

# Scientist Claims UFOs Are Real

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A respected nuclear scientist is convinced that flying saucers are real, and beings from other planets in other solar systems are visiting earth.

"After 17 years of study and investigation I'm convinced the evidence is overwhelming that planet earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles from off the earth," Stanton T. Friedman told MIDNIGHT.

For the last year, Friedman has been the only space scientist in the world known to be devoting all of his time to the study of UFOs.

Some of the reports he has



**STANTON T. FRIEDMAN** is the only full-time UFO scientist in the world.

accumulated and some of his own speculations and opinions are impressive, if not downright frightening.

A woman from upstate New

York reported she and her daughter watched for two hours while seven creatures "not too different from us" appeared to be repairing a downed spacecraft. During that time, another saucer stopped by, presumably to offer help.

"The woman said they were taking something down out of the middle, and then putting it back in. Maybe they were replacing the block," said Friedman, who has a lively sense of humor.

According to Friedman's reckoning, 2,000 credible saucer-sightings have been reported. In a third of those cases, the presence of creatures — Friedman calls them



**THIS PHOTO OF UFO** was taken in California in 1965.

"critters" — has also been observed.

By most accounts they're similar to us, Friedman says, with two arms, two legs, a head and a body — "similar but substantially different."

Friedman himself has never seen a UFO, but he has seen what he believes are sites on which they've landed.

The characteristics of these sites include a ring in the earth 10 to 50 feet in diameter. Within the ring, vegetation is flat, the soil may be dried out and nothing grows. In some cases, a difference in soil color and texture has been noted to a depth of 14 inches.

One site he witnessed in Canada had five rings, indicating the presence of at least five spacecraft. No tracks of any kind led to or away from them.

Friedman's file of landing-site discoveries contains more than 800 plausible reports.

Still, the government keeps the lid on a lot of this evidence, Friedman maintains.

"The first reason is pretty obvious," he says. "We'd want to be able to duplicate UFO flight behavior — set up a secret project to figure out

doing, and if you tell the American people, you clue everybody else.

other guy is going to figure out how they work, in which case you've got a major defense problem. Again, you don't want to talk about that.

"Third, and perhaps most important, no government on this planet wants its people to start thinking of themselves as earthlings — to devote their efforts and energy and loyalty to the planet as opposed to the national government — because the name of the game on this planet is power. And the way you play that game is nationalism."

Where do they come from?

Friedman can only guess, but he thinks from a planet in a star-system within our own Milky Way galaxy, comparatively close by.

"I find there are no good arguments against UFO reality," he declared. "Travel to the stars is feasible with the knowledge we have today, and without violating the laws of physics. And with reasonable round-trip times to nearby stars — say, under 50 years."