

U.S. Government Is Hiding The Facts About UFOs From The American People

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The United States government isn't revealing all it knows about UFO sightings.

That's the basic claim of a new book by author Ralph Blum and his wife, Judy. They write in "Beyond Earth: Man's Contact with UFOs" that there exists a conspiracy within the government to keep a tight lid on the subject of flying saucers.

Ralph and Judy Blum made it a point to check out the reports and the reliability of the witnesses as extensively as possible. But they ran into a snag when they tried to check into the UFO files of the government.

"There are people who know what's really going on," complained Blum. "But they won't talk to guys like me. They only talk to each other."

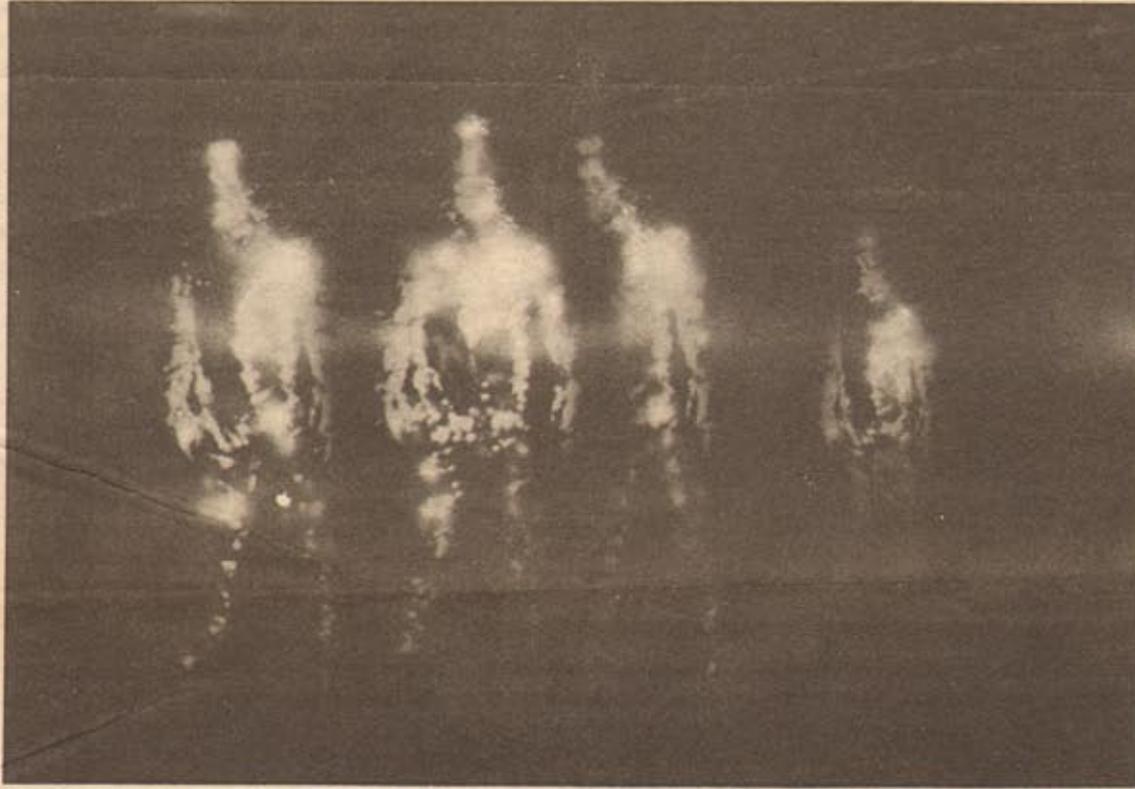
After interviewing scores of UFO witnesses and sifting through piles of UFO photographs, Ralph Blum said, "It's rather ironic. The government thinks the public will freak out if they're let in on the real facts, and from what we gather, the creatures themselves think earth people will freak out if they make open contact."

But Ralph Blum wants to set the record straight.

"I'm an investigative reporter, not necessarily a believer in UFOs," he emphasizes.

He takes a neutral stand — neither that of a believer nor that of a skeptic. Since, according to a recent Gallup Poll, 51 percent of the population believe in UFOs and 15 million Americans claim to have sighted UFOs, Blum believed it was time for a well-researched account of what he likes to call the "phenomenon".

"There's been a tremendous increase in public interest," he explained. "Ever since Erik Von Daniken's books on the an-



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of the aliens' landing at Pascagoula, Miss., in October of 1973, depicts the "silvery robot-like creatures" with crab-like hands and feet as they appeared to witnesses. Descriptions of the landing were verified by lie-detector tests.



RALPH BLUM and his wife Judy co-authored book on UFOs.



CLOSEUP of the head of an alien that landed at Pascagoula.

cient astronauts, people have become interested in the possibility of modern-day visitors."

The book centers on the visit of "silvery robot-like creatures" to Pascagoula, Miss., in October 1973.

Two shipyard workers had been taken aboard an extraterrestrial spacecraft suspended in mid-air, and the silvery creatures examined the workers with a "large, laser beam eye."

Following the incident, U.S. Air Force doctors gave the workers lie detector tests and intensive examinations. Author Blum was allowed to witness some of the tests and found their credibility above suspicion.

"There's no way, in my opinion, that the Pascagoula incident was a hoax, as some reports undoubtedly are," Ralph Blum believes. "Obviously, these men believed in what they saw. Even if the experience was a hallucination, that's just as intriguing as the UFO argument."

"Something is definitely out there. We just don't know if it's physical, psychological or paranormal."

Although there have been many sightings, actual contacts have been few. UFO creatures have told some contacts that they take electricity from our power lines and generators. Blum thinks that they may have been responsible for the great power blackout in 1965.

It is also believed that psychic surgeons and also Uri Geller got their special powers from UFO contacts.

In other reports, laser-like beams from UFOs have cured alligator bites, old war wounds, myopia and rheumatism.

Neither Ralph Blum, 41, nor his wife Judy, 38, have ever seen a UFO. Although the book has been on the market since April 1, 1974, the Blums still keep track of sightings.