

1965 through 1978 was undertaken. An additional eleven references to articles were found. All of these articles but two are zoological in nature, dealing with specialized matters such as "the reproductive cycle of the viviparous teteost, *Neotoca bilineata*.." Dr Mendoza seemed to break with tradition in 1953 and 1954, publishing two papers (9 &10) on digital variations in the human hand. He stated that his interest in the hand was "a direct outgrowth of his teaching classes in Genetics for many years." Given the unusual descriptions in the UFO literature of reported alien hands (11) and the fact that Mendoza's hand research was done shortly after EBE's reported death, we consider this to be of interest. However, a review of the papers themselves reveals nothing unusual, either in the content of the research nor hints of outside sponsorship

No references to papers by Dr. Mendoza were found that seemed to be based on research done during the World War II period, raising the possibility that he was involved in military service. One paper appeared in 1943, but was probably based on research done before then. Dr. Mendoza is noted as having been on the faculty of Northwestern University as an Assistant Professor from 1941 to 1943 and as an Associate Professor at Grinnell College from 1943 to 1945. (8 &12) Therefore, it is unlikely that he was involved in military service. He went on to hold higher level college educational positions in later years. (For those who believe that a search of the technical literature is a relatively easy process, it should be pointed out that upwards of 108,590 scientific journals are being published as of 1990. There were fewer journals published earlier, but even in 1970, the number is estimated to be 70,000.) (13)

After much effort, Dr. Mendoza has been located and contacted. His reply to our questions concerning his possible work on aliens was as follows: "Let me assure you that I am *not now or ever* have been seriously interested in UFOs. I have a passing interest in them, but that is all. I have no idea where you picked up - from my work - the idea that I had such interests. I do not understand how my brief work on human hands can possibly relate to the subject of UFOs." Unless we receive permission to release the address of Dr. Mendoza's home, it shall be treated as confidential.