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### UFO UDate: Re: Townes/NASA query

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>Date: Sun, 9 Mar 1997 13:10:27 -0600 (CST)  
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>  
>To: updates@globalserve.net  
>Subject: 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?

I cant speak to the truth or fiction of this report, but yes there is a magazine from the UK called Alien Encounters. I would not call it very reputable, since there was an article in it last year by Eris Andies in which she claimed that I took my orders direct from Bill Clinton!!!

As to the Hubble Telescope, a good friend of mine is part of the JPL team which designed the telescope. It is designed for deep space gazing, not for looking at something close by like the moon. I've got a thick manuscript here about the design and construction of the telescope which was submitted by my friend by possible use in my magazine, but we couldn't use it because it was just too long and too technical for the average reader. I'll have to go back and re-read, but my impression is that the Hubble could not easily be used to look at the moon.

As for military use of the Hubble, I'd be very surprised if it was not used by the military for their projects, both open and black. Such a resource would not be ignored by them, and they may have goosed the funding in the first place.

Bob Shell

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