

THE SILBURY CORNFIELD CIRCLES (1988)

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Above: Dawn. Friday July 15 1988 First 'Quintuple'

Below: A few days later. Now there are thirteen circles

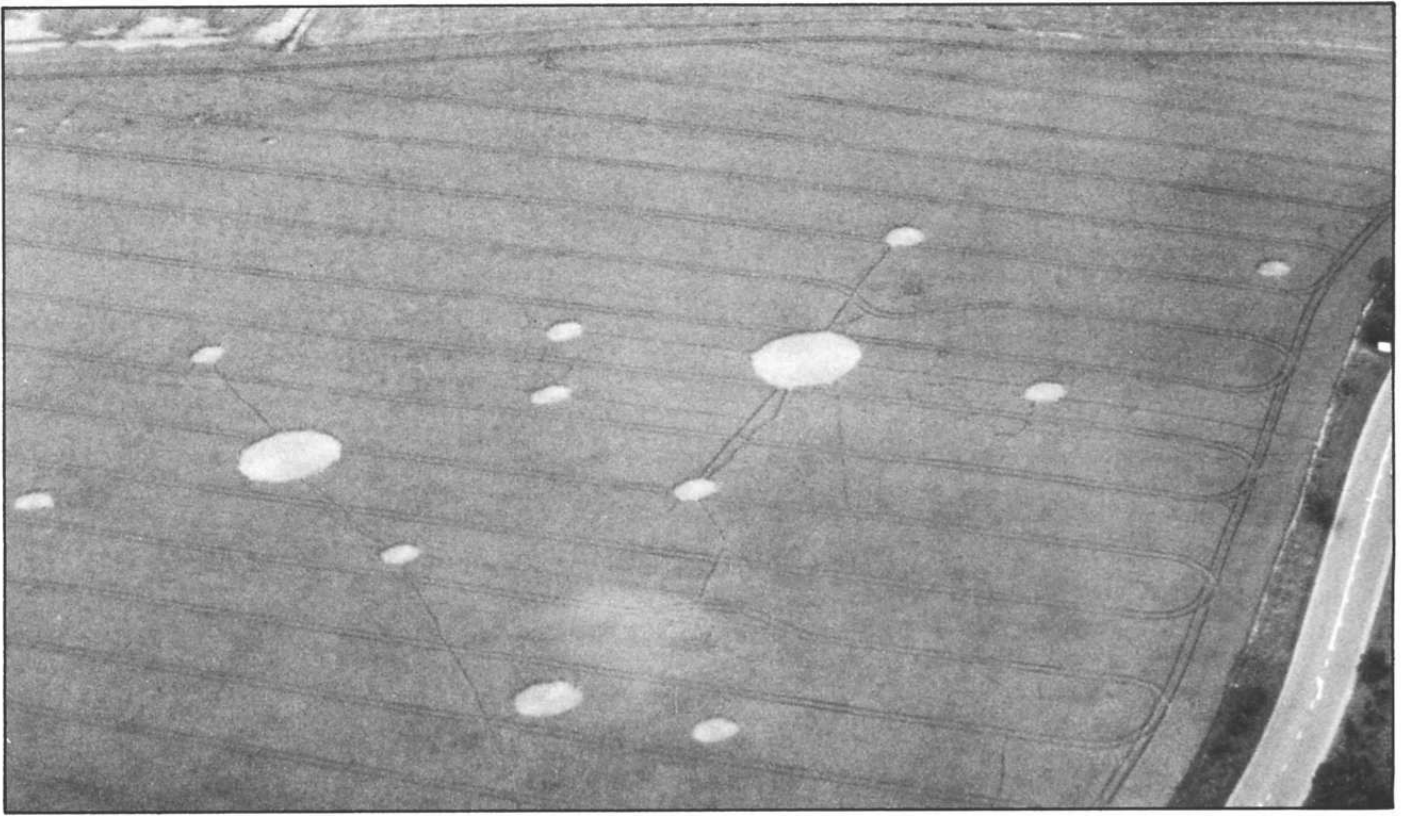




Above: A closer view

Below: Tracks between the circles are made by visitors

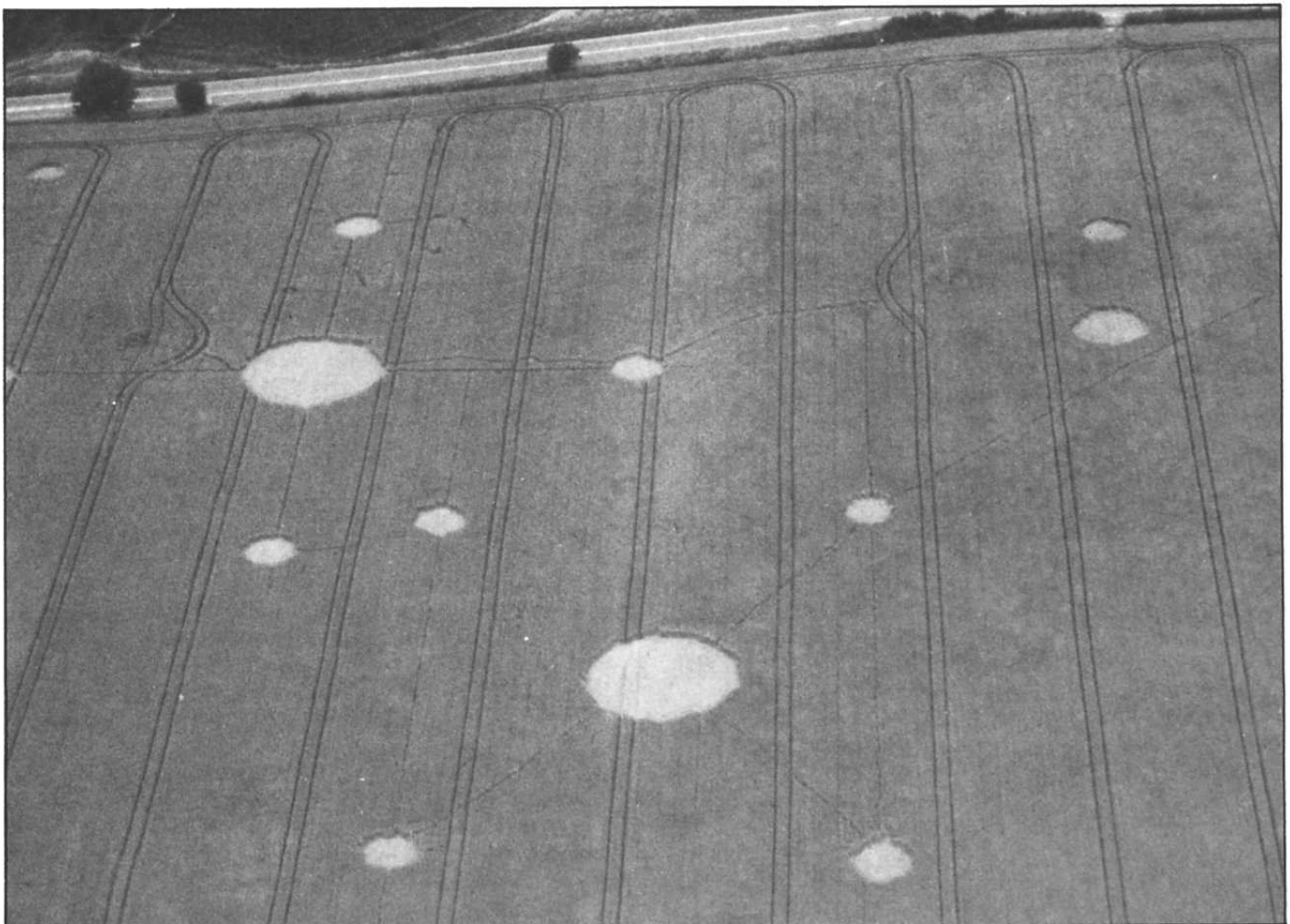




In our last three issues, FSR 33/4, 34/1, and 34/2) there was discussion of the huge concentration of 13 circles found in one single field near the famous Silbury Hill, in Wiltshire, S.W. England, in mid-July of 1988.

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EDITOR



A DOCUMENTATION OF PARANOIA AND PERSECUTION COMPLEX

DOCUMENT NO. 1 (Extract)

A letter (unsigned) from J. Randles published in *Mufon Journal*, U.S.A., No. 234 (October 1987).

Field circles

I also wanted to comment on Dennis' remarks about the corn field circles in British fields. He is quite right in being sceptical of the UFO connection, which has been promoted in the US (e.g., by some fairy tales in *Weekly World News*). However sad as it is for me to say this since I was weaned on *FSR* please do not judge anything on what appears in there . . . on most subjects, including the circles. I am afraid if you were to gauge reaction from almost everyone seriously involved in British ufology you will find one of few subjects they agree on is the mixture of amusement, bemusement and dismay that follows any glance at *FSR*. From its once proud position it has fallen from grace and is not representative in most ways of what is going on . . . at least not in Britain.

The "mystery" circles were first investigated by BUFORA in 1980 when they initially appeared. Excellent work with Ian Mrzyglod and Bristol University appeared in *Probe Report* in the next two years, totally demolishing the media hype of UFOs. Since that time Paul Fuller, a geographer and statistician who is BUFORA's regional investigations co-ordinator for Hampshire and Wiltshire (the counties where 99 per cent of these rings appear each summer) has worked closely with Dr. Terence Meaden, a professional meteorologist and head of the Tornado and Storm Research organization and editor of the *Journal of Meteorology*. They have put months of hard graft into scientific appraisal of these rings (which change patterns from year to year but are clearly a terrain and weather related phenomenon).

Although we long ago recognized that these patterns are *not* caused by UFOs the National and local press in Britain have resurrected the idea that they do *every* summer since 1983 and *FSR*, laughing as it does at anything other than some kind of supernatural explanation, has frankly played right into their hands.

It was for this reason that BUFORA decided we had to devote precious time and resources to the matter. In the summer of 1986 we prepared a detailed 28-page report, entitled *Mystery of the Circles*. I provided a historical review of the subject, Paul Fuller reported on the morphology of the rings and gave pros and cons for the various theories and then we summarised the highly technical work that Dr. Meaden has published over several issues of the meteorological press. His view, that a novel type of fair-weather, short-lived stationary whirlwind is responsible for the patterns, has ample support and in the absence of any strong reason to believe otherwise has been accepted. Paul, myself and one or two others in the BUFORA investigation team had geared up a campaign for the return of the circles which we knew would come in June or July 1986. The booklet was ready for immediate release, a London press conference/public meeting involving all the key participants was in embryo, ready for organization within a week of the first "circle sighting", and Paul and I had much media work to set in motion. The result was a barrage of sensible publicity in the quality press and on TV and considerable success for BUFORA's booklet (which had to be quickly reprinted). The public gener-

ally were appreciative of efforts to find a workable solution.

You may have noted that *FSR* failed to mention *any* of this and merely continued to dismiss natural explanations in such a contemptuous fashion that it grossly mislead its readers into thinking those who adhered to the "wind" as the cause were both mad and uninformed; although I would argue that it is eminently more sensible to work with professional scientists in the appropriate field and trust to their judgement than invent wild ideas that champion notions which you *want* to believe in.

In the Winter of 1986-1987 Paul Fuller and Terence Meaden have continued their work. Indeed (we think for the first time) there has been a jointly funded research project between a UFO group (BUFORA) and a scientific research centre (The Storm and Tornado Organization). This conducted a major field study and survey of Hampshire cereal farms, revealing much useful data on the genesis of the rings. BUFORA is proud of all this work, which may not be directly relevant to UFOlogy but is surely what UFOlogy is all about. We do not feel that we need to apologize for attempting to understand these circles and spending considerable time and money working with scientists to do precisely that. *FSR*, on the other hand, may need to apologize to its many American readers for failing dismally to make any reference to this, because it did not support the utterly unsupportable contention that these rings have anything whatsoever to do with UFOs.

Mystery of the Circles is available from BUFORA (16 South Way, Burgess Hill, England RH15 9ST) at £1.25 or US equivalent (plus extra for air mail postage; cheques to "BUFORA Ltd").

The progress report on the 1986-1987 research is available as an update to the publication at £1, but is being summarised in the literature (I have a piece in *OMNI* and Paul Fuller and Dr. Meaden are producing articles for the meteorological press). BUFORA's twice-annual *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* will also report.

I am afraid Dennis Stillings' helicopter theory is untenable as an explanation for the circles because of several features of their morphology . . . plus the fact that on a couple of occasions witnesses have been adjacent to the fields when a circle formed and would certainly have noticed a helicopter (or UFO for that matter!).

DOCUMENT NO. 2

A letter dated November 19, 1987, to Editor of *Mufon Journal* from Mrs Ann Druffel, Contributing Editor to *Mufon Journal* and Consultant to *FSR*.

"Letters to the Editor"
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Dear Editor,

Recent letters in this Journal section have contained vague but deeply denigrating remarks against FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. The last letter of this kind (Oct. 1987 issue) was unsigned, but I would judge that was due to the Journal's editorial error. I would suggest that the author of that letter specify his or her specific objections to FSR. Then appreciative and admiring readers of FSR (and there are many) can answer them.

The author(s) of these letters apparently have other objections besides FSR's opinion about the so-called "Cheesehead Mystery Rings". Incidentally, the explanation by the consulting meteorologist gave my family a hearty laugh (a rare commodity these days!) Even my resident skeptic, who decries anything ufological, remarked that the meteorologist's theory was even crazier than the ufologists'. We are both well acquainted with whirlwinds, dust devils, tornadoes and waterspouts and cannot accept the idea of a "recurring stationary whirlwind".

Personally, I prefer to speculate that the swirled rings in Cheesehead might be linked somehow to the (admittedly mysterious) ley-line energies. There's no reason in the world why anyone should have to agree with anyone else on anything. Everyone is entitled to his/her own reasonable opinions, and I have yet to find anything unreasonable about FSR's contents or editorial philosophy. With very best regards,

(Signed) Ann Druffel,
Pasadena, California,
19 November 1987.

COPY TO GORDON CREIGHTON.

DEAR GORDON,

YOU MUST BE DOING *SOME-
THING* RIGHT TO MERIT SUCH
VITRIOLIC OBJECTIONS!
BEST REGARDS,
ANN DRUFFEL

NOTE: THE EDITOR OF MUFON JOURNAL WAS SEEMINGLY NOT DISPOSED TO PUBLISH THIS LETTER IN HIS JOURNAL, SO IT WAS PRINTED BY US, ON HIS BEHALF, ON PAGE 18 OF FSR VOL. 33, NO. 2 (JUNE 1988).

DOCUMENT NO. 3

A letter dated 4 September 1988 from Paul Fuller to Ann Druffel

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4th September 1988

Dear Ann Druffel,

I am writing to you to express my concern at the sentiments you have been expressing in FSR and your view that atmospheric vortices are incapable of creating "mystery circles". Most British UFOlogists no longer subscribe to FSR (and haven't done so since Creighton became editor) so I may not be fully aware of what has been appearing in its pages; however, I must inform you that, regretfully, FSR's "honoured consultants" are guilty of blatant misrepresentation of what has been occurring here, of failing to adequately

evaluate the Vortex Theory, and of damaging everything UFOlogists have been trying to achieve. I know you will find this difficult to accept, but I ask you to think very carefully about what follows and to bear in mind that if UFOlogists are shown to be wrong about FSR's view that 'paranormal UFOs' are creating the circles, then UFOlogists may never again have the opportunity to demonstrate that we *are* credible, rational researchers.

To begin with, there is very little doubt in my mind that natural *descending* atmospheric vortices are capable of creating circles. I have detailed some of the reasons why this is so in my IRU article, which doubtless you will be aware of. In addition to the reasons I have cited in this article, natural vortices frequently display spiral patterns over water surfaces and dusty desert surfaces due to the inflowing winds at their bases. These spiral patterns clearly mirror the patterns found in all genuine circles. Secondly, accounts exist (see Corliss, p 169, in 'Tornadoes, Dark Days & Anomalous Precipitation) of vortices which can remain stationary (which is what they would need to do to create circles). If you visit your local library, try to find a general reference book on meteorology and see if you can find any photos of vortices. On my first visit to my local library I discovered 'The Guinness Book of Weather Facts & Feats' by Ingrid Holford (1977). This had 2 excellent photos of vortices with *precisely defined* vortex funnels at the centre of the vortex, proof that vortices *can* create such precisely defined circles.

Corliss' accounts of vortices with outer (counter-rotating) sheaths really erased all lingering doubts in my mind as to the validity of the Vortex Theory because it really is too much of a coincidence that both vortices and mystery circles should display successive contra rotations, and that the positioning of these sheaths is identical for both phenomena. For the Vortex Theory to be wrong, this would be one hell of a coincidence. Many of the quintuplet formations display very thin sheath effects which are visible in FSR's own photos (see Vol 29 p 15 eg)! Sheaths are not always present in waterspouts but they can ascend and descend at will, this is the reason why some circles display outer rings but some circles do not — it depends on the timing of the descent of the sheaths.

I expect that FSR has not printed the map published in Terence Meaden's 'Journal of Meteorology' which shows the five known Cley Hill, Warminster circles all clustering around the eastern side of the hill (which juts up from a generally flat terrain). Winds in the South of Britain tend to be from a south-westerly or westerly direction and automatically create leeslope eddy currents on the eastern side of the hill, thus supporting the vortex theory.

I have sent an explanation of all the evidence for the vortex theory to Dennis Stacy which I hope you will be able to read. Please bear in mind that (a) the Vortex Theory is a *new* theory which was only published (in part) this summer, Dr Meaden is producing a more in-depth book which he hopes to publish in the next 2 years; this is the reason why meteorologists are quite unaware of the vortex theory and its supporting evidence (does your friendly local meteorologist subscribe to the Journal of Meteorology?) and this is the reason why meteorologists 'fall on the floor laughing' when FSR's "honoured consultants" ring them up. (b) It has taken me 3 years to come to terms with the vortex theory and to understand its complexities, clearly it is unfair to expect meteorologists to comment on something which is fairly complex when most of them specialise in other areas of meteorology

and when Pat & Colin simply ask them "Can whirlwinds do this?" instead of supplying all the supporting evidence. Certainly meteorologists are quite prepared to accept that *single* circles can be created by vortices, but they are unwilling to publically (*sic*) comment on a phenomenon that FSR has associated with UFOs — because of the risks they take in commenting on such an emotive subject — and they are not yet fully informed of the evidence, such is FSR's incompetence and bias on these matters.

It seems ironic that UFOlogists have waited over forty years for our first 'novel new phenomenon' but we're too stupid to recognise it when it arrives! Certainly there is nothing wrong with accepting an unrecognised meteorological phenomenon as the cause for these circles and I would hope that you will think very carefully about what FSR has been doing over the past year or so. Remember that Gordon Creighton worked for British Intelligence (just read 'Above Top Secret') and that our subject is littered with people who have links with the intelligence community. These people think nothing of feeding us with misleading erroneous information so that we discredit ourselves and our subject. It would not surprise me (or any of my colleagues) if Creighton were to be a long-term plant to undertake such a role. The vortex theory offers him an opportunity he cannot miss because we will all look like idiots when the theory becomes accepted scientific fact.

Turning to FSR's "honoured consultants", neither of these have spent forty years of their lives making their living out of understanding vortices and the atmosphere (as Terence Meaden has), and I doubt whether either has the most basic understanding of what meteorology is all about. They have rejected the theory purely because they *prefer* there to be an utterly sensational history-making explanation for what is happening and neither of them has bothered to examine the established meteorological literature to see if vortices *can* do the things they would need to do to be able to create mystery circles.

There is a great deal of credit to be gained by UFOlogists from this circles business and I am taking every opportunity to leave evidence that UFOlogists are happy to accept the vortex theory. Pat & Colin, on the other hand, just *love* to see their names in the press and on TV and they repeatedly make claims like "The circles are formed by an unknown intelligence by an unknown force in an unknown manner"! This year they have repeatedly appeared on local TV, bringing further ridicule down on UFOlogy, and their tactics are beginning to verge on the unpleasant.

I was very disturbed at their unquestioning acceptance of the Frank Barnes claims and I should take this opportunity to point out that this character just cannot be credible. To begin with, he has seen several UFOs aside from the one which allegedly created the circle at Cheesefoot ('between 5 and 8 summers ago'). This subsequent sighting was *also* witnessed by others (2 policemen), but like the Cheesefoot sighting these alleged witnesses have not come forward to back up the claims. Barnes filled in an R1 UFO Form I sent him which asked him to describe his sighting, significantly there was no indication that a photo existed on his form; in answer to the question 'Did you take a photograph or any measurements?' he replied 'No, I just saw it. That's all.' I find it difficult to believe that anybody who took a photo of a real UFO creating a circle and affecting 3 bystanders vehicles would really wait several years and then simply send it to his local newspaper. Surely he would sell the photo to the highest bidder in a blaze of publicity.

It has been misleading for FSR to associate the cir-

cles with UFOs because most of the UFO reports they cite would normally be totally ignored had they happened without circles being present. Certainly none of the reports I've seen relate to UFOs seen at the same time and same location as a circle actually appearing (except for Barnes' claims). The BUFORA/TORRO survey indicated that about 100 circle formations were appearing every summer; this implies about 500 over the past 5 years — yet look at FSR's total for the same period, ignoring the Barnes case, the Tully (Australia!) case, and the case where the psychic saw a light in the sky and received a telepathic message (!) I make this just 5 reports — only 1% of circles have associated UFO reports being made, and this in an area where there are many secret military establishments (e.g. the Porton Down chemical weapons establishment, Boscombe Down airfield, the Salisbury Plain army ranges and the West Dean nuclear weapons depository). Clearly our military could be testing all kinds of devices and hoping that chance witnesses think they're seeing UFOs — just read my enclosed case.

I gather that Pat Delgado is claiming that these circles fall on straight lines. Now so far I have yet to see his evidence for this but my opinion is that (a) these straight lines are several miles wide, (b) are based on a highly biased sample of the circles which are appearing, (c) take no account of the geographical variation in mature arable crops which are capable of recording circles, and (d) take no account of the order in which circles allegedly appear along these straight lines. In short, Delgado has made the same mistake that UFOlogists were making in the UK over ten years ago.

Last year Delgado claimed in a magazine article that he had discovered a new invisible force called the Delgado Effect (modest eh?). What you do is you take a milk bottle top and balance it on the top of a needle; then you cup your hands around the top without touching the top and watch it start to spin!! For an engineer I'm surprised he's never heard of convection.

Both Andrews & Delgado have begun making claims about themselves which are patently untrue. Delgado has never worked for NASA, although he did work at the British nuclear weapons testing range in Australia; Andrews is not the Chief Electrical Engineer at Test Valley Borough Council, he is the emergency planning officer. Both men are completely obsessed with their wild ideas about these circles and they have led a lot of people down the garden path with their lies and selective use of evidence.

I have spent three years working with Dr Meaden and learning what I can about his theory. I was amazed to suddenly discover that behind my back people such as yourself were slagging myself and Jenny Randles without knowing anything about the circles and without even bothering to write to us requesting information (even Hans von Pinnegar wrote to me!). I hope that you will understand why I sent Dennis Stacy such an outraged letter and that you will pause before replying in kind. It is bad enough that FSR should be so totally discrediting us with its uncritical review of the circles, it is even worse that I should have to involve myself in a public slanging match (which Pat & Colin are bound to start, following my IUR article). During my lecture to BUFORA in 1987 Andrews continually interrupted me and engineered a scene to discredit me. After the lecture he and his colleagues threatened me with litigation for expressing an opinion which they interrupted me to obtain! These people are dangerous and need to be stopped with care.

Please think very carefully about what I have said

to you and remember that as UFOlogists we all have a duty to the advancement of our new science. This means that we should review *all* the theories and examine *all* the evidence. In my article recently submitted to MUFON I list 12 reasons why I support the vortex theory. For the theory to be wrong perhaps half of these reasons need to be demonstrably incorrect. Don't pillory us because you don't happen to agree with our interpretation of what is going on, go out and evaluate the evidence for yourself. You may save yourself from further embarrassment;

Your sincerely

(Signed): PAUL FULLER

DOCUMENT NO. 4

A letter dated October 14, 1988, from Paul Fuller to Ann Druffel

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14th October 1988

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter and for describing your position more fully. It seems ironic that only last week Jenny Randles wrote to me expressing her concern about the difficulty we have in BUFORA in persuading Americans that the vortex theory is a valid contender to account for the circles phenomenon. Certainly we don't expect everyone to accept the theory without question — after all it took me three years before I accepted the theory — but what does concern us is the way in which FSR and its contributors have dismissed the theory even before we've explained it to you in detail. Whatever you may say about the scientific method, this doesn't seem to be at all fair.

By now I hope that you will have obtained the two books I recommended and that you will have read my submission to MUFON Journal which describes the theory and the substantial evidence which supports it. It's certainly been an eye opening exercise for me to discover that *all* my preconceptions about natural vortices were wrong — vortices *can* be precisely defined, *can* remain stationary, and *can* form in complex geometrical patterns. I certainly hope that even if you still cannot accept the theory once you have read this material you will be open minded enough to inform FSR's readers of the 'grand deception' that Creighton has carried out. He hasn't even asked us to explain the theory he's so eager to dismiss us and insult us. So much for us 'suppressing the truth'.

I think ufologists are always in a difficult position when it comes to evaluating anomalous phenomena because we alone are actually familiar with our subject matter. This is why it upsets everyone no end when debunkers like Klass tell us that there's nothing to UFOs, clearly they're wrong and — like Steuart Campbell — their rejection of the evidence only mirrors their personal prejudices. Such a climate does nothing to encourage an objective evaluation of our data because UFOlogists everywhere are incensed at Science's blinkered rejection of our data and in their enthusiasm UFOlogists like Colin Andrews get carried away.

I agree with you when you state that people must be allowed to publically (*sic*) state their objections to the vortex theory if the scientific method is to be followed. There is no disagreement over this. I agree

wholeheartedly. I doubt whether we will ever convince everyone of the theory's validity (unless someone actually films the vortex creating a circle), but we wouldn't wish to stop others from commenting on it in a responsible manner. What upsets us about FSR is that Creighton has not allowed this to happen because he has suppressed the theory and its supporting evidence as if our support for the theory was the ultimate crime. All we've done is support Dr Meaden's theory (based on 8 years hard work), why the need for such unprovoked aggravation from FSR?

I cannot agree with you when you claim that Creighton is an original and valuable contributor to Ufology. I don't know any British UFOlogist who takes him seriously (except of course for his 'honoured consultants') and very few UFOlogists in this country even subscribe to FSR anymore. I don't think this has anything to do with his jin theory, it's simply that he doesn't have the critical ability which Bowen had.

I cannot believe that someone who believes that the world is 'in the hands of non human intelligences' or that someone is replacing 'good' UFO books with 'bad' UFO books in public libraries to cover up the truth about UFOs can be an objective, open minded person. Regretfully it seems that many UFOlogists in America are only too willing to believe everything that Creighton says without the slightest criticism or questioning. I agree that in the past he has contributed a lot to our movement, but over the past five years he has shamed us by promoting the most sensational and irrational interpretations of our cases in a totally irresponsible manner. His pronouncements seem to reflect a naive 1950s style UFOlogy where anything goes and UFOs are in control. In Britain we left all this behind many years ago.

I was rather astonished to read that you had sent Creighton a copy of my private letter to you even though you claim to be a peaceful person! No doubt Creighton will be delighted to use the material you sent him and he'll spend another whole issue of FSR trying to discredit us and avoid the real issues of debate.

This weekend BBC TV showed a half hour documentary which examined the circles phenomenon and which gave a great deal of time to Colin Andrews to present his views (strangely Pat Delgado had nothing to do with the programme — any ideas why?). I think FSR's readers will have been astonished to learn of the Melvyn Bell eye witness account of a vortex creating a circle, afterall Andrews and Delgado have deliberately suppressed this piece of evidence in their desire to manufacture something utterly sensational about the phenomenon. Andrews spent much of the TV programme avoiding saying what he thought was creating the circles and the presenter had to explain (*sic*) what he meant ('something extra terrestrial') to his viewers. I cannot believe that anyone will take any notice of him after his false claim about the harrier pilot being killed by something 'uncanny' (i.e. UFOs), its (*sic*) public knowledge that the pilot accidentally ejected himself whilst the jet was on auto pilot.

It is very important that UFOlogists give the vortex theory a fair hearing over the next year or so, whatever lies FSR may be telling you. If UFOlogists in general reject the theory and then we are shown to be wrong yet again, our movement will have been put back by at least a decade and Klass and his buddies in SCICOP will have a field day discrediting us.

If, on the other hand, UFOlogists are willing to accept the vortex theory — despite its supposed limitations (which FSR has not identified in their haste to dismiss the theory) — then we will gain a great deal

in credibility and we will have demonstrated the existence of our first novel new phenomenon. We only have to prove the existence of *one* novel new phenomenon to persuade scientists to examine the rest of our data with a more sympathetic attitude. It's ironic that 'the world's best UFO magazine' should hold the power to put us back so far with its uncritical and biased presentation of the phenomenon.

I have learnt that Andrews and Delgado are to publish a book next year which will be full of their stupid, obsessive ideas and their uncritical acceptance of claims by characters like Frank Barnes. This will be a disaster for UFOlogy and I appeal to you to think very carefully about what you do next. I gather that MUFON has just published Andrews' photo of a UFO in a circle — a speck which could easily be a hoax by Andrews, the film developers, or just an unfortunate blemish on the film. It is very important that UFOlogists distance themselves from '*Circular Evidence*' when it is published next year. I badly need UFOlogists everywhere to at least show some degree of rationality about the circles, even if they don't accept the vortex theory. The alternative is just too awful to contemplate.

Please try your best to encourage a more open minded debate of the circles in America and please write to Dennis Stacy showing interest in the theory. I hope very much that — as MUFON's publicity material claims — you really are all objective, open minded researchers and you will all give the theory a hearing. I certainly feel that I've wasted a whole summer writing articles to counter FSR's lies when I could have been searching for and measuring more circles, or contacting scientists to persuade them to take a closer look at the UFO data.

UFOlogists must learn to wait for their colleagues to present their findings before pillorying them in our literature and UFOlogists must learn to be more realistic about the sorts of theories we need to account for the data we collect. Certainly UFOlogists everywhere should have immediately thought that the circles could have a mundane explanation when FSR first started publicising (*sic*) them. Regretfully in my opinion FSR has muddied the waters so much that leading UFOlogists everywhere have been blinkered and conditioned to the idea that there can only be a sensational explanation for the circles. In my view,

UFOlogists should *always* search for more mundane, 'natural' phenomena to account for our data. Only when we have exhausted the more mundane theories should we entertain the truly amazing theories which FSR has been promoting.

Looking forward to your reply,
Yours sincerely,
(Signed): Paul Fuller

NOTE

The existence of the letter of October 14, 1988, reproduced above was of course not known to Messrs Andrews, Creighton, or Delgado when they consulted their respective legal advisers. Copies of the letter are now in the hands of these solicitors. The apologies received so far do not therefore cover this letter, and the question of further, future, legal action therefore remains open.

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2nd November 1988

To Mr Colin Andrews

I wish to apologise unreservedly to you for the unfair and unnecessary statements I made about you in my letter to Ann Druffel on September 4th.

In particular I wish to withdraw my allegation that you had made claims about yourself which were untrue.

I hope you will accept my sincere apologies for the distress my actions have caused you and I hereby undertake not to repeat such allegations at any time in the future,

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Fuller

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2nd November 1988

To Miss Ann Druffel

Dear Miss Druffel,

I have received a solicitor's letter on behalf of Mr Colin Andrews which proves that I made a false statement to you about Mr Andrew's occupation. I now wish to withdraw this statement and to apologise for the unnecessary and unpleasant comments made throughout my letter of September 4th.

I hope you will accept my apologies for having misled you and I have undertaken not to repeat these allegations again,

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Fuller

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3rd November 1988

Dear Mr Creighton,

I am writing to you to formally apologise for the unnecessary and emotive statements contained in my letter of September 4th to Miss Ann Druffel. I realise that these statements must have caused you great personal distress and I withdraw them unequivocally.

I have written to Miss Druffel to retract my statements and I hereby undertake not to repeat these allegations again.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Fuller

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3rd November 1988

Dear Miss Druffel,

I am writing to you to apologise unreservedly for the unnecessary and emotive comments made in my letter to you of September 4th about Mr Gordon Creighton and the F.S.R. which I now regret having made. I realise that these statements must have caused you some distress and I now wish to withdraw them.

I have written to Mr Creighton to apologise for these statements and I have undertaken not to repeat them again.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Fuller

Paul Fuller

DOCUMENT NO. 9

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8th November 1988

To Mr Patrick Delgado

Dear Pat,

I apologise unreservedly to you for the unpleasant and unnecessary comments I made about you in the letter I sent to Ann Druffel on September 4th.

I hope you will accept my apologies for the distress my actions have caused and I undertake not to repeat these allegations again,

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Fuller

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8th November 1988

To Ann Druffel

Dear Ann Druffel

I have received a solicitor's letter on behalf of Mr Patrick Delgado about my letter to you of September 4th. I now wish to apologise for the unpleasant and unnecessary comments made throughout this letter.

I hope you will accept my apologies for having sent you this letter and I have promised Mr Delgado that I will not repeat these allegations again.

Yours Sincerely,

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STATEMENT BY EDITOR OF FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

Britain's leading expert on the UFO Problem and sole professional writer in the land has announced repeatedly that nobody in Britain today would dream of buying or reading or consulting FSR, and this ban must surely automatically include the 300 or so members of BUFORA, one or two of whom have tremblingly confessed that they would never dare to disobey the dread command.

Such being the case, we are unable to see how FSR or its Editor can have possibly exercised this magical "censorship" of which we are accused, or have possibly had this terrifying effect in the United States, since we don't have any subscribers there either — so we learn.

Since its inception in 1955, FSR has never "gone out" to canvas people for articles. We publish what people send to us. If they don't send it to us, we cannot publish it.

Since the date when I took over the editorship (September 1982) I can state categorically that I have never received from Randles or Fuller or from any

other member of BUFORA any material concerning the "meteorological" or "vortex" theories to explain the cornfield circles. (Which is not surprising, since I had been warned from the outset that the annihilation of FSR was being planned and would inevitably be achieved).

The letters which I reproduce above represent me as exercising some marvellous, hypnotic, "Svengali-like" power over Mr Colin Andrews and Mr Pat Delgado and their *Circles Phenomenon Research Group*. It will suffice if I say that neither I nor FSR have any connection with the C.P.R. Group, and that we neither founded it nor control it, as the book *Circular Evidence* ought to make clear to anyone possessed of normal rational faculties. (Had we any control over it, do you all imagine that we would have let it be published *without even the address of FSR?*)

I have in fact been to Hampshire and Wiltshire *precisely twice* to view the cornfield circles.

GORDON CREIGHTON

**DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS
ABOUT FSR. IT'S YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS
THAT KEEP US GOING!!**

GEORGE ADAMSKI: AN HISTORICAL NOTE

By Eric Herr (San Diego, California)

As those aware of UFO history know, the publication in 1953 of the book *Flying Saucers Have Landed* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski was an event of exceptional importance to both the conception of UFOs by students of the subject and to the public awareness of them. Because the controversy that followed Adamski's writings continues to this day, it may be of some value to put the comments of one of his alleged scientific witnesses on record. I located this man, Gene Luther Bloom, after having by chance read again Adamski's references to him on pages 174 through 177 of *Flying Saucers Have Landed*.

First, what George Adamski said: "Then late in 1949 four men came into the café at Palomar Gardens... One of these men was Mr J.P. Maxfield, and another was his partner, Mr G.L. Bloom, both of the Point Loma Navy Electronics Laboratory near San Diego..."

"They asked me if I would co-operate with them in trying to get photographs of strange craft moving through space..."

"I asked them then where I should look to be most likely to see the strange objects which they were asking me to try to photograph... The Moon was decided upon as a good spot for careful observation."

"Thus, when the military requested my co-operation in trying to photograph strange objects moving through space, with the aid of my 6-inch telescope, I was more than willing..."

"And it was not too long after this meeting that I succeeded in getting what I deemed at the time to be

two good pictures of an object moving through space..."

"Some days later, Mr Bloom stepped into the place... I handed him the two photographs which I had taken. I asked him to pass them on to Mr Maxfield for examination and for the records. He said he would." (End of statement by George Adamski.)

In my interview with him on July 19th, 1988, Mr Bloom said that he and his colleague at the Naval Electronics Laboratory, Joseph Maxfield, had only stopped at the café where Adamski worked to have a brief lunch before continuing up the road to the Hale Observatory on Palomar Mountain. He said further that they were not there to ask for George Adamski's co-operation in any way, and, until meeting him, did not even know of his interest in flying saucers. He also said that neither he nor Maxfield instructed Adamski on how to photograph the saucers, and did not accept any photographs for analysis by the Naval Electronics Laboratory or for any other purpose. Mr Bloom's final comment to me was that "Everything Adamski wrote about us was fiction, pure fiction".

At the conclusion of Mr Herr's article is the following handwritten statement by Mr Gene L. Bloom:-

"Summary above of my conversation via phone call on 19 July is correct.

If anything is printed, I would appreciate seeing".

(Signed): GENE L. BLOOM

THE "GREAT MARTIAN SCARE" . . . OF TWO FRENCH UFOLOGISTS WHO "NOW THINK BETTER" AND HAVE CHANGED THEIR MINDS!

Pier Luigi Sani
(Translation from Italian)

For this very important article, by one of Italy's foremost UFO researchers, we are indebted to the Editor of *Il Giornale dei Misteri* of Firenze, from issues Nos. 166 and 167 of which (June and July/August, 1986) we have translated it. As we reported in *It Didn't Happen!* (FSR 31/2), and as we have indicated in various places since then, it is evident that for some time past a new phase has been under way, especially in France, in the brainwashing operation now being conducted against mankind. "Good money" is probably available for those who are prepared to help to spread the idea that all reports of UFOs are due to mis-perception or mass-psychosis or hoax. We shall perhaps not be far wrong if we interpret all this as meaning that the "take-over" here is reaching a more advanced stage.

In *It Didn't Happen!* we have already given a brief account of the book *La Grande Peur Martienne (The Great Martian Scare)* by the French writers Gérard Barthel and Jacques Brucker. Pier Luigi Sani has, however, devoted two long articles to this curious book, and in view of its great importance we have thought it well worth while to provide our readers with a full translation of what the Italian investigator has to say about it. — Editor