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[Decided to not bring up Barty & Benny Hill. Will be a good essay on www, tho. After looking at the evidence reported immediately after vs later, they probab saw a real mysterious object of the Levelland class. Then, thru Betty's subsequent dreams over 10 days, things got embellished a month later & even more 2 yrs later under hip-no-sis.

This case is tangled b/c may be based on "real" UFO, so it's not a misinterpretation of a normal thing.]

Two famous UFO cases provide some hints that a culturally-influenced myth may be at work: The Betty and Barney Hill and the Lonnie Zamora cases. In 1961, the Hills claimed to have been driving on a secluded road in New Hampshire when a large pancake-shaped object with multicolored lights and bat-like wings chased their car and then landed nearby. The humanoid beings wearing shiny black uniforms inside the craft communicated telepathically with Barney. After hearing a buzzing sound, they lost consciousness. After the couple woke up disoriented inside their car, they could not recall what happened during two hours of that night. In the immediate aftermath and the weeks following, they were plagued by strange sensations and experiences: Both of their watches had stopped working, Barney's binocular strap was torn, their car trunk had unusual circles on it [that responded to a magnet], and the zipper on Betty's dress was broken and she had unexplained marks on her body. Plagued by vague flashbacks and nightmares, they consulted a psychiatrist Benjamin Simon, and under hypnosis, the Hills recalled

being abducted and experimented on by ETs inside their spaceship. Betty also drew a map of the ET's home star system, which was later suggested to be Zeta Reticuli.¹

[I'd go for a difernt treatment. They saw something unusual that nite (could of been "real" UFO). Betty reported it to police next morn. Betty's sis had prev seen UFO & Betty had interest in subject. Over time, their story may of embellished itself to abduction, etc, which Dr. Simon believes. Add a citation to source or to www essay.]

Many of the details of their abduction experience had an uncanny similarity to encounters with aliens depicted in sci-fi stories released before their reported experience. The Hills' descriptions of the ETs' craft and physical appearance—big heads with wraparound eyes and gray, metallic skin, for instance, closely matched portrayals of flying saucers and aliens in popular shows and films of the time. Perhaps it was not a coincidence that Betty Hill was a fan of science fiction before her abduction experience, and that themes of alien invasions and interstellar travel were especially popular at the time.

¹ “‘Lost’ 108-minute interview with alien abductee Betty Hill, Portsmouth, 1999, uploaded to YouTube by *Eyes on Cinema* on July 3, 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqbNlj-k0Zo>; “Barney Hill’s Highly Disturbing Hypnosis Session Regarding His Alien Abduction Experience in 1961,” uploaded to YouTube by *Eyes on Cinema* on December 10, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0er29WQITo&t=0s>.