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'Aliens' were just dummies, U.S. says

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Errol and All,

This may be old news, but I thought it interesting. If anyone has additional information concerning this, I would appreciate hearing about it.

Regards,
Bill Ralls
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'Aliens' were just dummies, U.S. says

'Bodies' reportedly used to test chutes

SOURCE: Ft.Worth Star Telegram
By Bill Hendrick - Cox News Service

ATLANTA - Long accused by UFO buffs of covering up visits by weird-looking beings from outer space, the Pentagon plans to issue a report soon contending that alien-like bodies have fallen from the skies over New Mexico: man-made dummies.

Rubbery, humanoid-shaped dummies with no body hair, ears or noses.

According to the report, the dummies were part of secret tests on high-altitude parachuting, plunging to the ground from giant balloons in the 1940s and 1950s says Philip J. Klass, a scientist and author of six books debunking UFOs as imaginary.

Pentagon spokeswoman Gloria Cales said Tuesday that the report will be issued soon, that it contains "some surprises," but that there is no evidence that UFOs have ever visited Earth.

Klass, 77, a longtime board member of the journal Sceptical Inquirer, said he has seen a copy of the 248-page report, which includes about 100 photographs.

He said the Air Force prepared it as a follow-up to a 1994 study in which it conceded that the government lied in 1947 when it said a weather balloon had crashed near Roswell, N.M., instead of a flying saucer as announced by the Army.

On July 8, 1947, the Army said a "flying disc" had been captured. But later, after being examined by high-ranking officers at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, the debris was identified as a weather balloon.

The 1994 Air Force report said that what crashed in 1947 wasn't a weather balloon, but a top-secret spying device to detect Soviet nuclear blasts.

The just-completed report was prepared because UFO buffs complained that the 1994 study did not address persistent claims that tiny alien bodies were found after the crash, Klass said in an interview.

The new report will say the Air Force dropped human-like dummies to test high-altitude parachute-recovery techniques, Klass said. Some dummies were human size, but others were small - similar to descriptions of alien creatures that have circulated for 50 years.

"The report will suggest that perhaps some of the alleged recollections of alien spacecraft and ET bodies may stem from those tests," Klass said.

Time magazine also reported Monday that the Air Force will reveal that it used dummies, misidentified by UFO buffs as aliens.

UFO buffs have long accused the Air Force and the entire government of covering up what it knows about UFOs.

The 1994 report was done at the request of Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M. It was followed in 1995 by a report from the General Accounting Office that said many dispatches about the Roswell crash had been lost.

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