

Screening for film of aliens

LONDON, Monday: A top-secret film allegedly showing dead aliens will be screened for the first time anywhere in the world, in Britain.

It will also form the basis of a sensational BBC TV documentary due to be screened in August.

The 91-minute film, to be shown to an international audience of UFO spotters at a two-day conference at Sheffield Hallam University, has been classified as top secret for almost 50 years.

It was taken by United States Government officials in the New Mexico desert, allegedly after a flying saucer crashed in 1947.

US Air Force officials sealed

off the site and the film, taken by military cameramen, was immediately classified. UFO experts claim the truth has been covered up ever since.

But the 16mm black and white silent film, on 14 reels, was copied by a former military cameraman, now 82 and still living in America, who believed the cover-up was wrong.

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He passed it to British TV documentary film-maker Ray Santilli, who was in America making a documentary about Elvis Presley.

The film is alleged to show scientists examining a creature laid on a slab inside a tent at the crash site, guarded

by military police. Scientists carry out an autopsy on the alien body and examine tissue samples.

It is also said to show part of the spaceship wreckage — allegedly made from a material that could not be burned, dented or cut. Experts believe the cover-up was ordered to give US scientists a chance to try to copy the engineering.

Conference organiser Philip Mantle, of the British UFO Research Association, said, "We have already had the film checked out by Kodak who confirm it is 50 years old, and we now plan to have it examined by film experts at the university."

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