

The questions are endless, the answers almost non-existent. And, as Whitley Strieber has already commented, "THEY" will presumably only reveal the solution if and when "THEY" want to. Until then, the beat goes on.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- (1) I employ the terms "abductee" and "contactee" interchangeably, since in so many cases both contact and abduction are recognized. And, in cases where only contact is *admitted* by the individual involved, he or she

may very likely be still unaware that abduction also took place.

- (2) [Note by Editor.] I have personally observed, over a period of many years, the presence of one of these immensely hard little balls just below the skin of a human body. *It had been there for at least 40 years.* Then, one day, the person, in whose body it was, "woke up", and realized what the thing might be. The man at once rushed to inspect — and, lo, the ball was already gone! It would be interesting if we could hear of other such cases where an "implant" *vanishes as soon as its significance is perceived.* — G.C.

THE CIRCLES IN THE CORN: SUMMARY REPORT FOR 1988

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Riddle

TERENCE MEADEN thinks he is getting close to solving one of the great riddles of the English countryside — mysterious corn circles which appear suddenly in standing crops.

One day the corn is standing proud and high. The next, as if by black magic, great swathes have been flattened, often in complex patterns, with circles 50ft in diameter or more.

Dr Meaden has eliminated all sorts of theories which have attempted to explain the circles, more than 400 of which have been reported to him since 1980. First to go were the way-out suggestions about druids, witchcraft and sorcery.

He has also ruled out rutting deer, romping foxes, whirling helicopters and excited hedgehogs. And hoaxers too. 'Anyone could attempt a superficial imitation,' he says, 'but the true ones are very elaborate and complex.'

After years of analysis, hours spent in small planes flying over the West Country's cornfields, study of a thousand photographs and widespread

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by hoaxers.

They're not made
by helicopters

They're not made
by whirlwinds

What are they?

asks WILLY NEWLANDS

'cosmic'

appeals for information — including a letter in the Daily Mail last summer, which produced reports of circles dating back as far as 60 years ago, from 10 counties — Terence Meaden thinks he is close to cracking the puzzle.

'I'm not making it public yet, because I have more work to do before I publish my results, but they link these phenomena into a bigger picture,' he says at his home in Bradford-on-Avon.

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WE were very busy in 1988 at CIRCLES PHENOMENON RESEARCH, with a grand total of some 100 circles found, three of which were very interesting indeed. Whereas, previously, in all the earlier circles, the corn had stayed down until it was cut, *the corn in these three circles came up again, leaving a chequered pattern which could only be seen from the air.*

The BBC made a documentary film about our Phenomenon this year, and the three circles were shown in it. The documentary outlined the four prevailing points of view:-

1. Was the cause of the circles wind vortexes?¹
2. Was the cause helicopters?
3. Was the cause UFOs?
4. Was the cause hoaxes?

(At C.P.R. we have now found a way of recognizing a genuine or a hoax circle in a very short space of time.)

Another strange occurrence this year is that somebody seems to have been copying my films!² On collecting them from the shop, I noticed that they were not in their protective plastic wallet, and that they had white tapes with punch holes in them. On asking the assistant the reason for this, I was told that they "were not satisfied with the

results, and had re-printed the photos." I use a fully automated camera which always produces perfect negatives. (I also take photographs of weddings, funerals, and aircraft, but not one of these photos has ever been copied!)

On one of my helicopter flights in 1988 I found twelve circles in the space of one square mile. But, since then, fifteen circles³ have appeared in a field-opposite Silbury Hill.

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

¹ In an article, "RIDDLE OF THE COSMIC CORN-FIELDS", in the *Daily Mail* of February 11, 1989, Dr Terence Meaden, the meteorologist who for some years past has been the Great High Priest of Whirlwinds, is quoted by journalist Willy Newlands as stating flatly: "*They're not made by hoaxers; They're not made by helicopters; They're not made by whirlwinds...*" This will be grave news for some. We can say that we feel for them.

² That's nothing new!

³ See article "*Did Avebury UFO produce the Silbury Hill Corn Circles?*", by FSR Consultant George Wingfield, in FSR 33/4.

THE STRANGE BRAZILIAN SCENE

Gordon Creighton

JUST after World War II, after a decade in H.M. Embassy and our Consulates in China and four years as Consul-General at New Orleans, USA, a following spell of six months in the Far Eastern Department of the Foreign Office in London and a year at H.M. Consulate-General in Antwerp, Belgium, I found myself serving as Britain's representative for a vast north-eastern segment of the enormous country of Brazil.

Already, in another vast country, China, in the summer of 1941, on the upper waters of the River Yangtze, in a region not far from the eastern frontier of Tibet, my companions and I had seen something strange in the sky, which seems to have been what was later to be called a "*flying saucer*".¹ And, after my arrival in Brazil, it was not long before I began to hear and read strange stories, mainly in the local newspapers, about similar goings-on in the skies over that country. (At just about the same time, although, of course, I did not yet know about it, a professional colleague of mine, Dr Alberto Perego, the Italian Consul at Belo Horizonte in the State of Minas Geraes to the south of me, was starting to make his own collection of the same sorts of reports.)

In more recent years, of all the non-Brazilians who have investigated the "UFO PROBLEM" in that country, the highly experienced professional journalist Bob Pratt from the United States is certainly the best known and most competent, for he has made six trips to Brazil (an even bigger country than the USA!). On the first occasion he went on behalf of the newspaper *The National Enquirer*, a paper that has never been "backward" in the publication of UFO reports, many of them spectacular (and one may well conclude that much of the opprobrium heaped upon the poor old *Enquirer* has been precisely on account of this "awkward" and "unwelcome" interest!). Bob's last two

trips to Brazil were undertaken on his own account, and all of his six trips have been for the specific purpose of investigating UFO reports.

Incidentally, no report that I have ever read illustrates more vividly than Bob Pratt does the frustrations and communications problems that confront anyone who attempts to travel around and gather information in the Interior of this stupendous country of Brazil.

Some of the reports given below concern material gathered by him in the hot, parched *Sertão* regions of the great North-East, which lay within my own Consular District (centre: Recife, Pernambuco). A good many UFO reports reached me from our subordinate Vice-Consuls at Natal, Fortaleza, and Maceió).

Brazil has been the setting of some of the most horrific² UFO reports that have ever reached us, and a few "hair-raising" and disturbing stories from there still lie in my files, unpublished, and I think are likely to stay there, for their contents are certainly not such as might be calculated to enhance the life and happiness of the average human were he to know of them.

Those who perceive something about the deeper side of the "UFO Problem" and of the enormous crisis now facing mankind will not be surprised to find *Brazil* — of all countries — so particularly infested in this sinister way.

One of several of Mr Pratt's purposes in making this, his sixth trip to Brazil, in 1986, was to try to get some answers to a letter which I had sent to Dr J. Allen Hynek some years ago. I wanted to know whether it was possible to secure confirmation or any sort of follow-up to an alarming report in the *National Enquirer* of December 29, 1981. We had received a copy of that report, and had published it in full on pages 25/26 of FSR 27/5, which appeared in March 1982.