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Stargazing scientists at NASA are confident that when the next few decades humans will discover the very first signs of extraterrestrial life.

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Yet some believe it's entirely possible alien craft have already visited Earth.

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Large black flying object.

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Hey calm down calm down.

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But extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence.

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In this series I'm going to investigate some of the most remarkable and recent UFO sightings from around the world.

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They saw something really strange in the sky that day.

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And I'll be joined by renowned astrophysicist and space journalist Sarah Cruders.

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The thing is with something so extraordinary like this we've got to look at all the more logical explanations.

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I still think this can be explained by science.

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As together we'll separate back from fiction once and for all.

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That is an unidentified flying object.

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I knew you were going to say that and yes it is.

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It's one of the greatest UFO mysteries of all time.

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From our specially created UFO investigation hub we'll speak to experts.

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We have no conventional explanation for what we are seeing here.

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Whistle blowers.

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Anytime you step out of ranks in an organization like mine there's obviously going to be some repercussions.

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And first hand witnesses.

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There was this massive boomerang.

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It was at least a mile to a mile and a half wide.

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It was huge.

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Wow that's just spooked me now.

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And finally answer the big question.

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Are we alone in the universe?

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Whatever they are they're not of this world.

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The question of whether UFOs exist has been the source of fascination for over 50 years.

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And in this time a pattern has emerged.

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The strong link between some of our biggest military installations and sightings of UFOs.

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There's a track record of encounters between UFOs and the military.

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Whether it's aircraft in the skies or military bases on the ground.

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But these interactions have been going on for decades.

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Recent reports indicate that UFOs enter US military designated airspace at least once a month.

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And the fact these incursions are being witnessed by highly trained military personnel adds significant credibility.

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In 2019 unidentified objects hovered motionless above the ocean.

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While US Navy fighter jets race past them capturing these images.

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The Pentagon later admitted they were authentic and the subject of ongoing investigations.

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It could potentially involve safety and or national security concerns absolutely.

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In 1994 a UFO was captured on camera by a radar tracking system at Nellis Air Force Base in the Nevada desert.

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The astonishing video evidence was subsequently leaked to the press.

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But one of the most famous UFO cases of all time took place much closer to home in 1980.

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A remote pine forest in Suffolk was the scene of the most significant UFO sighting on British soil.

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Boxing day 1980 3 a.m.

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US military personnel were on patrol at an RAF airbase when they noticed strange lights descending into Rendlesham Forest.

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Servicemen left their base and as they approached the scene they saw a strange object ahead.

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Three meters tall and three meters wide smooth and glowing.

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As they closed in what appeared to be a craft darted away through the trees.

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As dawn broke the military and police discovered broken branches and three small radioactive triangular impressions on the ground.

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The news of this eerie event reached a bemused deputy commander of the base Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt and other personnel.

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But even their military training couldn't prepare them for what happened next.

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A close encounter with something unlike anything they'd ever seen before.

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A few days later

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Sarah something obviously unusual went on.

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This is the Holy Grail of UK UFO sightings more than four decades on.

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It's still not been solved.

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Why hasn't it been solved? I mean the military with the heart of this encounter.

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As far as I know it never came back.

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But it did.

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It's a bit of a mystery.

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A couple of days later they went into the woods again looking for evidence.

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Scorch marks and broken trees took an audio recorder with them.

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To catalogue what they found.

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But Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt saw it again and this is an audio recording of that encounter.

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Okay stop stop.

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Hey this is Eerie.

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This is strange.

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You just saw a light up there.

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Where?

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Right at this position here.

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Straight ahead in between.

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There it is again.

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There it is. I see it too.

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What is it?

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There's no doubt about it.

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Just some type of strange flashed red light in here.

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Weird.

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It's coming this way.

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It's definitely coming this way.

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It's a little shine on.

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There is no doubt about it.

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This is weird.

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There's a light.

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It's flashed lights off.

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There's something very very strange.

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Strange.

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Here he comes from the south.

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He's coming towards us now.

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I don't know if something would appear to be a beam coming down to the ground.

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This is unreal.

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Well that is chilling.

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It is. It feels like you're listening to a horror movie.

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It's like a train to be in difficult situations.

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Yeah I'm genuinely a bit freaked out.

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Let's face it these guys work in an Air Force base.

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They know what aircraft look like.

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And they're saying that was weird.

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Not weird but weird.

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Not strange but strange.

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I mean they're really emphasizing the unusualness of this.

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There's definitely something out there that is not off this world.

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We know something strange went on.

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But there's not enough proof and that's the problem with this.

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It's not solved but it is very compelling.

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OK so 40 years on how do we add to this?

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How do we find evidence and proof?

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We need to speak to experts and we also need to try and find someone from the military.

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Someone who was there that night and witnessed it firsthand.

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That's going to be key to solving this.

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OK who do we talk to first?

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Well we need to speak to Nick Pope, former MOD investigator, UFO expert.

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And what he doesn't know about this case isn't worth knowing.

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We're really excited about this.

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We have audio recording of the Rendlesham incident.

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You're our man in the know.

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Tell us all you know about the incident and its aftermath.

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Well this was December 1980.

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Two US military bases on British soil and Rendlesham Forest lies between them.

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And these encounters happened over three separate nights.

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One of the witnesses on the first night said that when this thing landed and then subsequently took off again,

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it accelerated away at a phenomenal rate and of course all these people were used to seeing fast jets.

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And he just wrote down in his police notebook, speed impossible.

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Now on the last night of activity, yeah, the witnesses included Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt.

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He went out into the forest skeptical about all this, saw the UFO himself and as you've heard, encountered it.

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It's just such a great case in terms of multiple witnesses, military witnesses, declassified government file, I mean everything you could want.

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Well it sounds like it's a slam dunk case, doesn't it?

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I mean, it seems obvious to me that would say aliens existed.

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In terms of evidence, it doesn't get much better than this.

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Now I can't quite push you over the line with this because even those of us at the Ministry of Defence who looked at this and our counterparts in the United States,

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we didn't find any definitive proof that this was extraterrestrial.

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But it's kind of like flipping it the other way around and saying we ruled out all the conventional explanations so we're left with a genuine mystery.

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The lights that they're seeing in the woods, what could they possibly be?

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That's a real mystery because the colours and the configuration, the flashing or whatever, it doesn't correlate to, for example, aircraft lights.

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You wrote a book on this subject and it had to actually be cleared by the MOD before it was published.

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Yes, actually the book needed Department of Defence security clearance in the US too.

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I mean I take my security oath seriously, I don't want to inadvertently disclose classified information.

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How much information haven't they declassified? How much couldn't you tell us?

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There are still things that can't be revealed.

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So for example, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Force in Europe flew specially to the bases, was briefed on this incident,

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took possession of various items of evidence and took them back to his headquarters in Ramstein, Germany.

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And the MOD file shows how angry we were about this, that items of evidence pertaining to the investigation were removed and not shared with the UK.

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We don't know what they did with it, we don't know what they concluded and we don't know where it is now.

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Was this physical evidence, could this been anything like part of a craft?

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We don't know for sure, we know that it does include soil samples taken from the landing site.

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Some of the radar operators have gone on the record.

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They tracked what they call an uncorrelated target.

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But the raw data itself, the original radar tapes, gone.

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Wow.

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Just to play devil's advocate slightly, I know I can be a bit of a killjoy with this, but is it not possible it's just a downed Russian satellite or some sort of foreign technology?

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We can't completely rule that out.

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Have you ever heard of a downed Russian satellite flying upwards at an impossible speed?

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No I haven't.

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Do you know more about this than you're able to tell us?

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I, it's a difficult question actually to answer, I know a little bit more but I don't want to tease you.

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I don't want to imply I know the answer to this because I don't, I genuinely don't.

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There are some things that have not yet been released.

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For example, the issue of the radiation at the landing site is extremely sensitive.

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Some of the witnesses who got close to this thing said that they think health issues that they've had have been attributable to that and there has been a settlement with the Veterans Administration in the US over this.

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Senators got involved, the US government got involved.

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Some of the witnesses were asked for their blood samples, DNA samples, looking at whether there were physiological changes.

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That's about all I can say on that.

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But if the government are doing things like that, checking if someone's DNA has been altered, something, something must have happened, something must have been there.

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Yes I think so, undeniably.

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Well what do you make of that?

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Well Americans nicked our soil, stole all the physical evidence and flew it off to Germany.

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It is interesting though that someone was investigating this and taking physical evidence, it shows that the MOD, the CIA, whoever else was taking this seriously.

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And then later on they've blood-tested people who came into contact with the site.

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So with all this going on, why isn't this down as case-proved?

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What I find interesting is journalists were covering this story. People tried to solve this at the time, but as yet it remains unsolved.

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Where do we go next?

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We've got a lot of potentially credible evidence but actually I want to rule a lot of stuff out because if we can rule a lot of stuff out, we're left with the more extraordinary explanation.

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So I want to speak to a journalist who covered this from the beginning.

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Coming up.

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What I don't understand is why 40 years on we still haven't got to the bottom of this mystery.

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A revelation brings everything crashing back down to earth.

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Well when he told me his answer I nearly fell off my chair.

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I'm just going to sit down a minute because I think you've just bashed my balloon a bit.

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Speechless.

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One of the biggest and to this day still unexplained sightings of the modern era happened deep in the forests of Rendlesham Suffolk.

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In 1980, US Air Force base personnel got up close and personal with what they were convinced was an alien craft.

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There it is again.

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Watch.

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Throw the head off my slasher.

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There it is.

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I see it too.

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What is it?

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We don't know, sir.

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This case is a standout example of a seemingly undeniable connection between UFOs and the United States military.

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It's a military.

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It's a military.

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Our investigation so far has proven a remarkable encounter really did occur in Rendlesham Forest.

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It appears that he made a balloon a bit this way.

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Yes, it's right on the house bed.

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Bill, it's coming this way.

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But the question remains, was it of extraterrestrial origin or man-made?

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Okay, so let's have a look at what we've got.

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American Air Force Base noticed some strange lights going in to Rendlesham Woods.

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Okay?

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We sent a Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt to investigate.

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And we've got the audio recording of that.

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I've got the transcript here.

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He says, there's no doubt there's some type of strange red flashing light.

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Weird.

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It's coming this way.

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It's definitely coming this way.

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Peters of it is shooting off.

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There's no doubt about it.

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This is weird.

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To the left, definitely moving.

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Two lights, one light just behind and one light to the left.

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Keep your flashlights off.

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There's something very, very strange.

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This reads like a horror film.

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It is chilling.

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And then Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt wrote a memo to the Ministry of Defence.

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It's known as the Holt Memo.

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This is famous.

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So the MOD are taking this seriously?

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So seriously, in fact, the former chief of the UK Defence Staff, Lord Peter Hill Norton,

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wrote the MOD to ask them to clarify what steps were being taken to investigate the Rendlesham incident.

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What I don't understand is why 40 years on, we still haven't got to the bottom of this mystery.

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It's one of the greatest mysteries of all UFO sightings of all time.

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And I think we need to rule things out, do a process of elimination.

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So how do we go about this?

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Well, we need to speak to a journalist.

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The media picked up on this story.

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The MOD actually released a press release and it was front page news at the time.

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And this guy Ian Ridpaff, he is a science journalist and he was one of the first people to report on this.

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Listen, Rendlesham's been part of your life for what, say 40 years?

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Am I right to be getting excited about this?

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At the time, you would have been yes, because as you said, it was front page news.

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One of the great headlines, isn't it?

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UFO lands in Suffolk and that's official.

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And when I saw that, I thought, well, I really have to look into this and find out what actually happened.

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And the report spoke of a bright flashing light between, seen between the trees at the eastern edge of Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk.

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And seen on at least two separate nights.

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That's a strange, small red light.

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There is no doubt about it.

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There's some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

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Weird.

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So to try and find out what it might have been, I rang the local forestry office.

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And I spoke to a young forestry and I asked him what he thought it might have been that they'd seen.

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And well, when he told me his answer, I nearly fell off my chair.

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He said, I think it's the lighthouse.

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Now, in all the reports in the news papers, no one had said anything about a lighthouse.

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I didn't know anything about a lighthouse, because I thought, well, I really have to go there and see it for myself.

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I think that's the answer to what they saw.

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There are other parts of the case as well, which I continued to investigate.

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Why had they gone out into the forest in the first place?

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They said they thought they'd seen something crashing.

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I know from experience that bright fireballs can give that impression.

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That is a natural piece of space junk burning up in the atmosphere.

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So 100 miles up, it looks as though it's much, much closer.

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That was almost certainly what they saw, triggered the whole thing.

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They thought something had crashed in the forest.

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They went out to look for it.

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They saw this flashing light between the trees, which they hadn't expected, because they'd never been out there before.

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And they put two and two together and made rather too much of it.

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Ian, I'm just going to sit down a minute, because I think you've heard just, you've just bashed my balloon a bit.

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Two nights later, they called out their superior officer, Colonel Holt, who went out there with a tape recorder and a small party of men.

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One of the men pointed out to Holt, this flashing light in the distance.

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And as they went towards it, they were moving between the trees.

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The light appears to move between the trees.

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Well, that's the direction of the Orford Nest Lighthouse.

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On Colonel Holt's tape, you can hear the men calling out the flashes.

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There it is. There it is again.

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Five second gap.

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That's the flash rate of the Orford Nest Lighthouse.

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Later in the night, he saw other lights, bright starlight lights, he called them.

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They twinkled, colours.

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And they hovered for several hours.

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Well, again, from my experience of investigating UFOs, I know that star-like objects, which hover and twinkle,

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are almost certainly stars.

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And he specifically picked out one to the southwest, which was where the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, was setting.

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So you're trying to tell me that this whole incident is basically a lighthouse and the dog star.

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And that's all it is.

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It's a combination of three things.

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And the interesting thing about the case is that you have these three quite separate stimuli.

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The bright fireball that brought them out there on the first night.

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Then the lighthouse and the bright stars, you put them all together and you have this wonderful case.

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And it's like so many UFO cases.

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It's a misidentification of normal stimuli, things that we can quite easily identify.

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Oh, that stopped me at my tracks.

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Yeah.

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And does Colonel Holt agree with your interpretation of events?

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Oh, no, he doesn't. It would be embarrassing, wouldn't it?

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I think he's not his man, but he's made an honest mistake.

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He's a UFO celebrity.

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He doesn't want to give that up.

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Speechless.

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Well, that's really based my bubble that has.

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When I started the show, I said this was going to be a slam dunk.

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No.

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I thought that we were going to eventually prove that aliens exist.

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Having spoken to Ian, I'm seriously conflicted now.

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And this is the photograph of his website which shows Lieutenant Colonel Holt's point of view.

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And you can see the lighthouse in the distance.

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The aliens didn't know the lighthouse existed, and that's why he was confused about the flashing lights.

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I mean, Ian's given a very plausible and a very scientific explanation to what happened.

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But we've got these MOD reports.

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We've got credible witnesses.

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These are highly trained military personnel.

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It doesn't make sense to me why they'd be so confused.

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Something doesn't add up to me.

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I think we need to track down Colonel Holt.

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I agree.

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He led the investigation into this.

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He was there.

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Coming up.

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The military personnel are saying, hey, what is that?

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Is it a helicopter?

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Is it a balloon?

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Another notorious UFO incident, close to a secret military base, this time in America.

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Which may well have a bearing on the mysterious events at Rendlesham in December 1980.

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It's moving like an insect.

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Like a bee or something, but you couldn't pile it something like that.

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Within government and military circles, there are people who are too afraid to come forward.

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They're too afraid, yes.

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During the last 75 years, there's been a multitude of reports by the military of anomalous flying objects.

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It's only been in recent years, however, since the Pentagon confirmed in September 2019

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that this very footage captured by the US Navy between 2004 and 2015 is authentic,

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but many are finally coming to light.

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But why is it that UFOs appear to be persistently attracted to our military?

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And do they pose a threat to our national security?

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As we endeavour to find out, there's a particular case that has caught our attention.

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The Rendlesham UFO incident is as remarkable as it is mystifying.

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US military personnel reporting how they came face to face with an alien craft 40 years ago on UK soil.

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Make this sighting extraordinary.

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Here he comes from the south. He's coming toward us now.

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I don't know if something like this appears to be a beam coming down to the ground.

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This is unreal.

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Okay, so let's look at what we've got.

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Military base sees some bright lights smashing into Rendlesham Woods.

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They go and investigate and they see something that they think is out of this world is very, very strange.

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Weird. Yeah, it's strange.

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Small red light. There is no doubt about it.

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Just sometimes strange flashing red light ahead. Weird.

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And then a journalist investigates and he says it's a series of unconnected incidents.

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He says it's a fireball, it's a lighthouse and it's serious the dog star in the sky.

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Do you know one thing that puzzles me is how come so many UFO sightings are by military bases?

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It's a great question. It all started with Area 51 and we've had numerous sightings by military bases over the years.

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And I caught up with Nick Pope, our man on the inside, about why this happens.

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What's the relationship between military bases and UFOs?

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Because there seems to be a plethora of UFO sightings near military bases.

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UFOs are undeniably seen very close to military bases.

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Believers say that's because aliens are studying us.

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Skeptics say, come on, that just proves it's military tech.

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So in terms of Nellis Air Force Base, there was some significant sightings there.

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Yes, I mean this really is the Area 51 story.

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I mean Area 51 is part of the Nellis Air Force Base and the wider proving grounds around it

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where all sorts of secret technologies are developed and test flow.

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But of course over the years, believers say it goes further than that.

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People say the US government has recovered alien technology and Area 51 is where it's being either stored and or back engineered

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so we can construct our own.

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This really became a big deal in the 90s where this became part of popular culture.

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And in particular there was a video that emerged and it showed what some people said was a UFO in terms of an alien spacecraft.

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There's a group of Dutch experts who have looked at it.

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They've done a phenomenal amount of research on this video.

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They've slowed it down, they've enlarged it.

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Can you describe what's in the footage?

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It rapidly moves from side to side in a way that implies speeds and G-forces that would be problematic for us.

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And it shows this undeniably solid, structured craft.

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And the other thing is that there's some audio with this video because some of the military personnel are saying,

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hey what is that? Is it a helicopter or is it a balloon?

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And then suddenly it's like, no, no, it's not behaving like that at all.

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Where is it?

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It's right here.

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It's right in the middle of the area.

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It's in the middle of the area.

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Are we going to go up?

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Yes.

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So who are the witnesses on the video?

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Well, not all of them have come forward because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

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That's problematic in evidential terms for sure, but it's somebody who's worked in that classified world.

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It's understandable as well.

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Within government and military circles, there are people who are too afraid to come forward about what they've experienced.

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They're too afraid, yes, frightened in terms of if they discuss something or release something and it turns out that it's classified.

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That's a criminal offense.

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The UFO sighting over the Nevada desert in 1994 has been followed by further, more recent sightings.

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Some reported as recently as this year by members of the public.

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The Nellis Fusage is really interesting. Can we have a closer look at that?

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Because it almost looks like it's moving like an insect, like a bee or something, but you couldn't pile it something like that.

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I mean, the G-forces would be impossible, so it would have to be a drone or something like that.

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Look at how it's changing shape almost.

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But we also know that Nellis Air Force Base, they've got some pretty high-tech stuff there, so it could potentially be just secret military technology.

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It's certainly something that we can't explain.

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That is an unidentified flying object.

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I'll give you that one.

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And we've got really recent sightings. Is it a disc? Is it an orb? And if that was a balloon, it wouldn't move that quickly.

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It depends on the wind speed of the day.

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Oh, true, suppose.

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Let's head back to Rendlesham. How are we going to find our truth in this investigation? Where do we go next?

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Well, there's one person we need to speak to, one person who might hold the key, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt.

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We've read his transcript, we've heard his audio record, and he sounded as though he was really freaked out by the whole thing.

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Yeah, and this is a man who's trained. He's a military man.

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He led the investigation into this. He was there. He saw the second sighting.

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Coming up.

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There are really two stories here. What happened in the forest and what happened afterwards.

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We tracked down the Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt and hear his account of what happened at Rendlesham first hand.

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It's like an unbelievable story, isn't it?

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Oh my gosh, dude.

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Wow, look at that man. Look at him cry.

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We're exploring the deeply intertwined relationship between the military and unidentified flying objects.

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Whoa, it's getting close.

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What was that?

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Splash. Mark bearing in range.

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The focus of our investigation in this episode has been the infamous Rendlesham incident,

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which has remained an unsolved mystery since it occurred in Suffolk in December 1980.

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Okay, Sarah, we're investigating the most famous UFO sighting in British history.

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An American air base say they saw a spacecraft crash into Rendlesham Woods.

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They went to investigate. They saw scorch marks. They saw triangle and marks in the Earth.

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They went back a couple of days later.

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Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt saw bright lights, things that were not of this world.

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Okay, stop. Stop.

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Wait on.

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Hey, this is Erie. This is Erie.

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Erie, tell them I love the stars in the ground.

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He sounded as though he was really freaked out by the whole thing.

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Yeah, and this is a man who's trained. He's a military man.

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It is interesting though that the MOD, the CIA, whoever else, was taking this seriously.

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The MOD file shows how angry we were that items of evidence pertaining to the investigation

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were removed and not shared with the UK.

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Now, a leading journalist investigated at the same time.

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He says it's a fireball that they saw. They saw the light from a lighthouse.

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And the light in the sky was the dog star serious.

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It's like so many UFO cases. It's a misidentification of normal stimuli.

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Where did we go from here?

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Well, Craig, I'm really divided on this one like you.

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To me, we've got a credible scientific explanation.

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Those three unrelated events, that makes me skeptical about this case.

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But perhaps the final word should go to the man who was actually on the scene at Rendlesham

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and explored the site in December 1980.

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Former deputy base commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt.

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We've tracked him down to Virginia to hear his story firsthand.

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We are investigating the strange goings on in Rendlesham Woods.

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You're the man in the know. You were there.

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Can you tell us, convince us that it happened and tell us your story?

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Three cops thought they saw a downed aircraft on the back gate at Woodbridge Base.

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And three of them went out in the forest and investigated.

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And they had some kind of an encounter.

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The third night, the base commander said,

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why don't you go and take a couple of people with you and go out there and put this thing to rest.

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Can you just talk us through what happened?

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We went across the base and went out into the forest.

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And, more on behold, there are three indentations about an inch and a half or two inches deep.

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And we look out into the farmer's field, which is directly across from us.

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And there's a glowing object about the size of a large beach ball.

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We watch it for a few minutes and I realized, I can't explain this.

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And the object moves into the forest, obviously avoiding the trees.

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And I'm thinking this is under intelligent control, whatever it is.

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So we try and approach it.

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The object goes back out into the farmer's field, directly between us and the farmhouse.

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Suddenly, the object silently explodes into five white objects like fireworks and it's gone.

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So let's go out in the field and see if we can find any evidence.

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And somebody notices up in the sky, about three or four thousand feet,

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are several elliptical shape objects with multiple-colored lights on.

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And they're moving together in synchronization as though they're flying in a pattern.

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And we notice two very bright white lights to the south.

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One of the objects comes directly overhead at very high speed.

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I mean, it's almost like instantaneously.

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It stops directly over us.

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It sends down like a laser beam about 10 or 15 feet from where we're standing here.

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I'm really getting nervous.

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Is this a weapon? Is this a warning? Is this some kind of communication?

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They move over Bintwater Space and I can see them sending down beams there,

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in or near the weapon storage area.

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We could hear the chatter on the security radio net that the people in the weapon storage area

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were seeing these beams too.

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Well, it sounds...it sounds...it's a...it's like an unbelievable story, isn't it?

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I can't come up with a rational explanation.

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What I was thinking at the time was, why did I ever come out here?

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Nobody's going to believe this. This is a problem.

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So many of these sightings seem to be near military bases.

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Is something which is drawing these objects in?

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There's some type of attraction or some type of a power source.

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The military base, obviously, in what we had and what we did probably was a great interest or whatever it is.

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We've had one journalist Ian Ridpath.

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He dismisses your claims, Charles, by saying that what you saw was a fireball, a lighthouse,

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and that the Dog Star series was right in the sky that night.

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What did you say to that?

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We know it wasn't the lighthouse. We could see the lighthouse.

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Did you ever see a lighthouse move through the forest?

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No, I did not.

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Did you ever see a fireball send down a laser-like beam?

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No, I did not.

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He can think whatever he wants, but he wasn't there.

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That is true.

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That's a bad point.

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The air traffic controllers saw the people in the weapon storage area.

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There were 10 or 15 of them. All saw the objects in the sky.

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Ian isn't listening.

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What was the reaction from your superiors when you submitted the memo?

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My superior actually believed me because I gave him the tape the following morning.

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My memo was released against my wishes.

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It wasn't intended to go to the Ministry of Defense or to anybody else.

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It was not career-enhancing.

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You know, in 1980, UFO was a tab-boost subject for the military.

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The reason the air traffic controllers didn't come forward until later after they retired

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is they learned that other controllers that reported UFOs got decertified.

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There are really two stories here.

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What happened in the forest and what happened afterwards.

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So the authorities have been suppressing this story for like 40 years.

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What they did is they planted enough disinformation with several people

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which clouded the whole issue and made it almost ridiculous.

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When the CIA turned up on the base after the first night, why were they there?

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That's a very good question.

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Did they speak to you?

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I don't have the answer to that. They were there to investigate, I'm sure.

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Did any shadowy forces ever approach you and tell you to keep quiet?

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No, I was never debriefed.

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Right after the incident, a clean-up crew came in and tidied up the area.

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I do know individuals that were involved in the first night that were debriefed with drugs and hypnosis

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spooked, so to speak, CIA and probably British.

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What they've done is they've given them screen memories.

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In other words, false memories.

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Are you saying that sort of military intelligence have messed with the memories of some of the people involved in this

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to make them remember different...

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I know they did. There's no doubt about it.

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How do you feel about the embellishments that some people have added to the story?

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I never intended to go public. Nobody wanted anything to do with it, and I was left hanging.

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The only reason I've ever spoken out is there's so many people that claim crazy things.

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It gets totally out of control.

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The real truth is never going to come out to whoever is behind it decides it's time.

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The truth needs to be out there.

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Powerful.

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Wow. The aftermath sounds just as intriguing as the event itself.

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People getting their memories erased, the CIA on the site, kind of intimidation, dark forces.

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It's all very odd, isn't it?

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It is all very odd. I feel like some of this, we haven't got a lot of evidence brought in.

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In terms of people having their memories erased, potentially drugs being used.

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He can tell from the tone of his voice. He doesn't really want to talk about this.

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He wants to move on with his life. It's like he's getting dragged into it.

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He's not coming forward saying, look at me, look at me, I'm a professional UFOer.

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We've sought out key expert and witness accounts and analysed an abundance of military documents.

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But will we, from what we've seen and heard, be able to draw a conclusion?

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Or will this legendary case remain shrouded in mystery?

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One of the things I thought was quite convincing was Ian Ridpath's photograph of the lighthouse, which is there.

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And this was Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt's view through those trees.

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But Charles Holt said, have you ever seen a lighthouse coming through the trees?

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I'm hugely conflicted with this case. When we spoke to Ian Ridpath, I was convinced.

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Case closed, we've solved it with science, but he wasn't there.

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Then when we spoke to Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt, his account was very compelling. He was there.

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Before we reach our verdict, let's listen to that audio recording again of him in the woods.

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There is no doubt about just some type of strange flashed road light in here.

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Still, I saw a yellow tinge in it too. It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way.

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There is no doubt about it. This is weird.

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That to me doesn't sound like someone seeing lights from a lighthouse in the trees.

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And I keep thinking the military maps, they know the layer of the land.

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Even if they hadn't been in that forest before, they know what's around. This is the military.

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And these guys have a fear of being stigmatised and yet they still push forward with their claims.

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And when you speak to Charles, you wish it hadn't happened.

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And when you see all the M.O.D. involvement, you see the CIA, the accusations of people messing with memories, dark forces at work.

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Something definitely strange happened in those woods.

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I agree. That tape is credible. It's legitimate.

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And the fact remains, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt, he was there.

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I keep coming back to that thought that he was there. He witnessed this.

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He's got no reason to lie. His superiors have taken this seriously.

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Yet at the same time, others have now embellished the story and the truth's kind of got muddied somewhere in the water.

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Okay, so watch your verdict.

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Craig, this kills me somewhat because I want to side with science, but it really doesn't match the account of the person who was there.

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Something went on in those woods that night and we don't know what it is.

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So I'm going to say, case unsolved, but case ongoing.

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It's no wonder the Rendell-Shem incident is a special place in the UFO Hall of Fame, confounding skeptics and believers alike.

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Our due diligence has revealed the admission that key evidence was removed by the authorities,

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proving this case to be far more complex than it appears on the surface.

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But the lesson learned from this encounter and others like it is that someone or something is being repeatedly drawn to our military bases and installations.

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Perhaps curious to observe us or interested in our technology and weaponry.

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Either way, we don't yet know if the unexplained objects in our skies are friend or foe.

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A former lawyer takes up one last case after her brother is accused of murder.

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