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00:00:00,545 --> 00:00:21,022

Music

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1993 San Jose, California. Terry, an amateur UFO researcher,

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00:00:28,620 --> 00:00:32,380

investigates the site of an alleged UFO incident.

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In 1993, she was following up on a report that a UFO had recently landed in San Jose,

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California, and she was starting to do her own research on the phenomenon,

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talking to MUFON and any investigator she could find.

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00:00:48,697 --> 00:00:55,016

As she digs deeper into the investigation, Terry arranges to meet her boyfriend at a nearby bar.

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00:00:55,656 --> 00:01:02,375

But as Terry waits for her date to arrive, she is surprised by some unexpected visitors.

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She's approached by two agents that she describes as CIA Mormons.

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And one of the guys was wearing a military uniform.

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For years there have been rumors of mysterious foot soldiers known as the Men in Black.

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00:01:17,333 --> 00:01:22,212

Terry notices something unusual about the military officer's badge.

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00:01:23,172 --> 00:01:26,611

She said what was really strange about him is his name tag had no vowels.

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There's a recurring thread in a lot of these stories, odd details,

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00:01:30,770 --> 00:01:34,370

things that might be used to give the encounter a surreal quality,

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00:01:34,370 --> 00:01:38,929

details that when repeated will make people less likely to believe your story.

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00:01:38,929 --> 00:01:44,448

Psychological intimidation is definitely a tool in military intelligence.

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00:01:45,728 --> 00:01:48,608

The officer gives Terry some disturbing news.

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00:01:49,408 --> 00:01:55,007

The military guy tells her that her date that she's waiting on has been detained.

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00:01:58,206 --> 00:02:01,806

She excuses herself and goes to a payphone to call her boyfriend.

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00:02:03,565 --> 00:02:04,685

She gets a busy signal.

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00:02:06,205 --> 00:02:12,204

Terry returns to the bar and finds that her mysterious visitors are still waiting.

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00:02:12,204 --> 00:02:14,763

These guys are trying to talk to her and she refuses.

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00:02:14,763 --> 00:02:16,603

She finds them very suspicious.

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00:02:16,603 --> 00:02:20,842

Terry wanted nothing to do with them so she asked the bartender to call the police.

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00:02:22,202 --> 00:02:24,922

And they come up to her and say you're making a really big mistake.

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00:02:24,922 --> 00:02:28,121

You should, you know, come sit down and talk to us.

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00:02:31,801 --> 00:02:36,040

She rushed home and immediately tried to find her boyfriend but he refused all contact with her.

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00:02:36,920 --> 00:02:40,039

And what was really strange is after all this was over with

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00:02:40,039 --> 00:02:42,999

she still had difficulty trying to find her boyfriend.

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00:02:42,999 --> 00:02:45,638

Two months later when they finally talked to each other

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00:02:45,638 --> 00:02:50,518

he said that they told him to stay away from her because she was a threat to national security.

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00:02:51,318 --> 00:02:58,676

After this encounter Terry realizes there can be risk to anyone who digs too deep into UFO secrets.

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00:03:01,716 --> 00:03:06,515

Clearly Terry must have been on to something otherwise why would these men go to such lengths

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00:03:06,515 --> 00:03:08,835

to intimidate her and her boyfriend too?

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00:03:09,635 --> 00:03:14,754

I can only imagine how deep this goes and how big these secrets are that they're protecting.

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00:03:15,714 --> 00:03:22,673

Is it possible that information regarding UFOs is guarded and kept secret by a shadow government

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and their special agents, the men in black?

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00:03:28,272 --> 00:03:33,871

This shadow government has reportedly been in existence for over 60 years.

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00:03:34,751 --> 00:03:43,309

A group that may have been formed as a reaction to America's best known UFO incident, Roswell, New Mexico.

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00:03:44,189 --> 00:03:49,708

MUFON opens its files on the shadow government right now.

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00:03:50,908 --> 00:03:58,987

The mutual UFO network known as MUFON is an independent organization not bound to any government.

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00:03:58,987 --> 00:04:03,386

They investigate reports of UFO sightings from around the world.

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00:04:04,026 --> 00:04:11,145

Over the past five decades they have collected more than 70,000 files stored at a secure location

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00:04:11,225 --> 00:04:12,904

known as Hanger One.

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00:04:13,624 --> 00:04:19,383

Now for the first time MUFON is granting access to their fast archive.

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00:04:19,943 --> 00:04:22,903

These are the files of Hanger One.

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00:04:22,903 --> 00:04:44,099

Inside Hanger One, MUFON files point to rumors of a shadow government.

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00:04:45,459 --> 00:04:51,938

A clandestine group of officials dedicated to controlling the truth about extraterrestrial

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00:04:52,018 --> 00:05:00,657

visits and linked to stories of mysterious men in black who intimidate UFO witnesses into silence.

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00:05:02,257 --> 00:05:07,616

But if there truly is a shadow government, who were its founding fathers?

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00:05:08,975 --> 00:05:16,254

MUFON file suggests that this group was formed in the aftermath of America's best known UFO

incident.

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Hanger One

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July 1947, Roswell, New Mexico.

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00:05:35,211 --> 00:05:42,250

William Mack Brazel, a rancher, contacts local authorities to report an unusual find.

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00:05:42,970 --> 00:05:47,529

He claims to have discovered the debris of a strange aircraft

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00:05:48,089 --> 00:05:51,609

scattered across the desert near the Roswell airfield.

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00:05:54,568 --> 00:05:57,688

Mack Brazel brought the sheriff to check out this crash site.

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00:05:57,688 --> 00:06:01,767

The sheriff didn't know what to make of this either, so he called the Roswell Army airfield

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00:06:01,767 --> 00:06:05,846

and asked if they knew anything about a strange aircraft that had just crashed in Roswell.

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00:06:06,486 --> 00:06:10,406

We have files of a number of accounts from July 8th, 1947.

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00:06:11,285 --> 00:06:14,725

Witnesses who saw an unidentified object explode in the sky.

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00:06:15,525 --> 00:06:19,844

Descriptions of crash debris and incredibly light but super strong materials.

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00:06:21,124 --> 00:06:26,883

The Army acts quickly to secure the location and remove the strange crash materials.

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00:06:28,963 --> 00:06:32,402

Others reported a second crash where extraterrestrial bodies were found.

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00:06:33,442 --> 00:06:39,281

We also have illustrations of these bodies drawn by a nurse at the Roswell Army Base, Moorg.

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00:06:39,921 --> 00:06:44,400

By now, the word got around town and the story was also picked up by the local newspaper.

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00:06:44,800 --> 00:06:49,279

And it actually said that the intelligence office of the Roswell Army airfield

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quote announced at noon today that the field has come into possession of a flying saucer.

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The potential impact of this discovery is far-reaching

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and is immediately brought to the attention of President Harry S. Truman.

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00:07:05,357 --> 00:07:08,476

When the Roswell crash report hit Truman's desk,

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00:07:09,436 --> 00:07:13,675

Truman considered it significant enough to send one of his top generals,

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General Nathan Twining, to Roswell to do the accident investigation report.

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What we have learned is that General Nathan Twining was a head of what's called

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air material command at Wright Field, which later became Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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General Twining, who would soon go on to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs,

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was a celebrated war hero who had risen to the head of research and development for the Air Force.

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And you'd have to ask yourself, well, why would Twining go there?

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We have leaked documents, which have been disputed, but I think are legitimate.

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And what they indicate is that what Twining found was that what crashed at Roswell was

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something not from us, was technology not made by human hands.

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00:07:59,508 --> 00:08:04,867

General Nathan Twining made a recommendation that a formal study of UFOs be conducted,

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00:08:04,867 --> 00:08:10,466

and that it be kept secret for the well-being of the public and, of course, national security.

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00:08:10,466 --> 00:08:14,386

But of course, the problem with that is that secrecy develops its own momentum,

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00:08:14,386 --> 00:08:19,265

its own bureaucracy, its own power. And then, of course, it's gone. There's no chance.

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00:08:19,265 --> 00:08:23,184

The longer that secret goes, the less likely it'll ever be that you'll want to reveal it.

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00:08:24,704 --> 00:08:31,423

Some believe that secret is sealed forever, when the military provides its official response

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00:08:31,423 --> 00:08:32,863

to the Roswell rumors.

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00:08:33,583 --> 00:08:37,502

As part of President Truman's effort to cover up the Roswell crash,

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he gave instructions to top generals in Washington, who then gave instructions to

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00:08:44,301 --> 00:08:48,380

General Roger Raimi to put an end to the Roswell stories.

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00:08:51,500 --> 00:08:57,739

The material, whatever was captured at Roswell, was then sent off to right field

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00:08:57,739 --> 00:09:01,338

for analysis and air material command. But on its way, they stopped off at

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00:09:02,058 --> 00:09:08,617

Roger Raimi's headquarters in Texas. And this was where photographers took pictures of poor Jesse

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00:09:08,617 --> 00:09:15,656

Marcel standing with this aluminum foil balloon made to look like a fool. And Raimi was in charge

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of that whole thing, basically telling the press that it was only a weather balloon. It was a

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mistake in identity. That was the government's official explanation for Roswell, a downed

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00:09:24,774 --> 00:09:28,214

research balloon. Perfectly logical mistake, end of story.

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00:09:29,174 --> 00:09:35,573

But 30 years after the Roswell crash, a military insider finally comes forward

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00:09:36,132 --> 00:09:39,972

and publicly confirms what many have suspected for decades.

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00:09:41,492 --> 00:09:45,571

They had the picture made strictly for the press. Those photos were taken while the actual

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00:09:45,571 --> 00:09:50,690

wreckage was on its way to right field. For ufologists, it was the beginning of a government

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UFO conspiracy. If there really was a UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, did the

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shadow government cover it up and why?

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Hanger One contains hundreds of files over five decades that point to the existence of a shadow

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government that protects the country's UFO secrets. Numerous witnesses have reported

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encounters with mysterious men in black who intimidate them into silence.

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Mufon files trace the formation of this shadow government to 1947 when reports of a crash

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in Roswell, New Mexico ignite rumors of extraterrestrial visitors on American soil.

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Some believe that President Harry S. Truman determines that the public is not ready for

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00:10:53,000 --> 00:10:59,799

this information and to cover up the incident. A hastily organized press conference describes

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00:10:59,799 --> 00:11:07,318

the Roswell incident as the crash of an ordinary weather balloon. But three decades later,

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00:11:07,318 --> 00:11:12,597

a key Roswell witness comes forward to challenge the official explanation.

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In 1980, 33 years after Roswell, Major Jesse Marcel now retired, claims to have taken part

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in a military cover-up. In 1980, Major Jesse Marcel, an intelligence officer at Roswell

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00:11:39,073 --> 00:11:43,712

Airfield, admitted that 30 years earlier, he was asked to exchange the remnants of the

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00:11:43,712 --> 00:11:50,911

crashed UFO with the remnants of a crashed research balloon to be used for the photographs

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00:11:50,911 --> 00:11:56,990

of the story in the newspaper. They had the picture made strictly for the press. Those photos were

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00:11:56,990 --> 00:12:02,749

taken while the actual wreckage was on its way to right field. For the press, that was the end

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00:12:02,749 --> 00:12:09,708

of the story. For ufologists, it was the beginning of a government UFO conspiracy. This kind of

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00:12:09,708 --> 00:12:15,227

disinformation might seem like par for the course these days, but this is actually really significant.

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It pinpoints the moment it was decided that the public cannot know the truth about UFOs.

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00:12:22,986 --> 00:12:29,625

But Hanger One File suggests there may have been legitimate justification for concealing the truth

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about Roswell. The Cold War was ramping up and the mood of the nation was one of great concern

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00:12:37,383 --> 00:12:42,742

and worry. And now you have this, you have this whole thing. A, you don't know who the other

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00:12:42,742 --> 00:12:47,862

beings are, you don't know what their intentions are, you really don't know anything about them,

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00:12:47,862 --> 00:12:55,620

except that they're not us. And so it's this tremendous unknown. I think this is partly why

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the government felt they needed to keep this information secret. Maybe they think they're

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00:12:59,460 --> 00:13:06,259

somehow protecting us by keeping us in the dark. Think about this. We're talking about a topic

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00:13:06,259 --> 00:13:14,737

that is of explosive, explosive potentiality here. A very common reaction that people are going to

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00:13:14,737 --> 00:13:20,976

have is panic. It was felt, and possibly for good reason, that the public just couldn't handle the

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truth about UFOs and aliens. In 1938, almost a decade before Roswell, American radio broadcasts

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00:13:29,935 --> 00:13:38,094

an adaptation of H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds performed by actor Orson Welles. The science

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00:13:38,094 --> 00:13:45,452

fiction drama is presented as a breaking news story about the invasion of extraterrestrials on earth.

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00:13:46,412 --> 00:13:51,611

You know, they said it was a fictional radio play, and still not everyone was aware of this.

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00:13:52,171 --> 00:13:59,050

Some people thought that, wow, this is an actual alien invasion from Mars, and there was a genuine

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00:13:59,050 --> 00:14:05,529

panic for a while. The radio hoax not only caused panic in the United States, but in other parts

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00:14:05,529 --> 00:14:10,648

of the world as well. When it played years later in Quito, Ecuador, without any warning that it

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00:14:10,648 --> 00:14:18,407

was fiction, huge crowds filled the street. There was rioting, panic, confusion. People died in the chaos.

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And most of us in our worlds, we have our little bubble of reality. This doesn't intrude.

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00:14:25,286 --> 00:14:32,165

But what if it does intrude? Then boom, there goes your whole world view. I think that in those early

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00:14:32,165 --> 00:14:38,884

years, those people making national security decisions were probably justified to say,

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00:14:38,884 --> 00:14:46,003

we are not going to tell the world about this just yet. So Roswell encapsulates in a neat,

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00:14:46,003 --> 00:14:51,602

real package all of the reasons why the UFO phenomenon has had to be secret.

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00:14:52,962 --> 00:14:59,920

In the wake of Roswell, President Truman issues directives to further conceal America's UFO

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00:14:59,920 --> 00:15:06,239

secrets by reportedly creating what many believe to be the beginning of the shadow government,

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00:15:06,799 --> 00:15:14,958

a top secret inner circle codenamed Majestic 12. But controlling their secrets is difficult.

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One of the things he did was form the National Security Act 1947, which established the CIA.

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The CIA was allowed to look into the UFO situation. He also combined the four military forces

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and put them under the new secretary defense, who was James Forrestal.

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Forrestal was an exceedingly intelligent man. The guy had been around the block of life many

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00:15:40,474 --> 00:15:45,833

times, knew a lot and dealt with incredible amounts of pressure during World War II.

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Washington, D.C. 1947, two months after the Roswell incident,

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President Truman instructs his new secretary of defense, James Forrestal, to create a classified

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00:16:10,149 --> 00:16:17,988

group tasked with managing the UFO secret. This group is allegedly known as Majestic 12.

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00:16:19,428 --> 00:16:25,987

There is one leaked document, one of the Majestic 12 documents, that is a memo from President Harry

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00:16:25,987 --> 00:16:31,906

Truman to Secretary Forrestal, authorizing the creation of this group, MJ-12.

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00:16:32,866 --> 00:16:38,945

The memo allegedly reads, quote, as per our recent conversation on this matter,

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you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking.

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Hereafter, this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic 12.

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Majestic 12 was a group of 12 scientists, military people, government officials,

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who were given the task of accumulating the material, controlling the UFO material,

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00:17:05,740 --> 00:17:10,939

keeping the secrecy, doing the disinformation, and everything else that would be necessary.

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00:17:13,579 --> 00:17:19,898

Some believe that the members of Majestic 12 are the founding fathers of America's shadow

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government, a top secret faction with no accountability to the public.

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The members of MJ-12, first of all, they were not elected, obviously they were selected,

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so there are no public politicians or anything like that. And I think that's important because

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what you really don't want in a secret UFO control group is to have a public official

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to be part of it, simply for the fact that they're going to have a real conflict of interest here.

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00:17:47,014 --> 00:17:50,853

First of all, they're going to have to live a whole life of lying to their constituency.

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Not a good idea, what you really want is plausible deniability.

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But from the very start, there are rumblings of dissent among Truman's secret keepers.

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Right in the formation, the beginning of Majestic 12, the Secretary of Defense

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Forrestal was totally against the secrecy of UFOs.

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According to Mufan Files, James Forrestal soon clashes with the very group he helped create.

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00:18:18,209 --> 00:18:21,808

He believed that the people had the right to know, which kind of put him in the path

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00:18:21,808 --> 00:18:28,127

of the secret government. Reportedly, as Forrestal's disagreements with the shadow government

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increase, he also begins to display increasingly erratic behavior.

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00:18:34,846 --> 00:18:40,845

This was a guy who really had it together. And then suddenly, during 1947 and 48, he unraveled.

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00:18:41,885 --> 00:18:43,884

And it was a very, very tense period of time.

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00:18:44,524 --> 00:18:53,163

Hanger One Files suggests that Forrestal's downward spiral may be related to an event

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00:18:53,163 --> 00:18:56,842

that occurred shortly after the Roswell UFO crash.

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00:19:04,601 --> 00:19:07,241

1947. Right Field.

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00:19:08,201 --> 00:19:14,440

Rumors surface that the base is in possession of alien bodies recovered from Roswell.

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00:19:15,639 --> 00:19:21,798

There are reports about an alien autopsy conducted on bodies pulled from the Roswell crash.

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And there are also some claims that James Forrestal was present for this autopsy.

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00:19:27,797 --> 00:19:31,957

According to one account, Forrestal touched the alien body on the autopsy table,

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00:19:31,957 --> 00:19:36,276

and as soon as he made contact, he reported a severe buzzing sound in his head.

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00:19:36,356 --> 00:19:40,595

After that, he would get an intense migraine any time he got close to the body.

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Out of the small group present in that room, Forrestal was the only person who experienced this.

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Some people believe that this encounter affected Forrestal, that he was never the same

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00:19:52,433 --> 00:19:59,632

after he came in contact with the alien. He fell apart. He fell apart psychologically.

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Something happened to James Forrestal. People who knew him said, what's wrong with Jim?

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00:20:06,991 --> 00:20:13,710

Is it possible that Forrestal's alleged presence at the alien autopsies led to his demise?

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March, 1949. Less than two years after being appointed America's first secretary of defense,

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James Forrestal tenders his resignation. And some believe that the remaining members of

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00:20:31,067 --> 00:20:39,866

Majestic 12 are concerned that their secrets are now at risk. Forrestal was kind of a renegade on

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NG12, disagreeing with the overall secrecy policy. When we return, what happens when one of the

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shadow government's own, a rumored member of Majestic 12, begins to unravel and threatens to

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00:20:54,903 --> 00:21:01,062

blow the whistle on the UFO phenomenon. If one of your top guys is not reliable, you've got to do

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00:21:01,062 --> 00:21:05,862

something about it. That's a security risk that beyond anything you can imagine. So I think that's

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why he had to be taken out. And later, can the shadow government contain their secrets when UFOs

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suddenly appear above our nation's capital?

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Hangar One files connect the Roswell UFO crash of 1947 to President Harry S. Truman's

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rumored creation of a shadow government, a top secret group of Truman's hand-picked advisors

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that reportedly includes America's first secretary of defense, James Forrestal.

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But according to the files, all is not well because Forrestal is on a collision course

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with the very group he helped create. It has in fact been suggested that Forrestal was kind of a

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renegade on MGA 12, disagreeing with the overall secrecy policy. It was ironic that he set it up,

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00:22:09,611 --> 00:22:14,651

and then in the end he realized that it was something that was completely getting out of

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control and that he couldn't control it anymore. Some believe Forrestal's unraveling may have been

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partially caused by his presence at an autopsy of aliens recovered from the Roswell crash.

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The Roswell UFO crash

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March 28, 1949. James Forrestal tenders his resignation as secretary of defense.

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00:22:44,326 --> 00:22:50,645

Forrestal's strange behavior following his resignation is described in witness statements

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contained in Mufan files.

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00:22:53,284 --> 00:22:59,923

Forrestal was feeling more and more paranoid and isolated. He even thought that there were foreign

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looking people following him. Could this be the moment when the shadow government first deployed

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the men in black? He was becoming unstable, becoming unhinged, and I think that was really

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the biggest problem with Jimmy Forrestal is that you couldn't really rely on him. This is a phenomenon,

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a topic that required the absolute top-level control. And if one of your top guys is not

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reliable, you've got to do something about it. That's a security risk that is beyond anything you

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can imagine. So I think that's why he had to be taken out. Five days later, the former secretary

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of defense is admitted to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Forrestal

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is held at the hospital for over a month. In a highly unusual decision, Forrestal's doctors

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were instructed by national security officials to place him in a 16th floor suite.

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He is allowed few visitors and his family grows worried. His brother

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00:24:06,233 --> 00:24:10,072

calls and says, you know, you're holding my brother here for too long. I'm going to get him.

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00:24:10,072 --> 00:24:16,711

I'm coming in tomorrow to get him. But Forrestal's brother arrives at the hospital too late.

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That night, James Forrestal fell or leaped or was thrown out of the 16th floor window

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at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and fell to his death. Since the death occurred on a naval facility,

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local police didn't investigate the suicide. Instead, the head of the Naval Board of Inquiry

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immediately announced it was absolutely certain that Forrestal's death could be nothing else than

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a suicide. But the files suggest a more sinister possibility. What they then mentioned was that

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his attending physician and the night orderly were off that night and scuff marks were found at the

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base of the window suggesting signs of a struggle. Is it possible that James Forrestal was murdered

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for threatening to expose the shadow government's UFO secrets? But keep in mind, this is 14 years

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before the Kennedy assassination. Who in America is going to question the United States Navy

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investigation of this? So whatever they were going to say is what was going to go and play for the

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00:25:21,261 --> 00:25:27,980

media. And that's exactly what happened. No one questioned it. He was a security risk. In fact,

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that man was murdered. Forrestal was in the path of the secret government, which turned out to be

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fatal for him. After that happened, everybody else in Majestic 12, you know, kept their mouths shut.

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However, in the wake of Forrestal's death, it becomes increasingly difficult for the government

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to control reports of UFO sightings, which increased dramatically through the early 1950s.

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In the early 1950s, there was a huge upswing in UFO reports across the United States.

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Starting in May of 1952, the number of sightings actually doubled every month. It went from 79

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official UFO reports in May to over 700 in August. In 1952, another government organization is created

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to investigate these UFO reports. It is called Project Blue Book. General Nathan Twining authorizes

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a program that became known as Project Blue Book. That was really the first air force study of the

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flying saucer phenomenon. But some charge that Project Blue Book is actually a cover, a creation

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of Majestic 12 with a secret mandate to discredit credible UFO sightings. If true, this strategy

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00:26:51,886 --> 00:26:58,205

is put to the test when another wave of UFOs suddenly appear over the nation's capital.

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Just a couple of months before Truman left office, there was a series of UFO sightings that took

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place in Washington, D.C. and it was known as the Washington UFO Flat.

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July 19, 1952. An air traffic controller at Washington National Airport notices seven

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00:27:25,881 --> 00:27:32,200

unidentified objects on his radar monitor. The Washington National Tower confirms the

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00:27:32,200 --> 00:27:38,679

sighting with Andrews Air Force Base. The Air Force Base reported all kinds of activity in the sky.

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00:27:38,758 --> 00:27:46,197

Glowing blips, blue and white balls of orange fire streaking across the sky. But before the

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00:27:46,197 --> 00:27:53,236

Air Force could scramble any jets to investigate, the objects disappeared. A week later, the skies

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00:27:53,236 --> 00:28:01,635

over Washington, D.C. are once again filled with UFO activity and this time Air Force jets are

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scrambled. Air Force fighters were sent to intercept. They clearly were not able to pursue

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00:28:10,833 --> 00:28:15,553

these things. They, in certain cases, got visuals. They were also able to track these things on their

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own radar, but they were outclassed in terms of maneuverability. They just, they couldn't do it.

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It's known that President Harry Truman followed this and it was said that Truman issued a shoot

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them down order. Well, if he did, they didn't get anywhere. The claim was that Albert Einstein

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said, President, sir, you know, if anyone's able to traverse millions of miles to get here,

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00:28:38,509 --> 00:28:40,189

not really going to have any success in shooting them down.

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The UFO event receives unprecedented press coverage. There was even a press conference

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where the Air Force basically acknowledged to the American public that UFOs could very well be real.

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Major Keyhole, what is your opinion of these new sightings of unidentified objects?

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I believe that some of them will prove to be of interplanetary origin.

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You would think that they couldn't put the genie back in the bottle at this point, but

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that's exactly what they tried to do. It was a big debate. Do we clamp down and just tell the public

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there's nothing to it or do we actually just fess up and say, look, there's this phenomenon going

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on here and we're doing our best to deal with it. And after the Washington flap of July 1952,

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it absolutely was clear that the decision was we're clamping down.

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In the wake of this UFO incident, President Harry S. Truman convenes yet another classified committee,

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this time headed by the CIA. Truman set up what was known as the Robertson panel.

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It was a CIA group that was tasked to look into how to handle the UFO situation.

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And their conclusion was that we're going to make this whole issue go quiet,

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because it's really becoming a little bit too too much of a possibility for panic. And the order

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literally came down from above. And from that point onward, its mandate was not to explain UFO

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sightings, it was to explain them away. So when Truman received the Robertson panel report,

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it gave him more ammunition to continue the secrecy, which he knew was extremely important.

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The shadow government strategy to suppress information is now fully established. But there is

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one major problem, a continuing rise in public sightings. Mufon files contain one case where

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an entire town reports a UFO encounter. Dozens of witnesses saw a dome-shaped object with a quilted

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pattern to it land in a swamp. Until an official investigation declares that it never happened.

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00:31:04,405 --> 00:31:09,685

Is this yet another example of the shadow government taking control of the truth?

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One future president confronts the cover-up when we return.

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Mufon archives in Hangar 1 contain reports of a shadow government

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that controls the country's UFO secrets. Continued sightings by the public compel the government

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to establish Project Blue Book, the Air Force's official investigation into UFOs.

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But some believe Project Blue Book's mission is actually to suppress UFO information.

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Air Force Officer Edward Ruppelt was running Project Blue Book at the time. It was a

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big debate. Do we clamp down and just tell the public there's nothing to it? Or do we actually

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just fess up and say, look, there's this phenomenon going on here and we're doing our best to deal

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with it? And it absolutely was clear that the decision was we're clamping down.

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In one of Project Blue Book's most famous cases, an entire town reports a mass UFO sighting,

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00:32:27,832 --> 00:32:32,631

only to experience a rapid cover-up firsthand.

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March 14th, 1966. The Sheriff's Department in Washtenaw County, Michigan begins to log reports

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00:32:50,868 --> 00:32:53,028

of unusual activity in the skies.

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00:32:53,268 --> 00:33:01,587

Our files from these sightings in Michigan in 1966 are filled with incredible eyewitness

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accounts. Police officers, Butford Bushrow and John Foster, receive reports of disc-like objects

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over the town. The officers respond to the calls and soon encounter the UFOs firsthand.

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00:33:18,944 --> 00:33:25,503

These objects could move at fantastic speeds. We have no idea what these objects were or where

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00:33:25,503 --> 00:33:29,102

they could have come from. This is the strangest thing that we have ever witnessed.

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The Sheriff's Department was getting calls from police in three neighboring counties.

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Everybody saw this activity, but nobody knew what it was.

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00:33:37,741 --> 00:33:40,460

These accounts stretch over a period of six to seven days.

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00:33:41,340 --> 00:33:49,579

The reports culminate with multiple sightings of a UFO landing in a nearby swamp.

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00:33:52,058 --> 00:33:58,697

On March 20th, Frank Maynard, his family and friends, they saw a dome-shaped object with a

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quilted pattern to it with a light in the center and lights around the ends landing a swamp.

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Maynard and his son enter the swamp in search of the UFO.

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They are joined by Sheriff's deputies. There's an incident where a guy named Maynard and his son

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were walking through a bog chasing after a UFO and this UFO slowly rose above their heads

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00:34:25,093 --> 00:34:32,372

and then shot off into the night sky. The officers were also witness to the UFO over the swamp.

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00:34:32,372 --> 00:34:35,172

They were amazed at the manoeuvrability of the UFO.

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Local authorities report the sighting to the Air Force.

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So what did the Air Force do? They sent their primary scientific consultant,

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the astronomer J. Allen Heineck, to Michigan to give a press conference.

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Dr. Heineck conducts an investigation and presents a controversial conclusion to the public.

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00:34:59,328 --> 00:35:02,607

Heineck's on camera, he's got the microphones in front of him,

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00:35:03,887 --> 00:35:12,206

and he said, well what it appears to be is a decaying vegetable matter from the swampy area,

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00:35:13,165 --> 00:35:19,564

creating a kind of optical illusory effect, i.e. swamp gas, swamp gas.

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Keep in mind, these sightings were witnessed by many people across multiple counties on

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00:35:25,643 --> 00:35:30,763

multiple days. And here's the government expert saying with a straight face that this was all

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00:35:30,763 --> 00:35:37,562

just a shared hallucination. Now this was too much even for the American media and swamp gas

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00:35:37,562 --> 00:35:42,921

became this big joke. And what it really looks like to me actually is that in the aftermath of this,

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Heineck started to wonder, am I on the right side of this argument? Because really he had been

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really doing the Air Force's work in a debunking type of capacity for years.

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00:35:54,599 --> 00:35:57,478

And now suddenly his debunking really made him look foolish.

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The official explanation is not acceptable to Michigan's local congressman and future president,

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Gerald R. Ford. Following the Michigan sightings, Gerald Ford, who was the congressman in Michigan,

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was very adamant that the explanation that was given by the U.S. Air Force was insufficient.

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He went as far as to actually state that he wanted a congressional investigation,

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he wanted people to be subpoenaed, and he wanted people to testify under oath. For the first time,

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we had a high-level government official who was saying that there should be UFO disclosure.

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In response to Ford's demands, an official committee is formed to evaluate the effectiveness

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of Project Blue Book and the government's UFO investigations.

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It was at that point that Edward Condon was brought in at the University of Colorado to do

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what would appear to be an evaluation of U.S. Project Blue Book. But in fact, it was just a way

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to shut the program down. The problem with the Condon report was that Edward Condon was biased

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from the beginning. Just look at what he said to a scientific fraternity on January 25th. Quote,

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Unidentified flying objects are not the business of the Air Force. It's my inclination right now

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to recommend that the government get out of the business. My attitude right now is that there's

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nothing to it, but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year.

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Once again, it seems that elements of the shadow government reveal its agenda to conceal the truth

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00:37:46,181 --> 00:37:55,699

about UFOs. And to this day, similar allegations of suppressing UFO investigations from disinformation

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and intimidation to encounters with the men in black continue. But if there truly are a select

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few who control the truth about UFOs, then perhaps if we continue to dig deeper into the files in

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Hangar One, these secrets that the shadow government is determined to conceal will finally be revealed.