

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS, HARD SCIENCE,
AND THE PASSION OF JOHN MACK

THE BELIEVER

RALPH BLUMENTHAL

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00:00:11,880 --> 00:00:14,910

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hey

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blast off on another episode of hero

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00:00:45,270 --> 00:00:44,079
paranormal podcast that's right the

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00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:45,280
hyper anomalous

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esoteric research organization podcast

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brought to you by me ryan the original

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outlaw of the airwaves broadcasting

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00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:57,120
just south of area 51 at the base of la

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00:01:01,029 --> 00:00:58,879
madre mountain

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and we got a heck of an episode today

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00:01:04,789 --> 00:01:02,879

quite the amazing guest

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before we get to that a little bit of

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shameless self-promotion

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if you haven't been to

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00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:09,920

heroparanormal.com

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:12,159

please slide on by there's a big old

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00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:13,680

button there at the beginning

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00:01:20,550 --> 00:01:16,720

click it hit it destroy it

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that is your key to the inner circle

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that's right for the cost of a cup of

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00:01:26,630 --> 00:01:23,600

coffee

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a month you are there you get all

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,759

of the content that patrons

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:32,479
and my supporter family gets so yeah get

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00:01:40,710 --> 00:01:33,280
in

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00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:40,720
guest

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:43,920
mr ralph blumenthal pulitzer prize

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00:01:46,670 --> 00:01:44,479
winning

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00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:46,680
reporter for the new york times from

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00:01:52,710 --> 00:01:49,520
1964 to 2009

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this best-selling book is a stunner the

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00:01:56,310 --> 00:01:53,600
believer

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00:01:56,870 --> 00:01:56,320
alien encounters hard science and the

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00:02:00,230 --> 00:01:56,880
passion

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00:02:02,310 --> 00:02:00,240
of john mack a book that reads

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00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:02,320

like a hollywood movie i could not put

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00:02:06,950 --> 00:02:04,320

it down i'm not even kidding

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i not only cried reading the book but

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00:02:12,869 --> 00:02:09,200

also smiled at the amazing skill

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and perseverance of the magnificent man

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john mack the skill with which this book

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is written puts it in a class

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all its own taking 16 years to research

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write and publish no corners were cut

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worthy of every award the field has to

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:28,640

offer

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00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:31,680

i can honestly say this book is a work

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of art

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00:02:35,990 --> 00:02:34,239
everyone interested in the subject

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00:02:38,790 --> 00:02:36,000
matter should consider having

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:38,800
on their shelves well let's get to it i

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00:02:41,670 --> 00:02:40,720
am chomping at the bit i'm like a kid in

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:41,680
a candy store

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00:02:45,990 --> 00:02:44,000
waiting to talk to ralph blumenthal so

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00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:46,000
with no further ado

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00:02:50,550 --> 00:02:48,239
what an honor mr ralph blumenthal

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00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:50,560
welcome to the hero paranormal podcast

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:51,599
my man

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00:02:57,190 --> 00:02:54,879
hi ryan how are you i am doing amazingly

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00:02:59,509 --> 00:02:57,200
and speaking of amazing what a treasure

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00:03:02,630 --> 00:02:59,519

trove of information the believer is

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it is absolutely amazing and as a

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question

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uh i'm sure many listeners are

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interested in

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who was john mack for those who don't

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know

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and what intrigued you to write about

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john mack for listeners who are not

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familiar

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with his remarkable life john mack was

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an esteemed member of

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harvard medical school a member of the

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psychiatry faculty

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uh he had won a pulitzer prize with a

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psychobiography of lawrence of arabia

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t.e lawrence um he had a

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eminent career bringing mental health

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care to the harvard

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area to cambridge

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he had been very active in social causes

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protesting nuclear weapons

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world affairs he uh was very focused on

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middle east peace he had met with yasser

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arafat so he had a very distinguished

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career

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uh uh in earthbound causes

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um through a series of steps that i

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discuss in my book the believer

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he got interested in um spiritual

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matters particularly the whole mystery

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of alien abduction

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and um he pursued that he was a notable

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researcher in that field because of his

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his background um and

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uh he really actually you know re

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uh focused or remade the field uh which

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had

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00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:26,320
you know been looked into by other some

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00:04:32,150 --> 00:04:28,639
other researchers which we can discuss

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um now how i got into it i picked up one

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of his books i was a correspondent in

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00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:35,040
texas

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:37,280
for the new york times i was not

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00:04:41,350 --> 00:04:38,400
particularly uh

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you know interested in ufology i read

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00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:42,479
science fiction as a

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00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:45,840
as a kid but it was not one of my

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00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:49,680
particular interests and i picked up one

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00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:51,840
of his books passport to the cosmos it

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00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:53,440

was his second book

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00:04:57,909 --> 00:04:55,360

and i was intrigued by the idea of a

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harvard psychiatrist interested in alien

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abduction

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i thought it would make a good story um

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i had no idea how famous he already was

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then he's been in the new york times

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he'd been on oprah

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he uh he had you know quite a reputation

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in the field as a researcher

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none of which i knew uh so i thought i

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would

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00:05:19,909 --> 00:05:18,160

call him up and and maybe interview him

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00:05:21,510 --> 00:05:19,919

and i picked up the paper a few days

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00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:21,520

later and lo and behold he'd been run

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over in london

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00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:26,720

uh by a drunk driver and killed um

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00:05:31,670 --> 00:05:29,680

and that's really what got me focused on

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00:05:32,710 --> 00:05:31,680

you know going back over his career and

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uh

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getting access to his archives through

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his family

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and uh and writing his story

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such an amazing story and a very kind

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genius successful human being

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for those who explained the abduction

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experience is just nightmares

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did mac destroy this thinking i think he

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did

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um first of all he among his many claims

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to fame

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uh was a book he had written on

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nightmares

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00:06:09,670 --> 00:06:08,000

and for people later who came along and

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00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:09,680

said you don't understand these people

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00:06:12,469 --> 00:06:10,960

are just having nightmares they're

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00:06:14,870 --> 00:06:12,479

dreaming it all up

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00:06:15,749 --> 00:06:14,880

these you know encounters with alien

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00:06:18,150 --> 00:06:15,759
beings

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00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:18,160
um he was able i think quite

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00:06:22,150 --> 00:06:20,080
successfully to put that to rest

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00:06:23,749 --> 00:06:22,160
saying look i know what nightmares are

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00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:23,759
and these are not nightmares for one

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00:06:27,590 --> 00:06:26,080
thing they didn't always happen at night

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00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:27,600
they happened in the daytime that

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00:06:30,150 --> 00:06:29,120
happened while people were driving their

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00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:30,160
cars

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00:06:34,629 --> 00:06:33,120
walking around in the woods all kinds of

161
00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:34,639
places in one case a woman

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00:06:39,110 --> 00:06:37,680
uh driving a snowmobile so

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00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:39,120

they would they didn't always happen

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00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:40,800

when people were

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asleep or near sleep in their bedrooms

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wow

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00:06:50,790 --> 00:06:48,720

yes this is true another very like

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00:06:53,189 --> 00:06:50,800

in my opinion one of the best recounts

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to date of the betty and barney hill

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00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:53,759

incident

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was i i thought i knew a lot about this

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but yet

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betty and barney hill there was a

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mention of a dog something

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i'm sure many didn't know and other

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aspects nobody has touched upon really

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well i made it a point of going back to

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the whole history

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of alien encounters in order to inform

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myself

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and i should say brian that i think one

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of the problems with the so-called

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skeptics

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uh is that they do not do their homework

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they don't know the literature they

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don't know

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the research that's been done so they

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can't really debunk it

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they haven't taken the time to study

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all the i don't want to say evidence but

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yes evidence

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it's anecdotal it's fragmentary it's

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flawed but

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there are many many accounts and there's

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a whole literature of information

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that you sort of have to master before

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you can come to grips with it

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and and certainly before you can write

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it all off

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as delusion or mental illness or all the

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other things they

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they come up with so um

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so one of one of the things i did was

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study the betty and bonnie hill case

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it happened in 1961 but it didn't come

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to light till

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uh two years later uh because

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betty and bonnie hill kept it quiet what

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happened to them they saw

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a flying disc as they said as they drove

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through the white mountains

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their dog was cowering in the car this

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uh this

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this saucer followed them eventually

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the car you know stopped which is common

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in these stories

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they got out and they were

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captured as he put it by alien beings

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who put them

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into a spacecraft with all kinds of

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different experiments

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some of which they remembered

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consciously but mostly was retrieved

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through

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hypnotic regression later because their

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memories were fogged

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but it's a very detailed account

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that they each gave it absolutely

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dumbfounded the

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the psychiatrist who um interviewed them

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a very well-known world war ii combat

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psychiatrist named benjamin simon

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not john mack because this was way

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before john mack got interested

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00:09:16,150 --> 00:09:14,240

and he basically threw up his hands he

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couldn't explain it

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so i did feel it was important to trace

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the history

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of that which is really the the most

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famous

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most you know well-publicized abduction

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encounter

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before i get into john mack's story

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yes and i i was intrigued very intrigued

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and something that you have in common

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john mack won a pulitzer prize on his

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book

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on lawrence of arabia and that came with

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many ins and outs that kind of reflected

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on his own life

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yeah he um um he went to see

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00:09:53,350 --> 00:09:52,800
you know lawrence of arabia the movie uh

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when

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we all did of that age uh 1963 i think

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00:09:59,990 --> 00:09:57,839
it came out

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and he was intrigued by lawrence you

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know we all liked it as a movie but he

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saw something else he was a a

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professional psychiatrist and he saw

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something intriguing in lawrence's frame

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of mind now the movie distorted a lot of

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things and

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and john mack was interested in getting

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to the heart of it so he

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he went to um england he

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uh found the family of lawrence who he

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lawrence had died in a

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motorcycle accident um in the 30s

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but his relatives were still around and

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and mack interviewed them and he put

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this whole story together

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and he saw some parallels between

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himself

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and and lawrence maybe this was a little

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you know high pollutant but

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uh lawrence was a man of action who had

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a very um

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deep inner life and mac was always

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fascinated by the interplay between

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inner life and

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and action which he he was also

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you know known for he was brilliant

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intellectually but he was also

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interested in mixing it up uh and all

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00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:05,760

these other

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00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:08,720

um you know sometimes controversial

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00:11:11,509 --> 00:11:09,360

areas

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00:11:13,430 --> 00:11:11,519

so he saw lawrence as a kind of a role

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00:11:15,030 --> 00:11:13,440

model and he did he said this himself he

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00:11:16,870 --> 00:11:15,040

kind of patterned himself

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00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:16,880

after lawrence the way lawrence did

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00:11:22,230 --> 00:11:18,720

things a very smart man

293

00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:22,240

um who the movie notwithstanding

294

00:11:29,670 --> 00:11:25,839

was not a warmonger and was not a sadist

295

00:11:30,550 --> 00:11:29,680

um he didn't revel in in in warfare and

296

00:11:33,269 --> 00:11:30,560

battle and

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00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:33,279

and murder um he was kind of turned off

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00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:34,160

by it

299

00:11:37,430 --> 00:11:36,959

but um mack found that very interesting

300

00:11:40,710 --> 00:11:37,440

that

301
00:11:42,790 --> 00:11:40,720
lawrence was actually a shy character

302
00:11:44,949 --> 00:11:42,800
who found himself in this pivotal role

303
00:11:45,829 --> 00:11:44,959
in history the arab revolt against the

304
00:11:49,030 --> 00:11:45,839
turks

305
00:11:52,230 --> 00:11:49,040
and you know uh mobilized the

306
00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:52,240
the tribesmen for their freedom so so

307
00:11:54,389 --> 00:11:53,040
mack took

308
00:11:56,310 --> 00:11:54,399
you know lawrence as kind of a role

309
00:11:59,430 --> 00:11:56,320
model as a brave

310
00:12:02,150 --> 00:11:59,440
um uh you know leader

311
00:12:05,350 --> 00:12:02,160
who not afraid to plunge into unfamiliar

312
00:12:08,069 --> 00:12:05,360
territory which is what he did

313
00:12:09,030 --> 00:12:08,079

yes and getting into that unfamiliar

314

00:12:12,470 --> 00:12:09,040

territory

315

00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:12,480

and ufos i think it's important to make

316

00:12:16,470 --> 00:12:14,480

a distinction especially nowadays

317

00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:16,480

between ufos and aliens which you've

318

00:12:19,269 --> 00:12:17,200

done

319

00:12:21,430 --> 00:12:19,279

but these objects are real aren't they

320

00:12:24,629 --> 00:12:21,440

and in at least as they're being seen

321

00:12:26,629 --> 00:12:24,639

and unidentified yeah that's a very very

322

00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:26,639

important point ryan i'm really glad you

323

00:12:31,030 --> 00:12:27,680

brought it up

324

00:12:35,190 --> 00:12:31,040

because it's a big mistake to conflate

325

00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:35,200

uh ufos and aliens even though

326

00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:38,000

john mack saw a relationship uh which

327

00:12:40,790 --> 00:12:38,880

there may be

328

00:12:41,910 --> 00:12:40,800

or may not be i mean we don't know it's

329

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:41,920

a mystery but

330

00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:45,360

anyway um when you

331

00:12:49,030 --> 00:12:46,959

when we at the new york times were

332

00:12:52,069 --> 00:12:49,040

reporting on ufos we were very

333

00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:52,079

careful to stick to what we knew which

334

00:12:58,069 --> 00:12:54,880

was that these are unidentified objects

335

00:12:59,269 --> 00:12:58,079

uh with um amazing aerodynamic

336

00:13:02,470 --> 00:12:59,279

capability

337

00:13:04,230 --> 00:13:02,480

uh flying at hypersonic speeds 13 000

338

00:13:06,870 --> 00:13:04,240

miles an hour or more

339

00:13:08,949 --> 00:13:06,880

able to function not only in the skies

340

00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:08,959

but underwater apparently

341

00:13:15,190 --> 00:13:12,480

um and appear and disappear at will

342

00:13:17,030 --> 00:13:15,200

so there are many mysterious aspects to

343

00:13:20,069 --> 00:13:17,040

them all we know now and it's

344

00:13:23,910 --> 00:13:20,079

a lot more than we knew a few years ago

345

00:13:26,710 --> 00:13:23,920

is that they seem to be physically real

346

00:13:28,710 --> 00:13:26,720

they have a physicality they're not

347

00:13:31,269 --> 00:13:28,720

archetypes they're not you know mental

348

00:13:33,269 --> 00:13:31,279

images they're not hallucinations

349

00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:33,279

they have been caught on radar they've

350

00:13:36,550 --> 00:13:34,320

been caught on

351

00:13:39,030 --> 00:13:36,560

thermal imaging devices of the navy

352

00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:39,040

they've been eyeballed by pilots

353

00:13:43,509 --> 00:13:42,639

so uh one thing we we can say pretty

354

00:13:46,230 --> 00:13:43,519

much for sure

355

00:13:47,030 --> 00:13:46,240

is that they they exist which is a lot

356

00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:47,040

more

357

00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:49,279

than we were able to say a few years ago

358

00:13:52,629 --> 00:13:50,480

now who's

359

00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:52,639

behind them where do they come from why

360

00:13:56,629 --> 00:13:53,600

are they here

361

00:13:58,230 --> 00:13:56,639

those are all questions that um nobody

362

00:14:00,949 --> 00:13:58,240

can answer at this point

363

00:14:01,990 --> 00:14:00,959

and the smart people are not speculating

364

00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:02,000

about that they're taking

365

00:14:07,509 --> 00:14:05,600

you know one step at a time and um

366

00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:07,519

uh you know and not jumping in

367

00:14:11,670 --> 00:14:09,680

conclusions so

368

00:14:14,069 --> 00:14:11,680

now what john mack did discover was that

369

00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:14,079

there was an association between ufos

370

00:14:19,750 --> 00:14:16,240

and alien experiences

371

00:14:22,470 --> 00:14:19,760

uh people would see ufos before they

372

00:14:23,030 --> 00:14:22,480

became aware of aliens materializing in

373

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:23,040

their

374

00:14:29,509 --> 00:14:26,399

whatever

375

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:29,519

but that again is is is

376

00:14:36,710 --> 00:14:33,279

basically anecdotal and not uh

377

00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:36,720

verifiable like the existence of ufos is

378

00:14:42,949 --> 00:14:39,279

that has been established

379

00:14:44,629 --> 00:14:42,959

yes yes it has and i'm glad you said

380

00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:44,639

anecdotal because there's a lot of

381

00:14:51,430 --> 00:14:46,880

evidence that is not anecdotal and

382

00:14:55,110 --> 00:14:51,440

you broke a story in december of 2017

383

00:14:56,870 --> 00:14:55,120

about a pentagon unit atip and

384

00:14:59,430 --> 00:14:56,880

through the new york times with leslie

385

00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:59,440

keane and you also did a story on pilots

386

00:15:03,110 --> 00:15:01,279

and materials a lot of information

387

00:15:04,629 --> 00:15:03,120

that's classified can we go into a

388

00:15:06,069 --> 00:15:04,639

little bit of that i know

389

00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:06,079

you've probably gone into it a lot and

390

00:15:11,910 --> 00:15:08,720

are tired of it but it sure is amazing

391

00:15:13,590 --> 00:15:11,920

yeah a lot of information is classified

392

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:13,600

we did not really access that

393

00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:15,040

information we

394

00:15:22,310 --> 00:15:18,720

we could not um and we did not

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00:15:25,110 --> 00:15:22,320

um but we really had no

396

00:15:25,509 --> 00:15:25,120

no access to that kind of information

397

00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:25,519

now

398

00:15:28,870 --> 00:15:27,920

for for whatever reason atep the

399

00:15:31,829 --> 00:15:28,880

advanced aero

400

00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:31,839

aerospace threat identification program

401
00:15:35,829 --> 00:15:32,880
that we

402
00:15:37,350 --> 00:15:35,839
um divulged in the new york times in

403
00:15:38,870 --> 00:15:37,360
december 2017

404
00:15:41,590 --> 00:15:38,880
that was not classified it was not a

405
00:15:43,670 --> 00:15:41,600
classified program and the navy videos

406
00:15:47,030 --> 00:15:43,680
that we put out with that story

407
00:15:48,949 --> 00:15:47,040
that showed uh images of strange objects

408
00:15:52,230 --> 00:15:48,959
that the navy

409
00:15:54,470 --> 00:15:52,240
you know caught on on gun cameras

410
00:15:56,310 --> 00:15:54,480
those were not classified videos i don't

411
00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:56,320
we we wouldn't have

412
00:15:59,829 --> 00:15:58,399
put out classified videos or at least

413
00:16:01,269 --> 00:15:59,839

not without consulting

414

00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:01,279

at a very high level at the new york

415

00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:03,040

times but we we never needed to do that

416

00:16:05,430 --> 00:16:04,320

because this information was not

417

00:16:07,350 --> 00:16:05,440

classified

418

00:16:09,509 --> 00:16:07,360

and as i say that's an entirely

419

00:16:11,509 --> 00:16:09,519

different situation when you're dealing

420

00:16:14,710 --> 00:16:11,519

with that and you could go to jail

421

00:16:16,230 --> 00:16:14,720

but you know disclosing com you know uh

422

00:16:18,389 --> 00:16:16,240

classified information

423

00:16:21,030 --> 00:16:18,399

so we we're very careful to stay away

424

00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:21,040

from that and to only report what is in

425

00:16:24,310 --> 00:16:22,240

the public domain

426

00:16:25,509 --> 00:16:24,320

what we were able to get all on the

427

00:16:28,310 --> 00:16:25,519

record

428

00:16:30,389 --> 00:16:28,320

talking to um high-level officials who

429

00:16:32,069 --> 00:16:30,399

were identified in the stories we didn't

430

00:16:33,400 --> 00:16:32,079

you know use any

431

00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:33,410

background you know

432

00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:35,360

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433

00:16:39,269 --> 00:16:37,680

information or unidentified sources

434

00:16:43,189 --> 00:16:39,279

which weakens the story

435

00:16:45,189 --> 00:16:43,199

very proud of that so um

436

00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:45,199

so you know but there is classified

437

00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:47,040

information out there we just haven't

438

00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:50,320

uh haven't been able to get it you bet

439

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:52,720

and you really started something amazing

440

00:16:56,870 --> 00:16:54,560

how all of this has opened up to the

441

00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:56,880

mainstream media

442

00:17:00,550 --> 00:16:59,519

something that i i just have to touch on

443

00:17:02,310 --> 00:17:00,560

for a moment

444

00:17:04,309 --> 00:17:02,320

from the book and i hope i'm not giving

445

00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,319

too much is the stories from all the

446

00:17:07,429 --> 00:17:06,559

kids that seem like they just can't be

447

00:17:10,470 --> 00:17:07,439

faked

448

00:17:11,829 --> 00:17:10,480

mac delves so deeply into

449

00:17:14,230 --> 00:17:11,839

many of these stories including the

450

00:17:17,590 --> 00:17:14,240

aerial school can we go a bit

451
00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:17,600
into the children yeah that that's a

452
00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:18,000
very good

453
00:17:22,549 --> 00:17:20,720
point because uh mac listed all these

454
00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:22,559
reasons why he thought

455
00:17:29,830 --> 00:17:26,400
the uh abduction stories were not fake

456
00:17:31,830 --> 00:17:29,840
um why he eventually believed

457
00:17:33,029 --> 00:17:31,840
that something had happened to these

458
00:17:35,350 --> 00:17:33,039
people uh

459
00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:35,360
on some level of reality it wasn't clear

460
00:17:39,110 --> 00:17:37,520
that it was it was happening in our

461
00:17:40,549 --> 00:17:39,120
conventional reality because you don't

462
00:17:42,070 --> 00:17:40,559
see it happening on the street in front

463
00:17:45,590 --> 00:17:42,080

of you but it was happening

464

00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:45,600

somehow somewhere uh in in some way that

465

00:17:49,110 --> 00:17:46,960

mac considered real

466

00:17:50,070 --> 00:17:49,120

and one of the reasons he came to that

467

00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:50,080

conclusion

468

00:17:54,630 --> 00:17:52,559

was that little kids as as young as two

469

00:17:56,710 --> 00:17:54,640

years old who could barely speak

470

00:17:57,990 --> 00:17:56,720

uh said things like you know little man

471

00:18:01,110 --> 00:17:58,000

take me up in the sky

472

00:18:02,310 --> 00:18:01,120

i fly in the sky so these kids you know

473

00:18:04,070 --> 00:18:02,320

were not reciting

474

00:18:05,590 --> 00:18:04,080

material from books they had read or

475

00:18:07,669 --> 00:18:05,600

movies they had seen

476
00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:07,679
um in that sense they were they were

477
00:18:12,549 --> 00:18:08,880
good witnesses

478
00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:12,559
now when um it happened in

479
00:18:19,669 --> 00:18:16,160
around 1990 i believe

480
00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:19,679
that a craft was seen

481
00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:22,240
landing at or was reported to have

482
00:18:27,029 --> 00:18:24,000
landed at a school

483
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:27,039
outside the capital of zimbabwe harare

484
00:18:32,390 --> 00:18:28,000
at a school

485
00:18:35,669 --> 00:18:32,400
a country school um a day school

486
00:18:37,510 --> 00:18:35,679
and 60 children at recess saw this

487
00:18:39,270 --> 00:18:37,520
saw colored balls in the sky and then

488
00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:39,280

they saw a craft landing and they saw

489

00:18:43,510 --> 00:18:41,360

two beings come out

490

00:18:44,950 --> 00:18:43,520

and the children describe these beings

491

00:18:46,870 --> 00:18:44,960

and they've looked at each other the

492

00:18:47,350 --> 00:18:46,880

beings and the children and the kids got

493

00:18:57,510 --> 00:18:47,360

a

494

00:18:59,750 --> 00:18:57,520

drew pictures

495

00:19:01,350 --> 00:18:59,760

and they were interviewed on camera and

496

00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:01,360

their accounts were

497

00:19:06,549 --> 00:19:04,720

very convincing again as children um

498

00:19:08,230 --> 00:19:06,559

it's hard to imagine that they all got

499

00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:08,240

together and agreed to

500

00:19:11,510 --> 00:19:10,720

you know conspire to tell a fabricated

501
00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:11,520
story

502
00:19:15,990 --> 00:19:13,520
it was not a case of mass hysteria

503
00:19:18,950 --> 00:19:16,000
because the kids were very thoughtful

504
00:19:20,630 --> 00:19:18,960
and uh basically saw the same things the

505
00:19:22,390 --> 00:19:20,640
way they described it

506
00:19:24,870 --> 00:19:22,400
and described it you know as children

507
00:19:27,510 --> 00:19:24,880
would do very matter-of-factly and very

508
00:19:30,310 --> 00:19:27,520
very straightforward so i went through

509
00:19:33,350 --> 00:19:30,320
those descriptions from max

510
00:19:35,190 --> 00:19:33,360
videotapes and audio tapes

511
00:19:37,110 --> 00:19:35,200
and i found them very convincing it's

512
00:19:40,390 --> 00:19:37,120
probably one of the best

513
00:19:43,590 --> 00:19:40,400

documented you know cases of

514

00:19:45,750 --> 00:19:43,600

ufo landing and alien interactions that

515

00:19:47,510 --> 00:19:45,760

has come to light

516

00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:47,520

as i said because these kids were good

517

00:19:53,270 --> 00:19:49,600

witnesses and because their

518

00:19:56,470 --> 00:19:53,280

their accounts of it afterwards were

519

00:19:57,510 --> 00:19:56,480

were taped now the actual event itself

520

00:19:59,830 --> 00:19:57,520

was not taped

521

00:20:01,430 --> 00:19:59,840

uh it was not caught on tape or camera

522

00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:01,440

or photograph

523

00:20:07,430 --> 00:20:04,480

which is kind of typical for these uh

524

00:20:09,830 --> 00:20:07,440

events because for some reason they

525

00:20:11,590 --> 00:20:09,840

don't lend themselves to documentation

526
00:20:13,830 --> 00:20:11,600
that's part of the phenomenon you could

527
00:20:16,789 --> 00:20:13,840
speculate on all kinds of reasons

528
00:20:18,950 --> 00:20:16,799
are the aliens so smart that they defy

529
00:20:22,789 --> 00:20:18,960
you know electronic reproduction

530
00:20:25,350 --> 00:20:22,799
um something always seems to go wrong

531
00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:25,360
um you know they asked mack about that

532
00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:26,320
once

533
00:20:30,950 --> 00:20:29,120
how come all the teachers were away when

534
00:20:34,230 --> 00:20:30,960
when when this thing landed and

535
00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:34,240
the two beings came out did the aliens

536
00:20:37,830 --> 00:20:35,760
plan it that way

537
00:20:41,510 --> 00:20:37,840
and max said you know i'm not very good

538
00:20:45,029 --> 00:20:42,950

he couldn't give an answer what was

539

00:20:47,190 --> 00:20:45,039

going through the aliens minds but

540

00:20:48,549 --> 00:20:47,200

it's a fact that there were no teachers

541

00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:48,559

or at least i think

542

00:20:51,909 --> 00:20:51,520

subsequently um it came to light that

543

00:20:54,870 --> 00:20:51,919

maybe

544

00:20:56,710 --> 00:20:54,880

one of at least one teacher was present

545

00:20:58,950 --> 00:20:56,720

that was not available that information

546

00:21:02,470 --> 00:20:58,960

originally but it's come out since

547

00:21:06,549 --> 00:21:02,480

but anyway teachers were not

548

00:21:10,070 --> 00:21:06,559

widely present to confirm

549

00:21:12,630 --> 00:21:10,080

you know this strange event right

550

00:21:13,590 --> 00:21:12,640

which makes it almost stranger and as an

551
00:21:16,549 --> 00:21:13,600
investigator

552
00:21:18,549 --> 00:21:16,559
and researcher max seemed to look under

553
00:21:21,029 --> 00:21:18,559
every rock so to speak

554
00:21:22,870 --> 00:21:21,039
and there are a lot of incidents kind of

555
00:21:25,430 --> 00:21:22,880
sticking with the children of hybrid

556
00:21:28,149 --> 00:21:25,440
children which kind of delves into

557
00:21:29,029 --> 00:21:28,159
something i'd like to ask why is it that

558
00:21:32,950 --> 00:21:29,039
there are so many

559
00:21:34,710 --> 00:21:32,960
intense i guess emphasis on sexual

560
00:21:37,110 --> 00:21:34,720
reproduction experiments when it comes

561
00:21:39,190 --> 00:21:37,120
to these ufos

562
00:21:40,789 --> 00:21:39,200
well a lot of people one of the things

563
00:21:44,310 --> 00:21:40,799

that mac found

564

00:21:45,510 --> 00:21:44,320

quite convincing was the consistency of

565

00:21:50,630 --> 00:21:45,520

the stories

566

00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:50,640

um so um a lot of different people in

567

00:21:53,830 --> 00:21:52,480

this case because of the subject matter

568

00:21:57,110 --> 00:21:53,840

women uh

569

00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:57,120

told similar stories that they were they

570

00:22:01,669 --> 00:21:59,120

you know encountered or became whoever

571

00:22:05,029 --> 00:22:01,679

ufo they were taken by

572

00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:05,039

uh beings to uh a ship um

573

00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,520

they were put on a table that was

574

00:22:11,110 --> 00:22:09,039

generally described the same way

575

00:22:12,149 --> 00:22:11,120

some kind of an examining table and the

576
00:22:14,390 --> 00:22:12,159
light and the

577
00:22:15,750 --> 00:22:14,400
craft was described kind of the same way

578
00:22:18,870 --> 00:22:15,760
when a brilliant white light

579
00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:18,880
no source of the light evident and then

580
00:22:25,029 --> 00:22:22,159
um these women told

581
00:22:26,950 --> 00:22:25,039
told the story that they had an

582
00:22:29,750 --> 00:22:26,960
instrument put inside them and their

583
00:22:31,190 --> 00:22:29,760
eggs were removed and men had sperm

584
00:22:33,990 --> 00:22:31,200
taken

585
00:22:35,669 --> 00:22:34,000
as they as they recounted and then later

586
00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:35,679
they would be abducted again

587
00:22:39,990 --> 00:22:38,640
and they were able to see or was

588
00:22:43,110 --> 00:22:40,000

presented with what they were

589

00:22:45,270 --> 00:22:43,120

told were their hybrid children um then

590

00:22:46,789 --> 00:22:45,280

they told vivid accounts of seeing test

591

00:22:49,669 --> 00:22:46,799

tubes of little

592

00:22:51,350 --> 00:22:49,679

you know fetus type beings and and

593

00:22:54,549 --> 00:22:51,360

actually grown-up children

594

00:22:55,750 --> 00:22:54,559

uh older that look sort of humanoid not

595

00:22:57,669 --> 00:22:55,760

quite human

596

00:22:58,870 --> 00:22:57,679

uh hybrid children now these are the

597

00:23:03,190 --> 00:22:58,880

stories that that

598

00:23:06,789 --> 00:23:03,200

many women and men told

599

00:23:09,430 --> 00:23:06,799

so mack you know found that

600

00:23:11,350 --> 00:23:09,440

kind of interesting now there were also

601
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,360
so many different little details that

602
00:23:15,029 --> 00:23:13,440
differed from case to case so

603
00:23:16,950 --> 00:23:15,039
it didn't seem that they were reading

604
00:23:20,230 --> 00:23:16,960
off some script and they were all

605
00:23:22,390 --> 00:23:20,240
parroting the same story so it was the

606
00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:22,400
consistency of the stories

607
00:23:27,830 --> 00:23:25,440
plus the details that were hard to

608
00:23:30,870 --> 00:23:27,840
imagine let alone make up because they

609
00:23:34,470 --> 00:23:30,880
were so bizarre and wild but the

610
00:23:36,390 --> 00:23:34,480
people had very vivid memories or

611
00:23:37,190 --> 00:23:36,400
accounts of what these instruments

612
00:23:39,430 --> 00:23:37,200
looked like

613
00:23:41,510 --> 00:23:39,440

and the medical exams the pseudo-medical

614

00:23:44,710 --> 00:23:41,520

exams that they were subjected to

615

00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:44,720

um kind of things that again you know

616

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:46,559

you just wonder how anybody could make

617

00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:49,120

that up in that level of detail

618

00:23:55,510 --> 00:23:53,039

so but the fact remains that nobody has

619

00:23:58,470 --> 00:23:55,520

a picture of these hybrid beings

620

00:23:58,789 --> 00:23:58,480

um none of them have have come around to

621

00:24:00,710 --> 00:23:58,799

be

622

00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:00,720

tested there are people walking around

623

00:24:04,149 --> 00:24:02,880

who say they think that they believe

624

00:24:07,750 --> 00:24:04,159

they're hybrids

625

00:24:10,310 --> 00:24:07,760

but um no um

626
00:24:11,430 --> 00:24:10,320
you know dna tests or blood tests has

627
00:24:15,029 --> 00:24:11,440
confirmed that they're

628
00:24:18,390 --> 00:24:15,039
different from anybody else um so

629
00:24:21,430 --> 00:24:18,400
it's that's part of the mystery yes

630
00:24:23,269 --> 00:24:21,440
and it's so mysterious it's

631
00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:23,279
very interesting very interesting i

632
00:24:28,149 --> 00:24:24,880
found the instances

633
00:24:30,789 --> 00:24:28,159
of the strange smells fascinating even

634
00:24:31,990 --> 00:24:30,799
whitley strieber tells a story about

635
00:24:35,990 --> 00:24:32,000
this can we delve a little

636
00:24:39,110 --> 00:24:36,000
bit into the strange smells yeah

637
00:24:42,390 --> 00:24:39,120
that's an interesting aspect that people

638
00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:42,400

um who you know recalled

639

00:24:45,430 --> 00:24:44,240

consciously and under hypnotic

640

00:24:48,950 --> 00:24:45,440

regression

641

00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:48,960

being on the the spacecraft or

642

00:24:53,590 --> 00:24:52,559

craft of these beings um had particular

643

00:24:57,590 --> 00:24:53,600

sensory

644

00:24:59,530 --> 00:24:57,600

memories um they many of them recalled a

645

00:25:00,630 --> 00:24:59,540

kind of a clammy

646

00:25:03,990 --> 00:25:00,640

[Music]

647

00:25:04,950 --> 00:25:04,000

feel to the air just an interesting

648

00:25:08,149 --> 00:25:04,960

detail

649

00:25:10,310 --> 00:25:08,159

and the light as i said was kind of

650

00:25:11,350 --> 00:25:10,320

silvery and coming from all over not any

651
00:25:15,430 --> 00:25:11,360
particular

652
00:25:18,710 --> 00:25:15,440
light source so whitley strieber told

653
00:25:20,950 --> 00:25:18,720
who has one of the most amazing um

654
00:25:24,149 --> 00:25:20,960
stories because it's not necessarily an

655
00:25:26,390 --> 00:25:24,159
abduction story it is that but it's also

656
00:25:28,149 --> 00:25:26,400
more than that and many of these stories

657
00:25:30,630 --> 00:25:28,159
are not strictly abduction stories

658
00:25:32,470 --> 00:25:30,640
they're encounter stories that don't

659
00:25:34,789 --> 00:25:32,480
that they deal with more than just being

660
00:25:36,789 --> 00:25:34,799
you know taken on to a craft let's say

661
00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:36,799
anyway whitney streeba who wrote

662
00:25:38,789 --> 00:25:38,400
communion which is one of the first

663
00:25:42,870 --> 00:25:38,799

books

664

00:25:47,029 --> 00:25:42,880

recounting uh an abduction experience

665

00:25:48,149 --> 00:25:47,039

um tells in his book of a time when he

666

00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:48,159

was

667

00:25:57,510 --> 00:25:55,840

and um he heard a voice because these

668

00:25:58,470 --> 00:25:57,520

beings supposedly communicate by

669

00:26:00,630 --> 00:25:58,480

telepathy

670

00:26:02,149 --> 00:26:00,640

that's how peop you know people say how

671

00:26:04,310 --> 00:26:02,159

come they speak english well

672

00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,320

they don't really speak english but the

673

00:26:08,149 --> 00:26:06,480

way people remember it the

674

00:26:10,549 --> 00:26:08,159

thoughts just pop into their head it's

675

00:26:13,029 --> 00:26:10,559

kind of a telepathic communication

676

00:26:14,789 --> 00:26:13,039

so whitley strieber got the

677

00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:14,799

communication in his head

678

00:26:18,230 --> 00:26:16,480

what can we do to make you stop

679

00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:18,240

screaming so he realized he'd been

680

00:26:21,830 --> 00:26:19,679

screaming and

681

00:26:23,669 --> 00:26:21,840

what popped into his head was a very

682

00:26:24,950 --> 00:26:23,679

strange thing again one of the details

683

00:26:26,710 --> 00:26:24,960

that

684

00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:26,720

you wouldn't necessarily make up if you

685

00:26:31,350 --> 00:26:28,320

were making up a story

686

00:26:33,190 --> 00:26:31,360

it's just so bizarre he said you could

687

00:26:35,990 --> 00:26:33,200

let me smell you

688

00:26:37,029 --> 00:26:36,000

and with that he said the being uh you

689

00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:37,039

know extended

690

00:26:40,470 --> 00:26:39,120

his or her arm i you know i think it was

691

00:26:43,110 --> 00:26:40,480

a female

692

00:26:44,149 --> 00:26:43,120

being he had the sense and he smelled

693

00:26:47,350 --> 00:26:44,159

the

694

00:26:49,830 --> 00:26:47,360

like cardboard

695

00:26:51,029 --> 00:26:49,840

you know a sort of a musty smell but

696

00:26:53,029 --> 00:26:51,039

quite distinctive

697

00:26:54,470 --> 00:26:53,039

and it came back to him years later when

698

00:26:57,029 --> 00:26:54,480

he was trying to reconstruct the

699

00:27:00,470 --> 00:26:57,039

experience so it was like a sense memory

700

00:27:03,830 --> 00:27:00,480

um anyway so

701

00:27:06,950 --> 00:27:03,840

smell does figure into these stories

702

00:27:08,789 --> 00:27:06,960

and in a very interesting way

703

00:27:11,110 --> 00:27:08,799

yeah i find that just such an

704

00:27:12,950 --> 00:27:11,120

interesting little tidbit of information

705

00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:12,960

and max seemed to delve into so many of

706

00:27:17,269 --> 00:27:14,880

these little interesting things and

707

00:27:18,389 --> 00:27:17,279

challenged the dominant paradigm as if

708

00:27:21,590 --> 00:27:18,399

on a mission

709

00:27:22,389 --> 00:27:21,600

he was ostracized criticized made fun of

710

00:27:24,710 --> 00:27:22,399

i mean

711

00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:24,720

yet he succeeded where it seemed many

712

00:27:29,029 --> 00:27:26,159

failed and i

713

00:27:31,269 --> 00:27:29,039

what would you account for that well i

714

00:27:32,230 --> 00:27:31,279

think he had the intellectual firepower

715

00:27:34,789 --> 00:27:32,240

to

716

00:27:36,630 --> 00:27:34,799

contradict the skeptics a lot of uh

717

00:27:39,269 --> 00:27:36,640

people were intimidated when

718

00:27:42,389 --> 00:27:39,279

you know uh scientists came forward and

719

00:27:44,789 --> 00:27:42,399

said this is not possible physicists and

720

00:27:46,630 --> 00:27:44,799

other psychiatrists and of course

721

00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:46,640

everybody agrees including mac of course

722

00:27:50,149 --> 00:27:48,000

it's not possible by

723

00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:50,159

our understanding of what what our

724

00:27:52,710 --> 00:27:51,440

reality is

725

00:27:54,470 --> 00:27:52,720

you know i have a quote in the beginning

726

00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:54,480

of my book the believer

727

00:27:58,549 --> 00:27:56,240

from sir william crooks a sign of

728

00:28:02,070 --> 00:27:58,559

british scientist of the 1870s

729

00:28:05,190 --> 00:28:02,080

who was sent to uh debunk um

730

00:28:06,789 --> 00:28:05,200

a seance where musical instruments were

731

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:06,799

playing themselves and

732

00:28:12,789 --> 00:28:10,480

people were um you know

733

00:28:14,389 --> 00:28:12,799

spirits of the dead were materializing

734

00:28:17,350 --> 00:28:14,399

and people were levitating

735

00:28:17,830 --> 00:28:17,360

so he went to the seance william crooks

736

00:28:21,990 --> 00:28:17,840

and

737

00:28:24,149 --> 00:28:22,000

could not

738

00:28:25,909 --> 00:28:24,159

explain them and he came back later and

739

00:28:26,789 --> 00:28:25,919

he said famously and as i said i have a

740

00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:26,799

quote in my book

741

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

uh i never said it was possible i only

742

00:28:33,110 --> 00:28:31,360

said it was true

743

00:28:35,190 --> 00:28:33,120

um and i think that's a very good

744

00:28:37,669 --> 00:28:35,200

formulation that everyone agrees that

745

00:28:41,110 --> 00:28:37,679

these stories that people are telling

746

00:28:45,029 --> 00:28:41,120

and that mac was hearing were not

747

00:28:46,950 --> 00:28:45,039

true you know real or true or possible

748

00:28:48,710 --> 00:28:46,960

in any sense of our understanding of

749

00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:48,720

reality and yet

750

00:28:54,310 --> 00:28:52,000

um he he went through all the

751
00:28:55,110 --> 00:28:54,320
possible explanations to try to debunk

752
00:28:58,389 --> 00:28:55,120
them

753
00:29:00,470 --> 00:28:58,399
mack himself and could not explain

754
00:29:01,990 --> 00:29:00,480
he could not come up with a hypothesis

755
00:29:02,870 --> 00:29:02,000
that explained all these different

756
00:29:06,310 --> 00:29:02,880
things

757
00:29:08,710 --> 00:29:06,320
um so that included um

758
00:29:10,470 --> 00:29:08,720
the consistency of the stories the fact

759
00:29:12,870 --> 00:29:10,480
that small children

760
00:29:14,230 --> 00:29:12,880
were telling these stories that people

761
00:29:17,430 --> 00:29:14,240
from all walks of life

762
00:29:20,549 --> 00:29:17,440
were telling similar stories um

763
00:29:21,269 --> 00:29:20,559

that in some cases they had marks on

764

00:29:22,549 --> 00:29:21,279

their bodies

765

00:29:24,630 --> 00:29:22,559

afterwards that they didn't remember

766

00:29:27,430 --> 00:29:24,640

having beforehand in one case a

767

00:29:29,110 --> 00:29:27,440

quadriplegic who could not inflict any

768

00:29:31,510 --> 00:29:29,120

injuries on himself because he couldn't

769

00:29:33,510 --> 00:29:31,520

move um

770

00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:33,520

uh in some cases the foliage was

771

00:29:36,870 --> 00:29:34,880

disturbed outside

772

00:29:39,190 --> 00:29:36,880

in the in the field where people saw

773

00:29:41,510 --> 00:29:39,200

europol landing they

774

00:29:42,710 --> 00:29:41,520

later found disturbance to the trees and

775

00:29:45,830 --> 00:29:42,720

the grass

776

00:29:48,789 --> 00:29:45,840

so um you know

777

00:29:50,710 --> 00:29:48,799

all these things made mac think that

778

00:29:52,710 --> 00:29:50,720

there is fragmentary evidence

779

00:29:54,149 --> 00:29:52,720

and there's no better explanation it

780

00:29:55,510 --> 00:29:54,159

wasn't sleep paralysis

781

00:29:58,070 --> 00:29:55,520

because it wasn't always happening

782

00:30:00,070 --> 00:29:58,080

during sleep and night time

783

00:30:01,510 --> 00:30:00,080

uh it wasn't a nightmare because he knew

784

00:30:03,510 --> 00:30:01,520

what nightmares were

785

00:30:05,909 --> 00:30:03,520

and these people said you know describe

786

00:30:07,669 --> 00:30:05,919

them as happening in real life and the

787

00:30:09,269 --> 00:30:07,679

people in recounting them later

788

00:30:11,669 --> 00:30:09,279

recounting these stories

789

00:30:12,870 --> 00:30:11,679

were so worked up what psychiatrists

790

00:30:14,789 --> 00:30:12,880

called affect

791

00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:14,799

the way they present themselves in

792

00:30:18,230 --> 00:30:16,240

recounting something

793

00:30:20,149 --> 00:30:18,240

that he concluded they weren't making it

794

00:30:22,549 --> 00:30:20,159

up they weren't fabricating

795

00:30:24,389 --> 00:30:22,559

they were really uh repeating a

796

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:24,399

traumatic experience they were crying

797

00:30:27,830 --> 00:30:26,000

and weeping and cursing

798

00:30:29,430 --> 00:30:27,840

it was as if it was happening to them

799

00:30:31,510 --> 00:30:29,440

all over again

800

00:30:32,870 --> 00:30:31,520

so he said these people are not you know

801
00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:32,880
dissembling they're not

802
00:30:36,149 --> 00:30:35,200
you know trying to trick me so he put

803
00:30:38,389 --> 00:30:36,159
all this stuff together

804
00:30:39,510 --> 00:30:38,399
and he said i have no better explanation

805
00:30:42,070 --> 00:30:39,520
for these

806
00:30:43,750 --> 00:30:42,080
um experiences than what the people

807
00:30:46,149 --> 00:30:43,760
themselves said they were

808
00:30:47,669 --> 00:30:46,159
so somehow in some you know in some

809
00:30:49,909 --> 00:30:47,679
level of reality

810
00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:49,919
these things had happened so that's

811
00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:55,590
and i'm really glad that you said levels

812
00:30:59,430 --> 00:30:57,200
of reality because

813
00:31:02,070 --> 00:30:59,440

there's a lot of these levels of reality

814

00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:02,080

that mac delved into and

815

00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:03,600

there was a quote some something like

816

00:31:06,630 --> 00:31:05,279

there's a possibility no greater

817

00:31:09,590 --> 00:31:06,640

question for people

818

00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:09,600

is life after death leslie keane you

819

00:31:12,950 --> 00:31:11,360

worked with her what was it like

820

00:31:15,269 --> 00:31:12,960

to work with her and i also want to

821

00:31:18,230 --> 00:31:15,279

point out if possible

822

00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:18,240

this life after death phenomenon and how

823

00:31:22,149 --> 00:31:18,640

mac

824

00:31:24,630 --> 00:31:22,159

delved into that okay um

825

00:31:25,350 --> 00:31:24,640

anyway yes leslie kane she pronounces it

826
00:31:27,269 --> 00:31:25,360
kane

827
00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:27,279
um i worked with her closely because she

828
00:31:32,470 --> 00:31:29,679
was the one who heard about the

829
00:31:33,110 --> 00:31:32,480
this pentagon unit atip uh in the in the

830
00:31:35,669 --> 00:31:33,120
first place

831
00:31:36,310 --> 00:31:35,679
and found out that the pentagon despite

832
00:31:39,190 --> 00:31:36,320
its

833
00:31:39,990 --> 00:31:39,200
many decades of denials after after blue

834
00:31:42,630 --> 00:31:40,000
book

835
00:31:43,669 --> 00:31:42,640
um was actually continuing to

836
00:31:46,789 --> 00:31:43,679
investigate

837
00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:46,799
uh ufo sightings and

838
00:31:50,789 --> 00:31:49,679

and um encounters with navy ships and

839

00:31:53,110 --> 00:31:50,799

jets so

840

00:31:54,630 --> 00:31:53,120

she heard about uh this in washington

841

00:31:55,990 --> 00:31:54,640

and came back and

842

00:31:57,830 --> 00:31:56,000

together we brought to the new york

843

00:31:59,990 --> 00:31:57,840

times and that's how the story we broke

844

00:32:02,389 --> 00:32:00,000

the story that this unit

845

00:32:04,070 --> 00:32:02,399

existed and that lou elizondo the head

846

00:32:05,350 --> 00:32:04,080

of it was resigning because he wasn't

847

00:32:08,470 --> 00:32:05,360

getting enough support

848

00:32:10,149 --> 00:32:08,480

from the from the defense department um

849

00:32:12,389 --> 00:32:10,159

so anyway so two different things so

850

00:32:15,590 --> 00:32:12,399

leslie

851

00:32:18,230 --> 00:32:15,600

was also working on um

852

00:32:19,669 --> 00:32:18,240

a book about survival of consciousness

853

00:32:21,029 --> 00:32:19,679

life after death but that

854

00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:21,039

really had nothing to do with john

855

00:32:26,549 --> 00:32:22,720

mack's interest uh

856

00:32:30,549 --> 00:32:26,559

john mack um and this goes back

857

00:32:35,269 --> 00:32:30,559

25 years um was interested

858

00:32:37,430 --> 00:32:35,279

in um survival consciousness after he

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00:32:38,630 --> 00:32:37,440

uh he was you know researched and was

860

00:32:40,950 --> 00:32:38,640

exploring

861

00:32:42,149 --> 00:32:40,960

uh alien abduction he got into other

862

00:32:44,870 --> 00:32:42,159

spiritual

863

00:32:45,430 --> 00:32:44,880

areas um things that were hard to

864

00:32:49,029 --> 00:32:45,440

explain

865

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:49,039

in anomalous uh you know situations

866

00:32:54,789 --> 00:32:53,440

um the grail legend he was very

867

00:32:58,470 --> 00:32:54,799

interested in

868

00:32:59,909 --> 00:32:58,480

um the bigfoot legend crop circles he

869

00:33:02,310 --> 00:32:59,919

went to england to

870

00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:02,320

investigate the energy that people

871

00:33:06,950 --> 00:33:04,640

associated with crop circles which

872

00:33:08,870 --> 00:33:06,960

um seem to have been made by you know

873

00:33:10,950 --> 00:33:08,880

alien intelligence

874

00:33:13,190 --> 00:33:10,960

although there were some hoaxes as well

875

00:33:14,630 --> 00:33:13,200

anyway so he branched out

876

00:33:17,350 --> 00:33:14,640

to look at other things and one of the

877

00:33:20,710 --> 00:33:17,360

things he was very interested in

878

00:33:22,710 --> 00:33:20,720

was survival of consciousness because um

879

00:33:24,630 --> 00:33:22,720

he became friendly with a young woman

880

00:33:26,389 --> 00:33:24,640

who was very brilliant named elizabeth

881

00:33:30,149 --> 00:33:26,399

targ

882

00:33:32,630 --> 00:33:30,159

who had all kinds of um psychic gifts

883

00:33:33,750 --> 00:33:32,640

and was and it was a psychiatrist

884

00:33:35,909 --> 00:33:33,760

herself

885

00:33:37,750 --> 00:33:35,919

very brilliant and was studying the

886

00:33:39,509 --> 00:33:37,760

effect of distant healing on aids

887

00:33:42,710 --> 00:33:39,519

patients and she found

888

00:33:43,430 --> 00:33:42,720

in one famous experiment that aids

889

00:33:46,549 --> 00:33:43,440

patients

890

00:33:49,350 --> 00:33:46,559

who were prayed over or prayed for

891

00:33:50,789 --> 00:33:49,360

um did better than those who were not

892

00:33:54,149 --> 00:33:50,799

prayed for

893

00:33:57,350 --> 00:33:54,159

so um but as it happened she

894

00:33:59,990 --> 00:33:57,360

um developed the same kind of cancer

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00:34:00,789 --> 00:34:00,000

she was studying brain cancer and died

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00:34:05,350 --> 00:34:00,799

from it

897

00:34:07,990 --> 00:34:05,360

and after she died um

898

00:34:08,550 --> 00:34:08,000

people around her said that her spirit

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00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:08,560

or she

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00:34:13,430 --> 00:34:11,520

manifested in some ways to convince them

901
00:34:15,829 --> 00:34:13,440
that she was still

902
00:34:17,030 --> 00:34:15,839
in touch with them and with this world

903
00:34:18,710 --> 00:34:17,040
and mac was very

904
00:34:20,230 --> 00:34:18,720
intrigued by that and he decided he was

905
00:34:23,669 --> 00:34:20,240
going to do a book on that

906
00:34:24,629 --> 00:34:23,679
um as his final project after alien

907
00:34:26,389 --> 00:34:24,639
abduction

908
00:34:28,230 --> 00:34:26,399
and he was killed he was run over in

909
00:34:31,109 --> 00:34:28,240
london before he could

910
00:34:32,629 --> 00:34:31,119
uh get forward that book but he was very

911
00:34:34,550 --> 00:34:32,639
interested in that and he

912
00:34:36,389 --> 00:34:34,560
was you know sort of curious himself

913
00:34:38,710 --> 00:34:36,399

what would happen after to him

914

00:34:40,310 --> 00:34:38,720

after death so he told people things

915

00:34:41,750 --> 00:34:40,320

like well maybe i can do better work

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00:34:43,750 --> 00:34:41,760

from the other side and

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00:34:44,869 --> 00:34:43,760

they said oh john don't don't talk like

918

00:34:48,230 --> 00:34:44,879

that you know

919

00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:48,240

um and at the very end of my book

920

00:34:54,710 --> 00:34:51,839

i talk about john mack materializing

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00:34:57,270 --> 00:34:54,720

or so so you know people around him said

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00:35:01,349 --> 00:34:57,280

on a number of occasions

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00:35:03,589 --> 00:35:01,359

so you know i don't give it the same

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00:35:04,790 --> 00:35:03,599

prominence in the book as other things

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00:35:07,109 --> 00:35:04,800

because i think that

926
00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:07,119
again it's very anecdotal there's no way

927
00:35:13,190 --> 00:35:09,760
to prove it

928
00:35:15,829 --> 00:35:13,200
but these are stories people tell

929
00:35:16,390 --> 00:35:15,839
and they tell them some detail and again

930
00:35:17,990 --> 00:35:16,400
there's a

931
00:35:19,589 --> 00:35:18,000
somewhat of a consistency to these

932
00:35:21,910 --> 00:35:19,599
stories and not more

933
00:35:23,589 --> 00:35:21,920
you know more than one person told a

934
00:35:27,109 --> 00:35:23,599
similar story of seeing

935
00:35:29,109 --> 00:35:27,119
john mack's spirit coming back so

936
00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:29,119
that was the last thing he was working

937
00:35:34,630 --> 00:35:31,920
on before he died

938
00:35:36,390 --> 00:35:34,640

wow it's so fascinating and i found it

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00:35:38,550 --> 00:35:36,400

fascinating that mac once said

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00:35:40,470 --> 00:35:38,560

we can all go at any time and i i could

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00:35:41,430 --> 00:35:40,480

walk out onto the street and be hit by a

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00:35:43,829 --> 00:35:41,440

car

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00:35:44,710 --> 00:35:43,839

going out going into something slightly

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00:35:47,109 --> 00:35:44,720

different but yet

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00:35:48,630 --> 00:35:47,119

along the ufo phenomenon and the

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00:35:50,230 --> 00:35:48,640

government a lot of people

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00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:50,240

and folks just don't trust the

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00:35:53,190 --> 00:35:51,599

government especially with the stuff

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00:35:53,910 --> 00:35:53,200

coming out lately but when the

950

00:35:56,470 --> 00:35:53,920

government

951
00:35:59,589 --> 00:35:56,480
is honestly saying we don't know what

952
00:36:02,150 --> 00:35:59,599
these things are and

953
00:36:04,230 --> 00:36:02,160
what are we to make to make of this well

954
00:36:06,870 --> 00:36:04,240
the government has a long history

955
00:36:07,990 --> 00:36:06,880
of being duplicitous there's no doubt

956
00:36:12,950 --> 00:36:08,000
about that

957
00:36:14,550 --> 00:36:12,960
um in the in the 1950s there was an

958
00:36:17,750 --> 00:36:14,560
actual cia campaign

959
00:36:21,109 --> 00:36:17,760
to discredit uh ufologists

960
00:36:24,870 --> 00:36:21,119
uh people who followed you know ufos

961
00:36:27,990 --> 00:36:24,880
uh to paint them as communist

962
00:36:30,390 --> 00:36:28,000
threats you know subversives um

963
00:36:31,030 --> 00:36:30,400

that because they were challenging the

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00:36:34,630 --> 00:36:31,040

um

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00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:34,640

you know the official order and they uh

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00:36:37,990 --> 00:36:36,720

a lot of reasons but the government was

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00:36:40,470 --> 00:36:38,000

um

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00:36:42,310 --> 00:36:40,480

either did not want this news out didn't

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00:36:43,109 --> 00:36:42,320

want uh they wanted to control the

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00:36:45,430 --> 00:36:43,119

narrative

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00:36:47,510 --> 00:36:45,440

they were afraid that uh you know what

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00:36:48,150 --> 00:36:47,520

would how would the public react if they

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00:36:49,589 --> 00:36:48,160

were

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00:36:51,109 --> 00:36:49,599

if they learned that there was something

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00:36:52,710 --> 00:36:51,119

in the sky that the government couldn't

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00:36:55,589 --> 00:36:52,720
control or explain

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00:36:57,349 --> 00:36:55,599
so for for many reasons and some of

978
00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:57,359
which were national security because the

979
00:37:02,790 --> 00:36:59,520
government was afraid that whatever

980
00:37:04,790 --> 00:37:02,800
technology this was up there um

981
00:37:08,390 --> 00:37:04,800
might fall into the hands of our enemies

982
00:37:10,630 --> 00:37:08,400
on earth the russians the chinese

983
00:37:13,030 --> 00:37:10,640
so for a lot of reasons the government

984
00:37:15,510 --> 00:37:13,040
was very wary of this information

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00:37:17,990 --> 00:37:15,520
and didn't want it to come out so they

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00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:18,000
did disinformation they planted false

987
00:37:21,109 --> 00:37:18,960
stories

988
00:37:22,550 --> 00:37:21,119

there's a whole history of it the

989

00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:22,560

government did some other things that

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00:37:26,630 --> 00:37:23,520

were pretty heinous

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00:37:27,349 --> 00:37:26,640

like the mk ultra experiments where they

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00:37:31,109 --> 00:37:27,359

gave

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00:37:34,470 --> 00:37:31,119

lsd to unwitting uh you know victims

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00:37:35,990 --> 00:37:34,480

uh to test things so the government

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00:37:38,710 --> 00:37:36,000

earned its reputation for

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00:37:39,990 --> 00:37:38,720

being untrustworthy in this field and

997

00:37:45,109 --> 00:37:40,000

and

998

00:37:46,790 --> 00:37:45,119

not a mystery that you know people

999

00:37:49,589 --> 00:37:46,800

distrusted the

1000

00:37:50,069 --> 00:37:49,599

uh the you know the actions of the

1001
00:37:52,950 --> 00:37:50,079

government

1002
00:37:54,790 --> 00:37:52,960

in this area um plus you know the

1003
00:37:56,710 --> 00:37:54,800

government was very quick to debunk all

1004
00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:56,720

these sightings

1005
00:38:00,150 --> 00:37:58,560

and people who who had served in the

1006
00:38:02,310 --> 00:38:00,160

military and knew

1007
00:38:03,430 --> 00:38:02,320

what planes and the planet venus looked

1008
00:38:06,390 --> 00:38:03,440

like i

1009
00:38:07,670 --> 00:38:06,400

did not want to be told that you are

1010
00:38:10,790 --> 00:38:07,680

seeing a weather balloon

1011
00:38:13,589 --> 00:38:10,800

or you are seeing the planet venus

1012
00:38:15,349 --> 00:38:13,599

and these people knew too much to know

1013
00:38:18,150 --> 00:38:15,359

that what they had seen

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00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:18,160

could not be explained away as easily as

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00:38:23,270 --> 00:38:20,160

the government was insisting

1016

00:38:25,589 --> 00:38:23,280

so so now why is the government being

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00:38:27,430 --> 00:38:25,599

more forthcoming well i think we at the

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00:38:30,710 --> 00:38:27,440

new york times had a role in changing

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00:38:33,910 --> 00:38:30,720

the paradigm i think we made it

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00:38:35,589 --> 00:38:33,920

safe for mainstream publications to uh

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00:38:39,030 --> 00:38:35,599

consider the evidence of

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00:38:42,069 --> 00:38:39,040

of ufos uh you know being

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00:38:44,950 --> 00:38:42,079

physically present um

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00:38:45,349 --> 00:38:44,960

i think uh that people in the government

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00:38:52,230 --> 00:38:45,359

and

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00:38:56,470 --> 00:38:52,240

see more of this information come out

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00:38:59,109 --> 00:38:56,480

i don't think it's a plot to you know to

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00:39:00,390 --> 00:38:59,119

uh it's not being manipulated this news

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00:39:02,790 --> 00:39:00,400

because we got the news

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00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:02,800

very through a result of hard digging

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00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:04,640

nobody fed it to us

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00:39:08,470 --> 00:39:06,640

um i mean you you know you can come up

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00:39:10,870 --> 00:39:08,480

with all kinds of conspiracy theories

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00:39:11,750 --> 00:39:10,880

because you can't prove a negative but

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00:39:13,750 --> 00:39:11,760

um

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00:39:15,589 --> 00:39:13,760

i have found no evidence that you know

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00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:15,599

we were manipulated into

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00:39:19,349 --> 00:39:17,359

coming out with a story because now is

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00:39:21,349 --> 00:39:19,359

the time the government wanted it out

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00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:21,359

i think it just accumulated evidence

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00:39:26,069 --> 00:39:23,520

accumulated and we were able to break it

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00:39:27,349 --> 00:39:26,079

by people who came who happen to be in a

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00:39:28,870 --> 00:39:27,359

good position to

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00:39:30,870 --> 00:39:28,880

provide the information at the right

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00:39:34,950 --> 00:39:30,880

time so

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00:39:36,790 --> 00:39:34,960

um i think the

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00:39:38,870 --> 00:39:36,800

the needle has moved you know the weight

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00:39:41,190 --> 00:39:38,880

of evidence has shifted

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00:39:41,990 --> 00:39:41,200

the government now in a big step the

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00:39:44,390 --> 00:39:42,000

navy has said

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00:39:45,829 --> 00:39:44,400

it wants sailors and pilots to come

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00:39:47,430 --> 00:39:45,839

forward with information which they

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00:39:48,870 --> 00:39:47,440

never did before they would

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00:39:50,790 --> 00:39:48,880

tell them not to it would hurt their

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00:39:51,990 --> 00:39:50,800

careers so there's been a lot of

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00:39:55,589 --> 00:39:52,000

progress made

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00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:55,599

um it's step by step um

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00:39:59,109 --> 00:39:57,599

so we don't know where it's it's going

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00:39:59,829 --> 00:39:59,119

to end up and i don't know what you know

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00:40:02,230 --> 00:39:59,839

what what this

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00:40:02,870 --> 00:40:02,240

uap report task force report is going to

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00:40:04,470 --> 00:40:02,880

say

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00:40:06,630 --> 00:40:04,480

if it's going to even come out on time

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00:40:09,750 --> 00:40:06,640

next month um

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00:40:10,550 --> 00:40:09,760

so there are a lot of questions but um

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00:40:13,030 --> 00:40:10,560

uh

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00:40:14,069 --> 00:40:13,040

you know i i think i the government is

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00:40:17,030 --> 00:40:14,079

becoming

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00:40:18,550 --> 00:40:17,040

uh more forthcoming because of these

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00:40:21,589 --> 00:40:18,560

series of steps i just

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00:40:24,630 --> 00:40:21,599

outlined yes absolutely

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00:40:26,470 --> 00:40:24,640

and along the lines of conspiracy and

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00:40:29,349 --> 00:40:26,480

a part of the book that actually made me

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00:40:31,510 --> 00:40:29,359

cry was that about john mack being run

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00:40:33,589 --> 00:40:31,520

over by a drunk driver in london

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00:40:35,670 --> 00:40:33,599

he had a very tragic death and many

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00:40:36,630 --> 00:40:35,680

believe this was a conspiracy and he was

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00:40:39,990 --> 00:40:36,640

taken out

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00:40:42,470 --> 00:40:40,000

can you clarify what actually occurred

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00:40:45,349 --> 00:40:42,480

yeah now as a you know in in the course

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00:40:47,910 --> 00:40:45,359

of my research i got access to the

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00:40:49,030 --> 00:40:47,920

uh london police reports the witness

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00:40:52,230 --> 00:40:49,040

reports

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00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:52,240

uh the story of the guy who ran him down

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00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:55,200

and i debunked in my view anyway

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00:40:59,349 --> 00:40:56,640

successfully debunked

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00:41:00,550 --> 00:40:59,359

any suggestion that he was assassinated

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00:41:03,829 --> 00:41:00,560

that this was a

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00:41:04,630 --> 00:41:03,839

premeditated attack the man who ran him

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00:41:08,309 --> 00:41:04,640

over

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00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:08,319

was a charity worker uh who had

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00:41:15,910 --> 00:41:14,630

you know making red poppies for a world

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00:41:19,349 --> 00:41:15,920

war one

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00:41:21,349 --> 00:41:19,359

um you know charity drive every year i

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00:41:23,030 --> 00:41:21,359

mean it's a veteran's charity drive long

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00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:23,040

after world war one but it started in

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00:41:27,349 --> 00:41:24,160

world war one

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00:41:30,390 --> 00:41:27,359

uh the red poppy movement so he uh was

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00:41:33,190 --> 00:41:30,400

at a you know veterans uh

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00:41:35,750 --> 00:41:33,200

office with other vets you know making

1101

00:41:38,790 --> 00:41:35,760

these red poppies to distribute to

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00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:38,800

generate money for the charity and

1103

00:41:43,589 --> 00:41:41,760

they were serving uh shandy which is uh

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00:41:46,630 --> 00:41:43,599

beer with um

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00:41:48,630 --> 00:41:46,640

uh fruit juice and he had too much of it

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00:41:50,309 --> 00:41:48,640

and he was driving back late at night

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00:41:52,950 --> 00:41:50,319

and john max stepped out of the

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00:41:54,150 --> 00:41:52,960

underground the subway he did what many

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00:41:57,109 --> 00:41:54,160

america

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00:41:58,630 --> 00:41:57,119

left and this guy was coming along and

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00:41:59,829 --> 00:41:58,640

mack just stepped out in front of him

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00:42:02,630 --> 00:41:59,839

and that was it

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00:42:03,829 --> 00:42:02,640

um and they interviewed him at length uh

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00:42:07,109 --> 00:42:03,839

the driver

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00:42:09,430 --> 00:42:07,119

and i have those reports and one of the

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00:42:10,870 --> 00:42:09,440

conspiracy theories was that another man

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00:42:14,550 --> 00:42:10,880

named john mack

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00:42:16,390 --> 00:42:14,560

was um run over at the same time

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00:42:18,309 --> 00:42:16,400

showing that you know john max were

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00:42:19,430 --> 00:42:18,319

being targeted and they got the wrong

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00:42:21,990 --> 00:42:19,440

one

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00:42:23,910 --> 00:42:22,000

i think that's a myth i perhaps somebody

1123

00:42:24,950 --> 00:42:23,920

named john mack was run down somewhere

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00:42:28,069 --> 00:42:24,960

you know you can't

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00:42:31,589 --> 00:42:28,079

disprove a negative but i found

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00:42:33,750 --> 00:42:31,599

absolutely no uh confirmation that he

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00:42:35,030 --> 00:42:33,760

was targeted in any way there were a lot

1128

00:42:35,670 --> 00:42:35,040

of people angry at him there were a lot

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00:42:37,510 --> 00:42:35,680

of people who

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00:42:39,030 --> 00:42:37,520

we got him as a hero that's

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00:42:42,550 --> 00:42:39,040

unquestionable but

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00:42:44,230 --> 00:42:42,560

um he was not targeted that i could find

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00:42:46,309 --> 00:42:44,240

now there was one interesting thing that

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00:42:49,510 --> 00:42:46,319

did happen that i put in my book

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00:42:50,069 --> 00:42:49,520

um one of his fellow psychiatrists a

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00:42:53,829 --> 00:42:50,079

young

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00:42:56,710 --> 00:42:53,839

protege happened to be in um

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saint peter st petersburg russia at just

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00:43:01,829 --> 00:42:58,480

around the time mack was

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00:43:04,630 --> 00:43:01,839

in london and this protege

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00:43:06,309 --> 00:43:04,640

uh wesley boyd uh was driving from the

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00:43:08,870 --> 00:43:06,319

airport with his wife

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00:43:09,910 --> 00:43:08,880

uh to a conference in in saint

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00:43:11,430 --> 00:43:09,920

petersburg

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00:43:13,190 --> 00:43:11,440

and he looked and boyd looked out the

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00:43:14,150 --> 00:43:13,200

window of the cab and he saw a guy being

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00:43:16,870 --> 00:43:14,160

run over

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00:43:18,710 --> 00:43:16,880

pedestrian by another car and it was

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00:43:19,270 --> 00:43:18,720

just about the time john mack was run

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00:43:22,550 --> 00:43:19,280

over

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00:43:25,190 --> 00:43:22,560

in um in london so that was

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00:43:27,510 --> 00:43:25,200

the kind of synchronicity that popped up

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00:43:30,950 --> 00:43:27,520

again and again in my book

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00:43:33,829 --> 00:43:30,960

that is very strange um and

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00:43:35,670 --> 00:43:33,839

um but it has nothing to do with a plot

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00:43:39,030 --> 00:43:35,680

against john mack

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00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:39,040

right and thank you for clarifying that

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00:43:42,069 --> 00:43:41,040

you had access and you mentioned this to

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00:43:44,309 --> 00:43:42,079

a lot of files

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00:43:46,150 --> 00:43:44,319

and among those files you had access to

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00:43:49,190 --> 00:43:46,160

personal files

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00:43:51,510 --> 00:43:49,200

how in the world did john mack live

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00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:51,520

apparently two lives a very professional

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00:43:54,950 --> 00:43:52,800

life yet

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00:43:56,390 --> 00:43:54,960

a very kind of by the mainstream

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00:43:58,470 --> 00:43:56,400

considered an out there

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00:44:00,069 --> 00:43:58,480

life researching with the best of the

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00:44:03,190 --> 00:44:00,079

best at the time

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00:44:05,430 --> 00:44:03,200

how was this so accepted by friends

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00:44:08,069 --> 00:44:05,440

family and colleagues

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00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:08,079

well he was a human being and he had all

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00:44:11,910 --> 00:44:08,480

the

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00:44:14,150 --> 00:44:11,920

foibles of a human being as i point out

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00:44:16,470 --> 00:44:14,160

in my book

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00:44:18,230 --> 00:44:16,480

he he lost his mother at age eight and a

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00:44:19,910 --> 00:44:18,240

half months his mother died his birth

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00:44:22,950 --> 00:44:19,920

mother died of

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00:44:24,950 --> 00:44:22,960

appendicitis uh it was a very traumatic

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00:44:26,390 --> 00:44:24,960

event for a young child to suddenly lose

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00:44:28,150 --> 00:44:26,400

his mother of course he had no

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00:44:29,190 --> 00:44:28,160

understanding of why she was taken away

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00:44:31,829 --> 00:44:29,200

like that

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00:44:33,109 --> 00:44:31,839

penicillin had been invented at that

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00:44:36,470 --> 00:44:33,119

time just then

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00:44:39,589 --> 00:44:36,480

around 1930 but was not in common use

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00:44:42,069 --> 00:44:39,599

so they couldn't save her so he

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00:44:42,870 --> 00:44:42,079

he was deeply traumatized and he spent

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00:44:45,270 --> 00:44:42,880

his whole life

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00:44:46,390 --> 00:44:45,280

sort of missing his mother now his

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00:44:49,349 --> 00:44:46,400

father

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00:44:51,030 --> 00:44:49,359

pretty quickly remarried another

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00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:51,040

professor's father was a professor he

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00:44:54,150 --> 00:44:51,920

remarried a

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00:44:55,510 --> 00:44:54,160

woman who was a professor who was very

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00:44:58,390 --> 00:44:55,520

eminent in her own right

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00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:58,400

and who had had a daughter from her

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00:45:01,349 --> 00:44:59,119

previous

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00:45:03,030 --> 00:45:01,359

marriage her she was a widow her husband

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00:45:04,069 --> 00:45:03,040

that committed suicide during the great

1200

00:45:07,270 --> 00:45:04,079

depression

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00:45:09,190 --> 00:45:07,280

anyway um so mack was conflicted in

1202

00:45:11,990 --> 00:45:09,200

mother issues let's say

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00:45:12,950 --> 00:45:12,000

and he spent a lot of time searching for

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00:45:15,430 --> 00:45:12,960

a missing

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00:45:16,470 --> 00:45:15,440

female presence in his life now that

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00:45:19,349 --> 00:45:16,480

took the form of

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00:45:20,470 --> 00:45:19,359

some romances in addition to his

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00:45:22,710 --> 00:45:20,480

marriage to

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00:45:25,109 --> 00:45:22,720

sally a wonderful woman who kept faith

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00:45:28,230 --> 00:45:25,119

with him throughout his life and who he

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00:45:29,030 --> 00:45:28,240

uh deeply loved and throughout although

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00:45:32,710 --> 00:45:29,040

he

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00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:32,720

strayed uh from you know faithfulness in

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00:45:36,710 --> 00:45:33,760

his marriage

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00:45:37,829 --> 00:45:36,720

um so he did have some uh some love

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00:45:41,670 --> 00:45:37,839

affairs which i

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00:45:42,790 --> 00:45:41,680

go into in the book um uh he was a flesh

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00:45:46,470 --> 00:45:42,800

and blood person

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00:45:48,309 --> 00:45:46,480

he had his weaknesses he was naive uh he

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00:45:50,230 --> 00:45:48,319

he said things to newspaper people that

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00:45:51,750 --> 00:45:50,240

he shouldn't have said because uh

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00:45:53,349 --> 00:45:51,760

you have to be very careful how you deal

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00:45:54,069 --> 00:45:53,359

with the press and he was he was naive

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00:45:56,630 --> 00:45:54,079

about that

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00:45:59,750 --> 00:45:56,640

he got hoaxed once by a woman who

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00:46:03,349 --> 00:45:59,760

presented herself as a

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00:46:06,390 --> 00:46:03,359

abductee and was really trying to uh

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00:46:09,030 --> 00:46:06,400

um you know um

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00:46:09,750 --> 00:46:09,040

uh pull the wool over his eyes and you

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00:46:12,309 --> 00:46:09,760

know

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00:46:13,990 --> 00:46:12,319

told a story that wasn't what was only

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00:46:18,069 --> 00:46:14,000

partly true at least so maybe

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00:46:20,710 --> 00:46:18,079

uh partly false but partly true she was

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00:46:21,109 --> 00:46:20,720

a real abductee mac thought but she told

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00:47:02,630 --> 00:46:21,119

a

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00:47:05,670 --> 00:47:02,640

the greek heroes did

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00:47:09,589 --> 00:47:05,680

um and one of these was his

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00:47:13,349 --> 00:47:09,599

uh um you know his weakness for

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00:47:16,630 --> 00:47:13,359

for for um um

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00:47:20,069 --> 00:47:16,640

you know for fame

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00:47:22,549 --> 00:47:20,079

also i mean he uh he was very

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00:47:23,510 --> 00:47:22,559

uh happy with the attention he was

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00:47:27,030 --> 00:47:23,520

getting

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00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:27,040

um perhaps that

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00:47:30,069 --> 00:47:29,440

you know he let down his guard because

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00:47:33,349 --> 00:47:30,079

of that

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00:47:33,589 --> 00:47:33,359

uh etc he you know he had delusions of

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00:47:35,829 --> 00:47:33,599

him

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00:47:37,349 --> 00:47:35,839

of the ability he had to control the

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00:47:40,870 --> 00:47:37,359

scenario which

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00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:40,880

he wasn't always able to do so anyway um

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00:47:45,510 --> 00:47:43,200

and i i could see that from his from his

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00:47:48,549 --> 00:47:45,520

uh his journals that i had access to

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00:47:50,710 --> 00:47:48,559

and his um uh therapy

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00:47:53,510 --> 00:47:50,720

sessions which he taped and which i got

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00:47:54,309 --> 00:47:53,520

access to like every psychiatrist he had

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00:47:56,710 --> 00:47:54,319

to

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00:47:58,870 --> 00:47:56,720

uh you know go through a lot of

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00:47:59,750 --> 00:47:58,880

self-analysis and he taped some of those

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00:48:01,430 --> 00:47:59,760

sessions

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00:48:03,589 --> 00:48:01,440

a bunch of them and i got access i

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00:48:05,910 --> 00:48:03,599

talked to his therapist afterwards

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00:48:07,030 --> 00:48:05,920

um so i i think i had a pretty good

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00:48:11,349 --> 00:48:07,040

window into his

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00:48:14,870 --> 00:48:11,359

into his psyche yeah i think so

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00:48:15,510 --> 00:48:14,880

amazing an interesting thing is that he

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00:48:18,870 --> 00:48:15,520

did

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00:48:21,510 --> 00:48:18,880

and he was naive harvard

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00:48:23,589 --> 00:48:21,520

tried to prove things against mack and

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00:48:23,910 --> 00:48:23,599

he proved that he wasn't doing anything

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00:48:25,510 --> 00:48:23,920

wrong

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00:48:27,670 --> 00:48:25,520

can we go into that a little bit i found

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00:48:30,549 --> 00:48:27,680

that so fascinating

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00:48:31,510 --> 00:48:30,559

yeah well um he he rubbed harvard the

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00:48:32,950 --> 00:48:31,520

wrong way

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00:48:35,270 --> 00:48:32,960

because first of all he had written a

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00:48:36,069 --> 00:48:35,280

best-selling book and and made some

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00:48:39,030 --> 00:48:36,079

money

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00:48:41,109 --> 00:48:39,040

and he had he rose above his academic

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00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:41,119

colleagues in that sense and

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00:48:45,270 --> 00:48:43,440

academia being what it is it excited

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00:48:49,270 --> 00:48:45,280

some jealousies no doubt

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00:48:51,990 --> 00:48:49,280

um number a number of his experiercer

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00:48:52,630 --> 00:48:52,000

uh patients or subjects they were both

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00:48:59,670 --> 00:48:52,640

um

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00:49:00,829 --> 00:48:59,680

you know treatment uh to to go with him

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00:49:04,309 --> 00:49:00,839

so he

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00:49:07,510 --> 00:49:04,319

he um alienated some colleagues who

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00:49:08,549 --> 00:49:07,520

saw you know their people leaving him

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00:49:10,790 --> 00:49:08,559

from for mac

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00:49:12,069 --> 00:49:10,800

so he had a lot of he dealt with some

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00:49:14,390 --> 00:49:12,079

professional jealousy

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00:49:15,589 --> 00:49:14,400

and harvard was embarrassed by the high

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00:49:18,470 --> 00:49:15,599

profile that

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00:49:19,990 --> 00:49:18,480

mac had achieved on you know in a very

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00:49:23,109 --> 00:49:20,000

controversial field he'd been on

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00:49:24,710 --> 00:49:23,119

oprah been on a lot of television show

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00:49:25,990 --> 00:49:24,720

other television shows he'd been in

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00:49:29,670 --> 00:49:26,000

magazines

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00:49:31,829 --> 00:49:29,680

and so and there were people at harvard

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00:49:34,870 --> 00:49:31,839

said you know he's giving us a bad

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00:49:36,710 --> 00:49:34,880

uh you know reputation where harvard has

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00:49:39,750 --> 00:49:36,720

a long and storied history

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00:49:42,230 --> 00:49:39,760

actually harvard uh was no stranger to

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00:49:44,870 --> 00:49:42,240

uh um unconventional research i mean

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00:49:48,549 --> 00:49:44,880

william james the father of psychology

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00:49:50,390 --> 00:49:48,559

um was talking about seances and uh

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00:49:52,069 --> 00:49:50,400

mystical experiences at harvard a

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00:49:54,790 --> 00:49:52,079

hundred years ago and

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00:49:55,990 --> 00:49:54,800

harv was very proud of william james so

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00:49:57,910 --> 00:49:56,000

you know it's nothing that harvard

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00:49:58,390 --> 00:49:57,920

hadn't dealt with before but max sort of

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00:50:01,349 --> 00:49:58,400

rubbed them

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00:50:01,829 --> 00:50:01,359

the wrong way and he was a bit arrogant

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00:50:05,030 --> 00:50:01,839

and

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00:50:06,309 --> 00:50:05,040

um he didn't inform harvard until it was

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00:50:08,230 --> 00:50:06,319

a little bit too late

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00:50:09,589 --> 00:50:08,240

uh what he was doing although was no

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00:50:11,270 --> 00:50:09,599

secret he was actually speaking at

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00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:11,280

harvard to harvard audiences so it

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00:50:15,510 --> 00:50:13,760

wasn't like he was tiptoeing around them

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00:50:17,670 --> 00:50:15,520

but for all the reasons that you'd

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00:50:21,270 --> 00:50:17,680

expect an institution like harvard

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00:50:23,109 --> 00:50:21,280

um they took a miss

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00:50:26,150 --> 00:50:23,119

and they said they needed to investigate

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00:50:29,109 --> 00:50:26,160

his methods so

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00:50:31,109 --> 00:50:29,119

mac was again naive he went into these

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00:50:32,390 --> 00:50:31,119

to this investigating committee

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00:50:34,610 --> 00:50:32,400

uh thinking he was just going to be

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00:50:35,990 --> 00:50:34,620

talking to colleagues

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00:50:39,190 --> 00:50:36,000

[Music]

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00:50:41,270 --> 00:50:39,200

and of course he realized

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00:50:43,270 --> 00:50:41,280

later that he needed professional

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00:50:45,990 --> 00:50:43,280

representation it was not

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00:50:48,349 --> 00:50:46,000

um just a chat among colleagues he was

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00:50:50,150 --> 00:50:48,359

being subject to a

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00:50:51,270 --> 00:50:50,160

quasi-disciplinary procedure although

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00:50:54,549 --> 00:50:51,280

they insisted

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00:50:56,870 --> 00:50:54,559

it was not disciplinary but essentially

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00:50:58,150 --> 00:50:56,880

it could have resulted in him being

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00:51:01,030 --> 00:50:58,160

disciplined anyway

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00:51:02,230 --> 00:51:01,040

he got himself two cracker jack lawyers

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00:51:04,630 --> 00:51:02,240

um

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00:51:06,390 --> 00:51:04,640

and uh danny danny sheehan who had

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00:51:07,589 --> 00:51:06,400

investigated the iran contra

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00:51:10,069 --> 00:51:07,599

arms deal under the reagan

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00:51:12,630 --> 00:51:10,079

administration and he represented the

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00:51:16,630 --> 00:51:12,640

karen silkwood family after her

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00:51:20,230 --> 00:51:16,640

uh plutonium poisoning disclosures

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00:51:21,510 --> 00:51:20,240

and um he investigated the ku klux klan

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00:51:24,390 --> 00:51:21,520

and the other lawyer

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00:51:26,230 --> 00:51:24,400

mac got was uh eric mcleish who had

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00:51:27,190 --> 00:51:26,240

broken the priests abuse scandal in

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00:51:30,390 --> 00:51:27,200

boston

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00:51:32,790 --> 00:51:30,400

so two really hot shot lawyers who

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00:51:34,390 --> 00:51:32,800

realized that they were going to hold

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00:51:35,270 --> 00:51:34,400

harvard's feet to the fire and make

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00:51:37,030 --> 00:51:35,280

harvard prove

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00:51:38,390 --> 00:51:37,040

that mac had done something wrong which

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00:51:41,510 --> 00:51:38,400

he really hadn't

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00:51:43,109 --> 00:51:41,520

and eventually uh succeeded in getting

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00:51:46,230 --> 00:51:43,119

you know there were no charges

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00:51:48,790 --> 00:51:46,240

against him harvard just said please be

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a little less enthusiastic and max said

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00:51:51,829 --> 00:51:49,760

okay

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00:51:53,910 --> 00:51:51,839

and that was the end of it but it was an

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00:51:55,510 --> 00:51:53,920

ordeal for you know more than a year it

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00:51:59,829 --> 00:51:55,520

cost mac a ton of money

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00:52:01,030 --> 00:51:59,839

in legal fees um no no end of anxiety

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00:52:05,349 --> 00:52:01,040

and anguish

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00:52:07,829 --> 00:52:05,359

um so it was a very sad episode

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00:52:09,510 --> 00:52:07,839

and i should say uh by the way ryan that

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00:52:12,549 --> 00:52:09,520

harvard never put out a

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00:52:13,829 --> 00:52:12,559

a report a public report on on this

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00:52:15,670 --> 00:52:13,839

inquiry it was a secret

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00:52:17,589 --> 00:52:15,680

thing i call it an inquisition because

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00:52:19,030 --> 00:52:17,599

that was a word that they used

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00:52:21,349 --> 00:52:19,040

when they tried to tell mac what it

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00:52:23,109 --> 00:52:21,359

wasn't and he was a good psychiatrist so

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00:52:24,630 --> 00:52:23,119

he said why are they using a word to say

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00:52:27,349 --> 00:52:24,640

what it isn't

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00:52:27,990 --> 00:52:27,359

um so it was a kind of an inquisition

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00:52:31,670 --> 00:52:28,000

into his

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00:52:34,309 --> 00:52:31,680

methods and thoughts processes

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00:52:36,230 --> 00:52:34,319

but they never put out a a public report

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00:52:37,829 --> 00:52:36,240

on it i put it all together in my book i

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00:52:40,390 --> 00:52:37,839

think for the first time

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00:52:41,510 --> 00:52:40,400

through uh legal max you know legal

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00:52:44,790 --> 00:52:41,520

memoranda

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00:52:46,790 --> 00:52:44,800

through uh emails uh interviews with

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00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:46,800

danny sheehan and eric mcleish

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00:52:51,109 --> 00:52:48,480

so i tell them the whole story the

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00:52:54,470 --> 00:52:51,119

harvard inquisition in my book

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00:52:57,589 --> 00:52:54,480

yes and you do a really good job um

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00:52:57,990 --> 00:52:57,599

very interestingly bud hopkins and john

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00:53:00,150 --> 00:52:58,000

mack

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00:53:03,589 --> 00:53:00,160

seem to be quite the dynamic can we

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00:53:07,589 --> 00:53:03,599

discuss the relationship between the two

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00:53:10,230 --> 00:53:07,599

yeah yes and no john john mack learned

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of alien abduction from bud hopkins

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00:53:14,470 --> 00:53:12,800
bud hopkins was an artist who had seen a

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ufo in the 60s

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00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:17,599
and made himself a uh abduction

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00:53:20,710 --> 00:53:18,319
researcher

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00:53:21,430 --> 00:53:20,720
by studying hypnosis and interviewing

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00:53:25,270 --> 00:53:21,440
people

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00:53:27,349 --> 00:53:25,280
who'd had these experiences and um

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00:53:29,109 --> 00:53:27,359
became really one of the first experts

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00:53:29,589 --> 00:53:29,119
and he wrote a book called missing time

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00:53:31,430 --> 00:53:29,599
which

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00:53:33,349 --> 00:53:31,440
for the first time is before john mack

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00:53:35,510 --> 00:53:33,359
got into it for the first time

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00:53:39,510 --> 00:53:35,520

identified the phenomenon of people

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00:53:41,349 --> 00:53:39,520

having their memories fogged somehow

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00:53:42,790 --> 00:53:41,359

by their experiences so they couldn't

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remember what had happened and they

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00:53:46,230 --> 00:53:44,640

would turn up hours later

1418

00:53:47,750 --> 00:53:46,240

if they were driving someplace they

1419

00:53:49,750 --> 00:53:47,760

would lose track of you know what

1420

00:53:50,790 --> 00:53:49,760

happened and later in hypnotic

1421

00:53:53,190 --> 00:53:50,800

regression

1422

00:53:54,230 --> 00:53:53,200

they would you know recapture memories

1423

00:53:57,349 --> 00:53:54,240

of being

1424

00:53:58,150 --> 00:53:57,359

stopped by a spacecraft and aliens you

1425

00:54:01,190 --> 00:53:58,160

know

1426
00:54:03,910 --> 00:54:01,200
uh abducting them and things like that

1427
00:54:05,589 --> 00:54:03,920
but um they only became aware of it

1428
00:54:07,270 --> 00:54:05,599
initially by the fact that they turned

1429
00:54:08,230 --> 00:54:07,280
up where they were going hours late and

1430
00:54:09,030 --> 00:54:08,240
they didn't know what happened in the

1431
00:54:11,510 --> 00:54:09,040
meantime

1432
00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:11,520
so uh hopkins had written a book about

1433
00:54:16,230 --> 00:54:12,240
this

1434
00:54:18,630 --> 00:54:16,240
which was very pioneering and another um

1435
00:54:20,790 --> 00:54:18,640
colleague david jacobs a temple

1436
00:54:23,990 --> 00:54:20,800
university history professor

1437
00:54:26,470 --> 00:54:24,000
also studied hypnosis along with

1438
00:54:27,510 --> 00:54:26,480

uh hopkins and they both collected their

1439

00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:27,520

own circle of

1440

00:54:34,230 --> 00:54:31,200

experiences or abductees to to study

1441

00:54:35,829 --> 00:54:34,240

um so john mack through a contact he had

1442

00:54:39,109 --> 00:54:35,839

made at esseline

1443

00:54:39,990 --> 00:54:39,119

uh that you know that psychic think tank

1444

00:54:42,150 --> 00:54:40,000

on the west coast

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00:54:43,910 --> 00:54:42,160

so fast got an introduction to hopkins

1446

00:54:45,589 --> 00:54:43,920

and at first he thought he wouldn't

1447

00:54:46,710 --> 00:54:45,599

contact him because he thought the whole

1448

00:54:49,750 --> 00:54:46,720

thing was silly

1449

00:54:52,789 --> 00:54:49,760

and he couldn't imagine anything

1450

00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:52,799

uh you know uh real about people

1451
00:54:55,829 --> 00:54:53,680
claiming

1452
00:54:57,109 --> 00:54:55,839
abduction experiences but he found

1453
00:55:00,390 --> 00:54:57,119
himself in new york uh

1454
00:55:04,870 --> 00:55:00,400
began at the beginning of 1990 and uh

1455
00:55:06,710 --> 00:55:04,880
sort of um one of those events that

1456
00:55:08,870 --> 00:55:06,720
really changes your life for reasons

1457
00:55:12,309 --> 00:55:08,880
that are kind of strange

1458
00:55:14,069 --> 00:55:12,319
he called hopkins after all and hopkins

1459
00:55:15,510 --> 00:55:14,079
showed him letters he had gotten from

1460
00:55:18,230 --> 00:55:15,520
people uh

1461
00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:18,240
recounting these abduction experiences

1462
00:55:22,710 --> 00:55:19,200
um

1463
00:55:24,710 --> 00:55:22,720

mack was intrigued he you know uh

1464

00:55:26,789 --> 00:55:24,720

uh collected his own circle of

1465

00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:26,799

experiences and started studying them

1466

00:55:30,630 --> 00:55:28,799

so that's how he got into it so you know

1467

00:55:33,510 --> 00:55:30,640

bud hopkins was the first one

1468

00:55:33,990 --> 00:55:33,520

but they eventually um took different

1469

00:55:36,309 --> 00:55:34,000

paths

1470

00:55:38,230 --> 00:55:36,319

because bud hopkins was much more

1471

00:55:39,190 --> 00:55:38,240

attuned to the idea that these things

1472

00:55:42,150 --> 00:55:39,200

were happening

1473

00:55:43,910 --> 00:55:42,160

in recognizable reality these were real

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00:55:46,870 --> 00:55:43,920

experiences these people

1475

00:55:48,309 --> 00:55:46,880

were undergoing um actual physical

1476

00:55:52,390 --> 00:55:48,319

abductions

1477

00:55:54,470 --> 00:55:52,400

and that the aliens were bent on

1478

00:55:57,750 --> 00:55:54,480

you know breeding a hybrid race and

1479

00:56:00,230 --> 00:55:57,760

there was a reproductive purpose

1480

00:56:00,950 --> 00:56:00,240

you know in these abductions and it was

1481

00:56:05,829 --> 00:56:00,960

all

1482

00:56:08,150 --> 00:56:05,839

felt that there was something more to

1483

00:56:10,470 --> 00:56:08,160

it that it wasn't happening in an

1484

00:56:13,430 --> 00:56:10,480

identifiable reality

1485

00:56:14,710 --> 00:56:13,440

that hopkins and jacobs were being too

1486

00:56:17,030 --> 00:56:14,720

literal

1487

00:56:17,750 --> 00:56:17,040

and that there was something else going

1488

00:56:19,750 --> 00:56:17,760

on

1489

00:56:21,270 --> 00:56:19,760

and anyway the people were coming

1490

00:56:24,470 --> 00:56:21,280

forward with uh

1491

00:56:27,589 --> 00:56:24,480

trent you know uh transformative uh

1492

00:56:29,430 --> 00:56:27,599

experiences that they felt um they had

1493

00:56:30,549 --> 00:56:29,440

to take better care of the earth and

1494

00:56:33,670 --> 00:56:30,559

that they

1495

00:56:35,829 --> 00:56:33,680

felt the love of the cosmos and the

1496

00:56:37,670 --> 00:56:35,839

love of the supreme being so that there

1497

00:56:39,030 --> 00:56:37,680

was something not just traumatic but

1498

00:56:39,910 --> 00:56:39,040

also uplifting about the whole

1499

00:56:42,150 --> 00:56:39,920

experience

1500

00:56:42,950 --> 00:56:42,160

so that was mac's take on it hopkins had

1501

00:56:45,270 --> 00:56:42,960

a different take

1502

00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:45,280

they sort of had a parting of the ways

1503

00:56:48,870 --> 00:56:47,040

but then they reconciled

1504

00:56:50,390 --> 00:56:48,880

towards the end of mack's life and they

1505

00:56:52,710 --> 00:56:50,400

realized they were both kind of doing

1506

00:56:56,710 --> 00:56:52,720

similar research they had different

1507

00:56:59,829 --> 00:56:56,720

uh emphasis uh emphases

1508

00:57:00,309 --> 00:56:59,839

but they were overlapping in many ways

1509

00:57:03,109 --> 00:57:00,319

so they

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00:57:06,069 --> 00:57:03,119

they kind of made up uh um and that so

1511

00:57:08,870 --> 00:57:06,079

that's the story of hopkins and mac

1512

00:57:09,270 --> 00:57:08,880

such so neat and another really neat

1513

00:57:12,870 --> 00:57:09,280

thing

1514

00:57:16,470 --> 00:57:12,880

how your book delved into

1515

00:57:19,670 --> 00:57:16,480

and recounted some cultural instances

1516

00:57:21,990 --> 00:57:19,680

when just fascinating when mack met

1517

00:57:23,990 --> 00:57:22,000

the dalai lama where the dalai lama's

1518

00:57:28,069 --> 00:57:24,000

accounts of villagers had similar

1519

00:57:29,990 --> 00:57:28,079

stories of small elves abducting people

1520

00:57:31,589 --> 00:57:30,000

yeah again this is something that i

1521

00:57:32,870 --> 00:57:31,599

think comes out the first time in my

1522

00:57:35,990 --> 00:57:32,880

book

1523

00:57:36,710 --> 00:57:36,000

that mac the dalai lama being in exile

1524

00:57:40,870 --> 00:57:36,720

from china

1525

00:57:42,710 --> 00:57:40,880

living in india is very sensitive to um

1526
00:57:44,630 --> 00:57:42,720
you know how he's covered in the media

1527
00:57:46,230 --> 00:57:44,640
and was not necessarily

1528
00:57:48,230 --> 00:57:46,240
eager to be presented as someone

1529
00:57:51,430 --> 00:57:48,240
interested in alien abduction

1530
00:57:54,950 --> 00:57:51,440
but um a filmmaker who

1531
00:57:58,390 --> 00:57:54,960
was doing a film on uh

1532
00:58:00,390 --> 00:57:58,400
you know buddhists and the dalai lama um

1533
00:58:01,430 --> 00:58:00,400
got an invitation to go back and bring a

1534
00:58:03,430 --> 00:58:01,440
group of experts

1535
00:58:05,349 --> 00:58:03,440
including mark to the dalai lama to

1536
00:58:08,870 --> 00:58:05,359
discuss alien abduction

1537
00:58:11,349 --> 00:58:08,880
so in 1992 mack went and

1538
00:58:11,990 --> 00:58:11,359

kept a transcript of the proceedings a

1539

00:58:13,750 --> 00:58:12,000

week's

1540

00:58:15,109 --> 00:58:13,760

meetings with the dalai lama and these

1541

00:58:17,670 --> 00:58:15,119

other people that

1542

00:58:19,030 --> 00:58:17,680

came from the states and talked about

1543

00:58:21,349 --> 00:58:19,040

the discussions and it turned out the

1544

00:58:24,390 --> 00:58:21,359

dalai lama being a spiritual

1545

00:58:27,750 --> 00:58:24,400

figure was very attuned to the idea

1546

00:58:29,910 --> 00:58:27,760

of presences that could not be

1547

00:58:32,150 --> 00:58:29,920

explained in conventional reality

1548

00:58:34,150 --> 00:58:32,160

interacting with humans he sought

1549

00:58:36,069 --> 00:58:34,160

not necessarily as abductions but you

1550

00:58:39,589 --> 00:58:36,079

know small elves or spiritual

1551

00:58:42,470 --> 00:58:39,599

beings and different levels of uh

1552

00:58:44,390 --> 00:58:42,480

consciousness um so their their

1553

00:58:46,789 --> 00:58:44,400

discussions back and forth which i

1554

00:58:47,670 --> 00:58:46,799

you know relate in my book are really

1555

00:58:49,430 --> 00:58:47,680

fascinating

1556

00:58:51,270 --> 00:58:49,440

and you know it won't be found anywhere

1557

00:58:54,069 --> 00:58:51,280

else um

1558

00:58:55,349 --> 00:58:54,079

and i think the dalai lama learned

1559

00:58:59,270 --> 00:58:55,359

something from mac and

1560

00:59:01,190 --> 00:58:59,280

vice versa mac from the dalai lama and

1561

00:59:03,750 --> 00:59:01,200

he he had an affinity of being able to

1562

00:59:06,710 --> 00:59:03,760

meet all of these i mean

1563

00:59:08,309 --> 00:59:06,720

the people he met it just read like a

1564

00:59:11,510 --> 00:59:08,319

hollywood movie

1565

00:59:12,630 --> 00:59:11,520

and uh this book is just a work of art

1566

00:59:17,190 --> 00:59:12,640

mr blumenthal

1567

00:59:18,309 --> 00:59:17,200

uh ralph and in in the words of shirley

1568

00:59:20,150 --> 00:59:18,319

maclaine to mack

1569

00:59:22,150 --> 00:59:20,160

everything is divine everything is

1570

00:59:23,589 --> 00:59:22,160

sacred brilliant book and a must read

1571

00:59:25,829 --> 00:59:23,599

for everyone

1572

00:59:27,190 --> 00:59:25,839

i thank you for coming on mr blumenthal

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00:59:29,829 --> 00:59:27,200

any last

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00:59:31,510 --> 00:59:29,839

words that you'd like to tell our

1575

00:59:34,710 --> 00:59:31,520

listeners

1576

00:59:38,230 --> 00:59:34,720

well thank you um you know and

1577

00:59:41,750 --> 00:59:38,240

i say at the end of the book that um

1578

00:59:45,430 --> 00:59:41,760

i i regard mac as a hero because he

1579

00:59:48,069 --> 00:59:45,440

he broke boundaries um

1580

00:59:49,109 --> 00:59:48,079

uh he went on this quest that took

1581

00:59:50,630 --> 00:59:49,119

courage

1582

00:59:52,950 --> 00:59:50,640

uh even though there were a lot of

1583

00:59:55,430 --> 00:59:52,960

reasons why he couldn't

1584

00:59:56,950 --> 00:59:55,440

wouldn't and shouldn't have risked his

1585

01:00:00,230 --> 00:59:56,960

career to do it

1586

01:00:03,510 --> 01:00:00,240

um and um

1587

01:00:05,829 --> 01:00:03,520

um you know the the whole story of

1588

01:00:08,789 --> 01:00:05,839

uh the accounts of alien abduction sort

1589

01:00:12,150 --> 01:00:08,799

of places humans at a disadvantage

1590

01:00:14,710 --> 01:00:12,160

with uh alien beings because they

1591

01:00:15,430 --> 01:00:14,720

have superior technology and they can do

1592

01:00:18,390 --> 01:00:15,440

things that we

1593

01:00:19,030 --> 01:00:18,400

can't and they they treat us like you

1594

01:00:20,950 --> 01:00:19,040

know

1595

01:00:22,309 --> 01:00:20,960

laboratory animals according to the

1596

01:00:26,309 --> 01:00:22,319

accounts of people

1597

01:00:28,470 --> 01:00:26,319

testing them and um traumatizing them

1598

01:00:29,910 --> 01:00:28,480

and yet uh you know here we have a guy

1599

01:00:32,150 --> 01:00:29,920

like mac who

1600

01:00:33,349 --> 01:00:32,160

is studying them he's studying the

1601

01:00:36,630 --> 01:00:33,359

aliens

1602

01:00:38,630 --> 01:00:36,640

and uh and and uh

1603

01:00:40,150 --> 01:00:38,640

and standing up to them in a sense in

1604

01:00:42,390 --> 01:00:40,160

terms of you know gathering

1605

01:00:43,589 --> 01:00:42,400

information and trying to explain what's

1606

01:00:47,190 --> 01:00:43,599

going on in this

1607

01:00:49,270 --> 01:00:47,200

very murky area so i think uh

1608

01:00:51,349 --> 01:00:49,280

at the end i i sort of tap the human

1609

01:00:52,950 --> 01:00:51,359

species on the on the back or clap them

1610

01:00:55,349 --> 01:00:52,960

on the back and say you know

1611

01:00:57,030 --> 01:00:55,359

hey we're pretty great are we humans we

1612

01:00:58,390 --> 01:00:57,040

can't do all the things the aliens can

1613

01:01:01,430 --> 01:00:58,400

supposedly do but

1614

01:01:03,829 --> 01:01:01,440

hey we're studying them and uh

1615

01:01:04,789 --> 01:01:03,839

and we're pretty courageous to do that

1616

01:01:06,789 --> 01:01:04,799

so

1617

01:01:08,630 --> 01:01:06,799

i think it's maybe a little bit of good

1618

01:01:09,670 --> 01:01:08,640

news in what some people have taken

1619

01:01:12,230 --> 01:01:09,680

there's a lot of

1620

01:01:14,470 --> 01:01:12,240

bad news in terms of us being at a

1621

01:01:16,470 --> 01:01:14,480

military disadvantage or

1622

01:01:18,710 --> 01:01:16,480

you know being traumatized by these

1623

01:01:19,990 --> 01:01:18,720

contacts which to this day nobody knows

1624

01:01:21,910 --> 01:01:20,000

what they are

1625

01:01:23,270 --> 01:01:21,920

you know what and what dimension they're

1626
01:01:26,390 --> 01:01:23,280
happening in

1627
01:01:29,430 --> 01:01:26,400
um you know it's very frightening stuff

1628
01:01:33,270 --> 01:01:29,440
and yet uh here's a case of a a

1629
01:01:36,150 --> 01:01:33,280
heroic human who who took it on as

1630
01:01:38,069 --> 01:01:36,160
a mission in a quest so that's sort of

1631
01:01:40,630 --> 01:01:38,079
how i end up

1632
01:01:42,789 --> 01:01:40,640
well reflectively you're a hero yourself

1633
01:01:44,630 --> 01:01:42,799
for your contribution and i thank you so

1634
01:01:48,390 --> 01:01:44,640
much for coming on

1635
01:01:49,589 --> 01:01:48,400
terrific ryan man oh man well there you

1636
01:01:53,270 --> 01:01:49,599
have it guys

1637
01:01:55,990 --> 01:01:53,280
ralph blumenthal a hero for sure

1638
01:01:57,190 --> 01:01:56,000

and i'm telling you this book is one

1639

01:02:00,789 --> 01:01:57,200

worth getting

1640

01:02:03,190 --> 01:02:00,799

definitely check it out until next time

1641

01:02:04,789 --> 01:02:03,200

keep your eyes to the skies feet on the

1642

01:02:12,950 --> 01:02:04,799

ground but don't forget

1643

01:02:12,960 --> 01:02:33,029

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