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Now we are ready to hear what the U.S. Air Force has to say about UFOs.

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I'm pleased to present Major Hector Quentinella Jr., who is a native of San Antonio, Texas.

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He attended St. Mary's University there, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1950.

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His career includes service with the Army Air Corps and the South Pacific during World War II.

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He received the direct commission as a second lieutenant in the USAF Reserve in April of 1951 and was recalled active duty in August of 1951.

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After his recall and after tours of duty in Germany and Japan, he was reassigned in 1959 to the Rome Air Development Center in New York as chief of the data processing branch

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and remained there until assignment to the Foreign Technology Division in Dayton, Ohio in July 1963.

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He has been chief of Project Bloba since that time. I am pleased to present Major Hector Quentinella of San Antonio, Texas.

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Ladies and gentlemen, it's a pleasure to meet you here. The Air Force became interested in the UFO phenomenon as a project in 1947.

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During this period, the policy letter was written by the chief of staff, which directed the commander of the Air Materiel Command to set up a project whose purpose was to collect and evaluate and disseminate to interested government agencies and contractors all information regarding UFO science.

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Initially, the project was classified. However, the security classification was dropped in March of 1952. The UFO project had been unclassified since that time.

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During the period 1948 to 1955, the Air Force made three comprehensive studies of the UFO reports which have been submitted to them. These reports are known as the science report, which was published in February of 1940.

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The graduate report was published in August of 19th and the Project Bloba report was published in May of 1955. The reports concluded that the phenomena present in oath work in the security of the United States and that the vast majority of the sites with disinterpretation of conventional objects.

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They also concluded that it was considered to be highly improbable that any of the UFO reports examined in the space represented technical developments outside the range of present-day science and technology. This was in 1955.

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Since that time, the project loopbook has concerned itself with the investigation of the sites, the evaluation of the data, and release of the information to the newsweek. This information is given to the public and the form of news releases a loopbook brochures.

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Today the operation of portions of the project is still located at the right address in Air Force Base. The objective of the project is still the same today as it was in the beginning.

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And as to determine if UFOs presently threaten the security of the nation. I would like to emphasize at this point that although we thought to great lengths to collect all available information on the sites, to reach a conclusion as to what the stimulus is called on the site.

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Such an explanation is wholly subordinated to the primary function of the loopbook, the determination in each case, whether there is a threat to our national security.

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My office is a focal point for all UFO reports, which are reported to the air. Each Air Force Base commander through active temporary appoints an officer to be the UFO investigator and officer for his area of responsibility.

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The investigating officers collect information from the observers and conduct a preliminary evaluation of the site according to the scientific disciplines which are available to them at the base level.

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The information and the primary evaluation are submitted to the right Madison Air Force Base to be a tele-type on the latter reports.

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These reports are then placed in categories according to their characteristics.

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If the UFO report exhibits aircraft characteristics, we go directly to the FAA, local airports, SAAC headquarters in supporting the unit, and to the Air Defense Committee in its support.

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UFO reports exhibit the new characteristics to be checked by contact with the US Weather Station, local airports, Air Force Weather Station, the Hollywood Balloon Control Center, the National Center for Adversary Research, and various industrial companies which are relatively engaged in the human research activity.

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To check and report to exhibit satellite characteristics, we go directly to the Space Detection Center Colorado Springs. They have the responsibility of tracking all satellite activity.

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We also go to the Space Detection Center for information regarding satellite decays.

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The reports which we suspect are caused by missile fires, we go directly to Kate Kennedy, Brandenburg, Point Magoo, Wallops Island, Eglin Air Force, Green River, and other validations which might be engaged in special activities.

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For analysis of radar reports, we use an organization at Ryan Patterson Air Force, or to use other organizations which are engaged in this type of activity.

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For photoanalysis, we use one of the organizations at Ryan Patterson.

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For physical specimens, which are submitted to the project documents, we have used the services of the Air Force Materiel Laboratory, the General Memorial, the Pure Food and Drug Administration,

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Levy Oins and Corning Christ, the Northwestern Geology Department, and the Institute of Paper Chemistry.

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For suspected astronomical science, we use the services of Dr. J. Allen Hynick as the basis of the project that we will consult.

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Also, Dr. Charles P. Olympe of the Air, Head of the American Media Society, and Dr. Robbison of the Strymer and Red Dye Cynanthus Research Center.

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We also frequently refer to open literature such as Scottie Telescope, the current information in comics, mediums, and the role of display.

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Although my office stand is small, within the Ryan Patterson Air Force Base complex, I have the services of physicists, chemists, astronomers, neurologists, aerodynamic engineers, and photoanalysts.

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These people are available to the project when they are needed.

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I would also like to add that I have received excellent organization and administrative support from all astronauts in the Air Force Center, the Secretary of the Air Force, and Chief of Staff are interested in this role.

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I would like to point out that the Air Force must evaluate subjective information which cannot be duplicated in the laboratory.

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With the exception of meteorites, we have never recovered anything tangible of extraterrestrial origin.

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I am sure that those that have not all of you are aware of the Air Force contract signed last year with the University of Colorado.

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This contract, valued at approximately \$300,000, is between the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the University.

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It calls for an 18-month study under the direction of Dr. Edward B. Connors,

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former director of the National Bureau of Standards and now a professor of physics at the University of Colorado.

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I want to make one point very clear in connection with this contract.

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The only involvement of the Project Group work with the Colorado contract is to provide the duplicates of all current UFO reports

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and such material from our files as they may ask for.

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As a matter of interest, today I have supplied them with the base 400 case histories.

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Dr. Tanda is conducting a totally independent study.

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In conclusion, I want to read two paragraphs of the current Project Group work with the court.

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has ever given any indication of a threat to our national security.

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of principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

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And there has been no evidence indicating that Siden's categorized unidentified are experts the rest of the world.

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The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unused or error-pronouncement over the United States.

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Services of qualified scientists and technicians who continue to be used to investigate and analyze these reports

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and periodic reports on the subject will be many times.

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The Air Force takes no stand on whether or not an extraterrestrial life could or does exist.

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Scientists believe that it is entirely possible that the universe continues life of planets other than our own.

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The Air Force continues to extend an open invitation to anyone who feels that he possesses any evidence

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of extraterrestrial behavior operating within the Earth's mere space obliquely to submit his evidence for analysis.

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