

ALIEN SPACE PROBE CIRCLING EARTH

STUNNED scientists have found an alien space probe circling the earth — and they claim it will divulge a fantastic storehouse of information about a distant star civilization

as soon as it receives a signal from us.

The probe is believed to be in the same orbit as the moon. The experts say it has escaped detection for more than 60 years because radio receivers were not sophisti-

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cated enough to pinpoint the source of the signal until now.

Scottish astronomer Duncan Lunan announced the astonishing discovery after

he decoded a strange series of echoes from space which spell out a message to earth.

"These echoes have baffled researchers for years," says Lunan.

"They were first picked up in the 1920's by European radio astronomers who got an unusual response to pulse signals they sent into space."

But they couldn't locate the source of the return echoes, nor did they suspect the echoes were actually a coded message.

Lunan says he deduced the meaning of the echoes and the approximate location of the probe by studying the peculiar sequence of the signals noted by these past researchers.

"Normal pulses, sent from earth would bounce off of the ionosphere and return in about 1/17th of a second.

"But these echoes came back after various periods of delay from 3 to 15 seconds long.

"This suggested the signals came from some object well beyond the earth's atmosphere — at least as far as the moon. From other data I deduced the object was circling the earth.

"Then I realized the variation in delay times could constitute an intelligent signal. The object apparently can not only reflect our signals but send it's own."

Lunan says he then recalled a theory put forth by American astronomer R.N. Bracewell which suggested an alien probe trying to contact earth would likely send signals which would represent a map showing the home star of the spacecraft.

"Sure enough, the signals turned out to be a pattern of star locations.

"I found the source of the probe was Epsilon Bootes, a star which is 103 light years from earth."

Immediately after Lunan announced his amazing results, the prestigious British Interplanetary Society began

an investigation of the probe message. Plans are now underway to contact the alien craft.

Huge radio transmitters have been manufactured especially for the project by the British electronic firm E.M.I.

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A sea monster?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A scientist says Robert Frew may have videotaped Chessie, a 30-foot-long serpent legend says slithers about Chesapeake Bay, but a National Geographic photographer says it's all a hoax.

"It looks like four kids swimming inside a plastic bag," said Emory Kristof, an underwater photographer for the National Geographic magazine.

Kristof, who has explored the depths of Scotland's Loch Ness in search of its legendary monster, saw a copy of Frew's videotape the computer salesman said he made at his house on the bay on Memorial Day.

"It's so jerky and amateurish ... you can't tell very much from it," Kristof said Monday in an interview on WJLA-TV.

The creature in the film was alive, about 30 feet long, serpentine in shape and movement, and black or dark brown in color, Lazarra said.