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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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U.S. Army

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If an extraterrestrial being was a visit Earth it would shake the very foundations of our reality.

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Behaving in the minds of many is a belief that it may already have happened

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with over 10% of people claiming to have seen a UFOs.

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Oooh I think it.

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I think it, I think it.

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Oh there it is right there.

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Part of the world attracts significantly more sightings than others,

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00:02:20,080 --> 00:02:22,000

known as UFO hotspots.

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00:02:22,720 --> 00:02:24,720

And there's one very close to home.

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00:02:27,320 --> 00:02:31,040

Central Scotland has its very own Area 51.

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00:02:34,960 --> 00:02:39,520

The Falkirk Triangle, stretching from Stirling to the outskirts of Edinburgh.

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00:02:40,120 --> 00:02:44,200

This certified extraterrestrial hotspot averages over 300

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00:02:44,200 --> 00:02:46,800

officially reported sightings every year.

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00:02:47,800 --> 00:02:52,120

It's up there as one of the best places on the planet to see a UFO.

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00:02:55,720 --> 00:02:57,720

What the f*** is that?

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00:02:58,920 --> 00:02:59,920

Is that a new one?

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00:03:02,200 --> 00:03:05,120

From cigar-shaped crafts to mysterious lights,

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00:03:05,200 --> 00:03:08,320

and even chance meetings with extraterrestrial beings,

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00:03:08,400 --> 00:03:10,400

the list is endless.

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00:03:11,040 --> 00:03:13,040

Ex-MOD man Nick Pope,

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00:03:13,120 --> 00:03:16,160

during his time on the UFO desk in the early 90s,

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00:03:16,800 --> 00:03:18,800

took hundreds of calls.

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00:03:20,160 --> 00:03:21,840

There were sightings all over the place.

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00:03:21,920 --> 00:03:24,160

They were coming in left, right and centre,

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00:03:24,240 --> 00:03:26,120

the media was running stories,

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00:03:26,200 --> 00:03:29,280

there were a number of fascinating individual cases,

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00:03:29,360 --> 00:03:31,440

some alleged abductions.

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00:03:31,520 --> 00:03:33,360

It was all happening.

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00:03:33,440 --> 00:03:37,400

One thing is for certain, close encounters of the Scotches kind

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00:03:37,480 --> 00:03:39,480

are in a league of their own.

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00:03:39,680 --> 00:03:43,320

What is going on? Why are there so many UFO sightings

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00:03:43,400 --> 00:03:45,600

being reported and why is it carried on?

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00:03:45,680 --> 00:03:47,800

A lot of information has been kept back

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00:03:47,880 --> 00:03:50,480

because it would be too disturbing to everybody

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00:03:50,560 --> 00:03:52,840

to appreciate that we are not alone,

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00:03:52,920 --> 00:03:55,080

that there are other entities out there.

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00:03:59,360 --> 00:04:02,400

The first case we're going to look at in more detail

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00:04:02,480 --> 00:04:05,560

is one of the most infamous Scottish UFO encounters.

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42 years ago, deep in Deckman Woods, West Lothian,

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a 61-year-old man didn't just see a UFO.

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00:04:14,200 --> 00:04:16,200

He was attacked by it.

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00:04:20,200 --> 00:04:22,400

The encounter was so disturbing,

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it was even investigated by the British police.

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On the 9th of November, 1979,

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00:04:33,040 --> 00:04:36,600

forestry worker and respected war hero Robert Taylor

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00:04:36,680 --> 00:04:40,200

was checking fences in Woodland at the edge of his small village

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00:04:40,280 --> 00:04:42,480

when the unimaginable happened.

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00:04:42,560 --> 00:04:44,160

Entering the clearing,

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00:04:44,240 --> 00:04:47,120

Robert came face-to-face with a large flying dome

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00:04:47,200 --> 00:04:49,320

hovering above the forest floor.

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The dome was approximately six metres across

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00:04:52,280 --> 00:04:54,240

with a rough, dark metallic texture

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00:04:54,320 --> 00:04:57,000

and small propellers on its outer rim

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00:04:57,080 --> 00:04:59,800

as he approached something terrifying.

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00:04:59,800 --> 00:05:02,800

Two spheres covered in spikes dropped from the main craft,

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00:05:02,880 --> 00:05:05,240

flew towards him, attached to his legs

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00:05:05,320 --> 00:05:08,280

and began dragging him violently towards the craft.

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Robert's next memory is waking up 20 minutes later,

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00:05:13,280 --> 00:05:17,040

injured, disheveled and temporarily unable to talk.

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00:05:17,120 --> 00:05:19,840

The horrific encounter changed Robert's life forever

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00:05:19,920 --> 00:05:23,720

and left a Scottish small village dub the twilight zone.

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00:05:23,720 --> 00:05:26,440

So, Sarah, at this first case, what have we got?

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Well, this one's particularly interesting, and it's a bold claim.

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00:05:29,360 --> 00:05:31,960

It's a claim of an encounter of the fourth kind,

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00:05:32,040 --> 00:05:35,120

which basically means an alien or a UFO interacted.

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00:05:35,200 --> 00:05:36,720

Have we got any evidence of this?

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00:05:36,800 --> 00:05:40,000

Well, this is the thing, because when you've got this extraordinary claim,

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00:05:40,080 --> 00:05:42,800

the normal thing to do is trust and then verify,

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00:05:42,880 --> 00:05:45,360

but we've got very little to verify on so far.

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00:05:45,440 --> 00:05:47,800

What we've got is a very little bit of a question.

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00:05:47,880 --> 00:05:49,880

We've got a very little bit of a question.

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00:05:50,000 --> 00:05:53,440

And then verify, but we've got very little to verify on so far.

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00:05:53,520 --> 00:05:55,720

What we've got is a sketch,

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00:05:55,800 --> 00:05:58,400

and this is a photocopy of a sketch which is done by the police.

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00:05:58,480 --> 00:06:00,680

And there's also a video where he was interviewed

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00:06:00,760 --> 00:06:02,120

sometime after the incident.

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00:06:02,200 --> 00:06:04,200

OK, can we look at the video?

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00:06:05,600 --> 00:06:10,280

Robert Taylor sadly passed away in 2007 at the age of 88.

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00:06:12,040 --> 00:06:14,800

But until his death, his story remained consistent

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00:06:14,880 --> 00:06:16,760

with this archive news report.

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00:06:17,600 --> 00:06:23,480

I was amazed to see in front of me this huge dome-shaped...

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00:06:24,880 --> 00:06:27,600

...ship, you know, and...

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00:06:29,240 --> 00:06:31,000

...just couldn't believe my eyes.

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00:06:31,080 --> 00:06:33,680

What would you have thought of someone who had just said

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00:06:33,760 --> 00:06:35,280

on television what you've just said?

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00:06:35,360 --> 00:06:37,880

Well, doubtful if I would believe.

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00:06:37,960 --> 00:06:41,320

It's a thing that you have to see, I think, before you could believe.

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00:06:42,400 --> 00:06:45,480

Sir, this guy is an upstanding member of the community.

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00:06:45,480 --> 00:06:46,800

He's a churchgoer.

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00:06:46,880 --> 00:06:49,160

No history, mental illness or anything like that.

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00:06:49,240 --> 00:06:52,600

But that is evidence that he said it happened.

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00:06:52,680 --> 00:06:54,640

It's not evidence of it actually happening.

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00:06:54,720 --> 00:06:56,720

Exactly. We're trying to prove something extraordinary.

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00:06:56,800 --> 00:06:59,320

We're trying to prove that we're not alone in the universe

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00:06:59,400 --> 00:07:02,040

and that potentially aliens have visited Earth.

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00:07:02,120 --> 00:07:04,120

If you're going to try and prove something like that,

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00:07:04,200 --> 00:07:05,400

you need a lot of evidence.

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00:07:06,680 --> 00:07:10,040

So far, all we have to go on is an artist's impression

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00:07:10,120 --> 00:07:12,400

of the craft scene by Robert Taylor,

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00:07:12,480 --> 00:07:14,720

which formed part of the police investigation.

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Together, with a testimony of a now-retired police officer

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00:07:19,080 --> 00:07:21,880

who's one of the first at the scene at the time

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00:07:21,960 --> 00:07:25,160

and has since corroborated what Taylor says he saw.

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00:07:27,920 --> 00:07:29,960

Once we saw the marks on the ground, I thought,

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00:07:30,040 --> 00:07:31,640

well, something's been here.

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00:07:31,720 --> 00:07:33,560

This is where Robert Taylor stopped.

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00:07:33,640 --> 00:07:35,840

Wherever it was, it was heavy.

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00:07:35,920 --> 00:07:37,120

It was there.

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00:07:38,040 --> 00:07:40,520

And the only way that went was up through there.

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00:07:41,440 --> 00:07:43,560

Can we look at the sketch? Yeah.

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00:07:43,680 --> 00:07:46,760

You see, my problem with the sketches,

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00:07:46,840 --> 00:07:50,680

it looks a little like Emperor Ming's spaceship from Flash Gordon.

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00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:54,080

So when people first saw UFOs going back a few hundred years ago,

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00:07:54,160 --> 00:07:56,160

they would see flames in the night sky

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00:07:56,240 --> 00:07:57,640

or things that they could relate to.

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00:07:57,720 --> 00:08:00,640

And then you come to the 20th and the 21st century

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00:08:00,720 --> 00:08:03,000

and things look like Flash Gordon or Star Wars

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and things which look like science fiction.

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But something which is beyond the imagination

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00:08:06,880 --> 00:08:08,320

is something we need to investigate.

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OK, so, Sarah, how do we move this investigation forward?

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00:08:11,080 --> 00:08:13,240

Well, this is the thing, because we can't speak to Robert.

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00:08:13,240 --> 00:08:14,640

It leaves us in a bit of a hole,

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00:08:14,720 --> 00:08:16,800

but we have got someone called Malcolm Robinson.

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Now, he is an author and a paranormal investigator

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who's dedicated his life to investigating this case.

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Malcolm spoke to Robert about his extraordinary experience

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numerous times before his death

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and has acquired a forensic understanding of the case.

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Malcolm, Craig Charles here, how are you?

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00:08:39,000 --> 00:08:40,120

I'm great, very well.

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00:08:40,200 --> 00:08:42,840

In the case of Robert Taylor from 1979,

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00:08:43,440 --> 00:08:44,680

what proof have we got?

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Because at the moment, all we've got is he said it happened

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00:08:47,080 --> 00:08:50,120

and he's done a sketch, which the police then augmented.

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00:08:50,200 --> 00:08:52,120

Well, we have a lot of proof, Craig.

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00:08:52,200 --> 00:08:56,040

We do have in our possession the actual very ripped trousers.

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00:08:57,480 --> 00:09:02,800

The Robert Taylor war on that eventful morning of November the 9th, 1979.

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00:09:02,880 --> 00:09:06,920

And as you can see on one of the legs here, it has got a rip there.

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00:09:07,000 --> 00:09:08,960

If we turn the trousers over here,

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00:09:09,040 --> 00:09:11,480

you can see a different type of rip there.

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00:09:12,480 --> 00:09:18,360

These trousers were analysed by the police forensic department in Edinburgh.

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00:09:18,440 --> 00:09:21,720

These trousers were not ripped by any forest debris,

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00:09:21,800 --> 00:09:23,920

like sharp stones or sharp twigs.

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00:09:24,000 --> 00:09:28,400

This was clearly a mechanical upwards movement of the trousers.

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00:09:28,480 --> 00:09:30,120

It's an astonishing case.

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00:09:31,600 --> 00:09:34,080

How seriously did the police take this?

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00:09:35,160 --> 00:09:37,280

Well, they took it very serious indeed.

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00:09:38,040 --> 00:09:42,840

So much so, in fact, that they erected a fence around the perimeter of this incident,

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00:09:42,920 --> 00:09:48,360

which was to ensure that members of the public did not stray into this area.

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00:09:48,440 --> 00:09:51,160

Because clearly, there was these track-like marks

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00:09:51,240 --> 00:09:54,440

in the circular and triangular indentations.

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00:09:56,760 --> 00:10:01,240

I was there a few days later and I saw myself, these marks,

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00:10:01,320 --> 00:10:05,000

and you could physically see that there had been some kind of struggle

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00:10:05,040 --> 00:10:07,600

going on in that particular area.

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00:10:07,680 --> 00:10:09,760

And the police knew Bob Taylor,

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00:10:09,840 --> 00:10:14,560

and they knew that he would not dream of making up a story of this nature.

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00:10:14,640 --> 00:10:16,800

It was the furthest thing from his mind.

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00:10:16,880 --> 00:10:18,720

What do you think it could possibly be?

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00:10:19,880 --> 00:10:21,320

There are many theories, Craig.

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00:10:21,400 --> 00:10:27,200

One of those theories is that the forestry worker digested some form of...

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00:10:27,280 --> 00:10:29,840

Well, it's called a tropa belladonna.

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00:10:29,920 --> 00:10:33,240

It's a rare berry which can cause hallucinations,

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00:10:33,360 --> 00:10:35,680

and sometimes it can even cause death.

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Now, there's no evidence of that plant being in Degment Woods.

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People have said perhaps it was epilepsy, an epileptic fit.

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We had no history of epilepsy in the family.

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00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:55,600

But to this day, I'm convinced of the sincerity of the honesty of this witness.

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00:10:55,680 --> 00:10:59,600

And Malcolm, of course, this isn't the only strange sighting in Scotland.

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00:10:59,680 --> 00:11:02,760

There's in fact been a hub of sightings in Scotland.

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Since 1992, Scotland has seen a rise of UFO reports

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00:11:06,920 --> 00:11:09,440

coming from the central belt of Scotland.

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There was one case, a gentleman was driving to Stirling

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00:11:12,800 --> 00:11:14,640

with these two young sons.

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00:11:14,720 --> 00:11:17,480

And as they're driving down this lowly b-road,

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00:11:17,560 --> 00:11:19,440

his young son in the back screamed out,

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00:11:19,520 --> 00:11:21,160

Dad, what's that?

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00:11:21,240 --> 00:11:22,800

And the father looked through the windscreen,

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00:11:22,880 --> 00:11:26,560

and he could see this two-tiered, jet-black shiny craft

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00:11:26,640 --> 00:11:31,000

with red lights on its underside, just floating above a field.

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We also had the Slogot family,

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00:11:35,880 --> 00:11:38,920

who were walking on the moors above Bonnie Bridge.

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00:11:39,000 --> 00:11:43,640

This blue ball of light descended from the heavens

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00:11:43,720 --> 00:11:45,920

and landed in a field.

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00:11:46,000 --> 00:11:51,880

And as it did so, the farmer's fence started to vibrate very violently.

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00:11:51,960 --> 00:11:54,720

And they just took to their heels and screamed away.

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00:11:54,800 --> 00:12:00,400

We've also had a number of photographs taken of UFOs from that particular area.

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Famous photograph taken by Phil Trevis.

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He was there to take some photographs of the BP petrochemical plant at night.

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00:12:09,760 --> 00:12:12,600

It burns off flare, gas flares, etc.

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00:12:12,680 --> 00:12:15,960

And as he was setting up the tripod, he looked to his left

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00:12:16,040 --> 00:12:18,760

and he saw, coming from the Oco Hills,

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00:12:18,840 --> 00:12:21,800

this red ball of light moving very fast.

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00:12:21,880 --> 00:12:22,880

And then it stopped.

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00:12:22,960 --> 00:12:25,480

It was about 300 feet above, he said,

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00:12:25,560 --> 00:12:28,640

and he had to physically bend over backwards.

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00:12:28,760 --> 00:12:33,240

The photograph he took shows the underside of this object,

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00:12:33,320 --> 00:12:37,160

which has a concave underside and it's throwing out light.

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00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:41,360

Malcolm, at this Falkirk triangle,

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00:12:41,440 --> 00:12:45,040

what do you think they're looking for there, these extraterrestrials?

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00:12:46,160 --> 00:12:48,360

Well, we don't know for sure what's going on.

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00:12:48,440 --> 00:12:53,040

All we do know with sincerity is that people are reporting things

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00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:56,840

to the airports and the police that defy description.

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00:12:56,920 --> 00:13:01,440

So we have to find out what is going on in the skies above Scotland.

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00:13:03,600 --> 00:13:07,560

Wow, Sarah, it's gone from one story to like multiple stories.

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00:13:07,640 --> 00:13:09,000

This case is getting bigger.

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I mean, his evidence was very compelling.

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00:13:11,600 --> 00:13:15,640

It seems like this area of Scotland is a hub of UFO sightings.

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00:13:15,720 --> 00:13:17,040

OK, so where do we go next?

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00:13:17,120 --> 00:13:18,440

We need to dig deeper.

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00:13:18,520 --> 00:13:20,080

This is getting really interesting.

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00:13:21,320 --> 00:13:22,320

Coming up.

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00:13:22,400 --> 00:13:26,360

It was like he was in a trance, watching this huge UFO.

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00:13:26,440 --> 00:13:30,720

And he grabbed his camera and he fired off a shot.

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What was captured on that one image?

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00:13:33,120 --> 00:13:38,360

XMOD official Nick Pope shares a Falkirk triangle UFO sighting

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00:13:38,440 --> 00:13:40,040

that defies explanation.

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00:13:41,160 --> 00:13:45,360

We found no evidence of any fakery with this.

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00:13:46,720 --> 00:13:47,880

There's something being drawn there.

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00:13:47,960 --> 00:13:51,280

So many people have seen something that they don't understand.

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00:13:51,360 --> 00:13:55,280

And we hear about Provost Billy Buchanan's relentless search

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00:13:55,320 --> 00:13:56,320

for the truth.

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00:13:57,040 --> 00:13:59,800

Do you think the government knows more than they're letting on?

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00:13:59,880 --> 00:14:05,360

We've been down to every Prime Minister, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown.

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00:14:05,440 --> 00:14:08,200

The question is still unanswered. What is it?

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00:14:10,240 --> 00:14:12,440

America has Area 51.

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00:14:12,520 --> 00:14:15,520

We have the Falkirk Triangle,

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00:14:15,600 --> 00:14:19,120

stretching east to Fife and back to Stirling.

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00:14:19,200 --> 00:14:22,960

This triangle is a major hotspot for UFO activity.

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00:14:23,080 --> 00:14:26,160

Since the early 90s, sightings of flashing lights,

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00:14:26,240 --> 00:14:30,640

flying saucers and even violent close encounters with alien tech

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00:14:30,720 --> 00:14:32,200

have been reported.

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00:14:32,280 --> 00:14:37,280

Scotland has seen a rise of UFO reports coming from the central belt of Scotland.

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00:14:37,360 --> 00:14:40,360

People suddenly find themselves embroiled

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00:14:40,440 --> 00:14:42,880

in what we can only describe as a twilight zone.

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00:14:44,200 --> 00:14:48,520

Sightings in the region include Robert Taylor's terrifying close encounter

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00:14:48,520 --> 00:14:53,160

with the four kind in Deckwood Woods in November 1979.

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00:14:55,200 --> 00:14:59,800

I was amazed to see this huge dome-shaped set.

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00:14:59,880 --> 00:15:01,880

I just couldn't believe my eyes.

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00:15:03,200 --> 00:15:06,520

And the bizarre sighting of a glowing craft captured at night

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00:15:06,600 --> 00:15:09,400

at Pullman Reservoir in 1991.

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00:15:12,840 --> 00:15:15,000

We have actual photographic evidence

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00:15:15,080 --> 00:15:19,960

reportedly showing the underbelly of a circular UFO as it's streaked overhead.

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00:15:22,920 --> 00:15:26,800

But what's really striking about the Scottish UFO phenomenon

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00:15:26,880 --> 00:15:29,080

is the sheer volume of reports.

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00:15:29,160 --> 00:15:32,200

The hundreds of mysterious encounters in the region

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00:15:32,280 --> 00:15:34,160

logged with the authorities every year

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00:15:34,240 --> 00:15:36,760

are a major cause of concern for the locals,

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00:15:36,840 --> 00:15:40,160

with the authorities yet to provide a rational explanation.

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00:15:41,160 --> 00:15:45,160

In this investigation, we'll stop at nothing to get to the truth

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00:15:45,240 --> 00:15:49,840

about what's really happening in the skies and forests of central Scotland.

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00:15:58,360 --> 00:16:01,360

So we started out by investigating the case of Robert Taylor,

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00:16:01,440 --> 00:16:07,440

who in 1979 claims he saw a spacecraft in the woods in West Lothian.

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00:16:07,920 --> 00:16:10,520

It attacked him, ripped his clothes, left him so traumatised

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00:16:10,600 --> 00:16:12,600

that for a short while he couldn't speak.

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00:16:12,680 --> 00:16:18,680

It's now turned into a mass of sightings all over the Falkirk Triangle.

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00:16:18,760 --> 00:16:23,360

So, Sarah, is something happening and is it extraterrestrial?

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00:16:23,440 --> 00:16:26,520

We've got this huge amount of sightings,

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00:16:26,600 --> 00:16:28,640

but there could be multiple reasons to explain that.

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00:16:28,720 --> 00:16:31,520

It could be hysteria. We've seen that throughout history.

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00:16:31,600 --> 00:16:34,120

For example, when War of the Worlds was first played in on the radio,

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00:16:34,200 --> 00:16:36,480

people thought it was an actual alien invasion.

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00:16:36,600 --> 00:16:39,800

It could also be the simple fact that this is more of a rural area,

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00:16:39,880 --> 00:16:41,880

so there's clear skies. People are looking up more

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00:16:41,960 --> 00:16:44,480

and they just see things that they might not have seen before.

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00:16:44,560 --> 00:16:47,880

What is quite strange is that all seems to be happening

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00:16:47,960 --> 00:16:51,800

in this triangle here around Falkirk.

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00:16:51,880 --> 00:16:53,560

I think that's what's interesting for me.

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00:16:53,640 --> 00:16:57,520

We've got a cluster of sightings in the same area in Scotland.

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00:16:57,600 --> 00:17:00,000

There's something being drawn there. Is it the military?

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00:17:00,080 --> 00:17:03,400

We need to find out what is going on here, what it could potentially be.

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00:17:03,400 --> 00:17:08,000

You can't get away from the fact that so many people have called this in.

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00:17:08,080 --> 00:17:11,200

So many people have seen something that they don't understand.

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00:17:11,280 --> 00:17:15,960

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

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00:17:16,040 --> 00:17:18,560

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

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00:17:20,240 --> 00:17:24,680

So, Nick, Scotland's certainly been a hotspot for UFO sightings.

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00:17:24,760 --> 00:17:30,840

Yes, it has, and particularly from about 1990 through to about 2010,

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00:17:30,920 --> 00:17:32,760

there were sightings all over the place.

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00:17:32,840 --> 00:17:35,080

They were coming in left, right and centre.

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00:17:35,160 --> 00:17:37,000

The media was running stories.

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00:17:37,080 --> 00:17:40,560

There were a number of fascinating individual cases,

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00:17:40,640 --> 00:17:42,680

some alleged abductions.

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00:17:42,760 --> 00:17:44,600

It was all happening.

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00:17:44,680 --> 00:17:48,160

Can you just talk us through some of the sightings?

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00:17:48,240 --> 00:17:53,480

Well, one really interesting sighting involved an amateur artist

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00:17:53,560 --> 00:17:55,320

called Ian McPherson.

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00:17:55,400 --> 00:17:57,720

This was 1994.

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00:17:57,840 --> 00:18:03,440

In Bonnie Bridge, he was out taking some photographs

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00:18:03,520 --> 00:18:06,880

at a particular reservoir that he wanted to paint.

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00:18:06,960 --> 00:18:10,600

And he said a huge UFO was hovering over the water

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00:18:10,680 --> 00:18:12,960

and right in front of him.

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00:18:13,040 --> 00:18:17,240

And he said he literally, he had the camera in his hands.

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00:18:17,320 --> 00:18:22,080

And yet, it was like he was in a trance watching this huge UFO.

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00:18:22,160 --> 00:18:25,160

And it was only when the UFO began to move away

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00:18:25,240 --> 00:18:27,000

that it was like the spell was broken.

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00:18:27,080 --> 00:18:31,160

He grabbed his camera and he fired off a shot.

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:34,760

Can you describe the image?

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00:18:34,840 --> 00:18:36,640

What was captured on that one image?

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The photo showed an apparently disc-shaped object

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00:18:41,560 --> 00:18:46,040

with maybe a difference between the rim

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00:18:46,120 --> 00:18:49,680

and the main body of the object.

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00:18:49,760 --> 00:18:53,720

That was, I think, pretty much all you could see.

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00:18:53,760 --> 00:18:57,320

Surely you can just say, well, he didn't see anything.

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00:18:57,400 --> 00:19:00,640

Just an excuse saying he couldn't take this photo.

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00:19:00,720 --> 00:19:03,320

Why couldn't he get that image when it was close?

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00:19:03,400 --> 00:19:08,960

Well, he would say that he was so much like a rabbit in the headlights

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00:19:09,040 --> 00:19:13,000

that he was frozen with some mixture of emotions.

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Believers, true believers in the UFO community,

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say it's more than that.

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Any civilization with the technology to devise interstellar travel,

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00:19:23,400 --> 00:19:27,000

maybe they've got some way that they can switch witnesses on and off

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00:19:27,080 --> 00:19:32,200

and put them in a state of mind where they won't use a camera.

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00:19:32,280 --> 00:19:33,280

I don't know.

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00:19:34,000 --> 00:19:36,560

And what did you conclude from your investigation?

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00:19:37,600 --> 00:19:40,000

It was just somebody relating an experience

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00:19:40,080 --> 00:19:41,600

that had genuinely puzzled him.

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00:19:41,680 --> 00:19:45,080

He seemed to be a straightforward, honest witness

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00:19:45,160 --> 00:19:48,760

with nothing to gain from this story.

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00:19:48,840 --> 00:19:52,920

He seemed to be genuinely puzzled, wanting some answers.

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00:19:53,800 --> 00:19:58,520

So do you think with your background in the MOD investigating this

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00:19:58,600 --> 00:19:59,920

and the work you do now,

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00:20:00,000 --> 00:20:04,040

you're well placed to know whether someone is hoaxing you or not?

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00:20:04,120 --> 00:20:07,120

If somebody hoaxes a photo,

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00:20:07,200 --> 00:20:11,880

the intelligence community has all sorts of resources and capabilities

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00:20:11,960 --> 00:20:14,360

that can tell if a photo is being hoaxed.

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00:20:14,440 --> 00:20:18,880

We found no evidence of any fakery with this.

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00:20:23,760 --> 00:20:25,440

What do you make of that?

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00:20:25,520 --> 00:20:26,520

So what do you think?

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00:20:26,600 --> 00:20:29,320

Kind of a man in black with nebulizers.

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00:20:29,400 --> 00:20:30,400

Get rid of your memory.

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00:20:30,480 --> 00:20:32,480

Do you think something like that could be going on?

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00:20:32,560 --> 00:20:35,920

Because this guy, he's seen this thing, but he's frozen.

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00:20:36,000 --> 00:20:39,160

He says he can't move to get the picture.

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00:20:39,240 --> 00:20:40,720

I think that's highly unlikely.

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00:20:40,800 --> 00:20:42,520

That is a bold idea to come up with.

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00:20:42,600 --> 00:20:43,800

We've got no evidence of that.

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00:20:43,880 --> 00:20:46,760

But I think it's a fair thing, isn't it?

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00:20:46,840 --> 00:20:49,880

Something terrifies you. Sometimes you can't actually move.

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00:20:49,960 --> 00:20:52,640

So you can understand someone being paralyzed by fear.

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00:20:52,680 --> 00:20:54,800

But what I thought was interesting from that

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00:20:54,880 --> 00:20:58,600

is what Nick Pope was saying about how some of these sightings are false.

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00:20:58,680 --> 00:21:00,360

And it goes back to this hysteria.

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00:21:00,440 --> 00:21:03,200

And I think that makes our task even harder

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00:21:03,280 --> 00:21:05,640

because we've got to go through everything

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00:21:05,720 --> 00:21:08,560

and work out what's real and what's fake.

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00:21:10,400 --> 00:21:14,040

In the mid-90s, at the peak of the UFO activity,

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00:21:14,120 --> 00:21:17,640

the local government, under pressure from concerned residents,

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00:21:17,720 --> 00:21:21,520

agreed to hold an official meeting to discuss the phenomena.

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00:21:23,200 --> 00:21:24,840

No conclusion was drawn,

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00:21:24,920 --> 00:21:29,600

although alcohol was mooted as a possible factor in the sightings.

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00:21:29,680 --> 00:21:32,320

A sentiment which was reflected in the national press.

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00:21:38,080 --> 00:21:41,160

We know that in the 60s and the 50s in the US,

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00:21:41,240 --> 00:21:42,320

this kind of thing was happening.

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00:21:42,400 --> 00:21:45,520

When the US government was doing very serious UFO investigations,

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00:21:45,600 --> 00:21:47,320

the media were dismissing the claims.

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00:21:47,400 --> 00:21:48,920

And the reason they were doing that

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00:21:48,960 --> 00:21:53,320

is because they didn't want genuine sightings to be muddied by false sightings.

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00:21:53,400 --> 00:21:54,880

So that, for me, is interesting.

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00:21:54,960 --> 00:21:57,360

How are we going to find our truth in this investigation?

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00:21:57,440 --> 00:21:59,280

Well, there's one person we need to speak to,

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00:21:59,360 --> 00:22:01,160

one person who might hold the key.

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Folkirk Provost and long-standing councillor Billy Buchanan

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00:22:07,920 --> 00:22:10,960

have spent decades trying to persuade the British government

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00:22:11,040 --> 00:22:13,080

to carry out a probe into the sightings.

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00:22:16,200 --> 00:22:17,520

Let's talk to him.

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00:22:17,640 --> 00:22:21,200

So Billy, can you just explain your involvement

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00:22:21,280 --> 00:22:23,360

with all these unusual sightings?

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00:22:23,440 --> 00:22:27,480

Well, the fact is, I've tried every single thing

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00:22:27,560 --> 00:22:29,720

to try and get somebody to come forward.

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00:22:29,800 --> 00:22:33,120

We've been down to every Prime Minister,

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00:22:33,200 --> 00:22:35,280

Tony Blair, Gordon Brown,

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00:22:35,360 --> 00:22:38,400

to try and get an official investigation

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00:22:38,480 --> 00:22:40,640

into this phenomenon in this area.

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00:22:40,720 --> 00:22:43,720

When the Scottish Parliament opened in 1999,

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00:22:43,800 --> 00:22:45,040

I contacted them and said,

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00:22:45,760 --> 00:22:47,680

We've got a problem in our area.

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00:22:47,760 --> 00:22:49,640

And not all of what was an email back saying,

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00:22:49,720 --> 00:22:52,160

Look, Billy, don't get involved in this.

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00:22:52,240 --> 00:22:54,120

It's political suicide.

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00:22:55,720 --> 00:22:58,040

The question is still unanswered.

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00:22:58,120 --> 00:22:59,200

What is it?

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00:22:59,280 --> 00:23:01,920

Do you think the government knows more than they're letting on

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00:23:02,000 --> 00:23:04,640

and the government is potentially hiding things?

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00:23:04,720 --> 00:23:08,000

Well, I was doing something around Westminster

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00:23:08,080 --> 00:23:09,680

and the House of the Parliament,

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00:23:09,680 --> 00:23:15,680

and I remember being sort of roughly pushed about

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00:23:15,760 --> 00:23:19,200

with these gentlemen that came across the road

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00:23:19,280 --> 00:23:21,960

when I was standing with this placard.

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00:23:22,040 --> 00:23:24,640

But when I went to my hotel that night,

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00:23:24,720 --> 00:23:28,320

there was a video waiting for me in a cassette.

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00:23:29,360 --> 00:23:33,440

And then somebody had handed this in.

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00:23:33,520 --> 00:23:36,320

And I found out later that it was an MP.

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00:23:36,400 --> 00:23:39,360

And obviously, we've got to be the discrete moment

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00:23:39,360 --> 00:23:44,240

in his name, but it was a tape that clearly was to do

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00:23:44,320 --> 00:23:47,120

with aircraft flying in the Borough of Nigeria.

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00:23:47,200 --> 00:23:50,440

So I went up to the Cumbernauld Airport.

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00:23:50,520 --> 00:23:51,760

I gave them the tape and I said,

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00:23:51,840 --> 00:23:54,000

Look, I've been given this tape.

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00:23:54,080 --> 00:23:57,680

I wonder if you could tell me whether it's fact or fiction.

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00:23:57,760 --> 00:23:59,920

I was up in the control town of the owner.

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00:24:00,000 --> 00:24:04,360

He played the tape and he said that the tape was genuine.

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00:24:04,440 --> 00:24:08,280

We're in a holding area for Glasgow and Edinburgh Newcastle.

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00:24:08,320 --> 00:24:12,320

And these pilots flying were seeing quite clearly

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00:24:12,400 --> 00:24:17,280

that they saw UFOs in the Bonnie Bridge and Falkirk Triangle area.

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00:24:18,440 --> 00:24:21,520

You see it yourself, this gives it more credibility

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00:24:21,600 --> 00:24:24,200

and you keep going forward, hoping that someday

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00:24:24,280 --> 00:24:26,080

that we're going to have an answer.

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00:24:26,160 --> 00:24:28,560

Billy, do you still have that tape? Because we'd love to see it.

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00:24:28,640 --> 00:24:33,080

Well, the fact is, Tillham Crew wanted us to give them copies.

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00:24:33,160 --> 00:24:36,240

And what happened was, whenever I heard from them,

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00:24:36,280 --> 00:24:40,440

whenever I'd seen them again, their telephone numbers went blank.

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00:24:40,520 --> 00:24:42,200

When you talk about people,

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00:24:42,280 --> 00:24:46,640

we'll maybe laugh about the men in black and so forth.

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00:24:46,720 --> 00:24:49,400

But I can tell you on a number of occasions

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00:24:49,480 --> 00:24:52,600

that we've had individuals who we could say

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00:24:52,680 --> 00:24:57,080

that were only there for what everybody else was there for.

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00:24:57,160 --> 00:24:59,040

Well, I mean, if the evidence pointing to what you're saying

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00:24:59,120 --> 00:25:02,520

is pointing to, it's mind-boggling.

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00:25:02,560 --> 00:25:06,720

But the fact of the matter is, is that we want an answer.

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00:25:06,800 --> 00:25:09,560

The government isn't going to give us an answer.

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00:25:09,640 --> 00:25:12,600

So whether it's the military trying new things

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00:25:12,680 --> 00:25:16,320

or whether it's something different, who knows?

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00:25:16,400 --> 00:25:18,440

Billy, it's been great talking to you.

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00:25:18,520 --> 00:25:20,120

Coming up.

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00:25:20,200 --> 00:25:22,760

Billy mentioned Cumbernail quite a lot.

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00:25:22,840 --> 00:25:26,840

New theories that might explain the sightings are scrutinised.

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00:25:26,920 --> 00:25:29,320

If you look at the Falkirk Triangle here...

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00:25:29,400 --> 00:25:30,920

Both the earthly.

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00:25:30,920 --> 00:25:33,720

Right, almost in the middle. It's Cumbernail.

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00:25:33,800 --> 00:25:35,600

And the otherworldly.

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00:25:35,680 --> 00:25:40,600

Some people say we've been visited by aliens from distant planets,

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00:25:40,680 --> 00:25:43,120

but another possibility is that we're seeing

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00:25:43,200 --> 00:25:45,480

into other dimensions, into other worlds.

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00:25:49,480 --> 00:25:51,680

There's something spooky going on in Scotland,

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00:25:51,760 --> 00:25:54,520

where you won't find it in the deep waters of its locks.

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00:25:54,600 --> 00:25:56,600

Instead, look to the skies.

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00:25:56,600 --> 00:25:59,720

With more UFO sightings and close encounters

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00:25:59,800 --> 00:26:02,160

than anywhere else in the world,

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00:26:02,240 --> 00:26:05,280

the Falkirk Triangle in central Scotland

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00:26:05,360 --> 00:26:08,680

is an internationally recognised UFO hotspot,

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00:26:08,760 --> 00:26:13,520

with thousands of reports logged over the last three decades.

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00:26:16,200 --> 00:26:19,960

We're on a mission to establish whether this extraordinary phenomenon

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00:26:20,040 --> 00:26:22,040

has an earthly explanation,

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00:26:22,120 --> 00:26:24,680

or whether extraterrestrial creatures

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00:26:24,680 --> 00:26:27,560

are in the ocean, or whether extraterrestrial craft

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00:26:27,640 --> 00:26:29,640

are visiting Earth.

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00:26:31,720 --> 00:26:33,760

The village of Bonnybridge was the scene

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00:26:33,840 --> 00:26:35,920

of one of the first reported sightings.

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00:26:36,000 --> 00:26:40,600

In 1989, glowing objects appeared before a stunned fire crew,

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00:26:40,680 --> 00:26:43,200

before speeding across the sky.

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00:26:43,280 --> 00:26:47,680

In January 1993, a couple spotted two large triangular objects

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00:26:47,760 --> 00:26:51,840

low in the sky above the Castle Cary Railway viaduct.

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00:26:51,840 --> 00:26:55,960

They appeared about the 1991 Pullman reservoir sighting

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00:26:56,040 --> 00:27:00,840

and an extraordinary photo showing a disc-shaped red UFO.

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00:27:01,920 --> 00:27:06,200

The photograph he took shows the underside of this object,

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00:27:06,280 --> 00:27:10,280

which has a concave underside and it's throwing out light.

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00:27:10,360 --> 00:27:14,320

One of the most vivid descriptions is of a sighting of a UFO

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00:27:14,400 --> 00:27:17,560

by an amateur photographer at Craig Lusker Reservoir.

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00:27:18,560 --> 00:27:23,880

A two-tiered classic saucer, caught apparently in mid-flight.

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00:27:25,320 --> 00:27:29,640

We found no evidence of any fakery with this.

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00:27:29,720 --> 00:27:34,880

We also spoke to Provost Billy Buchanan about his fight for the truth,

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00:27:34,960 --> 00:27:38,560

and he's convinced dark forces are at work.

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00:27:38,640 --> 00:27:41,880

We never ever heard from them, we never seen them again.

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00:27:41,960 --> 00:27:43,960

Their telephone numbers went blank.

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00:27:44,960 --> 00:27:48,120

Shadowy forces, conspiracy theories,

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00:27:48,200 --> 00:27:51,760

but Billy and Malcolm so absolutely passionate

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00:27:51,840 --> 00:27:54,040

about what they say is the truth.

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00:27:54,120 --> 00:27:55,440

This is my concern.

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00:27:55,520 --> 00:27:57,800

If you're going to investigate something like this,

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00:27:57,880 --> 00:27:59,640

you need to have an open mind,

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00:27:59,720 --> 00:28:02,280

but it feels like in some way they're so convinced

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00:28:02,360 --> 00:28:03,800

that the answer is alien,

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00:28:03,880 --> 00:28:07,320

that they're not prepared to find that it's something much closer to Earth.

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00:28:07,400 --> 00:28:09,520

Billy mentioned Cumbernail quite a lot.

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00:28:09,600 --> 00:28:11,760

Not to the Cumbernail, therefore.

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00:28:12,760 --> 00:28:14,920

I was up in the control tower with the owner,

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00:28:15,000 --> 00:28:17,480

and he said the tape was genuine.

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00:28:17,560 --> 00:28:19,320

Do you know anything about Cumbernail?

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00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:21,440

If you look at the Falkirk Triangle here,

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right, almost in the middle, is Cumbernail.

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Cumbernail is a small, busy, mixed-use airport

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00:28:28,640 --> 00:28:30,800

host to a diverse range of craft,

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00:28:30,880 --> 00:28:34,240

from helicopters to jets and charter planes.

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00:28:34,320 --> 00:28:38,840

And just outside the Falkirk Triangle are even more airports,

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00:28:39,280 --> 00:28:42,880

some used by the UK and US military.

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00:28:42,960 --> 00:28:46,160

And we know that often throughout history,

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00:28:46,240 --> 00:28:49,440

mysterious sites, claims of UFOs, unidentified flying objects

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00:28:49,520 --> 00:28:51,400

have just been military tests,

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which haven't been communicated to the public.

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So it's...

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00:28:55,480 --> 00:28:58,120

There's a lot of earthly explanations still to this,

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00:28:58,200 --> 00:28:59,120

but it is unusual.

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00:28:59,200 --> 00:29:01,480

The number of people who've come forward with sightings

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00:29:01,560 --> 00:29:02,560

is still of interest.

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00:29:02,640 --> 00:29:06,160

OK, so we've got one more person to help us prove

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00:29:06,240 --> 00:29:07,720

that this actually happened.

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Leading Scottish UFO investigator and author Ron Halliday

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has spoken in depth to hundreds of witnesses

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00:29:17,160 --> 00:29:22,480

and remains convinced the Folkirk Triangle is a real phenomenon.

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Ron, it's Craig Charles here.

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Listen, how solid is the evidence?

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Well, I think the evidence is pretty solid.

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I mean, obviously, you know, people do misidentify certain things

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and no question about it.

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00:29:33,880 --> 00:29:36,800

When you're dealing with people like airline pilots

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00:29:36,840 --> 00:29:39,520

with reports in UFOs, buzzing them,

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00:29:39,600 --> 00:29:42,360

then, you know, I think there's a significant amount of evidence.

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It's like there is something strange going on over Scotland.

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You're talking about evidence,

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00:29:46,880 --> 00:29:50,960

but accounts aren't enough to prove something extraordinary.

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00:29:51,040 --> 00:29:55,400

I mean, although I'd agree that people seeing an order light in the sky

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maybe can be, you know, dismissed or difficult to interpret,

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it's hard as to dismiss the evidence

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when people have something that they come up against,

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00:30:03,640 --> 00:30:06,320

you know, maybe just 100 yards or even closer.

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00:30:06,400 --> 00:30:08,560

There's something really out of the ordinary.

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00:30:08,640 --> 00:30:10,040

People aren't making these things up.

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00:30:10,120 --> 00:30:14,600

They are really reporting quite strange things.

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00:30:14,680 --> 00:30:19,160

But, Ron, why do you think it's happening in the Falkirk Triangle?

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What's there that's interesting these extraterrestrials so much?

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Yeah, I mean, I think, you know, that is the big question.

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Some people say they've been visited by aliens from distant planets,

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but another possibility is that we're seeing into other dimensions,

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00:30:35,120 --> 00:30:36,400

into other worlds.

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I mean, even some scientists are saying, you know,

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we could be living in multieuniversities.

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So I mean, I think that, you know, that is one possibility,

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but I don't think anybody has come up with a clear-cut answer.

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But what evidence have you got of that?

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Because that's a huge claim,

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but it's just a claim. It's just a tall story right now.

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Yeah, I mean, I appreciate what you're saying.

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That is difficult to be 100% definite about things,

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because I think people are reporting seeing something really strange,

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like an alien entity, or it seems like a spacecraft close up.

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00:31:08,360 --> 00:31:11,160

I mean, I don't see how you can just dismiss that, you know,

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because it goes concrete to what, you know, we understand as everyday life.

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What I don't understand, Ron, is that everyone has a mobile phone

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these days with a camera on it.

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And if you're talking about close-up interactions with alien life forms,

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00:31:25,920 --> 00:31:28,160

how come we've got no video evidence of that,

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00:31:28,240 --> 00:31:29,920

because everyone has a phone?

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00:31:30,920 --> 00:31:34,320

Yeah, I mean, I don't deny that that is a question

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that isn't easy to come with a proper answer to.

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I mean, some people say there are already lots of close-up videos

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that places like the Ministry of Defence,

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just because we don't have anything in the public domain

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doesn't mean that there are things that have been get-backed from the public.

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Do you think there are forces at play in this country

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00:31:54,320 --> 00:31:56,240

that are trying to keep us in the dark, Ron?

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Absolutely.

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00:31:58,120 --> 00:32:03,640

I mean, I think the government should take this phenomenon quite seriously

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00:32:03,720 --> 00:32:07,240

and actually conduct proper investigations into it.

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I mean, what specific evidence have you seen

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00:32:10,280 --> 00:32:12,800

regarding the Falkirk Triangle

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that you would say is 100% convincing?

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I mean, I think we have to weigh things up and ask ourselves,

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is the sheer volume of the port evidence

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00:32:23,640 --> 00:32:26,000

that something really strange is going on?

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People have been frightened by what's been happening,

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00:32:30,720 --> 00:32:32,880

people have been demanding answers to it.

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So I think, you know, we have to accept

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00:32:35,440 --> 00:32:38,680

this is a really strange phenomenon, whatever the answer is.

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00:32:38,760 --> 00:32:40,720

Ron, thank you so much for your time.

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00:32:40,800 --> 00:32:43,400

We really appreciate what you've been able to tell us.

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00:32:43,480 --> 00:32:44,480

Thank you.

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00:32:49,360 --> 00:32:51,720

Ron has shared some valuable insight

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00:32:51,800 --> 00:32:54,240

and he's certainly convinced something's going on.

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But although the volume of the UFO sightings

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00:32:56,640 --> 00:32:59,000

in the Falkirk Triangle is undeniable,

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00:33:00,000 --> 00:33:02,760

it's not the hard proof we're looking for.

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00:33:02,840 --> 00:33:05,360

We're still struggling to substantiate the facts.

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00:33:06,680 --> 00:33:09,160

You've got to have more evidence for me than this.

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00:33:09,240 --> 00:33:10,840

You're right. We're looking for the diamond in the rough.

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00:33:10,920 --> 00:33:13,560

We're looking for that thing which is going to prove something extraordinary.

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00:33:13,640 --> 00:33:17,600

So things which aren't compelling, they don't work for me.

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But just in, video footage of a more recent sighting,

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00:33:22,480 --> 00:33:24,200

a triangular UFO,

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00:33:24,280 --> 00:33:27,200

captured on dashcam in Brocksburn, West Lothian,

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00:33:27,280 --> 00:33:30,000

just three miles from Deckman Woods.

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00:33:31,400 --> 00:33:34,960

This is one of the latest UFO sightings from the Falkirk Triangle.

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00:33:35,040 --> 00:33:36,480

OK, show me, show me.

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00:33:38,720 --> 00:33:41,920

If this footage captured in the Falkirk Triangle

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00:33:42,000 --> 00:33:44,840

shows a clear image of a UFO,

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00:33:44,920 --> 00:33:47,480

it could change the course of this investigation.

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00:33:49,680 --> 00:33:50,720

Coming up.

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00:33:50,840 --> 00:33:51,720

There it is.

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00:33:51,800 --> 00:33:54,400

Kind of triangular, lights at three sides.

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00:33:54,480 --> 00:33:57,840

The new video evidence throws the investigation wide open.

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00:33:57,920 --> 00:34:00,240

Wow, Sarah, this case is getting bigger.

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00:34:00,320 --> 00:34:03,880

And we close in on a final verdict.

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00:34:03,960 --> 00:34:06,280

He believes it's got an extraterrestrial origin.

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We've got to say that in the case of Robert Taylor

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00:34:08,360 --> 00:34:09,880

and the Falkirk Triangle...

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00:34:13,360 --> 00:34:15,880

Scotland appears to be the destination of choice

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00:34:15,960 --> 00:34:17,640

for interstellar visitors,

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00:34:17,640 --> 00:34:19,760

from good old-fashioned flying sources

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00:34:19,840 --> 00:34:22,560

to inexplicably advanced alien technology.

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00:34:22,640 --> 00:34:26,560

But despite numerous appeals by local leaders to the authorities,

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no official explanation for the phenomenon exists.

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Between 1990 and 2010,

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00:34:34,480 --> 00:34:38,200

authorities received a flood of UFO reports,

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00:34:38,280 --> 00:34:42,280

but hard proof that extraterrestrials are buzzing Scotland

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00:34:42,360 --> 00:34:45,000

is frustratingly thin on the ground.

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00:34:45,640 --> 00:34:48,560

I think we have to weigh things up and ask ourselves,

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00:34:48,640 --> 00:34:50,560

is the sheer volume of the report

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00:34:50,640 --> 00:34:54,000

evidence that something really strange is going on?

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00:34:54,080 --> 00:34:58,480

What we desperately need in this case is incontestable proof.

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00:34:58,560 --> 00:35:03,840

And just into the hub is recent video footage of a triangular UFO

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00:35:03,920 --> 00:35:07,760

captured on dashcam in Brockspur and West Lothian.

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00:35:07,840 --> 00:35:10,720

Could this be the smoking gun we've been looking for?

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00:35:12,000 --> 00:35:14,520

OK, so there it is, top right of the frame.

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00:35:14,640 --> 00:35:17,440

What is that? That looks like an aeroplane to me.

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00:35:18,800 --> 00:35:20,840

It doesn't quite look like an aeroplane.

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00:35:21,720 --> 00:35:24,120

Can we play it again? Yeah, please. There it is.

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00:35:24,200 --> 00:35:25,600

That is unusual.

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00:35:25,680 --> 00:35:29,080

Kind of triangular, lights at three sides.

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00:35:29,160 --> 00:35:30,600

I don't think it looks like an aeroplane.

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00:35:30,680 --> 00:35:32,480

It could be military aircraft. Yeah.

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00:35:32,560 --> 00:35:34,280

Something that we haven't seen.

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00:35:34,360 --> 00:35:36,680

I don't know, because the car's moving, you can't tell whether it's...

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00:35:36,760 --> 00:35:40,120

No. ...you know, what speed it's going at, how it's behaving.

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00:35:40,200 --> 00:35:43,280

It didn't look like it was going very fast, did it? No, it was almost hovering.

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00:35:43,280 --> 00:35:44,280

Mm-hmm.

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00:35:46,240 --> 00:35:47,240

That is interesting.

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00:35:47,320 --> 00:35:49,240

My first thought was an aircraft, but you're right,

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00:35:49,320 --> 00:35:51,360

you have got that triangular shape.

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00:35:51,440 --> 00:35:54,360

But then, it doesn't mean it's an alien spacecraft

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00:35:54,440 --> 00:35:55,440

coming to kidnap people.

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00:35:55,520 --> 00:35:58,320

It just means it's something that you and I can't explain right now.

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00:35:58,400 --> 00:36:02,840

Yeah. I wonder how many new planes are the military developing?

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00:36:02,920 --> 00:36:04,840

But the thing is, we won't know.

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00:36:04,920 --> 00:36:07,960

So there have been cases like the Blackbird SL 71.

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00:36:08,040 --> 00:36:11,520

Before that was released publicly, people would mistake that

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00:36:11,520 --> 00:36:15,280

with its wing-like shape, its stealth shape, through UFO.

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00:36:15,360 --> 00:36:19,000

So it could be a military aircraft that we don't understand.

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00:36:19,080 --> 00:36:21,800

Sarah, please believe me, I really want to believe.

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00:36:21,880 --> 00:36:24,880

I know. But at the moment, I'm not convinced.

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00:36:28,720 --> 00:36:32,600

This extraordinary case has taken us on a roller coaster ride.

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00:36:32,680 --> 00:36:35,680

And to be honest, it's one of the most frustrating.

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00:36:37,000 --> 00:36:39,320

But before we reach a final conclusion,

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00:36:39,440 --> 00:36:43,240

we need to take stock of everything we've learned over our investigation.

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00:36:45,040 --> 00:36:47,160

So Sarah, we started out with the case of Robert Taylor,

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00:36:47,240 --> 00:36:50,360

who claimed that in the woods in 1979 in West Lothian,

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00:36:50,440 --> 00:36:52,320

he saw something that looked like this.

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00:36:54,080 --> 00:36:57,560

42 years ago in Deckman Woods near Livingston,

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00:36:57,640 --> 00:36:59,760

respected war hero Robert Taylor,

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00:36:59,840 --> 00:37:01,800

claimed that as he entered a clearing,

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00:37:01,880 --> 00:37:07,040

he came face to face with a UFO hovering a few feet off the ground.

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00:37:08,040 --> 00:37:13,000

I was amazed to see this huge dome-shaped shape.

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00:37:13,080 --> 00:37:15,080

I just couldn't believe my eyes.

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00:37:16,520 --> 00:37:19,440

What happened next defied imagination,

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00:37:19,520 --> 00:37:22,360

spiked theirs role towards Robert,

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00:37:22,440 --> 00:37:26,560

grabbed hold of his trousers and pulled him violently towards the craft.

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00:37:27,440 --> 00:37:31,240

We do have in our possession the actual very ripped trousers.

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00:37:31,320 --> 00:37:35,840

This was clearly a mechanical upwards movement of the trousers.

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00:37:35,920 --> 00:37:39,760

We've got this claim of an interaction and encounter of the fourth kind.

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00:37:39,840 --> 00:37:41,840

We haven't got much evidence.

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00:37:41,920 --> 00:37:44,520

This could potentially be bull lightning,

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00:37:44,600 --> 00:37:46,920

which caused the incident with Robert Taylor, for example,

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00:37:47,000 --> 00:37:50,120

or he may have had an epileptic fit or something else might have happened.

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00:37:50,200 --> 00:37:51,440

But I don't think we'll ever know.

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00:37:51,520 --> 00:37:53,120

I'm sure he's an honourable man,

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00:37:53,200 --> 00:37:56,240

but there's no evidence that it occurred this event.

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00:37:56,320 --> 00:37:59,120

You need more than a ripped pair of pants.

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00:37:59,200 --> 00:38:03,120

I believe that Malcolm, who investigated this, believes it happened,

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00:38:03,200 --> 00:38:05,960

and he believes it's got an extraterrestrial origin,

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00:38:06,040 --> 00:38:08,320

but belief isn't enough with this for me.

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00:38:08,400 --> 00:38:10,560

Then it turned into a mass of sightings

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00:38:10,640 --> 00:38:13,360

and something that we've called the Falkirk Triangle.

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00:38:13,440 --> 00:38:17,600

Is something happening in the Falkirk Triangle and is it extraterrestrial?

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00:38:20,120 --> 00:38:25,480

We established the true scale of UFO activity within the Falkirk Triangle.

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Scotland has seen a rise of UFO reports.

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00:38:28,440 --> 00:38:32,560

People are reporting things to the airports and the police.

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That defy description.

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We also discovered that photographic evidence

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relative to the quantity of reports is rare,

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but there are two images we were able to examine.

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The Paulmont Reservoir photo,

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00:38:47,360 --> 00:38:51,720

which purportedly shows the underside of a glowing red UFO at night.

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00:38:53,600 --> 00:38:56,720

And a daytime image taking that Craig Luska Reservoir

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00:38:56,800 --> 00:38:58,800

of a classic flying saucer.

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00:38:59,800 --> 00:39:05,240

But to be honest, these images on their own haven't entirely won me over.

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00:39:05,320 --> 00:39:08,480

I mean, that one was taken at Craig Luska Reservoir,

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00:39:08,560 --> 00:39:10,560

and to me that looks like a frisbee.

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00:39:10,640 --> 00:39:13,240

I wish it wasn't the case, but I'm not quite convinced.

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And this one, where he said he was bending over

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00:39:15,840 --> 00:39:20,320

and taking the photograph right underneath the spaceship,

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00:39:20,400 --> 00:39:23,840

that to me, that could be a camping stove.

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Yeah, a photograph's not good enough.

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I think they're interesting, but it's not evidence.

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It's just someone's photographs. They could be anything.

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We shared our frustrations about the limited availability

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00:39:38,160 --> 00:39:43,160

of photographic evidence with UFO investigator Ron Halliday.

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You're talking about close-up interactions with alien life forms.

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How come we've got no video evidence of that?

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00:39:50,480 --> 00:39:52,480

Because everyone has a phone.

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00:39:52,560 --> 00:39:55,080

I don't think the way that that is a question

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00:39:55,120 --> 00:39:59,120

that isn't easy to come with a proper answer to.

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But we also spoke to Falkirk, Pravos Biribu Cannon.

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He was so convinced that something is going on in Scottish skies,

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he dedicated years to finding the truth.

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We've been down to every Prime Minister, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown.

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I've tried every single thing to try and get somebody to come forward.

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Only to find the doors of power slam shut.

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When it comes to something extraterrestrial,

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we've got some people who very much believe that,

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00:40:33,680 --> 00:40:36,840

but I'm not convinced we haven't got that strong piece of evidence

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00:40:36,920 --> 00:40:40,040

to say, yes, this is something otherworldly.

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But we must keep in mind the remarkable and recent dashcam sighting,

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00:40:44,280 --> 00:40:48,120

showing a triangular UFO hovering close to a dual carriageway.

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00:40:49,880 --> 00:40:51,760

It doesn't quite look like an aeroplane.

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00:40:51,880 --> 00:40:53,880

There it is. That is unusual.

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00:40:55,440 --> 00:40:57,320

It certainly can't be explained.

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00:40:58,080 --> 00:41:01,240

I mean, no, it's not the first triangular craft seen in this area.

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00:41:02,240 --> 00:41:05,960

Back in 1993, two triangular UFOs

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00:41:06,040 --> 00:41:08,840

were reported near the Castle Carey Railway viaduct.

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But the final word must go to UFO expert

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00:41:14,840 --> 00:41:17,640

and XMOD official Nick Pope.

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In your opinion, are the sightings reported

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within the Falkirk Triangle credible?

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A lot of them will turn out to have conventional explanations

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as misidentifications.

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There will probably be some hoaxes too,

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00:41:34,880 --> 00:41:40,120

but in there somewhere is what I refer to as the core phenomenon.

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00:41:40,200 --> 00:41:43,440

And that remains unexplained to this day,

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00:41:43,520 --> 00:41:46,400

both with the Falkirk Triangle sightings

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00:41:46,400 --> 00:41:48,720

and indeed the phenomenon as a whole.

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00:41:52,640 --> 00:41:55,400

Now we must come to a final verdict.

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00:41:55,480 --> 00:41:59,560

Have we proved extraterrestrials are visiting Scotland?

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00:42:00,680 --> 00:42:02,840

So I think we've got to say that in the case of Robert Taylor

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00:42:02,920 --> 00:42:04,320

and the Falkirk Triangle...

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00:42:07,520 --> 00:42:08,760

Case not proven.

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00:42:10,680 --> 00:42:11,680

Yet.

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00:42:11,760 --> 00:42:12,760

Mm-hmm.

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00:42:13,760 --> 00:42:16,960

The perplexing and disturbing case of Robert Taylor

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00:42:17,040 --> 00:42:20,760

and the Falkirk Triangle for now remains unsolved.

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00:42:20,840 --> 00:42:23,440

There's just not enough corroborating evidence.

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00:42:24,000 --> 00:42:27,080

But over the last 30 years, the people of Scotland

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00:42:27,160 --> 00:42:30,440

have risked their reputations to state on record

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00:42:30,520 --> 00:42:32,480

they've encountered a UFO,

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00:42:32,560 --> 00:42:36,160

so I remain convinced there's much more to this story.

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00:42:37,480 --> 00:42:40,200

Somewhere out there is the truth.

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00:42:40,240 --> 00:42:43,440

And as governments around the world begin to open their vaults of secrets

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00:42:43,520 --> 00:42:44,640

to the public,

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00:42:44,720 --> 00:42:48,880

we move ever closer to the moment that will change humanity,

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00:42:48,960 --> 00:42:52,680

the discovery that we are not alone.