Pete Mazzola and partner Jim Fillow, SBI co-directors, pose with wax replica of space alien, sculpted according to eyewitness descriptions.

— Jim calm and laid-back, Pete aggressive and outspoken. They are married, luckily to wives who share their intense interest in UFOs enough to help them in some of the SBI's administrative tasks.

As mentioned before, the SBI was created to fill a void — to do what Fillow and Mazzola felt the ufology establishment was *not* doing. "We state that all UFO organizations of known fame," asserts Mazzola, "are coming to a never-ending path, a dead-end. The have gotten no where in 33 years because of animosity among themselves." Jim Fillow agrees. "I don't want to sound negative," he says, "but the people who work for the other organizations are working a very narrow mine field. It's the old-timers versus the new-timers. People of our age are starting to get involved, because people who have been here for 30 years have not solved the mystery. And that is what the SBI wants to do."

At this point I asked Mazzola and Fillow how they went about getting the organization off the ground, and even more, how they got the cooperation of fellow police officers. "Initially we started through ads, mostly in law enforcement journals," responded Jim, "stating what we wanted and how we were planning to do. The response from police officers was tremendous." Added Pete: "Of course you are always going to have your skeptical cases, but basically cops are willing to cooperate. Jim can attest to it, we have never been turned down by a police station. My badge is from New York, but New Jersey police reciprocate because I am a police officer."

Police channels can also be vital for promptly investigating a UFO report. In New Jersey for instance, explained Pete, "if you call the police saying you saw a UFO they send a car to the area and actually document the case. Now the file is closed to the public, but we have access to it. We get copies of every report and follow up on them."

In less than a year SBI membership has grown to 1,236, and there are now representatives in 39 foreign countries. A UFO hot line has been established on the East Coast. In several parts of New Jersey the SBI is listed in the front section of the telephone book after the police, the fire department, emergency hospitals, etc. Like other reputable UFO organizations, the group utilizes the services of scientific and technical consultants in a variety of specific fields. These include psychologists and psychiatrists, computer and microscope photo analysts, laboratory experts and so on. They also have access to laboratory facilities, advanced video cassette equipment, and use of an aircraft capable of taking a field investigator to any part of the world within 24 hours.

Jim and Pete were rather mysterious about giving specific details regarding their consultants, since their "invisible college" operates in the shadows. This is because many of them work for NASA or large corporations, and they pursue their