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UFO UDate: Townes/NASA query

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@fc.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Mar 1997 13:10:27 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Mar 1997 19:56:04 -0500
Subject: UFO UDate: Townes/NASA query

Some questions about the appended post (below) for anyone in a position to know or find out:

1. Is there really a British mag named "Alien Encounters"? If so, how reputable is it?
2. Is anyone familiar with the TV talk show mentioned in the post?
3. Has anyone heard of Dr. Aldrich F. Townes in any other context?
4. In short, are this post and its topic possibly valid, or just another example of creative internet fiction?

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Post appended below ...

[Note: post has been slightly modified to conform to Updates' line length standards].

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From: "Mark Hall" <mark@black.softnet.co.uk>
Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors
Subject: NASA Accusation
Date: 7 Mar 1997 11:19:10 GMT

I've just bought the latest issue of the British mag 'Alien Encounters' (Issue 10 April 1997).

In it, there is an article about the appearance of a former NASA scientist's appearance on the public access TV talk show 'Bob Grumman's Out There' on Washington DC TV station 'WAFL-14'. The Scientist's name was Dr. Aldrich F Townes. He joined NASA in 1974, and worked for various parts of the space agency, including the National Space Science Data Centre (NSSDC), and the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI).

The show was transmitted on February 9th 1997 at 11pm. Dr. Townes said that he believes 'NASA is involved in a cover up about alien life'. He explained his credentials, including that his involvement with the Hubble Space Telescope led him to discover that certain images from the telescope were not being released to the public, or even the scientists who were supposedly in charge of the device itself.

'Space Telescope has a military as well as a scientific agenda' said Townes. 'It is being used by our military to maintain a watch on the moon, as well as several non-planetary bodies within our solar system.' When asked by Grumman, to elaborate, he said 'The moon is being used as a base of operations by intelligent extraterrestrials for their activities on Earth.'

Townes began to accuse senior NASA officials of deliberately conspiring to suppress this information, when WAFL's transmissions ceased.

An employee of the TV station said that the building was raided by Washington police, and men and women supposed to be from the FBI. Townes was said to have allowed himself to be taken away by the agents.

To date it is said that Townes has not reappeared in public, and his phone and email accounts have been disconnected.

The official explanation for the loss of transmission has been attributed to a 'power outage'. There have been accusations that the government maintains the ability to cut transmissions by any TV station, if it broadcasts anything damaging. This is in clear violation of the US First Amendment.

Does anyone have any information regarding this article?

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