

UFO film a hoax: expert

LONDON, Monday: A film purporting to show a dead extra-terrestrial which was allegedly shot nearly 50 years ago by the United States military was bogus, the *Sunday Times* reported.

The film was due to be shown by Channel Four television next month, but special-effects experts consulted by the station confirmed it was a hoax.

According to Philip Mantle, a member of a British organisa-

tion interested in unidentified flying objects, the 91-minute film was shot in 1947 in the New Mexico desert by members of the US Air Force after an alleged flying saucer accident.

Mr Mantle said one of the camera operators, now aged 82, had made a copy of the 16mm film available to British video distributor Ray Santilli while on a visit to the US.

The film purports to show scientists carrying out an autopsy

on an alien. Elsewhere footage shows the "wreckage" of the flying saucer.

But an investigation into the film's claims by the *Sunday*

film's claims by the *Sunday Times* revealed certain inconsistencies, such as the appearance of then-president Harry Truman in certain scenes when, in fact, he was not in New Mexico. Also a "letter of authentication" supposedly signed by experts at Kodak was in reality signed by a salesman.

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