARS PAST.

Anyway, it is certainly my hope that, in publishing this "IAA Document", I am providing an opportunity for our readers everywhere to study its style and contents very carefully. And I hope in particular that many of our American and Canadian readers will be encouraged to tell us anything they know about this devoted body, the "INTERCONTINENTAL AEROSPACE ALLIANCE", who take such an interest in the welfare and the affairs of humble and lowly folk like ourselves and who, as the "IAA Document" shows, say they found the lady witness in Little Rock so "uncooperative", and who are displaying such a fanatical zeal in hunting down and purloining the negatives and all prints of her photos, and in blocking all possibility of their publication or even of their discussion.

I might add that — apropos of the "delicate" question of official "snooping" and the listening and tapping and surveillance of telephones and the opening of mail (as well as the outright theft of correspondence), the tradition of secret censorship of the mail in Britain goes right back, unbroken, to the days of Good Queen Bess and her Ministers Cecil and Burghley, and no country on earth possesses greater expertise at the game. Only three or four days before the writing of these lines, in June 1991, it was stated in the House of Commons that official sanction is at present being granted for "telephone-tapping" in Britain at the rate (an all-time record) of 35,000 cases per year. In reality however there is good reason to suspect that the cumbersome old system of "tapping", and the issue of permits for same, may well have both ended long ago, and that ALL 'phone conversations here are now under permanent, mechanical, and automatic surveillance, without any requirement whatsoever for the employment of human listeners. For example, the process of recording could be instantly "triggered off" by the mere pronunciation of any "sensitive" key-word or key-phrase or key-subject which, to the ears and minds of those who "snoop and watch", might rate as "interesting".

It is over ten years now since a good personal friend of mine, who was working temporarily as a telephone-operator on the international traffic into and out of England, came to tell me that he had discovered that my telephone was being "tapped". I told him that I had always assumed that this was so, and that frequently, during 'phone conversations, I informed the other party to that effect.

Finally, at *Item No. VI*, we give the text of a further letter, dated March 9, 1991, from Mr. Olsen, containing, as readers will note, a very important correction for insertion into his earlier letter of February 4, 1991, to me.