

MacLaine rejects charges

Actress Shirley MacLaine has rejected charges in Lima, Peru, that she was a neo-Nazi for her suggestion that space aliens could have helped the Incas build the ancient ruined city of Machu Picchu.



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A Peruvian state agency three weeks ago ordered ABC Circle Films to rewrite a small portion of the script to the miniseries "Out on a Limb" removing a suggestion that aliens may have had a hand in building Peru's ancient stone ruins ... Machu Picchu.

Archaeologists say the Machu Picchu stone ruins

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cradled in the saddle of an Andean mountain ridge represent the apex of the Incan empire more than four centuries ago.

State Anthropologist Oscar Nunez del Prado told reporters that MacLaine was a "neo-Nazi" and said the miniseries script was part of "a racist campaign."

He charged that the campaign "is intended to show that people who are not descendants of the Aryans cannot have ancestors capable of the great works of humanity."

MacLaine, 51, said she believes "we are not the only living beings in the cosmos."

The Oscar-winning actress said she felt "great sadness that from a feeling of personal insignificance came an accusation of neo-Nazism."

"Out on a Limb" is based on MacLaine's autobiographical book of the same name and deals with her spiritual awakening and belief in reincarnation.