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Tonight on History's Greatest Mysteries,

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our conclusion to Roswell, the first witness.

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Previously, a former CIA operative, Ben Smith,

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investigates what really crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

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I'm not sure I buy that whole balloon theory.

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Really? Yeah.

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The focus, a mysterious journal found among the possessions of Jesse Marcell,

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the first official to arrive at the scene.

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A top cryptologist believes it may contain coded messages.

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To a cryptographer, this indicates a certain kind of cipher.

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Perhaps details on what Marcell really saw.

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He saw the spaceship.

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I'm Lawrence Fishburne, and tonight,

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the Hunt for the Mysterious Journal's author continues.

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Was it a fellow officer in Jesse Marcell's tight-knit group

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who knew exactly what he knew?

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Ben Smith is hot on the trail.

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Was one of these men the author of the journal?

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Was it written by a U.S. Army officer with inside information on Roswell?

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There are some words and letter combinations I do see in agreement.

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This man is at the nexus of all the secrets.

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And what did Jesse Marcell tell his own family

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years before he ever went public?

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He told us that they had told him to change the story.

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00:01:27,000 --> 00:01:31,000

I found all of this stuff, and I was told you were my son.

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Did an extraterrestrial spacecraft crash near Roswell?

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The conclusion to our investigation begins now.

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At energies among his own people in his quiet bayou community

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the spread of Aryan's

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00:02:04,020 --> 00:02:09,080

many, many more than madly aumetar its milk

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over the years.

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■ened on the ship,

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spent the last 36 years of his life.

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00:02:18,480 --> 00:02:21,880

At ease among his own people in his quiet Bayou community,

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00:02:21,980 --> 00:02:24,520

Smith believes Marcel may have divulged details

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00:02:24,620 --> 00:02:27,460

about the UFO crash to family and friends.

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00:02:31,260 --> 00:02:33,260

They're Mr. and Mrs. Marcel.

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00:02:33,360 --> 00:02:34,060

They must have liked you.

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00:02:34,160 --> 00:02:35,600

They have smiles on their faces.

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00:02:35,700 --> 00:02:38,840

Oh, in the book, she says, you could sell refrigerators

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00:02:38,940 --> 00:02:42,600

to Eskimos, because I was so persuasive in making

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00:02:42,640 --> 00:02:44,200

him talk about things.

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00:02:44,300 --> 00:02:47,100

And she could see that I was getting things.

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00:02:47,200 --> 00:02:48,100

And that's him and I together.

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00:02:48,200 --> 00:02:50,480

I have my Nicholls State University t-shirt on.

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00:02:50,580 --> 00:02:52,340

And oh, my gosh.

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00:02:52,440 --> 00:02:53,480

Such a long time ago.

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00:02:56,680 --> 00:02:59,880

Linda Corley met Marcel in 1981 when

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00:02:59,980 --> 00:03:03,120

she taped an interview with him for her undergraduate psychology

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00:03:03,220 --> 00:03:06,120

course at Nicholls State University.

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Marcel was retired and living with his wife, Vio.

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In 2007, she turned her interview with Jesse

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00:03:15,020 --> 00:03:18,220

into a book entitled For the sake of my country.

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00:03:21,160 --> 00:03:23,160

I had a little cassette tape recorder,

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00:03:23,260 --> 00:03:25,100

and I asked if it was all right.

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00:03:25,200 --> 00:03:27,200

He said, sure.

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00:03:27,300 --> 00:03:29,100

OK.

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00:03:29,200 --> 00:03:29,700

Please don't break.

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00:03:29,800 --> 00:03:30,300

Please don't break.

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00:03:30,400 --> 00:03:32,400

Yeah.

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00:03:32,500 --> 00:03:33,900

I can see this.

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00:03:34,000 --> 00:03:38,380

But the truth is that I think that I have never seen before.

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00:03:38,380 --> 00:03:42,280

And I haven't seen that before in this kind of thing.

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00:03:42,380 --> 00:03:45,780

When I got home, I'd rest on the step before the kitchen.

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00:03:45,880 --> 00:03:47,280

My son was very, very old.

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00:03:47,380 --> 00:03:48,280

He was.

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00:03:48,380 --> 00:03:51,280

So he had to stay on the floor in the kitchen.

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00:03:51,380 --> 00:03:53,620

I don't think I've ever heard of that.

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00:03:53,720 --> 00:03:56,100

There's one that I picked up.

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00:03:56,200 --> 00:03:59,100

And he just picked up and put it back on.

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00:03:59,200 --> 00:04:00,200

I didn't mention it.

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00:04:00,300 --> 00:04:01,960

They said, I don't know.

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00:04:02,060 --> 00:04:04,500

I kept asking all through the interview,

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00:04:04,600 --> 00:04:06,000

can you tell me something that's not in the book?

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00:04:06,060 --> 00:04:11,020

Linda is referring to the first book to alleged government

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cover-up at Roswell, called The Roswell Incident.

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It was written by Charles Berlitz and William Moore in 1980.

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00:04:19,200 --> 00:04:22,640

It relied heavily on the testimony of Jesse Marcell.

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00:04:22,740 --> 00:04:24,140

I asked him that a million times.

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00:04:24,240 --> 00:04:25,580

Can't you tell me something that's not in the book?

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00:04:25,680 --> 00:04:26,340

Yeah.

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00:04:26,440 --> 00:04:28,420

And he did.

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00:04:28,520 --> 00:04:31,820

What Marcell told Linda was that his son Jesse, Jr.

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00:04:31,920 --> 00:04:35,120

had described the degree he'd handled inaccurately.

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00:04:36,120 --> 00:04:39,220

Jesse, Jr., who was 11 at the time,

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00:04:39,320 --> 00:04:41,360

claimed he'd picked up small support

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00:04:41,460 --> 00:04:44,120

structs, which he called I-beams.

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00:04:44,220 --> 00:04:47,020

The most unusual part of the degree that I saw

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00:04:47,120 --> 00:04:51,000

was the I-beam fragments, or what I recall as being I-beam,

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00:04:51,100 --> 00:04:54,640

because they were very light, very strong,

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00:04:54,740 --> 00:04:57,840

and they had some writing along the inside surface of this.

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00:04:57,940 --> 00:04:59,440

And that was the thing that really set

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00:04:59,540 --> 00:05:03,340

the support from anything I'd ever seen before.

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00:05:03,800 --> 00:05:09,740

He was talking about the symbols that he saw on the debris.

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00:05:09,840 --> 00:05:14,100

And Mrs. Marcell said, I think I have Jesse, Jr.'s drawing

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00:05:14,200 --> 00:05:15,240

of that.

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00:05:15,340 --> 00:05:19,080

And he said, well, Jesse got all that wrong anyway.

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00:05:19,180 --> 00:05:20,480

I had a composition book.

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00:05:20,580 --> 00:05:24,480

And I'm like, well, here, why don't you draw me something?

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00:05:24,580 --> 00:05:29,220

The clip I want you to hear is of what he says as he's drawing.

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00:05:29,820 --> 00:05:30,720

Prominence.

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00:05:38,820 --> 00:05:40,160

Plus, yes, she's drawing.

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00:05:40,260 --> 00:05:43,420

He didn't have that right to begin with.

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00:05:43,520 --> 00:05:46,320

Now, what do you think is unique?

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00:05:46,420 --> 00:05:50,340

0, here, here, here, of three.

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00:05:50,460 --> 00:05:51,540

Would they be like this?

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00:05:51,640 --> 00:05:53,140

Others are like that.

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00:05:53,240 --> 00:05:54,380

Cut these.

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00:05:54,480 --> 00:05:56,380

This way, that way, you know, just...

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00:05:56,480 --> 00:05:59,040

All go in from left to right, like a...

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00:05:59,040 --> 00:06:01,040

And I said, now will you sign it?

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00:06:01,040 --> 00:06:04,040

And he said, yeah, I can't believe I had the wherewithal

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00:06:04,040 --> 00:06:06,040

to even say that.

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

And then he signed it.

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

And he drew the beam, which you can see is not an I-beam.

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00:06:10,040 --> 00:06:11,040

It's not an I-beam.

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00:06:11,040 --> 00:06:12,040

Yeah.

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00:06:12,040 --> 00:06:13,040

He told me that there were pink and purple,

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00:06:13,040 --> 00:06:14,040

and so I wrote that.

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00:06:14,040 --> 00:06:15,040

That's my handwriting.

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00:06:15,040 --> 00:06:16,040

Yeah.

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00:06:16,040 --> 00:06:19,040

So these are some of my beginning sketches,

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00:06:19,040 --> 00:06:20,040

some what he told me.

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00:06:20,040 --> 00:06:23,040

Yeah, that's something that could never figure out.

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00:06:23,040 --> 00:06:26,040

Are we talking about wood or are we talking about metal?

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00:06:26,040 --> 00:06:28,040

He called it wood.

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00:06:28,040 --> 00:06:30,040

He was specific about that.

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00:06:30,040 --> 00:06:31,040

But he said it wouldn't burn.

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00:06:31,040 --> 00:06:32,040

How do you know it didn't burn?

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00:06:32,040 --> 00:06:34,040

He tried to burn it with a cigarette lighter.

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00:06:34,040 --> 00:06:36,040

He said it felt like wood.

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00:06:36,040 --> 00:06:39,040

It looked like wood, but it wouldn't burn, so it can't be wood.

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00:06:39,040 --> 00:06:42,040

It has to be something I've never seen before on this earth,

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00:06:42,040 --> 00:06:43,040

that kind of thing.

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00:06:43,040 --> 00:06:44,040

Yeah.

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00:06:44,040 --> 00:06:45,040

Hmm.

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00:06:49,040 --> 00:06:53,040

I asked him, why didn't you save some of it?

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00:06:53,040 --> 00:06:54,040

Why didn't you do that?

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00:06:54,040 --> 00:06:56,040

I would have saved a piece of it.

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00:06:56,040 --> 00:06:57,040

Right.

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00:06:57,040 --> 00:07:01,040

I found all of this stuff, and I was told to do a mouth shut.

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00:07:01,040 --> 00:07:03,040

I heard about it this spring, with 32 years,

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00:07:03,040 --> 00:07:04,040

when I'd say anything about it.

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00:07:04,040 --> 00:07:05,040

You didn't think of that one?

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00:07:05,040 --> 00:07:06,040

That's right.

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00:07:06,040 --> 00:07:08,040

It says it in the first song, too.

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00:07:08,040 --> 00:07:10,040

I don't think I was intelligent and secure, at least.

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00:07:10,040 --> 00:07:14,040

I still hold religious to my country.

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00:07:14,040 --> 00:07:16,040

It was fine, but I couldn't give you a mouth shut.

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00:07:16,040 --> 00:07:20,040

But anything that might be crucial for murderous secrets.

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00:07:20,040 --> 00:07:23,040

His choice of words always stuck in my mind.

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00:07:23,040 --> 00:07:26,040

I sat on this premium for 32 years.

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00:07:26,040 --> 00:07:28,040

I don't want any publicity.

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00:07:28,040 --> 00:07:30,040

All I want is peace.

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00:07:30,040 --> 00:07:33,040

He said that more than once, I just want peace.

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00:07:33,040 --> 00:07:35,040

Why don't you have peace?

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00:07:35,040 --> 00:07:37,040

He could have sat on it for another 32 years.

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00:07:37,040 --> 00:07:38,040

Why did he talk?

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Had to have been bothering him.

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00:07:39,040 --> 00:07:41,040

Had to have been something he wanted to get off his chest.

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00:07:41,040 --> 00:07:42,040

Yeah.

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00:07:42,040 --> 00:07:43,040

That's true.

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00:07:43,040 --> 00:07:45,040

I have three tapes that last about four hours.

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00:07:45,040 --> 00:07:49,040

And during that time, we had bonded so close together.

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00:07:49,040 --> 00:07:50,040

Yeah.

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00:07:50,040 --> 00:07:52,040

He says, you're welcome here any time.

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00:07:52,040 --> 00:07:54,040

Linda says that when she went home,

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00:07:54,040 --> 00:07:58,040

she couldn't stop looking at the symbols Jesse had drawn.

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00:07:58,040 --> 00:08:02,040

I had studied writing and codes and scripts for other things.

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00:08:02,040 --> 00:08:08,040

And I came home that night and I looked up some different ancient writings.

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

And there was exactly what he drew.

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00:08:10,040 --> 00:08:13,040

Exactly what he drew.

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Linda says that what Jesse drew resembled a kind of shorthand called Tyronian Notes

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00:08:19,040 --> 00:08:23,040

that were first used in ancient Rome around 4 BC.

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She says the symbols Jesse drew signify travel and flight.

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00:08:31,040 --> 00:08:33,040

I went back the next day.

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00:08:33,040 --> 00:08:37,040

I was invited in cordially again.

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00:08:37,040 --> 00:08:41,040

And I showed him some of the writing.

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I mean, look, this one here, these slashes here.

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00:08:46,040 --> 00:08:49,040

This is almost exactly what he drew.

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00:08:49,040 --> 00:08:53,040

And there's a decipher for that.

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I went into detail about where this writing could have come from.

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00:08:57,040 --> 00:08:58,040

Yeah.

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00:08:58,040 --> 00:08:59,040

I think I saw that.

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00:08:59,040 --> 00:09:03,040

And it got pretty intense about the writing.

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00:09:03,040 --> 00:09:06,040

I left on good terms, come back any time you want.

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00:09:06,040 --> 00:09:07,040

Yeah.

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00:09:07,040 --> 00:09:09,040

And then he calls.

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

He said, do not use what I gave you.

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00:09:11,040 --> 00:09:12,040

Everything is a lie.

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00:09:12,040 --> 00:09:15,040

And the next call was don't go to the media with it.

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00:09:15,040 --> 00:09:17,040

He was so arrayed on the phone.

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00:09:17,040 --> 00:09:18,040

OK.

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00:09:18,040 --> 00:09:20,040

I can still see myself.

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00:09:20,040 --> 00:09:21,040

I didn't do anything.

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00:09:21,040 --> 00:09:22,040

I'm not going to do that.

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00:09:22,040 --> 00:09:23,040

This is for school.

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00:09:23,040 --> 00:09:24,040

You know?

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00:09:24,040 --> 00:09:27,040

I'm not going to the media with this.

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00:09:27,040 --> 00:09:30,040

So I never heard from him again.

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00:09:30,040 --> 00:09:32,040

I was crushed.

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00:09:32,040 --> 00:09:36,040

What do you think caused that change?

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00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:42,040

Well, I think the second visit, what happened and transpired there is why he called and

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00:09:42,040 --> 00:09:44,040

said, don't use it.

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00:09:44,040 --> 00:09:50,040

And the only thing that transpired in that second visit were photos of the ancient writings.

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The ancient writings.

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00:09:51,040 --> 00:09:52,040

Yeah.

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00:09:52,040 --> 00:09:53,040

Huh.

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00:09:53,040 --> 00:10:01,040

What if he was told that writing means something to the government or whatever and you shouldn't

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00:10:01,040 --> 00:10:02,040

tell.

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00:10:02,040 --> 00:10:04,040

You know, you shouldn't have drawn it.

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00:10:04,040 --> 00:10:05,040

You should have written it.

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00:10:05,040 --> 00:10:13,040

You know, what if it was something that was alien and he's too afraid to let it out.

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00:10:13,040 --> 00:10:17,040

So, you know, those are what ifs because I don't know what else to think about those

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phone calls.

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What else can I think?

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00:10:19,040 --> 00:10:26,040

Did he ever mention that he was close to anyone on base, anyone who was especially important

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00:10:26,040 --> 00:10:27,040

to him?

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He talked about Kavut quite a bit.

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He thought extremely highly of Colonel Blanchard.

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Colonel Blanchard had refused to transfer him three months later and said he was more important

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00:10:41,440 --> 00:10:46,240

and needed there, but somebody else wanted him out.

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00:10:46,240 --> 00:10:48,440

And he didn't care for General Raimi.

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00:10:48,440 --> 00:10:53,440

He said General Raimi knew it wasn't aware of the bullet.

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00:10:53,440 --> 00:10:55,840

So do you believe Jesse's story?

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00:10:55,840 --> 00:10:56,840

Yeah.

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00:10:56,840 --> 00:10:59,320

I believe Jesse believes.

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00:10:59,320 --> 00:11:03,320

I was always a believer that Jesse believed.

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00:11:03,320 --> 00:11:04,920

Nothing stood out as phony.

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00:11:04,920 --> 00:11:08,840

Nothing stood out as fate.

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00:11:08,840 --> 00:11:11,960

Did you ever feel like he had a secret that he wasn't sharing with you?

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00:11:11,960 --> 00:11:13,960

Well he says that I'm not telling you everything.

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00:11:13,960 --> 00:11:14,960

He does.

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00:11:14,960 --> 00:11:16,280

There's still things I can't tell you.

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00:11:16,280 --> 00:11:17,280

And I'm like, why?

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00:11:17,280 --> 00:11:19,000

And he says, for the sake of my country.

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00:11:19,000 --> 00:11:20,000

For the sake of my country.

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00:11:20,000 --> 00:11:22,000

That's why I named the book, For the sake of my country.

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00:11:22,000 --> 00:11:23,000

Yeah.

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00:11:23,000 --> 00:11:26,000

He's telling me I've been bulging everything that you know that you know.

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00:11:26,000 --> 00:11:27,000

I can't.

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00:11:27,000 --> 00:11:47,520

Ben Smith has just heard a tape interview with Jesse Marcel.

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In which Marcel says it was his duty to stay quiet about Roswell.

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00:11:51,000 --> 00:11:58,000

He's still not bulging everything that you know that you know.

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00:11:58,000 --> 00:11:59,000

I can't.

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00:11:59,000 --> 00:12:02,000

Well, it's a good thing for my country.

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00:12:02,000 --> 00:12:06,760

Now Smith has come to New York City to better understand why Marcel felt extreme pressure

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00:12:06,760 --> 00:12:11,000

to keep his secret long after he left the military.

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00:12:11,000 --> 00:12:13,000

Hi Ben.

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00:12:13,000 --> 00:12:14,000

Hi Leslie.

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00:12:14,000 --> 00:12:15,000

Come in.

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00:12:15,000 --> 00:12:16,000

Thank you.

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00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:23,080

Leslie Kane, author of the best selling book UFOs, generals, pilots and government officials

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go on the record says it's risky for members of the military to speak openly about UFOs.

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For people in the military, there is this taboo, this stigma around the topic of UFOs.

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They're afraid to talk about it that it might somehow affect their positions in their careers.

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There's the respect they have of their colleagues.

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Somebody might think there's something wrong with them.

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Those attitudes are still there, unfortunately.

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00:12:51,120 --> 00:12:54,760

It sounds like you're convinced there's a taboo about UFOs.

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That stigma is a big factor for sort of the individual out there who has a sighting.

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And it's also a big factor as to why there isn't more of a search being done by the scientific

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community because there's no money to fund projects that involve something that's taboo

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basically.

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But I think it's gotten a lot better.

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I think the December 17th New York Times story 2017 really shifted things.

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In December 2017, Leslie Kane broke the story that the Pentagon was running a secret program

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to investigate UFOs.

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Although officially, the military claimed all UFO research had stopped in the 1960s.

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The Pentagon had a secret program that started in 2007.

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But sources have told me that there were programs there before that.

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Kane uncovered not only a top secret program, but actual proof that military pilots reported

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sightings of UFOs more than once.

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The online version of the story, which is the one that most people read, included two

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official Department of Defense videos taken of objects, unidentified objects.

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They were clear for public release.

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There's a whole fleet of them, look on the FAA.

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Those videos were spectacular and they drew a lot of attention to the article.

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And as far as I'm aware, this is the first time we actual government videos have been

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released of UFOs.

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But Kane says that before the videos were leaked, the pilots felt intense pressure not

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to reveal what they had witnessed.

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These are patriots.

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These are people who are responsible for the lives of American citizens.

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Highly trained, highly credible.

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When they see something, they're not supposed to talk about it.

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There's nowhere for them to report it.

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It just, for me, it borders on just a kind of irrationality and disrespect.

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They struggle with this and they feel that their own government doesn't take them seriously.

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That's the problem.

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Ben Smith sees similarities between these events and what Jesse Marcell's family says

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happened to him in 1947.

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Jesse Marcell Sr. told his grandchildren that Fort Worth, when it was the second press release

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with General Ramey, Jesse was paraded into the room because he was the first individual

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on the scene and he was in the Flying Saucer Report the day before and they put out this

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debris and Jesse told his grandchildren that that was not the debris that he recovered.

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But he had to pretend it was during the press conference.

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He was told to shut his mouth and to just play along.

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That was his claim.

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Back in the day, that was so common that these high-level military people would know a lot

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but feel they couldn't say it and then they just go to their graves and that's it.

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I have a lot of respect for them, Marcells and the Roswell Witnesses.

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Absolutely.

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When you see them talking or you hear them, they are as convincing as anything and I have

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no doubt that they believe 100% in what they're saying.

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They're not lying or anything.

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They had an experience.

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They found something.

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They believe that it is what they say it is and they are extremely convincing.

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You absolutely have to take it seriously and I just wish there was more information to

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prove them right.

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That proof could lie hidden in the journal that Jesse Marcell kept among his most prized

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possessions.

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So far Smith's investigation has proven that the journal is authentic, dates from the time

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of the Roswell incident and that Marcell is not its author.

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Smith wants to find out who wrote the journal, why and what it means.

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Without intuition to find the information, you're useless and journalism or intelligence,

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right?

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So you've got to follow your gut because that's where you find the best gold.

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If it was easy to find, someone would have found it by now.

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To plot his next steps, Smith meets with Joe Papalardo, a veteran aviation journalist with

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a deep understanding of American military history and the Roswell story.

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So Craig, the cryptographer, had some interesting insights that I did not pick up on and right

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away actually he picked up on some things that could actually indicate code.

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Craig.

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00:17:34,200 --> 00:17:35,200

Oh hi.

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00:17:35,200 --> 00:17:36,200

Must be Ben.

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00:17:36,200 --> 00:17:37,200

That's right.

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Good to meet you.

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When Smith took the journal to Craig Bauer, one of the nation's top code breakers, Bauer

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thought it could be written in a homebrew code, a pattern of letters or words invented

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by the writer.

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To create something just between friends, it's not that hard to make it really hard

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to break.

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This potential homebrew code started just after Roswell.

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In August 1947, we get this weird kind of writing.

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So whatever it is, it's correlated to that strange date.

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Now we still don't have the author, so we can't quite tell what it is.

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I don't know, Zodiac was like that and they broke that code, didn't they?

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As long as it says something, you should be able to break it.

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If someone in the 509th wrote the journal and we can identify who, it might lead us

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to other documents that allow us to interpret its meaning.

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Sort of like a broken locket where you have one half and I have the other.

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We put them together and it's a treasure map.

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So who in your estimation would be someone that we'd be interested in hearing from at

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the time who would give him this journal?

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Well, as I understand, the Roswell Army Air Force Base had almost 8,000 personnel in 1947.

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It's a huge base.

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But I think it would be helpful to focus my search on the 509th group and then his counterintelligence

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group.

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That would be the kind of person that would have information that would be worth safeguarding

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and they'd give it to the point man for the whole Roswell incident.

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As the intelligence officer in Roswell, Marcel was trusted with the military's most protected

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secrets.

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And according to his grandson, he stayed silent about what he saw in 1947 to protect his family.

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When my grandfather started talking about his experience with the Roswell UFO, he was careful

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about what he told us.

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He didn't want to tell us something that we could tell somebody that might lead us in

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a position where we could have felt threatened.

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Part of Marcel's job was to share valuable intelligence with an inner circle of officers

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at the 509th bomber group.

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Smith thinks whoever wrote the journal might have been sharing something valuable with

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Marcel.

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I'm hoping that I can get more handwriting samples of other people in the 509th group

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to see if this might have been passed to him by somebody else within the bomber group.

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I would suggest if they're in the 509th and if they were officers, they may have actually

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served in World War II.

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The hand wrote a lot of after-action reports.

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If they're officers, there may be handwriting samples that are in World War II bombing records

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and archives where they flew in from the bombing assessments.

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There's a lot of information.

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You might actually get a little trove there.

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You might not, but hey, at least it's a rock to kick over.

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Yeah, that's an interesting point.

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I hadn't considered that.

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Cracking this part of your mystery is only one good search away.

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If you find out who, let's do a handwriting analysis, then you could find out a little

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bit more of the motive why.

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I'm on my way to meet Jennifer Nassau, the handwriting expert.

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I have with me a number of handwriting samples belonging to the people closest to Jesse Marcel

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during the time of the Rodwell incident.

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Ben Smith has been researching Jesse Marcel's fellow officers in the 509th.

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He's gotten writing samples for six individuals, an inner circle that must have known details

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about what really crashed at Roswell.

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If it didn't belong to Jesse and he kept it in his most prized possessions, it had to

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belong to somebody important to him.

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Now the question is, does anybody's writing match the journal?

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Come on in.

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00:21:24,640 --> 00:21:26,920

I'm back with more work for you.

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Tell me what you have.

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I took the journal to a code breaking expert.

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First of all, he took a look at the journal and to his eye, a few things immediately popped

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up that suggested there might be some kind of code.

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Now he ran the numbers and was not able to find any coherent message that does not correspond

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to a letter.

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So his next best guess was that maybe there was some kind of encryption system that only

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the author knew of.

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So that gets back to the question, well, who wrote it?

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Who is the author?

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00:22:01,520 --> 00:22:03,560

Who is the author?

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So I have brought a number of handwriting samples from key individuals at the Roswell

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Army Air Force Base.

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Let me start with Colonel Blanchard, who was Jesse Marcel's direct commanding officer

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and the head of the 509th bomber group.

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In 1947, Colonel William Butch Blanchard was commander of the 509th bomber group based

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at Roswell.

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A highly decorated World War II hero who had helped plan the Enola-gaze bombing of Hiroshima,

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Blanchard was in charge of America's only nuclear attack force.

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It was a job in which he would certainly know about any top secret operation involving his

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air base.

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The officer he might have been closest to was Jesse Marcel.

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Colonel Blanchard's and the Marcel's were regular bridge partners.

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We have Walter Hott, the press corps officer who organized the press releases and wrote

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the infamous flying saucer press release.

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As the base public information officer, Lieutenant Walter Hott was ordered by Blanchard to draft

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that famous press release that a flying disc had been recovered.

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In his later years, Hott came forward to say he believed Marcel had been telling the truth

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and went so far as to say that he himself had glimpsed bodies of aliens.

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00:23:33,160 --> 00:23:36,920

We have Bob Scherke.

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Lieutenant Robert Scherke was assistant group operations officer for the 509th.

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If the degree was extraterrestrial, Scherke would have been in charge of arranging its

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transport to the Army's top secret research facility, Wright Patterson.

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After retiring from the military, Scherke later claimed that Jesse Marcel was telling

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the truth.

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And over here we have Edwin Easley.

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Edwin Easley was the provost-martial at the 509th bomber group.

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Major Edwin Easley was in charge of base security.

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He would have been responsible for safeguarding the debris and controlling which personnel

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had access to it.

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00:24:15,120 --> 00:24:22,400

In this capacity, it's not unreasonable to assume he knew what the crates contained.

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He would have been responsible for organizing the cleanup effort to pull in to collect the

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debris.

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We also have Patrick Saunders.

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Patrick Saunders was the office administrator for Colonel Blanchard.

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So he would have been involved in all the record keeping and issuing orders.

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Patrick Saunders was Colonel Blanchard's top deputy.

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He had flown 37 combat missions in World War II and had just as many medals as his

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00:24:53,280 --> 00:24:54,640

boss.

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As Colonel Blanchard's number two, he would have been in the room when Jesse Marcel returned

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00:24:59,200 --> 00:25:05,520

from the debris field and debriefed the Colonel.

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If there's anybody at the 509th bomber group who knows everything, it's this guy Patrick

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00:25:10,400 --> 00:25:11,400

Saunders.

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So if this handwriting matched, it would mean everything to the journal because here is a

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man who had access to all kinds of secrets who may have wanted to confide something in

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Jesse Marcel.

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00:25:24,040 --> 00:25:25,040

Okay.

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00:25:25,040 --> 00:25:29,480

So we'll compare these writings to the journal.

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00:25:29,480 --> 00:25:34,400

So what I notice right off the bat with the Blanchard signature, that's all the writing

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00:25:34,400 --> 00:25:35,920

that we have, correct?

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00:25:35,920 --> 00:25:37,040

Right.

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00:25:37,040 --> 00:25:43,200

Just having the one signature to compare to a extended body of text writing poses a big

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00:25:43,200 --> 00:25:45,720

limitation to the examination.

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From what I see in the Patrick Saunders writing, while there's a bit more than just one signature,

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it's really just the one sentence.

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And so the limitation is still the lack of quantity of known writing.

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It's a bit of a blurry copy.

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Right.

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00:26:04,160 --> 00:26:09,680

It's hard to tell the pen movements and some of the fine and subtle features of the formations

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of the letters might be lost in the image quality of that copy.

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Looking at the Walter Hott handwriting and the Bob Scherke writing, this is a more extended

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sample of writing.

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So there's going to be a lot more information, a lot more characteristics that I'm going

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to be able to compare to the journal.

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Well, even if you can provide any, even the slightest new piece of information on one

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00:26:34,080 --> 00:26:41,320

or the other could help me eliminate one person from the group closest to Jesse Marcell.

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And if I have to, I may have to expand the search and move out from there to identify

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00:26:46,400 --> 00:26:49,400

who could have given him this journal.

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Smith will leave the journal which was so precious to Jesse Marcell in Nassau's hands,

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hoping she can uncover its author.

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As the search for the journal's author escalates, Ben Smith returns to Jesse Marcell's hometown

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of Houma, Louisiana.

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Marcell's granddaughter Denise has convinced the extended Marcell family to divulge some

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of the strange things Jesse told them.

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So how is everyone related to Jesse Marcell?

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He was my brother-in-law's uncle.

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:33,000

OK.

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But I always called him Uncle Jesse.

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00:27:36,480 --> 00:27:39,240

You know, we all cousins.

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00:27:39,240 --> 00:27:40,740

Yeah.

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00:27:40,740 --> 00:27:44,280

My grandmother and Jesse were a brother and sister.

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00:27:44,280 --> 00:27:45,280

Oh, wow.

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OK.

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00:27:46,280 --> 00:27:48,960

So do you remember speaking to him a lot?

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00:27:48,960 --> 00:27:49,960

Yes.

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00:27:49,960 --> 00:27:50,960

Yeah.

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00:27:50,960 --> 00:27:51,960

We were very close.

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We lived next door to him for ten years.

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I went over there a lot.

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00:27:57,040 --> 00:28:01,880

Smith wants to know what they know from the lips of Marcell himself.

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Their memories seem clear.

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00:28:03,520 --> 00:28:08,240

Wallace, how old were you when Jesse shared his story with you?

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I was a teenager.

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00:28:09,240 --> 00:28:10,240

You were a teenager?

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00:28:10,240 --> 00:28:11,240

Yeah.

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00:28:11,240 --> 00:28:13,560

I want to say that was in 1957.

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00:28:13,560 --> 00:28:17,240

1957, just ten years after Roswell.

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00:28:17,240 --> 00:28:18,240

Yeah.

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00:28:18,240 --> 00:28:19,240

OK.

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00:28:19,240 --> 00:28:22,040

I was 12, 13 years old, something like that.

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00:28:22,040 --> 00:28:23,040

Yeah.

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00:28:23,040 --> 00:28:24,040

OK.

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00:28:24,040 --> 00:28:28,880

I don't believe everything the government tells you.

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And he started telling me the story about the crash in Roswell.

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And that they forced him to lie about it.

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This means that two decades before he told the world, an extraterrestrial spacecraft

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had crashed.

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Marcell told the same story with the same details to the people he trusted.

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What details did he describe?

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Did he mention a UFO crash?

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Did he mention?

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He did tell me a UFO crash.

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OK.

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00:28:58,680 --> 00:29:02,240

He was telling me about what it looked like.

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I put two and two together and figured, I think he's telling me that we got people from

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outer space coming here.

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OK.

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And what was your reaction then?

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What did you think?

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Looking up at the sky at night.

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Did you believe him?

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Of course I believed him.

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Yeah.

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I think Uncle Jesse would have lied to anybody.

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Right.

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He wasn't that type of man.

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Wallace remembers talking to Jesse.

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I don't remember talking to him.

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OK.

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But Jesse told my dad stories about the Roswell incident.

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And those stories went further than anything Jesse Marcell ever said in public.

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The thing that interests me the most was that Jesse drew a picture of an alien.

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Jesse drew a picture of an alien.

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Yeah.

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00:29:50,280 --> 00:29:52,280

He hand drew a picture of an alien.

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00:29:52,280 --> 00:29:53,280

Huh.

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00:29:53,280 --> 00:29:54,280

Yeah.

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00:29:54,280 --> 00:29:58,880

My dad lost that picture.

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But later on in life, he wrote what the picture looks like that Jesse drew for me.

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It looked like the picture that Jesse drew.

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Yeah.

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The first time I'm hearing any stories about Jesse himself drawing a referencing alien.

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I don't remember my dad ever saying that Jesse saw an alien.

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OK.

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Maybe somebody told him about this.

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So Wallace, do you think that extraterrestrials crashed in 1947?

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Yeah.

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OK.

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Did Jesse ever tell you, June, about his experience at Roswell?

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Yes.

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He did?

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He did.

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I think probably 74 to 76 somewhere in there.

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OK.

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He started talking to me about it.

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Basically what they're telling you too, he found wreckage.

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He said it was not of this world.

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He described the metal saying that you could crumble it up in your hand, but it would automatically

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go right back like it had memory.

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OK.

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He used the word memory.

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OK.

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And my daughter, who was Tim at the time, approached him and asked him, Uncle Jesse,

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were there any bodies?

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And he looked at her and she says his eyes kind of glazed over and he said, there are

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things that this world is not ready for.

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That's what he told your daughter.

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There are things this world is not ready for.

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In front of family members, Jesse displayed emotions he kept hidden from the outside world.

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He seemed angry at times about the government.

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He told us that they had told him to change the story and that it was not UFO wreckage,

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it was a weather balloon.

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I think it bothered him a lot, you know, that he was told to shut up about it.

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It was a very notable event in American history and he couldn't talk about it, you know,

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and it was him that found it, you know, and then had to lie.

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You know, so that tore him up.

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It really did.

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I think he needed to express himself about it.

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So back in 78, 79, he got sort of emboldened about it and decided he was going to talk.

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Yeah.

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00:32:38,720 --> 00:32:45,320

But you heard all of these stories before there was any big media sensation about the story.

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He was being open with family about it.

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My family members were aware of that.

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It really upset him a lot that people thought that he was making it up.

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You know, he got a little, some ridicule, that kind of...

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Well, I know it wasn't from our family that he got that from.

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Outsiders would ridicule him and call him crazy Jesse because of when they started hearing about Roswell.

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It must be hard for an intelligence officer, a decorated veteran, to be ridiculed by his neighbors

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and his community.

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I think that would have been hard for him.

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Well, all the reports have been lost. All of the original files have been lost.

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So at this point in time, it really is Jesse's word against the government's word, right?

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One part of my investigation, and it's just a part, is to see, can we find any proof anywhere that this happened?

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Yeah.

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00:33:50,600 --> 00:33:59,320

June, did Jesse ever hint that he might have something more?

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More information, more details, or maybe something hidden in his house?

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What he told me is he came home to Roswell.

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He had some wreckage in his car.

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He pulled it out and brought it inside and showed his family.

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But what other things he might have done?

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I don't know. He did not ever tell me that he had anything.

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You know, piece of the wreckage or anything like that?

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No.

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After meeting with the Marcell family in Jesse's hometown of Huma,

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former CIA investigator Ben Smith and Jesse's granddaughter Denise get the opportunity to meet

someone outside the family,

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who claims Jesse shared with him extraordinary details of the Roswell incident,

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secrets that might lie hidden in the coded writing of the mysterious journal.

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He started off by saying, look, you know, this thing that happened to me was real.

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Calvin Parker says he was introduced to Jesse Marcell by a mutual acquaintance.

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Your granddaddy said that they staged a site away from the actual site to keep the general public away.

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They took weather balloons out to the field and tried to distribute little pieces around so that people could find them.

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That I have never heard.

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Parker claims that Jesse Marcell told him about an elaborate military operation to retrieve alien bodies

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00:35:38,600 --> 00:35:44,600

and orchestrate a cover-up to make it look like a weather balloon had crashed.

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The first time he mentioned it, he said they was actually bodies out.

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He said that he saw some?

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Exactly.

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A special unit got to bodies.

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He wasn't part of that.

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They took him back to the base at Roswell.

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And he described all of this to you?

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He described every bit of it to me.

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It's so interesting that these are details that I've not heard before.

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Yeah, I've not heard anything.

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That he didn't tell Linda Corley, that he didn't tell his family members.

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That wasn't yet.

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That's pretty...

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Well, he felt like he could talk because I told him as long as he was alive, I would never say nothing about it.

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And I didn't.

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Out of my surprise, he told me, he said,

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I've got something that I want to show you.

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He said, I have evidence.

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I have proof.

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He has proof.

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Jesse said he had proof.

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I said, oh, I'd love to see it.

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So he told me there's a screwdriver in the kitchen drawer.

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Go get it.

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Go down to a hot water heater and take the top off and bring it up here to me.

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Calvin Parker says that Marcel told him he'd kept pieces of debris from the Roswell crash

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and hidden them inside a water heater in his home.

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I was fixing to unscrew it.

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I was going to look at these.

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So you actually touched it and put the screwdriver to it?

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Oh, I was ready to.

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When somebody showed up at the door.

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Oh, my gosh.

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00:37:10,760 --> 00:37:12,880

I don't know who this was knocking at the door,

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but he didn't want to talk about it in front of me.

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So I didn't feel real welcome there.

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And I got up and left.

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I was planning on coming back the next day, but I had to go to work.

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I went offshore for 160 days.

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And I got back.

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And I couldn't wait to get back over to sea and get that debris.

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I went to the house and I found out he had passed away.

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It broke my heart.

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Did your father ever talk to you about the water heater, about hiding debris?

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No, this is literally the first time I've ever heard this story.

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If anything, I always was told that my grandfather didn't keep anything.

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Did he ever say why he had never brought it out earlier?

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That would have helped prove his story that he wasn't making it up.

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And it's like, hey, people, I really do have proof.

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So I'm wondering, I'm curious as to why he decided to show it to you at that point.

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Well, he was real loyal to his country.

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He was military.

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You follow orders when the military gives you orders.

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And I think there was a reluctance there against his conscience about coming out

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against the order that he had had.

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He told me that when he took this material, it was a real trip for him to keep it hidden.

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But he knew that he'd never get to see it again when they got to Roswell.

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So he, for lack of a better word, had to steal it from the cleanup effort.

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The man was on his deathbed.

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You could tell physically that he was having to take something.

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But mentally, he seemed to be intact.

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00:38:53,840 --> 00:38:56,160

He seemed to be all there.

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He didn't want to die on his conscience.

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From a security standpoint, it makes sense that Jesse Sr. would anticipate continued

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scrutiny on his family.

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Yes.

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And that he might want to introduce somebody who believes, who we can identify with, but

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00:39:16,360 --> 00:39:18,680

without that public presence.

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Right.

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00:39:19,680 --> 00:39:21,280

Someone like Calvin.

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00:39:21,280 --> 00:39:22,280

Right.

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00:39:22,280 --> 00:39:30,000

There could be some debris left around.

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00:39:30,000 --> 00:39:33,480

Probably right there in the house somewhere, but still there.

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00:39:33,480 --> 00:39:35,720

So you think the debris could still be at the house?

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00:39:35,720 --> 00:39:37,440

I know it could be.

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00:39:37,440 --> 00:39:38,440

Huh.

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00:39:38,440 --> 00:39:40,480

The house is just down the road from here.

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00:39:40,480 --> 00:39:42,680

Yeah, there's no doubt in my mind.

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00:39:42,680 --> 00:39:44,920

I've been to the debris field.

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I've been out there searching.

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00:39:46,760 --> 00:39:48,200

And it's hard to find anything.

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00:39:48,200 --> 00:39:52,080

But here actually is a fresh lead in the investigation that I haven't encountered yet.

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00:39:52,080 --> 00:39:53,560

It could mean everything.

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00:39:53,560 --> 00:39:59,720

This is probably the best chance we have of finding anything left of that crash site.

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00:39:59,720 --> 00:40:00,720

Thank you for taking the time.

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00:40:00,720 --> 00:40:01,720

This has been wonderful.

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00:40:01,720 --> 00:40:02,720

Thank you.

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00:40:02,720 --> 00:40:03,720

And it's been my pleasure.

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00:40:03,720 --> 00:40:04,720

Thank you very much.

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00:40:04,720 --> 00:40:05,720

Thank you.

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00:40:05,720 --> 00:40:06,720

Thank you.

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00:40:06,720 --> 00:40:17,720

Order of business number one is get to that home and see what we can find.

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00:40:17,720 --> 00:40:22,080

The trickiest part about the debris field is that even if we find a piece of metal,

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we have no idea how it got there.

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00:40:23,960 --> 00:40:27,800

So many people have been there over time, before and after.

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00:40:27,800 --> 00:40:31,200

It could have arrived there in any number of ways.

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00:40:31,200 --> 00:40:37,200

But if we find something hidden on the inside of a water heater, we know your grandfather

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00:40:37,200 --> 00:40:38,200

put it there.

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00:40:38,200 --> 00:40:39,200

Right.

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00:40:39,200 --> 00:40:44,680

If they could find a piece of debris taken from the crash site, it would be an astounding

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00:40:44,680 --> 00:40:49,640

development in the saga of Roswell.

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Smith and Denise Marcell will try to get inside Jesse Marcell's old house, which is only

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00:40:55,120 --> 00:40:58,200

a short drive away.

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00:40:58,200 --> 00:41:00,360

We're coming into this cold.

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00:41:00,360 --> 00:41:01,760

The person doesn't know us.

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00:41:01,760 --> 00:41:02,760

We don't know them.

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00:41:02,760 --> 00:41:03,760

Right.

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We just have to be prepared for the gamut.

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I got you.

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Okay.

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Tea and cookies versus shotgun kind of thing.

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Okay.

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00:41:11,280 --> 00:41:12,280

I have no idea.

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00:41:12,280 --> 00:41:23,120

Let's not say that we're UFO researchers.

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Oh, yeah.

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No.

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We're researching local family history.

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00:41:26,520 --> 00:41:27,520

Okay.

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You used to live in the house.

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Okay.

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00:41:29,520 --> 00:41:30,520

Marcell family in particular.

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Right.

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00:41:31,520 --> 00:41:34,000

And we can get into the UFO stuff later, once we feel comfortable, that's not going to

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00:41:34,000 --> 00:41:35,000

put them off.

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That sounds like a really good idea.

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00:41:39,600 --> 00:41:42,160

This is the part that makes me nervous, but also gets me excited.

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00:41:42,160 --> 00:41:49,160

Yes, I know what you mean.

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Hello.

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00:41:52,160 --> 00:41:57,920

Hi, how are you?

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00:41:57,920 --> 00:41:58,920

Hi.

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00:41:58,920 --> 00:42:00,160

Hey, I'm Ben.

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00:42:00,160 --> 00:42:01,160

Matt.

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00:42:01,160 --> 00:42:02,160

Matt, nice to meet you.

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00:42:02,160 --> 00:42:03,160

Hi, I'm Denise.

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00:42:03,160 --> 00:42:04,160

Who y'all used to live here?

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00:42:04,160 --> 00:42:05,160

Denise used to live here.

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00:42:05,160 --> 00:42:06,160

Well, her grandfather used to live here.

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00:42:06,160 --> 00:42:07,160

My grandfather used to live here.

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00:42:07,160 --> 00:42:08,160

Nice to meet you.

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00:42:08,160 --> 00:42:09,160

Nice to meet you.

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00:42:09,160 --> 00:42:10,160

Hi, I'm Denise.

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00:42:10,160 --> 00:42:11,160

My grandfather used to live here.

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00:42:11,160 --> 00:42:17,160

Would you mind if she walked me through a little bit of the property to show me where things

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were?

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The owner is reluctant to let them enter.

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And so for now, it's impossible to verify Parker's claim.

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I am in southern New Mexico on my way to the home of a guy named Chuck Wade.

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Now, Chuck Wade claims to have a piece of debris recovered from a potential UFO crash site.

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Ben Smith couldn't get access to Jesse Marcel's former house to verify whether it contained

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Roswell crash debris.

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Now Smith is following up another lead and meeting with a man named Chuck Wade.

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Who is convinced he has UFO debris from a spacecraft that crashed in 1947.

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Did your dad have a relationship with Mack before that July?

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Oh, yeah.

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If you're the guy that owns the bar, everybody knows you.

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Yeah.

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I've had owned that bar for many, many years.

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And I just love to be there and listen to stories.

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I was seven years old the year that the Roswell incident happened there next to Corona.

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Chuck Wade's father, Jesse Wade, owned the bar in Corona where rancher Mack Brazel first

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came to show his neighbors the strange debris he'd found while herding sheep.

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Although it is known as the Roswell incident, the small farming community of Corona was

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the closest to where Mack found the debris.

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Mack Brazel found something that he didn't know and recognized at all on the foster

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So he came to Corona and asked my father to go out and see what the world it was because

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he, Mack did it for it, didn't know.

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My dad was busy and there's just himself in the bar, so that chose not to close the bar.

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My dad regretted that.

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I'm going to say immensely.

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He always said, I wish that went with Mack's C-Wars out there.

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Right.

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Chuck Wade also wanted to see what was out there.

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After running his own construction company, Wade has devoted most of the last 20 years

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to researching UFOs.

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So tell me a little bit about some of the sites and debris that you recovered.

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I think it could inform my investigation of Roswell.

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Have you all studied the crash on the plane to San Augustine?

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No.

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Wade has come to a startling conclusion.

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Roswell was only one of a series of UFO crashes that took place in southern New Mexico during

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that time.

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According to Wade, there were seven UFO crashes in total.

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Five of them occurred during the first week of July 1947.

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The first of them here was August 1945.

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This was not here the night of the first or the second of July 1947.

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These three, four, five and six, was about 11 o'clock on July the 4th of 1947.

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And this one up here was in March 1948.

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Chuck Wade has a theory about what caused the space ships to crash.

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What happened, folks, is whenever they put in Los Alamos National Laboratory, they installed

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three major high-powered radars that guard the skies over Los Alamos.

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Wade, who supervised construction of dozens of air traffic control towers across the U.S.,

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believes powerful radar signals emitted from the Los Alamos nuclear site caused short circuits

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in the space ships.

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They electrified that craft and it came down in flames.

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Of what he claims are seven UFO crashes, Wade became obsessed with one in particular, which

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he believes crashed on the planes of St. Augustine 48 hours before the Roswell crash.

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New Mexico is basically square.

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Corona is basically really close to the center of the state.

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What we call the Roswell incident happened about 30 miles southeast of Corona.

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The planes of St. Augustine is over here, about 200 miles.

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Chuck started going to UFO conferences.

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One of the speakers had discovered some pieces of debris and he wanted to go look for more

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debris.

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Chuck said, well, he would help him with that.

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He'd get some guys to come and help dig.

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So they did.

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That was in 2004.

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And when they found some stuff.

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I'd love to see it if I can.

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Well, I think it's right around the corner here.

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The wades have several fragments.

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Can you tell me what I'm looking at here?

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These here is the foils.

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And then these here have got, whenever they hit it, squished, but all these are holes.

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Can I actually, can I remove the glass for a closer look?

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Sure, be glad to.

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Did you take this to the government at all?

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I don't have any reason to do that.

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Well, just curious, you know.

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No, I'm sure.

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So if you find a UFO, I don't know what the government would say to be honest, but.

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I believe they said they didn't exist.

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That's true.

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The official position is, they don't exist, but things have started to change.

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It's a good question, but no, I would avoid the government as best I possibly could.

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There is a huge monstrous, gigantic cover up on the Roswell incident.

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No one in Corona was allowed.

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They were ordered not to talk about that crash.

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Yeah, there's a lot of mistrust in the community and among UFO researchers or the federal government.

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I think a lot of it stems from the reaction or overreaction in 1947.

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They found something on the Foster Ranch.

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They didn't know what it was or where it came from.

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I think Jesse Marcel is telling the truth 100%.

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I see no reason for him to do other than tell the truth.

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The Roswell incident was from outer space and there's not a chance of the damn bulletin that we made.

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This one's pretty fascinating.

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Can I take a piece with me to get it analyzed myself?

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What do you think?

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I'm so curious, me.

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You mind if I take this one here?

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Oh, sure.

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00:49:30,240 --> 00:49:31,560

Sure, we'd be glad to.

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Well, whatever.

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00:49:32,480 --> 00:49:35,320

Any of them that you want, we'll be glad to take the piece off.

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I don't know where it came from.

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Why is it here?

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Why don't they tell us about it?

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That is pretty hard to cut, actually.

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Smith plans to get this piece of metal tested to see what elements it's composed of and if there is anything about it that can suggest where it came from.

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I'm just outside Denver, Colorado on my way to meet David Sussi, our crash site expert.

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David Sussi is a former accident inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Sussi has investigated hundreds of crash sites.

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So when Ben Smith took him to the debris field, where Jesse Marcel first saw what he believed to be pieces of wrecked spacecraft, Sussi started by measuring wind currents.

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Sussi's gut reaction, whatever crashed here wasn't lightweight.

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This contradicts the U.S. military's story that what crashed at Roswell was a weather balloon or part of the top secret lighter-than-air project mogul.

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I'm not sure I buy that whole balloon-grag theory.

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Really?

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David collected all kinds of data from the debris field.

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Wind, geographic features, weather.

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I'm hoping that he can eliminate one aircraft or another.

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Smith wants David Sussi to compare his initial finding with the deep-earth analysis done by Canadian geophysicists Colin Miaska and Eric Johnson when they visited the debris field late last

year.

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Sussi has been communicating with them online.

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I understand you did ground penetrating radar as well?

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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The geophysicists used ground penetrating radar and gamma ray technology to identify strange anomalies in the Earth.

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Look at that.

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Wow, that is interesting.

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A kind of scarring that couldn't have come from a deflated balloon crash.

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This is the radar.

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It doesn't make sense. I can't understand what that would be.

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Hey, Ben.

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00:52:11,200 --> 00:52:12,200

Hey, David.

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How are you doing?

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Good, how are you?

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Yeah, well, come on in.

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Oh, man, I've been dying to see what you've done with that data.

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Well, there's a lot to look at. Probably more than you want to see.

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The first thing I want to start with, this is an overview of the entire site, the entire area.

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That is the reportage trajectory. That's where they found the debris.

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Yeah.

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And then from there, it spread, they set it as much as a mile in this direction off of that.

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A bunch of other interesting stuff that we can get through.

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And now this is what's really interesting.

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This area really intrigues me right down at the bottom here,

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because the gamma readings are not consistent with the ground penetrating radar.

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I've never seen that before.

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Huh.

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It doesn't make sense to me.

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You might have to walk me through the actual readings.

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All right.

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Because I'm having a hard time visualizing.

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Let's do that.

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These red areas indicate that the ground penetrating radar says it's extremely dense,

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which is where the rocks are.

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Yeah.

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And that sort of thing.

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Here's an example of a dense area.

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And in this dense area, you would expect to see low gamma rays,

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because it's not coming through. It's blocking the gamma.

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So let's look at that spot here.

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Gamma rays are indicated by yellow or green.

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If there's less gamma, it's blue.

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And sure enough, here's this light blue where the rocks were.

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Yeah.

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And then here's the same thing here.

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It almost matches perfectly with the GPR.

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Yes.

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You could look at any of these spots, any of these blues here.

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Yeah.

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And it aligns with these reds here.

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Got it.

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This spot.

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Now that we're just a little above the green line,

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we were looking here before, below the green line.

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But now above there, that's red.

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Let's take a close look at it.

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See all the red?

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All the red?

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It's dense. It's hard. It's solid.

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Which would block gamma.

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Uh-huh.

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So now I'm going to flip this.

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I'm going to think, well, we're going to find a blue spot there.

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But instead, look what we find.

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The opposite of what I would expect.

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Right.

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And not only what I would expect, but what we witnessed right here.

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That was consistent with tight compaction and blocking the gammas.

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But now it's yellow.

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Not only is it high, it is the highest right there.

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It's something that it doesn't make sense to me.

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Have you ever seen that in a wreck?

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No. No, I have not. I've not seen this before.

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There's something there.

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There's something unique about this spot above the green line.

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As an accident investigator and what I've been doing my entire life,

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there's something under the ground there.

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There's something making these changes, these readings different.

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So what could make that kind of contrast,

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a high density with high radiation?

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The only thing I can think of is that in ground penetrating radar,

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a thick rubber or polyethylene and rubber can create that illusion of high density.

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But it would also allow gamma to come up through it,

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because it's not going to block the gamma rays.

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After analyzing the data,

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David Sussi can no longer rule out the possibility that it was a mogul balloon

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that went down at Roswell.

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So, I mean, a mogul balloon was made of something like neoprene?

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Exactly. So, to me, that explains it.

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To me, that is what I would be looking for.

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That's the assumption I would make and go out and try to find that.

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Sussi admits that his analysis is just an educated guess.

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And even that is based on a 1995 government report,

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which provided no physical evidence,

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but asserted that a mogul balloon crashed at Roswell.

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A report millions of Americans still don't believe.

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If this group of 100 demonstrators is correct,

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the U.S. government is covering up the most important secret of all time,

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alien beings who have made contact with earthlings.

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They said, well, what about the bodies?

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How could so many people have come forward and say,

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well, I was a kid, I saw this, and I saw these bodies, and I saw this stuff.

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Some Air Force guys came out and picked up stuff in the desert.

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How do we explain that?

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At that infamous 1997 press conference,

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where the Air Force doubled down on its claim that what crashed at Roswell was a mogul balloon,

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it also issued a remarkable second report that some believe

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or undermine its entire explanation.

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We're confident once the report is out and digested by the public

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that this will be the final word on the Roswell incident.

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This second report offered what the Air Force hoped was a logical explanation

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to appease those Americans who found alleged eyewitness stories about aliens at Roswell,

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both believable and compelling.

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Bodies observed in the New Mexico desert were probably test dummies

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that were carried aloft by U.S. Air Force high altitude balloons for scientific research.

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Additional research uncovered information which explains some of the claims of alien bodies

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associated with the Roswell incident.

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The second report, called Case Solved, was accompanied by a short film produced by the Air Force.

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The project's main objective was to study methods for returning a pilot or astronaut

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safely to Earth by parachute if forced to eject at extremely high altitudes.

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For these tests, dummies were transported up to 98,000 feet by high altitude balloons.

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The Air Force contended that anyone who thought they'd seen the military recovering alien bodies

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were actually witnessing exercises that involved dropping anthropomorphic dummies

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from high altitude balloons.

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Many of the dummies landed outside the confines of military reservations

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and were regularly observed by local civilians.

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Critical examination of alleged alien sightings consistently matched the physical characteristics

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of these dummies as well as where and how they were used.

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I think it's logical to assume that the people there saw Air Force ambulances come out,

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they saw gurneys come out, they saw body bags come out because the dummies were put into body bags

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to protect them and when you put all that stuff together and spin it,

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you find that it fits perfectly with many of the occurrences in Roswell during that era.

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At the press conference, the problem with the Air Force's explanation was obvious to reporters.

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Its dummy drop exercises didn't take place in 1947, they only started in the early 1950s.

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They're talking about 1947, you're talking about dummies used in the 50s almost a decade later.

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Well, I'm afraid that's the problem that we have with time compression.

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I don't know what they saw in 47 but I'm quite sure it probably was Project Mogul.

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UFO author and researcher Don Schmidt believes the Air Force was disrespectful,

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writing off alleged eyewitnesses as having aging and faulty memories.

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Oh, it's time compression.

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Numerality, not even in the medical books, created by the Pentagon.

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The older you get, you start to not only compress the years but also the decades.

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The problem with that, all the personnel who were here in 47 who were involved were no longer here in 52.

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So how could they be mistaking wooden crash dummies in 52? They weren't even here.

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Colonel, let me just go back one more time, you say this is case closed and people should not believe it,

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but with the major hole though, you're saying they're wrong about the date.

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What explanation can you give them other than just saying, well, we just think they're just mistaken by six years?

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Well, I have no other explanation. I'm sorry. I have no other explanation.

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I'm looking at the facts as we have studied them and I have no other explanation of that but what I've already given.

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But how would you think if case closed?

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Because we've reviewed all the relevant information and we have finished this and we're not going to revisit it.

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How do you know that you're not being used? How do you know that you know the full story?

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Are you confident that you're not part of any cover-up, willingly or unwittingly?

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I'm totally confident, but I think Colonel Weaver, you might have seen him on TV earlier, said it best.

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We can't even keep single secrets. How could we have a conspiracy or a cover-up?

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Well, that happened in 1953. How could anybody mess that up from 1947? People's memories fade over time.

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We think that this answers lots of questions and it answers them logically and with integrity.

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I'm excited to hear about your findings.

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So there are two styles of uppercase W's that I noticed in the journal.

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Ben Smith is with forensic handwriting expert Jennifer Nassow, who has been analyzing writing samples from some of the officers in the 509th Bomber Group.

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She is checking to see if they could have written the puzzling journal that belonged to their colleague Jesse Marcel.

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Colonel William Blanchard, commander of the Roswell Air Base, would certainly have known about any top-secret operation in his sector.

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When we look at the Blanchard, there are some dissimilarities, but it's really not a whole lot to go on.

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So your professional judgment would be there's not enough data yet to confirm one way or the other?

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Right. There would be no conclusion as to whether or not he authored the journal based on just the one signature that we have.

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So in the Walter Haught handwriting, I noticed that it's what we call a combination style of writing.

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Lieutenant Walter Houtt was the public information officer for the 509th who was ordered by Colonel Blanchard to draft that famous press release that a flying disc had been recovered.

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Where it's not all cursive, it's not all hand printing, so some letters have connecting strokes while others do not.

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And right away that's the difference between what I see in the all cursive writing of the journal.

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So here's the word and in the journal. See the formation of the A, how it starts up around two o'clock, and then comes counterclockwise and forms this other loop.

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When we look at the and in the Walter Haught handwriting.

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Oh, totally different.

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So already I get the sense that this journal was not written by Walter Haught.

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The characteristics that I'm noting thus far are not similar to what I'm seeing in the journal.

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The next sample would be Robert Scherke.

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Yep.

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Lieutenant Robert Scherke was assistant operations officer for the 509th.

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He also said Jesse Marcel was telling the truth and claimed he'd seen debris flown out of Roswell

and believed it was extraterrestrial.

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So here we have the word July in the journal and just note the formation of the uppercase J.

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Here in the word July, look at the formation of the J compared to the known writing and the question.

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So already again, I see enough deliberate contrast and strokes that they start to pop as different handwriting styles.

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And what we're looking for is a pattern of writing.

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Edwin Easley creates this drag stroke being it's a long exaggerated drag stroke.

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Major Edwin Easley was in charge of base security.

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He would have been responsible for safeguarding the debris and controlling which personnel had access to it.

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And you see that again.

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You see that repeated throughout the known writing.

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Whereas in the journal, you just have the I dot above the letter.

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So you do have some dissimilarities in this writing sample as well.

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Shoot.

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Well, that leaves us Patrick Saunders.

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Patrick Saunders was Colonel Blanchard's number two, his top deputy.

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He would have been in the room when Jesse Marcel returned from the debris field to brief the commander.

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There are some words and letter combinations I do see in agreement.

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So one of the words in common between the question and the known is the word anything.

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And if you look at the writing in the journal, there is a pen lift after the Y in between the Y and the T.

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And you see that again here.

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Right.

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The Y terminates.

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Pretty distinct.

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And the same thing here.

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And in the known writing, you do see that combination as well where that pen lifts between the Y and the T.

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I would describe that as more of a general characteristic, but right now it is a similarity.

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Also, when you look at the letter formations, the termination of the Y in all three anythings in the journal terminates downward.

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There is no upward loop formation.

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It terminates downward.

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If you look at the height ratios between the T and the H, here you see the H is much taller than the T.

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You see that throughout the questions.

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The H and the T.

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And you also see that the H in the knowns is also taller than the T.

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So do you see enough then to exclude this as a candidate or is it still a viable option?

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I don't see enough right now to exclude this person as a candidate of all the samples with the Pat Saunders one.

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There's potential.

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This man is at the nexus of all the secrets because Patrick Saunders would have touched every document, overheard every phone call, would have seen everything Colonel Blanchard seen.

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And if he is the author of the journal, then I really think we're onto something.

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He was the base commander's number two, his right hand man.

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But who is Patrick Saunders?

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What was his role in the Roswell incident?

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What did he believe?

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And if he wrote the journal, Jesse Marcel kept close for decades, what secrets did the two men share?

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Investigator Ben Smith has tracked down two of Saunders five children.

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So you were three years old in 1947 and you were living in Roswell at the time?

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Yes, we were living in Roswell on base.

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On base?

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We lived there until about 1950.

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And can you tell me a little bit about your father?

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Well, my dad was a very proud officer.

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He was a very personable man.

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And while he could be serious, he could also be lots of fun to be with.

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Can you tell me a little bit about his role at the Roswell Army Air Force Base?

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He was in charge of assigning the troops to the cleanup effort at the crash site.

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He was involved in the first meeting they had after the crash with Colonel Blanchard.

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And what was your reaction when you first found out about your dad's role at the Roswell Army Air Force Base at this time?

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You know, I wasn't even born when it happened.

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Years later, I hear my sisters asking him questions and things like that.

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But I just thought everybody's dad was cool like that.

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Do you know if he ever saw or handled the debris or any intelligence reports about descriptions of the debris?

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He said he knew it wasn't a weather balloon.

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So your father said it was definitely not a weather balloon?

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Absolutely. That's one of the things I remember him telling me more than once.

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And that he knew about weather balloons because he dealt with them with spying over Russia.

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He did tell me that the debris helped to develop the stealth jet fighter.

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And that there was a similarity between the jet fighter and the thing that crashed at Roswell.

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That is fascinating.

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Patrick Saunders' daughter says her father gave her a well-known book about the Roswell incident and wrote comments in the margins.

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He wrote down page numbers and then he highlighted sentences that he thought were very important.

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On page 142, he highlighted Patrick Saunders was a major and assigned as the base agitator.

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His job would have required him to accomplish paperwork surrounding the assigning of the troops to clean up the debris.

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Did he ever share any names about who might have cleaned it up?

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No, he just mentioned that he changed the serial numbers and he changed files or destroyed files about it.

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Really? So your father in some ways was involved then with the cover-up and changing the serial numbers of the soldiers?

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Some men who cleaned up the debris.

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And he also destroyed files?

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Or changed them?

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A key figure to the whole question, Jesse Marcell Sr. did confirm there was a cover-up that he was not holding the actual debris in the original press photo.

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Yes, he was concerned about Major Marcell and the things that he was saying. He didn't say he shouldn't have said them.

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He just showed voice concern about talking about these things.

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You know, Jesse Marcell seemed a little bit distraught by the fact that he had to retain this secret and lie to the public for the good of his country.

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What he believed was important to national security.

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Did you ever get a sense that your father was disturbed by the official government line about what was recovered there?

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I think it was hard for him to keep the secrets that he knew.

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Even if other people were talking about them and writing books about it, I think he struggled with that.

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He took his role as officer in the Air Force and ensuring national security. He took that very seriously.

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So, yeah, he did what he had to do and was instructed to do and made no apologies.

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You know, we were warned not to talk about Roswell outside the family and we generally didn't talk about it.

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This is the first time I've really talked to people about what he said.

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Some of the threats that others have described were pretty intimidating, right?

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Threats to your career, threats to your safety, threats to your legacy and perhaps even your entire family.

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Your entire family was at risk.

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So, do you think he was protecting you from the secret that he knew?

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Absolutely.

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He said that the world wasn't ready to know the truth about what happened at Roswell.

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And I asked him what he meant by that and he said, well, it would cause social upheaval and problems.

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Why?

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They weren't sure whether the beings were friendly or not.

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By the term beings, she said she understood her dad was referring to extraterrestrials, the aliens who had sent the spaceship that crashed at Roswell to Earth.

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Knowing your dad, what do you think happened at Roswell in 1947?

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Knowing my dad, if it was nothing or a weather balloon, he would have just said what it was and let's move on.

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Do you feel like he had answers to who these possible beings were and where they came from and what they wanted?

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I think he was full of questions about them.

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I don't think he had come up with all the answers about what they found at Roswell.

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I think a guy by the name of Patrick Saunders could have written this journal.

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Wow.

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That actually got me pretty excited.

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That is interesting because it's a whole new person to take a very close look at.

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That opens up a whole other sort of avenue, doesn't it?

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It really does.

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The real possibility that one of Jesse Marcel's fellow officers in the 509th, Patrick Saunders, wrote the journal that was in Marcel's possession is an incredible twist in Ben Smith's investigation of what happened at Roswell.

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Now, Smith wants to go over the results of his investigation with Joe Papalardo, the veteran aviation journalist he has been consulting with from the start.

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No explanation is going to be complete without a physical component, probably.

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Please tell me you found a spaceship.

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Oh, dude, I wish I could tell you that I came back with the smoking gun to prove that it's definitely a mogul balloon or it's definitely an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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I haven't found anything definitive either way and that is frustrating.

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Well, if it was easy, it would be cracked by now, so I'm eager to hear what you have actually happened covered.

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Chuck Wade claimed that he had a piece of alien spacecraft.

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The lab, unfortunately, could not find anything extraterrestrial about the metal.

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For me, it doesn't really impact the Roswell question either way.

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It was collected on the plains of Santa Guston some distance away, except that it's a knock against the established evidence of ufologists.

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So in terms of the probable crash site, I knew you were going to bring some pretty cool technology to investigate that.

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Did you find anything that would lead you to think that something happened there?

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We found a pretty strange magnetic signature close to what would have been described as the impact identified by witness accounts.

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We took some soil samples, but we couldn't actually find when or why this anomaly was created.

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We haven't found any evidence that definitively proves something extraterrestrial crashed here.

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Did you find anything that would indicate that something else crashed?

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To the south of the established debris field, the FAA crash site investigator,

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found a strange contrast in data that we don't know what it means.

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It's not metal because our magnetometer didn't pick up any metal.

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There might be something that could be some kind of plastic or neoprene layer.

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That would buttress that argument that a balloon crashed there and here's an actual physical remain from it.

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That would be about as close to a smoking gun as someone who doesn't believe in UFOs like myself would cling to desperately probably.

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Yeah, well, a lot of the facts are fuzzy still and I'm still trying to piece the puzzle together.

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But I feel confident that the government lied to the American people about what it collected at that debris field.

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There were others like Jesse in that unit at the 519th group who had some of the same ideas.

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I've spent a lot of time now with the Marcel family and I think at the very least what they wanted was vindication.

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Jesse Marcel's three grandchildren have been eagerly awaiting the results of Ben Smith's investigation

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and want to know what he has found out about the strange journey.

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Thank you guys for making yourselves available to chat with me.

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I wanted to circle back with you and share some interesting turns in the case and some unexpected surprises.

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There's one thing that's still missing from this investigation and that's evidence.

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I mean, there's a piece out there somewhere.

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Well, we didn't find anything yet.

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Jesse, you were there with me in Pennsylvania when we went to the code breaker.

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Without the key, the other half of the puzzle, we can't crack that homebrew code.

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So what's left is to keep looking for that other half.

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But that makes an interesting challenge because we didn't know who wrote it.

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I refocused my efforts back on the inner circle at the 509th group to see if I could identify who might have written the journal.

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I collected a few more handwriting samples.

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There was one individual who actually, with the short sample that we had, matched to some degree that we couldn't rule it out.

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Oh, interesting.

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This would have been the base adjutant at the 509th group.

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The second in command, a guy named Patrick Saunders, he was really close with Colonel Blanchard.

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So close, in fact, that Colonel Blanchard was his best man at his wedding.

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Oh, wow.

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For me, as an intelligence officer, if I'm looking for somebody with access to information, this guy is as close as it gets.

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Definitely.

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Very exciting.

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Did your grandfather ever mention that name to you?

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I don't recall that name coming from him.

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Obviously, they had a relationship for Grandpa to have ended up with that journal.

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I was able to track down his children.

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A lot of the things Patrick Saunders told his children matched what Jesse Sr. told you three, that it was something not of this world, and there was a cover-up.

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No kidding.

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He even mentioned that he was directly responsible for organizing the cover-up by changing the names and the personnel records of people involved in the cleanup effort at the debris field.

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Oh, my gosh.

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Another echo in Patrick Saunders' story with his family is he said almost the exact same things.

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Verbatim, the world isn't ready for this kind of information.

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And Denise, you were with me in Homo.

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Your cousin mentioned the same thing.

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Yep, exact same words.

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His eyes kind of glazed over, and he said there are things that this world is not ready for.

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I wonder if they discussed it, to come up with almost like the same terminology.

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This is just so completely amazing.

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I think you're closer to the truth now than we've ever been, or anybody's ever been. Sounds like it.

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Another interesting comment Patrick Saunders made was actually about Jesse Sr.

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He thought that Jesse had gone too far, that he had said something he shouldn't. He had told the public too much.

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When Grandpa came out in 1978 and told the story about what had happened, I wonder if that worried him a little bit.

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Because I know what would worry me if I was trying to keep something covered up and this man just came out and said,

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no, what we everybody thought was something from here.

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Yeah, that duty to keep quiet is a pretty powerful commitment.

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I think he was courageous for coming out and telling it because he was going against the protocol.

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He felt that everybody deserved to know what the truth was, and that the cover-up needed to end.

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We started this journey together, trying to figure out the journal and to prove with evidence that your grandfather was telling the truth.

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Now we didn't quite get to either of those ends. How do you feel about this investigation and what does it tell you about your grandfather?

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If anything, you've added more credibility to those stories, and I think we're getting closer than ever to resolving them.

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Now I'll just echo that. I think that everything that you've come across has actually more or less confirmed for me that Grandpa and our dad were telling us the truth

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and that they did want everybody to know what really did happen.

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I looked at the journal recently and I found a quote that really captures sort of the investigation, and the quote was,

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keep your eye on the donut and not the hole.

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If we just focus on the lack of evidence, the hole in the center, we missed all the evidence that we have found.

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I think that this journal has more secrets to give, more evidence to point me to than what I've found so far.

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And I'm reluctant to simply put it away.

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To some, Jesse Marcell is a courageous truth-sayer. To others, a man who let his imagination get the best of him.

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Either way, he believed he'd witnessed an extraordinary event and he was not alone.

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