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•Betty Hill, the
most celebrated abductee in history,
has become
the Madonna of UFO lore. •

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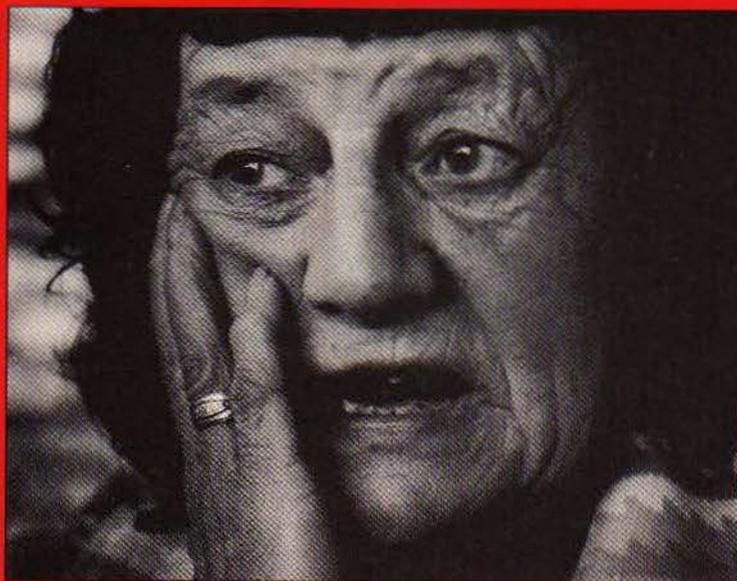
Twenty-four years ago, social worker Betty Hill and her late husband, Barney, lost track of two hours while they were driving through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Under hypnosis they later recalled their abduction by short, bald-headed aliens, who took them aboard a UFO, subjected them to medical examinations, and showed them a star map charting a course through the sky. The tale catapulted the Hills into the tenuous role of celebrated UFO contactees. Their story was embraced by UFO fans, told in *The Interrupted Journey*, by John G. Fuller, serialized by *Look*, and even made into a movie.

Today, following Barney's death, Betty (above) still pursues the UFO enigma with relentless compulsion. Her frequent lectures demonstrate her belief that UFOs *must* be manned by extraterrestrial visitors. And two to five times a week she seeks these visitors in an empty field 18 miles from her Portsmouth, New Hampshire, home. "The best time for sightings," she explains, "is when the temperature plummets to about twenty degrees below zero—really cold."

Although Betty reports that she has not been taken aboard a UFO since her initial experience, she says she has had as many as 80 sightings a night.

She also says she has communicated with occupants of the UFOs. For instance, one night she spotted a strange object in the sky above the field and yelled, "See there, see there." Seemingly in response, Hill says, lights on the UFO formed the letters *IUC*.

Excited by these claims, psychiatrist Berthold Schwarz,



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author of *UFO Dynamics*, visited Hill's field and also saw the lights. Some would blink out, he says, and return seconds or minutes later. Schwarz tends to lean toward a psychic rather than an extraterrestrial explanation for UFOs, but he notes that at one point during the evening, two police officers stopped and attributed the lights to airplanes. "Just because one person sees something and another person sees something else or nothing at all," he says, "doesn't mean the underlying force, whatever it might be, isn't there."

But Hill has her own conclusions. UFOs can "disguise themselves as familiar objects: airplanes, helicopters, or even shacks," she contends. On the afternoon of May 2, 1980, for instance, she arrived at the field with her mother and a friend to find a white shack with a peaked roof and a single window. It appeared to be made of wood and was elevated on pilings. But as the three approached the shack, Hill says, it turned on its base and walked away. They quickly retreated, and the next day the shack was nowhere in sight. "It was never there before," Hill explains, "and it has never been there since."

Aerospace engineer and UFO skeptic James E. Oberg, however, has his doubts. "If UFOs can appear as shacks and airplanes," he asks, "why can't they disguise themselves as policemen or magazine writers? I don't doubt that Betty Hill believes she sees UFOs, but UFOs are fed by IFOs—identified flying objects—and there are many honest misinterpretations."

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