

Harvard UFO expert escapes censure

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BOSTON (AP) — Harvard Medical School has ended an investigation of a psychiatrist who wrote a best-selling book about patients who said they had sex with aliens, and school officials said he will not be censured.

A special committee reviewed the work of John Mack, examining his “professional behavior as an academic psychiatrist and whether he was dealing with his patients in a suitable academic way,” Arnold Relman, the committee chairman, said.

Mack was informed last week that the review was over, Relman said.

“John Mack is just as he started out, a perfectly full-fledged member of the Harvard faculty with no adverse action

taken,” said Anne Taylor, a Harvard University counsel who sat on the committee convened by Medical School Dean Daniel Tosteson.

Mack drew criticism after the 1994 publication of his book, “Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens.”

He has said aliens “have invaded our physical reality and (are) affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people.”

Neither Mack nor his lawyer were available for comment. A published report said it was unknown if Mack’s future work would be restricted.

Mack has taught at Harvard for more than 30 years. He has been involved in the anti-nuclear

movement, Mideast peace efforts and U.S.-Soviet diplomacy, as well as alternative medicine.

However he also was a well-respected professor, founding the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital, one of Harvard’s teaching facilities, and winning a 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.

Five years ago, he began UFO investigations, much of which take place at the Cambridge-based Program For Extraordinary Experience Research.

His book was about his treatment of patients who say little gray space creatures kidnapped them and took them away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.