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UFOs Created By Mind Manipulators: Scientist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It may be that UFOs are not unidentified, not flying and not objects.

They may even have been created by sophisticated mind-manipulators based on Earth, says Dr. Jacques Vallee, a French-born scientist and one of the world's leading experts on the UFO experience.

"There is a real potential for manipulation of people's minds," says Vallee, a 39-year-old astrophysicist and computer consultant. "Human technology could produce a UFO experience."

In his book "Messengers of Deception," Vallee explores UFO sects and cults and recounts the experiences of witnesses and contactees. In researching the book, he studied French air force records of sightings as well as records kept by the U.S. Air Force.

He contends UFOs need to be seriously researched "because it's not all nonsense, and people who see them are not necessarily crackpots."

But Vallee worries that a dangerous myth is spreading.

"The expectation of actual contact makes people hope for the realization of that age-old dream: Salvation from above, surrender to the greater power of some wise force, and that is the danger of the UFO movement," he says.

Ironically, Vallee reportedly was the model for the character of Lacombe, the French scientist played by film director Francois Truffaut in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — a movie Vallee believes added fuel to the UFO craze.

But the tall, lanky, green-eyed Frenchman admits he enjoyed the movie.

Vallee's interest in UFOs began in 1951 with his own experience as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory.

He and other astronomers were tracking the paths of satellites when something streaked across the sky.

The astronomers tracked it and tape-recorded the coordinates.

But their supervisor decided to erase the tape, a move that surprised Vallee because the supervisor was "a good astronomer and good astronomers don't throw away data that doesn't fit a model."

Until then, Vallee had scoffed at UFO reports because of a lack of sightings by astronomers and experts.

After four years of research, Vallee found that three of four reports of UFO sightings could be attributed to weather balloons, gas, cloud formations or airplanes.

But that left him with more than 2,000 unexplained cases since 1947 with witnesses able to supply detailed information. UFO sightings are reported in Africa and South America, as well as in the U.S. and Europe.

As a whole, UFO group members were "sincere, intense, stable and very happy," Vallee notes. "One man I met was so happy, he has telepathic communications from Jupiter at 4 p.m. every day, he doesn't need the evening news."

From reports of witnesses, the scientist learned:

- UFOs appear circular in shape and usually are about 15 feet in diameter.
- They leave some physical trace of their existence, such as an imprint on the ground.
- They create some electromagnetic interference — witnesses report stalled cars or radios developing static.
- They transmit a tremendous amount of light, often illuminating the whole countryside, and vibrant colors.

"I would be disappointed," says Vallee, "if UFOs were simply dumb spacecrafts from another planet."

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UFO reported in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — A disc-shaped UFO with flashing lights sailed over a city on the main Philippine island of Luzon, a published report said Sunday. The Daily Bulletin newspaper said residents of Legazpi in Albay province, 220 miles southeast of Manila, rushed out of their homes to view the object last week and were "enthralled" at the colors it emitted before it disappeared over the eastern horizon. It was the second UFO seen over the Philippines in a week.

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Locals Site UFO

Rhonda Brashear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brashear of London Mills and Paula Helle of RR No. 2, Ellisville observed a tubular spacecraft on Rts. 116 and 97 about 7 p.m. on December 14. The tubular space craft hovered and circled their car and was close enough to their car that they could almost have touched it. It then took off to the east after circling the car once at a fantastic speed but with no noise at all. The space craft was said to be almost the size of a private plane and was made up of two parallel tubes and one perpendicular tube with no windows that they could see. The two girls are going to report their sighting to Professor Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, who helped the Air Force put together its Blue Book on UFO's.

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NASA given litter ticket

PERTH, Australia (UPI) — The U.S. space agency team in western Australia to examine Skylab debris has been issued a littering citation by the Esperance Shire Council.

Esperance was the first west Australian town to be hit by debris falling from the Skylab when it began to break up last week.

Shire President Merv Unbray said the notice was meant in fun.

If the National Aeronautics and Space Administration paid the maximum littering fine of \$400, the money would go toward the upkeep of the Esperance Museum, Unbray said.

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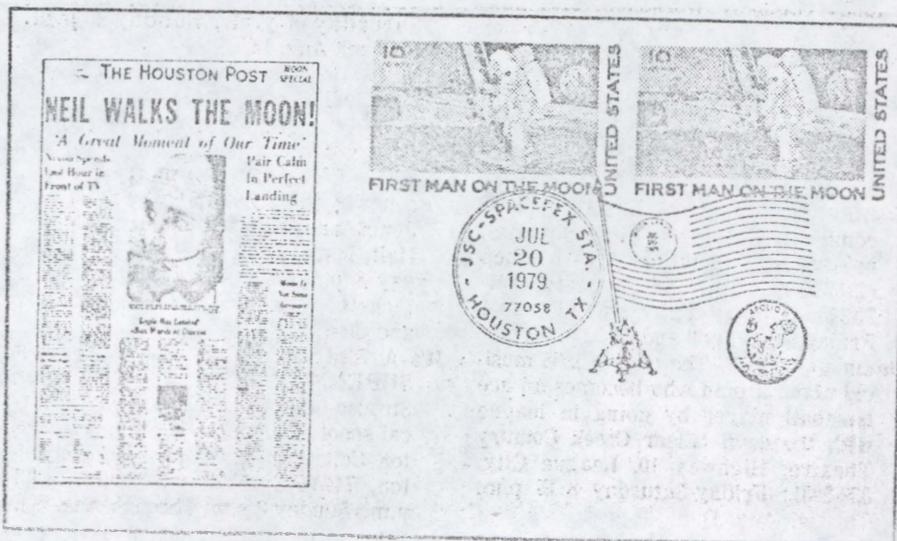
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Islanders Prefer

Atlantis Stay Lost

FUNCHAL, Madeira (UPI) — Authorities on this semitropical Portuguese resort island object to Soviet research vessels prowling their mid-Atlantic waters — even if they are searching for the fabled lost city of Atlantis.

On Wednesday, Madeira's regional government vetoed a request by Moscow's Embassy in Lisbon for permission for a Soviet scientific ship to carry out research.



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