

\$10 buys shot at contacting extraterrestrials

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In an effort to prove that there is intelligent life in space, a philanthropist and self-styled financial adviser is recruiting people to pay \$10 each to take part in a plan to beam thought waves to extraterrestrial beings.

Alan Shawn Feinstein, who publishes two financial newsletters with a reported national circulation of 200,000, is calling the project "Operation Indigo" and says more than 5,000 people have signed up.

Mr. Feinstein usually advises his clients to invest in various stamps, coins and autographs, but in recent weeks he has been sending out a four-page letter urging people to mail him \$10 and two stamped, self-addressed envelopes.

In return, they receive a three-page letter that tells them to look at the sky at precisely 10 p.m. EDT on June 29 and spend a full minute repeating the questions: "Is there any way we can communicate? Can you send me a sign of your existence?"

Then, for the next 12 days, participants are asked to write down any unusual events, thoughts or dreams and send their accounts to Mr. Feinstein.

According to Mr. Feinstein, a special group will analyze the results by looking for similar unusual experiences as evidence of contact.

Don Berliner of the non-profit Fund for UFO Research in Virginia, described the project as "highly unscientific without known basis in logic or fact."

UFOs, 'aliens' sighted

MOSCOW (UPI) — Unidentified flying objects and aliens have reportedly been sighted in the Vologda region of the Russian republic, the Tass news agency reports.

One group of children outside the village of Konantsevo on June 6 "spotted a fast-increasing luminous dot in the sky," Tass said.

"The mysterious object landed in a meadow and rolled to a nearby river as the children looked on no more than half a kilometre away.

"They claim that they saw the sphere kind of split, and something resembling a headless person in dark garb appeared in the meadow. At that moment, however, the 'flying craft' melted into the air, while the creature from it admittedly proceeded to the village."

Tass quoted eyewitnesses saying three more spheres later landed in the same meadow.

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