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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,240

Wherever there are strange encounters, they appear.

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00:00:05,340 --> 00:00:08,680

These people see a UFO, and suddenly,

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00:00:08,780 --> 00:00:10,880

these sinister counterintelligence

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00:00:10,980 --> 00:00:13,220

officers turn on.

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00:00:13,320 --> 00:00:17,620

They question witnesses and demand silence.

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00:00:17,720 --> 00:00:20,720

A man shows up dressed in a black suit and white shirt,

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00:00:20,820 --> 00:00:21,860

gives a warning.

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00:00:21,960 --> 00:00:25,000

You tell anybody about whatever it is that you saw,

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00:00:25,100 --> 00:00:28,360

bad things could happen to you or to your family.

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00:00:28,860 --> 00:00:31,000

Who are the men in black?

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00:00:31,100 --> 00:00:35,160

Men in black are without doubt the most feared beings

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00:00:35,260 --> 00:00:37,060

in ufology.

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00:00:37,160 --> 00:00:38,840

Who do they work for?

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00:00:38,940 --> 00:00:40,940

Some people believe that men in black

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00:00:41,040 --> 00:00:42,580

weren't guys from the government.

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00:00:42,680 --> 00:00:44,880

And what do they want?

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00:00:44,980 --> 00:00:48,640

Perhaps the men in black are the gatekeepers

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00:00:48,740 --> 00:00:50,080

of the UFO secret.

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00:00:53,180 --> 00:00:56,220

There is a doorway in the universe.

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00:00:58,420 --> 00:01:02,560

Beyond it is the promise of truth.

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00:01:02,660 --> 00:01:05,300

It demands we question everything

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00:01:05,400 --> 00:01:07,800

we have ever been taught.

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00:01:07,900 --> 00:01:11,240

The evidence is all around us.

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00:01:11,340 --> 00:01:15,280

The future is right before our eyes.

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00:01:15,380 --> 00:01:18,040

We are not alone.

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00:01:18,140 --> 00:01:20,420

We have never been alone.

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00:01:29,320 --> 00:01:32,760

Sunspot, New Mexico.

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00:01:32,860 --> 00:01:37,360

September 6, 2018.

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00:01:37,460 --> 00:01:41,100

Black Hawk helicopters descend upon a government facility

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00:01:41,200 --> 00:01:47,080

secluded on a mountaintop, the US National Solar Observatory.

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00:01:47,180 --> 00:01:51,140

Men dressed in black swarm in, seize material,

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00:01:51,240 --> 00:01:56,980

evacuate employees, and shut the site down.

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00:01:57,040 --> 00:02:01,280

The National Solar Observatory is a US government science

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00:02:01,380 --> 00:02:02,580

project.

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00:02:02,680 --> 00:02:03,680

It has some sensors.

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00:02:03,780 --> 00:02:04,880

They're pointed up in space.

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00:02:04,980 --> 00:02:08,880

It's looking at the sun at other phenomenon heavens.

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00:02:08,980 --> 00:02:12,720

This is one of the most powerful and professional solar

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00:02:12,820 --> 00:02:14,580

observatories on the planet.

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00:02:14,680 --> 00:02:18,700

And it was shut off for the day.

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00:02:18,800 --> 00:02:21,160

There wasn't really a good explanation ever given

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00:02:21,260 --> 00:02:24,200

as to why this happened.

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00:02:24,300 --> 00:02:26,440

Did we discover a signal from outer space?

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00:02:26,500 --> 00:02:28,060

Did we see a spacecraft?

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00:02:28,160 --> 00:02:30,400

Were we contacted?

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00:02:30,500 --> 00:02:34,100

Government investigators questioned all the witnesses,

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00:02:34,200 --> 00:02:37,840

gathered evidence, and they told people strongly not

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00:02:37,940 --> 00:02:40,140

to speak about this event.

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00:02:40,240 --> 00:02:43,280

So it would seem that these government investigators were,

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00:02:43,380 --> 00:02:45,180

in fact, the men in black.

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00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:46,680

But who are they?

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00:02:46,780 --> 00:02:49,580

Who do they work for?

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00:02:49,680 --> 00:02:52,720

The men in black, government agents

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00:02:52,820 --> 00:02:55,820

assigned to monitor extraterrestrial activity,

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00:02:56,320 --> 00:03:00,020

is it possible that this top secret police force actually

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00:03:00,120 --> 00:03:01,820

exists?

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00:03:01,920 --> 00:03:05,220

There's been a lot of speculation as to who the men in black

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00:03:05,320 --> 00:03:06,320

are.

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00:03:06,420 --> 00:03:07,760

It's altogether likely that they're

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00:03:07,860 --> 00:03:10,900

part of some shadowy government agency who

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00:03:11,000 --> 00:03:13,660

doesn't want reports out there.

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00:03:13,760 --> 00:03:17,040

The government was involved in a lot of efforts to discredit

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00:03:17,140 --> 00:03:21,300

and debunk the phenomenon and to suppress the reporting

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00:03:21,400 --> 00:03:23,840

of UFO incidents.

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00:03:24,300 --> 00:03:27,800

The men in black are without doubt the most feared

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00:03:27,900 --> 00:03:32,140

and sinister beings in ufology.

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00:03:32,240 --> 00:03:34,340

The men in black have always been

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00:03:34,440 --> 00:03:38,240

described by eyewitnesses wearing these black suits

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00:03:38,340 --> 00:03:43,780

with the black dark shades and black hats.

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00:03:43,880 --> 00:03:47,420

They call on the house of the witness.

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00:03:47,520 --> 00:03:50,920

They introduce themselves usually as a G-man.

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00:03:50,980 --> 00:03:54,780

The whole experience ends with the men in black saying,

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00:03:54,880 --> 00:03:59,480

it is in your best interests to stay silent.

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00:03:59,580 --> 00:04:02,260

While the idea of a real ET police force

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00:04:02,360 --> 00:04:05,960

may seem far-fetched, encounters with the men in black

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00:04:06,060 --> 00:04:09,000

have been reported for more than seven decades.

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00:04:09,100 --> 00:04:11,960

And recently, new evidence has come to light

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00:04:12,060 --> 00:04:14,100

that may prove the agency's existence.

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00:04:14,100 --> 00:04:16,640

Moray Island, Washington state.

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00:04:16,740 --> 00:04:20,640

October 29, 2019.

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00:04:20,740 --> 00:04:24,680

Author and ufologist Mike Berra arrives at the island

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00:04:24,780 --> 00:04:29,720

to investigate a UFO encounter that occurred in 1947.

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00:04:29,820 --> 00:04:31,820

Known as the Moray Island Incident,

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00:04:31,920 --> 00:04:35,520

it is the first case on record involving the men in black.

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00:04:39,120 --> 00:04:41,660

Mike is meeting near the site of the incident.

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00:04:41,680 --> 00:04:44,920

With investigative filmmakers Scott Schaeffer and Steve

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00:04:45,020 --> 00:04:47,420

Edmiston, who have secured recently

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00:04:47,520 --> 00:04:51,400

declassified government documents about the event,

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00:04:51,500 --> 00:04:55,200

the Moray Island Incident was first reported by local Harold

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00:04:55,300 --> 00:04:59,200

Dahl, who worked as part of an informal harbor patrol,

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00:04:59,300 --> 00:05:01,940

retrieving logs that had floated free from nearby lumber

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00:05:02,040 --> 00:05:03,580

mills.

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00:05:03,680 --> 00:05:05,440

When we talk about the Moray Island Incident,

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00:05:05,540 --> 00:05:06,740

what exactly happened?

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00:05:06,840 --> 00:05:08,240

What did Harold Dahl exactly claim

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00:05:08,340 --> 00:05:09,740

to have seen the incident?

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00:05:09,800 --> 00:05:15,600

So June 21, 1947, Dahl was right off the island here

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00:05:15,700 --> 00:05:17,140

on a boat scavenging logs.

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00:05:17,240 --> 00:05:18,200

That's what he did.

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00:05:18,300 --> 00:05:25,140

And around 2 o'clock, six donut-shaped disks came down.

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00:05:25,240 --> 00:05:29,080

If we go over here, we can show you where it happened.

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00:05:29,180 --> 00:05:31,120

So this is where this event actually took place right

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00:05:31,220 --> 00:05:32,080

through here?

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00:05:32,180 --> 00:05:35,320

Yes, out on the water, just up the shoreline here.

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00:05:35,420 --> 00:05:37,520

All right, so Mike, imagine you're out in your boat

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00:05:37,540 --> 00:05:41,240

and you've got a crew of two people and your son and a dog.

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00:05:41,340 --> 00:05:43,820

And all of a sudden, you see six flying disks

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00:05:43,920 --> 00:05:44,720

come over your boat.

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00:05:44,820 --> 00:05:46,780

One of them appears to be in trouble.

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00:05:46,880 --> 00:05:47,980

It's wobbly.

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00:05:48,080 --> 00:05:50,120

And all of a sudden, some tass falls out of it.

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00:05:50,220 --> 00:05:53,520

And then seconds later, hot molten slag.

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00:05:53,620 --> 00:05:56,820

And it hits your boat, kills your dog, injures your son.

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00:05:56,920 --> 00:05:58,920

And they decide they've got to get off the water.

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00:05:59,020 --> 00:06:01,160

And there ain't no place to go except this beach

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00:06:01,260 --> 00:06:02,760

where we're standing right now.

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00:06:02,860 --> 00:06:03,720

OK.

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00:06:04,620 --> 00:06:07,820

Harold Dahl escaped the reign of metal unharmed,

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00:06:07,920 --> 00:06:10,160

but he claimed that the most frightening aspect

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00:06:10,260 --> 00:06:14,360

of the incident occurred the next day,

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00:06:14,460 --> 00:06:19,900

when he was paid an unexpected visit by a strange man.

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00:06:20,000 --> 00:06:23,240

A man shows up at Harold Dahl's house

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00:06:23,340 --> 00:06:26,840

and invites Harold Dahl to go to a diner,

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00:06:26,940 --> 00:06:28,440

because he would like to talk to Harold

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00:06:28,540 --> 00:06:29,940

about what Harold's doing.

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00:06:30,040 --> 00:06:31,640

And he's going to tell him that he's

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00:06:31,660 --> 00:06:33,860

going to tell him that he would like to talk to Harold

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00:06:33,960 --> 00:06:38,100

about what Harold saw on the water.

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00:06:38,200 --> 00:06:41,400

So he goes there and basically intimidates Dahl, right?

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00:06:41,500 --> 00:06:43,340

He absolutely gives what we now believe

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00:06:43,440 --> 00:06:46,040

is that classic man in black warning.

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00:06:46,140 --> 00:06:48,040

If you tell anybody about whatever

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00:06:48,140 --> 00:06:50,980

it is that you saw on the water yesterday,

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00:06:51,080 --> 00:06:54,780

bad things could happen to you or to your family.

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00:06:54,880 --> 00:06:56,820

We think it's the first man in black associated

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00:06:56,920 --> 00:07:00,520

with an UFO case in modern history.

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00:07:00,580 --> 00:07:03,320

Was frightened by the visit from the man in black,

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00:07:03,420 --> 00:07:07,220

it didn't stop him from recounting his UFO sighting

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00:07:07,320 --> 00:07:10,960

to Chicago-based fake magazine publisher Ray Palmer, who

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00:07:11,060 --> 00:07:15,800

in turn hired a pilot named Kenneth Arnold to investigate.

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00:07:15,900 --> 00:07:20,140

Arnold had become famous for his own reported UFO sighting

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00:07:20,240 --> 00:07:22,900

when he claimed to have seen nine strange objects

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00:07:23,000 --> 00:07:25,880

flying above Mount Rainier.

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00:07:25,980 --> 00:07:29,380

He enlisted the help of two US Army Air Force officers

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00:07:29,400 --> 00:07:33,180

to investigate Dahl's claims, Captain Lee Davidson,

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00:07:33,280 --> 00:07:36,740

and first Lieutenant Frank Brown.

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00:07:36,840 --> 00:07:39,740

They had actually come out, conducted interviews

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00:07:39,840 --> 00:07:43,880

at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma of the witnesses.

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00:07:43,980 --> 00:07:48,560

And they were provided samples of this slag-like material.

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00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:54,900

They left just after midnight on August 1, 1947.

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00:07:55,000 --> 00:07:58,460

They get on their B-25 bomber, made it about 45 minutes

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00:07:58,520 --> 00:08:02,960

into the flight when the plane spontaneously caught fire.

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00:08:03,060 --> 00:08:06,860

Inexplicably, the two pilots, the Army Intel officers,

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00:08:06,960 --> 00:08:09,260

Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown,

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00:08:09,360 --> 00:08:15,500

perished in the crash along with the slag materials.

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00:08:15,600 --> 00:08:18,140

A spontaneous fire?

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00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:20,880

Is it possible that the plane crash that killed both

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00:08:20,980 --> 00:08:24,440

investigators and destroyed the evidence they had obtained

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00:08:24,540 --> 00:08:26,420

was not an accident?

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00:08:26,480 --> 00:08:29,380

After this incident, Harold Dahl refused to talk

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00:08:29,480 --> 00:08:33,720

about his UFO encounter and even went so far as to insist

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00:08:33,820 --> 00:08:35,820

it was a hoax.

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00:08:35,920 --> 00:08:37,520

We go online, it's a hoax.

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00:08:37,620 --> 00:08:40,520

But as we started to investigate,

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00:08:40,620 --> 00:08:44,760

and we stuck exclusively to actual government documents,

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00:08:44,860 --> 00:08:47,400

they began to tell a different story.

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00:08:47,500 --> 00:08:52,380

The story not of a hoax, but of a man who faced so much danger

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00:08:52,440 --> 00:08:59,540

that he decided to invent a fabrication that he'd made it up.

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00:08:59,640 --> 00:09:02,140

Under the Freedom of Information Act,

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00:09:02,240 --> 00:09:05,980

Shafer and Edmiston obtained formally classified documents

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00:09:06,080 --> 00:09:09,160

that confirm an FBI investigation into the Moorie Island

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00:09:09,260 --> 00:09:13,020

incident took place, one that reached all the way

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00:09:13,120 --> 00:09:15,420

to the top of the bureau.

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00:09:15,520 --> 00:09:19,800

So here we are on August 14, 1947.

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00:09:19,820 --> 00:09:23,420

And this is a teletype that was written by J. Edgar Hoover

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00:09:23,520 --> 00:09:24,420

himself.

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00:09:24,520 --> 00:09:27,460

And he is confirming what he's been told by his deputy.

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00:09:27,560 --> 00:09:30,460

What he's been told is that it's a hoax,

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00:09:30,560 --> 00:09:33,700

because that theory had been injected into the media.

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00:09:33,800 --> 00:09:37,600

And three hours later, there is another teletype

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00:09:37,700 --> 00:09:41,440

from the field agent, Jack Wilcox.

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00:09:41,540 --> 00:09:44,680

He writes this teletype directly to Hoover.

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00:09:44,780 --> 00:09:46,380

Your conclusions are wrong.

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00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:49,680

Dahl was only going to say his story was a hoax.

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00:09:49,680 --> 00:09:52,600

Only if questioned by authorities would he say that.

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00:09:52,700 --> 00:09:54,900

He did not want any further trouble.

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00:09:55,000 --> 00:09:57,200

So isn't that almost confirmation

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00:09:57,300 --> 00:10:01,940

that he's been receiving pressure from these men in black?

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00:10:02,040 --> 00:10:06,100

Despite the efforts of FBI field agent Jack Wilcox,

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00:10:06,200 --> 00:10:09,100

shortly after the exchange of these teletypes,

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00:10:09,200 --> 00:10:13,080

the FBI closed the Moorie Island case.

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00:10:13,180 --> 00:10:14,840

But while producing their movie,

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00:10:14,940 --> 00:10:18,240

Shafer and Edmiston were approached by a man who claimed

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00:10:18,300 --> 00:10:21,300

he could prove Dahl's sighting was not a hoax.

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00:10:21,400 --> 00:10:24,740

Elmer Frombrack, Jr., who grew up on Moorie Island,

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00:10:24,840 --> 00:10:27,640

had come down to these beaches, was aware of the story

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00:10:27,740 --> 00:10:32,880

in the mid-1960s, and actually found a sample of the slag

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00:10:32,980 --> 00:10:34,680

in the trees.

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00:10:34,780 --> 00:10:35,480

Wow.

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00:10:35,580 --> 00:10:36,380

You're kidding me.

201

00:10:36,480 --> 00:10:37,680

No.

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00:10:37,780 --> 00:10:39,120

So we were so excited when he came to us,

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00:10:39,220 --> 00:10:41,460

because we'd never met him, and we weren't soliciting that.

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00:10:41,560 --> 00:10:42,820

We can take you to the tree.

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00:10:42,920 --> 00:10:44,320

You can talk about it right there.

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00:10:44,420 --> 00:10:45,220

OK.

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00:10:45,320 --> 00:10:46,120

All right.

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00:10:46,220 --> 00:10:46,920

Great.

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00:10:47,020 --> 00:10:47,820

Let's do that.

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00:10:48,440 --> 00:10:51,480

Elmer told us that he found the piece of slag embedded

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00:10:51,580 --> 00:10:53,820

right in this nook right here.

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00:10:53,920 --> 00:10:56,480

In 1966, he was up here looking for firewood,

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00:10:56,580 --> 00:10:59,520

and he took out his Boy Scout knife and pried it right now.

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00:10:59,620 --> 00:11:01,720

Where is this piece of slag right now?

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00:11:01,820 --> 00:11:02,720

Where is it?

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00:11:02,820 --> 00:11:05,660

I just happened to have it in my pocket right here.

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00:11:05,760 --> 00:11:06,900

No.

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00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:08,260

So let's see if it fits.

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00:11:08,360 --> 00:11:09,560

It kind of does.

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00:11:09,660 --> 00:11:12,200

Oh, my.

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00:11:12,300 --> 00:11:13,740

Yeah, that's just wedged right in there.

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00:11:13,840 --> 00:11:15,040

It fits perfectly.

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00:11:15,140 --> 00:11:16,240

So this is it?

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00:11:16,340 --> 00:11:17,400

That's it.

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00:11:18,020 --> 00:11:19,360

Wow.

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00:11:19,460 --> 00:11:22,800

So you're telling me I could be holding a piece of metal

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00:11:22,900 --> 00:11:23,860

from a UFO?

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00:11:23,960 --> 00:11:26,000

It's possible.

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00:11:26,100 --> 00:11:28,100

OK, has this thing ever been tested by anybody?

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00:11:28,200 --> 00:11:29,940

Elmer Frombach, he actually put it

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00:11:30,040 --> 00:11:32,840

on loan to this Northwest Museum of the Mysteries.

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00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:34,740

And they're the custodians.

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00:11:34,840 --> 00:11:37,140

They have loaned it to us, and we're actually

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00:11:37,240 --> 00:11:39,380

working with the folks to see if we can get permission

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00:11:39,480 --> 00:11:42,980

to do that, which would obviously be very exciting.

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00:11:43,080 --> 00:11:44,880

I learned a lot from Steven Scott today, the fact

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00:11:44,940 --> 00:11:46,900

that there's so much documentation about the FBI

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00:11:47,000 --> 00:11:49,700

interest in the case, I think, is really over the top.

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00:11:49,800 --> 00:11:52,240

And the whole Man in Black phenomenon

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00:11:52,340 --> 00:11:55,180

actually started here with this case,

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00:11:55,280 --> 00:11:59,780

and that makes it of historic importance.

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00:11:59,880 --> 00:12:03,280

Curiously, the Man in Black that allegedly visited Harold

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00:12:03,380 --> 00:12:07,120

Dahl is not mentioned in any of the FBI documentation

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00:12:07,220 --> 00:12:10,660

that Schaefer and Edmiston were able to obtain.

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00:12:10,760 --> 00:12:12,760

Could it be that the Man in Black,

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00:12:12,840 --> 00:12:15,140

like the others in his organization,

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00:12:15,240 --> 00:12:18,200

answers to another even more secretive authority?

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00:12:25,800 --> 00:12:29,540

In 2017, the Washington State Senate

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00:12:29,640 --> 00:12:32,880

passed a resolution acknowledging the 70th anniversary

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00:12:32,980 --> 00:12:34,580

of the Maury Island incident.

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00:12:34,680 --> 00:12:37,920

We take a moment to recognize the impact of the UFO

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00:12:38,020 --> 00:12:42,480

phenomenon that swept our country in the summer of 1947

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00:12:42,540 --> 00:12:45,780

from Maury Island to Roswell, New Mexico.

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00:12:45,880 --> 00:12:48,380

I urge adoption of this resolution.

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00:12:48,480 --> 00:12:50,940

I also rise in support of this resolution.

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00:12:51,040 --> 00:12:54,780

In 1947, there were six UFOs cited, six.

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00:12:54,880 --> 00:12:58,920

It is not that it ended in 1947, Mr. President.

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00:12:59,020 --> 00:13:02,360

The incidents continue.

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00:13:02,460 --> 00:13:03,560

They continue.

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00:13:03,660 --> 00:13:05,760

Question before the Senate is adoption of this resolution,

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00:13:05,860 --> 00:13:08,360

as many is in favor, please say aye.

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00:13:08,460 --> 00:13:10,060

Many opposed, please say no.

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00:13:10,160 --> 00:13:11,860

Resolution is adopted.

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00:13:12,860 --> 00:13:14,460

While the Maury Island incidents

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00:13:14,560 --> 00:13:17,360

involved the first reference to a figure resembling

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00:13:17,460 --> 00:13:20,400

the notorious Men in Black, some researchers

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00:13:20,500 --> 00:13:24,100

believe they became an official government organization

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00:13:24,200 --> 00:13:25,940

five years later.

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00:13:26,040 --> 00:13:31,080

In 1952, the US Air Force organized a highly specialized

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00:13:31,180 --> 00:13:35,580

and highly confidential unit called the 4602nd Air

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00:13:35,680 --> 00:13:39,480

Intelligence Service Squadron, or AISS,

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00:13:39,540 --> 00:13:42,340

an internal Air Force intelligence letter dated

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00:13:42,440 --> 00:13:45,340

November 13, 1961.

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00:13:45,440 --> 00:13:49,380

The so-called Betz Memo outlined the 4602nd's

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00:13:49,480 --> 00:13:53,480

responsibilities to locate, recover, and deliver

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00:13:53,580 --> 00:13:56,260

descended foreign space vehicles.

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00:13:56,360 --> 00:13:59,300

So these were top secret units that all had a top secret mission.

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00:13:59,400 --> 00:14:01,100

And for a short period during the Cold War,

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00:14:01,200 --> 00:14:05,200

something existed called an Air Intelligence Service Squadron.

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00:14:05,300 --> 00:14:08,500

And these were unit's custom builds to go and recover

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00:14:08,560 --> 00:14:10,900

Soviet technology.

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00:14:11,000 --> 00:14:13,000

Yes, they may well have got their hands

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00:14:13,100 --> 00:14:15,700

on the odd Soviet satellite missile,

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00:14:15,800 --> 00:14:20,840

but the real mission was UFOs.

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00:14:20,940 --> 00:14:26,280

Their job was to go collect intelligence from crashed plane

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00:14:26,380 --> 00:14:29,580

or saucer sightings.

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00:14:29,680 --> 00:14:31,780

So they had a rapid response unit,

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00:14:31,880 --> 00:14:35,560

and they were all tasked with being able to get to a site

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00:14:35,660 --> 00:14:38,420

within a maximum of six hours that was in the air.

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00:14:38,520 --> 00:14:40,520

And they were able to get to the site

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00:14:40,620 --> 00:14:42,520

within a territory.

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00:14:42,620 --> 00:14:45,200

The 4602nd were very, very capable men.

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00:14:45,300 --> 00:14:48,500

And over time, it is true they connected up with Project

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00:14:48,600 --> 00:14:55,340

Blue Book and were involved in writing some UFO reports as well.

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00:14:55,440 --> 00:15:01,580

The 4602nd may literally be the real life man in black.

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00:15:01,680 --> 00:15:05,420

In the exact same month that the 4602nd was formed,

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00:15:05,480 --> 00:15:10,320

the 4602nd was the new program to investigate UFO reports.

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00:15:10,420 --> 00:15:13,020

Project Blue Book.

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00:15:13,120 --> 00:15:16,120

And it was the 4602nd that was assigned to conduct

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00:15:16,220 --> 00:15:19,160

Project Blue Book's investigations.

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00:15:19,260 --> 00:15:22,640

Astronomer J. Allen Heineck was the scientific advisor

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00:15:22,740 --> 00:15:25,900

and driving force behind Project Blue Book.

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00:15:26,000 --> 00:15:28,300

But according to his son, Paul Heineck,

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00:15:28,400 --> 00:15:30,580

it quickly became clear to his father

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00:15:30,680 --> 00:15:32,980

that what the Air Force really expected of him

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00:15:33,040 --> 00:15:35,640

was to be more serious and more debunking.

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00:15:35,740 --> 00:15:40,380

The Air Force, their job was to find answers, not the truth.

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00:15:40,480 --> 00:15:45,680

So he was always at odds with his Air Force partners.

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00:15:45,780 --> 00:15:49,460

But over time, he realized there was a phenomena here

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00:15:49,560 --> 00:15:52,220

that merited serious scientific study.

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00:15:52,320 --> 00:15:56,000

Project Blue Book was the third of the Air Force's projects

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00:15:56,100 --> 00:15:58,740

after Project Sign and Project Grudge.

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00:15:58,840 --> 00:16:01,640

And Project Blue Book, especially after 1953,

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00:16:01,660 --> 00:16:05,040

and the formation of the 4602nd Air Squadron,

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00:16:05,140 --> 00:16:07,400

was really more of a PR exercise

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00:16:07,500 --> 00:16:11,140

to tamp down public hysteria.

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00:16:11,240 --> 00:16:15,780

Project Blue Book studied over 12,000 reported UFO sightings,

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00:16:15,880 --> 00:16:18,120

and they were able to identify the aircraft

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00:16:18,220 --> 00:16:21,260

in all but 700 of these incidents.

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00:16:21,360 --> 00:16:24,520

The CIA formed a scientific committee called the Robertson

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00:16:24,620 --> 00:16:28,300

Panel to review the unsolved UFO cases.

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00:16:28,400 --> 00:16:31,260

The panel then issued a top secret recommendation,

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00:16:31,960 --> 00:16:34,360

suggesting that the government systematically debunked

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00:16:34,460 --> 00:16:38,020

UFO sightings, claiming that reporting on UFOs

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00:16:38,120 --> 00:16:41,160

might cost hysterical mass behavior.

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00:16:41,260 --> 00:16:44,500

Many researchers believe that the debunking campaign

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00:16:44,600 --> 00:16:46,900

was led by the same outfit that was heading up

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00:16:47,000 --> 00:16:51,980

Project Blue Book's investigations, the 4602nd.

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00:16:52,080 --> 00:16:56,840

The 4602nd had around 20 detachments throughout the US.

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00:16:56,940 --> 00:17:01,140

And their job was to go and collect intelligence

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00:17:01,140 --> 00:17:06,200

from crashed plane or saucer sightings.

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00:17:06,300 --> 00:17:08,640

A lot of people think that the men in black

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00:17:08,740 --> 00:17:11,940

come from the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron.

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00:17:12,040 --> 00:17:13,440

And I think that's entirely likely,

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00:17:13,540 --> 00:17:16,580

because if you have this rapid deployment

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00:17:16,680 --> 00:17:21,520

of intelligence-educated, paratrooping Air Force guys

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00:17:21,620 --> 00:17:24,460

coming to get as much information from a crash,

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00:17:24,560 --> 00:17:26,420

seems like part of their job duty

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00:17:26,520 --> 00:17:29,460

would also be to clamp down on the dissemination

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00:17:29,480 --> 00:17:32,280

of that potentially highly classified and valuable

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00:17:32,380 --> 00:17:33,720

information.

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00:17:33,820 --> 00:17:36,520

Their job was to spread disinformation,

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00:17:36,620 --> 00:17:40,700

to seed amongst the public that if you saw UFO,

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00:17:40,800 --> 00:17:42,560

you might be crazy.

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00:17:42,660 --> 00:17:45,560

Don't admit you saw something strange in the sky,

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00:17:45,660 --> 00:17:50,040

because your life will change from that moment on.

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00:17:50,140 --> 00:17:52,480

You can easily understand how people

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00:17:52,580 --> 00:17:56,980

became terrified by the men in black.

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00:17:57,000 --> 00:18:00,300

You see something crash to the ground.

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00:18:00,400 --> 00:18:03,140

You phone your local Air Force base.

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00:18:03,240 --> 00:18:04,780

You get a knock on the door.

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00:18:04,880 --> 00:18:08,820

And there are these strange guys who threaten you

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00:18:08,920 --> 00:18:12,360

not to talk about these events again.

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00:18:12,460 --> 00:18:15,460

My father heard about men in black from actual UFO

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00:18:15,560 --> 00:18:18,720

witnesses who reported that after they had made

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00:18:18,820 --> 00:18:23,040

their experiences known, they were then visited by what

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00:18:23,140 --> 00:18:25,840

we call men in black.

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00:18:25,900 --> 00:18:29,400

I'm not aware of my father having actual interactions

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00:18:29,500 --> 00:18:32,400

with the men in black, but he did feel their presence,

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00:18:32,500 --> 00:18:35,000

and he did speak about them.

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00:18:35,100 --> 00:18:40,240

Project Blue Book was officially terminated in 1969.

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00:18:40,340 --> 00:18:43,780

But many suspect the 4602nd continued

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00:18:43,880 --> 00:18:48,180

to operate in the shadows for years.

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00:18:48,280 --> 00:18:51,860

We're quite sure that from the late 1950s onward,

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00:18:51,960 --> 00:18:54,220

and through the 1980s and probably

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00:18:54,240 --> 00:18:56,940

beyond the 80s, although under a different name,

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00:18:57,040 --> 00:18:58,980

this program existed.

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00:18:59,080 --> 00:19:01,780

This was totally classified for decades.

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00:19:01,880 --> 00:19:05,620

Then in the 80s, people began getting documents.

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00:19:05,720 --> 00:19:09,920

And some of them clearly state that their mission

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00:19:10,020 --> 00:19:16,660

is to go and find UFO debris, evidence of crashed UFOs.

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00:19:16,760 --> 00:19:19,700

And yet the Air Force continued to deny they

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00:19:19,800 --> 00:19:22,800

investigate UFOs.

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00:19:22,860 --> 00:19:26,060

Are the men in black a secret government agency that

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00:19:26,160 --> 00:19:29,760

is tasked with both investigating the UFO phenomenon

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00:19:29,860 --> 00:19:32,260

and covering up that it is real?

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00:19:32,360 --> 00:19:35,940

But if so, what is the purpose of the cover up?

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00:19:36,040 --> 00:19:38,240

According to many who have encountered them,

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00:19:38,340 --> 00:19:40,940

the men in black are not only hiding the truth

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00:19:41,040 --> 00:19:45,440

about alien visitation, but are protecting an even bigger

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00:19:45,540 --> 00:19:46,140

secret.

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00:19:53,740 --> 00:20:00,280

Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1952.

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00:20:00,380 --> 00:20:03,140

World War II Air Force veteran Albert Vender

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00:20:03,240 --> 00:20:07,980

establishes one of America's first UFO organizations,

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00:20:08,080 --> 00:20:11,760

the International Flying Saucer Bureau.

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00:20:11,860 --> 00:20:16,560

The IFSP publishes a quarterly journal, Space Review,

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00:20:16,660 --> 00:20:20,400

to share stories of UFO sightings with its 600 worldwide

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00:20:20,460 --> 00:20:22,500

members.

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00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:24,700

But just one year after launching,

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00:20:24,800 --> 00:20:29,040

Vender claims he was visited by strange men in black suits

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00:20:29,140 --> 00:20:31,900

who threatened both his fledgling organization

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00:20:32,000 --> 00:20:33,380

and his life.

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00:20:33,480 --> 00:20:37,640

Albert Vender started to have doubts about whether or not

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00:20:37,740 --> 00:20:40,480

he should continue doing his research,

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00:20:40,580 --> 00:20:42,220

putting out his journal.

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00:20:42,320 --> 00:20:44,760

And there was a very good reason for this.

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00:20:44,860 --> 00:20:47,280

He'd actually been visited and threatened

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00:20:47,380 --> 00:20:50,360

by the men in black himself.

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00:20:50,460 --> 00:20:54,100

Albert K. Vender coined the term men in black

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00:20:54,200 --> 00:20:57,400

to describe the people who cautioned him not to talk

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00:20:57,500 --> 00:21:00,800

about UFOs, not to talk about flying saucers,

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00:21:00,900 --> 00:21:05,140

and above all, not to talk about extraterrestrials.

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00:21:05,240 --> 00:21:07,540

He became very frightened about this encounter

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00:21:07,640 --> 00:21:09,140

with these men in black.

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00:21:09,240 --> 00:21:12,320

And he stopped publishing his newsletter.

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00:21:12,420 --> 00:21:16,880

And for a decade, it was a mystery among UFO investigators

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00:21:16,980 --> 00:21:18,360

what had happened to him.

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00:21:20,460 --> 00:21:24,900

Although Vender would not speak publicly about it for years,

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00:21:25,000 --> 00:21:27,600

he would share some of his frightening experiences

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00:21:27,700 --> 00:21:29,660

with friend Gray Barker.

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00:21:29,760 --> 00:21:32,700

Gray Barker was a researcher in West Virginia

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00:21:32,800 --> 00:21:34,000

who knew Albert Vender.

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00:21:34,100 --> 00:21:37,140

In fact, he had subscribed to Vender's journal

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00:21:37,240 --> 00:21:39,140

back at the time.

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00:21:39,240 --> 00:21:43,320

When Vender started to talk about these strange, mysterious

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00:21:43,420 --> 00:21:46,380

men in black, Barker realized, wow,

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00:21:46,440 --> 00:21:51,580

this is a really cool, intriguing, sinister story.

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00:21:51,680 --> 00:21:56,140

Vender reluctantly gave some of the data to Barker.

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00:21:56,240 --> 00:22:00,780

And it was enough to allow Barker to write his 1956 book.

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00:22:00,880 --> 00:22:02,820

They knew too much about flying saucers.

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00:22:06,420 --> 00:22:10,220

Gray Barkers, they knew too much about flying saucers,

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00:22:10,320 --> 00:22:12,800

introduced the men in black to a wide audience

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00:22:12,900 --> 00:22:13,860

for the first time.

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00:22:16,440 --> 00:22:20,200

In the book, Barker described a visit he himself received

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00:22:20,300 --> 00:22:22,440

from an FBI agent questioning him

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00:22:22,540 --> 00:22:25,740

about the International Flying Saucer Bureau

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00:22:25,840 --> 00:22:27,840

and wondered if the agent might also

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00:22:27,940 --> 00:22:29,680

have been one of the men in black.

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00:22:32,320 --> 00:22:36,420

At that particular time, the FBI were watching Gray Barker.

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00:22:36,520 --> 00:22:40,720

J. Edgar Hoover actually ordered one of his personnel

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00:22:40,820 --> 00:22:44,660

to go out and purchase a copy of Gray Barker's.

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00:22:44,740 --> 00:22:47,600

They knew too much about flying saucers.

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00:22:47,700 --> 00:22:49,600

Hoover was personally interested.

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00:22:49,700 --> 00:22:52,940

We have a binder full of FBI memos,

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00:22:53,040 --> 00:22:55,680

memos from Hoover to his field agents,

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00:22:55,780 --> 00:22:58,580

discussing flying disk investigations.

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00:22:58,680 --> 00:23:02,520

And we think that he was kind of obsessed with the men in black.

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00:23:05,560 --> 00:23:07,560

J. Edgar Hoover wanted to actually know

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00:23:07,660 --> 00:23:09,500

who these men in black were, which strongly

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00:23:09,600 --> 00:23:12,500

indicates they weren't FBI.

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00:23:12,600 --> 00:23:14,360

They must have come from some other intelligence

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00:23:14,360 --> 00:23:16,760

agency, some other US military agency,

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00:23:16,860 --> 00:23:21,400

or they came from somewhere else entirely.

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00:23:21,500 --> 00:23:24,200

If J. Edgar Hoover was trying to gather information

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00:23:24,300 --> 00:23:26,940

on the men in black, could that indicate

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00:23:27,040 --> 00:23:29,980

that they are not affiliated with either the FBI

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00:23:30,080 --> 00:23:34,680

or the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron?

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00:23:34,780 --> 00:23:39,920

In 1962, nine years after his first terrifying encounter,

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00:23:40,020 --> 00:23:43,120

Albert Bender came out of hiding to write his own book,

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00:23:43,180 --> 00:23:45,820

Flying Saucers and the Three Men,

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00:23:45,920 --> 00:23:48,360

in which he made a controversial revelation

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00:23:48,460 --> 00:23:51,820

about the men in blacks' true identities.

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00:23:51,920 --> 00:23:54,960

He said late one night when he was working in his office,

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00:23:55,060 --> 00:23:57,960

Bender started to suddenly feel ill and sick.

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00:23:58,060 --> 00:24:01,040

He felt dizzy, and he had to lay down.

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00:24:01,140 --> 00:24:06,800

And as he did so, he saw these three shadowy, fedora-wearing

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00:24:06,900 --> 00:24:11,980

figures literally materialized through the walls.

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00:24:12,000 --> 00:24:13,780

They were dressed in black suits,

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00:24:13,880 --> 00:24:17,280

and they had these shining eyes.

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00:24:17,380 --> 00:24:20,480

Bender said that the men in black had communicated with him

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00:24:20,580 --> 00:24:22,380

telepathically.

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00:24:22,480 --> 00:24:25,380

He felt that they were aliens.

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00:24:25,480 --> 00:24:27,620

And so it became another mystery.

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00:24:27,720 --> 00:24:31,600

A mystery within a mystery is, who are the men in black?

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00:24:31,700 --> 00:24:32,700

What is the secret?

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00:24:32,800 --> 00:24:35,760

What is the answer if there is a single answer?

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00:24:35,860 --> 00:24:38,860

After Bender's encounter, people begin to wonder if maybe

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00:24:38,960 --> 00:24:41,300

the men in black were actually extraterrestrials

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00:24:41,360 --> 00:24:44,120

that were trying to suppress the revelation of the alien

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00:24:44,220 --> 00:24:45,400

presence on the planet Earth.

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00:24:48,200 --> 00:24:52,660

After 1962, Bender actually quit ufology.

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00:24:52,760 --> 00:24:56,400

This was not some sort of publicity stunt at all.

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00:24:56,500 --> 00:25:00,240

He just walked away from the subject, never came back.

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00:25:00,340 --> 00:25:04,140

And a lot of people believe the men in black visited him again

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00:25:04,240 --> 00:25:06,540

and threatened him.

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00:25:06,640 --> 00:25:09,480

Did Albert Bender's encounter reveal the truth

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00:25:09,560 --> 00:25:11,280

about the men in black?

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00:25:11,380 --> 00:25:14,560

That they are, in fact, extraterrestrials

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00:25:14,660 --> 00:25:17,120

disguised as humans?

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00:25:17,220 --> 00:25:19,260

Perhaps further clues can be found

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00:25:19,360 --> 00:25:23,360

by examining a curious connection between the men in black

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00:25:23,460 --> 00:25:27,040

and what some believe is an otherworldly entity,

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00:25:27,140 --> 00:25:30,600

the legendary monster known as the Mothman.

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00:25:35,680 --> 00:25:38,880

Throughout the 1950s and 60s, there

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00:25:38,880 --> 00:25:42,920

were numerous reports of encounters with the men in black.

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00:25:43,020 --> 00:25:45,220

The most notorious was connected not

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00:25:45,320 --> 00:25:48,260

to a sighting of a UFO, but a monster.

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00:25:51,260 --> 00:25:57,560

On November 15, 1966, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia,

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00:25:57,660 --> 00:26:01,840

two young couples were driving down a dark road outside of town.

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00:26:01,940 --> 00:26:04,080

As they passed by an old building,

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00:26:04,180 --> 00:26:06,380

they were startled by a frightening sight.

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00:26:08,880 --> 00:26:15,480

They claimed to have seen a large winged creature,

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00:26:15,580 --> 00:26:21,220

6 to 7 foot tall, gray in color, and two large red eyes.

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00:26:21,320 --> 00:26:25,060

They said this creature flew over their car

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00:26:25,160 --> 00:26:27,060

and followed him back into town.

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00:26:27,160 --> 00:26:31,800

That was the beginning of the Mothman sighting.

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00:26:31,900 --> 00:26:33,900

The young couple's heroin account

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00:26:34,000 --> 00:26:36,980

was picked up by the local press and incited panic

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00:26:37,040 --> 00:26:39,180

across town.

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00:26:39,280 --> 00:26:42,940

The legend of the Mothman was born.

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00:26:43,040 --> 00:26:45,380

And dozens of encounters with the winged monster

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00:26:45,480 --> 00:26:47,420

would be reported over the next year.

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00:26:50,480 --> 00:26:53,360

There were over 100 reported sightings

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00:26:53,460 --> 00:26:56,700

to the local authorities.

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00:26:56,800 --> 00:27:00,100

You had some people who claimed to have seen it while driving

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00:27:00,200 --> 00:27:01,000

in their car.

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00:27:01,100 --> 00:27:06,100

You had other people seeing it in their front yard.

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00:27:06,160 --> 00:27:08,020

For the people of Point Pleasant,

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00:27:08,120 --> 00:27:12,260

the mystery of the Mothman persists to this day.

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00:27:12,360 --> 00:27:14,960

Where did this monster come from?

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00:27:15,060 --> 00:27:19,140

Why did it suddenly appear in this small town?

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00:27:19,240 --> 00:27:22,840

And perhaps most curious of all, why were the first Mothman

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00:27:22,940 --> 00:27:27,580

sightings followed by a visit from the men in black?

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00:27:27,680 --> 00:27:30,020

Some people think he was being from another world.

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00:27:30,120 --> 00:27:31,920

The supporting evidence of that is the fact

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00:27:32,020 --> 00:27:34,880

that multiple witnesses who saw the Mothman

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00:27:34,940 --> 00:27:37,600

were actually intimidated by what can now

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00:27:37,700 --> 00:27:39,840

be described as men in black.

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00:27:39,940 --> 00:27:43,680

Men in black typically are only associated with UFO cases.

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00:27:43,780 --> 00:27:47,280

People describe them as looking like cadavers.

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00:27:47,380 --> 00:27:50,620

They looked like pale-faced zombies dressed

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00:27:50,720 --> 00:27:53,900

in black suits with black fedoras.

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00:27:54,000 --> 00:27:57,200

I interviewed Mothman witnesses who did have men in black

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00:27:57,300 --> 00:27:58,400

experiences.

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00:27:58,500 --> 00:28:00,400

This was 40 years after the fact at the time.

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00:28:00,500 --> 00:28:04,300

And they were still clearly traumatized by the event.

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00:28:04,320 --> 00:28:07,000

I had no reason to disbelieve these people, none whatsoever.

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00:28:10,700 --> 00:28:13,500

One resident who claimed to have been visited by the men

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00:28:13,600 --> 00:28:17,400

in black was Mary Hire, a local journalist who reported

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00:28:17,500 --> 00:28:20,840

on the Mothman's sightings for the Point Pleasant Register

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00:28:20,940 --> 00:28:22,740

and the Athens messenger.

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00:28:22,840 --> 00:28:27,380

Mary Hire was just a normal, legitimate journalist

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00:28:27,480 --> 00:28:30,880

investigating your average stories around town.

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00:28:30,980 --> 00:28:33,880

And then she was suddenly plunged into this thing

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00:28:34,580 --> 00:28:37,840

involving the Mothman.

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00:28:37,940 --> 00:28:41,340

Mary Hire had begun investigating the mysterious incidents

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00:28:41,440 --> 00:28:44,580

in and around Point Pleasant with a New York-based UFO

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00:28:44,680 --> 00:28:47,420

researcher named John Keel.

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00:28:47,520 --> 00:28:50,580

John Keel heard about the Mothman story

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00:28:50,680 --> 00:28:52,460

and decided, I'm going to go up there.

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00:28:52,560 --> 00:28:54,420

I'm going to see what's going on.

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00:28:54,520 --> 00:28:58,160

And when he did so, he hooked up with Mary Hire.

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00:28:58,260 --> 00:29:00,700

And the two of them sort of became

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00:29:00,760 --> 00:29:03,400

like the moldier and scully of that era

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00:29:03,500 --> 00:29:06,360

and secured a great deal of information,

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00:29:06,460 --> 00:29:09,160

interviewed a lot of people.

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00:29:09,260 --> 00:29:11,460

These investigations would eventually

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00:29:11,560 --> 00:29:14,400

lead to the popular book and later Hollywood film,

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00:29:14,500 --> 00:29:17,140

The Mothman Prophecies.

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00:29:17,240 --> 00:29:19,700

But not everyone was pleased with the information

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00:29:19,800 --> 00:29:22,740

Mary Hire and John Keel were gleaning from the public

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00:29:22,840 --> 00:29:23,740

about the Mothman.

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00:29:26,980 --> 00:29:30,180

Mary Hire was visited by men in black.

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00:29:30,240 --> 00:29:34,300

And who told her to stop writing about the Mothman

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00:29:34,400 --> 00:29:36,140

and all these strange encounters.

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00:29:36,240 --> 00:29:39,040

Stop writing about this.

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00:29:39,140 --> 00:29:41,880

You don't want to be involved in this.

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00:29:41,980 --> 00:29:46,580

This is a classic example of the men in black not just

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00:29:46,680 --> 00:29:50,320

terrorizing and threatening UFO witnesses,

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00:29:50,420 --> 00:29:52,760

but also journalists as well.

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00:29:56,360 --> 00:29:59,660

Was this just one more case of the men in black?

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00:29:59,720 --> 00:30:04,120

Attempting to cover up a potential alien encounter?

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00:30:04,220 --> 00:30:06,560

Or might the fact that numerous witnesses reported

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00:30:06,660 --> 00:30:10,460

being visited and threatened by these mysterious characters

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00:30:10,560 --> 00:30:13,740

indicate that they were protecting an even bigger secret?

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00:30:18,040 --> 00:30:20,040

Eight miles north of Point Pleasant

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00:30:20,140 --> 00:30:23,040

is the MacLintic Wildlife Management Area,

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00:30:23,140 --> 00:30:28,540

a 3,600 acre wilderness known to locals as the TNT Area.

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00:30:28,600 --> 00:30:31,760

This former World War II military installation

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00:30:31,860 --> 00:30:35,200

is believed by many to be the home of the Mothman.

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00:30:38,400 --> 00:30:40,040

The reason it's called the TNT Area

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00:30:40,140 --> 00:30:43,840

is because they manufactured explosives and TNT

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00:30:43,940 --> 00:30:46,240

for the war effort.

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00:30:46,340 --> 00:30:50,380

When the war ended in 1945, the government basically

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00:30:50,480 --> 00:30:53,780

just deserted that area there.

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00:30:53,880 --> 00:30:57,320

That's where the first Mothman sighting took place.

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00:30:57,400 --> 00:31:00,140

And then you had some people who claimed

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00:31:00,240 --> 00:31:02,640

to have seen it in the TNT Area near some

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00:31:02,740 --> 00:31:03,840

of the vacant buildings.

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00:31:06,480 --> 00:31:10,720

Within days of the first Mothman sighting in 1966,

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00:31:10,820 --> 00:31:13,220

residents of Point Pleasant were surprised

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00:31:13,320 --> 00:31:19,520

by another unexpected visitor at the TNT Area, the US military.

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00:31:19,620 --> 00:31:21,520

According to reports from locals,

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00:31:21,620 --> 00:31:24,420

they had barricaded the site and swiftly turned away

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00:31:24,520 --> 00:31:25,960

anyone who approached it.

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00:31:28,060 --> 00:31:30,860

While no explanation was ever given for the military's

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00:31:30,960 --> 00:31:33,200

sudden arrival, some researchers

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00:31:33,300 --> 00:31:36,360

suggest that it could provide a clue as to the truth

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00:31:36,460 --> 00:31:40,160

behind the Men in Black.

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00:31:40,260 --> 00:31:42,400

There are a lot of people who think the Men in Black

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00:31:42,500 --> 00:31:44,740

are government agents.

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00:31:44,840 --> 00:31:46,640

There are an equal number of people

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00:31:46,740 --> 00:31:49,000

in the UFO community who believe that they are actually

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00:31:49,100 --> 00:31:50,980

extraterrestrials.

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00:31:51,080 --> 00:31:54,420

The fact is we really don't know who or what the Men in Black

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00:31:54,520 --> 00:31:55,920

are.

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00:31:55,980 --> 00:31:59,620

And in fact, some of the aliens may be impersonating government

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00:31:59,720 --> 00:32:01,260

agents to intimidate witnesses.

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00:32:05,660 --> 00:32:08,060

Could it be that those who believe the Men in Black

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00:32:08,160 --> 00:32:11,260

are government agents and those who believe they

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00:32:11,360 --> 00:32:15,000

are from another world are both right?

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00:32:15,100 --> 00:32:18,280

But if so, are extraterrestrials impersonating

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00:32:18,380 --> 00:32:19,500

the Men in Black?

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00:32:19,600 --> 00:32:24,280

Or are aliens and government agents actually working together?

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00:32:24,340 --> 00:32:26,240

Perhaps further clues can be found

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00:32:26,340 --> 00:32:28,480

by examining another mystery associated

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00:32:28,580 --> 00:32:32,020

with these shadowy characters, black helicopters.

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00:32:36,980 --> 00:32:39,980

Dayton, Texas.

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00:32:40,080 --> 00:32:44,160

December 29, 1980.

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00:32:44,260 --> 00:32:47,600

Seven-year-old Colby Landrum is with his grandmother

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00:32:47,700 --> 00:32:51,600

and her friend, driving along a desolate two-lane road

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00:32:51,660 --> 00:32:53,700

when they have a life-changing experience.

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00:32:56,300 --> 00:32:59,840

Betty Cash, my grandmother, Vicki Landrum, and myself,

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00:32:59,940 --> 00:33:01,800

headed back home towards Dayton.

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00:33:01,900 --> 00:33:03,580

It was real late at night.

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00:33:03,680 --> 00:33:04,880

Nobody else on the road.

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00:33:04,980 --> 00:33:08,980

And I encountered a bright light.

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00:33:09,080 --> 00:33:12,880

It actually looked just like a big glowing ball of flame,

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00:33:12,980 --> 00:33:16,460

probably about the size of a water tower,

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00:33:16,560 --> 00:33:21,500

100 foot across, 100 foot tall, but in a diamond shape.

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00:33:21,600 --> 00:33:25,200

This is Vicki Landrum from Dayton, Texas.

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00:33:25,300 --> 00:33:28,500

A vehicle came down and it was like fire was coming from it.

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00:33:28,600 --> 00:33:32,000

It got ahead of us and we went to stop.

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00:33:32,100 --> 00:33:34,740

And we got out of the car, but I didn't stay out

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00:33:34,840 --> 00:33:37,940

and just the minute because I had my little ransom.

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00:33:38,040 --> 00:33:40,880

It came down almost in the tree car.

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00:33:40,980 --> 00:33:44,480

And then he went back up and left to the ride of it.

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00:33:44,580 --> 00:33:48,980

And we found it in 23 helicopters.

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00:33:49,040 --> 00:33:55,640

It was surrounded by 23 Chinook double-roader helicopters.

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00:33:55,740 --> 00:33:57,640

To me, it looked like it was being escorted

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00:33:57,740 --> 00:33:59,480

by the helicopters.

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00:33:59,580 --> 00:34:03,380

In my belief, the government definitely knew about it.

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00:34:03,480 --> 00:34:06,520

There's no way that something that size

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00:34:06,620 --> 00:34:09,220

is going to have 23 Chinook helicopters.

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00:34:09,320 --> 00:34:11,320

They were in, like, escort mode.

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00:34:11,420 --> 00:34:14,360

They were definitely transporting it.

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00:34:14,460 --> 00:34:18,460

For UFO researchers, the presence of helicopters

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00:34:19,060 --> 00:34:21,760

is one aspect of the Cached Landrum Incident

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00:34:21,860 --> 00:34:25,060

that makes it particularly intriguing.

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00:34:25,160 --> 00:34:28,700

Since the 1970s, encounters with the men in black

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00:34:28,800 --> 00:34:30,760

have often been connected to reports

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00:34:30,860 --> 00:34:34,340

of unmarked black helicopters.

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00:34:34,440 --> 00:34:37,880

A black helicopter, which has now also become legend,

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00:34:37,980 --> 00:34:43,340

is a helicopter that doesn't have insignia markings on it.

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00:34:43,440 --> 00:34:44,520

It's stealthy.

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00:34:44,620 --> 00:34:46,620

It's simply painted black.

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00:34:46,680 --> 00:34:51,220

And it has come to be known as the vehicle of choice

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00:34:51,320 --> 00:34:53,180

for the men in black.

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00:34:53,280 --> 00:34:56,520

One of the most baffling aspects of the men in black mystery

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00:34:56,620 --> 00:35:00,820

is how quickly they seem to arrive on the doorsteps of people

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00:35:00,920 --> 00:35:04,100

who've had recent UFO encounters.

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00:35:04,200 --> 00:35:06,460

Now, if the men in black are actually

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00:35:06,560 --> 00:35:09,200

flying around in black helicopters,

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00:35:09,300 --> 00:35:13,140

well, a helicopter would be the perfect tool, if you like,

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00:35:13,240 --> 00:35:16,180

to get from town to town and threaten people

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00:35:16,240 --> 00:35:17,400

very, very quickly.

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00:35:17,500 --> 00:35:21,940

Black helicopters can be very intimidating.

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00:35:22,040 --> 00:35:25,380

They've been seen by multiple credible witnesses at one time.

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00:35:25,480 --> 00:35:28,420

Maybe the men in black and the black helicopters

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00:35:28,520 --> 00:35:31,420

are actually associated.

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00:35:31,520 --> 00:35:35,460

Maybe it's men in black helicopters.

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00:35:35,560 --> 00:35:38,260

Could the helicopters witness during the Cached Landrum

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00:35:38,360 --> 00:35:41,000

Incident have been piloted by the men in black

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00:35:41,100 --> 00:35:43,900

on an emergency dispatch to follow and retrieve

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00:35:44,000 --> 00:35:45,500

an alien spacecraft?

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00:35:46,500 --> 00:35:48,220

Many people think it could possibly

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00:35:48,320 --> 00:35:50,600

have been some kind of an anti-gravity device

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00:35:50,700 --> 00:35:52,000

that our government was building,

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00:35:52,100 --> 00:35:53,400

and it was being tested.

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00:35:53,500 --> 00:35:56,000

Others think it might have been an extraterrestrial craft.

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00:35:56,100 --> 00:35:58,900

They got in trouble and came into our atmosphere

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00:35:59,000 --> 00:36:01,100

and into our presence and was being followed

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00:36:01,200 --> 00:36:04,140

by these military helicopters.

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00:36:04,240 --> 00:36:07,640

According to Colby Landrum, whatever it was they witnessed

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00:36:07,740 --> 00:36:09,480

that night seemed to be emitting

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00:36:09,580 --> 00:36:11,720

dangerous levels of radiation.

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00:36:11,780 --> 00:36:13,040

Betty stopped the car.

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00:36:13,140 --> 00:36:14,820

You could feel the heat off of it.

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00:36:14,920 --> 00:36:17,120

The heat was very intense.

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00:36:17,220 --> 00:36:20,420

There was an imprint from my grandmother's hand

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00:36:20,520 --> 00:36:22,020

on the actual dash.

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00:36:22,120 --> 00:36:25,360

It was hot enough for when she grabbed the dash when we stopped.

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00:36:25,460 --> 00:36:28,060

I mean, it was an indentation of where her hand was sitting.

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00:36:30,600 --> 00:36:33,000

Following the incident, all three witnesses

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00:36:33,100 --> 00:36:35,400

were examined at a NASA-run laboratory

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00:36:35,500 --> 00:36:37,000

for radiation exposure.

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00:36:37,060 --> 00:36:40,560

Joanne Donaldson was a member of the NASA medical team

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00:36:40,660 --> 00:36:43,760

that conducted the examination.

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00:36:43,860 --> 00:36:50,600

My role was to make sure all the readings were recorded

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00:36:50,700 --> 00:36:54,400

correctly and accurately, and that everything

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00:36:54,500 --> 00:36:57,940

was documented accordingly to the established protocols

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00:36:58,040 --> 00:37:01,280

for doing radiation testing.

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00:37:01,380 --> 00:37:03,680

I was able to see that the radiation

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00:37:03,740 --> 00:37:07,800

was being recorded for doing radiation testing.

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00:37:07,900 --> 00:37:10,740

They did get radiation exposure,

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00:37:10,840 --> 00:37:15,240

and I fully believe that their story was absolutely true.

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00:37:15,340 --> 00:37:19,980

There was no fabrication in that experience.

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00:37:20,080 --> 00:37:22,380

I got nauseous and sick.

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00:37:22,480 --> 00:37:25,520

It probably lasted two or three days with me.

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00:37:25,620 --> 00:37:29,560

My grandmother, she had the same symptoms,

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00:37:29,660 --> 00:37:32,260

but she also had blisters on her skin.

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00:37:32,440 --> 00:37:35,840

And she'd have sores for several years after that.

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00:37:35,940 --> 00:37:39,300

Betty Cash suffered the most severe part of it.

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00:37:39,400 --> 00:37:42,640

She was out of the car the longest.

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00:37:42,740 --> 00:37:48,980

According to the doctors, she had the most exposure to it.

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00:37:49,080 --> 00:37:51,880

The mutual UFO network, also known as Muffin,

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00:37:51,980 --> 00:37:55,720

investigated the Cash Lantern case and radiation exposure,

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00:37:55,820 --> 00:37:58,660

which was verified by a radiologist later

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00:37:58,760 --> 00:38:00,820

and put into their public record.

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00:38:00,880 --> 00:38:02,280

What was rare about this incident

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00:38:02,380 --> 00:38:05,920

is it's one of the very few that resulted in court proceedings

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00:38:06,020 --> 00:38:09,320

because Cash and Landrum actually sued the Air Force

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00:38:09,420 --> 00:38:11,160

for their injuries.

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00:38:11,260 --> 00:38:13,720

The lawsuit was against the federal government.

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00:38:13,820 --> 00:38:16,700

It was thrown out.

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00:38:16,800 --> 00:38:22,600

They just said that it was not government affiliated.

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00:38:22,700 --> 00:38:24,700

Could the Cash-Landrum incidents

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00:38:24,800 --> 00:38:27,200

and the connection between the men in black and black

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00:38:27,300 --> 00:38:30,440

helicopters provide evidence that the US government

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00:38:30,500 --> 00:38:35,340

is, in fact, working alongside extraterrestrials?

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00:38:35,440 --> 00:38:37,640

Is this the secret that the men in black

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00:38:37,740 --> 00:38:40,140

are so vigilantly defending?

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00:38:40,240 --> 00:38:42,780

Ancient astronaut theorists say yes

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00:38:42,880 --> 00:38:45,820

and suggest that their ability to hide the truth

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00:38:45,920 --> 00:38:49,360

is due to a powerful and disturbing technology.

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00:38:56,860 --> 00:38:59,760

70 years on from the Moray Island incident,

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00:38:59,820 --> 00:39:02,480

and the first known men in black sighting,

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00:39:02,580 --> 00:39:04,780

the mysterious figures continue to capture

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00:39:04,880 --> 00:39:07,820

the public's imagination.

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00:39:07,920 --> 00:39:10,460

We're still fascinated with all the stuff

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00:39:10,560 --> 00:39:13,860

that this unleashed in 1947.

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00:39:13,960 --> 00:39:17,160

And it's amazing the kind of life it's taken on,

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00:39:17,260 --> 00:39:22,100

especially when you trace it back to kind of a single incident

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00:39:22,200 --> 00:39:24,600

and then track it through these other experiences

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00:39:24,700 --> 00:39:29,240

and the connecting of dots that it's kind of gained a momentum.

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00:39:29,820 --> 00:39:32,340

You know, the men in black have gone from these very scary,

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00:39:32,440 --> 00:39:37,240

intimidating, possibly ghost-like extraterrestrial beings

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00:39:37,340 --> 00:39:39,940

to this cultural phenomenon.

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00:39:40,040 --> 00:39:42,920

I think the world of entertainment, especially Hollywood

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00:39:43,020 --> 00:39:47,860

movies like men in black, are part of disclosure

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00:39:47,960 --> 00:39:52,760

because those movies are preparing us for the fact

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00:39:52,860 --> 00:39:55,300

that we are not alone in the universe.

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00:39:55,400 --> 00:39:58,100

While real world accounts paint a much different picture

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00:39:58,160 --> 00:40:01,400

than what has been portrayed in the movies,

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00:40:01,500 --> 00:40:05,360

both describe a technology that may explain how the men in black

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00:40:05,460 --> 00:40:09,700

have been able to operate in the shadows for so long.

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00:40:09,800 --> 00:40:12,400

With the men in black movies, they

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00:40:12,500 --> 00:40:16,540

are using this special device called a neuralizer.

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00:40:16,640 --> 00:40:20,380

When this device is activated on you, the subject,

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00:40:20,480 --> 00:40:24,680

you will not have any memory of what happened before.

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00:40:24,780 --> 00:40:26,280

And they plant new ideas in your head,

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00:40:26,560 --> 00:40:29,380

oh, this is what you just saw.

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00:40:29,480 --> 00:40:34,020

And yet, there seems to be some device like this.

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00:40:34,120 --> 00:40:36,080

It's mentioned in men in black books

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00:40:36,180 --> 00:40:39,180

that there's a device called the Rick Edum device,

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00:40:39,280 --> 00:40:42,120

radio-hypnotic inter-cerebral control

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00:40:42,220 --> 00:40:46,560

dashed Edum, electronic dissolution of memory.

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00:40:46,660 --> 00:40:48,300

What if you really can wipe somebody's memory

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00:40:48,400 --> 00:40:50,640

with just a little flash of a device

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00:40:50,740 --> 00:40:53,500

and make them forget very, very specific things?

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00:40:53,600 --> 00:40:55,100

Maybe they're around us all the time.

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00:40:55,160 --> 00:41:00,200

Maybe what we think we know about UFOs and aliens

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00:41:00,300 --> 00:41:04,000

is actually a deliberately manipulated consciousness

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00:41:04,100 --> 00:41:06,540

raising timeline that's been controlled

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00:41:06,640 --> 00:41:09,840

by men in black all along.

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00:41:09,940 --> 00:41:13,280

UFO sightings haven't stopped quite the opposite.

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00:41:13,380 --> 00:41:16,520

So if UFO sightings are still going on,

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00:41:16,620 --> 00:41:19,380

there's no reason to suppose that men in black

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00:41:19,480 --> 00:41:23,120

aren't still going around speaking to witnesses.

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00:41:23,180 --> 00:41:26,220

And if they're successful in their mission,

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00:41:26,320 --> 00:41:28,120

we don't get to hear about it.

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00:41:28,220 --> 00:41:30,880

It's quite possible that the men in black

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00:41:30,980 --> 00:41:34,520

are still operating, still intimidating witnesses,

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00:41:34,620 --> 00:41:40,200

and still being the gatekeepers of the UFO secret.

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00:41:40,300 --> 00:41:43,600

Could there be an alien presence on planet Earth

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00:41:43,700 --> 00:41:47,640

that is far more widespread than we have ever imagined?

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00:41:47,740 --> 00:41:51,980

Are the men in black working to keep humanity in the dark?

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00:41:52,040 --> 00:41:55,880

And if so, when the truth finally comes to light,

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00:41:55,980 --> 00:41:59,440

will it be forever wiped from our memories?

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00:41:59,540 --> 00:42:03,420

Perhaps it has already happened.

