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UFO watcher: CIA hiding

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Robert Hastings says two highly placed sources have independently confirmed for him where the corpses of extraterrestrial creatures are being secretly preserved and studied under the most stringent security. But he demurred, "I am not in a position to compromise them to satisfy your curiosity."

Hastings also said a man in Las Vegas told him Wayne Newton, Frank Sinatra and Johnny Carson were alien beings in the service of the Mafia to hoard the U.S. oil supply.

He believes the first story.

Hastings spoke at the University of Idaho Wednesday, propounding a theory that for 40 years the U.S. government has assiduously suppressed information about innumerable UFO sightings and confrontations with beings from another world. He



ROBERT HASTINGS

has taken a layman's interest in the phenomenon and embarked upon a Quixotic quest.

Hastings says the Central Intelligence Agency possesses 13,000 classified documents related to UFOs. He says there is evidence to suggest that both spacecraft and corpses have been recovered from crashes. In addition to the unnamed location where he says bodies of extraterrestrial creatures are being studied, he said there are rumors that the military is examining the debris of their vehicles at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio in an effort to duplicate the technology.

If it's true, it is fittingly ironic, since Dayton was the home of Orville and Wilbur Wright, who invented the airplane.

Hastings was a photo technician at Northern Illinois University for five years and is now undergoing training in electron microscopy. But for half of each year, since 1981, he has headed out to lecture dates he has hustled himself by telephone — incurring an annual \$2,500 phone bill — and he has presented an array of formerly classified documents and testimony from military and intelligence

proof of alien visits to Earth

personnel that suggest the study of UFOs is one of the U.S.' highest priorities.

"I'll be doing this until there aren't enough gray cells left to add two and two," he maintained. "This planet is on the threshold of acknowledging that extraterrestrial surveillance by beings far superior to us has been around at least since World War II. This is probably the most profound issue, other than what is God and does he exist or not."

Hastings says the extraterrestrial creatures whose existence he is trying to verify appear to be sending messages to the earth's nuclear powers that they can interfere with any attempt to start a nuclear war. Not only have there been many sightings around militarily sensitive areas, including the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in the early 1950s, but on several occasions nuclear weapons have been disabled after a UFO sighting. In 1967, a flight of 10 missiles lost all power following a sighting. Following another encounter, the targeting code for the warhead guidance system was scrambled, and in a third event, the circuitry in a warhead nose cone was reduced to a molten mass of metal

after a UFO sighting.

Hastings also said in 1964 a dummy missile fell into the Pacific Ocean several hundred miles short of its target after being circled by a bright disc.

His own interest in UFO's stemmed from an experience of watching five of them disappear off the top of a radar screen at 4,800 miles per hour when he was a teenager hanging out with his father at work at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

Hastings insists, "I don't eat, sleep and drink UFO's. I have a rather balanced life," but he acknowledged the pursuit through government and military channels of documents related to UFOs is "tantalizing."

Following that first lecture in 1981, when he had to grip the podium to keep from shaking, Hastings says he has tapped into a well of public curiosity that sustains him.

"Sometimes there are snickers and guffaws in the first 15 minutes of a lecture. But by the end of the show, when the lights go up, everyone is sober-faced and serious. If I had met a wall of resistance in terms of public acceptance, I would have bowed out. I think I'm on the right track."