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Hiding, says researcher

DEKALB, Ill. (UPI) — A researcher claims the federal government is involved in a massive UFO coverup to keep the public from panicking.

Robert Hastings, a Northern Illinois University graduate student from Albuquerque, N.M., told a campus crowd Monday that documents he obtained under the Freedom of Information Act indicate a huge coverup on UFOs has been under way for years.

"There's an abundance of hard evidence at this time of an ongoing coverup," Hastings said. "I believe the government's policies are shortsighted."

Hastings, who began studying UFOs after he spotted one near Great Falls, Mont., in 1967, said the government is withholding information about UFOs to keep the public from panicking.

"I believe we're on the threshold of an extremely exciting period in the history of mankind," he said. "I'm preparing you in some small way for an announcement from the Oval Office."

"It is my understanding former President Jimmy Carter was prepared to issue such a statement. One can only speculate why he didn't."