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In 2019, a call went out to storm the gates

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of the world's most top-secret military installation.

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This was the place that people were attempting

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to back-engineer extraterrestrial technology.

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Millions responded.

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This information had been percolating for 30 years,

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and then, bam, a perfect storm.

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On the Internet, on the radio,

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promoters were talking about, let's storm Area 51.

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The military vowed to protect the base by any means necessary.

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The DOD said we would bomb millennials

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if they actually tried to storm the gates of Area 51.

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But still, thousands met the call to action.

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What's behind those gates is one of the last mysteries.

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I want the government to release the records now, today.

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Was this the beginning of a movement

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that will finally tear down the walls of government secrecy

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and expose the truth about an extraterrestrial presence

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on planet Earth?

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People are interested in the extraterrestrial questions,

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and they want answers.

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There is a doorway in the universe.

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Beyond it is the promise of truth.

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It demands we question everything we have ever been taught.

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The evidence is all around us.

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The future is right before our eyes.

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We are not alone.

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We have never been alone.

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July 2019

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College student Maddie Roberts creates a post on Facebook.

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In it, Roberts calls on his friends to storm

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the top secret U.S. military base called Area 51,

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a place that has long been rumored to be housing

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crashed extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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As part of the post, Roberts invites his readers to click

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to indicate if they're attending.

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I had shared it to my own personal Facebook page,

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and I think it amassed probably about 40 RSVPs,

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the people that were interested or had tagged themselves as going.

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Roberts has no idea whether the post will simply reach

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his own circle of friends and acquaintances on Facebook,

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or if it will spread further into cyberspace.

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He gets his answer two days later when his phone begins

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buzzing with RSVP notifications.

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First a few hundred, then a few thousand.

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It just kept kind of snowballing.

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It took about three days for it to really take off,

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and it just took off like wildfire,

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and then that's when it got posted on Reddit.

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And when it got posted on Reddit, it really took off.

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Within a week, the number of RSVPs soars to over a million.

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And then on July 11th, the news got ahold of it.

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Now a new Facebook event talks about organizing a large mob to raid the base.

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We're trying to organize a big mob to storm Area 51

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where all the aliens are.

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Officials are saying, stay away.

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This is not something you want to go to.

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There are even signs that warn it's a restricted area,

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that it's unlawful to enter the area without permission,

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and that use of deadly force is authorized.

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In short, don't go.

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News commentators point out that if even a small fraction of those who responded show up,

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the proposed storming could quickly turn violent.

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Alarmed at the overwhelming response to Robert's post,

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U.S. military officials issue a warning.

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In ominous language, it states that the U.S. Air Force

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always stands ready to protect America and its assets.

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Within days, Matty Roberts gets a visit from the FBI.

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FBI did show up to my house.

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They asked me to send them anybody that's trying to radicalize this thing

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in the form of actually storming the base and actually causing harm to people.

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They were really concerned about people sending me death threats.

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In the wake of the FBI's visit,

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Roberts claims that he was joking all along

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and that he never actually intended for anyone to heed his call.

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I was just kind of like,

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I didn't think anybody was going to take it too seriously

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because if I created the event on Facebook,

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it was meant as a joke, kind of like tongue-in-cheek.

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Never intended for it to go this far.

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It was terrifying.

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But whether Roberts wanted people to take him seriously or not,

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by early July, it seemed nothing could derail what he had said in motion.

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August 2019.

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Matty Roberts' original post has now been reposted hundreds of thousands of times.

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Over 2 million people have indicated they plan to descend on Area 51 in September

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and storm the top secret base.

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No one has any idea how many might actually attend

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and both the government and the media gear up to blame Roberts

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if things turn into an ugly confrontation between the military

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and tens of thousands of UFO enthusiasts.

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In order to take the pressure off of himself and his associates,

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Roberts asks that his followers

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call off any plans to actually invade the base on September 20th.

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Instead, he announces an alternative idea,

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a peaceful celebration called Alien Stock,

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which he begins organizing in the tiny town of Rachel, Nevada,

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just outside Area 51.

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He promises a festival of music, art, and all things alien.

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In the weeks before the event, there are efforts aimed at scaling down the rhetoric

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and averting a potential tragedy.

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The government just did a whole counter-media program,

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letting folks know that they're not taking this as a game.

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They don't think it's funny.

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No, it's not Woodstock.

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You want to have a rock festival outside of Rachel?

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Hey, have a nice day, right?

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But you crossed Area 51, we take it seriously.

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You will be arrested, prosecuted, likely convicted, and sent to jail.

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Ten days before the event,

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two Dutch YouTubers penetrate the Area 51 perimeter,

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hiking three miles into the restricted area.

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Their arrests make national headlines

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and add to concerns that the upcoming gathering could easily get out of hand.

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Astoundingly, they were sentenced to a year in jail.

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The message was clear.

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We are going to come down on you hard.

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September 20th, 2019.

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I think behind those gates is something that nobody can explain.

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Not even the people that work there.

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I have no answers, but I'm going to find out.

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That's why I came here, 3,000 miles, to find out those answers.

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On the day the event begins,

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the Department of Defense posts an ominous tweet.

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It features a picture of a B2 bomber,

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along with a heading that states that this is the last thing millennials will see

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if they attempt the Area 51 raid today.

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The tweet is quickly deleted.

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They made a case of saying that it would be considered an act of terrorism,

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even saying we would bomb millennials

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if they actually tried to storm the game.

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We would bomb millennials if they actually tried to storm the gates of Area 51.

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That was a little severe.

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Now, they cleverly didn't exactly say what would happen,

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but there was a palpable threat left hanging in the air.

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Faced with the military's willingness to defend Area 51 at all costs,

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many potential attendees changed their plans and decide not to attend.

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But while the government warnings are largely effective,

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on the night of September 20th,

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nearly 100 people refused to be intimidated and gather at the gates.

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I think behind the gate there could very well be technology

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that the government is not informing us of.

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There's a lot of people that are, like, watching this event being like,

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this is the night, this is the night we find some aliens.

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They can't get the code!

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Woo!

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People are prepared for a bloodbath, but I've seen nothing.

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The cops have been out in a show of force,

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and they're going to make it very unpleasant for anybody who crosses.

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Both sides show restraint,

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and a potentially deadly confrontation is averted.

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Only two people are detained by authorities for minor offenses.

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Over the next three days,

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approximately 3,000 more people make the journey to Area 51

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in a show of solidarity and in protest of government secrecy.

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There's a huge alien community around the world,

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it's a matter of time before this was going to happen.

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I don't think the government's being honest,

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because I think they would freak us out if they told us what was inside that big old mountain there.

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But there are many who believe that without the serious threat of military action,

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the turnout might have been significantly larger.

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The government caused a lot of confusion

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and pretty much discouraged most people from showing up to the event.

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In the days and weeks leading up to September the 20th,

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there was a mass of confusing reports about what might actually take place.

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And one wonders, did this play into the hands of the government

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and work to their advantage?

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If government threats did indeed suppress the turnout at the Area 51 festivals,

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what could they be protecting?

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Is it only military secrets or something else?

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For ancient astronaut theorists, the answer is obvious.

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So it seems a lot of people are asking the same question.

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What is it that the government is hiding at Area 51?

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The United States began with a policy of lies and denial.

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Let's call it for what it is.

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Counterintelligence.

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UFOs and ETs have been at the top of the counterintelligence list since World War II.

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Our government doesn't want us to know the truth.

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We know for a fact that for over 50 years,

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not just the U.S. government,

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but governments from around the world have always denied

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the UFO question or the extraterrestrial question.

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Could the U.S. government be hiding not only crashed UFOs,

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but even extraterrestrials at Area 51?

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Perhaps further clues can be found

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at the very entrance of the secret base,

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an entrance that has been strictly off limits for decades.

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Could Area 51 truly harbor extraterrestrial secrets?

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And if so, how did it all begin?

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Perhaps answers can be found

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in the murky history of the mysterious Desert Base.

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We actually have to go back to the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

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The government said we can never allow something like this to happen again.

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So let's move or create some of these installations and facilities

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further into the country.

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Area 51 was built around a salt flat known as Groom Lake.

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A runway now slices across the dry lake bank.

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The reason why Groom Lake was chosen was very simple.

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Groom Lake itself was a dry bed,

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but it was extremely long and it could double as a huge runway.

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Some of these aircraft required long runways.

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For many years, Area 51 enthusiasts were able to watch

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with higher-powered binocular lenses and see base activity.

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None of that is possible anymore.

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They've gone to great lengths to keep whatever is happening at Area 51 a secret.

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For the better part of a century,

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the US government denied the very existence of Area 51.

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But why?

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The official Area 51 now admitted by the element

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is this facility where aircraft were developed and test flown.

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The U-2 spy plane, the SR-71 Blackbird,

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and of course, more recently Stealth Technology.

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That's the official Area 51.

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Highly secret, secure, remote.

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But then there's the unofficial Area 51

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where people say that there was an even bigger secret there.

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And that was extraterrestrial technology.

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Rachel Nevada

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September 2019

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To further investigate what might be hidden at the secret Area 51 base,

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former British Ministry of Defense Officer Nick Pomp

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and filmmaker Jeremy Corbell have enlisted the help of local resident, Yorg Arno.

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Yorg, who has lived in nearby Rachel Nevada for 15 years,

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has been a first-hand witness to Area 51's recent history.

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What's the strangest interaction you've seen of people coming in or out of the base?

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Heavy construction equipment going into the base when they were doing construction.

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And also sometimes you see military vehicles being dragged into the base.

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They set them up inside the bombing ranges for shooting targets.

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Just pull over here.

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There's a Sheriff's vehicle coming our way.

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We don't want any trouble. We don't want to block them.

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We don't want to go any further.

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This is extra security. I don't think we've ever seen quite this much.

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In light of the tension surrounding the Storm Area 51 event,

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the military has implemented a zero-tolerance lockdown at the gate of the secret base.

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So, here we are. I think this is about as far as we can go.

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The point of no return, right?

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Yes. We cannot go any further.

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All this barbed wire here, all these security measures.

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This is the point at which, if you take one step further,

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the full force of security will come down on us, right?

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Make no mistake. We step one step into their territory and everything is going to change.

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If I came up here, is anybody going to talk to me?

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Are they going to say anything to me?

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No. These are signs that spell out in plain English,

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bad things are going to happen to you if you cross this line.

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Right. It's very clear.

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So, now look. If we walked past that barrier, up that road,

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what would we see? What would we find?

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We would be walking down about 20 miles, a paved road,

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into the valley that Area 51 is located in.

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In between here and the base, there's more security checkpoints,

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there's more road sensors.

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If you were to get to Area 51, you're standing there and you look around,

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and it looks like any other military air force base.

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But the good stuff is all in hangars.

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It is not out in the open.

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It's not like, you know, they got the saucer right there on the runway.

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So, there are hangars, obviously, but there are even rumors of huge underground facilities,

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facilities carved into the sides of the mountains.

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There are people that talk about underground facilities.

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They keep tabs on people that watch the base.

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They know exactly when somebody's up at Tikabu Peak, for instance,

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one of the view spots of the base.

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Located 26 miles from the Area 51 base,

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Tikabu Peak is the only public land where people can actually see the Groom Lake runway and hangars.

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And they know exactly, okay, right now is a good moment to fly all good stuff,

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and that's when they bring out the good stuff.

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I've actually been on Tikabu Peak when they did a test flight,

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and it was the most amazing thing.

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We look at the base, and all of a sudden, in the middle of the night,

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all the runway lights come on.

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I mean, it's the most amazing thing to watch.

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All of a sudden, the desert in front of you, below you, becomes alive.

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You see a light taxiing to the runway, the light takes off,

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the runway lights go out, the light goes out, and that was the end of that.

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I mean, literally, feet above the runway, the lights just went on.

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That's ultra-high security.

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I mean, whatever that thing was, clearly, they were really trying to protect it

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and minimizing that anyone could get eyes on it.

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Could claims that the US military discovered otherworldly spacecraft be true?

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Might some of post-war America's greatest technological accomplishments

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have been the result of reverse-engineering alien vehicles?

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Ancient astronaut theorists say yes,

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and insist that the truth about Area 51 was actually revealed decades ago,

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not by UFO enthusiasts or whistleblowers,

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but by two of the men most responsible for maintaining the government's most vital secrets.

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Burbank, California.

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June 1943.

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In the midst of World War II, the government presses the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

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to develop the next generation of military planes.

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Jet fighters designed to outline propeller aircraft and help turn the tide of war.

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A team headed by Lockheed engineer Clarence Kelly Johnson

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delivers the first production model in just 143 days.

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Their P-80 shooting star initiates the Gen H for the US military.

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Kelly Johnson's secret research and development team ultimately becomes known as Skunk Works.

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Clarence Kelly Johnson was the first head of Lockheed's Skunk Works division

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back in the 50s and 60s, up until 1975.

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He's the developer of the U-2 spy plane,

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which was able to fly at the incredible altitude of 80,000 feet,

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equipped with photographic capabilities that were astonishing,

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and he is a great legend in the aviation community for sure.

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Despite his mainstream credentials,

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Johnson becomes the primary witness to a now-famous UFO sighting in Agura, California,

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His report of the encounter and his personal sketches of the craft were preserved by Project Blue Book,

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the US government's official account of the UFO phenomenon at the time.

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He was with some of his colleagues at the time when he saw a very, very unusual object

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that he could not explain in any kind of technology that was familiar to him at the time.

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During an era of official skepticism about UFOs, Johnson risks his career by reporting the sighting to his superiors.

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But instead of being penalized or demoted, Johnson is seemingly rewarded two years later

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when he plays a pivotal role in founding America's most secret military base, Area 51.

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Kelly Johnson was the person that identified the location where Area 51 is as a good strategic location.

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It is fundamentally located in the right part of the world without prying eyes.

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But was Area 51 founded merely to test experimental aircraft as the military insists?

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Or did Kelly Johnson choose the location as the best place?

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To reverse engineer the very alien spacecraft, he believed he saw with his own eyes.

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Kelly Johnson died in 1990 without ever disclosing the secrets of Area 51.

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But a key person in his inner circle openly expressed his belief that extraterrestrials are present on Earth.

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Burbeck, California, 1975.

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Aviation designer Benjamin Robert Rich succeeds Kelly Johnson as the second director of Skunk Works.

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He will eventually become known as the father of stealth.

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Ben Rich was one of the real legends of the history of American aviation and the classified world in general.

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And he's famously known as the man who was really behind the design of the F-117A Night Hawk, that's the stealth fighter.

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Which revolutionized aviation in the 1980s and 90s.

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Another aviation expert and colleague, Jim Goodall, heard rumors that Ben Rich had information confirming the existence of UFOs.

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So he decided to ask point blank what this legendary head of Skunk Works really believed.

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Mr. Ben Rich was a friend of mine.

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And just before he passed away, I asked him, I said, do you believe in UFOs?

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He said, Jim, we have things out in the desert that are 50 years beyond what you can comprehend.

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Not what you think you can build in 50 years, but what you can comprehend.

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And if you've seen movies like Star Trek and Star Wars, we've been there, done that.

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To me, I think it was a death bed confession.

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This is a man that would know what technologies we have in our inventory as humans and what we don't.

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Ben Rich was a believer in UFOs. I think beyond believer. I think he knew.

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But of all the people who worked at Area 51, perhaps the most famous or infamous is Bomb Lazar.

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No one has been more inflammatory or controversial.

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As far as alien enthusiasts are concerned, Lazar has done more to turn a previously unknown military base in the middle of an obscured Nevada desert

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into the White Hot Center of America's obsession with UFOs, aliens and government conspiracies.

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But who is Bomb Lazar? And what did he see at Area 51?

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Las Vegas, Nevada, May 15, 1989.

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Who among us has not heard about an alleged UFO cover-up?

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On local TV station KLAS, investigative reporter George Knapp interviews a man going by the name Dennis and shot in silhouette to hide his identity.

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The man claims to work at the secret military installation that the US government still maintains does not exist.

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And according to him, the base does, in fact, hold extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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Exactly what's going on up there?

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Well, there's several, actually nine flying saucers, flying discs that are out there of extraterrestrial origin.

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Here was someone who claimed to have worked at Area 51 back engineering alien technology.

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UFOs that had crashed possibly at Roswell and trying to figure out how they worked.

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And then maybe building one ourselves.

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Frightened that the government might try to harm him if he remains anonymous, the whistleblower and reporter George Knapp wrestle with the idea of revealing his name.

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The day that we unveiled his identity to the world, he's in the station and he grabs the tape.

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He said, I've changed my mind. I'm not going to do it.

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Right up to the end, he was fighting it and arguing with himself about whether it's a good idea.

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Even though his life had been threatened, his life had been turned upside down.

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In the end, the whistleblower decided to come out of the shadows and reveal his name, Bob Lazar.

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The one good thing Bob Lazar did was came forward with George Knapp in 1989 on May 15th.

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And by doing that, he protected himself.

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He was scared for his life and he protected himself by telling you what happened to him in one shot straight up.

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From that day onward, Bob Lazar has remained the most controversial UFO whistleblower in history.

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And going public came at a heavy price.

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A price many believe was exacted by a government determined to hide the truth about Area 51.

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Not only was Bob's house broken into and they'd move stuff around, they'd write things on the wall.

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He's got a newsy peeking out the window. The fear was real.

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The threats that were made against him were real. The surveillance was real.

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Faced with such harassment, Lazar retreated from public view for decades.

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I don't like being in the public eye. I don't have money for doing this.

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And quite frankly, I could make up a better lie, but I have no motivation to lie.

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But if Bob Lazar's claims are true, just how much could he expose about what's really going on at Area 51?

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On December 4th, 2018, Lazar finally decided to win years of silence and tell his full story to filmmaker Jeremy Corbell

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in an explosive documentary entitled Bob Lazar, Area 51, and Flying Saucers.

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In the late 1980s, the US government had recovered alien spacecraft, several of them,

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and the technology in the Nevada desert that they were keeping quiet and analyzing.

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That's the fact. That's all my story was, was that I was just one of the people working on these craft.

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That probably wouldn't be this awareness of Area 51 without Bob Lazar.

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And now we have the film, and suddenly he's back in the media and the public eye.

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The most extraordinary technology that Lazar claims to have encountered at Area 51 was an alien reactor,

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one that he believes has the potential to change the world.

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The first time they showed me the reactor in operation, but just seeing something like that

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immediately starts that whole chain reaction in your mind going,

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wow, wait, if you can do this, you don't like jet and rocket engines anymore, that means there's no use for cars.

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I mean, boom, the whole thing changes the entire world, the economy, everything would go end on end,

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just if we had an answer to how that machine worked, that I was sitting there touching.

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Jeremy Corbell's documentary caused a sensation, bringing Bob Lazar and Area 51 into the spotlight once again.

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Ultimately, it provided the spark that ignited the storm Area 51 movement.

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We're all here thanks to Bob Lazar and his good work and bravery, to be honest.

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I think, you know, with the Internet, we're just going to continue to see more and more people explore the ideas.

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It's going to grow hotter and hotter as people continue to question.

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Is the U.S. government still operating a long-standing campaign to suppress the truth about Area 51?

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Perhaps further clues can be found in information exposed by other whistleblowers.

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Whistleblowers who claim that Bob Lazar isn't the only one who has discovered the truth and then been harassed and discredited by the U.S. government.

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Critics of Bob Lazar and his audacious claims about alien craft being studied at Area 51 insist that there is no proof of him ever having worked at the top secret military facility.

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They suggest that his stories are simply made up.

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But a powerful new witness has come forward to corroborate Lazar's story, former Air Force pilot David Freehoff.

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It's only been for me personally in the last few years.

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All of a sudden, Bob Lazar's statements and all the things he had said have gelled now to the point where I think he's very credible.

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While critics routinely claim that Lazar's supporters lack any credibility, they can hardly make that claim about Freehoff.

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Beale Air Force Base, 1967

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U.S. Air Force Captain David Freehoff joins an elite group of pilots flying America's most sophisticated spy plane, the SR-71.

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I was an SR-71 pilot for four and a half years.

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The aircraft, as far as performance went, it was an hour from coast to coast.

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It would warp your mind with that kind of performance.

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And you just felt so proud that you had an opportunity to fly that airplane and to be a part of that unit and those people. It was family.

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No one is surprised when the military assigns such an elite pilot to duty at America's most top secret Air Force Base.

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I worked at Area 51 for six years from 1979 to 1985.

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You had to have a special clearance, a top secret, SBI, special background investigation.

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Fortunately, I had gotten that while I was flying the SR, so it was an easy transition for me to move from the SR-71 and my clearances and all over into Area 51.

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Along with his colleagues, Freehoff commuted each day from McCarran Airport in Las Vegas to Area 51 using a mysterious government carrier named Janet Airlines.

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One of the great stories about Area 51 comes from engineer TD Barnes. Here's what he said.

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If there are UFOs being reverse engineered at this base, I wouldn't know about it because you flew out in an airline, Janet Airlines, and the windows were blacked out. You didn't know where you were going.

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Freehoff noticed that on his daily commutes, a select group of scientists and military personnel also boarded the Janet 737 in Las Vegas.

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When the plane landed at Area 51, this group boarded a bus and headed to an even more secretive facility codenamed Site 4 or S4.

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When I was there, we knew about S4, but we didn't know what they did. All we knew was there were certain people who got on the 737 in the morning, and we got to Area 51.

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They would take and go off in a different direction than a bus, and then we went on to the north, going up towards the hangars.

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Freehoff never knew exactly what was going on at Site 4 during his time at Area 51, but when he heard Bob Lazar's story years later, he found that Lazar's description of flying to Area 51 on a Janet 737 and traveling to S4 rang true in every detail.

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When I heard Bob Lazar describe getting on the 737 and fly to Area 51 and get off and go through the terminal and go to S4, and everything he talked about and the way he put it, he sounded totally believable to me.

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Critics contend that no actual eyewitnesses have ever come forward to confirm that Lazar worked at Area 51, much less at Site 4, but Freehoff claims otherwise.

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To come out, that there were in fact UFOs in our possession, and that he was revealing the capability to perhaps our enemies that we in fact were alien technologies.

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But Dave Freehoff is not the only highly regarded aviation expert to corroborate Bob Lazar's explosive story. Jim Goodall is a U.S. Air Force veteran, military historian and investigative author who befriended Bob Lazar before Lazar was hired to work at Area 51.

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That then, Lazar worked at the Sandia Nuclear Lab in Albuquerque and was a vocal UFO skeptic.

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I have the distinction of knowing him for quite a while. He had been working and developing nuclear weapons for Sandia. You couldn't put a gun to his head to convince him that UFOs were real.

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But Bob Lazar's skepticism about the existence of UFOs was about to change.

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A year later or so, there was a silhouetted guy talking about doing reverse engineering on alien spacecraft, and that silhouette was Bob Lazar.

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In an effort to help his friend prove he worked at Area 51 and Site 4, then Sergeant Goodall took Lazar's military tax form to the Office of Naval Investigations at the Pentagon. What happened when he got there was chilling.

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There was a young Lieutenant Commander behind the desk. I handed him Bob Lazar's W-2. He looks at it, said, excuse me for a minute. He says, the Admiral will see you now.

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I mean, an Admiral to go talk to an Air Force tech sergeant is really below his level of interrogation.

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He's looking at Lazar's W-2, and he said, Sergeant, I don't know where in the hell you got this, but if I ever see your face crossed my threshold again, you'll be the most sorry son of a bitch, NCO in the United States Air Force.

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He looks as he gets Bob's W-2 and he puts it in the shredder. He says, you are dismissed.

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So he was warned to stop asking questions about Bob Lazar. Anybody trying to seek the truth about Bob Lazar, there was pressure applied on them, and that's just the way it works when you want to try to silence somebody.

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Have the kinds of pressures exerted against Bob Lazar continue to obscure the search for the truth about Area 51?

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If so, will such secrets continue to remain out of reach to the activists of the Storm Area 51 movement?

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As far as ancient astronaut theorists are concerned, that will depend on a new generation of truth seekers and a powerful movement that is just beginning to take shape.

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The Storm Area 51 event comes to an end without incident.

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Here in Rachel, people are fearing the worst.

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So everybody's coming out here to really see what was going to happen. We're out here making a safe event for everybody.

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I think the order has come down. We do not want mass arrests here. We do not want trouble.

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You know, they had a few arrests and other than that, they didn't have any incidents at all. Everybody behaved.

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When we look at all the disinformation circling the event of Storm Area 51, from the media, from the government, from social media, it made a convoluted mess that was easily something that most people just chose to avoid.

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Amid what some consider to be a concerted government effort to intimidate UFO believers, many doubt whether the Storm Area 51 movement can last, while others hope that this small beginning will blossom into something much larger.

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What we might find when we look back on this is that this was the beginning of some sort of cultural movement.

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Something that will grow year on year. We might find that it starts as just maybe a small one-off event, but evolves into something with global recognition.

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You're all part of this. Become active participants about passive observers.

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And it becomes a mainstream event.

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I think a lot of people, particularly due to pop culture, know of Area 51, and they accepted as gospel that there really are UFOs and aliens out there.

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That sort of demonstrates how the public is coming around to the idea that alien life is a reality.

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For some people, the events were a good time and a fun weekend.

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It could turn a handful of people into the next decade's prominent researchers on UFOs and government secrecy, and flying saucers, and government corruption, and a military industrial state.

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We are at a revolutionary moment. You've got an entire generation of young people now who have been galvanized, and they will be looking for legitimate, credible news about high strangeness on this planet in numbers that have not happened before.

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For many, the gates of Area 51 are both real and symbolic, real in the sense that the gates may

hide evidence of an actual alien presence on Earth.

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Symbolic in that they represent the government's wider determination to cling to secrecy for as long as possible.

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The US government has kept so many secrets from the people that I think that's a major driving force for people to come here.

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I don't know if this is a movement that we're seeing, but people want to know the truth, right? And they want to know if there's secrets being kept from us, and I think if that forms a movement, that would be awesome.

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What's behind those gates is one of the last mysteries, the bottom of the ocean, Area 51, and aliens.

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I think the only way to get the government to come up with answers is to keep the pressure on, keep demanding answers.

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A new generation has to continue to demand answers and do what the past generation failed to achieve.

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In the end, some believe that the harsh treatment once suffered by Bob Lazar is being repeated today in the government's response to the Storm Area 51 movement.

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They fear that under the onslaught of official intimidation, the drive for answers will slowly fade, and the secrets of Area 51 will remain hidden.

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But others are determined to make this modest event the beginning of a mass movement that will ultimately force open the gates of secrecy to find the reveal that both in the universe at large and right here on Earth, we are not alone.