

AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINES HAVE LONG KNOWN ABOUT UFOS

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Dear Mr. Creighton, — In the Spring 1992 edition of *Flying Saucer Review*, on page 24, you published an article entitled “*Tractors of the Gods?*” referring to earthworks in Northern Australia photographed by Dick Smith.

As an anthropologist who has done extensive site work on Aboriginal sites in Western Australia I would like to make some comments.

In the first paragraph the patterns are described as “new”. Now I don’t know whether the author means new in a diagrammatic sort of way or new in the sense of having been newly made. I would certainly dispute that they are newly made and the photograph provides no evidence of them having appeared recently.

Earthworks in Australia are always known by the Aborigines and are significant to them. The Dreaming tracks of the ancestors cover the whole continent and take in all sites. That means that all sites such as these earthworks have meaning and importance in terms of Aboriginal religion. In fact, whoever created them, ancient sites are Aboriginal sites. Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act many are kept secret, and it is against the law to publish photographs of such sites.

I showed this photograph to an Aboriginal friend who knows the North well. He told me of another place where he has seen similar earthworks, (they can be seen for what they are from a hill). The area he spoke of would be for secret ceremonies such as initiations. Such areas should not be entered except with permission and in the presence of the local Aboriginal custodians. To ignore these rules would risk offending the Aboriginal Elders and doing a disservice to future researchers

The Aboriginal Law men tend to keep very silent about such places and would not want public discussion on them. Certainly the sites are not to be seen by the general public and publication of photographs can cause trouble.

I hope to be in the North again soon and will make some enquiries about the earthworks.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Creighton, — I think you will be interested in the enclosed report on the trip which I have now

made into the Northern Territory of Australia.

Yours sincerely, **Hannah Wolfe.** October 29, 1992.

TRIP TO NORTHERN TERRITORY

One of Paul Norman’s regular research summaries on Australian sightings, “*On the UFO Trail*”, contains a report about a sighting over an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory. The community concerned lives in a very remote area. This report was something new. Not surprisingly, when Paul heard about it he decided it was one that must be investigated and accordingly he organised to do so.

Having worked with Aboriginal people over a period of many years I was also keen to follow up the report. From talking with the people and looking at their art I had previously come to the conclusion that over the tens of thousands of years that they have lived in Australia, Aboriginal people are likely to have been visited by extra-terrestrials. A reflection of these possible encounters can be seen in their culture.

A fairly well-known example of this is the Wandjina figures of the Kimberley region. These figures, sometimes bigger than life-size, are painted on rock walls. The Wandjinas are said to be spirits who came out of the clouds and are able to control lightning. (Fig. 1).

The paintings depict them looking like extra-terrestrial travellers dressed in space suits, often with radiating lines or rays emanating from their heads.

Some of the Aboriginal art forms cannot be looked at or reproduced by us. They are only to be seen by the old men, the Elders who are the custodians. These representations are respected as sacred and secret, an important part of a very spiritual culture.

From a more southern area of Australia, an ancient Aboriginal story tells of a man who came to Earth from the Moon. While on Earth he lived in a cave. Eventually he returned to the sky, departing from his cave through a hole in the roof.

On the wall of this cave where he lived remain aged and faded paintings. From these, one can still make out a circular object with rays coming out from one side. (Fig. 2).

Aboriginal people are well aware of what we term as “unidentified flying objects”. From the snippets of re-

ports that we have heard in the Territory, some people may have experienced encounters that have left them fearful. The Aboriginal lifestyle is an outdoor one, and the people frequently do not have the same sort of secure housing that whites enjoy. So it is no wonder that the sight of a UFO hovering above a camp might cause concern.

Paul's article relates that a silver elongated-shaped object hovered above a community, departing only when an aircraft arrived. We looked forward to talking to these people about their experiences, but were disappointed

to find that we were not to be permitted to visit the community at this time. The reason was not explained to us by the administrative officers.

We were now at a loss but set out again. After travelling east across Kakadu National Park we were at the border of Arnhem Land. The landscape is dramatic and I wondered whether the ancient rocks, dignified and majestic, perhaps hold secrets of momentous events in the life of humankind from the long distant past.



Fig 1. Wandjina

Early in the morning I walked down to the river. A small group of Aboriginal people sat there and welcomed me to talk to them. Paul had brought photographs of UFOs and ground circles from different parts of the world including Australia. These I showed to the people and they were very interested.

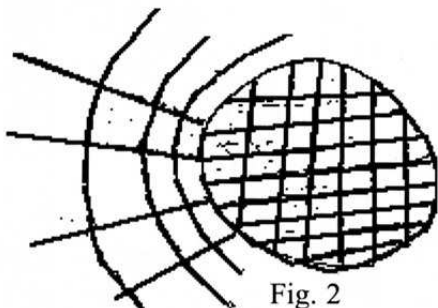


Fig. 2

One young man said he had seen a television programme on the subject. The old man present waited for the younger people to have their say as some were boisterous and noisy. Then he took me aside and asked me to show him the photographs again. If he had an intention of telling me about sightings there was no time for it. A white ranger arrived ordering the people to pick up their things and move. He seemed very surprised to see me talking to the people,

went off and returned a few minutes later with more rangers in another vehicle. The people prepared to move away as instructed.

Later in the day I talked with an important local Aboriginal Elder, Joseph. He talked first about the dangers both to his people and to the Earth itself, caused by uranium mining in the area. Their knowledge of what they call the "sickness country" goes back to times earlier than the white man's mining. Aboriginal people fear that sickness and death will result from such massive disturbance of the earth.

I showed the photographs of flying objects to Joseph. He was familiar with the idea of UFOs and had himself seen strange lights moving in the sky at night. Joseph informed me of a community to the south-west who had experienced an encounter with a UFO which caused them to run. Then, with deep concern and sadness in his voice he told me that in yet another place aliens had abducted a two-year-old child. The child had not been returned.

Travelling further south we came to the community Joseph had mentioned. This was also by a river and isolated. Talking with a group of people I quickly found a man who had been witness to the landing of an object. This encounter had occurred years ago, when Steven was a boy on a station in the area. From his account the aliens had wanted to abduct a woman and made their intention known to her telepathically. The station manager had come out with a gun and the craft left without the woman, leaving a circle on the ground which Steven said could be seen to this day. Investigations are continuing on this story.

Distances are long in the Northern Territory, and our time there was coming to an end. We had to leave but the research continues. The talks with Aboriginal residents had confirmed our belief that sightings of UFOs and alien encounters are not culturally confined. They happen for all nationalities and all over the world. ■

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For example, various individuals have come up to me and made certain insinuations about my work, and I get telephone calls to my home and there's nobody there at the other end of the line — just weird sounds, strange noises. On one occasion a person called me and said that I was talking too much. Shots have been fired into a shed that we use for storage, and shots have been fired into my tyres. Frequently black helicopters fly over my house. But I can see it all very clearly, I'm mature. I've lived a long time, and I know that if they wanted to injure me or eliminate me physically, *they'd do it*.

All the same, I repeat, I'm very clear about it and well satisfied with what I'm doing and I'm very sure about it too. No — I'm too old to go around feeling scared. ■

UFO WITH OCCUPANTS SEEN TO PRODUCE CROP-CIRCLES IN ROMANIA

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(Translation from French. G.C.)

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.

