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said. "These other people have manipulated it for various reasons. Either they're sick or for monetary reasons."

"They're out to make a fast buck," Cerny added. "They can't prove any of the stuff they claim. They have names for all these crazy planets, but it's a bunch of fictitious stuff made up in their own minds."

Cerny and Staff said their organization has documented approximately 300 instances in which people were abducted and studied by aliens.

"The excuse the government uses for keeping all this secret is that they're afraid people would panic," said Cerny. "That's baloney."

The real reason is that governments fear their political systems would be destroyed, he said.

"We've documented about 300 abductions," Cerny said. "But it's different from these people who claim they've gone to Mars and Saturn."

He cited a scientific study done on various photographs of alleged UFOs which showed they were phony."

"These other people are trying to sell naive people a bunch of garbage," he said. "It does more damage to the legitimate scientific research being done than anything else."

They do agree on the frozen alien bodies...

He ain't heavy, he's my Reticulan

By LENITA POWERS

The lineup of speakers for the UFO convention this weekend at the Nevada State Fairgrounds reads like characters in an Isaac Asimov science fiction novel.

One built a time machine in the backyard of his Laguna Beach home and converses with a female alien with long, strawberry-colored hair.

Another says the Reticulans went to the U.S. government and angrily demanded the return of one of their flying saucers and the dead crew aboard.

A third says documents show former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were involved in the worldwide conspiracy to keep government knowledge of

UFOs a secret from the people of Earth.

The convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending sometime late in the evening each day. It will feature speakers, film and slide shows, special events and display booths with crystals, pyramids, books and other items.

The convention is open to the public. Admission is \$15 per day or \$25 for both days.

From descriptions straight out of the convention's own press release, some of the speakers at the conference include:

□ Dr. Frank Alper, a space age clairvoyant who channels various entities including a being known as "Kryon" from the Quadrille V universe;

□ Hal Wilcox, whose first contact with aliens was in 1961 when he met "Zemkla" from the planet Selo;

□ Maj. Wayne Aho, a former Intelligence Operations officer who was grilled by the CIA after meeting aliens in the Mojave Desert;

□ Dr. Frederick Bell, a NASA space-

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Hogwash! shout doubting scientists

By LENITA POWERS

The UFO convention being held at the Nevada State Fairgrounds this weekend is a "charlatan" event to bilk people out of their money, representatives for a group of scientists investigating UFOs said Friday.

Virgil Staff and Paul C. Cerny of the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies said they came to Reno to monitor the convention.

Staff and Cerny said they represent "an organization of legitimate scientists trying to solve the UFO phenomenon. We take a very dim view of charlatan activities like this."

Staff and Cerny said their organization does believe there are UFOs and that the world governments have conspired to

hide the remains of UFOs and aliens from the public.

"That's the only thing we agree on," Cerny said of his organization and the people who hold UFO conventions like the one in Reno. "But they're trying to sell their books, tapes and newspapers full of wild, crazy stories. They're trying to bilk people out of their hard-earned money."

Staff said such conventions and the people who hold them detract from attempts by scientists to obtain factual information about UFOs.

"One of the worst things about this type of affair is that it really turns off other scientific minds when it comes to considering the possibility of the UFO phenomenon," he said.

Scientists involved in the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies agree that aliens have visited our planet and the governments are conspiring to keep that information secret, said Staff.

"The planet obviously is under surveillance but for reasons totally unclear," he

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