

Mysterious visitors in black silence UFO investigations

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The most sinister and bizarre aspects of the entire UFO phenomena are the mysterious "Men In Black."

Usually they are referred to as "MIBs" or "Silencers," the Men In Black are reported to appear to individuals who have had experiences with UFO sightings and contacts.

Speaking in curious mechanical monotonies, the MIBs warn against repeating information about the confrontations with UFOs, and confiscate physical evidence such as photographs or fragments from the craft.

MIBs have been known to pose as Air Force officials, writers, salesmen and agents of covert investigative bureaus such as the CIA. They are always dressed neatly in black, often with turtleneck sweaters, and dark hats tugged low over their foreheads to mask their slightly slanted eyes in shadow.

Most accounts of these men describe them as of short to medium height; with thin lips, high cheekbones and Oriental appearances. Words, especially slang terms, are sometimes misused, and their sentences are oddly strung together.

These strange men have been around at least since 1947, when two harbor patrolmen from



Tacoma, Wash., Hal Dahl and Lee Crisman, disclosed separate sightings of doughnut-shaped UFOs above Maury Island in Puget Sound. Dahl's experiences immediately after his sightings have become an important part of MIB lore.

The morning after he observed the flying saucers, he was reportedly visited by an unusual appearing man, who was dressed all in black and apparently drove up to the harbor patrolman's home in a new black Buick. MIBs traditionally choose large luxury cars to travel in. The cars always are black.

The ominous stranger who dropped in on Dahl startled his host by providing an incredibly detailed account of the UFO sighting over the Sound.

One of the characteristics of the mystery visitors is their unaccountable knowledge of details which UFO observers and contactees have not yet publicly

divulged. The visitor warned Dahl that he was an accidental witness to something he shouldn't have seen and added that if he valued his safety and that of his family he should not discuss the UFO experience with anyone.

Reports of the frightening activities of these visitors are taken extremely seriously by people in the field of UFO studies, and dozens of experiences have been recorded.