

UFO WITH OCCUPANTS SEEN TO PRODUCE CROP-CIRCLES IN ROMANIA

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Whereas, for two decades past, Britain, Western Europe, and other parts of the world have had countless reports of crop-circles -- always without evidence of a causative UFO -- it now seems that -- for the first time -- our country, Romania, can claim a crop-circle case in which not only a causative UFO but also entities aboard the UFO were seen, thus providing proof of a close linkage between what so many folk have tried desperately to convert into two completely separate phenomena!

DETAILS OF THE CASE

The scene was near Arad, a regional town in the N.W. near the Romanian/Hungarian frontier, and the occurrence happened at about 4.00 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 1994, but it only reached the media on June 29, when the matter was reported and the crop-circles were shown on the National Romanian Television News programme.

Peter Leb, Cornelia Nemes, and Mircea Aries of the Romanian UFO Investigation Group, RUFOR (based at Mures, in Central Romania) set out for Arad to investigate and were joined there on July 1st by the two local journalists (of the newspaper *Adevarul*) Doru Sava and Serin Ghilea, who had sent in the first report to the Capital.

No radioactivity or magnetic anomalies were detected at the site by Army specialists from the Arad Garrison who came out with their equipment. The radiation laboratory of the local Preventive Medicine Centre also checked soil samples and found nothing notable.

THE CROP CIRCLES

These were two in number: a small central *roundel* 6 metres wide, within a larger ring 42 metres wide. The width of the actual band of this outer ring was mainly 4 m. wide, and 6 m. wide over a 70° section. The corn-stalks in the *roundel* and on the larger *ring* were all heavily pressed down onto the ground, and close to the ground, and swirled in an anti-clockwise fashion. In the outer areas the stems of the corn were interwoven or "plaited" with each in a "whirlwind" fashion.

Witnesses Found

The investigators made enquiries at once of the villagers round about, and found several eyewitnesses. All of them told of something "terrible and terrifying". But several were too frightened to give any statement at all.

All the statements were tape-recorded.

A. Testimony of Witness, Mr. Ioan S---

"I've never experienced so terrible a thing in my life. I was scared to death. Suddenly the entire wheat-field was lit up, and I heard a terrifying whistling, and over the entire field the corn was "rippling" and bent double.

B. Testimony of Witness Catalin P---

"It was a nightmare. I've never experienced anything remotely like it -- except in Science-Fiction films!"

C. Testimony of Eyewitness I. Ungur

"I saw strange lights, but had no idea what was going on. I was so scared that I dared not look any more.

D. Testimony of Muela, wife of last-named Eyewitness Ungur

Seeing that her husband was too frightened and disturbed to talk, his wife said:-

"My husband was close to the field, and suddenly he heard a terrible whistling that made the entire field of wheat tremble. But there was no gust of wind with it!

"And then he saw a light that was flashing on and off, and he fled back into the house, terrified."

E. Testimony of Eyewitness Traian Crisan

This man spoke more openly than any other. Aged 48, and known as a very honest fellow. Never for one moment did any of the investigators and journalists have the slightest doubt as to his veracity.

This man's flock of sheep were at a distance of some 150 m. from the wheat-field. Here is part of his statement as it was published in the *Romanian UFO Journal* RUFOR No. 9/1994.



"I don't know what that thing was, because it didn't land. It just stayed there in the air, 3 metres above the field of wheat. I guard my sheep at nights and sleep out myself with them. And it happened at about 4.00 a.m. on Monday, June 20.

"Going over to see how my sheep were, I saw a light approaching -- a light *like the Moon* -- *only much bigger*.

"I went back to my hut, and then, just as I was getting ready to eat, the light appeared again over my hut, and all the sheets of the corrugated roof and the walls shook.

"I went outside again and I was standing there, about 5 m. from my hut, when a powerful blast of wind blew away my hat and my rain-cape. The blast was so powerful that it knocked me flat on my face, and I lay there clinging to a bush.

"The object was completely round. On it I could see a small open door, and two individuals standing in it. They stood there holding what looked like tubes of some sort. They had beards and moustaches, and I saw them just as clearly as I would be able to see you at a distance of 30 metres.

"They were no taller than I am (about 1.65 m.) One of them seemed to be a man aged 40. The beard was long, like the beard of an Orthodox Church priest. His face was thin, he wasn't thick-set, and his eyes were like the eyes of a Chinese (as shown by the sketch made by this witness).

(We do not have a copy of sketch. ED. FSR.)

"The noise made by the thing as it passed overhead was like the sound of a factory whistle, and the blast of wind was like the wind in a storm. (And the sound of the vibration of the metallic high-tension wires near by).

"The thing stayed there motionless in the air for two minutes or so, 3 metres above the wheat.

"When the men saw me, the thing moved away a bit. My sheep had fled, and were scattered all over a field of maize, and the dog, terrified, had fled into the shed and hidden himself, whimpering.

"When it went, the thing just vanished in a fashion such as I've never seen in my life and I don't think anything else like it can exist.

"After the lapse of two minutes or so, from its under-part -- in fact right from the middle of its under-part -- there came a bluish flame that looked like a thick rod about 1.5m. long and as wide as my milking-bucket.

"Then the thing shot straight up into the air like an arrow and its lights went out.

"The men were wearing things like earphones and had instruments in their hands. One of them was speaking into something that he was holding and I could hear his voice, but don't know what language it was.

"Just in front of the door to their big dome there was a sort of balcony. One of them was holding on to the rail of it with one hand and holding in the other hand the thing with which he was speaking.

"On his right shoulder he had something white, a triangle. But I was too scared to go closer.

"As regards size, I think the thing was maybe bigger than the larger ring in the cornfield. If they had landed, I think they would have broken up the rings which were still swirling beneath them.

"The dome was of glass or of plastic. Inside the dome, there was a powerful white light.

"When it took off, it went straight upwards. It made a noise like a cannon being fired, and went like the wind.

"The circles in the field were only produced just as it began to rise, and I was the very first person to see them.

"My neighbour says *he* was the first person into the field

because in fact he was already there, guarding his crop. *But he doesn't want to talk!*

"I have never read anything about UFOs.

"I had seven years of school. I've been a farm tractor mechanic for 22 years and I have a daughter who works in a textile factory. So I do know a bit about mechanical things, but what I saw isn't like anything that I know of.

"Since that night, the sheep won't sleep here anymore and I don't know what has got into them. They sleep anywhere else now -- in various places.

"When my dog hears a car coming up the road, he flees."

The statements of this last witness, who has lived through some terrifying moments, are confirmed by the brief accounts given by the other witnesses. Also by the strange big round circles in the field. All these features make this Romanian case a very important event in Ufology. *For, at last, people have observed -- directly -- the fact that UFOs are the real "agents" that cause the strange crop-circles in the fields**

Moreover, this case has proved the correctness of the view, expressed by experienced Ufologists, that the pressing down of the wheat stalks into these circular shapes is produced by UFOs overhead as they take off and shoot upwards. For example, -- this opinion was expressed by Gordon Creighton in his discussion on page 12 of FSR Vol. 38//4 (1993).

AN EAST EUROPEAN UFO WAVE?

This summer, it looks as though Eastern Europe has been visited by a veritable fleet of UFOs leaving their rings in the cornfields.

On August 10, 1994, the Romanian press carried a brief report from the Czech News Agency (CTK) about other similar cornfield rings in the Czech Republic. Here is the text of that Czech account:-

"Mayor Jan Prikop of Zihobce has reported that two concentric circles have been found in a wheatfield outside that town. Inside these two circles the wheat stems were pressed down in a counter-clockwise fashion. The two circles were perfectly formed, with radius of 12 m. and 10 m. respectively. Within each of them there were also four more small circles of 3 to 4 m. diameter. These small ones were disposed in the cardinal compass positions. But, nevertheless, the wheatfield bore no other mark or traces (paths).

Jan Prikop also declared that, a week earlier, in the same region of the Czech republic, outside the village of Kolinec similar circles have also been formed.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR. * I should have thought that anybody but a complete fool would be been capable of perceiving this long ago! And, in any case, we have just had a very clear case in Puerto Rico, where two men, Rubén Pérez Vélez and Juan Caballero, claimed that they had witnessed the arrival of a "tornado" over a field and the sudden production of a "circular flattened area" on to which another man was instantaneously thrown down. This man has testified that he had just been kidnapped at Adjuntas, while driving in his car to Ponce, by a smallish species of aliens ("not much shorter than us"), carried off in a UFO to somewhere else and finally cast out again as described by the two eyewitnesses who, however, apparently did not perceive any craft from which he was thrown. (See FSR 39/1, pages 4-6). As we all know, it has long been maintained that UFOs can be *invisible*. Naturally of course there have been "other and far better explanations" for this Romanian case at Arad -- the favourite one being that the two men seen standing in the doorway of the UFO were none other than Doug 'n Dave, now equipped with Slavic beards acquired during their recent Russian visitations.■