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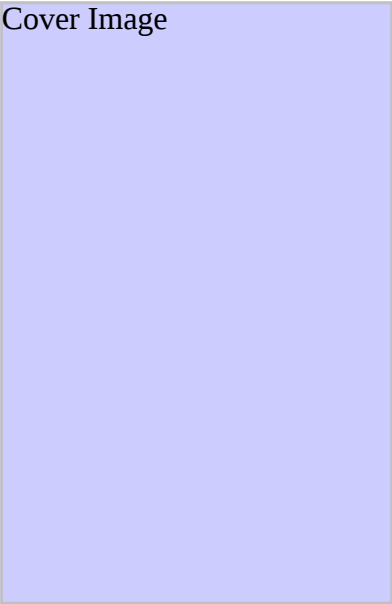
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It is like George Adamski never really died but was reincarnated in the body of Phillip Krapf, a former editor for the Los Angeles Times. In the early morning hours of June 11, 1997, Kraph says he was abducted by pointy-eared aliens called the Verdants. They took him aboard their vessel and subjected him to unspeakable torture: meeting after meeting with ambassadors and functionaries from the Intergalactic Federation of Sovereign Planets (IFSP). Kraph spent three days with the visitors, being briefed on the state of the universe, the savage nature of humanity, etc. The aliens are already in the process of recruiting "ambassadors" among earth's elite (including one planted at the current LA Times), and by the year 2002 these representatives will start revealing themselves. By 2003, we'll all know the score, as our planet is peacefully inducted into the IFSP.... But do we really want to join? The book gave us the impression that the visitors are mired in bureaucracy. The Federation is composed of committees, sub-committees, ambassadors and deputies, who can't seem to do anything without first conducting a study. Given the problems of intergalactic administration described herein, we wouldn't be surprised if that 2003 deadline is pushed back by a century or two. -- *Glenn Campbell*

Reservations

As expected, the author offers not one scrap of corroborating evidence for his claims. Even his wife was away at the time of the supposed abduction, so cannot verify it. More importantly, no comparison is attempted between this experience and that of other abductees -- probably the only useful method for approaching such claims. (If two people who have had no contact with each other report the same abduction details, that coincidence is something we can investigate. Krapf's experiences don't seem to coincide with the other well-known abduction reports.) The marketing of this book depends on the author being a former [LA Times](#) journalist, but none of the rules of journalism are applied here. Still, the book is easy and fun to read if you happen to be in the mood for silliness.

Comparison to Other Books

This book reminds us of Philip Corso's [Day After Roswell](#). An old guy tells a fantastic tale that would never have been heard if not for the author's apparently disguised background.

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