

in a gas-filled car in 1959. Professor James Macdonald died with a bullet in his head in 1971. A friend of Jessup said: "He knew too much. They wanted him out of the way."

The CIA denied any cover-up when approached by Sun reporters. A spokesman said the Agency stopped monitoring UFO's in 1953. But our investigations reveal that CIA agents were still probing UFO's as late as 1975--and telling people they interviewed not to disclose their interest.

And in his book, Von Buttlar says that the CIA have been taking UFO's very seriously, even while maintaining a flood of public denial.

In 1957 a CIA official admitted: "One thing is for sure, were being observed by beings from outer space."

And two inquiries in 1959 and 1969 both reported that a third of all UFO sightings could not be explained away.

If the authorities take UFO's so seriously why don't they admit it?

According to Von Buttlar, it's all a cold war ploy.

From 1945 onwards, Von Buttlar says, both America and Russia were convinced that UFO's were spectacular advanced technology their rivals had captured from the Nazis.

Orders went out to capture one, by shooting it down if necessary.

On January 7, 1948, U.S. Air Force Captain Thomas Mantell closed in fast on a strange silvery object over Fort Knox, Kentucky.

"It's a disc," he radioed to ground staff watching on radar.

"It could be 80 yards in diameter. Upper surface has a ring and a dome...the thing's gigantic. It's flying unbelievably fast. I can see windows.

Now..."

His voice cut out. Wreckage of his plane was found scattered over an area a mile wide.

Immediately a top level inquiry began to see if national security was threatened. The investigators said what Mantell chased was probably a spaceship and urged publication of their report.

Instead Air Force Chief of Staff General Hoyt S. Vandenburg ordered: "Burn it".

CIA leaders decided that if the mystery visitors were from other planets, they must capture a UFO before the Russians did. But They also decided to throw Moscow off

the scent by debunking UFO's. But says Von Buttlar, they reached similar conclusions.

THE SECURITY SHIELD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRON CURTAIN WAS REINFORCED AS BOTH NATIONS STEPPED UP THEIR ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE A UFO.

In 1953, ground radar controllers saw a U.S. plane and it was chasing converge over Lake Michigan - then there only one dot on their screens. No trace of the plane or was ever found.

CNK SAYS: I wonder why in this case, and I'm sure it must have been covered up, that to get at the truth, that there was an incident, investigators should have interviewed the families of the missing pilots. etc. Sometimes a cover up is so intricate according to what I read, that the authorities can even make you believe the plane in question never even existed.

SUN: A year later, over New York State, the engine of a jet closing in on a UFO inexplicably failed. The two crew baled out as their cockpit became unbearably hot, and the jet crashed. In 1957, when Russian anti-aircraft batteries near Moscow opened up on UFO's, the entire electrical system of the missile base went out of action. (CNK adds, this is of PREVENTING a nuclear war--pull the plug out).

Man's new advance into space brought new sightings.

Astronauts James McDivitt and Ed White saw a silver object with antenna as they circled earth aboard Gemini IV in 1968.

Top NASA experts in Houston dismissed it as their boost rocket in orbit alongside them.

But McDevitt said: "It was in the wrong place at the wrong time for that."

Other US astronauts have reported brightly shining capsules on their journeys. But NASA consistently denies that they saw spacecraft.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper says; "The American Space Agency and Government know very well that intelligent beings from other worlds regularly visit our planet to enter into direct contact and observe us. They have an enormous amount of evidence but have kept quiet in order not to alarm people."

Von Buttlar says that when Jimmy Carter was campaigning for presidency, he promised to "reveal all" about UFO's. He has not done so.

British UFO experts agree with Von Buttlar that there has been a cover up. Lord Clancarty, founder-president of Contact with the National, the world's largest UFO group told me: "I am sure

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