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Welcome to America's Town Meeting from New York City.

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Tonight's subject, Flying Saucers, Fact or Illusion.

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Our speakers are Major Donnelly Keough, author of Flying Saucers from Outer Space, and Jonathan

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N. Leonard, science editor of Time Magazine and author of Flight Into Space.

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For scores of generations, civilized men have recorded astonishing descriptions of atmospheric

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phenomena and awesome things hovering in the skies above them.

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Mysterious floating objects, flashes and fireballs, and luminescence manifestations of every description

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are recounted in the annals of western civilization as far back as Roman times.

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Speculation as to their origin was, of course, largely conditioned upon the degree of scientific

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knowledge at the disposal of the observer.

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Generally, however, they were isolated instances, unrelated, and devoid of organized study anywhere.

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Against this historic background, the controversy which has developed in the United States since

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1947 over the so-called Flying Saucers sightings are absolutely without precedent or parallel.

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An oppressive accumulation of approximately 800 unexplained reports has not only been accorded

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the widest possible publicity, intriguing the public everywhere and taxing the credibility

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of many, but has by now enlisted on a national scale the ingenuity of some of our top airmen,

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scientists and military experts.

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Curiously enough, it is said that more than 18 percent of these sightings were reported

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by trained military personnel, and some 11 percent were reported by Air Force pilots

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Of all sightings recorded, somewhat less than 15 percent are reported to be classified

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as unexplained.

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To delve into the mystery of these unexplained phenomena, the resources of the United States

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and other nations have mustered as strategic points scores of special cameras, radar installations,

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and other detected devices, meant by trained personnel.

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Meantime, the controversy rages unabated between those who believe that the so-called

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Flying Saucers are fact and those who dismiss them as an illusion.

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Tonight, Town Hall is proud to present two distinguished exponents of each of these

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viewpoints.

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Our first guest is Major Donald E. Kehoe, author of Flying Saucers from outer space.

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Born in Iowa, Major Kehoe attended the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned

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with the rank of Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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The following year, he finished a training course for naval aviators at Pensacola.

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From 1925 to 1927, he was Chief of Information of the Aeronautics branch of the Department

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of Commerce and was assigned as Manager of the U.S. Tour of the Josephine IV North Pole

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Plain, which flew around the country with Floyd Bennett and Bert Blanchen.

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In 1949, Major Kehoe was assigned to investigate the Flying Saucer mystery for a true magazine.

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The Flying Saucers are real was his first book on this subject.

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It was followed by Flying Saucers from outer space, published in November of this year.

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Town Hall is proud to welcome Major Kehoe.

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In 1948, like many other pilots, I scoffed at the Saucer reports.

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Now after a five-year investigation, I believe they are real.

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But there's only one way to decide this question fairly, by examining the official reports.

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Neither my opinion nor Mr. Leonard says any value unless it is backed by the evidence.

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In the last five years, I've seen hundreds of Air Force reports covering worldwide sightings.

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The official records cleared for me have included the most baffling cases and intelligence files,

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cases used in the secret briefing of high government officials.

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Intelligence reports were made by Air Force Navy, Marine Corps, and airline pilots.

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By expert radar man, guided missile trackers, and other trained observers.

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The official conclusions were released to me by Air Technical Intelligence.

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Since Mr. Leonard cannot be expected to know these hundreds of reports, I shall refer mainly

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to official cases from my book, which he has reviewed.

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I repeat, these are Air Force intelligence reports certified by official documents in

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the book.

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They are not from anonymous sources as Mr. Leonard mistakenly stated.

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These sightings were analyzed by intelligence officers or by scientists under secret contracts.

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In case after case, pilots and radar men insist that the outbanks maneuver under intelligent

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control, often at fantastic speeds.

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In the last two months, reports have rapidly increased.

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As a result, new orders have been given to pilots, which I shall explain later.

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Military governments have also taken new steps.

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In Canada, a special observatory has been set up to track sources and learn their means

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of propulsion.

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Mr. W. B. Smith, the official in charge, with a frankness unknown here, publicly admitted

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that sources are probably from outer space.

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In our Air Force, only one intelligence officer, Colonel William C. O'Dell, has been allowed

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to make such a statement and then, without use of his rank.

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But this conviction is privately shared by many in the Air Force.

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Even the airline pilots, after sighting strange machines, have publicly announced their belief

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that the sources are observation devices from another planet.

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That an advanced race is making a long survey of the Earth, delaying contact until they

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understand every phase of our life and can gauge our probable reactions.

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On the basis of the evidence, I believe this is the answer, fantastic as it may seem.

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Thank you Major Keough.

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Our next guest is Jonathan Norton Leonard, science editor of Time Magazine.

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Mr. Leonard joined the weekly news magazine staff as foreign news writer in 1943.

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He became Time Science Editor in 1945.

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Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, he attended public schools there and entered Harvard University

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in 1921.

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Originally, with the New York Times, he became a freelance writer and for the next 10 years

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turned out innumerable books and articles, including the enjoyment of science, crusaders

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of chemistry and his most recent book, Flight into Space, a philosophical but factual view

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of the fact and fancies of spaceflight which was published in October of this year.

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We are proud to welcome Mr. Jonathan Norton to America's town meeting.

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The question, do you believe in flying saucers has come to mean do you believe that flying

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saucers are spaceships from a foreign planet?

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I do not believe it because I have seen no evidence for it.

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All I have seen is reports of strange sights in the sky.

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Most of them have been explained in unsensational ways and most of the rest were so poorly

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reported that no conclusion is possible.

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But even if many unexplained saucers had been seen, they would not necessarily be spaceships.

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To call them spaceships is jumping to an extremely unlikely conclusion.

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It is explaining a small mystery by pinning it on a big mystery.

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The ancient Greeks could not explain lightning, so they gave up and called it a weapon of

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the God Zeus.

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This was no explanation at all.

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The flying saucer cutists are doing the same thing.

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To explain a few puzzling reports, they are dreaming up spaceships and they give them

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a godlike ability to violate all known physical laws.

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The world is full of mysteries and the way to solve them is to observe them and study

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them carefully.

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This is what the Air Force has been doing and it says that it has no evidence that flying

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saucers are spaceships.

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People who say that the Air Force is lying about this and that it is deliberately concealing

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a threatened invasion from space are accusing it of something close to treason.

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I do not think that they are justified.

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Spaceships are not impossible theoretically.

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The human race can build them if it makes the Air Force and there may be races in space

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that have already done so.

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At least I cannot prove that there are not.

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But to say that flying saucers are spaceships, just because a few of their reports are hard

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to explain, is naive and primitive thinking.

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It is like explaining lightning by calling it the weapon of a god.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Limit.

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Major Kehoe, before we go into our exchange of views, and I know they are going to be

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sharp this evening, I was intrigued by the statement which you made in your opening

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presentation.

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I would like to ask if you might not wish to elaborate on it.

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You said that during the last two months reports on unidentified flying objects have rapidly

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increased and then you said that as a result of this new orders have been given to pilots

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and you would explain that later.

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I want to go ahead and explain that to us now.

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Yes, I shall.

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The Air Force, through the Matt's intelligence, that is military air transport intelligence,

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has sent word to all airline pilots and instead of waiting after they sight an unidentified

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object in the air, waiting until they land to write up the report or be interrogated,

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they are immediately to get on the radio and give a running account of what they see.

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This was confirmed to me by the Airline Policy Association and also by Air Force Public Information.

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The same order has been relayed to all military pilots and presumably to those in the Navy

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and the Marine Corps.

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I see. Mr Leonard, do you have any comment to make on that?

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Well, I think it's a fine thing.

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Sure.

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Why not?

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It's a lot of controversy on this thing and Air Force has been accused of concealing

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evidence.

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It's a very good thing to tell the pilots to report right off.

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But this shows a great deal of concern which the Air Force at the same time disavows.

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It says we're not concerned, there's nothing to it and at the same time they give these

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orders and tell everybody to get in the information as rapidly as possible.

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I don't think they're concerned about spaceships.

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I think they're concerned about the publicity they're getting.

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They're concerned about the objects.

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Well gentlemen, that brings us I think to the very first point which the average American

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would like to have clarified and discussed this evening.

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What are the observers seeing in your opinion?

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Are they seeing something or are they seeing nothing?

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Is it imagination or is it factual that they are seeing something?

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Want me to answer that?

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I think they're seeing something.

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I think that good many of these people are perfectly sincere.

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There are some jokers and liars, some drunks no doubt, but I think good many of them see

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something.

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What they see is another question.

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Do you have your opinion Mr. Lendon as to what they may be actually seeing?

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I think they see a great variety of things.

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I think they see all reflections from the tail pins of aluminum airplane.

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You can see them at a much greater distance than you can see an airplane.

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They see weather balloons.

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I think in the case of the more mystifying reports they see various kinds of optical

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effects.

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Now they aren't optical illusions anymore than a rainbow is.

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A rainbow is an effect, an optical effect.

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It's very real.

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It's so.

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We know how it works.

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There are great many other ways that lights can be apparently displaced and made to move.

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The common mirage of this water in the road is a very common example.

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Every auto owner knows.

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You see the sky apparently in the road.

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That's true of great many other optical effects.

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Major Key, how would you subscribe to that theory?

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No, I'm afraid I can't.

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That might be true in many cases of untrained observers, people who be honestly mistaken.

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When you take hundreds of airline pilots, radar men, weather bureau observers who are

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trained to recognize such things, and for year after year they have been reporting these

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objects, many of which are confirmed by a radar simultaneously, prove that the object

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was real and that was under intelligent control maneuvering.

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Many of the cases, of which I can only mention a few tonight, have so stated that the answer

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was unknown and in the analysis they stated the object seemed to be under intelligent

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control.

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Well, Mr. Leonard, I believe you stated at the outset that you felt that there were only

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a few puzzling reports.

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Now Major, I know that you disagree with that.

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Do you have any idea, however, as to how many reports are puzzling or unsolved so far?

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I don't think there are very many.

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I think there are many reports which are put down by the Air Force as unidentified.

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And they may be, and in most cases are, unidentified because the evidence given is extremely sketchy.

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I heard of one example, for instance, of a man who called up very excitedly and said

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something like this.

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He said, I saw something flying by.

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It looked like a bird, but it was flying a lot faster than any bird ought to fly.

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What was it?

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Well, the Air Force put that down as unexplained and listed the thing as a UFO, I think Major

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Kehoe calls it an unexplained flying object.

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Major Kehoe, do you agree with that?

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Well, I would like to give a report by, let us say, someone a little more trained.

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On October 29th, over in Hempstead, Long Island, two jet pilots were on a mission, spotted

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a very bright white light, and they tried to close in.

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Then the machine, whatever it was, tightened up.

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They were unable to get inside its turn, and finally, after trying to match the machine's

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performance for several minutes, they gave up.

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Now, here's the statement that the senior pilot gave to intelligence.

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Based on my experience in fighter tactics, it is my opinion that the object was controlled

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by something having visual contact with it.

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The power and acceleration were beyond the capability of any known U.S. aircraft.

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Below this, the Wing Intelligence Officer added, it is believed this report is based

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on reliable and verifiable observation.

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That's an official intelligence report.

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How many reports such as that, not to interrupt, Ms. Landon, but how many reports of that type

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do you feel that there are on the books now, Major?

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At least 400.

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I have some of the key cases right here, which prove that the objects are real, that they

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are under control, and that many of the people who saw them are convinced that there was

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some kind of revolutionary machine.

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Ms. Landon, do you feel there's any pattern in these reports that the Major has cited?

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Yes, I think there's a pattern.

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Some of these facts are similar.

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But I'd like to say a little bit about these trained observers.

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The pilot, the airline pilot, or a fighter pilot, is generally a very fine guy.

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Some of my best friends are pilots.

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But he is very rarely a physicist.

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He very rarely understands the effects of refraction.

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I think if you question, you'd find that they know very little about such things.

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And so when you say a trained observer, you mean that he's been trained to recognize

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certain definite things.

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And when he comes up against something which isn't in the book, he often misinterpreted

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very widely.

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And this, I think, is the case in a Major Pioja cited.

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But you do feel that he saw something, however, what he saw was not any kind of a space machine.

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And I think he jumped to the conclusion that it was intelligently controlled.

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It was a very, very long jump.

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Well, speaking of intelligently controlled incidents, I think almost everyone is aware

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of the so-called citing that Washington several months back.

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And I wonder if you would care to discuss that as an example of either accidental or

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perhaps controlled performance.

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Major, would you like to begin a discussion of that?

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Yes, I should.

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I investigated that for six weeks after the two weekend incidents.

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I talked with all of the radar men who were in the control center, with the radar engineer,

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with Dr. John Hagen, the chief radio astronomer of the Navy, with Bonn-Rochney of the Weather

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Bureau, their radar expert, with the pilots who cited these things in the air, with the

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radar men at other stations.

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Now, these things were triangulated from three radar stations.

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They were seen simultaneously in the air at exactly the point where the radar sets showed

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them.

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They showed the same maneuvers, the same speeds, which were reported visually by observers

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in the air and on the ground.

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And later on, I was told from Air Force Technical Intelligence Center that this principle applied.

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They looked the same thing that they added in another similar case.

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The electronic or visual mirage of meteorological phenomenon is out of the question, and the

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radar set was on high beam and both were not occur simultaneously in the same place.

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Now, this was ruled out completely, although at the Air Force conference in July, it was

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suggested that temperature inversion was probably the answer.

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Later on, I asked the Air Force to designate an official spokesman who would give me what

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they considered the answer.

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We went into it, I presented all the evidence, and gave him the temperature inversion on

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that night, which was less than one and a half degrees.

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This spokesman then told me and allowed me to give it as the official Air Force Force

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viewpoint, that with such a low inversion, it was impossible for temperature inversion

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to have been the answer, and the case remained unexplained, and it still is.

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Elizabeth, how would you explain the Washington site?

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Well, as Sam said, Dr. Keim, I got a report on that immediately.

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In fact, I got a telephone report from the inside of the radar station where the observations

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were being made, and one of our men was there, right on the spot.

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I had very great doubts about this.

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It seemed to be a very curious, panicky situation going on around these boys.

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One thing I did was to ask whether these objects had been seen on radars at a flight distance

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from Washington.

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I could find no radar that had seen them, except in the immediate vicinity of Washington.

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Then I also asked about, they called up jets, of course, to come down there and defend the

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White House and Congress and the Federal Reserve Bank and other such things from flying saucers.

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And the jets came over from Delaware, and they got there pretty soon, and they criss-crossed

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all around Washington.

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They found those such things.

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So I decided there wasn't very much to it.

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And then when the Air Force later came out with an official statement on the subject

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that there wasn't anything much to it, of course Major Keough says that they didn't,

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but actually they did come out with a statement that this was caused by temperature inversions.

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I think they had a lot more information than can be gathered in the newspapers and by talking

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to individuals who, having seen something, are committed to stand by it.

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Now before there's any more said about official statements to the Air Force, I'd like to read

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part of a letter.

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I thought that there would be remarks about the official attitude of the Air Force, so

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I called up the Air Force and asked them, this is a letter on the station area of the

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Department of the Air Force, Washington, the office of the Secretary.

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That's the Secretary of the Air Force, and it's as high as you can get.

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It's signed by Colonel Max B. Boyd, Chief of Information Division, Office of Public Information.

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General Smith, Mr. Dimmick Salena, General Smith has told me of your need for a statement

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from the Air Force concerning flying saucers.

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The Air Force position concerning the unexplained aerial phenomena has been restated recently

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in the enclosed fact sheet, which I hope will be useful to you.

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You may be interested also in another recent Air Force statement which said, after reviewing

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its massive reports and presenting the better documented ones to highly competent scientific

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advisors, the Air Force has found that there is absolutely no proof in these reports that

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space travel from another planet is going on.

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Either of these statements may be attributed to the Air Force or to an Air Force spokesman.

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Now this is, if I will read on occasion some of the things from that fact sheet.

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One of them is about the same sort of thing.

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It says that no authentic physical evidence has been received establishing the existence

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of spaceships from other planets.

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Well Mr. Lennon, if I may interrupt, is there any evidence or any statement by the Air

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Force which would deny, for example, that these sightings are sightings of solid objects

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controlled by intelligent procedure?

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Well, if you ruled out that the Air Force also rules out that they are their own guided

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missiles and they rule out that they are also not guided missiles from foreign countries.

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And if you rule those things out and they still say that they are not in the planetary

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why they must be something that can be explained in some much simpler way.

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Well gentlemen, do you feel that there is anything being withheld by the Air Force or

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the Pentagon films or photographs or secret analyses perhaps which the public has the

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right to know?

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A major key help.

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Well in one specific case, the analysis of the motion picture known as the Utah pictures

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has been withheld from the public.

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These pictures were taken in July of 52.

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They were analyzed for a period of four to six months by the Air Force and the Navy.

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And they were also analyzed by civilian experts who were brought into that purpose.

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At that time it was decided that the objects could not be explained as any conventional

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objects of any kind.

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They were not aircraft, they were not balloons, they were not reflections from birds wings.

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It was decided then by a group that believed that this should be made public, that there

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would be a showing of this film to the press in Washington and a public statement would

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be made.

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A controversy arose over that which lasted for about two months at which time the planned

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showing was killed.

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I was given a copy of the press release which was to be given out at that time and it stated

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emphatically that these were the answers, that they did not have any explanation for

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them.

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The Air Force therefore would not speculate on what they were.

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But it showed that they were maneuvering at high speeds and that they had been within

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a five mile distance that could easily have been identified as aircraft or balloons.

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Later on, about six weeks ago, I inquired the Air Force if they had any new answer.

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And I was told by the Air Force press desk, by an official on the desk that there was

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now a suggestion that they might have been migratory birds in spite of the fact that

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in this analysis which has not been released to the public, it says they could not be reflections

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from birds because their flight source was too intense and no bird's wing could be that

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reflective.

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I have that statement here tonight and I'd be glad to short to Mr. Leonard or anyone

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else.

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Statements seem to be a little bit confused.

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Now here's the latest from the Air Force.

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There have been some misconceptions concerning Air Force handling or flying saucer reports.

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One of these misconceptions is that the Air Force is either withholding flying saucer

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information from the public or cloaking it beneath a security classification.

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This is untrue.

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And they also say that they have been very, let's see, they have only a very few movie

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type films have been received by the Air Force and they reveal only 10 points of light moving

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across the sky.

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The Air Force has been unable to identify the source of these lights.

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Images are too small to analyze properly.

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They don't know what they are.

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And I think that's a great many cases we don't know.

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But the thing that I object to is the vast jump from lack of knowledge to a dogmatic

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statement that these things are spaceships.

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Well, Mr. Leonard, before I go into that, I would like to read one thing here to show

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that someone is not stating the truth.

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And I would like to have it brought up.

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I have invited the Air Force to put me back on active duty and have me court-martial for

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falsifying the Air Force documents if they can prove that anything I said about official

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sightings or the Utah pictures is false.

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And I repeat that here and now.

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I have it.

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I have documents here which prove it.

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I have proof from the former head of Project Blue Book who cleared all of these documents

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from me at right field.

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I have a statement here by the official who gave them to me at the Pentagon who was assigned

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to do that.

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I can prove that every case in that book that I say is from the Air Force is an official

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sighting case that the pictures were taken.

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They were analyzed and the analysis has not been released.

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And still they deny that they have ever had any evidence whatsoever that these things

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are from space.

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That's right.

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That's two weeks ago.

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That's right.

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Here is what they told me repeatedly.

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We have no concrete evidence.

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Now Mr. Finletter, the former secretary of the Air Force, said when he was briefed by

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intelligence officers in 1952 after a series of sightings, he said, there is no evidence

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yet, no concrete evidence to prove or disprove the existence of flying saucers.

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However, since we cannot explain a number of the sightings, the Air Force will continue

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its investigation.

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He said nothing about spaceships.

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No, but in many of these sightings, which I can't read here, but some of them are in

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the book and any that you wish to know, I'll be glad to show it to you.

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They're from very junior officers.

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The speeds have been computed and confirmed by radar and intelligence certifies that the

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speeds were measured at speeds of thousands of miles an hour, that the objects were solid.

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They don't certify any such thing major.

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I think they're fine.

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No, they don't.

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These things have been analyzed by higher sources, higher groups in the Air Force, and

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that conclusion is just what I read to you.

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Well gentlemen, we'll return to that in just a moment.

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I've seen everywhere from the North Pole up to Greenland, Alaska, and in every country

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that we know of, except behind the Iron Curtain, and there have been very few cases, but a

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few from that area.

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In this country, they have been seen more frequently around Air Force bases and occasionally

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atomic installations.

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Now that may be because there is more observation there, but it still remains the fact that

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they've been seen there more frequently, and that is where the Air Force has placed the

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75 new grid cameras, which they have distributed around the country and spawned bases abroad

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to get pictures of these objects and try to resolve the light source.

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We've checked today, those cameras have seen nothing.

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Mr. Leonard, what is your answer to the...

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My answer is that the sources are most frequently seen in places where people have read the

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most about flying saucers.

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They've also been seen in places where they've had no flying saucer reports at all.

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They've been seen in Africa, or far east, or near east, by Chinese who can't even read

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their own language.

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They've been seen all over the world in places where there's no communication about flying

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saucer books, articles, or news sites.

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They've been seen in ancient times, but they call them dragons and witches.

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If the Air Force were convinced that what they're telling the public is true, why are

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they spending money and a lot of money to investigate this?

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Why have they scrambled jets at least 400 times in the past four years to chase unidentified

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objects?

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There is a standing order that any time the existence of a UFO is established on a radar

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filter, jets must be ordered aloft to try to intercept it.

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But I think that's a very reasonable thing to do.

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Why don't they write it all?

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If the Air Force really believe what they're saying, why are they going to all this trouble?

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Is there anything, if I may interrupt, is there anything which has occurred lately,

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or any recent theft taken by the Air Force to show that they are now more concerned,

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perhaps before, or then they officially admitted about unidentified flying objects?

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Anything specific?

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I think not, and I think this letter I read to you is that they did December 15th and

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is from the Secretary of the Air Force.

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Well, we will continue with our discussion in just a moment.

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Gentlemen, now we have come to the most intriguing portion of America's town meeting, where we

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entertain questions from the audience directed to both of you.

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I would like to recognize that the outset, the gentleman on my left, for whom is your

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question intended?

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I would like to address my question to Major Kehoe.

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Major Kehoe, I would like to review your question.

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How possible is it for the flying saucer or the thing seen to be pilotless and to be

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controlled from the ground by the U.S. or some foreign power?

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Well, if such a device existed which had those speeds and capabilities, it could be

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guided by remote control just as we guide our drones or pilotless bombers.

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Next question, please.

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This is Mr. Leonard.

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Would you tell us who you are, please, and where you're from?

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My name is Paul Matthews.

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Mr. Leonard, don't you think that the Air Force may not wish to create panic, and that

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is why they're withholding the information that they may have, and also that they may

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have discovered that these visitors are not after all hostile or are out to attack us in

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any way?

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Well, there's really two questions.

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I think the first one about they're not wanted to create panic, I think if they're proceeding

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in that way, they're being very, very remiss in their duty.

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They're supposed, the Air Force is supposed to protect us and not to allow us to live

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in a fool's paradise.

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And I think that if anyone in the Air Force tried to do that, the higher levels of the

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government, the president, the secretary of defense would immediately stop them because

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it would be the worst way to get us in trouble.

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And this question of having made contact with them and decided they're not hostile, I think

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in that case, I think they'd be delighted to tell us all about it.

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May I have the next question, please?

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The lady on my right.

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My question is that they've addressed a major keel.

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Would you tell us who you are, please?

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My name is Eunice Spord and I'm from Detroit.

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My question is, is there a possibility, major keel, that another planet might be trying

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to contact the Earth?

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Well, I think that is part of the answer.

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I of course know, there's no way of knowing which one it might be.

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It's possible it might be within our own solar system.

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Perhaps the Mars committee, which has now been established to watch Mars as it nears

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the Earth, may find some evidence during the coming year.