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A housewife who convinced millions to share their sightings.

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Coral Lorenzen is one of the earliest people who said

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there is something serious about these objects in the sky.

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A scientist who uncovered shocking new evidence

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00:00:17,020 --> 00:00:19,080

about a crashed UFO.

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Stand-in Friedman, more than any one other person,

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opened up Roswell for the rest of the world.

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An astronomer who documented close encounters

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00:00:28,120 --> 00:00:30,120

for the US military.

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My father really was convinced that there was just something

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00:00:33,260 --> 00:00:36,700

that was too legitimate to ignore.

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Ancient astronaut theorist, George O'Souklos,

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author David Childress,

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and former British Ministry of Defense officer,

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Nick Pope, have come together to examine the groundbreaking work

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of pioneering researchers, investigators,

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and whistleblowers who dared to challenge the scientific

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00:00:57,980 --> 00:01:00,780

establishment and change the world.

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Without Jacques Vellet,

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we probably wouldn't be having this discussion.

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But does the final chapter of their story remain to be written?

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Will it soon be revealed, once and for all,

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00:01:13,160 --> 00:01:17,840

that Earth is being visited by extraterrestrials?

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00:01:17,840 --> 00:01:20,600

You have to wonder, where does this all lead

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00:01:20,600 --> 00:01:24,040

and will we soon come closer to the truth?

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00:01:27,200 --> 00:01:30,280

There is a doorway in the universe.

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00:01:31,780 --> 00:01:34,640

Beyond it is the promise of truth.

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00:01:36,020 --> 00:01:40,420

It demands we question everything we have ever been taught.

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00:01:41,320 --> 00:01:44,760

The evidence is all around us.

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00:01:44,760 --> 00:01:48,800

The future is right before our eyes.

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00:01:48,800 --> 00:01:51,600

We are not alone.

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00:01:51,600 --> 00:01:54,300

We have never been alone.

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I'm excited to be here with you guys,

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talking about the modern UFO phenomenon.

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The paradigm has certainly shifted,

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00:02:06,580 --> 00:02:10,280

because 20 years ago it was always deny, deny, deny.

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So, you know, I think that we are living

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00:02:13,160 --> 00:02:15,500

in incredibly exciting times.

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00:02:15,500 --> 00:02:16,900

We are, absolutely.

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00:02:16,900 --> 00:02:21,860

And this, of course, is part of a wider, interconnected story.

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00:02:21,860 --> 00:02:25,040

Revelation after Revelation from the guise of the Earth.

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00:02:25,060 --> 00:02:28,260

Revelation after Revelation from the government itself.

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00:02:28,260 --> 00:02:31,600

I also would offer that ancient aliens

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00:02:31,600 --> 00:02:34,800

has contributed to this paradigm shift,

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00:02:34,800 --> 00:02:39,800

where people are now comfortable in telling their stories,

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00:02:41,080 --> 00:02:42,280

their experiences that they've had,

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00:02:42,280 --> 00:02:47,280

the so-called zeitgeist has changed in our favor.

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00:02:48,620 --> 00:02:50,620

And I really think that with whatever is going on

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00:02:50,620 --> 00:02:52,720

in the modern UFO phenomenon,

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00:02:52,760 --> 00:02:56,600

it is directly connected to ancient times.

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00:02:56,600 --> 00:02:58,720

Well, the UFO phenomenon has been going on

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00:02:58,720 --> 00:03:00,440

for thousands of years,

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with historical texts talking about UFOs.

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Even in the Middle Ages,

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you find stories that were printed

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00:03:09,120 --> 00:03:12,760

in what they used to call broadsheets of UFOs,

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00:03:12,760 --> 00:03:16,800

like, for example, in Nuremberg or in Basel.

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And they actually have reproductions

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of what they saw up in the skies.

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Clearly, they did not have photographs back then,

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00:03:23,240 --> 00:03:24,760

but they had drawings.

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And the way these things are being reported today

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is because we have the technology.

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People have reported strange sightings in the sky

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since the earliest recorded history.

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For thousands of years,

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such encounters were conveyed through oral traditions,

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texts, and artwork.

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But then, in 1839,

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French artist Louis Degueur provided humankind

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00:03:52,800 --> 00:03:56,840

with a powerful new technology, the Degueurotype.

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It was the first publicly available photographic process.

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And suddenly, people were able to share the exact images

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00:04:04,720 --> 00:04:06,600

they saw with their own eyes.

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00:04:08,880 --> 00:04:11,080

Just three decades later,

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00:04:11,080 --> 00:04:14,240

the world got its first alleged UFO photo.

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00:04:15,240 --> 00:04:18,680

The very first photo that we have of a UFO

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00:04:18,680 --> 00:04:22,080

is of a huge cylindrical craft

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over Mount Washington in New Hampshire,

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00:04:24,280 --> 00:04:28,000

taken in 1870, right at the very beginning of photography.

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00:04:30,040 --> 00:04:33,920

You see this cloud formation up in Mount Washington,

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00:04:33,920 --> 00:04:38,200

and you see this very obvious cigar-shaped object.

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00:04:38,200 --> 00:04:43,080

Of course, many UFO reports describe cigar-shaped objects.

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00:04:43,200 --> 00:04:46,080

This is photographic, and it turns out it is.

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00:04:50,000 --> 00:04:55,120

As technology evolved over the late 1800s and early 1900s,

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00:04:55,120 --> 00:04:57,320

so did humankind's understanding

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of many long-held assumptions.

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Instead of linking strange events in the sky with the divine,

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a few inquisitive minds proposed a profound new explanation

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that intelligent beings from other planets

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who possess technology far beyond our own

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were visiting our world.

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One of the first to investigate this possibility

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was an American writer and researcher named Charles Fort.

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People had written about strange lights in the sky before,

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but Fort was probably the first person in modern life

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00:05:33,560 --> 00:05:40,680

who assembled the stories into his books in a systematic way.

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Fort saw it as his job to poke holes

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00:05:44,000 --> 00:05:46,000

in the straight story of science

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as it was developing at that time,

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00:05:48,920 --> 00:05:51,280

and it demonstrated that there was a whole world

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00:05:51,280 --> 00:05:55,080

of strange, unexplained, persistent phenomena.

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In 1919, Fort published his landmark collection

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00:06:00,960 --> 00:06:04,120

of anomalous incidents and strange sightings.

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00:06:04,120 --> 00:06:07,840

He called it the Book of the Damned.

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Now, what he meant by that is all of the data

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00:06:10,840 --> 00:06:13,240

that he incorporated and put into that book

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00:06:13,240 --> 00:06:17,680

was damned by the scientific world of his time.

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That's the whole point.

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00:06:18,680 --> 00:06:20,680

This was data that no one would look at.

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00:06:22,200 --> 00:06:26,920

Today, the term Fortian continues to be used to describe events

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00:06:26,920 --> 00:06:30,720

that cannot be explained by conventional science.

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00:06:30,720 --> 00:06:34,240

But it would take 25 years and a world war

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00:06:34,320 --> 00:06:37,600

for researchers to examine Fort's accounts more closely.

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00:06:39,440 --> 00:06:42,200

So a lot of the modern UFO phenomenon

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00:06:42,200 --> 00:06:45,600

really started during the Second World War.

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00:06:45,600 --> 00:06:49,280

We had a couple of things, aspects to this.

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00:06:49,280 --> 00:06:52,840

The Battle of Los Angeles, an amazing event

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00:06:52,840 --> 00:06:57,400

where upwards of 1,400 anti-aircraft shells

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00:06:57,400 --> 00:07:00,600

were fired into the air at something

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00:07:00,600 --> 00:07:03,160

that had been hovering over Los Angeles.

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00:07:03,200 --> 00:07:05,880

There's a photo as well as a classic photo.

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00:07:05,880 --> 00:07:08,600

It was on the front page of the LA Times.

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00:07:08,600 --> 00:07:11,560

Yeah, then you have these pilots

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00:07:11,560 --> 00:07:15,480

who see strange balls of light called Foo Fighters.

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00:07:15,480 --> 00:07:19,560

And I couldn't talk about UFOs without, of course,

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00:07:19,560 --> 00:07:22,960

mentioning one word, Roswell.

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00:07:22,960 --> 00:07:25,040

In the military, this is a press release

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00:07:25,040 --> 00:07:27,680

which says we've recovered a flying disk.

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00:07:27,680 --> 00:07:31,560

So you have these events coming thick and fast,

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00:07:31,560 --> 00:07:33,600

but who's collating it all?

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00:07:33,600 --> 00:07:37,840

We should never forget that maybe we have it easy now.

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00:07:37,840 --> 00:07:41,680

We have this vast body of work that we can build on.

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00:07:41,680 --> 00:07:44,720

And one of the great pioneers of this subject

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00:07:44,720 --> 00:07:48,480

who did so much to bring it into the mainstream

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00:07:48,480 --> 00:07:50,160

was Carl Lerenson.

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00:07:51,960 --> 00:07:55,400

By the 1950s, thousands of UFO sightings

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00:07:55,400 --> 00:07:58,200

were being reported around the country.

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00:07:58,200 --> 00:08:00,080

But while most dismiss these accounts

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00:08:00,120 --> 00:08:02,680

as little more than curiosity,

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00:08:02,680 --> 00:08:05,920

one woman in Arizona took them seriously,

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00:08:05,920 --> 00:08:09,600

a 35-year-old housewife named Carl Lerenson.

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When Carl Lerenson was nine years old,

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00:08:13,640 --> 00:08:17,040

she had her first UFO sighting in a playground

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00:08:17,040 --> 00:08:18,520

with two friends.

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She stated that the craft reminded her

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00:08:22,400 --> 00:08:25,720

of a parachute without strings.

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00:08:25,720 --> 00:08:28,880

After her experiences, what she wanted to do

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00:08:28,920 --> 00:08:31,600

was kind of nail this down on a scientific basis,

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00:08:31,600 --> 00:08:33,160

not just woo-woo stuff.

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00:08:34,240 --> 00:08:35,920

Working out of their home,

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

Coral and her husband Jim

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00:08:37,920 --> 00:08:41,200

founded the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization,

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00:08:41,200 --> 00:08:45,840

or APRO, the world's first public investigation of UFOs.

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Using little more than her wits and a telephone,

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00:08:51,200 --> 00:08:54,040

Coral collected thousands of unpublished reports

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00:08:54,040 --> 00:08:55,960

from witnesses around the country

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00:08:56,920 --> 00:08:59,200

to rule out planes and unusual weather

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00:08:59,200 --> 00:09:00,920

as the cause of the sightings.

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00:09:00,920 --> 00:09:04,120

Coral judiciously crossed reference these accounts

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00:09:04,120 --> 00:09:07,480

by contacting local airfields and military bases.

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00:09:10,200 --> 00:09:12,400

What she was able to do was show

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00:09:12,400 --> 00:09:15,280

there were commonalities among UFO sightings,

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00:09:15,280 --> 00:09:17,360

there were things that UFOs did,

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00:09:17,360 --> 00:09:20,600

and that observers saw that stretched across different cultures

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00:09:20,600 --> 00:09:22,320

in different parts of the United States.

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00:09:23,000 --> 00:09:25,440

Eventually, Coral's organization

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00:09:25,440 --> 00:09:27,800

grew to have thousands of members

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00:09:27,800 --> 00:09:30,600

and collected reports from around the world.

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00:09:30,600 --> 00:09:33,640

The organization started out small,

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00:09:33,640 --> 00:09:36,800

but as its reputation grew,

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00:09:36,800 --> 00:09:40,200

she was able to attract many scientists

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00:09:40,200 --> 00:09:45,200

and also people in the Air Force from other countries.

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00:09:46,320 --> 00:09:49,200

Considered one of the best civilian research groups

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00:09:49,200 --> 00:09:51,200

of its time, Coral Aram.

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Coral Aramson oversaw the aerial phenomena

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00:09:55,120 --> 00:09:58,560

research organization for more than three decades,

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00:09:58,560 --> 00:10:01,360

until her death in 1988.

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She set up this group with thousands of members

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00:10:08,360 --> 00:10:11,680

and she was really pulling all this together.

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00:10:11,680 --> 00:10:15,280

They had representatives in different states in the US,

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00:10:15,280 --> 00:10:17,160

in different countries too.

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00:10:17,160 --> 00:10:22,640

Of course, APRO as a group wound up in 1988, I think it was,

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00:10:22,640 --> 00:10:26,080

but of course, MUFON, the mutual UFO network,

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is a spin-off of APRO.

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00:10:28,960 --> 00:10:33,720

So she was really cataloging a wide variety of UFO activity

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00:10:33,720 --> 00:10:34,880

all over the world.

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00:10:34,880 --> 00:10:36,960

What was the reaction back then

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00:10:36,960 --> 00:10:39,120

when she would call the Air Force bases?

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00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:42,880

Would they readily talk to her or would they stonewall her?

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00:10:42,880 --> 00:10:44,360

She hit some brick walls

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00:10:44,360 --> 00:10:46,720

and people were probably saying in the military,

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00:10:46,760 --> 00:10:48,040

who the heck is this?

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00:10:48,040 --> 00:10:49,960

But she was genacious.

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00:10:49,960 --> 00:10:54,520

She was, look, here's this woman blazing this trail,

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00:10:54,520 --> 00:10:57,920

starting almost this whole field of study

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00:10:57,920 --> 00:11:00,240

which we now see today.

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00:11:03,800 --> 00:11:06,240

Nick, can you tell us about your work

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00:11:06,240 --> 00:11:08,560

at the British Ministry of Defence?

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00:11:08,560 --> 00:11:11,720

Sure, I worked there for 21 years.

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00:11:12,800 --> 00:11:16,600

And from 1991 through to 1994,

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00:11:16,600 --> 00:11:19,880

I ran their small UFO program.

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00:11:19,880 --> 00:11:23,680

My job was to research and investigate the phenomenon

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00:11:23,680 --> 00:11:25,840

to determine whether there was anything

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00:11:25,840 --> 00:11:29,320

of any defence significance, any threat,

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00:11:29,320 --> 00:11:32,880

anything of more general scientific interest.

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00:11:32,880 --> 00:11:35,320

Were you the first person to have that position

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00:11:35,320 --> 00:11:36,520

or was there somebody before you?

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00:11:36,520 --> 00:11:39,000

Oh, many, many people before me.

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00:11:39,000 --> 00:11:43,760

We had been looking at this on an ad hoc basis

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00:11:43,760 --> 00:11:45,760

since the Second World War.

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00:11:45,760 --> 00:11:49,600

And what were some of the challenges that you were faced with

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00:11:49,600 --> 00:11:53,640

in order to determine what was a valid sighting?

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00:11:53,640 --> 00:11:57,240

I mean, was there a certain protocol to the work you did?

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00:11:57,240 --> 00:11:59,960

Well, there were many challenges,

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00:11:59,960 --> 00:12:04,600

but the protocols were actually quite set.

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00:12:04,600 --> 00:12:09,240

We had a standard methodology very closely modelled

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on the United States methodologies developed in part

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by Dr J. Allen Hynek.

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In 1948, Dr J. Allen Hynek was working as the Professor

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of Physics and Astronomy at Ohio State University

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when he received an unusual job offer.

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The U.S. Air Force approached him to investigate UFO sightings.

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Reluctantly, he joined the special operation,

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00:12:36,880 --> 00:12:40,080

which would become known as Project Blue Book.

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00:12:41,360 --> 00:12:43,400

At the beginning, I think my father thought

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00:12:43,440 --> 00:12:46,240

this would be a few weekends' worth of work

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00:12:46,240 --> 00:12:49,040

just to poo-poo some flying saucer reports

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00:12:49,040 --> 00:12:52,040

from, you know, Mrs. Jones out in Poughkeepsie.

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00:12:54,480 --> 00:12:56,280

Despite his skepticism,

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00:12:56,280 --> 00:13:00,280

Dr Hynek approached the assignment with an open mind.

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As part of his investigations,

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00:13:02,280 --> 00:13:05,680

he pioneered new ways of studying aerial phenomena.

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Rather than coming through reports,

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00:13:09,200 --> 00:13:12,160

Dr Hynek personally investigated sightings

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00:13:12,200 --> 00:13:15,200

and interviewed eyewitnesses across the country.

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00:13:16,200 --> 00:13:17,600

Based on his research,

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00:13:17,600 --> 00:13:21,840

he developed a new system to categorize UFO sightings.

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We came up with a classification system

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of close encounters of the first, second, and third kind.

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A close encounter of the first kind

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00:13:31,920 --> 00:13:35,480

is when you see an object within, say, 500 feet.

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00:13:36,640 --> 00:13:38,440

A close encounter of the second kind

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00:13:38,440 --> 00:13:40,720

is when there's some kind of physical trace,

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00:13:40,760 --> 00:13:42,680

maybe some irradiated dirt.

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00:13:43,480 --> 00:13:45,080

A close encounter of the third kind

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00:13:45,080 --> 00:13:47,560

is where you actually have contact

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00:13:47,560 --> 00:13:49,080

with some type of entity.

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00:13:52,960 --> 00:13:55,320

Dr Hynek's meticulous application

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00:13:55,320 --> 00:13:58,560

of the scientific method in his investigations

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00:13:58,560 --> 00:14:01,440

enabled him to dismiss many alleged sightings

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00:14:01,440 --> 00:14:04,640

as aircraft, meteors, or even stars.

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00:14:05,960 --> 00:14:09,960

But curiously, of the more than 12,000 UFO sightings,

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00:14:10,400 --> 00:14:12,800

Dr Hynek's office investigated,

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00:14:12,800 --> 00:14:17,040

701 remain categorized as unidentified.

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00:14:18,720 --> 00:14:21,320

What my father was fascinated by

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00:14:21,320 --> 00:14:26,320

were this irreducible core of 5% of cases

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00:14:26,360 --> 00:14:28,640

that could not be explained.

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00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:33,120

There was just something that was too legitimate to ignore.

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00:14:34,600 --> 00:14:36,320

For many, many years,

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00:14:36,400 --> 00:14:41,400

Hynek really just played the Air Force's party line on UFOs.

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00:14:43,080 --> 00:14:46,480

But finally, as you're really getting into the 1960s,

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1966, and 1967,

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00:14:48,440 --> 00:14:51,480

Hynek makes his public position clear

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00:14:51,480 --> 00:14:54,120

that this is a serious phenomenon.

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That set up a really difficult tension

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because the Air Force was getting more sort of stonewalling

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in their attitude, and my father really was convinced

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that there was a phenomena,

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00:15:04,240 --> 00:15:06,120

but really wanted the word to get out.

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But rather than expand the investigation,

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in 1969, the Air Force abruptly shut down Project Blue Book.

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In the years that followed,

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Hynek became an outspoken supporter of UFO research,

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publishing numerous books on the subject until his death in 1986.

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Hynek became increasingly disillusioned

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with the Air Force policy on this,

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and, yes, he was frustrated.

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These people have no interest in going public

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and saying there might be extraterrestrials.

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And he's privy, as you were, to classify documents.

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And, you know, you have to have a security clearance.

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He must have had that, too.

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So there were things that he could not talk about.

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Wouldn't you think?

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I'm sure that's the case.

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He was someone on the inside,

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and he probably had a deeper understanding of this phenomenon

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than almost anyone else involved at the time.

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And Jack Valle is another fascinating character,

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a colleague, of course, of Dr J. Allen Hynek

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and two of the early giants in this field.

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Without Jack Valle, Dr J. Allen Hynek,

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00:16:24,840 --> 00:16:26,720

we probably wouldn't be sitting around this table

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00:16:26,720 --> 00:16:28,120

having this discussion.

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Jack Valle went back into folklore.

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He was one of the first to see,

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00:16:34,320 --> 00:16:36,240

and certainly the first to popularize,

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that parallel between these folkloric accounts

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and the more modern accounts of UFOs

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and specifically alien abduction.

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Half of my family comes from Austria,

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and there are many folkloric tales of fairy folk

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where a shepherd either disappears

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00:16:53,960 --> 00:16:57,720

or a shepherd goes to sleep and doesn't wake up for a week.

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Even though in his mind, only two hours have elapsed,

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so I think it's wonderful that Valle looked at those stories

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and put them into the context

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of potential extraterrestrial encounters.

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Jack is probably our greatest living scientist

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and scholar of UFO studies.

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He wrote one of the most influential books

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that figures into the UFO field,

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which is called Passport to Magonia,

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where he ventured the theory that folklore

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all throughout the ages matches up extraordinarily well

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with contemporary UFO accounts.

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In 1961, Dr. Jean Valle was working as an astronomer

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with the French Space Committee

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when he noticed a mysterious object orbiting the Earth.

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This event sparked a lifelong interest in the UFO phenomenon,

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which he continues to investigate

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more than six decades later.

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Valle started out in the mid-1960s

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working closely with Alan Hynick,

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doing what you might call standard UFO analysis back then,

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looking at various sightings.

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While working with Hynick,

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Valle boldly proposed a profound new theory

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to explain UFO sightings and other paranormal experiences.

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He argued that many UFOs seem to be manipulating

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the space-time continuum and suggested

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they may not have come from another planet,

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but from another dimension.

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Dr. Jean Valle was years ahead of his time.

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When everyone else was looking at the nuts and bolts

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00:18:43,760 --> 00:18:46,720

of UFOs and their occupants,

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Jean Valle was interested in the interdimensional phenomena

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related to UFO reports.

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Jacques really helped the field accept the idea

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of truly exotic solutions.

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Once you really dig into the UFO phenomena,

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it's very hard to find one solution

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that fits all of the cases that have been reported.

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J. Alan Hynick, Jacques Valle were pioneers in this field,

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and an interesting piece of film trivia,

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the classic sci-fi movie,

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close encounters of the third kind.

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It's a homage to J. Alan Hynick,

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and Spielberg gave him a little cameo in the movie.

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In that wonderful scene where the mothership

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comes down at the end, he's the guy with the pipe.

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And actually Jacques Valle is depicted in that movie too,

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00:19:43,240 --> 00:19:44,080

in a sense.

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Isn't he the French UFO expert in the movie

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who then uses music and tones

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to communicate with the extraterrestrials?

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Yes, indeed.

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And a lot of people don't know this.

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Close encounters of the third kind,

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it's based on the story of one of the great pioneers

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in this field.

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Another pioneer in this field was Robert Emanager,

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who wrote the book UFOs Past, Present, and Future.

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Well, there's a fascinating story about him.

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He was basically promised that he would get film footage

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of a UFO landing at an air force base.

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Really?

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In 1972, filmmaker Robert Emanager

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was hired by President Richard Nixon's chief of staff,

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H.R. Haldeman, to produce a documentary film.

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The committee to reelect the president

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wanted to make a scientific documentary

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that would support Nixon,

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a documentary about some secret project

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that the government's been working on

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that can be declassified.

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But as soon as Emanager started on the project,

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it took an unexpected turn.

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Bob Emanager was asked,

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how would you like to make a documentary on UFOs?

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00:21:11,120 --> 00:21:12,880

And Bob Emanager was stunned.

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00:21:13,880 --> 00:21:16,280

He told me at his home,

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00:21:16,280 --> 00:21:19,000

I didn't know anything about UFOs, I was shocked.

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They said if we would make the documentary,

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we would be given 600 feet of 16 millimeter film

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shot at Haldeman Air Force Base of a UFO landing there.

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So Emanager agreed to do it.

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Emanager said about producing a documentary

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00:21:39,600 --> 00:21:42,120

that would present the public with authentic footage

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00:21:42,560 --> 00:21:44,360

of a UFO.

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But when it came time to receive

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the sensational materials he'd been promised,

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the government had a change of heart.

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Their white host contact said,

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Bob, I hate to tell you, but the film has been withdrawn.

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00:21:59,720 --> 00:22:02,360

Bob Emanager was crushed, he said, why?

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With everything we've done,

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with everything that's in place, why would you do this?

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00:22:07,040 --> 00:22:08,880

And he said, Watergate.

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They said, we can't allow you to use the film.

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00:22:12,560 --> 00:22:14,840

You have to do your own version of it.

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00:22:14,840 --> 00:22:16,520

Something that might have happened in the past

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may happen in the future.

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So they did that.

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It was a documentary called UFOs Has Present Future,

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and they also had a book by the same name.

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Even without the military's footage,

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the 1974 release of Emanager's documentary

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caused a stir among the UFO community.

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And many believe the alleged encounter

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at Holloman Air Force Base influenced

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a much more famous film.

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The documentary was done in 1975.

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Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind

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came out in 1977.

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So when you see Close Encounters of the Third Kind,

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it's the Holloman Air Force Base story.

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Just change the location, it's exactly what the story was.

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On December 14th, 1977,

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Close Encounters of the Third Kind

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opened in wide release across America,

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grossing over \$10 million its first week.

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But could it have been based on an actual event?

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This is a fascinating story of a UFO landing

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at an air force base.

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And look, the military themselves maybe

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can't just come out and say this

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because implicit in that admission

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would be an admission that they lied about this for decades.

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But I think also that we can handle this, this truth.

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A long time ago, people would say,

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well, how do you deal with the skeptics?

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Well, one of the pioneers who unfortunately is no longer with us

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because he passed away only a few years ago

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is Dr. Stanton Friedman, the nuclear physicist.

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Stanton Friedman was an absolute powerhouse in this field.

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Over the course of that career, he gave,

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goodness, I don't have the figure, it's hundreds,

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I think it's thousands of individual presentations

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at schools, colleges, all sorts of different places.

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And he was a crusader and evangelist for this subject.

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And I couldn't talk about Stanton without, of course, mentioning Roswell.

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As interest in the UFO phenomenon grew,

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some of the nation's top scientists began their own investigations,

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including nuclear physicist Dr. Stanton Friedman.

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One of Dr. Friedman's most significant contributions

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to the study of UFOs was his research

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into an incident in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947,

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when a flying saucer allegedly crashed

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and was swiftly covered up by the US military.

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Stanton Friedman's the man who interviewed Jesse Marcel Sr.,

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who was the most important of the Roswell witnesses.

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Major Jesse Marcel was the head intelligence officer

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at Roswell Army Airfield.

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He and Brigadier General Roger Ramey,

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head of the Eighth Air Force,

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were the officer's task with transporting the debris

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recovered from the Roswell crash site

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to Fort Worth, Texas to present to the media.

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In his interview with Stanton Friedman,

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Major Marcel made a shocking admission.

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He claimed that General Ramey replaced the real Roswell debris.

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Major Marcel explained how they swapped the Roswell debris

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with radar material from a radar balloon,

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00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:45,240

and he had to swear that's what he saw.

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So the point is that Stanton unearthed a lot of this material

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and was the first person to make it public.

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Stanton alleged that the military was engaged

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in a widespread cover-up of the existence

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00:25:59,160 --> 00:26:01,680

of extraterrestrial life.

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A scandal so big, he called it the Cosmic Watergate.

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If you pick up a UFO book written in the 50s,

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00:26:10,240 --> 00:26:11,720

if it's got an index and you think,

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00:26:11,720 --> 00:26:14,320

oh, look out, Roswell, you won't find it.

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00:26:14,320 --> 00:26:15,480

It's not there.

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The rediscovery of Roswell is really credited

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to Stanton Friedman.

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Interesting.

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You know, we've actually been working all these years

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with one of the earliest modern UFO researchers

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00:26:31,960 --> 00:26:34,640

and pioneers that exist.

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She's a specialist in cattle mutilations.

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00:26:36,920 --> 00:26:39,040

She's a specialist in UFOs.

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And Roswell, our own Linda Moulton-How.

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For more than four decades,

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investigative reporter Linda Moulton-How

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has been researching a potential extraterrestrial presence

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on Earth.

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She has received numerous awards

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for journalistic excellence,

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including an Emmy for her 1980 documentary

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on cattle mutilations titled A Strange Harvest.

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Today, she is the reporter and editor

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of the website, EarthFiles.com,

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which contains an archive of nearly 3,000

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in-depth UFO reports.

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00:27:17,920 --> 00:27:20,960

She's actually waiting to speak with us

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with a video call.

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Hi, Linda. Good to see you.

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00:27:25,320 --> 00:27:27,920

Hi, guys. It's great to see you.

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So tell us, please, what got you started in this field?

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I am a professional TV producer

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and an investigative reporter.

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In September of 1979, I was director of special projects

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at the CBS station in Denver, Colorado.

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And late in that summer, there were headlines

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in the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News

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about bloodless, trackless animal mutilations

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in Colorado and surrounding states.

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I wanted to find out what did this mean,

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a bloodless, trackless animal mutilation?

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This gets me involved, and we do this

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for my film A Strange Harvest.

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There was a classic pattern from case to case to case,

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where these animals have the same tissue taken,

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00:28:16,360 --> 00:28:19,800

ear, eye, tongue, jaw, genitals, and rectum.

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And those were excisions that really baffled

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the sheriffs and the veterinarians

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because the bone where the cut was made glistened,

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like somebody had melted and then polished.

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Right. This would imply some type of external technology.

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I'm wondering in your research,

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with the hundreds of people you've spoken to,

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not just the ranchers, but fellow journalists,

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00:28:45,800 --> 00:28:48,640

broadcasters, the veterinarians,

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what is your bottom-lying conclusions?

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Who's doing this and why?

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Well, Nick, there is no evidence

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beyond the bodies of these animals,

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but one of the ranchers told me that one night

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he saw a round glowing disc, is all he could see,

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put a beam right down into one of his pastures,

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where they had been having mutilations

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around in a large area.

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And in that beam of light,

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he saw one of his animals.

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The sheriff told me this himself.

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He said, I know that the perpetrators

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of these bloodless animal mutilations

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are creatures from outer space.

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And I felt like I had been hit with an electrical shock.

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Creatures from outer space

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could extraterrestrials be responsible

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for the bizarre animal mutilations

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that have been reported by ranchers all over the country?

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And if so, to what end?

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I have literally interviewed thousands now.

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You hear, I saw this kind of light.

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I saw this beam lowering an animal to the pasture

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and it was mutilated.

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Somebody else saw this animal coming up in a beam of light

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and later it was found mutilated.

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And what people were describing in the 20th century

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are what people were describing in the third century

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or 500 BC or going back in time.

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And it's not just the United States,

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it's Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America,

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Australia, New Zealand, all of Western Europe

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and going into Eastern Europe.

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According to the FBI,

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thousands of cattle mutilations

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have been reported across the US since the 1970s.

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Linda's pioneering investigations

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forced those who studied the UFO phenomenon

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to consider a chilling proposition.

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That extraterrestrial beings aren't just here to observe us.

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They may have an agenda for our planet.

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I think it's important to get across

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that there are real people who have been afraid to come forward

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and describe what they actually saw with their own eyes

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because they didn't have video proof

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and they don't want to be criticized.

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Well, Linda, this has been absolutely invaluable

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and we are all so lucky to have you on board with us.

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So we thank you very much for your time.

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Thank you, Georgie.

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Wow, it was incredible. It was pretty interesting.

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She was like the first dogged reporter,

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investigative reporter, you know,

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phoning out people, going to those sites, interviewing people.

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Yeah, it brings it home that these UFOs

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have real, tangible, physical effects

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and that means it's not just imagination, it's real.

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By the way, the U.S. government is one of the last governments

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to admit there is a UFO phenomenon,

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but now we all actually know that the U.S. government

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has been investigating this since the 40s.

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Absolutely, and records, files, documents

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are being declassified and released in record numbers.

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In the United Kingdom, for example,

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we've declassified and released about 60,000 pages of UFO documents,

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some of which were very highly classified.

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And so we get this fuller picture of what's going on.

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And now, you know, almost everybody who has had an experience

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feels compelled to come forward to tell their story.

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I mean, this reminds me of one influential person

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and modern pioneer, Bob Lazar.

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Yes, he was somebody who first spoke out in 1989.

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Bob Lazar is someone who became famous back in 1989

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as a result of a very specific claim that he made.

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And that claim is that he worked at a place just south of Area 51.

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He called it S4.

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He was interviewed by Las Vegas journalist George Knapp

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in a series of very detailed interviews.

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We put him on the air, blacked out his face,

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and he told this incredible story.

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Exactly what's going on up there?

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Well, there's several, actually nine flying saucers, flying discs.

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That are out there of extraterrestrial origin.

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He said it's a secret that needed to be told to the world

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that his life was in danger and that he was coming forward

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and wanted to tell it.

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I could feel my jaw dropping. Is this real?

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We left there thinking, wow, if this is real,

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this is a really big story.

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So we decided, well, let's take the time and get this right.

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Over the next eight months,

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Knapp conducted a thorough investigation

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of Lazar's sensational claims.

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According to Lazar, before he worked at S4,

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he was a physicist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory,

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the facility that developed the atomic bomb.

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The central question for me was, did he work at Los Alamos?

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Because if he did, it would at least be plausible

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that if he worked there in a technical or scientific position

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that he could also be hired at a place like S4.

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So that's where we focused our attention.

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I started calling Los Alamos at first.

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Nope, we have no record of a guy named Bob Lazar.

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I got the phone book from the Los Alamos lab.

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There's his name in the phone book.

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I called him back and said, hey, he's in the phone book.

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They finally sort of exasperatingly told me,

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yeah, we've got a record of him being here.

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We found Bob Lazar to be credible about his background,

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his scientific training, where he had worked.

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For more than two decades,

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Bob Lazar's critics claimed there was no evidence

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of any secret military base in the Nevada desert.

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But then in 2013,

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a Freedom of Information Act request

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forced the CIA to finally acknowledge that Area 51 is real.

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The story of Area 51, it exploded around the world.

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The reason you know about Area 51

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is because Bob Lazar and George Knapp on the news, 1989,

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made it a household name. That's the reason.

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All of that came from Bob Lazar.

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To many researchers, the government's acknowledgement

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of Area 51 established Lazar as more than a UFO pioneer.

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His inside access made him a whistleblower.

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My name's Bob Lazar.

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I'm known for working at a classified base

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known as S-4 out in the Nevada desert near Area 51.

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And there, we reverse engineered alien spacecraft.

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But could Lazar's sensational claims be true?

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Former Air Force pilot Captain David Fruhoff

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worked at Area 51 from 1979 until 1985.

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And while he was never shown any alien technology,

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he attests that Bob Lazar's account of the facility

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is entirely accurate.

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When I was there, we knew about S-4,

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but we didn't know what they did.

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And I know people that had worked for me

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that after I left there, they had seen Bob Lazar there.

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And they admitted that to me recently.

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Bob Lazar's statements and all the things he had said

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have gelled now to the point where I think he's very credible.

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It doesn't necessarily prove every aspect of Bob Lazar's story,

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but Bob Lazar said there was an Area 51,

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and the government then said, yeah, okay, there is.

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So it makes one wonder.

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I mean, look, if Roswell was real,

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they had to take the wreckage somewhere,

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and of course it stands to reason.

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We'd want to know, can we build these things ourselves?

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Can we develop this technology?

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You do it somewhere.

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What better place than Area 51?

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And Area 51 today is part of our pop culture.

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I mean, everyone knows about Area 51.

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I think that anyone who genuinely looks into the UFO phenomenon,

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you have to come away with some belief in it.

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There's no getting away from the fact

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that we are in a stronger position now in terms of evidence

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than we've ever been.

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And actually, when this is accepted,

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we are going to have to fundamentally rethink

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our place in the wider cosmos.

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Right, yes.

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Well, gentlemen, this has been a fascinating conversation.

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So with everything that we have so far,

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cattle medallions, UFO sightings,

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and also ancient stories that pretty much speak of the same thing,

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you have to wonder, where does this all lead,

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and will we soon come closer to the truth?

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There's an amazing consistency to all of these reports,

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and when you put them all in totality,

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it's just not something you can dismiss.

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Something's going on.

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It is, and we're building up to something.

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My God!

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We have military pilots and radar operators

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going on the record with this.

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Government officials who've been involved

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in these sorts of programs.

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We have declassification of documents.

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It seems to be the beginning of disclosure, in a sense.

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Could disclosure, in fact, already be happening,

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with evidence coming from many sources?

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In December 2020,

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former CIA director John Brennan

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made a surprising statement about UFOs

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on the Conversations with Tyler podcast.

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I think some of the phenomena we're going to be seeing

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continues to be unexplained

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and might, in fact, be a different form of life.

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We are living through a remarkable turning point

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right now in UFO studies.

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We don't know what these objects are,

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but the fact that these objects are documented,

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backed by evidence, backed by a long record

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of credible testimony is no longer in dispute.

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It's been over 70 years since these early pioneers

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began collecting data and releasing it to the public,

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and we've really come a long way since then.

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You never forget that all these people,

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whether it's Jack Verlai,

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek,

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Carl Lawrenceon,

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Linda Moulton Howe,

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without them, we probably wouldn't be

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in the fortunate position that we are in today.

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All of these people went down a path

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that was, at the time, unheard of.

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In a way, we are standing on the shoulders of giants.

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Because through the work of the pioneers

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and through shows like Ancient Aliens,

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and now almost everybody who has had an experience

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feels compelled to tell their story

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because it has become more accepted

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and the so-called zeitgeist has changed in our favor.

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Well, I think you're right.

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It's been a great conversation with you guys.

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It's just a fascinating subject, of course.

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Thank you very much for your information, Nick.

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And everything that we've talked about today illustrates this.

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Disclosure that has been going on for a very long time.

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And I can't wait to see what the future holds,

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and I thank you for your time.

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Thank you.

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Thanks, Nick.