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Hi All,

Please refer to my other post on Spaceline. The description in that post was taken from their web site. I think that may not have been clear from what I sent to Errol, now that I think about it. I didn't write it. Here is a sample record. This turned up in a search for EXO BIOLOGY. Do some of your own searches. It's a real eye opener!

Pat

National Library of Medicine: IGM Full Record Screen

TITLE: Media reaction to a SETI success.

AUTHORS: Shostak GS

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SOURCE: Acta Astronaut. 1997 Aug-Nov;41(4-10):623-7.

SECONDARY SOURCE ID: NASA/00022572

ABSTRACT: Consideration of the reaction to a SETI detection by the media, and the effect this will have on the public, is more than mere sociological speculation. An accurate forecast of the media's interest can lead to actions that will help ensure that correct and comprehensible information reaches the public. This is most critical in the first few weeks following a discovery. While a widely accepted protocol for dealing with a detection exists in the "Declaration of Principles Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence," it gives scant consideration to the fact that the actual situation will be chaotic and not subject to easy control. The 1996 story about the possible discovery of martian microfossils has provided a useful precedent for what will happen if astronomers uncover the existence of alien intelligence.

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