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The Truth is Out There . . .

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PROGRAM: PRESTON WESTMORELAND

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This month PRESTON WESTMORELAND will visit us once again. This popular radio personality from KTAR Radio will speak on the media's treatment of the Alien Autopsy program and his recent trip to Area 51.

August 1995 will go down in the annals of AZ MUFON as our best of times to date. Our August display at Christown Mall drew the best response we could have hoped for. (Thanks again to everyone who helped, especially Earlene Ford, who made so many of the arrangements, and Richard Motzer, who supplied our video display.) Thousands of Arizona residents, many for the first time, had a chance to see and hear about the UFO phenomenon, not only in Arizona but its impact world-wide. On several occasions I watched people spend hours at our display, talking to our volunteers and watching Richard's videos.

I had thought we made up more than enough MUFON-AZ flyers (hundreds) to last us throughout the entire three-day event; they were all gone by NOON ON FRIDAY!! Several people kept copiers busy all weekend to keep us supplied.

Thanks to all the Arizona MUFON members who volunteered their time and efforts to inform the public through our display, and also to the various media (there were ads in several newspapers including the Arizona Republic and the New Times) who publicized our event to inform the people about our display. A very special thanks goes out to Preston

Westmoreland and Bill Strauss at KTAR and to all the television stations that reported our event.

I met many interesting people at the event, including Marlene Veldhuts, who donated a whole collection of newspaper articles and various pamphlets that she has collected from the early 1960s on. I have only had time to read through a small portion of these items so far, and the material is very interesting and informative. Perhaps some of it can be copied into future newsletters so we can all enjoy it.

The other "big event" in August was the showing of the "Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction" program -- not once, but twice (the second showing had additional footage), on world-wide television (Fox)!! Whether this autopsy was an actual event or a fantastically-

produced hoax, at least it got people talking seriously about the UFO phenomenon.

Be sure to read the interesting article submitted by Gerda Gallob, our very active and appreciated member in Sedona, concerning "hums of the Earth."

See you at the meeting.

Tom Taylor
State Director

FIELD INVESTIGATION TRAINING

The Field Investigator Training classes conducted by Richard Motzer have come to a conclusion. Many thanks to Richard for donating his many hours on this project. We hope we can get another group started again after the first of the year.

BERSON'S VIEW

Steve Berson
771-8015



SKYWATCH

Due to reports of strange activity near the Palo Verde nuclear plant, we will be holding a Skywatch in that area on Saturday, September 23. Those who wish to join us meet at 6:00 p.m. SHARP at the McDonald's on 51st Avenue, just north of I-10, on the west side of 51st Avenue. Bring any telescopes, binoculars, camcorders, etc. that you might have. Maps will be handed out at McDonalds, and we will caravan from there.

MEDIA WATCH

by Tom Taylor

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are often not notified of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!

So much has happened this past August, it was hard to keep up with it all. (One can't help but wonder if, last year when Ed Dames made predictions about "things happening in August," he did not actually mean August 1995 instead of 1994 ...)

Foremost was the Fox Television showing of "Alien Autopsy: Factor or Fiction?" on August 28, hosted by Jonathan Frakes. This first showing was so popular that a second showing, with additional footage, was shown on September 4th. The week before the showing of the autopsy program, Preston Westmoreland (on KTAR Radio) interviewed Don Ecker from UFO Magazine on his comments concerning the autopsy program.

Also on KTAR, this time at 9:00 p.m. on August 28, Bill Strauss ("Strauss's Place" program) interviewed Jim Dilettoso and Paul Davidson, producer of the cable show "Roswell," discussing the autopsy film shown just before the radio program. Many calls were made by listeners, nearly all of whom thought the film was authentic.

On Wednesday, September 6, Bill Strauss ("Strauss's Place") interviewed the world renowned pathologist Cyril Wecht ... and what an interview it was! Here was someone who knew *nothing* of the Roswell incident, or whatever crash it turns out to be, making a completely unbiased observation of the autopsy film. It was a very well-done interview.

Art Bell, on his weekly program "Dreamland," interviewed Bob Shell on Labor Day night. Bob has a sample of the autopsy film itself and is conducting tests to determine its composition and age. As was pointed out on the Fox program, Kodak used different chemical compositions of film during different years (and had numbered "codes" on them as well). The tests were not complete at the time of the interview. Anyway, this does seem to check out in the right time frame. Another interesting point he made was that this type of film has a short shelf life and that it must be used within a few months after purchase or the undeveloped film would "fog over," so this film could not have been sitting around unexposed for any length of time before use in the movie camera.

Both Bill Strauss and Preston Westmoreland were the target of a Benson cartoon in the Arizona Republic recently; it is reprinted on the front page.

The program "American Journal" on Channel 3 tried to discredit the autopsy film, but they could not offer concrete evidence to back up any of their statements.

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience. Related radio program in the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

Encounters - Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

X Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Sightings - Saturdays at 10:30 p.m., Channel 15.

MUFON-AZ T-SHIRTS

These great t-shirts were worn by our volunteers at the Christown display in August and were a big hit. There are just a few of the shirts (which depict the Paradise Valley UFO Crash in 1947) left in the current printing run. They are great to wear at our Skywatches, MUFON Exhibitions, meetings, etc. and to get the public's curiosity piqued so we can tell them about UFOs. If you want to purchase one, call Earlene Ford at 375-1942 to make arrangements to get one of these collector's items!

CALENDAR

Tucson MUFON Group - Oct. 19, meeting and training session, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., Wilcox Library. Phone June at (520) 326-0078 for more details.

Yuma MUFON Group - Oct. 15, 1:00 p.m., Desert Lakes Clubhouse. Hopefully John Faucett, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, will be the featured speaker. Contact Doris Barley for information at (520) 726-0570.

Experiencers Support Groups - There are currently two groups meeting for people with experiences related to the UFO phenomena. They are as follows: Ruth McKinley-Hover hosts a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (call 837-0446 for details), and Ray Maurer will host an abductee support group on September 25th at 7:30 (call 948-6048 for details).

Classifieds

OWN YOUR OWN FLYING SAUCER! 9" diameter, complete with glow-in-the-dark ALIEN face, hanging air foil, for only \$10.00. I also have Blue Birds, Red Birds and Peace Doves, \$10.00 each.

Send cost of item plus \$2.00 shipping and handling to Myron Olson, 6290 W. Camelback Rd., Ste. 10544, Phoenix, AZ

85303. To save shipping costs, call Myron at 873-1371 and pick the items up at the following MUFON-AZ meeting.

DON'T FORGET TO HELP CLEAN UP IF YOU CAN!

We always need help 30 minutes before meetings setting up the chairs and refreshment area, and if EVERYONE sitting in folding chairs at the meeting would fold their chair up and put it in the back room following the meeting, it would save Jere and Joan Castor and others so much time and effort. Also, donations of refreshments are always welcome. Thanks for your help!

BOOK REVIEW

Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind
Alien Abductions, UFOs and
the Conference at M.I.T.
C.D.B. Bryan, 478 pages
Alfred A. Kopf, 1995
\$25.00 hard bound
(Free at Phoenix Library)
Reviewed by Herb Moran

This is a "skeptic-zapper" written by an investigative journalist with an inquiring mind who never once succumbs to tabloid temptations to make wild claims about extraordinary experience. Incrementally and inexorably, Bryan leads the reader (and himself!) from healthy skepticism to conditional acceptance that UFOs and abductions may, in fact, be legitimate fields for critical inquiry. One portion of the book is devoted to post-conference interviews with researchers; another part focuses on the author's interviews of two abductees and their hypnotic sessions with Budd Hopkins. The book begins with a valuable, detailed reporting of all five days of the conference. With an ear for the subtleties of the presentations and the sophistication of the questioners, Bryan succinctly captures the ebbs and flows of the 1992 conference. Among many interesting points discussed:

- A report that in England, the most common reported time for an abduction was 0300-0500. Over 25 percent occurred in three ten-mile square zones which are where crop circles appear.

- It is generally agreed that the lights observed on the rims of UFOs rotate counterclockwise.

- People who are asked experimentally to describe an imaginary abduction do not come up with the scenarios, sequences or beings described by the overwhelming majority of abductees.

- A California therapist notes, "For the first time in our history we are studying something that is studying us!"

- Linda Moulton Howe speculates, "What may be happening before the decade is out is that the crop circles and all are building up to finally meeting another consciousness from somewhere else in the universe," and referencing the work of Gerald Hawkins, "Those who have studied the formations say the designs have a musical quality as well as a mathematical one." Perhaps one reason that the government says there are no UFOs is that they have classified them as IAF (Identified Aerial Vehicles), according to a document seen by Howe at Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque) in 1983.

- Somebody suggests the distinguishing feature between contactees and abductees is that contactees have a good time -- abductees don't.

- SETI has been renamed High Resolution Microwave Survey--Back to earth? Easier to ignore?

- Societies that do not make sharp distinctions between the real world and the spirit world might not see in the abduction phenomenon anything worth reporting.

- ... shaky data is precisely the problem with this whole UFO phenomenon ... the plural of "anecdote" is "data."

Bryan perceives a shift during the conference from the "Hopkins, Jacobs, Bullard scenario for menacing abductions." "The shifting tectonic plates are dividing the conference attendees into two distinct camps: those who believe there are "good" aliens and those who believe all aliens are manipulative and bad." ... The dichotomy between what is and what might be is what powers the UFO phenomenon. It is the mystery that has intrigued me and so many others who remain on the outside; it is the conflict ... that arose at MIT."

John Mack reiterated, "There has yet to be discovered

convincing evidence that anything ... has occurred to account for an abductee's distress other than what he or she say has happened ... we can't deal with ... the abduction phenomenon that is so shattering to our literalist, materialist world view and then try to understand it from a literalist, materialist's world view." p.132 ff.

David Jacobs notes that abduction research requires different methodology than for UFO research. It is intensely personal, as opposed to research seeking the confirmation of a UFO sighting ... the approach to the abduction source is close to that of a therapist. Farther along, he says "... although virtually all therapists immediately think that the abduction phenomenon is a screen memory of sexual abuse, they have never been able to produce one single case of this ... not one case which unequivocally shows that abduction fantasies are caused by repressed memories of sexual abuse." p.440

And from his post-Conference interview, these additional mental morsels to munch on: John Mack: "... the phenomenon is kind of a fourth blow to our egotism, following those of Copernicus, Darwin and Freud. Not only are we not physically at the center of the universe, transcending other life forms, and rational members of our psyche ... We are not even the preeminent or dominant intelligence in the cosmos, in control of our psychological and physical existences." p.270

Concerning the destructive result intrinsic in the Western value of mastering nature, and its relationship to the purpose of UFO visits, an abductee observes "... It's like the butterflies are coming back to stop the caterpillars that are denuding the bushes."

A Minnesota abductee's report of how a skeptical society's responds to the phenomenon: "Why do YOU believe you were abducted? ♦ You believe it because you're crazy. ♦ How do WE know you're crazy? ♦ Because you believe you were abducted!" p. 419

In the summary chapter, Bryan gives thumbnail sketches of most of the current theories about UFOs and abductions. One of the

stranger theories deals with "morphic resonance" (harmonic convergence?) and suggests that the collective unconscious itself has a way of making the abduction phenomenon spread. You'll have to get the book to follow this, but it derives from lessons in organic chemistry about the crystallization of new compounds.

Showing his emerging empathy for the abductee, Bryan retells the Chinese story about the undersized fish who is tossed back in the pond and vainly tries to explain to his scaly schoolmates that they live in water: "We live and swim in water! I have just now seen that which is NOT water; I have glimpsed dry land and open skies. Does anyone hear me? Does anyone care?" Bryan's validating answer, "I care," suggests that if you lead a skeptical horse to water, he just might drink.

"I am struck by how my perception of the abduction phenomenon has changed; I no longer think it is a joke. This is not to say I now believe UFOs and alien abductions are real ... but rather, that I feel something very mysterious is going on. And based as much on what has been presented at the conference as on the intelligence, dedication, and sanity of the majority of the presenters, I cannot reject out-of-hand the possibility that what is taking place isn't exactly what the abductees are saying is happening to them. And if that is so, the fact that no one has been able to pick up a tailpipe from a UFO does not mean UFOs do not exist. It means only that UFOs might not have tailpipes. As Boston University astronomer Michael Papagiannis insisted, 'the absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence'." p.230

HUMMING SOUNDS FROM THE EARTH

The first time I heard a strange humming was when I lived in Los Angeles, 1/2 hour away from the airport as the crow flies. I heard a truck, rather a large earth-moving machine, going up a steep incline, down and up again. It was a continuous sinus wave of sounds. Especially after midnight I heard this machine and wondered where the work goes on the whole night. However, at that time they enlarged

LAX and built new freeway bridges. Maybe in the night, when other noises are minimized, the earth leads those machine noises much farther as one would assume.

In my youth, when I lived in a suburb of Vienna, we could hear railroad noises over two hills of about 55m in height. Soundwaves can travel on the surface of the earth quite far and can be heard, especially at night, over many miles.

However, I heard these sounds in L.A. only when I put my ear on the pillow. When I was sitting up, I could not hear them. I asked my children to listen to this humming. They could not hear it in their rooms upstairs, but they did hear it downstairs on my bed or directly on the floor. The sounds seemed to come from the ground. It crossed my mind to drive after midnight to the airport to see for myself from where these sounds came. But being on the street or in my car, I was not able to hear the humming, and I gave up. This happened about 8 to 10 years ago.

At that time I read in FATE magazine an inquiry from a reader from the eastern U.S. about humming noises he can hear from the ground. In the next issue somebody from Montana answered that he also could hear them, like a heavy machine going up and down a short but steep incline. He, like me, tried to locate these night workers, but lost the sounds when driving in the car.

He thought that this must be a sound which the magma of the earth makes, since the earth's crust is only 10 M thick. The earth center, being a very dense nucleus, rotates in the magma and works similar to a dynamo. This also would explain that the vibration can be heard for several months, but stops after that and continues later again. This could be caused by the earth nucleus "swimming" around.

In 1992, people in Taos, New Mexico became annoyed by continuous humming sounds which would not let them sleep. Prof. Mullins of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of NM in Albuquerque checked into it, as I heard just recently on "Encounters" on Fox (Channel 10 Monday evenings at 7). I called him, and he told me

that the main obstacle was that there is no equipment to measure this low frequency (below 50 Hz) with high sensitivity).

Prof. Mullins borrowed geophones and sensitive electromagnetic scanners from Los Alamos Laboratories which are used for detecting nuclear blasts over the whole world. They registered some noises, but they were not the humming sounds which the people of Taos heard. That was established in humming match tests in the lab.

Interestingly, not all people can hear these humming sounds, but those who do claim that their whole head is vibrating so that they cannot sleep. Prof. Mullins sent out 8,000 survey forms of which 1,200 were sent back to him. Of these, 160 people could hear the humming (this is 2% of the responding people). The researchers and about 10 of those hearing the humming went to the Carlsbad Caverns, the deepest point in New Mexico, where the result was the same. The hearers heard; the equipment either did not hear or recorded something else.

Prof. Mullins now works together with the medical school by testing the hearers and non-hearers to find out if there is a diagnostic difference between these groups. However, the scanning equipment for the hearing test reaches only into the high frequencies; they were forced to build new sensitive equipment for the low frequencies.

The researchers came to the conclusion that there are more sounds in the earth; sounds which they can find and measure, sounds which the people hear and possible other sounds, too. The most likely, he thought, is a stochastic resonance, the same with which crayfish locate their pray. the testing will go on.

Gary Hart, from Bloomingdale, Illinois, made it his hobby to track these sounds for years and found it to occur all over the U.S. He measures vibrations, electromagnetic and radio frequency emissions. He found these vibrations also north of Sedona and was here to record them; therefore, he contacted me.

These sounds and the presence of many military

helicopters, all painted black to reportedly deflect RADAR rays, have some people in Sedona quite nervous, and all kinds of rumors about secret government doings arose -- like secret underground facilities in hidden canyons, cooperations with UFOs and post-mechanical construction of flying crafts as in Area 51 is assumed by some people, fanned by some writers.

This did not improve since the airport denied my inquiries about helicopters in the area, but recently admitted to a temporary airfield for them north of Sedona. Helicopters on transfer from the east to the west use this facility.

Gary Hart sent me a tape of his recordings in the Black Tank area, northwest of Sedona near a power pole, which starts rattling by the vibration from the earth. However, these sounds are different from those I heard years ago in L.A. Also, they differ from the description given by the man who chased the sounds in Montana. We heard asymmetrical sinus sounds like from earth-moving equipment. Gary's sounds are symmetrical and sound like an electrical motor, despite the fact the nearby ranch had no equipment running.

In any case, it will be of interest to find out what Prof. Mullins will find with the new testing equipment.

Gerda Gallob
MUFON-AZ, Sedona

TAOS HUM SURVEY COMPLETE: HEARERS STEP FORWARD

University of New Mexico researchers have completed a survey of people living in and around Taos and identified 161 people, or 11 percent of respondents, who hear the Taos Hum.

"Statistically, that's a large percentage," says Jim Kelly, an ear specialist with the UNM School of Medicine.

Kelly teamed up with University psychologist to survey residents of Taos, Questa, Eagle's Nest, Penasco, Ranchos de Taos and Tres Piedras. Their goal was to gauge how much of the area's

population is affected by the mysterious sound and learn about the common experiences of hearers.

The hum, which hearers liken to an idling diesel engine, began in the Taos area in the spring of 1991, although Albuquerque residents have complained of a similar sound since 1989. Some hearers have also suffered pressure on the ears, nose bleeds, dizziness and headaches. All say the hum disturbs their sleep.

Surveys, carefully worded to avoid biasing readers, were designed by associate professor Steve Gangestad and evaluated by graduate student Eric Augustson, both of the UNM Psychology Department. They were mailed last spring to 8,000 area residents. Response was substantial, Kelly reports, at 18 percent, or 1,440. Typical response for a survey like this is less than 10 percent. Of those responding, 11 percent, or 161, "perceive what we classify as the hum," Kelly says. They are primarily "baby-boomers," are evenly divided between men and women, and mostly live in Taos or Ranchos de Taos.

Here are the results:

- Of respondents, 73 percent were between 30 and 59. While most adult hearing ailments trouble elderly people, hearers, Kelly notes, "are in the prime of life."

- About half (52 percent) of hearers are female and 47 percent male (one percent did not identify their gender). "That says something, too," Kelly says. Male hearing is most likely to be affected by environmental or work-related noise -- factory racket or gunfire and explosions.

- Just over half of the hearers first perceived the sound in either Taos or Ranchos de Taos, while another 37 percent heard it elsewhere, usually in the mountains around Taos.

- Sixty-seven percent have heard the hum for one or more years. "It's not a transient phenomenon," Kelly says. "The vast majority have heard it for at least six months, many for more than two years. When it starts it doesn't go away. This will make it difficult to tie to a

single event," such as a microwave tower installation.

- Seventy-five percent hear the hum daily, every few days or once a week. "That's frequent," Kelly says. It means that a signal, either internal or external, is probably always present but only rises above background noise at night when it's quiet. A few people, five percent, hear the hum continuously. One interesting result is that 17 percent reported hearing the hum at one time but not currently. "This suggests there may be a way to lose your sensitivity to it or suppress that sensitivity," Kelly says.

- Sixty-two percent hear the hum late at night or in the early morning. Those numbers again raise the issue of the sound being masked by daytime noise.

- Some hearers -- 23 percent -- hear the hum outside the Taos area.

Kelly notes that the survey numbers could be somewhat skewed. Hearers may have been more likely than non-hearers to respond to the survey. On the other hand, actual numbers may be even higher because some hearers didn't care to publicly identify themselves.

Media attention, he said, has been a mixed blessing. Publicity about the hum probably fueled the high response rate, but may also have prejudiced some responses.

"A segment of the population clearly resents the inquiry," Kelly says.

A number of respondents complained that the survey was a waste of time and blamed newcomers, "New-Agers or pot-smoking hippies," for what they perceived as an invention. However, hearers outnumbered the skeptics three to one, Kelly says.

Those who take a dim view of the work "don't understand that we've gotten letters from reasonable people living all over the country," he says. He adds that the hum presents scientists with an opportunity to learn about the mechanics of low-frequency hearing and shed new light on low-frequency hearing disorders. "We're trying to probe a very poorly understood region of the inner ear --

the region where low-frequency sounds are processed."

There is only one known disorder of low-frequency hearing, Meniere's disease, which is also a subject of the current study. "If this is a disorder of low-frequency hearing, we want to know about that," Kelly says.

This survey was a necessary first step in research. "The first thing to do is determine as incidence rate and then the characteristics of the affected individuals," he says. "That's standard clinical procedure."

The next step will involve testing the low-frequency hearing of those who perceive the hum. UNM engineer and physicist Joe Mullins and his research associate Carl Melendez are designing and building hardware and software to make objective measurements of hearers' sensitivity to low-frequency sounds.

Contact Jim Kelly (505) 272-6100 or Sherry Robinson (505) 277-2308 for further information.

University of New Mexico
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Ritter



TO THE UNRECOGNIZED "HERO"

Okay, you went to Area 51 and came back in one piece. Then you started trumpeting over the radio, in the press and in the neighborhood bar, "I was chased by three jeeps, two helicopters and a submarine!! I was kicked, threatened, my camera was smashed!! I wanna medal!! Big like a pancake!! Ple-e-e-e-asell

Why? You went there on your own. No one forced you, unless you wanted to escape from a nagging wife or girlfriend for a day or two. If you went there for a hearty meal at the Little A'Le'Inn, or used the services of a guide to get you to the famous mailbox, more power to you! It is commendable to help the local economy.

But if you went there for a "scientific investigation," here we disagree. For some, "Military Intelligence" is an oxymoron -- a contradiction in terms. But they are smart enough to realize that Area 51 is now a tourist mecca. If there were any greys, hybrids, crashed saucers or Men in Black, they are now safely stashed somewhere else.

Sure you saw UFOs! Round, triangular, rhomboid or wing-flapping.

They are all of the experimental military kind. What is wrong with that? We still need a strong defense. Look around you -- wars all over the world, my own native Yugoslavia included. So let the Air Force do its job and stop snooping!

If you were a cook by profession, while concocting your favorite sauce, would you tolerate some characters lurking around to find out what "secret" ingredients you are using? You might bombard them with meatballs or hit them with a frying pan -- right?

Extend the same courtesy to the military. Taxpayer or not, it is still none of your business. Area 51 is a lure for enthusiasts in search of titillating sensations and nothing more. Stop crying for a 21-gun salute! A "hero" you are not. Sorry, pal.

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov
Maricopa County Section Director

Harvard won't censure professor for UFO study

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Harvard Medical School has decided not to censure a Pulitzer Prize-winning professor who studies people who say space aliens abducted them for sexual experiments.

However, psychiatrist John Mack received an unusual public warning from the dean not to let his enthusiasm for UFO research steer him from the path of professionalism.

The decision disclosed Thursday followed a one-year investigation that Mack's lawyer called a challenge to academic freedom.

"This is the type of thing that almost by its existence can be intimidating," Roderick MacLeish said.

The review began after Mack appeared on *Unsolved Mysteries* and other TV programs to promote his 1994 book, *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*. It deals with his patients, including a man who remembers an alien female extracting a sperm sample from him, a woman who says she gave birth to a human-alien hybrid, and a man who says he had an alien wife in a parallel universe.

The faculty committee investigated whether Mack's work met professional standards and whether it could be considered research on human subjects, which requires special permission.

"It was not our function to describe whether John Mack's astonishing claims are true," said the chairman, Dr. Arnold Reiman, a former editor

of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

"All we were asked to do was to determine whether he was using the kind of scholarship and rigor and commitment to the evidence that one would expect of a member of the Harvard faculty."

Medical School spokeswoman Keren McGinity refused to answer questions.

Mack, 65, was traveling Thursday and could not be contacted, an assistant said. In an interview last year, he said that he does not necessarily believe in aliens but thinks that some unknown traumatic experience explains his patients' memories.

"All that he was basically saying was that there were some mysteries in life," MacLeish said. "He was not vouching for the kind of testimony these people have been making, just that they did not appear to be mentally ill."

Mack founded the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital, one of Harvard's teaching hospitals, and is director of the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research at the Harvard-affiliated Center for Psychology and Social Research. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.

Some colleagues reportedly were unhappy that Harvard's name became associated with Mack's study of 120 patients who say aliens took them away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.

FOUNDline

Species on the Internet



WWW

Maybe it's the hit film *Species* or the sneaking suspicion that Newt Gingrich isn't human, but people seem to be talking about aliens again.

Several alien-photos from an alleged 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, N.M., are circulating on the Internet's World Wide Web. More pictures can be downloaded from Usenet newsgroups dedicated to the subject. Even America Online has an area (keyword: sightings) designated to UFOs and the creatures who fly them.

How to get it: To see for yourself, make contact with your computer modem and try <http://www.interaccess.com/users/-newman/> or the site at <http://www.pnmenet.com/-keithr/artbell.html> that has a link to the autopsy photos.

Alternate ways: if your Internet access is limited to newsgroups, find alt.ufo.reports and alt.alien.visitors.

In addition to autopsy pictures that can be downloaded to your computer, you can experience close encounters with other UFO believers.

Either way, the areas will give you something other than weird happenings on Capitol Hill to talk about.

Sunday, July 30, 1995 The Arizona Republic

Key Roswell 'UFO' documents destroyed years ago, report says

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — Key military documents on the so-called Roswell Incident, cited by UFO buffs as an alien crash, apparently were destroyed without authorization decades ago, a congressman said Saturday.

Rep. Steve Schiff of New Mexico said a General Accounting Office report shed no new light on the 1947 crash and showed that important documents are missing.

"Documents that should have provided more information were destroyed," he said. "The military cannot explain who destroyed them or why."

He said the GAO estimates that the information was destroyed more than 40 years ago.

The Air Force has said the wreckage probably was a balloon launched as part of a classified government project to detect Soviet nuclear weapons.

The GAO report, released Friday, said two government documents are the only official records remaining of the crash near what was then Roswell Army Air Force Base.

For nearly half a century, the mysterious crash has fueled speculation about space aliens in the New Mexico desert.

Scientists and Pentagon officials have said an experimental aerial-surveillance balloon crashed northwest of Roswell in 1947, but UFO buffs have contended that was a cover-up for the crash of an alien spaceship.

The GAO report includes an FBI Teletype and a reference to a "radar tracking device," or weather balloon.

The weather-balloon story has since been discredited by the Air Force, which last year said the wreckage probably was a balloon launched as part of Project Mogul. The project was a highly classified effort to detect Soviet nuclear weapons using balloons, the GAO report said.

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