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Ralph Blumenthal

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00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:09,590

[Music]

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00:00:13,120 --> 00:00:17,610

oh

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00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:19,990

[Music]

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00:00:44,229 --> 00:00:41,750
hello everyone welcome back to the

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00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:44,239
disclosure team channel i'm really

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00:00:48,869 --> 00:00:46,399
really happy to be having this upcoming

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:48,879
conversation um i was excited the other

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00:00:51,910 --> 00:00:50,640
day when i woke up to see that

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:51,920
congressional hearings were going to be

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00:00:57,029 --> 00:00:54,079
happening next week as i think a lot of

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00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:57,039
people were so naturally i reached out

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00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:59,680
straight away to ralph and said i'd love

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00:01:03,110 --> 00:01:00,879

to chat and

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00:01:05,590 --> 00:01:03,120

he obliged so let's jump straight into

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00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:05,600

it guys i'd like to welcome

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00:01:09,270 --> 00:01:07,360

ralph blumenthal ralph how are you doing

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00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:09,280

hey great nice nice to be here with you

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00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:11,280

thank you thank you so much for agreeing

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00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:18,390

so ralph let i'm going to start with a

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00:01:22,230 --> 00:01:20,159

a question which i'm not sure you you'll

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,240

be able to answer in depth but

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00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:24,000

i'd like to know how

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:25,920

you get these breaking stories and what

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00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:28,000

the process might be about that

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,520

well uh you know i've been working with

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00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:32,479
leslie kane for a long time and she has

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:35,280
particularly good sources um in and out

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00:01:40,630 --> 00:01:37,520
of the government so we knew about these

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:40,640
hearings for quite a while um and we

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00:01:43,749 --> 00:01:41,840
knew they were going to be coming up we

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:43,759
didn't know exactly when we knew

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:46,399
probably in in may or later may

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:47,759
and um

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00:01:51,910 --> 00:01:50,399
our concern was really uh

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00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:51,920
not to have it leak because as soon as

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00:01:56,389 --> 00:01:53,680
you start asking questions you know you

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00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:56,399
start to disturb the you roil the waters

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00:02:01,670 --> 00:02:00,000

and and and washington is a sieve um a

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00:02:03,990 --> 00:02:01,680

lot of people in the congressional

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:04,000

committees have friends in the media so

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00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,000

we were concerned that

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00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:08,000

it was like a catch-22 i mean you you

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00:02:11,910 --> 00:02:09,599

start to ask questions that you need to

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:11,920

do for the reporting and then you end up

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00:02:15,990 --> 00:02:13,680

you know sort of uh

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00:02:17,830 --> 00:02:16,000

broadcasting your intentions so it was

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00:02:20,309 --> 00:02:17,840

kind of nerve-wracking for a while

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00:02:22,550 --> 00:02:20,319

because we we we knew this we couldn't

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:22,560

really talk about it and we wanted to

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:24,560

protect our exclusive

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:27,120
and luckily it did hold and we broke the

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00:02:30,869 --> 00:02:29,040
story last week

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00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:30,879
yeah now the hearing in itself is

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00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:33,280
intended to focus on the aoi msg the

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00:02:39,110 --> 00:02:35,599
airborne object identification and

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:39,120
management synchronization group

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00:02:42,390 --> 00:02:40,480
now the announcement of this group last

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00:02:44,150 --> 00:02:42,400
year caused some controversy when it was

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00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:44,160
announced because of the timing when the

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:45,840
gila brand amendment was actually

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00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:48,560
pushing for a new office to be formed so

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00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:50,000
a lot of people felt that the pentagon

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00:02:53,350 --> 00:02:51,599

were attempting to

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00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:53,360

hold keep control of the narrative did

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00:02:58,149 --> 00:02:56,000

you did you feel that at all well first

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:02:58,159

of all that that acronym doesn't exactly

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00:03:02,869 --> 00:03:01,040

roll off the tongue

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00:03:04,940 --> 00:03:02,879

maybe they designed it that way to keep

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:04,950

it secret because you can't even say it

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00:03:08,229 --> 00:03:07,040

[Laughter]

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00:03:09,670 --> 00:03:08,239

but um

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00:03:11,430 --> 00:03:09,680

well i think there was a lot of you know

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00:03:14,070 --> 00:03:11,440

play behind the scenes that we we don't

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00:03:15,910 --> 00:03:14,080

really know about but the pentagon

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00:03:18,390 --> 00:03:15,920

probably wanted to hold on to you know

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00:03:20,229 --> 00:03:18,400

its primacy of this through the

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00:03:23,430 --> 00:03:20,239

uap task force

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00:03:25,990 --> 00:03:23,440

but gillibrand i think was was really

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00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:26,000

very smart to try to broaden it and get

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00:03:31,350 --> 00:03:27,840

allies in congress

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00:03:33,030 --> 00:03:31,360

to try to get it into a better forum

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00:03:35,509 --> 00:03:33,040

and not just be dependent on the

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00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:35,519

pentagon so um

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00:03:39,110 --> 00:03:37,360

i think it's a healthy development and i

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00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:39,120

think you know there's been much too

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00:03:42,630 --> 00:03:40,720

much secrecy about this thing from the

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00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:42,640

very beginning as you know decades

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00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:43,840

passed

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00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:46,640

these are the first hearings in 50 54

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00:03:49,910 --> 00:03:47,760

years

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:49,920

i mean that's a long time and and the

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00:03:54,789 --> 00:03:51,920

hearings that did happen

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00:03:57,670 --> 00:03:54,799

back then were often misleading

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00:03:59,830 --> 00:03:57,680

so um i think these are all positive

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00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:59,840

developments by the way that gillibrand

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00:04:03,429 --> 00:04:01,599

amendment got through that there's a new

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00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:03,439

group that there's a willingness to hold

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00:04:07,830 --> 00:04:05,120

hearings so

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00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:07,840

um that's that's all positive

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00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:10,480

yeah absolutely i agree uh now andre

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00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:12,879
carson um made a comment and he said

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00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:14,400
that the hearing is about examining

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00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:16,000
steps that the pentagon can take to

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,560
reduce the stigma surrounding reporting

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00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:21,120
by military pilots and civilian pilots

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00:04:25,510 --> 00:04:23,360
which i totally agree with but i feel

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00:04:28,150 --> 00:04:25,520
that it needs to extend beyond pilots

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00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:28,160
into into military branches and agencies

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00:04:31,110 --> 00:04:29,520
as well do you think that that will

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00:04:33,430 --> 00:04:31,120
change in time

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00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:33,440
probably slowly i mean again you got to

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00:04:38,230 --> 00:04:35,840
look at the progress that has been made

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00:04:39,830 --> 00:04:38,240

and i know it's easy to look ahead and

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00:04:42,150 --> 00:04:39,840

say gee we're still

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00:04:44,070 --> 00:04:42,160

there's still too much ridicule um you

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00:04:45,909 --> 00:04:44,080

know we still don't know a lot

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00:04:47,909 --> 00:04:45,919

we know very little really about what

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00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:47,919

the government has has compiled so if

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00:04:52,310 --> 00:04:49,600

you look at that side of the you know

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00:04:54,150 --> 00:04:52,320

the empty half of the glass um it's it

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00:04:56,950 --> 00:04:54,160

can be pretty depressing but if you say

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00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:56,960

you know how far we've come um

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00:05:03,110 --> 00:04:59,919

and um so i think uh you know that's all

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00:05:04,629 --> 00:05:03,120

to the good and i think um

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00:05:07,270 --> 00:05:04,639

there's still too much

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00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:07,280

ridicule as you know i mean

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00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:09,280

representative carson himself said he's

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00:05:13,110 --> 00:05:11,440

expected to take some heat for this

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00:05:15,270 --> 00:05:13,120

hearing which is ridiculous when you

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00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:15,280

think of it i mean heat to examine a

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00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:17,759

phenomenon that has you know

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00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:19,360

flabbergasted

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00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:20,720

flummoxed

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00:05:25,670 --> 00:05:23,280

confounded our best experts for more

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00:05:27,430 --> 00:05:25,680

than a half a century i mean uh and yet

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00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:27,440

they're still taking heat for that so he

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00:05:32,469 --> 00:05:30,160

had to say that and indicate you know

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00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:32,479

that um maybe take a little bit of the

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00:05:36,710 --> 00:05:34,720

sting off it but the stigma is still

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00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,720

there and a lot of people in congress

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00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:38,240

are afraid to get out front on this

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00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:40,160

issue and maybe there's strength in

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00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:41,919

numbers so maybe you know the hearing

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00:05:46,230 --> 00:05:43,840

tuesday enough of them will

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00:05:48,390 --> 00:05:46,240

um you know give each other courage so

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00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:48,400

that they can ask some tough questions

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00:05:52,469 --> 00:05:50,560

so uh you know we'll see

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00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:52,479

yeah absolutely and you mentioned

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00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:54,320

previously about the excessive secrecy

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00:05:57,430 --> 00:05:55,919

that has been going on for so long and

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00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:57,440
adam schiff the chairman of the house

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00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,919
intelligence committee uh he he was

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00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:01,280
quoted as saying one of the great

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00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:03,440
mysteries of our time and to break the

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00:06:07,830 --> 00:06:04,960
cycle of excessive secrecy and

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00:06:08,950 --> 00:06:07,840
speculation with truth and transparency

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00:06:10,710 --> 00:06:08,960
now there's been a lot of discussion

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00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:10,720
recently about this secrecy christopher

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00:06:14,629 --> 00:06:12,960
mellon's mentioned it a few times so do

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00:06:15,909 --> 00:06:14,639
you think congress is aware of that and

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00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:15,919
actually are trying to do something

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00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:18,000
about it proactively yeah you'd have to

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00:06:23,029 --> 00:06:20,000

be deaf dumb and blind you know not to

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00:06:24,230 --> 00:06:23,039

know what what's gone on um in the past

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00:06:27,110 --> 00:06:24,240

and uh

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00:06:29,350 --> 00:06:27,120

um you know the history of this uh issue

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00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:29,360

this phenomenon is really very shameful

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00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:31,360

when you go back to it i mean the

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00:06:36,790 --> 00:06:34,000

misinformation the disinformation going

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00:06:39,029 --> 00:06:36,800

back to the 50s

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00:06:41,430 --> 00:06:39,039

and uh you know the the government

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00:06:44,230 --> 00:06:41,440

dismissed these as hallucinations as

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00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:44,240

illusions fly specs on the windscreen

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00:06:48,070 --> 00:06:46,160

you know marsh gas

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00:06:51,430 --> 00:06:48,080

all natural phenomena reflections from

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00:06:55,029 --> 00:06:51,440

the desert floor you go back and um and

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00:06:58,230 --> 00:06:55,039

all along the data was there um and and

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00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:58,240

and um you know uh right after world war

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00:07:02,950 --> 00:07:00,560

ii we had the most highly trained uh

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00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:02,960

military pilots in the world

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00:07:06,230 --> 00:07:04,639

and they were seeing these things and

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00:07:09,110 --> 00:07:06,240

you can't tell them that they they were

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00:07:12,469 --> 00:07:09,120

seeing the planet venus

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00:07:14,550 --> 00:07:12,479

you know so um the the data was there

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00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:14,560

but the government just you know covered

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00:07:19,589 --> 00:07:17,120

it up and misled the american people and

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00:07:21,430 --> 00:07:19,599

it's it really is a shameful

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00:07:23,670 --> 00:07:21,440

um

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00:07:26,550 --> 00:07:23,680

period and now i think we're we made a

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,560

lot of progress yeah i absolutely agree

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00:07:29,589 --> 00:07:28,319

it's going to take a second to give a

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00:07:31,189 --> 00:07:29,599

shout out to lara thank you for the

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00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:31,199

donation lara says thank you mr

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00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:33,120

blumenthal for your dedication and

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00:07:37,749 --> 00:07:35,680

persistence and to vinnie as well thank

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00:07:39,589 --> 00:07:37,759

you so much lara that's very very kind

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00:07:41,749 --> 00:07:39,599

of you appreciate it

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00:07:43,029 --> 00:07:41,759

um

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where are we

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00:07:45,589 --> 00:07:44,400

and now that we've also learned that

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00:07:47,749 --> 00:07:45,599

there's going to be closed hearings

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00:07:48,950 --> 00:07:47,759

straight after the hearings do you think

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00:07:50,950 --> 00:07:48,960

that that is just where the sort of

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00:07:53,029 --> 00:07:50,960

classified information will be discussed

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00:07:54,710 --> 00:07:53,039

sources and methods and yeah it will be

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00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:54,720

i mean the committee has already said

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00:07:58,869 --> 00:07:56,479

that there'll be a classified session

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00:08:00,230 --> 00:07:58,879

after the public session so you know

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00:08:01,990 --> 00:08:00,240

right away that should make you a little

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uneasy like what are they saying in the

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00:08:06,710 --> 00:08:04,400

classified session that they can't say

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00:08:08,230 --> 00:08:06,720

in the public session and i mean that's

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always been the issue as you know the

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00:08:13,270 --> 00:08:11,440

uap report that came out last june a

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00:08:16,629 --> 00:08:13,280

nine-page report some people thought it

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00:08:19,830 --> 00:08:16,639

was too skimpy um but that was followed

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00:08:21,189 --> 00:08:19,840

by a classified uh report that was given

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00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:21,199

to congressional committees we don't

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00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:23,199

really know what's in that so there's

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00:08:26,790 --> 00:08:24,560

you know we're always playing this game

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00:08:28,469 --> 00:08:26,800

that congress publicly is given this

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00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:28,479

information then privately they're given

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00:08:33,430 --> 00:08:31,520

more information so we don't know

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00:08:35,110 --> 00:08:33,440

we can speculate but we don't know

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00:08:36,870 --> 00:08:35,120

what's in that and you know we've been

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00:08:38,469 --> 00:08:36,880

very careful in our reporting to stick

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00:08:41,110 --> 00:08:38,479

to what we can

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00:08:43,110 --> 00:08:41,120

attribute um because you know on the on

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00:08:45,190 --> 00:08:43,120

the web there's all kinds of rumors and

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00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:45,200

stuff floating around and we we've been

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00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,680

very careful in the new york times to uh

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00:08:52,949 --> 00:08:49,920

focus on what we can attribute what we

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00:08:54,710 --> 00:08:52,959

can say we know is true and not and to

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00:08:56,790 --> 00:08:54,720

speculate and not you know no heavy

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:56,800

breathing that secret sources tell us

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00:09:01,750 --> 00:08:57,839

this and

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00:09:02,949 --> 00:09:01,760

i think that inspires um skepticism

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00:09:05,190 --> 00:09:02,959

yeah i mean there's all kinds of

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00:09:07,430 --> 00:09:05,200

information out there as you know but to

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separate that from what and you know

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00:09:11,829 --> 00:09:09,120

what what has come out has been really

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00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:11,839

very very limited i mean uh people

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00:09:16,470 --> 00:09:15,120

always ask well who's behind these ufos

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00:09:19,509 --> 00:09:16,480

where do they come from what do they

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00:09:20,949 --> 00:09:19,519

want where are the aliens and we we

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00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:20,959

haven't dealt with any of that in our

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00:09:24,550 --> 00:09:22,800

reporting because it's all speculative

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00:09:26,790 --> 00:09:24,560

we don't know what we do know

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00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:26,800

is that they have been these objects uh

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first of all they're real because the

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00:09:32,310 --> 00:09:29,760
government has now admitted that for the

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00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:32,320
first time in the report last june uh

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00:09:36,389 --> 00:09:34,240
these objects are not illusions they're

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00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:36,399
not you know uh

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00:09:40,230 --> 00:09:38,080
some mystical

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00:09:42,710 --> 00:09:40,240
marsh gas or reflections where they

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00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:42,720
they're real physical objects but other

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00:09:48,470 --> 00:09:46,080
than that nobody knows so but that that

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00:09:50,230 --> 00:09:48,480
in itself is is his progress

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00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:50,240
yeah absolutely i mean one thing we did

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00:09:54,070 --> 00:09:52,000
learn from the

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00:09:56,150 --> 00:09:54,080
the the the briefing from last year

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00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:56,160

sorry the report from last year john

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00:09:59,430 --> 00:09:57,440

greenwald of the black vault managed to

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00:10:01,829 --> 00:09:59,440

get the heavily redacted version and one

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00:10:03,269 --> 00:10:01,839

thing we learned was that there was the

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00:10:04,630 --> 00:10:03,279

shapes they were talking about the

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shapes of these things but they felt the

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need to redact them even though that

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00:10:10,949 --> 00:10:08,640

doesn't give out the sort of sources and

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00:10:13,750 --> 00:10:10,959

methods so i think a lot of people were

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00:10:15,990 --> 00:10:13,760

confused about that what do you think

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00:10:18,230 --> 00:10:16,000

exactly i think that there's absolutely

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00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:18,240

much too much secrecy things like shapes

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00:10:22,310 --> 00:10:20,320

first of all that's not a big secret uh

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00:10:23,190 --> 00:10:22,320

shapes have been talked about by people

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you know

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00:10:30,949 --> 00:10:28,079

flying saucer era uh they're triangles

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00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:30,959

they're you know they're around they're

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00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,600

cigar-shaped uh tic-tac-shaped most

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00:10:38,630 --> 00:10:35,760

recently they've been described as

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00:10:40,550 --> 00:10:38,640

so um you know why are they redacting

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00:10:43,030 --> 00:10:40,560

that um

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00:10:44,630 --> 00:10:43,040

that seems to be you know overkill

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00:10:45,829 --> 00:10:44,640

yeah absolutely now you mentioned

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00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:45,839

earlier as well that these are the first

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00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:48,160

hearings in over 50 years there was

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00:10:54,389 --> 00:10:52,480

i think 66 and 68. uh i think in 66 the

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00:10:56,949 --> 00:10:54,399

air force just put it off to things like

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00:10:59,030 --> 00:10:56,959

swamp gas and i think by 69 the air

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00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:59,040

force had concluded that ufos had no

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00:11:02,949 --> 00:11:01,120

threat to national security which

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00:11:04,069 --> 00:11:02,959

obviously is simply not the case right

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00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:04,079

do you think there's a chance we could

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00:11:06,790 --> 00:11:05,279

see something similar with these

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00:11:08,949 --> 00:11:06,800

hearings or do you think the door is

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00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:08,959

well and truly open now that such levels

298

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:11,120

of secrecy and obfuscation can't creep

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00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:13,200

back in yeah well i think they can't say

300

00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:14,800

any more that these things aren't real

301
00:11:19,750 --> 00:11:16,160
because they've already said they are

302
00:11:21,750 --> 00:11:19,760
real so we have to move on from that

303
00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,760
and um you know there are a lot of

304
00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:23,760
questions about the data for example

305
00:11:28,230 --> 00:11:25,600
some of the sightings by

306
00:11:29,509 --> 00:11:28,240
our veteran pilots like dave fraber have

307
00:11:31,829 --> 00:11:29,519
suggested that these things are

308
00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:31,839
operating trans-medium in the water as

309
00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,600
well they've been seen

310
00:11:37,990 --> 00:11:35,839
entering the water or under the water

311
00:11:40,150 --> 00:11:38,000
coming out of the water i mean that is

312
00:11:42,470 --> 00:11:40,160
an amazing question

313
00:11:45,030 --> 00:11:42,480

because you know we can almost

314

00:11:47,430 --> 00:11:45,040

understand as uh hypersonic objects in

315

00:11:48,870 --> 00:11:47,440

the atmosphere we've been conditioned to

316

00:11:51,590 --> 00:11:48,880

you know to understand that think of

317

00:11:55,030 --> 00:11:51,600

that but underwater i mean you know

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00:11:59,350 --> 00:11:55,040

water is a very um difficult medium to

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00:12:01,110 --> 00:11:59,360

uh to to operate in quickly fast

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00:12:02,790 --> 00:12:01,120

because the water resistance and if some

321

00:12:05,350 --> 00:12:02,800

objects can operate underwater as

322

00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:05,360

submarines have seen and as they've been

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00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:06,800

eyeballed coming into and out of the

324

00:12:12,550 --> 00:12:09,360

water well that's sensational news

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00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:12,560

so um i don't know how much of that

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00:12:16,710 --> 00:12:14,480

might come out the trans medium aspect

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00:12:18,949 --> 00:12:16,720

and of course the question that we

328

00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:18,959

raised very

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00:12:23,030 --> 00:12:20,480

carefully in a limited way in the new

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00:12:25,990 --> 00:12:23,040

york times as to whether the government

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00:12:26,870 --> 00:12:26,000

is in possession of any actual materials

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00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:26,880

um

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00:12:34,949 --> 00:12:32,320

uh the congressional committees were

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00:12:37,110 --> 00:12:34,959

briefed with a series of slides one of

335

00:12:39,670 --> 00:12:37,120

which we showed in the new york times

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00:12:43,990 --> 00:12:39,680

on um

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00:12:45,829 --> 00:12:44,000

on possible recoveries of um

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00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:45,839

whatever you want to call it anomalous

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00:12:51,269 --> 00:12:48,079

material

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00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:51,279

so that would be sensational

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00:12:55,590 --> 00:12:53,200

and there's been a lot of stories over

342

00:12:57,750 --> 00:12:55,600

the years about that again we stuck to

343

00:12:59,829 --> 00:12:57,760

what we could document in the new york

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00:13:02,310 --> 00:12:59,839

times we didn't go

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00:13:04,790 --> 00:13:02,320

into into you know speculation and

346

00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:04,800

there's a lot of crazy stuff floating

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00:13:09,190 --> 00:13:06,480

around that may be true but you can't

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00:13:11,829 --> 00:13:09,200

prove it um but what we do know is that

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00:13:12,710 --> 00:13:11,839

congressional committees were briefed on

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00:13:15,030 --> 00:13:12,720

uh

351
00:13:15,910 --> 00:13:15,040
some possible material recoveries

352
00:13:22,069 --> 00:13:15,920
and

353
00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:22,079
non-earthly in other words it was not

354
00:13:27,030 --> 00:13:24,079
anything that um that they could

355
00:13:29,670 --> 00:13:27,040
identify as products of of earthly

356
00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:29,680
technology

357
00:13:32,069 --> 00:13:30,560
so

358
00:13:33,750 --> 00:13:32,079
and you know that brings up the question

359
00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:33,760
which is often raised well could these

360
00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:36,240
things be super secret u.s technology or

361
00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:38,000
russian or chinese

362
00:13:42,069 --> 00:13:39,920
and uh and that's trotted out

363
00:13:44,710 --> 00:13:42,079

periodically it was in the report last

364

00:13:46,470 --> 00:13:44,720

june as a possible explanation well

365

00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:46,480

maybe it's you know russian or chinese

366

00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:47,760

but

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00:13:51,509 --> 00:13:49,279

you know they they had to go through all

368

00:13:53,430 --> 00:13:51,519

the possibilities in this report and

369

00:13:56,710 --> 00:13:53,440

then they pretty much rejected them one

370

00:13:58,629 --> 00:13:56,720

by one um that they were not natural

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00:14:01,269 --> 00:13:58,639

phenomena they weren't cloud formations

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00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:01,279

they weren't uh you know thunder clouds

373

00:14:05,430 --> 00:14:03,120

they weren't all these things and they

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00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:05,440

weren't chinese and russian because

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00:14:09,269 --> 00:14:07,760

the technology is so superior to

376

00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:09,279

anything we know

377

00:14:13,350 --> 00:14:10,880

uh on earth

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00:14:14,870 --> 00:14:13,360

um so we're pretty much you know the

379

00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:14,880

people we've talked to at the times have

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00:14:18,629 --> 00:14:16,800

discounted the possibility that this

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00:14:21,110 --> 00:14:18,639

could be um

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00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:21,120

you know technology of our adversaries

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00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:23,680

so what's left i mean you do the logic

384

00:14:28,230 --> 00:14:25,680

uh there's no answer

385

00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:28,240

except that well it ain't from from

386

00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:30,480

earth so you know go figure

387

00:14:33,829 --> 00:14:32,480

yeah uh just a quick message to

388

00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:33,839

everybody in the chat i've only got

389

00:14:37,590 --> 00:14:36,399

ralph for a very limited time so i will

390

00:14:39,189 --> 00:14:37,600

i won't be able to get to all of your

391

00:14:41,030 --> 00:14:39,199

questions but i did notice this one here

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00:14:42,790 --> 00:14:41,040

which i think is really good uh ressy

393

00:14:44,470 --> 00:14:42,800

tube asks does ralph believe the

394

00:14:46,629 --> 00:14:44,480

provenance of these objects is known at

395

00:14:49,189 --> 00:14:46,639

least at a certain military level or are

396

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:49,199

the military as baffled as everyone else

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00:14:53,750 --> 00:14:50,480

i think they know more than they're

398

00:14:57,430 --> 00:14:53,760

saying uh for example um

399

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:57,440

nasa uh has obviously uh you know very

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00:15:02,069 --> 00:15:00,480

sophisticated uh surveillance

401
00:15:04,069 --> 00:15:02,079
technology because they're they're in

402
00:15:05,910 --> 00:15:04,079
the space station and they're way up

403
00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:05,920
there so they can see if these objects

404
00:15:11,990 --> 00:15:09,040
are entering the atmosphere um we have

405
00:15:14,629 --> 00:15:12,000
uh defense technology you know the norad

406
00:15:17,350 --> 00:15:14,639
system that guards against the missile

407
00:15:20,389 --> 00:15:17,360
attacks so uh you know have they seen

408
00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:20,399
these objects entering the atmosphere um

409
00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:21,600
those are those are really good

410
00:15:24,389 --> 00:15:23,279
questions and i think

411
00:15:26,389 --> 00:15:24,399
um

412
00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:26,399
uh you know i don't want to speculate on

413
00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:28,639

the answer but i i would say that it's

414

00:15:32,310 --> 00:15:30,720

probably more than has been

415

00:15:34,230 --> 00:15:32,320

put out publicly because there's a

416

00:15:36,310 --> 00:15:34,240

certain defense aspect to this everybody

417

00:15:39,430 --> 00:15:36,320

knows that and the government doesn't

418

00:15:41,670 --> 00:15:39,440

always say everything it knows um

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00:15:43,590 --> 00:15:41,680

so to answer the question i think they

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00:15:45,110 --> 00:15:43,600

they do know more than they're saying

421

00:15:46,870 --> 00:15:45,120

yeah i think that was like one of the

422

00:15:48,790 --> 00:15:46,880

questions that uh christopher mellon was

423

00:15:50,150 --> 00:15:48,800

uh he put out a list of questions on

424

00:15:52,550 --> 00:15:50,160

twitter and i think that was along those

425

00:15:54,949 --> 00:15:52,560

kind of lines as well um but the thing

426

00:15:57,430 --> 00:15:54,959

as well what i find strange is that aoi

427

00:15:59,430 --> 00:15:57,440

msg the group is actually situated under

428

00:16:01,269 --> 00:15:59,440

os usdi

429

00:16:03,269 --> 00:16:01,279

which i think is limited in its scope

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00:16:05,189 --> 00:16:03,279

and it may not be able to meet the needs

431

00:16:07,590 --> 00:16:05,199

of congress so surely it would be better

432

00:16:09,749 --> 00:16:07,600

placed somewhere else i don't know odni

433

00:16:11,829 --> 00:16:09,759

or even space force do you agree with

434

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:11,839

that well i don't know where this thing

435

00:16:17,430 --> 00:16:14,079

could could be i mean

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00:16:18,790 --> 00:16:17,440

it is tricky first of all you know

437

00:16:21,430 --> 00:16:18,800

most of the most

438

00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:21,440

sophisticated uh agencies we have the

439

00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:23,920

surveillance military agencies so

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00:16:28,150 --> 00:16:26,639

uh ultimately under the pentagon and you

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00:16:29,990 --> 00:16:28,160

know the problem they came across with

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00:16:32,389 --> 00:16:30,000

the previous um

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00:16:34,949 --> 00:16:32,399

uh agency a tip which is what we broke

444

00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:34,959

in the new york times in 2017 that the

445

00:16:38,870 --> 00:16:37,279

pentagon had actually a secret office

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00:16:39,910 --> 00:16:38,880

that was monitoring

447

00:16:42,550 --> 00:16:39,920

um

448

00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:42,560

you know uap or ufos whatever they want

449

00:16:46,790 --> 00:16:44,560

to call it

450

00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:46,800

and the problem was that atip could not

451
00:16:52,550 --> 00:16:50,480
get the top security clearance to to

452
00:16:53,509 --> 00:16:52,560
investigate and um

453
00:16:58,150 --> 00:16:53,519
uh

454
00:17:01,829 --> 00:16:58,160
you know this is there's so much secrecy

455
00:17:03,430 --> 00:17:01,839
and so many levels of uh super secret uh

456
00:17:04,870 --> 00:17:03,440
you know uh

457
00:17:07,990 --> 00:17:04,880
classified

458
00:17:11,350 --> 00:17:08,000
areas in the government that even an

459
00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:11,360
agency officially tasked in the pentagon

460
00:17:13,829 --> 00:17:12,480
with

461
00:17:16,630 --> 00:17:13,839
investigating this phenomena couldn't

462
00:17:18,870 --> 00:17:16,640
get access to the special access groups

463
00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:18,880

that is holding this information

464

00:17:22,309 --> 00:17:20,480

so um

465

00:17:24,710 --> 00:17:22,319

that's that's the problem that the

466

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:24,720

information is very very tightly held

467

00:17:29,190 --> 00:17:26,400

and um

468

00:17:32,230 --> 00:17:29,200

penetrating this uh the reason it's been

469

00:17:36,630 --> 00:17:32,240

secret for so long for a reason because

470

00:17:40,789 --> 00:17:38,950

closing this off smoke stacking it or

471

00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:40,799

whatever you want to call it that only

472

00:17:44,630 --> 00:17:42,240

certain people have access to this

473

00:17:47,750 --> 00:17:44,640

information it's not shared widely in

474

00:17:50,230 --> 00:17:47,760

the government even presidents uh we've

475

00:17:51,430 --> 00:17:50,240

heard uh have not been able to penetrate

476

00:17:55,190 --> 00:17:51,440

this you know

477

00:17:57,270 --> 00:17:55,200

um it's not something that is is

478

00:17:58,789 --> 00:17:57,280

normally briefed back and forth to

479

00:18:01,510 --> 00:17:58,799

different agencies so

480

00:18:03,510 --> 00:18:01,520

it's it's very very tightly held

481

00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:03,520

yeah um i'm just gonna shout out sneaky

482

00:18:07,029 --> 00:18:05,120

toaster thank you for the five dollars

483

00:18:09,350 --> 00:18:07,039

uh the question which do you put more

484

00:18:11,110 --> 00:18:09,360

stock in or credibility in or sap or a

485

00:18:13,510 --> 00:18:11,120

tip and do you think james webb

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00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:13,520

telescope science discovery will be a

487

00:18:18,710 --> 00:18:16,960

key part to soften public backlash uh

488

00:18:23,190 --> 00:18:18,720

well asap

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00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:23,200

an atip asap was the previous agency um

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00:18:27,270 --> 00:18:25,520

and atip was the public name of it they

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00:18:29,510 --> 00:18:27,280

played games with these names you know

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00:18:32,789 --> 00:18:29,520

that some of the names are more public

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00:18:35,029 --> 00:18:32,799

than other names um and um at the new

494

00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:35,039

york times we just kept calling it atip

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00:18:39,510 --> 00:18:36,160

and you know

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00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:39,520

uh not to confuse readers that it went

497

00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:42,720

under different names and um but um i

498

00:18:45,830 --> 00:18:44,720

think the the web telescope is in is a

499

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:45,840

real

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00:18:51,510 --> 00:18:48,320

potentially huge advance because that

501
00:18:53,470 --> 00:18:51,520
can if that pokes into space and sees

502
00:18:55,029 --> 00:18:53,480
these if these things are really

503
00:18:58,070 --> 00:18:55,039
interplanetary

504
00:18:59,830 --> 00:18:58,080
um and come from from truly from outer

505
00:19:03,029 --> 00:18:59,840
space they they could or should be

506
00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:03,039
picked up somehow somewhere and these

507
00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:04,720
telescopes i mean they're now you know

508
00:19:08,470 --> 00:19:06,320
we just had the story

509
00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:08,480
broken the other day about the black

510
00:19:12,310 --> 00:19:10,720
hole at the heart of the milky way

511
00:19:14,230 --> 00:19:12,320
galaxy

512
00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:14,240
and they took pic and they have

513
00:19:19,350 --> 00:19:17,200

images of another black hole 55 million

514

00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:19,360

light years away so that's even further

515

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,240

away so they can do that

516

00:19:26,630 --> 00:19:24,480

maybe they can pick up these objects

517

00:19:28,630 --> 00:19:26,640

traversing space um

518

00:19:30,150 --> 00:19:28,640

so that would be sensational now would

519

00:19:32,549 --> 00:19:30,160

they release that if they have those

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00:19:34,870 --> 00:19:32,559

images you know that's something that

521

00:19:37,110 --> 00:19:34,880

congress could perhaps pry out

522

00:19:38,789 --> 00:19:37,120

yeah do you think this whole

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00:19:40,630 --> 00:19:38,799

situation within the government it helps

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00:19:41,510 --> 00:19:40,640

that it's actually bipartisan effort as

525

00:19:43,510 --> 00:19:41,520

well

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00:19:46,150 --> 00:19:43,520

yeah i mean i think this is one thing

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00:19:48,549 --> 00:19:46,160

that hopefully both parties in our very

528

00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,559

fractured democracy can agree on that it

529

00:19:52,070 --> 00:19:50,160

be nice to get the answers to some of

530

00:19:53,430 --> 00:19:52,080

these questions it's completely not you

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00:19:56,310 --> 00:19:53,440

don't there's no republican or

532

00:19:57,669 --> 00:19:56,320

democratic answer to these questions and

533

00:19:59,669 --> 00:19:57,679

you know in the old science fiction

534

00:20:01,270 --> 00:19:59,679

movies the threat from outer space was

535

00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:01,280

always the thing that brought the world

536

00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,520

together so um that that is probably a a

537

00:20:08,789 --> 00:20:07,600

very helpful aspect to this that there

538

00:20:10,630 --> 00:20:08,799

is no

539

00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:10,640
certainly in this country

540

00:20:14,870 --> 00:20:12,720
there's no partisan way to look at this

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00:20:16,149 --> 00:20:14,880
issue nobody can get an advantage one

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00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:16,159
way or the other

543

00:20:21,510 --> 00:20:19,120
um in in hiding or putting out this

544

00:20:22,870 --> 00:20:21,520
information so everybody has an interest

545

00:20:24,230 --> 00:20:22,880
and most of all the american people have

546

00:20:27,750 --> 00:20:24,240
an interest in knowing this stuff

547

00:20:28,710 --> 00:20:27,760
because it's our future you know and

548

00:20:31,110 --> 00:20:28,720
uh

549

00:20:33,270 --> 00:20:31,120
we we need to know what the

550

00:20:34,710 --> 00:20:33,280
potential is for what the questions that

551
00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:34,720
are raised are the most fundamental

552
00:20:37,669 --> 00:20:35,760
questions

553
00:20:40,710 --> 00:20:37,679
um in the history of humanity are we

554
00:20:42,710 --> 00:20:40,720
alone what else is out there

555
00:20:44,549 --> 00:20:42,720
how did creation start

556
00:20:46,390 --> 00:20:44,559
um you can't get

557
00:20:48,149 --> 00:20:46,400
bigger questions than that

558
00:20:49,350 --> 00:20:48,159
yeah absolutely and now since the

559
00:20:51,270 --> 00:20:49,360
announcement of the hearings you know

560
00:20:52,950 --> 00:20:51,280
i've been updating all my social medias

561
00:20:54,710 --> 00:20:52,960
with with all the the news as it comes

562
00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,720
in and things but i've seen an awful lot

563
00:20:58,230 --> 00:20:56,559

of people commenting things like the

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00:21:00,149 --> 00:20:58,240

government will never tell us anything

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00:21:02,310 --> 00:21:00,159

it's just deflection tactics it's

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00:21:03,909 --> 00:21:02,320

another nothing burger what sort of

567

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:03,919

response would you give to those kind of

568

00:21:08,390 --> 00:21:06,400

comments no i don't believe that i think

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00:21:11,590 --> 00:21:08,400

progress comes i think we've made

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00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:11,600

progress i think it's very easy to be

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00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:16,080

cynical um it's also easy to be overly

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00:21:19,990 --> 00:21:18,000

optimistic and say this is the beginning

573

00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:20,000

of disclosure this is you know when we

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00:21:24,630 --> 00:21:22,000

did our reporting leslie and i and

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00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:24,640

helene cooper in the beginning um

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00:21:28,630 --> 00:21:26,000

one of the things we heard was oh this

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00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:28,640

is part of a careful plan to feed out

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00:21:32,789 --> 00:21:30,480

limited infamous you know

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00:21:35,029 --> 00:21:32,799

there are always people who have

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00:21:36,549 --> 00:21:35,039

a conspiratorial bent and they will tell

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00:21:38,950 --> 00:21:36,559

you that this is all part of a

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00:21:40,789 --> 00:21:38,960

conspiracy to do this or that i've been

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00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:40,799

reporting long enough to know that it's

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00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:43,200

very hard to maintain a con a real

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00:21:50,149 --> 00:21:47,679

conspiracy um so i don't believe that um

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00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:50,159

this was trotted out at this particular

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00:21:55,430 --> 00:21:52,480

time for a particular reason i think we

588

00:21:57,190 --> 00:21:55,440

did some really good reporting um we had

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00:21:59,830 --> 00:21:57,200

some good luck we had some good sources

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00:22:01,430 --> 00:21:59,840

we got the story out it was not fed to

591

00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:01,440

us i can tell you that

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00:22:06,549 --> 00:22:04,720

it was you know nobody uh put this out

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00:22:10,070 --> 00:22:06,559

in the new york times for any ulterior

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00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:10,080

motive that we could ever uh discern we

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00:22:14,549 --> 00:22:12,559

we dug it out because we talked to the

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00:22:17,190 --> 00:22:14,559

right people um

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00:22:21,029 --> 00:22:17,200

and by the same token um i don't think

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00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:21,039

it's it's wise or accurate to downplay

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00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:23,760

and say ah this is just all you know

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00:22:28,630 --> 00:22:26,720

window dressing it's nonsense um because

601
00:22:30,549 --> 00:22:28,640
there's too many moving parts here i

602
00:22:31,669 --> 00:22:30,559
mean there are people involved in the

603
00:22:33,669 --> 00:22:31,679
secrecy

604
00:22:34,789 --> 00:22:33,679
some of whom i've spoken to who would

605
00:22:36,950 --> 00:22:34,799
like to see

606
00:22:40,149 --> 00:22:36,960
the veil lifted and more information out

607
00:22:41,669 --> 00:22:40,159
not everything but a good part of it um

608
00:22:43,430 --> 00:22:41,679
there's struggles going on behind the

609
00:22:45,590 --> 00:22:43,440
scenes it's a complicated business and

610
00:22:47,110 --> 00:22:45,600
there's no one orchestrating it to the

611
00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:47,120
point of you know

612
00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:49,200
hand feeding out the information or

613
00:22:53,190 --> 00:22:51,440

clamping down on the information saying

614

00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:53,200

this can't come out i think that they

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00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:54,720

will try

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00:22:58,870 --> 00:22:56,720

to be careful in the hearings

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00:23:01,830 --> 00:22:58,880

they being you know the government

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00:23:03,590 --> 00:23:01,840

bray and moultrie the two star witnesses

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00:23:06,789 --> 00:23:03,600

um i don't think they're going to you

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00:23:10,149 --> 00:23:08,630

but i think they'll be careful i think

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00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:10,159

uh there will be a lot of thought

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00:23:14,789 --> 00:23:12,720

beforehand on what they could say should

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00:23:17,430 --> 00:23:14,799

say in response to questions after all

624

00:23:19,909 --> 00:23:17,440

there are some security aspects involved

625

00:23:21,510 --> 00:23:19,919

here you know how much we know

626
00:23:23,110 --> 00:23:21,520
we the government knows about this

627
00:23:25,270 --> 00:23:23,120
phenomenon what we don't want our

628
00:23:26,710 --> 00:23:25,280
adversaries to know what we think our

629
00:23:28,310 --> 00:23:26,720
adversaries do they're doing the same

630
00:23:30,870 --> 00:23:28,320
thing by the way the russians and

631
00:23:32,310 --> 00:23:30,880
chinese from everything we know are also

632
00:23:34,470 --> 00:23:32,320
investigating and they're trying to

633
00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:34,480
reverse engineer this phenomenon

634
00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:38,400
whatever it is um so you know we're

635
00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:40,480
we are competing so not not everything's

636
00:23:44,549 --> 00:23:41,919
going to be laid out

637
00:23:47,350 --> 00:23:44,559
in the public record i understand that

638
00:23:49,190 --> 00:23:47,360

so um but i i don't think that we should

639

00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:49,200

be cynical and say oh this is just

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00:23:53,350 --> 00:23:51,440

window dressing this is ridiculous yeah

641

00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:53,360

i mean sometimes i kind of understand

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00:23:58,149 --> 00:23:55,919

the cynicism because it's been so long

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00:23:59,830 --> 00:23:58,159

that this has been hidden from us but at

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00:24:01,269 --> 00:23:59,840

the same time for me personally i do

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00:24:02,710 --> 00:24:01,279

feel like there's a bit of a change at

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00:24:04,310 --> 00:24:02,720

the moment a little maybe i wouldn't go

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00:24:05,990 --> 00:24:04,320

as far as saying a paradigm shift but it

648

00:24:07,909 --> 00:24:06,000

feels like something's a little bit

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00:24:09,350 --> 00:24:07,919

different in this day and age how do you

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00:24:11,350 --> 00:24:09,360

feel about that kind of thing yeah a lot

651
00:24:14,149 --> 00:24:11,360
has come out i mean a lot some has come

652
00:24:16,710 --> 00:24:14,159
out and as i said the ua repo uap

653
00:24:18,149 --> 00:24:16,720
reported last june almost a year ago

654
00:24:20,630 --> 00:24:18,159
when they said you know we looked at all

655
00:24:24,070 --> 00:24:20,640
the phenom they said all but one

656
00:24:26,310 --> 00:24:24,080
um of the 140 some odd cases that they

657
00:24:28,710 --> 00:24:26,320
featured in this report uh remain a

658
00:24:30,390 --> 00:24:28,720
mystery so that's a far cry from you

659
00:24:32,789 --> 00:24:30,400
know what the air force said that oh

660
00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:32,799
this was all explained in blue book um

661
00:24:36,710 --> 00:24:35,440
even though there were 700 701 cases

662
00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:36,720
left on the table that were not

663
00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:37,760

explained

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00:24:41,190 --> 00:24:39,600

they didn't they didn't feature that but

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00:24:43,110 --> 00:24:41,200

they said oh no this has been you know

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00:24:44,870 --> 00:24:43,120

explained away and this is all

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00:24:47,510 --> 00:24:44,880

ridiculous nothing to see here folks you

668

00:24:50,789 --> 00:24:47,520

know just move on so um

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00:24:54,710 --> 00:24:50,799

and now this uap report said that uh all

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00:24:56,310 --> 00:24:54,720

but uh one of the 140 some odd cases uh

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00:24:58,630 --> 00:24:56,320

remain unexplained

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00:25:01,269 --> 00:24:58,640

so that's that's a lot of progress and

673

00:25:03,350 --> 00:25:01,279

um i think there's a greater willingness

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00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:03,360

willingness now and the reporting that

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:05,600

we and others have done i think have

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00:25:09,350 --> 00:25:07,760

helped push that door open

677

00:25:10,870 --> 00:25:09,360

yeah absolutely and will the new york

678

00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:10,880

times have a presence at the hearings

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00:25:15,430 --> 00:25:12,960

for reporting it as they happen i'm sure

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00:25:17,269 --> 00:25:15,440

they will i mean uh they cover congress

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00:25:19,430 --> 00:25:17,279

uh they will probably cover with their

682

00:25:21,029 --> 00:25:19,440

own people out of the washington bureau

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00:25:21,990 --> 00:25:21,039

but um

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00:25:24,549 --> 00:25:22,000

uh

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00:25:26,070 --> 00:25:24,559

absolutely i mean i think this is not

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00:25:28,470 --> 00:25:26,080

the kind of thing that

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00:25:30,549 --> 00:25:28,480

will pass unnoticed and you won't be

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00:25:32,310 --> 00:25:30,559

going yourself then i will not be going

689

00:25:34,070 --> 00:25:32,320

uh because they you know we have a big

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00:25:36,310 --> 00:25:34,080

bureau there i'm a contributor to the

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00:25:39,430 --> 00:25:36,320

times now i was on the staff for many

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00:25:40,710 --> 00:25:39,440

years but now i'm um not on the staff

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00:25:42,310 --> 00:25:40,720

anymore so

694

00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:42,320

when i come up with a good story look

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00:25:46,789 --> 00:25:43,919

with leslie uh

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00:25:48,710 --> 00:25:46,799

um we you know we've had a chance to

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00:25:50,950 --> 00:25:48,720

break that story as outsiders in the new

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00:25:53,029 --> 00:25:50,960

york times as contributors so i think

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00:25:54,710 --> 00:25:53,039

they'll probably handle that in-house

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00:25:56,710 --> 00:25:54,720

excellent i look forward to seeing some

701
00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:56,720
more coverage and hopefully you know for

702
00:26:00,390 --> 00:25:59,200
the weeks following um

703
00:26:02,470 --> 00:26:00,400
have you got anything in the works that

704
00:26:04,390 --> 00:26:02,480
you can talk about at all

705
00:26:06,789 --> 00:26:04,400
well you know leslie and i continue to

706
00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:06,799
talk to sources we we

707
00:26:12,549 --> 00:26:09,120
you know we have a lot of things pending

708
00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:12,559
and information requests out there um

709
00:26:16,149 --> 00:26:14,640
and when we feel we have enough pulled

710
00:26:18,310 --> 00:26:16,159
together we'll try to break it in the

711
00:26:19,990 --> 00:26:18,320
new york times uh we're certainly not at

712
00:26:23,029 --> 00:26:20,000
the end you know we haven't answered all

713
00:26:24,789 --> 00:26:23,039

the questions um there's a lot of you

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00:26:27,190 --> 00:26:24,799

know cases out there that are

715

00:26:28,149 --> 00:26:27,200

interesting they come up all the time

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00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:28,159

um

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00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:33,600

write everything we we hear about till

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00:26:37,110 --> 00:26:35,440

we you know nail it down

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00:26:38,950 --> 00:26:37,120

so um

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00:26:41,190 --> 00:26:38,960

and you know the the the hearing may

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00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:41,200

open open up some new doors i mean it

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00:26:43,830 --> 00:26:42,240

may give

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00:26:45,190 --> 00:26:43,840

courage and confidence to people

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00:26:46,149 --> 00:26:45,200

whistleblowers

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00:26:50,310 --> 00:26:46,159

and

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00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:50,320

who have information clearly there's

727

00:26:53,669 --> 00:26:52,480

more information that has come out so

728

00:26:55,830 --> 00:26:53,679

far

729

00:26:57,750 --> 00:26:55,840

we'd like to hear some of that and to

730

00:26:59,190 --> 00:26:57,760

see if we could um

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00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:59,200

yeah we're definitely going to keep up

732

00:27:03,110 --> 00:27:00,400

our reporting

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00:27:04,950 --> 00:27:03,120

excellent now for somebody that's

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00:27:08,310 --> 00:27:04,960

written and studied the the work of john

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00:27:09,909 --> 00:27:08,320

mack so much dare i ask what you think

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00:27:11,110 --> 00:27:09,919

he might think of what's happening at

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00:27:12,870 --> 00:27:11,120

the moment

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00:27:14,950 --> 00:27:12,880

well i think he'd be very encouraged you

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00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:14,960

know he was very uh

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00:27:19,350 --> 00:27:17,679

courageous as a harvard psychiatrist who

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00:27:21,909 --> 00:27:19,360

heard from his

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00:27:24,070 --> 00:27:21,919

patients and people who sought him out

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00:27:27,990 --> 00:27:24,080

that they had these encounters with

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00:27:30,710 --> 00:27:28,000

alien beings and um it was even more

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00:27:33,029 --> 00:27:30,720

ridicule provoking then

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00:27:35,029 --> 00:27:33,039

than it is today because now it's become

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00:27:37,669 --> 00:27:35,039

sort of part of the culture but it was

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00:27:39,990 --> 00:27:37,679

more sensational then and yet um he

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00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:40,000

resolved to try to get to the bottom of

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00:27:44,789 --> 00:27:42,640

it and uh he he paid a big price harvard

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00:27:46,149 --> 00:27:44,799

put him under investigation uh he

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00:27:48,870 --> 00:27:46,159

suffered

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00:27:52,149 --> 00:27:48,880

jimmy a lot of ridicule

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00:27:53,029 --> 00:27:52,159

but um as i say in my book the believer

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00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:53,039

um

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00:27:59,430 --> 00:27:56,240

he uh he went about it in a very

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00:28:03,110 --> 00:27:59,440

rigorous way uh he he focus in a book he

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00:28:04,870 --> 00:28:03,120

wrote he focused on 13 case studies he

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00:28:06,149 --> 00:28:04,880

interviewed the people extensively

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00:28:08,470 --> 00:28:06,159

talked about their background their

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00:28:10,950 --> 00:28:08,480

history their psychiatric history and he

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00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:10,960

found that there was nothing in their

763

00:28:14,470 --> 00:28:12,080

history

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00:28:18,149 --> 00:28:14,480

to suggest that they were

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00:28:19,669 --> 00:28:18,159

deluded or crazy uh or or that they had

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00:28:21,110 --> 00:28:19,679

anything to gain from telling these

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00:28:23,190 --> 00:28:21,120

stories on the contrary they were

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00:28:24,950 --> 00:28:23,200

ashamed of they couldn't understand what

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00:28:27,190 --> 00:28:24,960

had happened they said to him please

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00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:27,200

tell me i'm crazy and he said no you're

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00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:29,120

not crazy but you have had some kind of

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00:28:34,070 --> 00:28:31,360

experience that we cannot explain

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00:28:36,630 --> 00:28:34,080

and there were so many of these stories

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00:28:37,909 --> 00:28:36,640

and and so similar in a way and they

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00:28:40,470 --> 00:28:37,919

occurred to

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00:28:42,549 --> 00:28:40,480

uh men and women old young professionals

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00:28:45,269 --> 00:28:42,559

blue collar even children as young as

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00:28:47,750 --> 00:28:45,279

two who told stories about being taken

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00:28:49,830 --> 00:28:47,760

up in the in the in the sky you know by

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00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:49,840

little beings and these children have

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00:28:53,110 --> 00:28:50,640

not

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00:28:55,430 --> 00:28:53,120

read books or seen movies about aliens

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00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:55,440

they didn't know you know they just

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00:28:59,909 --> 00:28:57,840

so that all added to the mystery and mac

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00:29:02,070 --> 00:28:59,919

pursued it he didn't come up with the

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00:29:03,750 --> 00:29:02,080

answer but the people who claim there's

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00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:03,760

an answer like oh it's you know it's

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00:29:08,230 --> 00:29:05,760

sleep paralysis it's

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00:29:10,470 --> 00:29:08,240

it's this it's oh they're hypno

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00:29:11,350 --> 00:29:10,480

hypnosis planted these stories none of

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00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:11,360

that

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00:29:18,149 --> 00:29:16,080

the so-called skeptics i wish they'd

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00:29:20,549 --> 00:29:18,159

spend a little more time studying

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00:29:23,830 --> 00:29:20,559

the the literature and the stories

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00:29:26,070 --> 00:29:23,840

because it remains a a deep profound

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00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:26,080

mystery we don't know but we know at

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00:29:28,389 --> 00:29:27,039

least

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00:29:30,389 --> 00:29:28,399

what it's not

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00:29:32,070 --> 00:29:30,399

and it's not all the things that you

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00:29:34,630 --> 00:29:32,080

know a lot of people think they they

801
00:29:36,789 --> 00:29:34,640
know it's not mental illness it's not

802
00:29:39,430 --> 00:29:36,799
you know natural phenomena

803
00:29:42,070 --> 00:29:39,440
misunderstood so what it is we don't

804
00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:42,080
know yeah i highly recommend everybody

805
00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:43,520
go out and check out ralph's book the

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00:29:47,110 --> 00:29:44,880
believer i think it's available on

807
00:29:49,590 --> 00:29:47,120
amazon and all the kind of regular

808
00:29:51,269 --> 00:29:49,600
outlets um so my final question ralph is

809
00:29:52,710 --> 00:29:51,279
do you have any plans to write another

810
00:29:54,630 --> 00:29:52,720
book

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00:29:57,510 --> 00:29:54,640
you know this took a lot out of me this

812
00:29:59,269 --> 00:29:57,520
was seven years i started this when mack

813
00:30:01,510 --> 00:29:59,279

was run over in london

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00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:01,520

um a lot of people had conspiracy

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00:30:05,190 --> 00:30:03,679

theories he had gone to london for a

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00:30:07,350 --> 00:30:05,200

conference on

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00:30:08,710 --> 00:30:07,360

lawrence of arabia he wrote a pulitzer

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00:30:10,230 --> 00:30:08,720

won a pulitzer prize i mean his

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00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:10,240

biography of

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00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:13,360

of t.e lawrence um was spectacular it

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00:30:18,149 --> 00:30:16,240

was a psychological

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00:30:20,830 --> 00:30:18,159

you know biography of one of the most

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00:30:24,389 --> 00:30:20,840

enigmatic figures in

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00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:24,399

history um and um he went to london 30

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00:30:27,669 --> 00:30:26,000

years later for a conference after the

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00:30:29,110 --> 00:30:27,679

book had come out and he was run over

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00:30:30,710 --> 00:30:29,120

and looked the wrong way which happens

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00:30:33,190 --> 00:30:30,720

in your country

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00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:33,200

we the yanks go over there and look the

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00:30:36,870 --> 00:30:35,200

wrong way and

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00:30:40,310 --> 00:30:36,880

it was a guy who had too much to drink

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as i point out in my book and um

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um and that's when i started my research

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and that was you know 17 years ago and

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it's been i got access to all his papers

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from his family and um stuff that had

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never come out his unpublished articles

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and his his own therapy sessions by the

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way as a psychiatrist he had to go into

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therapy himself with a therapist

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so we know what was going on in his mind

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he was just curious so anyway um so i

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haven't figured out my next um

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project yet but i've done some articles

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in the new york times and other things

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so i'm always looking around

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excellent well ralph we've just got over

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the half an hour mark i cannot thank you

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enough for agreeing to come and talk to

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me today um for everybody watching um

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the congressional hearings are going to

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be streamed live on youtube but i'm

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going to be joining a group of friends

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over on witness citizen sean's channel

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as they happen we're going to watch

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along and discuss anything that's said

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so come and check that out if you want

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but for now everyone again thank you

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ralph thank you everyone for watching

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live and i hope to see you soon