

## No Censure for Professor Who Studies U.F.O.'s

BOSTON, Aug. 3 (AP) — 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.

But the professor, Dr. John E. Mack, was publicly warned by the dean not to let his enthusiasm for U.F.O. research steer him from the path of professionalism.

The decision, disclosed today, followed a one-year investigation that Dr. Mack's lawyer, Roderick MacLeish, called a challenge to academic freedom.

"This is the type of thing that

almost by its existence can be intimidating," Mr. MacLeish said.

Dr. Mack's fellow professors supported him because they were afraid they might be the next to be scrutinized, Mr. MacLeish said.

Members of the faculty contacted by The Associated Press during the investigation refused to speak for the record.

The review began after Dr. Mack appeared on "Unsolved Mysteries" and other television programs to promote his 1994 book "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens," (Charles Scribner's Sons) about his patients, including a man who re-

members 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 Dr. Mack's work met professional standards and whether it could be considered research on human subjects, which requires special permission from the university.

A medical school spokeswoman, Keren McGinity, would not say how often such investigations are conducted. The school would not release the findings, and Ms. McGinity re-

fused to answer questions.

Dr. Mack, 65, was traveling today and could not be contacted, an assistant said.

In an interview last year, he said that he did not necessarily believe in space aliens but thought that some unknown traumatic experience explained his patients' memories.

Dr. 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 Center for Psychology and Social Research, which is affiliated with Harvard.

He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.

## Judge Strikes Down Oregon's Suicide Law

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP) — A state law to let doctors prescribe lethal doses of medication for dying patients was ruled unconstitutional today by a Federal judge.

"With state-sanctioned and physician-assisted death at issue, some 'good results' cannot outweigh other lives lost due to unconstitutional errors and abuses," wrote the judge, Michael Hogan of Federal District Court here.

The measure was approved by voters in November 1994, but was blocked by a court challenge on Dec. 7, the day before it was to have

become law.

Judge Hogan, who heard arguments in the case three months ago, ruled that the law violated the equal-protection clause of the Constitution's 14th Amendment.

Opponents, like the Oregon Catholic Conference and the group National Right to Life, had challenged the constitutionality of the measure.

The law's supporters said they would appeal if Judge Hogan struck down the law.

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