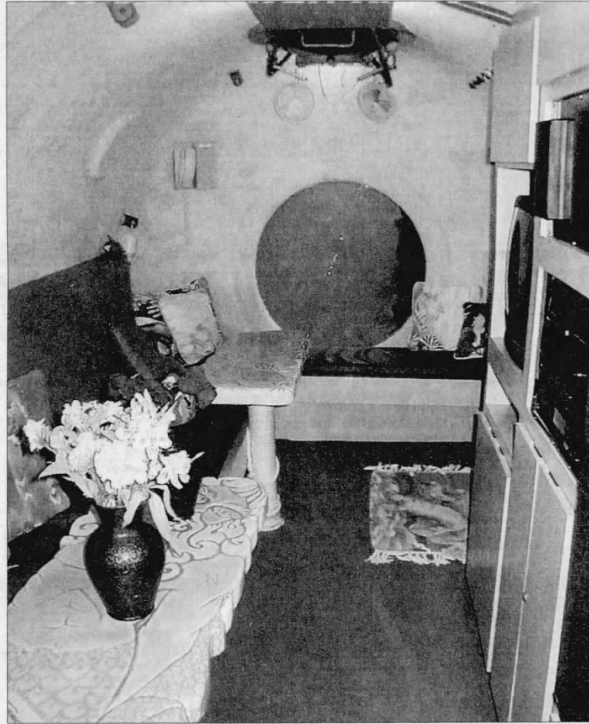


AN UNDERWATER REFUGE



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A PORTAL VIEW: 'Aquanauts,' as guests are called, can gaze out the 42-inch porthole window.

One-of-a-kind hotel lures many

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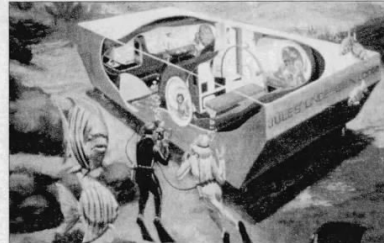
KEY LARGO — The Hilton it's not.

But if it's a unique getaway you're looking for, Jules Undersea Lodge in Key Largo is quite an unusual experience.

The name is no marketing gim-

'It usually takes a few minutes before people realize . . . that we really are located 'Under the Sea.'

— RICK FORD,
lodge manager



JULES UNDERSEA LODGE

UNDERWATER HABITAT: A rendering of Jules Undersea Lodge.

mick: Jules really is underwater, about 20½ feet below the surface to be precise. There are no submarine rides or underwater tunnels to the barnacle-covered lodge. Adventurous guests must scuba dive to get there.

"I've had people show up at the

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