Journalist Alejandro Rojas nailed Davis on crash retrievals in April 2019:

> There have been crashes, the superpowers on the earth have had their share of crashes and they have recovered the vehicles from their crashes. And so that´s why Jacques Vallée and I agree that even though these things behave like a conscious spiritual psychic energy, they do have an advanced technology, they have hardware, and there's a craft and there's occupants or UFOnauts that he calls them, Jacques Vallée calls them UFOnauts. So, there is [*sic*] UFOnauts running these craft. Whatever they may be.
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> So, they have that technology. We do too. And it´s a very super-sensitive topic because it's something that your listeners are probably going to be shocked at. People with need to know access authorization and security clearances involved with that type of work are the only ones that know. The vast majority of the rest of the government really doesn´t know. The right hand doesn´t know what the left hand is doing, firstly because of the stove-piping that is going on in compartmentalized programs.
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> The crash retrieval program is a very small program. It is not a huge government infrastructure. It is a very poorly funded program. I do know that the program was terminated [in] 1989 for lack of progress in reverse-engineering anything that they had—any of the hardware that they had. And they'll resurrect it maybe every so often—so many years will go by and they'll try it again. And they may still succeed, but the compartmentalization is a killer. Scientists cannot communicate with other scientists to get help. If you are in the crash retrieval program—or any black program for that matter—and you hit a roadblock, you can't just call your best buddy or any expert that you don't know… If your small group of experts is stuck, you are screwed.