

# 'Cosmic Watergate' charged in UFO meet here

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Claims of a "Cosmic Watergate" were brought forward at a national UFO Convention at the Burbank Airport Hilton as researchers claimed they have found government documentation which supports the theories of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The weekend event was a mix and match of two categories, said William L. Moore, a North Hollywood resident and author who maintains a Burbank mailing address. The conference was sponsored by William L. Moore Publications and the Fair-Witness Project, Inc.

He said there is the evidence-oriented group, those seeking factual evidence of UFOs and those who are more folklore or belief oriented "and more interested in the place of man in the universe."

Sessions included workshops on "Space travel technology, past, present and future," "Ghost lights, spectres and things that go bump in the night," "Investigating close encounter cases in Southern California," and "New age use of charms, chants, crystals and magic."

Several of the people interviewed attending the conference claimed to have met or seen UFOs.

Karen Romstad, who was selling crystals at the conference, said she saw five space ships for an hour in Las Vegas, N.M., after coming back from a Shirley MacLaine seminar.

Andy Reiss, a psychic, said he has been contacted by extraterrestrials since 1959. One of them was a Venusian Observation Ranger who appeared on his television screen.

"I was not frightened," he said. "It was a friendly type of feeling. I was in safe hands."

James Mosley, president of the National Chairman of the National UFO Conference, said the conference goes to a different city each year. He said he has been a UFO buff since 1952.

Mosley said he was especially interested in the presentation by the research team.

At Sunday's banquet, Moore



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Karen Romstad shows one of several crystals for sale to Bill Matthias at last weekend's UFO conference at the Burbank Airport Hilton.

and nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman discussed "UFO's, secrecy and national security: Lifting the lid on the UFO cover-up."

Moore, Friedman and Producer Jaime Shandera presented documentation at Friday's opening lecture, which drew 125 people, involving government research

and dialogue on UFOs and the government's retrieval of a crashed alien craft outside Roswell, N.M. in 1947.

The research was done as part of the Moore-Shandera-Friedman Research Project into U.S. Government UFO Policy.

That research alleges Uniden-



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Stanton Friedman takes some time to be interviewed Friday at the Burbank Airport Hilton, before unveiling what he called a "Cosmic Watergate" at the UFO Conference. Friedman was named 'UFOlogist of the Year' at the conference's Sunday banquet.

identified Flying Objects are extraterrestrial spacecraft and maintain there is still interest in the U.S. intelligence community when at the same time official position statements claim there is no government interest.

While the three researchers spent hours cultivating information from the news media and public, they have also combed through records at the National Archives and Truman and Eisenhower presidential libraries.

In December 1984, Shandera reportedly received the information in a plain wrapper from an

unknown source.

The three said while they were not prepared to endorse the document's authenticity, it was their opinion based on research and interviews that the document and its contents appear to be genuine.

Part of the evidence presented was a Nov. 18, 1952 document of Majestic-12, which was established by then-Pres. Harry Truman on Sept. 24, 1947 to look into UFO sightings.

The report also claims that on July 7, 1947, a secret operation near Roswell, N.M. recovered

four small human-like beings near the wreckage from an fallen craft.

Some members of the 1947 research team claimed the aliens were from another solar system.

"I've yet to hear a good argument against the flying saucer reality," Moore said. "But I want facts not based on quick looks of lights in the sky, but good scientific evidence."

"We're beginning to tell a story of how government has been involved since 1947," Shandera said. "This is just the tip of the iceberg."