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And now, ladies and gentlemen, the Alan Douglas Show.

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If you tend to listen to radio conversation programs, and if you're listening to this

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one, then probably you have the habit, you've heard the airwaves crackle again and again

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with talk about unidentified flying objects.

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Talk about UFOs is like a kind of recurrent epidemic.

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The rash keeps breaking out time and time again.

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This thing in my recollection began back in 1946, and it took a couple of years to get

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into full swing.

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By 48, flying saucers, the pre-Air Force term for those unexplainable heavenly lights,

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had become front-page news.

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If I recall correctly, the press and the radio then treated UFO stories with a kind of a

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tongue-in-cheek style.

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Flying saucers, after all, made pretty good copy when you were in short of Capitol Hill

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scandals or a good hot election or a decent society murder.

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In the past 20 years, though, I seem to sense that the press attitude has changed.

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For one thing, UFO stories, by and large, don't get to the front page too much anymore

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if they do the follow-up stories drop fast to page 3 or 6 or 16.

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And the style seems to me to be down the middle, straight reporting.

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Unlike the era of the late 40s and the 50s, it now seems that a body can conceivably report

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an encounter with an unidentified flying object or a sighting, and suffer relatively little

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repercussion.

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It is now apparent that reports about UFOs are not going to stop, and therefore it's

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logical to assume that the seeing of flying saucers is not a fad like the swallowing of

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goldfish or marathon dancing or any of those common-goal crazes that are peculiar to each

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generation.

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The rash of UFO sightings and encounters continues and intensifies in some pretty impressive,

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some pretty logically-minded men are concerned about it.

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Frank Edwards, a veteran Washington newsman, a man who has earned his reputation and his

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livelihood from his ability to collect and evaluate pure fact, is concerned about it.

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And he's written an excellent book on the subject of UFOs, and with it, he is now the

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nation's coveted top ten best-selling book list for nonfiction.

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And you don't get there by accident.

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It takes some talent, and it takes some fact, and it takes some ability as a writer, I might

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add.

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His book is called Flying Saucers Are Serious Business.

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Earl Neff, who's appeared with us on radio several times in the past, as well as on contact,

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which preceded me on WKYC, now devotes full energies to lecturing and writing on the subject

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of UFOs.

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And if you've heard Earl on the radio before, you know he's no fattest, no offbeat character.

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He's a very intelligent, very curious, I think rather conservative man.

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And I suspect that he doubts UFO stories to a greater degree than most of us until he

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digs out the fact from the fantasy.

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And then, after he's got the fact straight, only then does he form his opinion.

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So I think we have some rather serious-minded men with us tonight.

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Let me say, Frank Edwards, I've read your book, I've read part of your book.

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I just started it this weekend.

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This is a book I have to finish.

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And I said before we went on the air, I just want to say it again.

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I said it to you before we went on so that you know I meant it.

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And I'll say it again so the audience can hear it.

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I was really hooked by this book, particularly the way it started.

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You get right to the crux of the matter, and in one big hurry.

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You're not only an interesting writer, but you raise some very alarming points.

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Thank you, sir.

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Particularly.

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Well, you just cite one instance after another, and you tend to put down the Air Force.

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You tend to put them down pretty hard.

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What now they feel about you?

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They don't like me.

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As a matter of fact, they like me so little they once got me kicked off the network.

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Oh, yes, night 54.

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I have the story documented and spelled out in detail in the book.

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I exposed some of the methods by which they were operating at that time, and I exposed

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the gross fallacies and the statements they were offering to the public.

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And so they put the pressure on my sponsors, a labor organization.

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They put the pressure on them by giving a lot of big fat contracts to non-union outfits.

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And of course, this was hitting the sponsor right where they lived.

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And this couldn't go on very long, and it didn't.

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So I lost 10 million sponsors in one night.

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Probably the only guy in the history of the broadcasting business who ever lost 10 million

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sponsors in one night, Alan.

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If my attention seemed to be drifting from when I was just going down our list of sponsors

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tonight, and just checking things out, right?

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You won't buy the Air Force.

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No, it's a matter of fact.

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At least after tonight.

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I don't know.

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The Air Force doesn't sponsor me.

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If they did, I might be in more trouble than I am at the moment.

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Listen, I want to be sure and mention one of the big reasons that you're in Cleveland.

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You're in Cleveland to sell your book.

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And the book I might add is published by Lyle Stewart.

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I personally recommend it for anybody that wants an interesting, fascinating reading

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on a subject that has not bugged me to the extent that it does now, since I began reading

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your book.

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I'm more bugged than I was.

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I was concerned and curious, and I have been known to say on the radio that I believe

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that it would be irreverent of any of us to assume that there's nothing out there, or

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that there could be nothing out there.

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I personally have never been blessed with a sighting.

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But on the other hand, I'm not so irreverent as to suppose that it couldn't be a superior

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intelligence, one more capable than we are technologically, out there somewhere in the

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heavens.

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But this book really brings all of us into focus.

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And I was particularly concerned with some of your research into the past.

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For example, the Alexander Hamilton story.

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And I'd love to have you tell that to us, if you would.

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This goes back to when, 1897?

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1897, yes.

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There was a wealthy farmer who was also a very prominent citizen of the state of Kansas,

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a member of the state legislature, and very well known throughout the state.

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He lived at the little town of Leroy, Kansas.

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And in 1897, one night, he heard quite a rumpus in the cattle lot, and he's supposed that maybe

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one of his dogs was out there harassing the cattle.

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He jumped up, and his son, who was a teenage boy at the time, got up with him.

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And they could hear all this noise out there.

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And just to be on the safe side, they grabbed the nearest substitute for a weapon that they had,

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a couple of double-bitted axes.

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And they got the hired man up, and he grabbed an axe, and they all went back there.

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And they all signed an affidavit the following day.

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And they said that as they approached the cattle lot and came around behind the big barns,

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they saw a durable-shaped thing which was red in color, and it had some sort of a cabin

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hanging beneath it and some kind of a big wheel below the cabin, which was turning slowly.

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And in the cabin, through the transparent windows in this brightly-lighted cabin,

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they could see small human-like creatures, which they said were, by their standards and opinions, hideous.

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And these creatures seemed to be excitedly talking to each other, although they could not hear what they were saying,

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the farmer and his men.

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They found that one of his yearling cattle had a noose around its neck, and the noose was caught in a fence,

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or the cable was caught in a fence, and the cable went from the fence to the cabin underneath this craft,

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whatever it was, and the craft was obviously trying to lift this heifer.

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They were trying to steal it, or just take it, I guess you'd say.

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Maybe they were collecting samples.

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Weren't they just lifting it?

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They were trying to, yeah, literally.

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The hired man ran over to try to chop the cable in two.

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He accidentally cut the fence in two, and the thing took off with the heifer dangling by the neck beneath it.

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They found it the following day.

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They found the hide-and-hoofs and tail in a wheat field about seven miles away.

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Frank's been talking all day.

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When these fellas land, I hope they have a cure for the common cold.

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I doubt it.

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It's not a big matter.

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They may have a few things we don't want.

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It was curious to me in 1897 that this thing was as carefully documented as it was.

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As you probably noticed in the book, I carry all the list of all the bankers and doctors and lawyers

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and newspaper editors and everybody else who signed the affidavit that they were familiar with the character

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and reputation of the men involved, including Mr. Hamilton, and also with the other details of the case itself.

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Because when the hide-and-hoofs were found, it was easy to identify them by, of course, by the brand.

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So I thought this was one of the best documented cases and certainly one of the most bizarre cases that I ever ran across

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in this 20 years of research in this field.

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No. You mentioned in your book that in that year, earthbound dirgeables were not that unusual.

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I guess there were some experiments going on in France, wasn't it?

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No. The zeppelins never came along.

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There were a few specimens extant in Europe, but they were very underpowered and they could not possibly have crossed the...

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They certainly couldn't have come over here.

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Also mentioned, I guess, as an aftermath of that story, the mystery that surrounded that case

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and the remains of this young heifer were found, what, some three, four, five miles away?

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Several miles away in the middle of a wheat field and there was no indication at all that they had been carried there.

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They had obviously been dropped there because there were no tracks through the wheat

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which would certainly have been there had anyone walked through it.

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No. Here's something I haven't, as you had arrived at in your book, and I'm reading it with the kind of time that I have

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and the other reading that I have to do, but this is one book I want to stay with.

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Please tell me in advance though. There was a period of some 20 years, you say, between 1926 and 1946 when there were no sightings.

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Well, there was a period from about 26 to 46 when I have been unable to find any evidence of any sightings

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of objects that could be included in this UFO group.

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Well, why do you suppose that 20-year period went by? Have you formed any opinion about it?

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Yes, I have. I think that the reason was, in 26 we had some fairly good heavier-than-air flying machines.

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In fact, they seemed to be better than the objects that could not be identified,

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but until the operators of these things could come up with something better than we had.

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We think it had to be better?

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Well, I'll tell you, Alan, if we go to another planet and find it inhabited, as we probably will do someday,

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we will want to be very certain that whatever we're traveling around there in is better than anything that they've got

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before we go in close enough and discover that we have become samples or specimens.

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That's an interesting question.

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And I think this is what happened in our case. They had these cumbersome, dirigible-shaped things.

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They were not as good as our heavier-than-air craft, so they simply disappeared.

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But when they came back 20 years later in 1946, they had these so-called flying saucers,

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which were far better than anything that we have, that we have to this day, as a matter of fact.

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Seems strange to me. The thing that I have difficulty with is understanding how extraterrestrial intelligence

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or intelligences could conceive a craft that would fly through space and arrive at this planet

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and then would find itself unable to negotiate the Earth's atmosphere and to fly through the Earth's atmosphere

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with the same ability that the biplanes had. It seems a little strange, but on the other hand,

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the whole thing is strange, so I don't know why I find that difficult to believe.

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In a moment, I want to ask Frank Edwards, and we have Frank Edwards with us tonight,

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who is the author of Flying Saucers, a serious business-time magazine,

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number what, seven or six?

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Six now.

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Number six on the nonfiction best-selling list.

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On page 81, in one issue, they blasted me, and on page four,

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the same issue they promoted me from tenth to sixth place.

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There seems to be no relationship between their reviews and the status of the book.

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I look at Harold Robbins, who I don't think has ever had a good review from Time Magazine.

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I don't want to compare you to Harold Robbins, of course, but he seems to get up there pretty fast.

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I don't think they have much to say good about the Valley of the Dolls either,

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which has been on the number one spot in fiction, I guess.

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Oh, months and months and months.

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It's going to get a record if it keeps going.

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With us also is Mr. Earl Neff.

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Mr. Neff is a lecturer and a ufologist, a writer who's coming out with a book of his own very shortly.

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Friday.

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Friday it comes out.

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It's a compilation of UFO evidence, a very interesting book that Earl has put together.

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We'll talk about that, and we'll also get to this question that I want to ask Mr. Edwards.

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This has to do with the blackout situation last year and some of the reported blackouts in the past.

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Some very curious, curious information comes to us by way of Mr. Edwards' book,

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which gets back into that blackout controversy of last year, and it wasn't anywhere near as much of a controversy as it apparently begins to be in Frank's book.

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Frank Edwards just autographed a book for Earl Neff,

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and it reads, don't read this book after dark.

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We will, we'll get to these questions in just a moment.

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Frank, you all right now?

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42 years in the broadcasting business, and I forget to look out for the open mic.

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You know, Alan?

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32 years this year, really.

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Well, it's kind of a novel experience.

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When I get accustomed to it, I'll be all right.

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You know, Alan, when Frank arrived here this afternoon, he called me.

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He said, this is Frank, and I said, Frank, who?

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I couldn't recognize the voice, and you know, the first thing you knew, I was talking just like he was.

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I was catching it.

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He's got a deathbed.

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Well, Frank was down at the Higbee Company this day, and he'd been talking all day long.

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As a matter of fact, I was over there too, working another part of the showroom, and I could hear him, and he was doing great.

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And he had everybody all still bound, and I don't know how long a man could go, you know, without beginning to run out of voice.

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Even a man as strong and as capable as Frank Edwards.

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And when so notable a personage as Mr. Edwards comes into town, we're delighted to have him.

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Now, let's get to this blackout business, Frank.

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Where would you like to start at?

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I'd like to start last fall, 1965, with East Coast Blackout.

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November the 9th.

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Yeah.

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Well, when that thing happened, the organization of which I'm one of the members of the Board of Governors, NYCAP,

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which I'm sure Earl has often mentioned here on this show,

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this is the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

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We immediately got in touch with some of our members and consultants up in that part of the country,

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but particularly at the universities around Syracuse and Ithaca and up in there.

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And we had them get on the job right now to determine whether or not there was any real evidence of any UFO activity there at the time of the blackout.

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Now, there were some UFOs in the area, a couple at least.

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One of them was pictured on the front page of the Syracuse paper the next day,

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but there was absolutely no evidence to connect the UFOs with the big blackout.

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Now, I know this is at variance with a statement that is sometimes credited to me and always credited to a fellow who has written another UFO book,

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but I repeat that there was no evidence that NYCAP's consultants could find

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that would indicate that the UFOs had any part in that particular blackout, the big one,

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although they have very definitely been important factors in some other blackouts,

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but not in the big one of last November the 9th.

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But there were many fireball sightings?

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Oh yes, yes. There were some fireball sightings.

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But none of these objects that were sighted up there on that particular night, Alan,

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were where they could have caused the blackout.

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It apparently was exactly what it was described as being, a breakdown of some very delicate and intricate machinery and equipment that just simply didn't function properly,

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and as a result it spread rapidly from one place to another until it just paralyzed that whole New England area.

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But at NYCAP we are confident that the UFOs did not play an important part in that one at all.

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Then there was just an atmosphere of what hysteria about the stories and there were these stories that...

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Unfortunately there were some people peddling these stories and some who should have known better.

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And I know that one newspaper ran an eight column banner head in which they said that the UFOs had caused this

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and they quoted a guy who professed to be a UFO authority.

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Well if he was a UFO authority he was more of an authority on UFOs than he was on truth

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because there was absolutely nothing to his story, whatever.

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But personally I never heard of the guy before or since which is alright with me.

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Well now how do you distinguish between fact and fantasy?

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You've got a tremendous amount of fact in this book and you write beautifully about it.

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But how do you determine the difference between what is valid and what's not?

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How does Frank Edwards make this decision?

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Well in the book now you must remember that in this new book of mine that is really the result of twenty years of study and research.

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And certain patterns develop Alan.

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You soon realize that there are certain things that are true of these UFOs and certain things that are not true of them.

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So when somebody comes up with a big story about how they were met by a golden girl in some uranium coveralls out in the edge of the desert

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and she took them into this thing and they flew to Venus and they came back and this guy goes around making speeches.

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Even if you know very little of the fundamentals you would suspect such a story.

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But if you know the facts you can quickly check out the things that aren't right and which plainly point out to you that the story is full of discrepancies.

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The same thing is true of photographs.

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UFOs have come in a few very easily recognizable shapes and sizes.

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And when you get these pictures for instance there's one now there's a color photograph being sold supposedly of a UFO.

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As a matter of fact it's a hubcap suspended from a nylon fish line between two trees.

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And it's been photographed from different sides and in color and it's being sold to the gullible.

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But anyone who...

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How do you tell us a hubcap?

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Because I know the guy who did it.

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That's very helpful.

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But I would have suspected it being a hubcap anyhow.

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Because the first place, the nature of the photograph makes it suspect.

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It's too conveniently dangled between two trees.

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It's too composed.

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Yes, it looks like something that just didn't happen.

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Well you talk about hubcaps.

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How about this picture that was taken...

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The Heflin picture?

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Yes, the Heflin picture in Los Angeles County.

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Now that doesn't look like a hubcap.

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I don't know.

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What difference do you draw between this picture and this series of pictures?

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Is it the guy's story?

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Let me explain what the pictures are.

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On the night of August 2nd and 3rd last year about a quarter of a million people stood out in the open between the Canadian border and the border of Mexico.

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And they watched strange lighted objects maneuvering around in the sky.

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These things flew around and under and over various commercial planes.

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They were photographed in color in black and white.

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They were seen on radar.

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They were tracked.

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They were seen by police and airport people and commercial flyers, everybody else.

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And the following morning this Rex Heflin who is a man with an excellent reputation, he's a minor official in the Los Angeles County Highway Department.

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He was driving along on Mitford Road near Santa Ana, California.

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He'd gone to photograph the scene of a fatal wreck the night before.

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He had a loaded Polaroid camera on the seat of his truck.

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And he saw this object, this disc shaped thing coming toward him across the field.

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It's a very foggy morning or hazy as they call it smoggy, pardon me.

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And this thing came and stopped over the road in front of him.

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He stopped and he made three pictures in all.

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Two, one out the windshield and two out the side door of the truck.

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The Air Force looked at some copies of the original and they said why this is nothing.

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Just a hoax.

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This man has sailed a half out there and photographed it.

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Now we got some experts from two of the aviation companies out there and United Press had also done the same thing.

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We sent men down there with the same equipment to make the same kind of picture under the same conditions.

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And they found out that you could make that picture by sailing a hat, but the hat had to be slightly larger than a Volkswagen.

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That's a pretty big hat.

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Frank, I also inject this to Alan.

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The fact that the radio of Rex's was malfunctioning during that time.

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Other radars as well.

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So that's not a phony picture.

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Alan, the important thing in that picture was something that the Air Force didn't mention.

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You notice in the first picture where the object is hovering over the shoulder of the road.

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You notice the white patch on the shoulder of the road.

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Now when you magnify the original picture you can see that this disturbance directly underneath the object is actually consists of particles of dust and gravel and sticks and stuff.

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Jumping up in the air about a foot or 15 inches.

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Now this is a common characteristic of the gravitational disturbance under these UFOs when they are at low altitude.

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And it was not mentioned by the Air Force for pretty obvious reasons.

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But the minute I saw the picture I looked for that and there it was.

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Because I have so many reports where highly credible and competent witnesses have noticed this same peculiarity, the same phenomenon under the objects when they're at low altitude.

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And there they are in that picture.

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Now when I look at this picture, I'm not, I can't be absolutely sure that that object is directly over the disturbance on the shoulder of the road.

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It is not directly over, but a vertical axis through the object goes down toward that, yes.

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I'd also like to point out that the winds on this particular stretch of countryside near Santa Ana, California are reputedly pretty strong and pretty weird.

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And I'm not doubting now your belief in this picture, but I would like to point out that apparently the belief that you place in these things must have a great deal to do with the individual who reports that the individual takes the picture.

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Yes, very definitely.

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Now before the United Press distributed this picture they did two things.

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They conducted a thorough check into this man's background, his reputation, his standing with his superiors and they checked him out thoroughly and he checked out A1 and then they also checked out the picture and the equipment that was used.

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And they came to the same conclusion that Nike kept it, that this man photographed something very unusual under the conditions that he described.

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So it doesn't seem that a rationally minded, dependable man, a responsible man would driving along the road and the California suddenly stop and do something as kooky as staging a phony UFO picture.

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That wouldn't be a good question.

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I'll buy with that.

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So I think we ought to credit the Nike people out in that area because Nike happened in case people don't just know what we're talking about.

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The National Investigations Committee on their phenomena is one of the board members of and they have a very large organization not only this country is represented but all 50 foreign countries.

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So that naturally when something of this kind happens it's only natural that the people in the area closest are going to check it out.

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And again they did that here.

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And also the Air Force did mention that this picture showed that the man had focused on a closer by object that the distance out of focus this most certainly was not true.

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The Air Force claimed it was but it's definitely not because I got one of the pictures a minute to get off the wires here.

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We had some photographic engineers from both North American and Convair out there go out and examine the scene and duplicate and make efforts to duplicate it.

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And they provided us some with some very thorough but highly technical reports which said that the Air Force summation on this thing was completely invalid because it was at variance with the first laws of optics and also with the known facts in the case.

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If there is one chapter that is really a cliffhanger and one that I think everybody will find most attractive and most absorbing it's the chapter called who's driving in which you speak of encounters descriptions of encounters of those those creatures inside the machines.

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And the thing that really stuck with me one of the striking stories I think is the one of Josep Ponce and Gustavo Gonzalez.

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When was this November 28th what year 57 57.

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That's a wild story.

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Apparently this thing has all kinds of proliferations.

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There are people in around the area apparently saw elements of the same thing.

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Very definitely happened in Venezuela.

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This was in Venezuela.

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Yeah wasn't it wasn't that the one just outside for us to rock that's right.

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Now tell us about that story.

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Well these two fellows whom you just mentioned were in the vegetable business down there and each morning very early in the morning they would get in their truck.

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They have a new truck and they'd get in this truck and go out to a little farming community of Pataris which is just outside Caracas.

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They'd go out there and load up with the vegetables for the market which they would bring in to their customers in the market.

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On this particular morning they got into the beautiful residential section of Caracas and they noticed this glowing lighted thing over the road hovering over the road about four or five feet above the road.

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Or I should say the street.

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They got to within about 50 or 60 feet of it with their truck and their engine died on the truck and their lights went out and they could all they could see was this brightly lighted thing motionless there above the street.

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Well the two of them got out of the truck and walked slowly toward this thing to determine what it was.

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They had never seen anything like it before.

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Suddenly they told police they found themselves set upon by some small man like creatures and one of these men said that he was knocked down and he got to his knee and he was between this creature

and the craft or the UFO.

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The creature was evidently trying to get by him or get around him to get to the craft.

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But he thought it was attacking him and it may have been at any rate.

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He pulled his knife and as this small man like creature made a lunge at him he stabbed at it with the knife and he tried to stab it in the shoulder.

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He said he might as well have stabbed a rock because his knife glanced off of it and he said he thought that he was done that this was the end of it.

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A few seconds later he was scrambling around on his hands and knees there and he saw his partner running down the street away from the scene and he got up and followed him.

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They only had to go about three blocks to a police station.

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When they got in the police station they were in such a state of shock that the police thought they were drunk.

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They examined them and tried to talk to them and they finally got them quieted down and took down the details of it and went back down there with them.

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The truck was sitting there. The lights of the truck were back on but the engine was dead although the ignition was turned on and this object, this UFO, was gone.

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Well, this would have been just another case had it not been for the fact that one of the best known obstetricians in Caracas had been just about a block behind these men.

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He had been to a hospital on a case and was on his way home.

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He saw their truck stop. He saw the object hovering over the street and he stopped to see what this was all about.

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He saw the fight and saw the whole thing and then saw the thing take off.

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After the men took off for the police station he saw the little fellows, the humanoids get into this craft and saw it take off.

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He went to the police station and actually got there before these men got away and he examined them and determined for the police that they were not drunk but were in a state of shock.

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He later gave sworn statements to the government of Venezuela and as I note in the book, very interesting coincidence.

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On the following day some of the top newsmen from the United States showed up in Caracas and whether it was mere coincidence or not, I don't know, but it's strange that they should be there.

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And this doctor, this obstetrician was questioned by a delegation of Air Force intelligence men who were sent to Caracas.

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He was questioned at great length as were the two truck drivers and the doctor, according to a newspaper in Venezuela, was later flown to this country for further questioning.

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Now why don't you dig this story up Frank? I had never heard of this but why? This happened in 1957?

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Why didn't we read about that in this country?

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That's a very good question and the only ones I know who could answer that question would be the wire services because the story was carried in scores of South American papers and Latin American papers.

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I never saw the story carried in any paper in this country and I got the whole story by having the wire service accounts for South America translated.

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Well that was not carried here, I don't know.

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But you know the closer you get to Cleveland the less you learn about UFOs.

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What is it?

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This has been a known fact because our papers were the first place we don't have any competition here.

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Years ago we had three papers, the news, the press and the plane dealer. Today we just have two and apparently they're afraid to handle a subject.

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I've known of very good stories that are handed to the papers by professional writers and they're scared apparently of them or else their censorship or something.

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I don't know but the further you get away from Cleveland the more you're likely to find good articles.

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Well now this is not necessarily due to lack of competition.

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I live in Indianapolis as you know Earl and we have as little competition in the newspaper business there as you can conceive because there are only two papers

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and both of them are owned and operated by the same man.

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So he has no competition at all but he does a pretty good job of covering the UFO subject and just last week the editor of the evening paper, the Indianapolis News, ran a three column story on the editorial page about a UFO which he and his neighbors had watched the night before.

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So it must be the difference in coverage, it must be the difference in personalities.

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The personalities have a big part to play. We have people in this town who would not believe a flying saucer even if it landed on their desk.

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I mean in the newspapers this I know and all you have to do is read your so-called science columns in your paper and you'll find out.

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In other words we have Dr. Menzel as you might say in this area.

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Dr. Menzel?

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Yes, Menzel was the foremost of the Poo Poo artist you might say of the UFO.

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He wrote two books Alan. He wrote two books to prove that there are no such things. In other words he wrote two books about nothing if you don't think so, read them.

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Frank one time said that he could use the same kind of logic that Menzel uses to prove that he didn't exist.

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Yes you could use the same kind of treatment that Menzel uses of UFOs to prove that Menzel doesn't exist.

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How does books help?

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Not very well.

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Well of course I'm far beyond the question of men's motives.

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But on the other hand I guess if you write a book that proves the existence of nothing then one can't expect to do the same thing.

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See you as well.

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I don't know whether that attests to the actual existence of UFOs or not.

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But I must say that where something persists from biblical days and there's an early in Frank's book he comes to the Bible and finds references in the Bible which could easily be translated into UFO sightings and associations with creatures from some extra

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terrestrial source as easily as some of the claims and more easily than some of the claims I have seen put to the Old Testament.

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Ellen I think the strongest case that I make in the book for the existence of UFOs and their operators is simply the numerous quotations that I have in there from our own government and from other governments.

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Pointing out the title of the book is taken from an Air Force Order.

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Flying saucers, serious business, that's the title of the Air Force Order.

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I've got a page in there from an Air Technical Intelligence Manual alerting their people to a new type of UFO coming into use in 1953.

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I've got statements in there from the British government, from the French, from the government of South Africa, from Argentina, from Chile, from Brazil, all these places.

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Official statements on experiences that they've had with UFOs.

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It's curious to me that these statements come from people who are in one case retired.

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Here's the Air Chief Marshal Lord doubting who is the head of the Royal Air Force in World War II.

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It was quoted by Reuters August of 1954. He said, of course, the flying saucers are real and they're interplanetary.

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Here is, this is curious, Secretary of the Air Force to Base Commanders 1960.

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The Air Force maintains a continuous surveillance of the atmosphere near Earth for unidentified flying objects.

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Of course, he didn't say there's anything out there that is looking, I guess.

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But it's curious to me that these are people who are once removed from positions of authority as we think of it.

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In their official capacity as acting members of the government, they had to know what the government knew about this.

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Now, as we know that they are retired, most of them join nightcap, I'll tell you that.

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And they do it because they know that we are trying to get the government to reveal to the public the truth, whatever it may be.

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It's a curious statement from the Honorable John McCormick, Speaker of the House, January 65.

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And Mr. McCormick says, I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the available information on these unidentified flying objects.

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You cannot disregard so many unimpeachable sources.

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That seems to be pretty much it.

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When the Air Force goes up to Hillsdale, Michigan, and comes back with a story about swamp gas,

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I must say that I must be one of the most unobservant creatures on Earth because I've spent a lot of time creeping and crawling through swamps at night.

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And I have never seen this in the service. I don't do this as a rule.

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But I have never seen this alleged swamp gas.

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I think I've seen them under pretty good atmospheric conditions.

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Well, it comes with the red and blue lights now, you know.

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Oh, I see. Is that it? This is something entirely new.

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Well, the Michigan swamp gas are all out of the windows in it.

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You know, and it's like Frank speaks in his book there of the galloping volcanoes on the moon.

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I mean, these are among the rare type, but that's what causes those lights up there, you know.

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Well, you know, Alan, the Air Force made a classic boo-boo in August the 3rd of last year

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when they told all those tens of thousands of people out there in the Great Plains states

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that they had been watching nothing more than four stars in the constellation Orion.

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Well, the newspapers took offense at this because professional astronomers quickly pointed out

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that that constellation at that time was visible only from the other side of the Earth.

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So by the time this thing happened at Hillsdale, Michigan in 66,

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I had a collection of over 300 angry editorials demanding that the Air Force stop this nonsense

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and tell the public the truth.

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Well, then when they bombed out with that swamp gas story up in Michigan,

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they literally blew themselves out of the business of being a credible source of explanations on UFOs

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because they had completely discredited themselves.

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And most of the moves that the Air Force has made since then have been moves in the direction of trying to restore

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some measure of their former stature as a source of information on this subject.

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But I don't think they're doing too well because last week they fathered one.

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Could the UFOs be luminous flying ants?

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How's that?

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Could the UFOs be luminous flying ants?

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I thought I heard you.

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Yes, well, I don't really see how they could be luminous flying ants

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if you're going to chase them with jet interceptors.

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Because generally speaking, that would be pretty rough on the ants.

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If you could find them.

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One would have to admit that you could not catch a luminous flying ant with a jet interceptor.

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How would you know when you had it?

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I don't know how you'd know.

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You certainly would commit one of the massive flybys of all time, I would judge.

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And then they had another one they put out through an aviation magazine recently.

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A theory, very careful with all this stuff.

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A theory that the UFOs were corona discharges from high tension lines.

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This too is one of the, could be in the swamp gas category.

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You know, Al, in the years back, back in the 50s, the Air Force wasn't quite as talented then as they are now with their replies.

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But they explained this angel hair that had festooned itself from telegraph pole to telegraph pole downstate for several miles

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as being a certain type of spider that had worked that particular night.

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Now those spiders were so busy that the shop owners had to sweep away all this angel hair from their shop window, their doorways the following morning.

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And had they known that by just leaving it for a little while it would disappear, sort of like if you have a heavy snow in the winter,

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you can wait till July and then not have to shovel it.

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But this was only for a matter of a couple hours and it was all gone.

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A girl I know used to live down there near Columbus when this occurred.

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You could catch it in your hands, your hands would maybe turn sort of a clammy cold and turn green for the time being.

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But yet this was the spider that was working very industriously that particular night.

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Yeah, I think it's in your book that I read this observation, Frank, and that is the Air Force never asked for this job of UFO identification.

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Yes, sir. That's right.

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This thing was handed to the Air Force.

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Actually, you know, the Air Force inherited the whole problem from the Army Air Corps.

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In 1947 when the UFOs, the so-called flying saucer form, began to appear in numbers over the United States, it was the Army Air Corps.

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And the Army Air Corps was completely flabbergasted by the phenomena with which they had to cope.

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And they said on, they announced on July 3rd, 47, that it was nothing but a form of hallucination.

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They couldn't have picked a worse day for the announcement because on July the 4th, the following day, about 100,000 people stood out in the streets of Portland, Oregon,

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and watched 10 of these things maneuvering around overhead.

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And if those people were having hallucinations, their cameras were having them too because they could photograph them and they did.

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And the Air Force, the Air Corps, was just simply befuddled with the whole thing.

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But I think they were on the right track.

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You see, at that time we were only nine years away from the wars and wells and these War of the Worlds thing,

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which created mass hysteria and panic and induced quite a few suicides and some large, juicy lawsuits that had to be settled out of court.

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And so the government was, the Army Air Corps was probably on the right track.

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The newspapers were playing these things up day after day after day on the front pages.

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And there was a growing tension in the public mind and a lot of excitement.

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A lot of people were getting unnecessarily excited about this.

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And so the decision to play it down until they found out what it was was probably a very good decision at the time.

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Then when the Air Force came into being on January 1st, 1948,

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they had only been in business as the Air Force for seven days when they lost a pilot at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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There were three of them set up after this huge UFO, which was being observed crossing the state of Kentucky coming toward Fort Knox.

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And these three planes were up and they were set up to close on this thing.

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Two of them ran out of fuel and had to go back.

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But this one Captain Thomas Mantell got close to the object and he said,

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I'm close enough to see that it's spherical, that it's huge, that it's metal.

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And he said, I'm going to try to close on it.

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Well, he was never heard from again.

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We presume that he perished up there from lack of oxygen.

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Although this would be very strange for a veteran fighter pilot like him to make that kind of a mistake.

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At any rate, he died and they said that night at Fort Knox, they held a press meeting and they said Captain Mantell was killed in pursuit of a flying saucer.

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The plane was found.

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The plane was found, yes. It was pretty badly torn up in the air.

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The pieces of it were scattered around.

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This is another peculiar thing as to why that particular type of plane, which I recall was a P-51, would come apart even in a power dive.

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Because they just didn't do that.

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So the flyers tell me, I had a friend who was another, one of the other two members in that group and he said, this is for postures.

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He said, you could die one of those things wide open as far as she'd go.

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It was built like a locomotive. It just wouldn't come apart.

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But his had come apart and it was pretty badly scattered.

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He was killed, of course.

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But in 1952, when these things swarmed over Washington, D.C., in such numbers that the Civil Aeronautics Administration published a special book on how many of them were over Washington on those nights,

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what they looked like and especially what they looked like on the radar.

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They published a special book on the thing.

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Well, the government found itself in a very ticklish position.

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It was here dealing with something which it could not control.

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Here was the government of the biggest nation on earth and the most powerful and the best armed, having visitors in the air over the national capital with which it could not cope.

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It had to do one of two things.

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It either had to admit this failure, this inability to cope with these things, or it had to pretend that there was no such problem while all the time it tried to find the answers.

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I think that was, of course, the decision that they chose.

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I think it was a good one at the time.

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I don't think there's anything wrong about that at the time.

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This was when the Air Force got the assignment to conduct all the investigations and to make the only public statements on UFOs.

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No other government agency can do it.

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And the Air Force was further restricted so that they could tell the public only that these things were conventional objects or conditions.

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That restriction has never been lifted.

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The assignment is still there.

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The Air Force still has the order, that assignment, and they still have that restriction on them.

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And I think the Air Force has done a good job within the restrictions.

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But I think it's time that the restrictions were lifted and that the Air Force was permitted to tell the public whatever it is that it knows about these things and stop feeding us swamp gas.

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What leads you to believe, or do you believe that they know anything more than you know?

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Oh, I'm sure they do because they have had access to pieces of these things.

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They may have had access to some very sizable pieces of the things.

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They have spent, by their own admission, \$10 million investigating these things.

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I got a big laugh out of Walter Sullivan in the New York Times recently.

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I'm sure they will tell for that old Air Force guff that all that they had in the investigation was one commissioned officer and a sergeant and somebody else.

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Well, if that's true, what did they do with the \$10 million, which they admitted five months ago, that they had spent investigating these things?

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How do three men spend \$10 million investigating anything, for that matter?

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Right over these microphones, some years ago, you know Admiral Hillinger, I mean, not Hillinger, but nice Admiral Herbert B. Knowles.

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And I had Knowles on here and Knowles was in Washington at the very time that Frank's talking about when the UFOs were there.

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July of 52.

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That's right.

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And that's when Dr. Wilbert Smith, the late Dr. Wilbert Smith, the project magnate of Canada, was also there.

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And Wilbert Smith actually handed two Knowles.

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Knowles said this himself, Admiral Knowles.

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A piece of metal two feet long curved that had been shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

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This under the microscope, every little particle looked like a solar system.

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It was a shiny piece of metal.

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And Knowles said that, yes, it's true that about 10 days, two weeks later, it was a dirty brown, apparently due to our atmosphere.

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Well, I have a statement from Wilbert Smith, who headed the Canadian investigation.

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He said that this thing was shot, he was told by the Air Force, that this piece, which they gave him, had been shot off of a small UFO over Maryland, near Washington, D.C., during these July of 52 sightings.

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And he said that this, they analyzed the piece that was given to them up in Canada.

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They analyzed part of it and they found that it was iron.

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And it was conventional iron by our standards with one exception.

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Instead of having a crystalline structure, it had a very fine globular structure.

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I believe he said .005 microns.

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That was the size of the tiny little spherical particles.

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And he said he didn't understand how these particles hung together.

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We can understand how crystalline structures hang together.

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It's a sort of a felt-at-action.

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But he said they couldn't understand how these tiny little globular particles of iron held together.

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But he said other than that, that there was nothing unusual about the piece.

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And it would have been the treatment of the steel.

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Could have been, yes.

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By the tempering process.

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I have a piece of metal that is not my own possession.

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It's in my possession, but I don't own it.

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And this, too, is iron, reportedly from one of these.

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It's so hard it'll cut glass, yet there's not a trace of carbon in it.

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I've had spectrographic analysis of it.

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Washington is just dying to get ahold of it.

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I told them they could have it if I went with it.

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Was it later?

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It's very heavy.

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It's heavy?

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Very heavy.

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It will not rust.

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It's very shiny.

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It looks like it's been polished parts of it, or it's been cut.

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Very, very difficult to cut.

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Takes a blade and a blade a long time to cut through a piece.

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It's a very curious thing.

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I would like to know just what you think these things are, and just where you feel we're going.

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Frank Edwards, in his book, writes of the next UFO phase.

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And on the dust jacket it reads, it's unprecedented implications for the human race.

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And I think we're all pretty curious about that.

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So we'll find out from Frank Edwards what he means by that, and then we'll open our telephones

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and let you find out what else you want to know from Frank Edwards,

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author of Flying Saucers Serious Business, published by Lyle Stewart,

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now available at better bookstores everywhere, and not so good bookstores anywhere.

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And just about anywhere you choose to go, it's on the bestseller list.

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Also, Mr. Earl Neff, who is with us tonight.

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Mr. Neff is a Cleveland ufologist, lecturer and writer.

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My name is Alan Douglas, and I just sit and listen, and I do this every night,

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to my own great glee and financial pleasure, on WKYC, AMNFM, NBC and Cleveland.

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Now, Frank, just what is it?

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What new era do you look forward to, and what do you think these things are?

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Well, let me say first, in answer to this double barrel question,

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I think I agree with all the scientists with whom I'm associated in nightcap,

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and so far as I know they are all of the same opinion on this,

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that these craft are spacecraft, notice that I don't say interplanetary,

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they are spacecraft, and that they are operated by intelligent beings,

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that the ones who actually operate them are not necessarily the ones who conceived

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and directed the program, and that they have been coming here for a long time.

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I agree with Al Chop, the deputy public relations director of NASA,

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that we have known for a long time that these things have had us under systematic surveillance.

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Apparently they are not hostile, and apparently if they are going to contact us,

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we are getting very close to that point.

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Does that answer your question?

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Sure does. I just thought I'd leave that go for dramatic pause, because that's quite a point.

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You think we're getting close?

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Yes, I do, and one of the things that makes me think that is the fact

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that each time these things are reported around one of our spacecraft,

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they come a little closer and stay a little longer, and this couldn't be accidental.

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You know, Alan, back in April, the 8th I think it was, of 65,

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we had four UFOs come and follow one of our two men experimental capsules.

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If they had just left the cape, left the launching pad, two went above it,

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one went below it, one went behind it.

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They followed this capsule for one complete orb of the Earth,

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then off into space they went again.

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Apparently they had learned their mission was accomplished.

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I don't know what their mission was, but their curiosity was certainly probably satisfied.

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But I spent quite a bit of time very recently with Major Kehoe.

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Some of the things he told me that particular day I have every reason to feel now

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we are getting much closer than we ever have been before to a big breakthrough.

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The fact that they are coming here in various 1968 models

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makes me think that probably they have, like Frank said before,

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realized that we two are getting a bit further ahead in our technology

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The ones that were seen in 52, the former Trent type of saucer, is no longer seen very much.

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But I would like to say this that for people who are seriously concerned

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in this area with learning more about this kind of subject,

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that people who, like NiCAP and APRO, approach it very seriously

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and from an objective standpoint meet every third Saturday of the month.

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This particular Saturday will be that third Saturday.

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And I will show there for the very first time something that the public will not receive

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in book form until June of next year when the publisher will release the book.

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It's a beautiful book that is being published in Washington

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and rather has been authored in Washington.

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And I've done the illustrations for them and I will on the screen this Saturday night

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at the Cleveland Nephology Project.

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Where are you going to meet?

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This is at the Kyahogis Savings and Loan Company.

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It's on Pearl Road, just one block beyond snow as you're leaving the city.

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And we meet there at 8 o'clock and I'll show these 12 on the screen for the very first time.

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And one of them I might say, Frank, has familiarized me much more with this marvelous story

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that you told so beautifully before, the one of the heifer raised in the air.

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Are these things you're going to show? Are they photographs or are they drawings?

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These are illustrations. These are drawings that I have made of the very early sightings

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wherever they occurred.

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And I feel that the organization, we're an old organization.

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In fact, I think it was perhaps one of the first organizations of its kind, of youthful groups

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to use the word ufology.

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They started back in 1957.

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I became their first chairman in 1958, served a couple of terms.

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And our founders are still with us. We're a good, solid organization.

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And I feel that the people who belong there, like C. Wesley Fitch, whom I noticed, Frank,

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you have credited in your book, who is a great person of friend of mine.

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These are people who are very serious and objectively approaching.

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He's one of the finest investigators in the nation.

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Who coined the term UFO? Was it the Air Force term?

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And it should be. It's the right term.

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You notice in my book, I refer to them as UFOs, unidentified flying objects.

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Only the very early ones, the 46 and 47 up to late 53 models, were actually saucer shaped.

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They looked like inverted saucers and they were phased out as the Air Force points out

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in its Air Technical Intelligence Manual in September of 53.

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The disc shaped, the saucer shaped things were being phased out and being replaced by a single

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and sometimes a double convex type of craft.

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And they printed the picture, which I carry in my book there, to alert their personnel

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to the fact that a new type was coming into use.

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This is a clear picture of what isn't there, is that it?

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Yeah, a clear picture of swamp gas, double convex swamp gas.

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And because of the different shapes involved, unidentified flying objects is a more inclusive

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and more appropriate term.

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Well, let me say that I think the term has also been beautifully glamorized.

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It may be just another Air Force term for something, but I would suggest that people like yourselves,

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Frank Edwards and Earl Niff, have done a lot to make it an intriguing term.