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January 8th, 2008, Stephenville, Texas.

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Three friends are enjoying a crisp, clear winter evening.

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The fun will not last for long.

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Steve Allen is a local pilot in Stephenville.

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His buddy, Mike, invites him and another friend over.

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And the three of them are hanging around a bonfire,

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just chatting and enjoying the sunset.

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As a pilot, it's natural for Steve to constantly be scanning the skies.

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And he's the first person to notice something strange up there.

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He immediately points it out to his friends, Mike and Lance.

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From the east, they see what appears to be a giant object with four lights.

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The lights are intensely bright.

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Steve compares them to a magnesium flare.

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That's how bright they are.

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The lights appear to be moving at an extremely high rate of speed.

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Although the object is moving incredibly fast, it makes absolutely no sound.

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Suddenly, the lights come to a dead stop over Stephenville.

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And this is when some really weird things happen.

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The lights change formation several times.

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The two columns of light burst into flames, and then they disappear.

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They don't fade into distance.

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They don't streak out of sight.

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They simply and completely disappear.

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All three men are amazed and alarmed by what they have just witnessed.

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Lance is terrified by what he's just seen.

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But without so much as a goodbye, he jumps in his truck and takes off.

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Steve and Mike rush into the house to tell Mike's wife, Claudette, what they've witnessed.

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Claudette's not sure what to make of the story, so she decides to pick up the phone and call Lance.

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When Lance answers the phone, he's driving down the highway, and he can see the object coming back towards them.

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He tells Claudette to run outside.

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And this time the object is closer and lower than the first time they saw it.

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00:02:35,671 --> 00:02:41,672

It feels up close and personal.

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00:02:41,672 --> 00:02:48,673

And then two F-16s fly by, apparently in hot pursuit.

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They all watch an amazement as the object and the jets travel out of sight.

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This is just the beginning of what will become one of the most famous UFO flaps in history.

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Year after year, these types of sightings consistently appear in the skies over Texas.

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What makes the Lone Star State such a lightning rod for these UFO encounters?

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Hangar One looks for answers right now.

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The Mutual UFO Network, known as Mufan, is an independent organization not bound to any government.

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They investigate reports of UFO sightings from around the world.

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Over the past five decades, they have collected more than 70,000 files,

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stored at a secure location known as Hangar One.

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Now, Mufan is granting access to their fast archive.

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These are the files of Hangar One.

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00:04:01,682 --> 00:04:13,683

They say everything is bigger in Texas.

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00:04:13,683 --> 00:04:21,684

The hats, the belt buckles, the cattle, even the UFO sightings.

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00:04:21,684 --> 00:04:30,685

And the Stevenville incident that began with local pilot Steve Allen is no exception.

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The day after the sightings, Steve begins a quest to try to figure out what he saw.

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He first contacts the local Stevenville airport to see if they have any information.

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They reach out to Fort Worth, but none of the airports seem to have any answers.

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Steve's next step is to reach out to the local newspaper to see if they had anyone else who might

have reported the sightings.

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A local reporter decides to investigate Steve's story and suddenly witnesses start coming forward.

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It turns out a lot of people in the area witnessed strange lights that night.

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Mufan investigators learn of the sightings and launch a full-scale investigation.

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The phone of the Mufan Texas State Director began ringing off the hook.

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Everyone wanted answers. We set up a team of investigators that began interviewing witnesses.

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17 different witnesses come forward to report sightings.

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What I love about the Steventville story is multiple eyewitness accounts of the same object, the same scenario, the same descriptions, this credibility all over it.

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These are large, clear sightings that are seen by police officers and scientists and citizens of all walks of life.

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00:05:46,694 --> 00:05:53,695

I see these kind of events as displays. They're displays. They're like peacocks spreading their feathers.

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Armed with a mountain of eyewitness testimony, Mufan investigators search for hard evidence.

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Because multiple witnesses had reported seeing jets chasing after the UFO, investigators reached out to the military to try to get some answers.

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Steventville is in the vicinity of three different Air Force bases, so residents are familiar with how military jets look and sound.

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And yet, when the military was initially contacted, they denied having any jets in the area or knowledge of unusual activity.

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Stonewall by the military, Mufan investigators turn to local radar data.

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Mufan investigators were able to collect radar data from the FAA from multiple radar stations in the surrounding area, and the information they uncovered was astounding.

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Radar data proved there were unidentified objects in the area during the time of the sightings, but that's not all.

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The data also reveals there was a potential target.

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One UFO was headed directly towards restricted airspace.

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And this isn't just any restricted airspace. This is the Crawford Ranch, the vacation home of President George W. Bush.

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What was this UFO doing over the area? Was it specifically interested in President Bush?

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Radar data from the night of January 8th, 2008 also shows an unusually high volume of military aircraft in the area.

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Radar data reveals not one, not two, but ten different military jets in the area during the time of the sighting.

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When first asked, the military denied having any aircraft in the area and any knowledge of unusual circumstances.

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Now, with indisputable evidence, the military recants their original statement and claims that they

did in fact have military aircraft in the area, but were simply running a training operation.

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Were the military aircraft dispatched to protect the President's Ranch?

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Any pilot knows that if you cross over into that restricted airspace, you're either going to be forced down or shot down.

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The object was moving so fast that it was through the restricted airspace and gone in the blink of an eye.

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Was this UFO dangerous? Were all of these military jets launched for defense? Or was there another reason why this UFO and these jets were in the air around the same time?

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I'm not at all surprised at this encounter. I know for a fact that jets had been scrambled to try and get them and they could never get close enough to them.

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00:08:42,716 --> 00:08:53,717

They had free reign over what they did and where they showed up. As many times as we've scrambled jets to try and stop them, we've never been able to pin them down.

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The events surrounding the Stephenville sightings remain a mystery. But as we explore other extraordinary Texas encounters, new pieces of the puzzle emerge.

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Up next, UFOs shut down vehicles, leaving motorists terrified and helpless.

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They're showing us that they're here. They want us to know that they're here.

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The remarkable story of the Leblon Landings when Hangar One returns.

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00:09:37,723 --> 00:09:46,724

The Lone Star State is no stranger to UFOs, but why is it such a hotbed of unexplained phenomena?

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Perhaps additional clues can be found in another Texas case file. One where the UFOs proved to be

more than just lights in the sky.

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Leblon, Texas, November 2nd, 1957.

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Two immigrant farm workers, Pedro Salcedo and Joe Salas, called the Leblon Police Department regarding UFO sighting.

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Officer H.A. Fowler is manning the night desk at the police station. And this is the beginning of what is about to be a very strange night.

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Pedro and Joe are driving four miles west of Leblon when they see a blue flash of light near the road.

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00:10:37,730 --> 00:10:45,731

Suddenly, their engine dies and the vehicle rolls to a stop. At that moment, a strange object approaches them.

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00:10:47,731 --> 00:10:51,732

When he got near, the lights of my vehicle went out and the motor died.

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00:10:52,732 --> 00:10:55,732

I jumped out and hit the dirt because I was afraid.

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00:10:56,732 --> 00:10:58,733

The Colt and Joe were hitting it out.

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00:11:01,733 --> 00:11:08,734

The thin plaster hit over me with a great sound in the rush of wind. It sounded like thunder and my vehicle drugged from blast.

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00:11:10,734 --> 00:11:16,735

I felt a lot of heat. Then I grabbed and watched it go out of sight towards Leblon.

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When the object moves away from the vehicle, the engine restarts. Salcedo immediately calls the police.

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00:11:27,736 --> 00:11:33,737

Officer Fowler thinks he's dealing with a crank call. So he ignores it. But an hour later, he gets

another call.

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Jim Wheeler is four miles east of Leblon when he reports a brilliantly lit, egg-shaped object sitting in the road blocking his path.

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00:11:43,738 --> 00:11:53,739

And like Pedro, he claims his vehicle dies. As he gets out of the car, the object takes off and at the same time, the object's lights disappear.

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00:11:58,740 --> 00:12:02,740

Once again, the car restarts after the object is gone.

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First, Pedro and Joe. Then, Jim Wheeler. Then the calls just start rolling in.

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A merry couple driving northeast of Leblon. A motorist, 11 miles north of town.

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00:12:13,742 --> 00:12:19,743

A Texas Tech college student, 10 miles east of town. Boom, boom, boom. The calls keep coming.

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All of these motorists have similar stories. A strange object in the road, their engines cut out. When the object flies off, their engines start up again.

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00:12:29,744 --> 00:12:35,745

By this time, the Leblon Police Department is actively investigating the situation.

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00:12:35,745 --> 00:12:44,746

Officer Fowler alerts on-duty officers of the situation. The local sheriff and one of his deputies begin monitoring Officer Fowler's reports and tracking the object.

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00:12:44,746 --> 00:12:47,746

Around 1.30 a.m., they have their own encounter.

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00:12:52,747 --> 00:13:01,748

A large glowing object passes across the highway in front of them. The officers claim the entire highway is lit up below the sun-like object.

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00:13:01,748 --> 00:13:11,749

The Leblon Police Department received a total of 15 calls that night and reports would continue to trickle in for the next several days.

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00:13:13,749 --> 00:13:26,751

The Leblon case is considered by ufologists to be one of the most impressive in UFO history, mainly because it wasn't just a light in the sky seen by one or two witnesses, but something that landed in the object whatever it was interacted with the environment.

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00:13:31,751 --> 00:13:44,753

This sounds like an EMP to me, an electromagnetic pulse weapon that shuts down motors that doesn't kill the people. They're showing us that they're here. They want us to know that they're here.

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00:13:44,753 --> 00:13:54,754

The local newspaper runs the story, which is then picked up nationwide. Project Blue Book then dispatches an Air Force Sergeant to investigate.

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00:13:54,754 --> 00:14:05,756

The Air Force Sergeant heard that there had been thunderstorms in the surrounding area earlier that morning. He decided to focus on this and announced that a phenomenon called ball lightning had occurred.

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So ball lightning is a real phenomenon that exists. We just don't really understand what it is. It's one of those interesting atmospheric effects that generally occurs in thunderstorms after lightning strikes.

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00:14:19,757 --> 00:14:30,759

And it basically is what it sounds like. It's a glowing ball of light and electrical discharge and energy. If you've ever seen like a plasma ball in the store, that's sort of, I think, a good image for what it is.

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00:14:31,759 --> 00:14:36,759

But not everyone is convinced of the Air Force's official findings.

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Dr. J. Allen Heineck was an astronomer at Northwestern University and one of the top scientific consultants to Project Blue Book. After doing his own investigation, he claimed the sightings could not be attributed to ball lightning.

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First of all, ball lightning is not very large, but in each of the sightings, the object was big enough to block the road. Second, ball lightning is not known to have the ability to shut off car engines.

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00:15:02,763 --> 00:15:08,763

Despite what the Air Force Sergeant heard, there was no rain or lightning in the vicinity of Leveland at the time of the sightings.

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00:15:12,764 --> 00:15:22,765

It appears the military's report does not reflect all the facts. Despite these omissions, the case is closed.

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Texas is home to some of the most intriguing UFO cases in history. Do these mass UFO sightings fall within a particular area, creating a geographical pattern? One particular case may hold some important clues.

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Lubbock, Texas, August 25, 1951

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Around 9 p.m., three professors from Texas Tech University were hanging out in one of the professors' backyards. There was a chemical engineer, a petroleum engineer, and a geologist. So you have three scientists here.

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The men have actually gotten together to study meteors, so their eyes are trained on the sky. Suddenly, they see 20 to 30 bright lights, roughly the size of dinner plates, flying in a U-formation.

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00:16:21,772 --> 00:16:23,772

The objects are moving fast across the sky.

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00:16:26,773 --> 00:16:34,774

The men immediately rule out the objects as meteors, and as they're discussing what the lights might be, another group of lights, similar to the first, flies overhead.

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00:16:35,774 --> 00:16:39,774

The professors reach out to the Air Force for answers.

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00:16:40,775 --> 00:16:48,776

The professors checked with Air Force personnel, but there was no traffic in the air that night. Not sure what to make of this, they shared their story with a local newspaper.

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00:16:48,776 --> 00:17:01,777

Once their story is published in the newspaper, multiple witnesses start coming forward with similar stories. Very bright, very big lights arranged in a boomerang formation, flying across the sky, and never making a sound.

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Sightings continue from August to November of 1951. The professors are intrigued and decide to investigate further.

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They form their watch group and set up a schedule to watch the skies. Between the original sighting in August and sometime in November, hundreds of these observers around Lubbock saw as many as three flights in one night.

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Then, on the night of August 30th, new evidence of the Lubbock lights is captured.

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00:17:37,782 --> 00:17:41,782

A Texas tech student by the name of Carl Hart, Jr. attempts to photograph the lights.

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00:17:44,782 --> 00:17:53,783

He witnesses two different flights that night, one at 5.30pm and the other around 10.30pm. He takes photos both times with his 35mm camera.

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00:17:56,784 --> 00:18:02,785

In each of the photos, you can see anywhere from 18 to 20 lights arranged in a boomerang formation.

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00:18:03,785 --> 00:18:10,786

The local newspaper publishes the photos and they begin circulating throughout the country.

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00:18:11,786 --> 00:18:17,786

When I was a kid, one of the first images of UFOs that I ever saw were the Lubbock lights and I thought this was amazing.

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00:18:20,787 --> 00:18:25,787

Eventually, the Air Force gets their hands on the photos. They're actually given to Captain Edward Ruppelt.

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Edward J. Ruppelt was a U.S. Air Force Captain. He's most famous as being the head of Project Blue Book.

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The Air Force had had several investigative bodies that investigated UFOs, going back to 1947.

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The first one being Project Sign, which went up until 1949, which of then succeeded by Project Grudge.

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And then, 1952, that became Project Blue Book.

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00:18:51,791 --> 00:18:58,791

Captain Ruppelt, now working under Project Grudge, travels to Lubbock to investigate further.

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00:18:59,792 --> 00:19:08,793

He finds a local man who mentions seeing one night the reflection of the newly installed city streetlights bouncing off the white bellies of a few plover birds flying by.

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00:19:09,793 --> 00:19:15,794

This gives Ruppelt and the Air Force a natural phenomenon to explain away the sightings and they jump on it.

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00:19:16,794 --> 00:19:23,795

They issue a statement that the newly installed vapor streetlights were bouncing off the undersides of the birds as they flew overhead.

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00:19:23,795 --> 00:19:24,795

Case closed.

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00:19:27,795 --> 00:19:37,796

In an effort to test this theory, a photographer at the local paper attempts to recreate Hart's photos using plover birds flying over the city at night.

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00:19:38,796 --> 00:19:41,797

His photos are nowhere close to Hart's photos.

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00:19:41,797 --> 00:19:45,797

The reflection off the birds are way too damn to see anything.

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00:19:46,797 --> 00:19:51,798

A federal wildlife game warden also rules out the plovers as a cause of the sightings.

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00:19:51,798 --> 00:20:00,799

He notes that the birds can only fly around 50 miles per hour, much slower than the movements of the lights, not to mention the fact that you can hear the birds when they fly.

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00:20:01,799 --> 00:20:07,800

The residents of Lubbock are also not satisfied by the Air Force's findings and demand answers.

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When Mufon investigators start digging, they expose shocking revelations.

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At Mufon's Midwest UFO conference in 1971, a presentation was given about the way the government documents UFO cases.

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It was discovered that in some instances, Project Grudge created two different reports for the same UFO file, one secret report and one public report.

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And they did this for the Lubbock Lights case.

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The public report basically said that these lights were nothing more than a flock of birds that were in the same place as the Mufon.

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00:20:44,804 --> 00:20:49,805

The secret report reveals the findings of both the photographer at the paper and the game warden.

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00:20:49,805 --> 00:20:54,806

And it concludes that the objects in Hart's photographs are definitely the same.

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00:20:54,806 --> 00:21:00,806

The public report basically said that these lights were nothing more than a flock of birds and that we were seeing reflections off of their bodies reflected off of street lights below them.

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00:21:00,806 --> 00:21:05,807

But the secret report was saying other things like we really need to figure out what this thing was.

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The secret report reveals the findings of both the photographer at the paper and the game warden.

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00:21:10,808 --> 00:21:15,808

And it concludes that the objects in Hart's photographs are definitely not birds.

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00:21:15,808 --> 00:21:23,809

It's very troubling when you think about it. The government is flat out lying to the public about its findings. Who knows what else they're lying about?

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00:21:23,809 --> 00:21:37,811

The dots connecting these historic UFO sightings are starting to reveal a pattern as Mufon investigators continue to dig deeper into Texas's most unusual UFO cases.

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Coming up...

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00:21:40,811 --> 00:21:47,812

Victims of a close encounter with a UFO sue the federal government for damages.

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00:21:47,812 --> 00:21:53,813

Details of the case when we return.

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00:21:56,813 --> 00:22:02,814

Hanger One has opened its files to some of Texas's most extraordinary cases.

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00:22:02,814 --> 00:22:07,815

This next incident may be one of the most shocking yet.

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Huffman, Texas December 29th, 1980

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum along with Vicki's seven-year-old grandson Colby are on their way home from dinner.

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00:22:36,818 --> 00:22:42,819

At about 9 p.m. they're in the dense woods of Huffman, Texas on an isolated two-lane road.

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00:22:47,820 --> 00:22:54,820

They see a light above the trees and initially think it's just an airplane approaching the Houston Intercontinental Airport.

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00:22:54,820 --> 00:22:59,821

A few minutes later the same light is now much closer and very bright.

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00:23:00,821 --> 00:23:06,822

This giant diamond-shaped object is hovering at about treetop level right in front of them.

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00:23:06,822 --> 00:23:11,822

It's illuminated in this bright light and flames are flooding out from the bottom of it.

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00:23:11,822 --> 00:23:15,823

It's giving off significant heat.

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00:23:18,823 --> 00:23:23,824

Both Cash and Landrum get out of the car to inspect the object.

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00:23:30,825 --> 00:23:37,826

Colby, however, is terrified. Landrum quickly has to return to the car to comfort the frantic child.

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00:23:41,826 --> 00:23:45,827

But Cash remains outside mesmerized by the bizarre sight.

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00:23:48,827 --> 00:23:52,827

The heat coming from the object is intense.

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00:23:52,827 --> 00:23:57,828

Cash had to use her coat to protect her hand from being burned by the door handle.

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00:24:00,828 --> 00:24:06,829

Suddenly new aircraft come into view.

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00:24:06,829 --> 00:24:12,830

A group of CH-47 Chinook helicopters surround the object in a tight formation.

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00:24:12,830 --> 00:24:17,831

Cash and Landrum watch as the object and the helicopters fly off into the distance.

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00:24:21,831 --> 00:24:27,832

It's not just an unidentified flying object. There are some identified flying objects in this same event.

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00:24:27,832 --> 00:24:31,832

They're right there in the same proximity. They seem to be escorting it somehow.

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00:24:31,832 --> 00:24:40,833

I see a blur between what might be completely extraterrestrial or what might be perhaps human and extraterrestrial happening there.

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00:24:42,834 --> 00:24:47,834

Unfortunately for the witnesses, the incident doesn't end there.

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00:24:48,834 --> 00:24:55,835

All three of them suffer from nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, generalized weakness and a burning sensation in their eyes.

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00:24:56,835 --> 00:24:59,836

Landrum continues to have intermittent outbreaks throughout her life.

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00:25:00,836 --> 00:25:05,836

Cash, however, who spent the most amount of time outside the car, her symptoms actually get worse.

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00:25:09,837 --> 00:25:17,838

Cash winds up being hospitalized for several weeks. She can't walk. She loses large patches of skin. She loses her hair.

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00:25:18,838 --> 00:25:22,839

These large painful blisters form on her skin and her eyes swell shut.

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00:25:23,839 --> 00:25:30,839

Landrum and Cash reach out to several UFO organizations, including MUFON, for help.

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00:25:30,839 --> 00:25:40,841

MUFON submits the witnesses' medical records to a radiologist who, after examining them, believes there is strong evidence that the patients have suffered secondary damage to ionizing radiation.

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00:25:40,841 --> 00:25:44,841

And there was possibly an infrared or ultraviolet component as well.

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00:25:45,841 --> 00:25:52,842

Something like a UFO that's traveled here, presumably, you know, it has a very powerful, strong energy source.

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It's probably using something similar to our nuclear reactors, maybe of a different design.

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00:25:59,843 --> 00:26:06,844

And it could be leaking radiation in a way that would expose people to it and then have severe effects on them.

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Suddenly, you're experiencing rapid cell damage, either through hair falling out or even something as extreme as cancer.

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A few months later, Vicki Landrum and her grandson have a chance encounter with another possible witness.

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Landrum and her grandson see a CH-47 flying into Dayton.

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00:26:31,847 --> 00:26:36,848

They wind up being able to approach the helicopter and talk with the pilot.

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00:26:36,848 --> 00:26:38,848

And the pilot makes an interesting comment.

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00:26:38,848 --> 00:26:44,849

He claims that he was in the area once before in order to check on a UFO that was in trouble near Huffman.

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00:26:44,849 --> 00:26:50,849

Landrum says she's really glad to run into him because she had been one of the people burned by that UFO.

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When the pilot hears this, he clams up.

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He kicks them out of the helicopter and refuses to say another word to them.

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum decide it's time to take their case directly to the U.S. government.

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The Chinook helicopters suggest that at least one branch of the military may somehow be connected to this UFO.

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And yet, when the Department of the Army Inspector General interviews Cash and Landrum,

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he says there is no evidence that the helicopters belong to the U.S. armed forces.

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Eventually, Cash and Landrum hire a lawyer and file a complaint against the U.S. government for \$20 million.

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There was a lot of effort by investigators to find out where the helicopters came from.

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But no bases anywhere near the Houston area claimed to have helicopters in the air that night.

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The only base that even acknowledged having a large patrol of helicopters was Grey Army Airfield located at Fort Hood.

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The lawsuit of Cash and Landrum versus the U.S. government proves unsuccessful.

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In 1986, the case was dismissed by a U.S. district court judge who claimed that there was not enough evidence to prove that the helicopters were associated with the U.S. government.

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And military officials had testified that the U.S. armed forces did not have a large diamond-shaped aircraft in their possession.

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The case was closed, but questions remain.

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Could the helicopters have been part of a classified military operation to retrieve UFOs?

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Hanger One has opened the Lone Star State's most unusual case files, searching for clues to what may be attracting UFOs to Texas.

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When helicopters are seen escorting a UFO, questions regarding the military's connection emerge.

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Does the answer lie with an America's largest armored post, Fort Hood, Texas?

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00:29:10,866 --> 00:29:13,867

The summer of 1975.

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A pilot station at Fort Hood with an RS-2 intelligence aviation unit is driving on a highway close to a base with a fran around 10 o'clock at night.

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Despite the weather, he can see in the sky above Fort Hood a number of Army helicopters.

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They appear to be heading back to the base, but they're not alone.

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They're surrounding another object as though they're escorting it.

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But it's an aircraft unlike anything he's ever seen before.

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00:29:44,871 --> 00:29:50,871

Now this guy's a helicopter pilot himself, so he's very familiar with what helicopters look like at night.

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00:29:52,872 --> 00:29:59,872

And he's certain that this large object, a disc-type thing with a reddish light, is not another helicopter.

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00:30:04,873 --> 00:30:12,874

The next day, when he gets back to the base, he asks his friend who works in the air traffic control tower if he knows anything about what happened.

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The friend claims nobody at the tower knows anything, so he starts asking around among his other pilot buddies.

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None of them seem to know anything either.

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Now this seems really strange to him.

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Usually, if anything happens on a base, it makes its way through the Great Vine pretty quickly.

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00:30:31,876 --> 00:30:35,877

But for some reason, in this case, nobody seems to know anything.

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And finally, after asking around for a bit, one of his pilot buddies tells him he better stop

asking questions if he cares at all about his job.

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Were the helicopters witnessed by Cache and Landrum and the Fort Hood pilot part of a top-secret UFO project operating out of Fort Hood, Texas?

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Numerous witnesses have reported seeing helicopters escorting UFOs in and around Fort Hood.

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Why would this keep happening over and over in this area?

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At some point, you have to ask, is the military working in partnership with extraterrestrials?

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A news reporter that has filmed a segment at Fort Hood learned that there was a special helicopter unit involved with UFOs called the Blue Boys.

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The Blue Boys supposedly operate out of a section of Fort Hood called Gray Army Airfield.

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This helicopter unit may be responsible for escorting and transporting UFOs.

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They may even be storing them on the base.

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If the Blue Boys are transporting UFOs to Fort Hood, where could they be storing them?

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Gray Army Airfield was a top-secret facility that was built with numerous underground tunnels originally designed to store atomic weapons.

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These tunnels could be a perfect location for the military to store recovered UFOs.

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Who knows what the military is doing with these UFOs?

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We have testimony from an individual who worked in an underground bunker at Fort Hood.

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He actually stated the technology that is being applied in this underground complex would remind someone of a science fiction thrill.

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It is unbelievable what they know and can do from this area.

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The question is, is this technology our own or is it extraterrestrial?

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I believe that the military have interaction with these beings as we have heard in the stories.

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That might not be the whole picture. They might be another layer to that onion.

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Does the U.S. military have a secret UFO research facility at Fort Hood?

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And could it be tied to a history of reoccurring UFO sightings in Texas?

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Coming up...

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00:33:02,895 --> 00:33:09,896

More than a hundred servicemen reported seeing strange, illuminated flying objects in different shapes and configurations buzzing around the area.

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Deep in the heart of Texas, one of the most extraordinary UFO flaps on file takes place directly over Fort Hood when we return.

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The most frequent mass UFO sightings in Texas all fall within an area sometimes referred to as the Texas Corridor, including one of the largest military sightings in U.S. history.

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Spring, 1949. The skies over Camp Hood, now known as Fort Hood, are filled with unusual objects.

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Fort Hood may have been one of the first times when UFOs have been seen around and above military complexes.

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In 1949, over the course of four months, March through June, the heavily guarded facility of Camp Hood experiences a record number of UFO sightings.

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More than a hundred servicemen reported seeing strange, illuminated flying objects in different shapes and configurations buzzing around the area.

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In 1949, Camp Hood was one of three national stockpile sites where nuclear weapons were stored. Security over this whole area was paramount.

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The situation was so serious that a very high-level conference was held at Camp Hood to discuss this whole situation.

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They brought in the Fourth Army, the Air Force Office of Special Investigation, AFOSI, Office of Naval Intelligence and the FBI to study what was going on.

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Despite the urgency of the situation, government officials cannot agree on a course of action. Eventually, the base commander decides to take matters into his own hands.

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After two weeks of nightly sightings, the commander of Fort Hood devises a plan of action by establishing special UFO patrols.

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Each patrol is assigned to specific areas of the base, and each team has four men, an instrument man, a timer, a recorder, and a radio operator.

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So the idea was that when a team would spot a UFO, they would track the exact elevation and azimuth of the object.

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The radio operator would call out the location of the object and the direction it's going to other teams, which would then know where to look.

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Azimuth is the angle of an object in relation to north. You combine that with the object's elevation and you can pinpoint its exact location in the sky.

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This kind of data is critical when trying to prove the existence of UFOs.

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The plan seems foolproof and it has the support of every man who has participated for the first time in history everybody wants to get on the patrols.

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But since the Air Force has prime responsibility for UFO investigations, the plan has to be coordinated through them.

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A copy of the order is rushed to the Air Force with everyone standing by for the minute they say go. They don't.

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These patrols would have provided an excellent opportunity to get some concrete data on at least

one type of UFO.

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It's something that should have been done from the start. Speeds, altitudes, and sizes that are estimated just by looking at a UFO are miserably inaccurate.

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But this plan could have provided us with some real information, indisputable evidence.

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So why doesn't the Air Force approve the plan?

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Some people believe that this is because realistically the Air Force did not want lower level operations confirming the reality of UFOs.

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It doesn't surprise me that the Air Force shut him down because it sounds like an individual action, an individual plan.

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This is a curious guy. You don't want that in a base commander. You want the guys that are going to do what they're told and keep their mouths shut.

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00:37:20,927 --> 00:37:30,928

Despite the Air Force's unwillingness to approve official UFO patrols at Fort Hood, Texas, sighting reports continue to flood in.

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Because so many sightings are taking place, a standardized form is created. On one night alone, 50 sightings are reported.

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Finally, after four months, the sightings stop. The Air Force collects all of the reports on the sightings, but ultimately sweeps them under the rug, waiting for them to be forgotten.

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Could this event in Texas have been one of the United States most defining UFO moments?

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00:37:58,931 --> 00:38:06,932

We had mass UFO sightings for an extended period of time over Camp Hood and a base commander willing to authorize a serious investigation.

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00:38:07,932 --> 00:38:10,933

This could have been the turning point for UFO investigations in America.

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00:38:11,933 --> 00:38:19,934

If the investigation had been approved, we could have collected indisputable evidence allowing for public awareness that these entities exist.

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Although this event did not lead to national public awareness, it still may have played a significant role in our UFO history and be a clue to why UFOs are drawn to Texas.

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The sightings at Camp Hood are a major UFO event, and it may be that this event triggered a government's desire to have a secret UFO facility at this location.

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It's possible that the UFOs were originally attracted to Camp Hood because of the nuclear weapons stored there.

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What's interesting is that those same underground storage facilities that housed those nuclear weapons could now be housing a secret military UFO operation.

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Fort Hood is located directly in the middle of this UFO corridor.

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Is Fort Hood the missing link to Texas's unexplained UFO activity?

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State of Texas has Texas-sized UFO cases. Perhaps as UFO groups like Mufon continue to investigate, one day we'll understand what is attracting these UFOs.

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For now, the truth behind the strange objects that light up the Texas skies remains elusive.

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00:39:37,943 --> 00:39:46,944

But keep your eyes peeled when traveling through the Lone Star State, because you may become a witness to the next big sighting.