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**Ben Rich, stated during a 1993, Alumni Speech at UCLA**

"We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects and it would take an Act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity...Anything you can imagine, we already know how to do."

[The Ben Rich statements and two of the witnesses of the speech](http://www.openminds.tv/lockheed-skunk-works-director-says-esp-is-the-key-to-interstellar-travel-video-1092/23042) ([openminds.tv](https://www.reddit.com/domain/openminds.tv/))

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Thats actually what the article and the video is about, about this Alumni Speech. Two of the witnesses of the speech were Jan Harzan and Tom Keller.

Ben Rich words:

“We did the F-104, C-130, U2, SR-71, F-117 and many other programs that I can’t talk about. We are still working very hard, I just can’t tell you what we are doing. (source: 1993 WPAFB slide presentation)

“The Air Force has just given us a contract to take ET back home” (source: 1993 WPAFB slide presentation)

“We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects and it would take an act of GOD to ever get them out to benefit humanity” (source: statement made after UCLA presentation to three Disclosure Project witnesses)

“We now have the technology to take ET back home” (source: UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech 3/23/93)

“We now know how to travel to the stars” (source: UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech 3/23/93)

“There is an error in the equations, and we have figured it out, and now know how to travel to the stars, and it won’t take a lifetime to do it” (source: UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech 3/23/93)

“It is time to end all secrecy on this, as it no longer poses a national security threat, and make the technology available for use in the private sector”. (source: UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech 3/23/93)

“There are many in the intelligence community who would like to see this stay in the black, and not see the light of day” (source: UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech 3/23/93)

“Jim, we have things out in the desert that are fifty (50) years beyond what you could possibly comprehend. If you have seen it on Star Wars or Star Trek, we’ve been there done that, or decided it was not worth the effort” (Source: direct comments by Ben Rich to Jim Goodall via telephone call at the USC medical center approximately one week before Ben passed away on January 5th 1995)

“Dear John, Yes, I’m a believer in both categories. Feel anything is possible. Many of our man-made UFO’s were Un Funded Opportunities. In both categories, there are a-lot of books and charlatans, be careful. Best regards, Ben Rich”. (source: 7/21/86 letter to John Andrews (Testors model Corporation) from Ben Rich who asked Ben if he was a believer in A) man made UFO’S, and B) extra-terrestrial UFO’s)

“We have some new things. We are not stagnating. What we are doing is updating ourselves, without advertising. There are some new programs, and there are certain things-some of them 20 or 30 years old-that are still break-throughs and appropriate to keep quiet about. Other people don’t have them yet. (source: statement made by Ben Rich to Stuart F. Brown in an interview published in Popular Science October 1994)

“I wish I could tell you about the projects we are currently working on. They are both fascinating and fantastic. They call for technologies once only dreamed of by science fiction writers”. (source: AIAA lecture Atlanta, Ga. September 7-9 1988)

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The jury is out on Ben Rich's statements. I don't know what to make of them. If they're true then all bets are off and we're living in a very weird universe indeed, and anything could be possible. But he was from the Black Project world, and could equally well have been fucking with peoples' heads, because a lot of crazy stories come from that sector.

I'm not going to libel him by saying he was out of his mind as he neared death, because cancer doesn't do that, and there's zero evidence to show any kind of mental aberration with the guy. He's a highly authoritative source. But I also cannot find logical support for anything he apparently claims. I have a problem with the statement "There is an error in the equations". What equations? If there were problems with Special Relativity or QM I would have thought the thousands of brilliant physicists out there in the public sector would have already pounced on them, and there's big motivation to do so.

I'm in a weird conceptual place at the moment, so I'm going to say he's describing an intersecting orthogonal reality frame he experienced that might not be available to the rest of us.

**[intense stare]**

Addendum: [/u/annefrankinstein](https://www.reddit.com/u/annefrankinstein)'s comment "His statements are ambiguous and frankly disappointing," is also an accurate observation from a more stable viewpoint.

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Still you mention it in order to suggest something in that direction. Why?

But I also cannot find logical support for anything he apparently claims.

You say "I have no idea", write all the stuff, but claim you can not find logical support for anything he claims? No wonder you can not find logical support if you have no idea. Talk is cheap.

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Still you mention it in order to suggest something in that direction. Why?

Read it again: I dismiss the possibility.

You say "I have no idea", write all the stuff, but claim you can not find logical support for anything he claims? No wonder you can not find logical support if you have no idea. Talk is cheap.

It appears English is not your first language.

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Thats correct. English is not my native Language. But i understand you perfectly, so there is no issue with that, but understand that you like to finish the discussion by saying "you are not able to understand my language (my points) really, so you have no point". Accepted, since i have no interest in a metadiscussion. Rich said was he said. Period.

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I've posted another vid for you of "Lockhead Skunkworks Contractor". You may want to digg deeper before you write sentence after sentence, and at the end writing "i have no idea".

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Is it too difficult to form your own view on this and not ask someone else to tell you what to think?

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[r/Caerbannog](https://www.reddit.com/r/Caerbannog) is a wealth of knowledge in the study of UFOs and I respect the angle he approaches this topic; namely, from science and not shit-talk. I was asking what, if any additional information that he could provide.

And I DO have my own opinions on most every subject on which I have enough facts to formulate one.

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His statements are ambiguous and frankly disappointing. There are no man-made technologies that resemble anything seen by credible UFO witnesses.

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“Jim, we have things out in the desert that are fifty (50) years beyond what you could possibly comprehend. If you have seen it on Star Wars or Star Trek, we’ve been there done that, or decided it was not worth the effort”

“We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects and it would take an act of GOD to ever get them out to benefit humanity”

Explain how exactly this statements were ambiguos. What did you expect from him as head of Lockhead Skunkworks? A Blueprint for Aurora? Rofl.

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yet you give no reason why the very technologies seen by credible UFO witnesses are not man made?

It's as though you're starting with a conclusion that aliens are real and working backward to apply their existence to the very technology that are witnessed in UFO sightings. That's not how science works. You start with what is known and move forward. We do know with 100% accuracy that men create aircraft and spacecraft. We also know that governments (especially the U.S.) spend billions of dollars per year in black projects to create classified technology that is not released to the public. Those two key, undeniable facts are the starting point of any discussion of the origins of UFOs. To ascribe them to any other source requires scientific reasoning that precludes witnessed technology from being man made.

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# Lockheed Skunk Works director says ESP is the key to interstellar travel (Video)

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According to a UCLA engineering alumnus, in 1993 a fellow alumnus, who happened to run one of the most advanced and secretive aircraft development organizations in the world, says the key to the technology that will allow us to travel to the stars, without taking a lifetime to get there, lies in ESP.

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Lockheed Martin Skunk Works logo. (Credit: Lockheed Martin)

Ben Rich was the director of Lockheed’s Skunk Works from 1975 to 1991. Skunk Works is a division of Lockheed Martin that develops super high-tech aircraft, and is responsible for developing the U-2, the SR-71 Blackbird, the F-117 Nighthawk stealth bomber, and the F-22 Raptor.

In a recent interview with Open Minds, Jan Harzan, the new director of the [Mutual UFO Network](http://www.mufon.com/), told us about a presentation by Rich he attended in which he feels Rich shared some amazing insight. Like Rich, Harzan received an engineering degree from UCLA. In 1993, Harzan received an invitation from the alumni association to attend a talk by Rich at the alumni center.

Harzan attended the lecture with his friend Tom Keller, who is also an engineering alumnus of UCLA and shares Harzan’s interest in UFOs.  Keller wrote a book on the topic titled, [*The Total Novice’s Guide to UFOs*](http://www.amazon.com/Total-Novices-Guide-UFOs/dp/0982798806/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1374866983&sr=1-1), which was published in 2010. Harzan estimates there were about 200 engineers in attendance.

Rich’s presentation consisted of a slide presentation outlining his 40 years with Skunk Works. The last aircraft he discussed was the F-117 which was developed in the early 80s, but was not revealed to the public until the late 80s. Rich alluded to more advanced technologies which have been developed since the F-117 but still remain secret.

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F-117 Nighthawks (Credit: US Air Force)

Harzan says, “He intimated that there was a lot of other stuff going on that he could not talk about.” It was here that Harzan says things began to get really interesting. Harzan told us, “He ended his talk with a black disk zipping out into outer space, and he ended it with these words: ‘We now have the technology to take ET home.’”

Harzan says after this statement the crowd laughed, but he and Keller were shocked. He says, “Tom and I just looked at each other, ‘Did he really just say that, and are these people really not getting that what he is saying is real?’”

After the lecture, Harzan says 20 or so engineers gathered up around Rich to ask more questions. One lady asked about the technology to take ET home, but Rich sort of ignored the question. However, after being pressed by a couple of the other attendees, Rich asked one of the engineers if they thought it was possible to travel to the stars.

The engineer replied, “I don’t know, it would just take a long time to get there.” To which Rich responded that it would not. He told the group, “We found an error in the equations and we now know how to travel to the stars, and it won’t take us a lifetime to do it.”

Harzan says Rich did not say what equations he was referring to, but Harzan assumes they are what are known as Maxwell’s equations. However, he admits that this is just a guess.

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Ben Rich in front of an SR-71 Blackbird. (Credit: Lockheed Martin)

Finally, Rich excused himself and began walking towards the door. Harzan called to Rich to ask him one last question. He told Rich, “I have a real interest in the propulsion you are talking about that gets us to the stars. Can you tell me how it works?”

Harzan says Rich stopped and looked at him, then asked Harzan if he knew how ESP worked. Jan says he was taken aback by the question and responded, “I don’t know, all points in space and time are connected?” Rich replied, “That’s how it works.” Then he turned around and walked away.

Harzan doesn’t know if he gave the answer Rich was looking for, or if Rich was simply referring to ESP as being the key to how the technology works, but he does believe there is something to Rich’s response.

Harzan says he feels he left the presentation with three very important clues, “One, we have the technology to take ET home. Two is there is an error in the equations… Finally, the way ESP works is the same way that this technology works. So there you have it. All that is left up to us is to go figure it out.”

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# Ben Rich...Quotes...Anything you can imagine we already know how to do., cont...

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| Post #: 47 | Ben Rich...Quotes...Anything you can imagine we already know how to do., cont...  "The U. S. Air Force has just given us a contract to take E. T. back home."  "We also know how to travel to the stars."  "Anything you can imagine we already know how to do."  "If you've seen it in Star Trek or Star Wars, we've been there and done that."  "We have things in the Nevada desert that are alien to your way of thinking far beyond anything you see on Star Trek."      Upon graduation with a master's degree in thermodynamics from UCLA, Ben Rich was hired by Lockheed. In December 1954, Rich was sent to the secret research and development Skunk Works section run by Lockheed. Later was program manager for the SR-71 Blackbird propulsion system. The idea to paint the high-speed aircraft's skin black, to help dissipate the tremendous frictional heat, was Rich's. He championed the early prototypes of stealth technology and led the development of theF117stealth fighter. Ben Rich, stated during a 1993, Alumni Speech at UCLA:   ISN'T IT BEN RICH WHO SPOKE ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO AT A MEETING IN CALIFORNIA AND SAID WE HAD THE TECHNOLOGY `TO TAKE E. T. HOME'? That's exactly correct, Linda. I have that quote right here. Mr. Ben Rich passed away in 1995 and before he passed away, he dropped a number of bombshells. This took place at Wright-Patterson AFB back in 1993. He gave a slide presentation there and also at the UCLA School of Engineering Alumni speech – he gave on March 23, 1993. At the very end of his presentation, in both of these venues, he completed his slides with the following quote: `The U. S. Air Force has just given us a contract to take E. T. back home.'  He also mentioned, "We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects and it would take an act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity… ...anything you can imagine we already know how to do."  And he also mentioned at the UCLA speech, `It is time to end all secrecy on this as it no longer poses a national security threat and to make the technology available for use in the private sector.' That's exactly what we're talking about here.  He was telling us about a whole level of aircraft, of spacecraft, of advanced propulsion systems that are so far advanced. He even mentioned technologies that are 50 years beyond even what we could possibly dream of. Now, when you hear that coming from the Director of the Skunk Works, I think it is important to really take that to heart. This gentleman knew something and he was trying to tell us something. And I think this is the space program that none of us have a clue about in the civilian sector. This is what Ben Rich was trying to tell us about.  Ben Rich "father of stealth technology" and former vice-president of the Lockheed corporation made a few statements to Jim Goodall. He said "we have things out in the desert that are 50 years beyond what you can comprehend" "and wont be made public for another 50 years" "If you've seen it in Star Trek or Star Wars, we've been there and done that.  In another interview Jim Godall said this: "Ben Rich told me twice before he died: 'We have things at Area 51 that you and the best minds in the world won't even be able to conceive that we have for 30 or 40 years, and won't be made public for another 50." A friend of mine at Lockheed told me: "We have things in the Nevada desert that are alien to your way of thinking far beyond anything you see on Star Trek."  One time I interviewed a retired senior master sergeant who had been at Groom Lake three different times as an Air Force safety specialist. ... At first he was real nervous, but when he warmed up he told me: 'We have things that would make George Lucas envious.' I know one retired guy who worked at Lockheed for 30 years, most of the time at Area 51 ; he's very proud of what he's done, and he wants the story of the place to be told so that his grandchildren will have some idea of what he was involved in. In the summer of '86 I asked him if he believes in UFOs. He said, 'They absolutely, positively do exist !' I said, 'Can you expand on that?' And he said, 'No, I've said too much as it is.' "  Of course this technology could only come from UFOs. But those statements lead me to another question. What about teleportation (beam me up scotty!) If Ben Rich said anything you see on Star Trek, we've already done, that leads me to believe that teleportation is possible. To a small degree we already know its possible because Scientists did it in a lab with protons. No wonder the ancients thought extraterestrials were gods.  About Ben Rich Benjamin R. (Ben) Rich graduated from Berkley with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1949 at the age of 25. Rich originally wanted to become a doctor. In 1949 Rich decided to get a master's degree from UCLA specializing in both "aeronautical engineering and dateing soriety girls." Rich came to Lockheed in 1950 after recieveing a degree aeronautical engineering. In December 1954 he was summoned to the Skunk Works by Kelly Johnson as a 29 year old thermodynamisist earning $87 dollars a week. Kelly had requested to borrow from the main plant "a thermodynamicist, preferably a smart one" to solve an unspecified problem. Ben Rich's first assignment with the Skunk Works was the intake on the XF-104 Starfighter. Rich would soon work on the U-2, the A-12, YF-12, Sr-71, and D-21 programs. He joined the SR-71 program in it's inital stages in 1958, and as a thermodynamicist, personally suggested that the Blackbird family of aircraft be painted black to reduce surface temperatures.  In 1975 Rich succeeded Johnson as the head of Skunk Works and as a Lockheed vice president in 1977. Rich during this period focused the Skunk Works on the creating the F-117A. In 1977 when the XST made it's first flight, retired Kelly Johnson slapped Rich on the back and yelled "Well, Ben, you got your first airplane." In 1984-86 he served as interm president of Lockheed's Advanced Aeronautical Company, after which he promptly returned to head up Skunk Works once again. In May 1990 when the Skunk Works became a independent company, Ben Rich was named the company's first president and "Chief Skunk." In December 1990 while the first deployment of F-117A's were heading to Saudi Arabia for DESERT SHEILD, Rich retired from Skunk Works.  Ben Rich (and the entire F-117A team) won the 1989 Collier Trophy, was a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), recieved the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) national aircraft design award in 1972, was selected the 1988 Wright Brothers annual lecturer by both the AIAA and the British Royal Aeronautical Society, and in 1991 was elected an honorary fellow of the AIAA. In 1994, Ben Rich published his memoirs "Skunk Works." | |

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# Ben Rich misquoted by many in the UFO community

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**Ben Rich** (June 18, 1925 – January 5, 1995) was the second Director of **Lockheed’s Skunk Works** from 1975 to 1991, succeeding its founder, Kelly Johnson. Regarded as the “father of stealth” Rich was responsible for leading the development of the F-117, the first production stealth aircraft. He also worked on the F-104, U-2, A-12, SR-71, and F-22, among others. He is the author of Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years of Lockheed.

False, unsubstantiated rumors abound when it comes to **misquotes** cited by many gullible UFO researchers.

Many in the UFO community seem to believe that Ben Rich, stated during a 1993, Alumni Speech at UCLA:

“We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects and it would take an Act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity…Anything you can imagine, we already know how to do.”

**This is far from the truth.**

**Ben Rich never said such a thing seriously.**

from SHADOWHAWK (Peter Merlin)- – August 27, 2013:

Peter Merlin, in my opinion, is one of the most knowledgeable and respected military aviation historians at the present time. I had the honor of meeting him in 2005 at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Area 51 which was held at the perimeters.

(QUOTE)

**Ben Rich is constantly misquoted** as saying “We now have the technology to take E.T home.” **That is not what he said**.

At the end of his presentation he showed his final slide, a picture of a disk-shaped craft – the classic “flying saucer” – flying into a partly cloudy sky with a burst of sunlight in the background and he gave his standard tagline.

**It was a joke he had used in numerous presentations since 1983** when Steven Spielberg’s “E.T. the Extraterrestrial,” a film about a young boy befriending a lost visitor from space and helping the alien get home, had become the highest-grossing film of all-time. Rich apparently decided to capitalize on this popularity. By the summer of 1983, he had added the flying saucer picture to the end of a set of between 12 and 25 slides that he showed with his lecture on the history of Lockheed’s famed Skunk Works division.

Rich had long used a standard script for his talks, tailoring the content as necessary to accommodate his audience. Since most Skunk Works current projects were classified, it didn’t matter whether he was addressing schoolchildren or professional aeronautical engineers; he always ended the same way.

At a Defense Week symposium on future space systems in Washington, D.C., on September 20, 1983, he said, “Unfortunately, I cannot tell you what we have been doing for the last 10 years. It seems we score a breakthrough at the Skunk Works every decade, so if you invite me back in 10 years I’ll be able to tell you what we are doing [now]. I can tell you about a contract we recently received. The Skunk Works has been assigned the task of getting E.T. back home.” **The audience laughed, as it was meant to do**.

If something is successful, it is worth repeating. Rich gave an **identical speech** at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on September 6, 1984, and continued using his script during successive appearances. Sometimes he refined the details a bit. “I wish I could tell you what else we are doing in the Skunk Works,” he said, wrapping up a presentation for the Beverly Hills chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution on May 23, 1990. “You’ll have to ask me back in a few years. I will conclude by telling you that last week we received a contract to take E.T. back home.”

Three years later he was still using the same line and the same slide. “We did the F-104, C-130, U-2, SR-71, F-117 and many other programs that I can’t talk about,” he proclaimed during a 1993 speech at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, home of Air Force Materiel Command, the organization responsible for all flight-testing within the Air Force. “We are still working very hard, I just can’t tell you what we are doing.” As usual, he added his by now infamous punchline, “The Air Force has just given us a contract to take E.T. back home.”

Within the UFO community, Rich’s words, and additional statements attributed to him without corroborative proof, have become **gospel**. He is named as having admitted that extraterrestrial UFO visitors are real and that the U.S. military has interstellar capabilities, and although nearly two full years passed between Rich’s UCLA speech and his death in 1995, some believers have touted his comments as a “deathbed confession.” It was nothing of the kind.

Rich, a brilliant scientist, apparently believed in the existence of other intelligent life in the universe, though only as something distant and mysterious. In July 1986, after Testor Corporation model-kit designer John Andrews wrote asking what he thought about the possible existence of either manmade or extraterrestrial UFOs, Rich responded, “I’m a believer in both categories. I feel everything is possible.” He cautioned, however, that, “In both categories, there are a lot of kooks and charlatans – be cautious.”

**There was no “deathbed” confession**. His comments, many of which have been misquoted, were taken from presentations he gave long before his death. Ben Rich gave his speeches using a standard script. The content varied a bit over the years; he added new material whenever something was declassified, but from 1983 on he always ended with his joke, “We just got a contract to take E.T. back home.”

No matter how many years had passed since the last time he said it, it was always “we just got a contract” of “a few weeks ago we received a contract.” That was part of the gag, making it sound like a current Skunk Works project. Rich kept copies of his scripts, which he reused according to the needs of his audience, along with photocopies of all of his slides (including the “flying saucer”), so these details are easy to verify.

Jan Harzan, now executive director of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), attended the March 1993 lecture at the University of California, Los Angeles, with fellow UCLA engineering alumnus and UFO enthusiast Tom Keller. Keller, an aerospace engineer who has worked as a computer systems analyst for NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, wrote about it in the May 2010 issue of “MUFON UFO Journal” and Harzan recently shared his story in a January 2012 interview with Web Talk Radio Network, and another with Alejando Rojas of Open Minds UFO News and Investigations in July 2013.

Harzan says that after the lecture ended a few people remained behind to ask questions. Some wanted to know more about the technology to “take E.T. home.” Harzan says Rich initially brushed off these queries but allegedly told one engineer, “We now know how to travel to the stars. We found an error in the equations and it won’t take a lifetime to do it.” I have also heard Rich’s statement quoted as, “First, you have to understand that we will not get to the stars using chemical propulsion. Second, we have to devise a new propulsion technology. What we have to do is find out where Einstein went wrong.”

Unfortunately, neither quote is verifiable but the second one sounds more like the words of an engineer, especially one with Rich’s stated views as outlined in his letter to John Andrews.

As things began to wind down after the UCLA speech, Rich said, “I’ve got to go now,” and started to walk out of the room. Harzan pursued him, and continued to ask him about the workings of interstellar propulsion systems. it was an unanswerable question in light of our current scientific knowledge.

Rich finally stopped and turned, then asked Harzan an unanswerable question of his own, “Well, let me ask you; how does ESP work?” Stunned, Harzan stammered, “I don’t know. All points in space and time are connected?” Rich responded, “That’s how it works,” then abruptly turned and walked away.

From the tone of the exchange it sounds more like Rich, having been kept well past his planned departure time and tired of being pestered, was simply **anxious** to leave and not that he was sharing some great technological secret.

Harzan and others have interpreted Rich’s final comments as a tacit admission that interstellar propulsion technology exists, that it is in the hands of U.S. scientists, and that it involves a specific set of known equations. But, taken in context, it sounds more like Rich carried his joke too far and talked himself into a corner. It is likely that he would have said, “That’s how it works,” no matter what Harzan’s answer to the E.S.P. question. Even if Rich had said, “Look, I was just kidding,” it would have done no good. **The damage was done**.

In 1994, a year after the UCLA lecture, rich told Popular Science magazine, “We have some new things [at the Skunk Works]. We are not stagnating. What we are doing is updating ourselves, without advertising. There are some new programs, and there are certain things, some of them 20 or 30 years old, that are still breakthroughs and appropriate to keep quiet about [because] other people don’t have them yet.”

He didn’t disclose, or even hint at, any advanced interstellar propulsion technologies because **there was nothing to disclose**.

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