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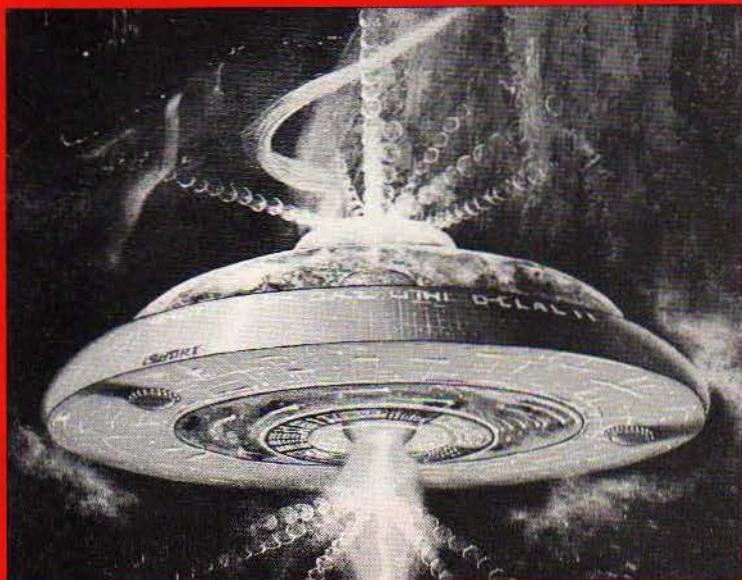
John Lear loves to fly. A captain for a major charter airline, he's flown airliners, sea-planes, fighters, gliders, gyroplanes, and helicopters—160 different types of aircraft all told, including the Learjet designed by his father, William P. Lear, Sr. But he has never flown a flying saucer, and he says he's jealous of those who have.

Lear believes that since 1947 the U.S. government has recovered at least 30 flying saucers belonging to alien civilizations. And, he claims, some of these have been test-flown by U.S. government personnel from Groom

Lake, Nevada, under a secret program called Project Redlight. What's more, he declares, the United States government currently has at least 30 frozen alien bodies, representing three different alien civilizations, in storage at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Homestead Air Force Base, and CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

But not all the aliens the government deals with are dead. "The U.S. government has been in business with little gray extraterrestrials for about twenty years," says Lear, who gets his information from published UFO literature, personal contacts in the intelligence community, and government documents both genuine and alleged. In fact, he says, by the early Seventies, the United States had made a deal with these creatures: "In exchange for technology we promised to ignore their abduction of humans and mutilation of cattle."

The government, says Lear, was led to believe that these activities were simply part of an ongoing effort to monitor our developing civilization. This was not the case. Instead,



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he says, the aliens, whose digestive systems have atrophied, extract hormones and enzymes and feed themselves by applying a solution of this material directly on their skin.

The human and animal body parts are processed in huge underground alien bases on Earth, says Lear. New Mexico, the "Land of Enchantment," is thought by some of Lear's intelligence sources to be the home of three of these bases, located near Dulce, Datil, and Sunspot. Witnesses, adds Lear, report seeing hundreds of huge vats with human body parts floating in

an amber fluid. "We are in deep, serious trouble," says Lear, "and the public needs to know about it now."

These bold statements have made Lear an extremely controversial figure in the UFO field. "I don't wish to repudiate his claims," says Leonard Stringfield, who has spent decades researching reports of UFO crashes and retrievals. "But I would rather be cautious and refer to these sorts of things as rumor rather than fact."

Wall Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network, comments, "Some people say it's way-out material. But it might be true. Who knows?"

"He's a very colorful character," says Jim Moseley, editor of *Saucer Smear*, "who has capitalized to some degree on his father's name. I don't happen to believe a word of what he says, but it's a lot of fun."

As for Lear, he says he saw U.S. government personnel "test an alien spacecraft" last March. It was his first personal encounter with the alien force. —PATRICK HUYGHE