

Just after he had sent me this article, Mr Burgess informed me that Sitchin's fourth and fifth books are now out, also published by Avon. The fourth is "THE LOST REALMS", and it deals with the rise of the pre-

Columbian civilizations of the Americas. The fifth is "GENESIS REVISITED", and it sounds as though it is very important!

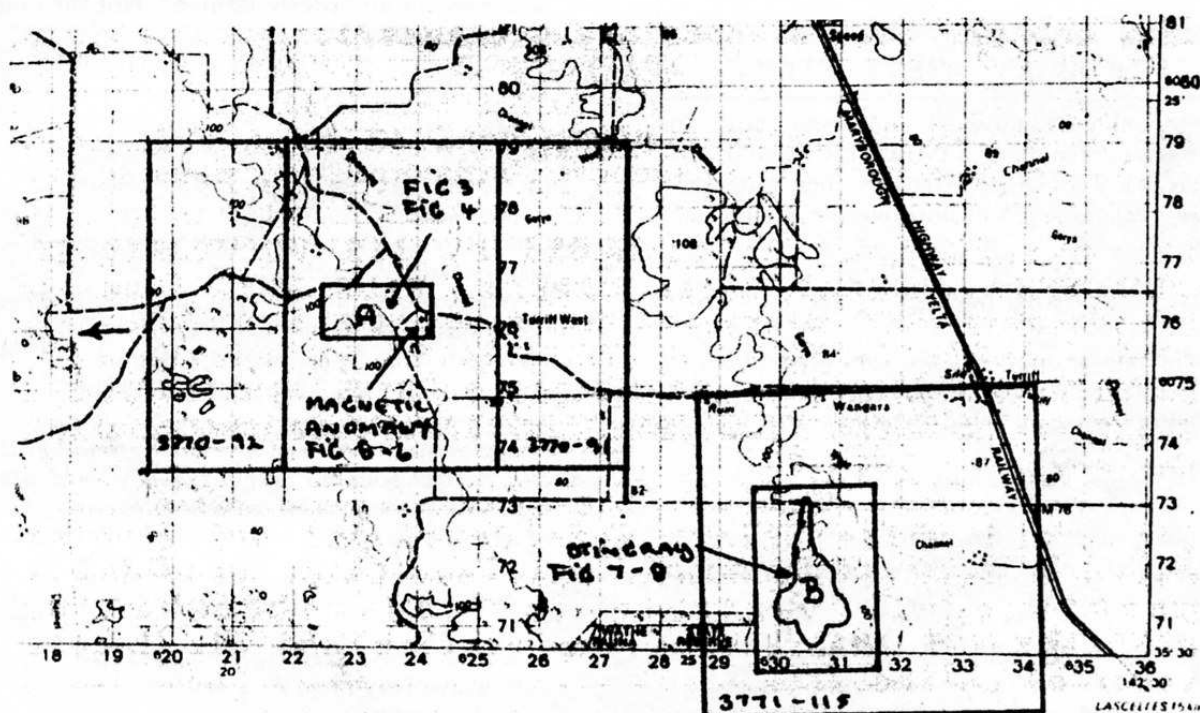
# MULTIPLE "GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS": A PHENOMENON DISCOVERED IN AUSTRALIA

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: FIG 1. TURRIFF - MALLEE AREA WHERE GROUND AND AIR RINGS WERE FOUND AND PHOTOGRAPHED.

\* 1 GRID SQ = 1 SQ Km

## The Discovery

**A**N amazing RING PHENOMENON has been discovered by VUFORS in the Mallee District of Victoria that has Australian scientists and UFO researchers at a loss. (See Map, Fig. 1.)

Over a 60 square kilometre land surface area, more than 400 GROUND & AIR RINGS have been professionally photographed by an independent Government organization and analysed by our researchers.

The majority of the rings were on the land surface. However, some are in a three-dimensional pattern in the air, above specific locations in the area concerned.

Not only was there an amazing quantity of these rings, but they are of tremendous size and structural volume.

The majority of the rings are dark, translucent, ground-circles. The others were recorded as three-dimensional (solid?) objects. Although this is NOT confirmed

yet, some of the rings are reported to have displayed "SURFACE STRUCTURAL FEATURES".

Two rectangular ground marks were also found. Numerous "WHEAT RINGS" and "MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH ANOMALIES" have also been recorded in this very same area. (See Fig. 5 and Fig. 6.)

## Unique finding

Investigations conducted by VUFORS have established that this is the "FIRST-RECORDED" sighting of mass GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS in this country (and/or possibly overseas?).

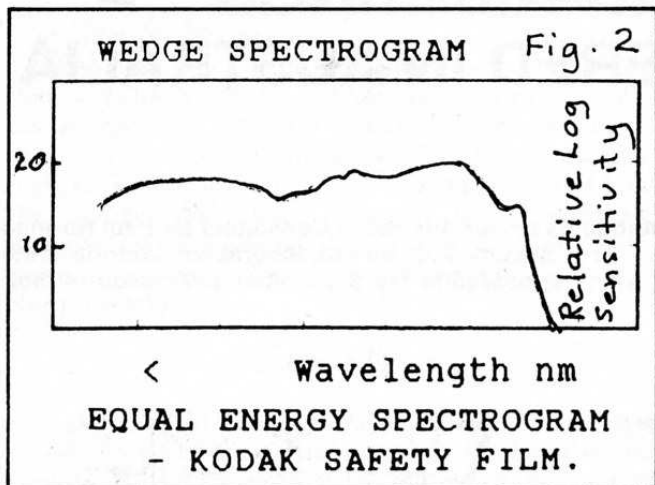
## Data

The phenomenon was recorded by Air Photographic Equipment (Aerial frame camera, WILD RC), from an altitude of 2,300 metres (7,500 feet) AMSL.

Using KODAK SAFETY FILM (200 ASA 24 DIN), (Nr 243509), light wavelengths from 360 nm to 660 nm were recorded on the emulsion (Fig. 2).

Black and white prints were developed and studied using a zoom stereoscope. This equipment provided a continuously variable in-focus TOPOGRAPHIC DISPLACEMENT ANALYSIS of the surface and air images recorded on the film.

Magnifications of from 2.5 to 20 power were used. This was increased to 40 power with another eyepiece.



When the above-mentioned equipment failed to clarify the phenomenon, a COMPUTER IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME was then employed to assist in the analysis and improve the photograph resolution.

### Ring findings

To give the reader an idea of the scope of the rings, the following data is representative of JUST ONE (1) square kilometre field within the total 60 sq. km. area.

#### Quantity

Over this one sq. km. land-surface area, 82 GROUND AND AIR RINGS were photographed, counted, and analyzed.

#### Size

In this one field, approximate "ring-diameter" estimations by means of triangulation geometry were made, and all 82 rings were found to be of the under-mentioned range of sizes. (SOME PARALLAX ERROR.)

WIDTH IN METRES	FEET	NUMBER OF RINGS
3	11	2
5	16	3
7	22	6
8	28	11
10	34	15
12	39	11
13	45	14
15	50	1
17	56	5
19	62	3
20	67	1
24	78	3
30	95	1
35	112	3
45	146	1
55	180	1
170	560	1

THE GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED AT TIME INTERVALS OF 10 SECONDS. THESE ANGLES PRODUCE THE STEREO IMAGE. (ALSO SEE MAP — AREA A, IN FIG. 1.) Because our printer CANNOT reproduce high-quality photo prints, the outside circumferences of the rings have been pencilled in, to give the reader a general idea of the quantity and the distribution of the rings.

### Ring types

The rings do not reflect, but absorb light. Some of them are three-dimensional (vertical cylindrical shape?). They have been found both on the surface of the ground and at altitude. Some are TRANSLUCENT or OPAQUE, and others show surface structure.

### Structural

The majority of the rings were positioned in nearly parallel lines. Some produced a zigzag pattern that extended in an approximately North-South direction.

Oddly enough, the location of each ring was "arranged in an orderly fashion". Not "at random".

### Three-dimensional

At specific locations VERTICAL STACKING OF THE RINGS reached heights estimated at 120 metres (400 feet) above the surface of the Earth.

Although it is very hard to verify, it is estimated that the structure is vertically displaced over some ten distinguishable levels.

When viewed in a stereoscope, this "layering" gives the appearance of a three-dimensional structure.

### Permanence and duration

The vertical structures held their ground grid location and vertical positions over a two-day span, after which the vertical component vanished, leaving the ground-markings only.

### Summary of important facts about the air-rings

1. Not always seen by the naked eye.
2. Have very large volumes.
3. They are very large in size.
4. They cover a very wide area.
5. They are structural.
6. They leave ground-marks.

### Summary of important facts about the ground-rings

1. Within the rings the soil has become very hard.
2. Surface layers are in crust-formations.
3. They are magnetically affected.
4. If struck the surface will ring like a bell.
5. Very dry — no water.
6. Top-soil riddled with small holes.

### "Stingray" structure

In another field to the South-East, a structure, when viewed from the top, looks something like a "Cross" or a "Stingray" lying in a North-South direction. (See Figures 7 and 8.) Again this structure has vertical elevated rings, and when viewed by a 'Three-Dimensional Computer Displacement Graphic Program', its side-view resembles a "question-mark": (?) rotated so that the "hook" of the "question-mark" is flat on the

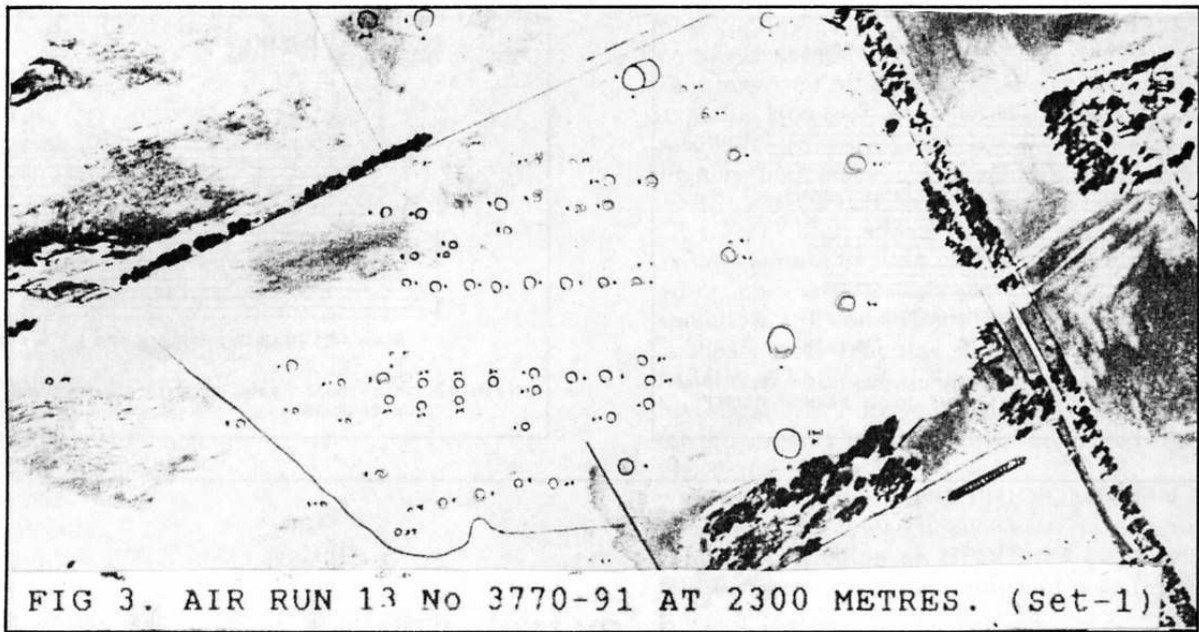


FIG 3. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-91 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-1)

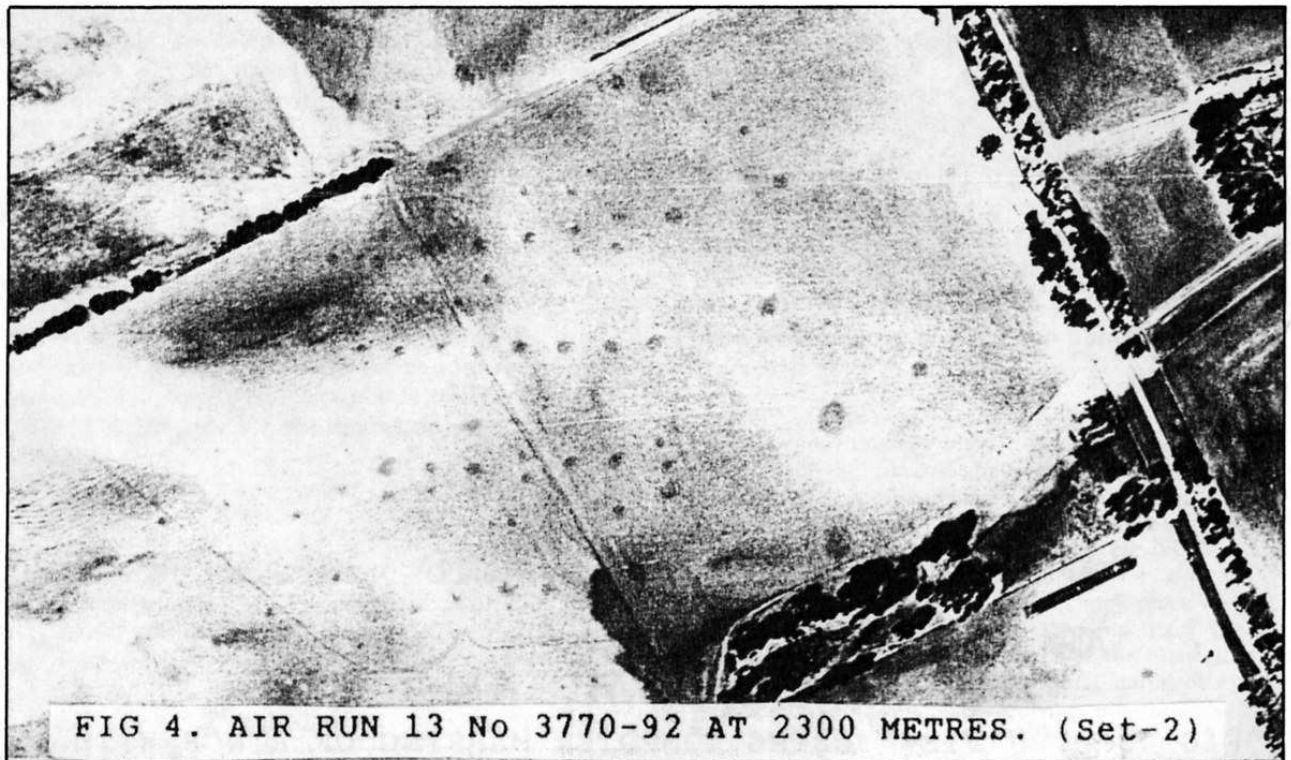


FIG 4. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-92 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-2)

ground.

*In this one structure alone, there are some 250 rings!*

#### Investigation findings: meteorological consideration

There was some concern that what we were viewing and photographing might perhaps be in fact a general meteorological condition. However, *the weather for the area over the period of the photography was calm and extremely stable.*

Further investigations and data from the Victorian Department of Meteorology have ruled out any known general meteorological condition.

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. MAX. TEMP. 20 Degrees C.
2. Light to moderate S.E. Winds — 1-4 Knots.
3. High Pressure, 1028 mb.
4. Dry.
5. Morning Fog.

#### Ruled out causes

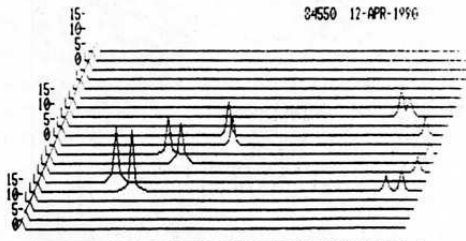
The following list of possible causes have been investigated and are currently RULED OUT!

#### A. Photographic or film causes ruled out

1. Emulsion chemical failure.
2. Emulsion scratches/Cuts.
3. Clamp problems.
4. Static discharge marks.
5. Film suction problems.
6. Focus.
7. Condensation.
8. Film Grain.
9. Wash Marks.
10. Chemical damage..
11. Light leakage.
12. Vibration distortion.
13. Film developing.
14. Parallax problems.

15 GROUND RINGS - LOCATED JOLLY FARM - TURRIFF - VICTORIA

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MEAN MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH DEVIATION FROM NORMAL 16.97 Am-1

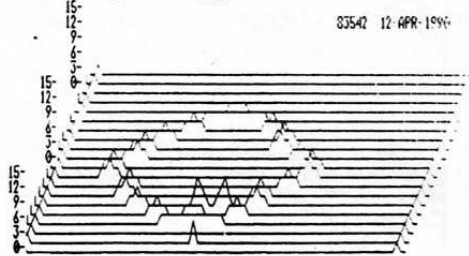
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FIG 5. MAGNETIC FIELD ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP - WITHIN THE GROUND RINGS AT THE JOLLY FARM - TURRIFF.

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FIG 6. "INDIVIDUAL" RING ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP FROM THE SAME AREA.

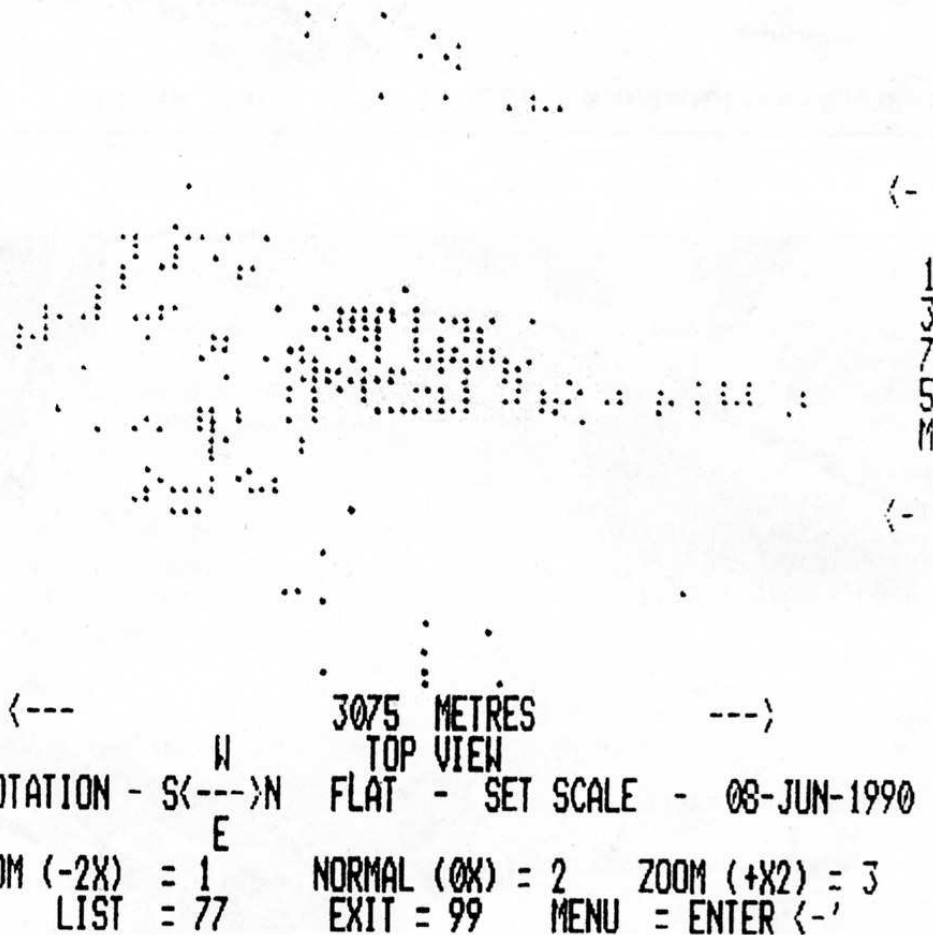


FIG 7. "TOP VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [AIR RUN 14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]

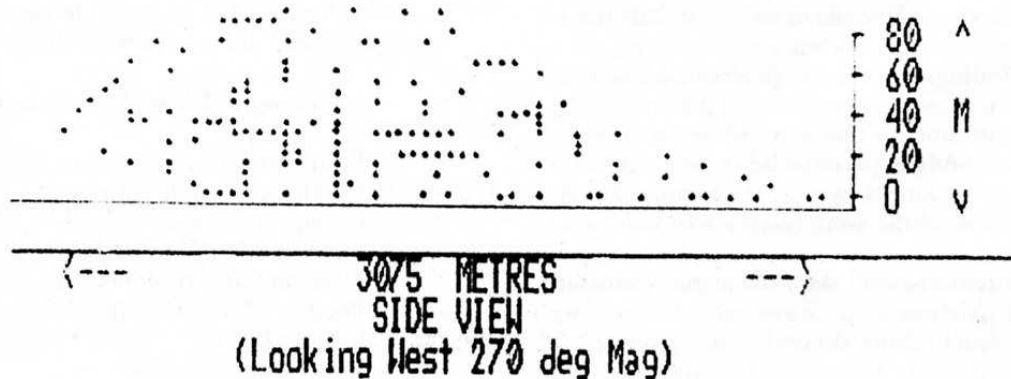


FIG 8. "SIDE VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]

## B. Other causes also ruled out

15. Newton Rings.
16. Birds.
17. Plasma light.
18. Lightning.
19. Dust.
20. Shadow.
21. Geological formation.
22. Fungi and grass.
23. Wind and turbulence.
24. Man-made structures.
25. Sunlight refraction.
26. Ground animals.
27. Vortex turbulence.
28. Cloud and fog.
29. Smoke.
30. Reflection.
31. Plant life.
32. Water.
33. Soil and rock fall.
34. Balloons and aircraft.

### An unusual event\*

Investigations revealed that, at approximately 9.00 p.m. on a day in May 1989, a local farmer, who owns one of the properties within the affected area, reported a "YELLOW UFO LIGHT" buzzing his sheep in a paddock to the west of his home.

On further investigation, he found the sheep PANICKED, DISTRESSED, and BERSERK. They were in mobs, bleating and running uncontrolled, stumbling about, and wild, all over the paddock.

However, to his amazement he found a WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE with a 2-metre wingspan, dazed, disoriented, and in a seemingly "drunk" condition, stumbling around the same paddock, unable to fly. *Had the eagle HIT something in the air that night — something that it had not seen?*

### Research

*Starting in October this year (1990) VUFORS will be setting up and conducting research and testing in the Mallee District of Victoria on Ground-And-Air-Rings if they again appear.*

### Conclusion

It is as though we have been able to look into a structure, unexplained and remote from us, however, within our world.

Unfortunately the camera and our equipment have

only captured a very small proportion of this phenomenon's structure.

It may well be something so common and simple to explain. However, even with the data we now have available from the area, *we have only deepened the mystery and not eased it at all.* AS IN ENGLAND, THIS PHENOMENON IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ISOLATE AND SOLVE.

We cannot explain it, and have no idea where it is going, or what it is, only that it exists, and it's moving somehow and somewhere.

Please note that this Report is an advance SUMMARY of some of the important findings from our investigations. Further detailed research will be conducted on this subject. However, if you can help us, please do!

Since 1958 the RING PHENOMENON has intrigued the UFO researchers of Victoria. Can we find the simple explanation or UFO link? — Only time will tell! Be assured that our study and research continue!



Mrs Nancee Jolly and her son Stuart.

### FOOTNOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

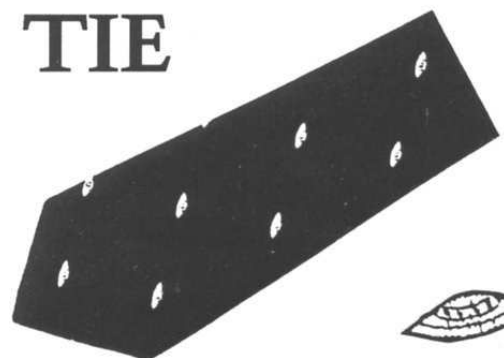
\*Our new readers might like to note that a slightly fuller account of this bizarre affair of the sheep and the wedge-tailed eagle has already been published by us in FSR 35/1 (March Quarter, 1990), on page 7 of which they will find Mr Paul Norman's original Report: "AND NOW... CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN AUSTRALIA!"

The farm on which these events took place was, as we reported therein, the 9,000-hectare West Park Farm in the Mallee region of the western part of the Australian State of Victoria. ("Mallee" is the aboriginal name of a particular species of scrub-land tree growing plentifully over the region before it was cleared and found suitable for farming — especially for *wheat crops*.) The owners of the farm are Mr Max Jolly and his wife Nancee, and the wild scene with the 700 panicking sheep in the paddock and the dazed and "drunken" eagle was discovered and observed by their son Stuart Jolly, aged 29 at the time (May 1989) — G.C.

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# STRANGE PHENOMENA WITH THE HUGE FIND OF "CORNFIELD RINGS" IN AUSTRALIA. HAVE THE RUSSIANS SPOTTED SOMETHING SIMILAR?

*Gordon Creighton*

FOR some time past I have been noticing queer references in the Soviet UFO reports that seem to point to a "multi-dimensional factor" or something equally odd and "unacceptable" to the conventional mind. It is just possible that this is due to some error in my translations. Nevertheless, for what it may be worth, I place the matter "on record" here.

The last item of the sort will be found in the middle of the right-hand column of text on page 16 of my article "XI: LATEST SOVIET REPORTS: DRAMATIC INCREASE OF SIGHTINGS", in FSR 35/3.

The Russian report dealt with the *Dalnegorsk Case* of January 29, when a red spherical object struck a

hillside at that place (somewhere in Siberia, probably near Vladivostok but precise position not yet clear). Soviet investigators gathered up and analyzed fragments from the site. And, when they took a photograph of the site, "it came out superimposed". In a footnote at the time I went on to say that I did not understand what was meant by these words, and I admit that my lack of understanding may have caused me to translate wrongly. However, I am putting the matter on record here now, just in case anything else of interest turns up from Russia or from elsewhere that seems to tie in in any way with the odd reports from Australia.

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## PAUL NORMAN (AUSTRALIA) ASKS: ARE THE ENGLISH "CROP-CIRCLE" CASES "DIFFERENT"?

Queensland, 1966

OUR Consultant-Colleague "Down-Under", Paul Norman, who is the Vice-President of VUFORS (The Victorian UFO Research Society), has an interesting Editorial in the VUFORS Journal, *The Australian UFO Bulletin* (issue for the current Quarter, March 1991).

Discussing "circles" of all types, and "crop circles" in particular, he says that, although many folk may think "circles" are "something new in UFO research", the fact is that they are *not*, and that in Australia they date from at least as far as back as 1966, and the entire phenomenon has probably been around generally for much longer than that.

**But . . . British reports "different"?**

Mr Norman concludes with the following very interesting passage, and it is this that we wish now to discuss:-

**"It has not been very often that we have read of lights having been observed in association with the U.K. circles. I believe this is where they differ somewhat from those observed in this country (Australia), where the majority of witnesses report having seen a light, and having then discovered the circle."**

**Not so: same features here**

Well now, I would like to assure Paul Norman that there is plenty of evidence to indicate that the situation here in England is no different from the situation he describes in Australia. (Where there is a difference may well reside in the fact that Australia possibly possesses less of the type of exquisitely gifted liars with which we, over here, are so richly endowed.)

Right from the start, for example, we at FSR paid very great attention indeed to the reports of the so-called "UFO nests" in January 1966 at Tully, in the reed-beds of Australia's sugar-growing State of Queensland. [See the article by JUDITH MAGEE (today PRESIDENT OF VUFORS!), entitled "QUEENSLAND AGAIN", in FSR Volume 12 (TWELVE!), No. 2, published in 1966. 1966 is in fact the very first Australian "circle date" mentioned by Paul Norman, and FSR carried the story right at the time!]

Then again, three years later, we published, in FSR 15/3 (1969) the fine article "NORTH QUEENSLAND UFO SAGA", by Stan Seers and William Lasich, also Australians.

*In particular we gave maximum publicity to the fact that UFOs had actually been seen, flying low over the reed-beds at Tully; that the Australian researchers had therefore set up an automatic camera to "catch" a UFO; that it had done so; and that the entire film had then been despatched by post to Kodaks' head branch in Australia, and that Kodaks subsequently denied ever having received any film! What had reached them, via the Australian mail, was, they said, an empty spool!*

*We stated flatly in FSR that we considered that in all probability the Australian Security Authorities had intercepted and stolen the film en route. We still adhere to that view. (Unless of course the film had been filched by some non-human agency or by a human or humans employed by a non-human agency. And we don't consider such a possibility as at all improbable either!)*

**"Lights" and "glows" and "ferris wheels" in Britain**

With regard to the reports of crop-circles of our

own here in England, we carried our first report on these in FSR 27/5 (March 1982), entitled "Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings"; and in the following year (FSR 29/1, October 1983), we continued the story with "Mystery Rings Again At Cheesefoot Head".

We rapidly became aware of the importance of the mention of "lights" or "glows" or "craft", or "Ferris Wheels" seen over the fields prior to discoveries of circles, or near to them in time. The first positive report of this type was that of Mr Jack Collins and his wife who on July 6, 1985, saw a sort of "Ferris Wheel" flying through the sky at Stockbridge Down, in Hampshire, where a crop-circle was found next day. (See his account, with sketch, as published on pages 9-13 of FSR 32/6 (November 1987).

Since then we have given several more remarkable cases, such as the huge golden glow in the sky seen by Miss Mary Freeman at Avebury on the evening of July 13, 1988. A few hours later a fine set of five circles was found, close by, near Silbury Hill, and near where Miss Freeman had had her experience. (See the article "Did Avebury UFO Produce The Silbury Hill Corn Circles?", by FSR Director and Consultant George Wingfield, in FSR 33/4 (December 1988).

We cannot spare the space for describing more than one other recent British case where "something" was seen. At about 7.45 p.m. on September 21, 1986, FSR Consultant Rita Goold and her husband Steve Goold saw what looked like a gigantic "Ferris Wheel"

fly across as they were driving down the M1 Motorway. (In this case, however, we heard of no crop-circles being found anywhere around there, although Mrs Goold said the thing did seem to go down not far from the Highway. (See Rita Goold: *A Ferris Wheel In The Sky*", in FSR 35/1 (March Quarter 1990).

#### All "painful" for certain ears,

We recognize that reports like these must of course be excruciatingly painful for two very different though equally vitriolic groups of folk in Britain — namely the ladies and gentlemen of our "Media" — the MENDACIOUS BRIGADE as I prefer to call them — and (secondly) a certain tribe of blinkered and pathetically amateurish so-called "Ufologists". (But of course a *third* group ought also to be mentioned, namely the huge body of scientists who are starting to get quite nervous as they perceive that the Universe may after all not be anything like they think, and hope, it to be!)

Patently a good deal of effort goes into seeing that the lid is kept securely on and the truth prevented from getting out. They have their successes here and there, and in all likelihood if our friends in Australia had not heard of any of these British cases which I have just mentioned, it is because of this work of "blocking". But, as some of us learned at school, MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PRAEVALEBIT. — G.C.

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## IS THIS A GENUINE PHOTO OF ONE OF OUR "LITTLE GREY BRETHREN" FROM THE STARS?

(Translation from German. Précis. G.C.)

Gordon Creighton

I give below, just "for the record" and for general information — and without in any way committing either FSR or myself as to the authenticity or non-authenticity of this photograph or of the accompanying story — my translation of the gist of an article by Rüdiger Kahl which appeared in the German newspaper HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT (Hamburg) for Monday, November 5, 1990. — EDITOR

AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL? — DON'T BE AFRAID — THE ALIENS ARE OUR FRIENDS\*

Heilbronn: A face like something out of Steven Spielberg's Hollywood story "MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND". The eyes are narrowed down to seven-inch-long slits. No ears. No hair. A tiny mouth beneath enormous nostrils. Is this the face of an extraterrestrial?

There are in fact folk who claim that this is a photograph of one of the dead little aliens found in a UFO that crashed at Roswell, in New Mexico, USA, on July 2, 1947.

[It is claimed that the photo was taken in 1947, for the American Secret Service, by the mysterious and famous German-American *Nicholas von Poppen*, who was in their employment, and about whom very little seems to be known or to have been divulged. We may have more to say about him at a later date.

Reproductions of this photograph have reached FSR via several channels in recent months. — EDITOR, FSR]

The article in the HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT says the picture of the alien being was kept secret for many years. Then, during the 1970s, a print of it was



The first photograph of a dead alien — recovered at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.