

report by Soviet scientists

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INTELLIGENT beings from outer space are spying on Earth, according to a leading Soviet scientist — and some of America's top space scientists agree with him — says a prominent nuclear physicist and UFO expert.

Stanton T. Friedman, who worked for 14 years on U.S. nuclear and space development programs, has come into possession of a startling

Soviet report of a top level study of UFOs.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has a copy of the report in its files, but it had been kept a closed secret until leaked to Friedman.

The report, by radio astronomer L.M. Gindilis for the Soviet Academy of Sciences, says: "By all the preliminary indications, spacecraft entering our system from universes beyond are controlled either directly or indirectly by intelligent beings of some sort."

The report is part of an ongoing Russian program called SETI — Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence — and is the first clear indication that Russia's best scientists are convinced UFOs hold the key to the search for life among the stars.

Friedman says its author is one of the highest honored and most respected in Russia and is secretary of a section of the Academy of Sciences' Scientific Council on Radio Astronomy, which is charged with detecting space signals of unknown origin.

The report closely examines 250 verified sightings in the Soviet Union over the past 20 years and according to Friedman "is incredibly rich in statistics. Every sighting has been reduced to a basic formula and fed into a computer."

The Russian radio astronomer discloses that he and his col-

leagues have been trying to establish radio contact with extraterrestrial civilizations for the last 20 years, with "very substantial" results in noting "peculiar features" in the radio waves.

Gindilis says Russian scientists are prepared for the possibility that space aliens are communicating by means that are unknown in modern physics.

"But in fact, other means of communications could exist that are based on other natural phenomena that are unknown to us at present," he concedes.

He adds: "I have no doubt that the so-called UFOs are real.

"True, a large share of the reports of sightings that are often termed UFOs can be explained by atmospheric phenomena. However, the fact is that a significant percentage, 20 to 25 percent, of sightings cannot be explained."

Friedman said many NASA scientists shared the Russian conviction that Earth was being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft.

"If we can learn to duplicate the aliens' advanced techniques for communicating and powering spacecraft, we'll be making a quantum jump forward in our technology," Friedman said.

"My guess is that there's no official American project to ferret out the secret UFOs. That's because putting such work on paper would make it susceptible to disclosure in our newspapers.

"The Freedom of Information Act has made it impossible to conceal any organized work, so the government's scientific community is taking shelter in a loosely-organized effort" he said.