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First East Coast Interplanetary Space Convention held on the farm of one Howard Mender outside

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of Lebanon, New Jersey.

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This convention was strange and wonderful in many ways and not the least interesting aspect

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with the people who came there.

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Why do people go to a space convention?

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Well, I talked to a number of conventioners and here are three typical examples called

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from the crowd.

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I first talked to a rather bored looking gentleman who said,

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I haven't seen anything, I don't know anything.

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I'm just so much.

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And asked why you came to the convention.

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Curious, find out what happened or why so many people interested.

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I take it you're not a believer.

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I'm not a disbeliever, I just don't know.

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I don't have to be shown or if I was interested enough I would investigate the part.

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You don't feel there's been enough proof offered here today to make you believe?

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No, I don't believe any proof at all except that I think some of them are sincere and

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they're statements.

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And I think some people are taking advantage of the honest individuals who are honest enough

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and sincere enough and gullible enough to be exploited.

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What is your name?

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Martin J. Daines.

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I'm a freelance photographer on this assignment for Argosy magazine.

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You've covered these conventions for Argosy before, have you not?

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How would you say this convention compares?

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This one seems a little more sober, less fanatics, less elderly Californians seeking for something

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to believe in, not knowing quite what it is or what it might be.

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You're not what you call a believer.

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No, sir.

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Why not?

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Maybe I'm incapable of reaching with my mind just as far as these people are willing to

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go.

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I wouldn't define why not.

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Well, let me put it another way from your observations.

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Why do you believe believers are believers?

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I think we've got a pretty large percent of the population that are looking for something

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to believe in which somebody else will tell them about, I mean, these are people seeking

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an answer because they can't find answers any place else.

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Perhaps.

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This is one place out of many to seek an answer.

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I think those are two thousand dollars being made here in the past two days in the sale

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of books, the admission fee of two bucks a person.

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A purely materialistic venture.

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That was the opinion of many who attended the first East Coast Interplanetary Convention.

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A bunch of crack-bots was another opinion.

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Sincere students of the yet unexplained phenomena was yet a third.

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To find out more about all three of these opinions and incidentally, to find out just how much

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there is to the flying saucer stories will go into many aspects of this new word, ufology.

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First, the man who held this convention.

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Many people have claimed to have met beings from outer space and to have written in their

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flying saucers.

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These people are called contact teams.

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One of the men who has made this claim is Howard Menger, the man who held the first East Coast

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Interplanetary Space Convention at his farm outside of Lebanon, New Jersey.

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Is this man a crook, a crack-pot, or could he be telling the truth?

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With these questions in mind, we talk to him.

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I first asked him about his convention and why he was holding it, and he said,

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This convention is to enlighten people as to the fact that these so-called flying saucers

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do exist, that they are spaceships coming from other planets and that they do contain higher

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intelligences in the form of man, but they're higher in intelligence, they're spiritually

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and physically more developed than we are.

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They know more about how to live than we do.

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There are no wars on their planet, according to them.

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They're here to try to help us to help ourselves to attain a higher understanding of life and

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its meaning, and this convention is part of that educational process.

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That's right, and a lot of these speakers here have been exposed to this for some years,

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and they're giving some good information to the people here on just what the whole story

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is, what is the whole story.

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Well, of course, the message that these people bring us exists by these people who mean the

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people from other planets.

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That's right.

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We've more or less gone off the path, so to speak, and that anything that these wars

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and troubles on this planet, there always has to be one which you can't create anything

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without first thinking of.

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In other words, everything begins with thought, and they say that thought power, the thought,

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mass thought power on this planet has created instruments of war and negative approaches

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to life.

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Now, everything they do on their own planet, according to them, is constructive, not destructive.

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And they're coming into this planet now to educate us to their higher form of thinking.

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If they have come to educate us, why are they doing it this way?

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Why not a flying saucer land on the lawn of the White House, for instance, and pronouncements

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made?

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Yes.

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They say that one does come down in Washington, and the officials there, including the president,

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come out and they shake hands with these people.

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Now, scientists are there, or American scientists.

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It would be logical to assume that the Russians might possibly think or believe that we have

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the secrets of these ships, and they might attack us immediately without waiting any longer,

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or going through a Cold War.

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Well, couldn't the ships simultaneously land, say, on the White House lawn and in Red Square?

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Yes, they could.

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Then the destruction might happen twice as fast.

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Why?

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Well, both would retaliate against the other.

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You don't think that the people of the world would be so shocked by this higher intelligence.

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They might be shocked into not being aggressive.

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Well, I would like to think so, since they are afraid of this aggression.

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They're using what methods to educate us?

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They're contacting thousands of people all over the world, people that have a certain

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something within themselves.

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What are the plans for the future as far as these beings from other planets are concerned?

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Well, of course, the future looks very, very bright.

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I have gotten quite a lot of tangible evidence to prove their existence.

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I think within two years there's going to be quite a few surprises, such as spaceships coming down

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in larger numbers and the government coming out with official statements as to their being

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contactless.

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Do you have any proof of this?

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No, I have no proof whatsoever.

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I have no proof whatsoever.

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I'm afraid that this is true of most of Howard Mender's statements about his contacts with

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state people and his trips to their ships.

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A man who may be a prophet in his own time, or a man who's merely trying to make a prophet

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out of money obtained from his followers.

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We talk to this man to determine which interested in the most, the prophet he or prophet.

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I asked him how he had gotten involved with flying saucers and people from outer space.

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He said, started when I was ten years old, beautiful, because there's a time I didn't know that this woman

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was a space person from Venus.

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She talked for about fifteen or so minutes, wasn't from the woods, and I reared my home about a half a mile.

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The next time I saw this woman was in 1946, when a huge fireball-like object came in from

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the west side of the field about a quarter of a mile or a half a mile from where I originally

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first saw her.

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The ship changed from a fireball-like object to a metallic sort of object controlled by

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some intelligence.

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When it got about one to two feet from the ground, the portholes appeared and an opening

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appeared and two men stepped out.

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And then this beautiful young lady, at least I thought she was young, stepped out and I

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could see and she later confirmed that she was the same woman that I met when I was ten

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years old.

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She talked with me fourteen years before in 1946.

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And then the real shocker was, she said she was five hundred.

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Of course, she did not look five hundred years old.

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Have you met any other of these people from other planets?

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Yes, I've met quite a few.

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What are they like?

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So they're just like us, except on their home planets they wear their hair long, like

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we did in the 17th century.

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In other words, they don't distort what nature has given them.

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They try not to distort their appearance or their bodies or organs in any way.

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They don't take drugs.

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They don't eat meat.

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What is the life expectancy, at least, the average life expectancy on Venus, according

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to them, is seven hundred years of age.

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And did you find their secret of life?

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No, I wish I could.

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I would not sell it.

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I would give it away to everyone that I could possibly could.

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What planets outside of Venus have you met citizens of?

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I've talked with people who said they were from Mars, Venus and Saturn.

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We saw other people similar to us, only a lot taller, close to seven feet.

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We had seven or eight witnesses to see these.

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They came back over the fence in the backyard where I used to live.

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Did any of these people offer any proof that they were from other planets?

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How were you convinced?

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Well, I was convinced by ships in the space ships, of course.

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And frankly, I thought I was being hypnotized or either dreamed all of this or something

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was wrong with me.

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Since then, I've come back in ships that have been to the moon with evidence of not only

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life on moon, but less vegetation and fruits and everything else.

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And who actually brought these up to spec.

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Yes, I'm going to show a specimen of one of the fruits tonight.

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And of course, there you'll see the rock on the moon surface.

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I'm going to show that to you.

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Howard Menger, guiding genius behind the East Coast's first interplanetary space convention,

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offers to show proof, undeniable proof, to back up his stories of travel to far off

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planets and meeting space people.

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The specimens he offered to show it, we never saw.

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Thus, it would follow that there would be great doubt and great belief in the claims of a man

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who says he's gone beyond the reach of our recognized time to travel to the moon.

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Obviously, this man would be investigated.

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And so it is that Howard Menger's stories and his documentation thereof have attracted the attention of skeptics.

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And one of these is a lawyer, Jules Saint-Germain.

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I started off by asking Mr. Saint-Germain whether he believes any part of Menger's stories and he said,

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well, I most infallibly disbelieve his stories.

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Let's go through a few of the claims that Mr. Menger has made and his so-called proofs.

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First of all, there was the matter of a spaceship coming down in the field behind the farm.

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I believe he claims six witnesses, all of whom I might add do not believe a word of the story any longer.

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But let me say this, that Howard Menger, in my opinion, is a very good lay psychologist.

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In selecting his witnesses, he picked out those in whom there was a desire and a will to believe.

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He carefully prepared them with his tale so they are ready to believe.

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Upon reconsideration on hearing Menger's further stories and upon them coming across certain bits of information here and there,

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these witnesses generally realized they were taken by friend, Tuck Richmond.

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One of Howard's grand stories that he had was how he had a contact in Pennsylvania and he related how an individual had a pair of

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a space woman and he showed some beneficent divine kisses upon the chosen few who were allowed to see her.

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Now, it's so developed that one of the witnesses has attained that actually they were not in Pennsylvania,

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but in Howard's paint shop.

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She had commented how he asked him to stand up and Howard had said,

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yes, that is the influence of these magnetic pulsations you like.

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Later she realized that she was under an electric fan.

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Then finally when she came to be kissed by the space woman, she recognized her as a friend of Howard from Long Island.

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Later on when Howard was surprised at the fact, he just gladly said,

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well actually we use nuffel in those bodies, but it really was a space woman.

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What about his photograph? I think Howard had developed to a pretty hot man in a dark room.

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I think he's used his paint brush and a spray can to create a fit and make the mock-ups of the sources to be photographed.

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As a matter of fact, I think he's the only man, and this comes from one of the witnesses who managed to take two developed prints out of a

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Polaroid camera at the same time.

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If you look at the operation of a Polaroid, I'm sure you'll realize that you cannot pull out two prints at one quote.

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Do you think Menger is a crackpot or crook? You said that you don't believe it.

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I think Howard has been more ingenious in finding ways of making, or at least attempting to make money out of his stories than any of the others.

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Generally the boys who play in the contact with a Venusian or a Marsian are satisfied to give lectures and or write books and or take donations.

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But I think Howard's imagination is really a high pitch. When in addition he's able to sell phonograph records of Saturnian music,

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and I'm quite sure that there will be moon potatoes on the market.

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I cannot help wondering if there's going to be a new gimmick of some space medicine, because you're illness, such a thing like that should come along.

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Then I think the situation becomes very serious.

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I personally can regard this in some degree as just a good type of screwball or fun.

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However, there is always the possibility, I think, of some individual taking it so seriously that he or she might part with the very substantial amounts of money.

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Or on the other hand, a person who is highly neurotic might be really triggered often to something more serious than a neurosis.

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These are the more serious drawbacks.

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According to lawyer Jules St. Germain, Howard Menger and his story of contacting space people does not stand up.

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What about Mrs. Howard Menger? Her husband claims that when he's not home, he's on a trip to the moon.

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What would you do if your husband used that excuse to you?

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Well, Mrs. Menger's reaction to this is perhaps a bit different than yours would be.

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I asked Mrs. Menger when she had become interested in flying saucers and such, and she said...

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Well, I have always been interested in what you call space. I've chosen the other planets and galaxies and the cosmos.

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I've always been interested in that ever since I was a child, because that was part of my training and upbringing by my mother.

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Where did you meet Howard?

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I met Howard at one of his lectures.

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You've been in space work with him every since?

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Yes.

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Have you had any contact with beings or people from other planets?

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I have had a contact with a man who said that he came from Saturn.

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The people from other worlds seem to be trying to make contact.

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You have these conventions to convince people, you can write books to convince people that these people from other worlds

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are trying to contact us.

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Couldn't these people from other worlds do a much more definitive and clear-cut job in convincing us of these things?

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I think they're doing this by contacting man himself, that is mankind here on this planet.

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Rather than going through the red tape of contacting governments, because anyone or alien that contacts a foreign government

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must go through military red tape, governmental red tape, it must have identification papers.

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And strangely enough, these aliens from other worlds do not have identification papers.

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What has been in people's reactions to your telling the live story?

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Well, most audiences that we talk to have been very courteous and most receptive and more receptive than I could anticipate.

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I'm quite sure the term crack-cloth has been applied to you. What is your answer to that?

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Well, there really is no answer to that except no comments.

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Has anyone accused you of making a racket out of this?

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Well, I imagine some have said that or asked whether we have commercialized this or whether we are making any money out of this.

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And the answer is no. We never will make any money out of this.

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We will make enough to assist Don. We hope that.

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Do you feel that you will make money out of this convention?

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I don't really know. I haven't counted the receipts since he died.

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And I think that we'll just about come out, well, probably with a little profit.

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At least we hope so. And we'd be grateful for that.

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Connie Menzer claims to be the reincarnation of a being from Venus.

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She claims her husband Howard comes from Saturn.

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Here's a marriage literally made in heaven.

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But Howard Menzer claims he has physical proof to back up his stories.

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We asked him about that, starting off with the people who claim to have met on the moon.

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He said, well, they're not such thing as moon people.

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According to them, there has been, and I saw evidence of, a race of people indigenous to the moon,

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but they're not living here now. They're long since gone.

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The people there now, which I have seen with my own eyes, are people from Venus and Mars,

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working with thousands of people from this planet. They come there on tour.

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Most of them are scientists and electronic engineers. Some are just observers like myself.

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And we mean there are others from this earth up there when you were there.

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Yes. Why do these people see the fact that they've been to the moon in secret?

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Because if they get out, they would be stopped in their work, which is only for the good

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who would stop them. The government of this world. Why?

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Well, I don't know. I couldn't answer that.

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What sort of reaction do you get when you tell people that you've been to the moon and so forth?

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A lot of them are skeptical, but I've been very successful so far.

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Have any of them ever accused you of being a so-called hot pot?

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Oh, sure. A lot of people do. You see, people laugh and say these things when they don't understand something

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or they try to put up a wall because they don't believe it. I call it a wall of ignorance.

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But as we have nothing against people, they don't believe it. Has anyone accused you of making a racket out of this?

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Oh, sure. See, I was in the science business. I had my own science advertising business.

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It was 12 years. I owned it. And it was fairly successful.

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But once this large account, the large account it was carrying most of the business,

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discovered what's about my story, what happened, they said they didn't want to accuse me anymore.

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So have you met a living something?

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Well, I've been lecturing and showing documents and tangible evidence, movies and slides all over the country

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on the story of the state people.

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This is quite a large farm and you're holding this convention. How much money do you expect to make out of this convention?

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We don't expect to make very much. The expenses were very high. We do expect to come out as far as not being in a hole.

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You are absolutely convinced that this has happened to you?

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Oh, absolutely.

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Why were you chosen for these trips rather than other people?

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Oh, they have. If you used the word chosen, incidentally, I'm not the only one that's been contacted by these people from out of state.

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I would very much like to make one of these trips. I'm sure many people would.

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Are there any ways that one can arrange that?

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Yes. If a person is really sincere and would come out with the experience that has happened to him or her,

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I think that they would possibly be used by these fake people for that purpose.

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But a lot of people hesitate because they ridicule, lose their jobs, break up families.

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And of course there's a lot of trouble if it's not gone about right.

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Alright. As a reporter, I would like to think such a trick. Could you in your contact with these people arrange it?

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Why do you want to be contacted?

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If this is actually happening, I would very much like to report it.

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Believe me, I'm really sincere. I certainly hope that a man like yourself should be contacted to get this thing out well.

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If such can be arranged, I'm willing to go along with it.

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However, if there is any truth to Menger's story and if the fake people are so desperate to bring their message to the people of this planet,

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why shouldn't such a trick be arranged?

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If this sounds like a challenge to Howard Menger to either put up or shut up, well it is.

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I asked Menger why his pictures were not clearer and he said,

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I do have closer pictures and I'm all in those for the book.

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Try to make a little scoop, you know what I'm saying, so the book will sell, so that's my living.

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This seems like a strange statement from a man whose motives are purely authoritative

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and who is so desperately anxious to bring his message of hope to the people of this planet.

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What makes this man tick? I don't know.

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In talking to Menger, I asked him if he had ever been examined by a psychiatrist and he said,

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if I talk to quite a few, they don't know, according to them, what to say about me.

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Also in attendance, however, were people who make a profession out of flying saucers.

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We talked to several of these, among them was Major Wayne F. Aho,

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who is not very confused with Major Donald Keyho, perhaps one of the best known of the writers on unidentified flying objects.

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Significantly, Major Keyho did not bother to attend the convention,

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but I did talk to Major Aho and asked about his background and he said,

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I am the director of Washington Foster Intelligence.

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Is this in any way connected with the United States government?

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It is clearly a combination of Major and the fact that you spoke with intelligence.

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Would this lead people to believe that there was some connection with the government?

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Not necessarily, so I have a background as an armed and combat intelligence officer.

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I like the word intelligence and it is very applicable in this study of state visitation

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and food support for organizations.

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Various individuals that are in belief, there are many millions of people in America

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that are very much interested in this program and supported in various ways.

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I have many friends that believe in the work that I am doing.

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I am not on any regular salary, or you live, by the fruits of my endeavors, specifically,

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by taking part in various programs that could help or benefit our civilization.

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Do you feel that people are now ready to accept the idea that we are being visited by people

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or beings from other planets?

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I found that people in all walks of life are beginning to understand that there is something going

on.

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There are various ideas, of course, in the public mind as to what this is.

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I don't think there must be earth, mountains, ships, but a great majority are beginning to understand

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and accept the idea that we are being visited from space.

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I would say over 50% of the people now will admit that there is something going on in this space, this station field.

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Have you at any time ever met any of the beings from other states?

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No, I have not.

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I have had fighting, but I have never talked to a being of another planet.

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Do you believe that people have talked to a being from another planet?

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This is a very definite possibility.

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What is your answer to the fact that the United States government has said that there are actually no such things as flying saucers,

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that they can all be explained by phenomenon here on earth?

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I don't know if the United States government has ever said this.

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They have said, given very contradictory answers, and this is mostly from the Air Force.

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Unfortunately, the Air Force, the Army, the service that has been given this job, you might say, of reporting these things.

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I have talked with innumerable military pilots who see these crafts and houses in many times,

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and you cannot get these people to say that there is nothing going on and there is nothing to this.

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The reports that have come out have been very contradictory, and to me they have meant nothing, you might say,

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in a way of either support or lack of support.

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It seems to me that the people are going to have to make up their own mind, they are going to have to do their own research.

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On this last statement of Major A.O. that any rate, I could not disagree.

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A new word in our language is ufology, the study of unidentified flying objects, known to their friends as UFOs.

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It's a controversial subject, one in which there are many opinions, many disagreements.

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Among those participating in this fight is the United States government.

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To get the government opinion, I talked by phone to Major Lawrence J. Tackett,

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executive officer, public information division, information service, office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

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First of all, I asked him how the government, in general, and the Air Force in particular,

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was interested in unidentified flying objects.

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Our responsibility is their defense, and so any reports concerning an unidentified flying object,

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something which we cannot identify, we fear it is our duty to investigate.

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One of those, the Air Force, investigate each one of these reports that come in.

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That is right, sir.

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Off the top of your head, can you tell me about how many of these reports have come into the Air Force?

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First 8,000 reports, since June 1947. How many of these have been unexplained?

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Well, in the early days, and of course this was due to the methods of investigation and evaluation,

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we did run as high as 20 percent.

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And since 1955, they have run somewhere in the neighborhood of 2 to 6.

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We do believe that if more immediate data has been obtained on these so-called unknowns,

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that we probably could have gotten back to their explainings.

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Is there any profitability that these unknowns, as you may work, were spaceships from other planets, other galaxies?

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We have no authenticated evidence to substantiate this belief, or this theory of space travel in the air.

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Do you have anything to prove that this isn't true?

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Most of that.

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We do not deny the possibility.

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What about the number of people, many of them were written books, have produced photographs,

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have produced vegetation and stones, which they take a dot from this earth?

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What about those and their claims to have contacted these people, and some of them even claim to have traveled as far as the moon, Venus, Saturn, etc.?

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Normally they have been able to produce evidence that through yet everything charges them to substantiate

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the fact that they have made such visits, or that the so-called articles have changed from another planet.

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The Air Force then has investigated these stories.

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Yes, there we have.

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What about the comment that is made, that anybody who says they see a flying saucer immediately put through ridicule, and actually never taken seriously?

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We are convinced that a great many people, such as solid citizens, do these things and are mis-applied by what they have seen.

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And they do some in to the United States Air Force and ask for help in depending what they see.

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A little while ago you said something that rather surprised me.

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You said the Air Force does not deny the possibility of space travel in reverse, as you put it.

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What about the statement, the Air Force and the other services?

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Are you the instigators or the victims that is never quite clear of which, of a great plot to keep flying saucer information away from the peoples of the world?

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This is absolutely uncanny and uncounded.

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You have been pretty close to this subject.

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What is your opinion? Do you think there are flying saucers? Do you think they are from outer space?

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Okay, I don't think there are flying saucers.

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You are not a believer then.

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I am not a believer.

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Major protector of the United States Air Force, a man who has spent 11 years studying flying saucer reports, is not a believer in unidentified flying objects.

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But I have talked to other men in the Air Force who say they do believe in flying saucers, and who claim to have seen them.

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But they won't go on record to say so.

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However, many retired members of our armed forces have so gone on record, and have even joined organizations which are seriously study the subject.

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These organizations contradict the Air Force's decision.

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Are there such things as unidentified flying objects?

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And if there are, what are they?

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This is one of the most controversial questions of our day.

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There are people who claim to have contacted people from outer space to have written in their spaceships.

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The United States government, through the Air Force, says that each of these so-called unidentified flying objects can be explained by natural phenomena.

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In between these two extremes are serious minded groups who say the objects cannot be explained by natural phenomena, and that they are looking for a scientific rational explanation.

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Some of the people behind these groups have had the experience and prestige that warrants for their statements with given consideration.

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A group of people in New York who are studying these phenomena, it's the billion saucer intelligence.

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We talked to the treasurer of this group, Isabelle Davis, and she said,

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We believe that the flying saucers are real, and that they are probably from other planets or other worlds.

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Well, the Air Force says that on the fighting since 1955, only 2% have been unexplained. Do you go along with this figure?

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That figure does not apply to all of the reports by any means.

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The percentage for the entire period during which flying saucers have been observed, namely from 1947 to date, is approximately 20% unknown.

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Why do you feel that the Air Force is giving out the 2% figure then?

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They may believe that the American people would panic if they were told the truth.

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We do not agree with this, and we believe that the Air Force should make their reports public.

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The Air Force may say they have given all reports out.

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I suggest that anyone who believes that statement should try to obtain from the Air Force any of the reports in their files.

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Well, do you believe the statements that many people have made that they have been in contact with these flying saucers?

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No, the Air Force does not accept any of the contact communication stories. No real proof has been offered.

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Proof would be very easy to finish, but all that the contact team ever offers are excuses for not providing proof.

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What is the purpose of these contact stories?

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One of the major purposes is prestige.

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The contact team have a great need to make themselves feel important and look important in the eyes of other people.

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Some of the contact team appear to be mentally unbalanced.

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Some of them feel that they have an urgent message to communicate to the world,

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which they think would be stronger if it comes from the mouth of a so-called denusion or satanian

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than if it comes from the mouth of a mere human being.

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What about the so-called believers who follow these contact teams?

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I think that their belief springs from several sources. One of them is the need for reassurance.

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I think these are probably rather frightened people.

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Nowadays we are confronted with a possibility that we may very soon be out in space,

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meeting possible intelligent beings from other worlds,

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and there is a natural fear of the stranger, the creature from somewhere else.

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Now these stories, those that you read them carefully,

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you will notice that they tend in every case to humanize the extraterrestrial or the spaceman.

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We find out that they like to listen to soap operas, but they don't approve of them.

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We find out that they make jokes. All of this reduces them to very human terms.

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They are no longer frightening because they have been deep-faced, you might say.

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I think that for the believers as well as for the contact teams, there is also a great deal of misplaced idealism.

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Many of the believers seem to have hearts of gold and heads full of feathers.

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The Billionary Fossier Intelligence, a New York group who is giving serious study and much time to unidentified flying objects,

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rejects the so-called contact reports of such men as Howard Menger.

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But they don't reject flying saucers, nor do they deny that the flying saucers may have landed,

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is the Bill Davis said.

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As you may know, there are already a number of reports of an entirely different kind,

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which purports to describe meetings with creatures from outer space.

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You mean there are some contact stories that you would believe?

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I do not want to say that I would believe them.

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I simply say that they are different in every respect from the type of stories represented by Mr.

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Well, can you give us some examples?

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There were in the fall of 1954 in Europe dozens of reports of encounters with little men,

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about say three and a half feet tall.

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Then there were also in the following winter a number of reports of this type from South America.

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Then in the summer of 1955 there were reports from this country of encounters,

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I don't call them contacts, you notice, encounters with small humanoid creatures.

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It is this group of reports that is so completely different from the Menger type of reports,

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seems to deserve to be taken seriously.

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Why do you think that these should be taken seriously as not the Menger type of reports?

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Because in the first place there is no communication, the behavior of these little creatures is always completely mysterious.

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The human observers are always terrified.

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They don't want to have the experience repeated, they would rather forget it entirely.

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They shrink from the limelight, they don't go back to the same place looking for another contact, they bring no messages.

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All they want to do is to have everybody go away and leave them alone and let them forget that they have a strawberry face.

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Have any of these little people contacts, have there been any commercializations?

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None whatsoever that I know of. Quite the contrary, one woman said,

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I would give everything I own if it had never happened.

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Why were they so terrified?

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Because the things they saw seemed to them really unearthly and out of this world.

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They looked and behaved not like beautiful, wise, benevolent, faith brothers, but like something really different, so strange that they did not know what to make of it.

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How many of these reports have been investigated thoroughly?

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About half a dozen.

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And what have been your findings on this investigation?

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The stories are certainly not to be brushed off.

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There are more things in Heaven and Earth ratio than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

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Those words of Shakespeare's are even more applicable today than they were the life of 400 years ago.

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Perhaps some of those things in Heaven and Earth are flying saucers.

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What do you think?