

Del Rio

2 of 7

UFO Festival

2015

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00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:11,350
uh also

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00:00:15,910 --> 00:00:13,120
the the other thing that we got coming

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00:00:17,590 --> 00:00:15,920
up is if you like wildflowers we have a

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00:00:18,790 --> 00:00:17,600
variety of bluebonnet that gets about

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00:00:19,429 --> 00:00:18,800
three foot tall and they're already

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00:00:21,510 --> 00:00:19,439
starting to come

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00:00:22,870 --> 00:00:21,520
out so february and march would be a

8
00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:22,880
great time to come see the giant

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00:00:27,589 --> 00:00:25,119
bluebonnets out at the big bend

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00:00:28,870 --> 00:00:27,599
so anyway right now i'd like to go ahead

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00:00:32,709 --> 00:00:28,880
and

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00:00:35,430 --> 00:00:32,719
read the next little cheat sheet here

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00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:35,440

on tuesday of this week news broke about

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00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:37,440

the release of 130

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00:00:42,549 --> 00:00:41,040

000 pages of u.s government ufo related

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:42,559

documents that were previously

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:44,800

classified as top secret nobody in the

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:47,039

world know knows more about

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00:00:51,189 --> 00:00:50,399

government ufo documents than our next

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:51,199

speaker nick

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00:00:54,709 --> 00:00:54,079

nick pope while working in the ministry

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:54,719

of defense

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:57,120

nick was in charge of the british's top

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00:01:01,270 --> 00:00:59,199

secret x-files

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00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:01,280

his highly classified work is included

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00:01:06,550 --> 00:01:03,600

in alien abductions crop circles

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:06,560

government psychic experiments nick has

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00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:09,360

been called the real fox molder

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00:01:21,670 --> 00:01:11,280

ladies and gentlemen let me introduce mr

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00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:23,910

well thank you very much indeed for that

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00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:25,040

i would like to

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:28,240

thank first of all everyone who has

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:31,520

worked so hard to organize and indeed

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:35,119

support this conference so thank you to

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00:01:42,149 --> 00:01:38,720

noe to reuben brad donna

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00:01:44,870 --> 00:01:42,159

the uh del rio chamber of commerce

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00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:44,880

staff here at the paul pogue theater and

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00:01:48,389 --> 00:01:46,240

absolutely anyone else

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00:01:49,990 --> 00:01:48,399

who i've forgotten to thank but i know

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00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:50,000

there's a huge amount of work that goes

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00:01:56,469 --> 00:01:52,960

into this so uh thanks everyone

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00:02:00,149 --> 00:01:56,479

i uh i worked for

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00:02:06,830 --> 00:02:00,159

the british government for 21 years

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00:02:13,910 --> 00:02:09,190

uh as brad

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00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:16,390

okay if anyone else shoots at me i'm i'm

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00:02:26,309 --> 00:02:23,030

as brad said in the introduction this

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00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:26,319

has been quite a week for anyone

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:28,720

interested in ufos i think

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00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:31,599

we're all too used sometimes to this

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:32,640

subject

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,080

either being ignored

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00:02:39,750 --> 00:02:38,640

by the mainstream media or when it is

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00:02:42,550 --> 00:02:39,760

picked up

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00:02:43,750 --> 00:02:42,560

getting kind of ridiculed by the

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00:02:46,550 --> 00:02:43,760

mainstream media

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:46,560

and yet here's a week where this story

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00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:47,760

has been on

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00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:51,360

abc nbc cnn fox

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:54,720

you name it this story has been

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00:03:02,550 --> 00:02:58,400

right across the mainstream media

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00:03:05,910 --> 00:03:02,560

and i think um what this shows

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00:03:08,470 --> 00:03:05,920

is that there is a kind of mismatch here

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00:03:09,110 --> 00:03:08,480

people are genuinely interested in this

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00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:09,120

subject

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00:03:13,190 --> 00:03:12,239

but on occasion it's kind of like the

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:13,200

media hasn't

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00:03:17,430 --> 00:03:16,080

got it well i think this week has been

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00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:17,440

something of a wake-up

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00:03:23,110 --> 00:03:20,720

call and it's also been a wake-up call

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00:03:26,070 --> 00:03:23,120

for a whole generation of journalists

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:26,080

who've been brought up to believe the

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:28,159

kind of sound bite that they've been

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00:03:30,789 --> 00:03:28,959

told

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00:03:33,190 --> 00:03:30,799

and when they've asked about this which

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00:03:35,830 --> 00:03:33,200

was oh no this subject

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00:03:37,750 --> 00:03:35,840
isn't really of any interest yeah we had

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00:03:40,789 --> 00:03:37,760
a small

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00:03:43,350 --> 00:03:40,799
unit uh a program

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00:03:44,070 --> 00:03:43,360
called project blue book that looked at

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00:03:46,949 --> 00:03:44,080
this

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00:03:48,070 --> 00:03:46,959
subject years ago but they didn't find

82
00:03:51,350 --> 00:03:48,080
anything and

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00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:51,360
it was very small and and you know

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00:03:55,309 --> 00:03:53,439
we didn't really take it seriously well

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00:03:58,789 --> 00:03:55,319
if that's true there wouldn't be

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00:04:03,350 --> 00:03:58,799
130 000 pages of documents

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00:04:06,390 --> 00:04:03,360
on it so i think this week

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00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:06,400

you know some of the re reporting of

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00:04:09,990 --> 00:04:07,519

this story

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00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:10,000

has not been entirely accurate i mean a

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00:04:14,470 --> 00:04:11,360

lot of this material

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00:04:16,710 --> 00:04:14,480

has been out there for a while but it's

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00:04:19,189 --> 00:04:16,720

not been easy to find it's not been in

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00:04:20,469 --> 00:04:19,199

one place it's not been in a single

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00:04:23,830 --> 00:04:20,479

searchable

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00:04:26,790 --> 00:04:23,840

archive this week

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00:04:28,150 --> 00:04:26,800

has been a good week for this this

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00:04:31,350 --> 00:04:28,160

subject and i think

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00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:31,360

uh you know it's a base that that people

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00:04:35,189 --> 00:04:32,320

will go and

101
00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:35,199
build from so i just wanted to mention

102
00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:36,560
that

103
00:04:39,990 --> 00:04:38,400
what i'm going to do in this talk is

104
00:04:42,629 --> 00:04:40,000
really discuss

105
00:04:43,670 --> 00:04:42,639
my own direct experience of the british

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00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:43,680
government's

107
00:04:48,710 --> 00:04:47,440
ufo project and that's something that

108
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:48,720
dates back

109
00:04:54,790 --> 00:04:51,840
to 1950

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00:04:56,790 --> 00:04:54,800
when the british government's chief

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00:05:00,710 --> 00:04:56,800
scientific advisor at the

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00:05:04,150 --> 00:05:00,720
ministry of defense the great radar

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00:05:07,029 --> 00:05:04,160

scientist sir henry tizard

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00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:07,039

said that reports of ufos should not be

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00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:08,400

dismissed

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00:05:15,749 --> 00:05:11,440

without first undertaking some sort of

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00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:15,759

of proper scientific investigation

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00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:19,360

so this being government

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00:05:23,990 --> 00:05:21,680

once he'd made that pronouncement the

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00:05:26,710 --> 00:05:24,000

ministry of defense did what any

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00:05:28,550 --> 00:05:26,720

bureaucracy usually does in this

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00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:28,560

situation they set up a committee to

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00:05:33,350 --> 00:05:30,080

look at it

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00:05:34,629 --> 00:05:33,360

and in the history of the british

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00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:34,639

government

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:36,080
and certainly in the history of the

127
00:05:41,590 --> 00:05:38,479
ministry of defense i think this

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00:05:44,950 --> 00:05:41,600
committee was probably

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00:05:47,430 --> 00:05:44,960
the most splendidly named

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00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:47,440
committee in the history of the civil

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00:05:50,830 --> 00:05:48,080
service

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00:05:52,870 --> 00:05:50,840
it was called the flying saucer working

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:52,880
party

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00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:56,560
and they were convened

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00:06:03,510 --> 00:06:01,280
in 1950 and they reported in 1951 and

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00:06:05,710 --> 00:06:03,520
their final report was very skeptical

137
00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:05,720
and they said most ufos are just

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00:06:12,309 --> 00:06:09,280

misidentifications hoaxes or delusions

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00:06:14,550 --> 00:06:12,319

and we recommend no further action but

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00:06:18,150 --> 00:06:14,560

the very next year

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00:06:20,309 --> 00:06:18,160

the royal air force got dragged into a

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00:06:22,790 --> 00:06:20,319

wave of sightings and

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00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:22,800

these things were being seen by the

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00:06:26,950 --> 00:06:23,680

military

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00:06:29,029 --> 00:06:26,960

they were being tracked on radar our own

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00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:29,039

military pilots were getting scrambled

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00:06:31,590 --> 00:06:30,720

to go up and try and intercept these

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00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:31,600

things

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00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:34,000

so the ministry of defense was dragged

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00:06:42,110 --> 00:06:38,160

reluctantly back into the subject

151
00:06:45,749 --> 00:06:42,120
now i joined the ministry of defense in

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00:06:47,830 --> 00:06:45,759
1985 and the

153
00:06:49,430 --> 00:06:47,840
policy was that they moved you around

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00:06:53,749 --> 00:06:49,440
every few years

155
00:06:57,589 --> 00:06:53,759
and it so happened that in late 1990

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00:06:57,990 --> 00:06:57,599
and early 91 i had been seconded into

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00:07:02,550 --> 00:06:58,000
the

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00:07:05,749 --> 00:07:02,560
operations center and

159
00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:05,759
we were basically a briefing cell in the

160
00:07:12,150 --> 00:07:08,960
build up to the first gulf war and

161
00:07:14,230 --> 00:07:12,160
uh i was working to a particular manager

162
00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:14,240
there

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00:07:21,430 --> 00:07:17,520

and he said oh nick i uh

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00:07:24,710 --> 00:07:21,440

i know that you're due for a move um

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00:07:27,189 --> 00:07:24,720

and after this crisis is over

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00:07:27,990 --> 00:07:27,199

uh you will be looking uh for a

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00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:28,000

permanent

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00:07:31,749 --> 00:07:29,360

posting to another part of the

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00:07:32,950 --> 00:07:31,759

department but i've liked the work that

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00:07:35,510 --> 00:07:32,960

you've done here

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00:07:37,189 --> 00:07:35,520

and i have a job to offer you will you

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00:07:40,309 --> 00:07:37,199

come and work for me

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00:07:43,670 --> 00:07:40,319

and i said sure what's the job

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00:07:45,270 --> 00:07:43,680

and he said it's ufos and i kind of did

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00:07:48,150 --> 00:07:45,280

a double take and i i

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00:07:48,550 --> 00:07:48,160

thought he had said i don't know i'll uf

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00:07:50,869 --> 00:07:48,560

you know

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00:07:53,189 --> 00:07:50,879

i i thought what ultra high frequency is

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00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:53,199

this some sort of technical radar

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00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:55,520

job or something he said no no ufos

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00:08:00,469 --> 00:07:57,360

flying saucers you know

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00:08:04,230 --> 00:08:00,479

um we've had a

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00:08:05,670 --> 00:08:04,240

small project that looked into this for

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00:08:09,510 --> 00:08:05,680

many years

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00:08:13,029 --> 00:08:09,520

and um we you know i'd like you to

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00:08:15,350 --> 00:08:13,039

to take that over and i looked and i dug

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00:08:18,309 --> 00:08:15,360

out the ministry of defense

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00:08:20,629 --> 00:08:18,319

phone book and it was itself a

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00:08:22,869 --> 00:08:20,639

classified document

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00:08:24,150 --> 00:08:22,879

uh because it had fairly detailed job

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00:08:25,749 --> 00:08:24,160

descriptions of

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00:08:28,150 --> 00:08:25,759

thousands and thousands of people that

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00:08:30,710 --> 00:08:28,160

worked in headquarters

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00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:30,720

and sure enough uh there was one little

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00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:31,520

page

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00:08:35,509 --> 00:08:34,479

and it just said ufos and that's all it

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00:08:43,430 --> 00:08:35,519

said

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00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:43,440

and that's what i did for

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00:08:49,150 --> 00:08:46,720

three years of what turned out to be

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00:08:51,829 --> 00:08:49,160

a 21-year government career but from

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00:08:54,230 --> 00:08:51,839

1991 to 1994

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00:08:54,870 --> 00:08:54,240

i ran the british government's ufo

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00:08:59,030 --> 00:08:54,880

project

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00:09:02,550 --> 00:08:59,040

and what i'm going to do is dip into

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00:09:05,590 --> 00:09:02,560

those real-life x-files

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00:09:06,310 --> 00:09:05,600

and excuse me uh i'm not doing a

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00:09:09,110 --> 00:09:06,320

powerpoint

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00:09:09,910 --> 00:09:09,120

presentation because everyone else does

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00:09:13,269 --> 00:09:09,920

powerpoint

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00:09:14,550 --> 00:09:13,279

much better than i do and and so i'm not

211

00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:14,560

going to compete with

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00:09:19,110 --> 00:09:16,800

people like jim mars who are real

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00:09:21,430 --> 00:09:19,120

experts and have some really fantastic

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00:09:22,710 --> 00:09:21,440

slides and mine would just be kind of a

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00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:22,720

very small print

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00:09:26,310 --> 00:09:24,640

ministry of defense documents so i'm

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just going to talk to you if you'll

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excuse me for that so i'm going to kind

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00:09:36,070 --> 00:09:30,160

of

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what it was like working in that section

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00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:36,480

and

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00:09:43,190 --> 00:09:40,560

uh brad said that i had been

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00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:43,200

called by the british media the real

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00:09:46,870 --> 00:09:43,760

life

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00:09:49,910 --> 00:09:46,880

fox mulder and uh

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00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:49,920

well that's very flattering and it's

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00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:51,120

true they did call me that

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00:09:58,710 --> 00:09:54,480

but the job was not exactly like

229

00:10:02,310 --> 00:09:58,720

the x-files sad to say there was no gun

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00:10:03,190 --> 00:10:02,320

um i worked in an office and i tended to

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00:10:05,990 --> 00:10:03,200

avoid

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00:10:06,389 --> 00:10:06,000

darkened hangers and torches and all

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00:10:10,230 --> 00:10:06,399

that

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00:10:12,790 --> 00:10:10,240

sort of stuff and sadly i was not issued

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00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:12,800

with an agent scully to accompany me on

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00:10:17,350 --> 00:10:14,320

any of this either

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00:10:18,949 --> 00:10:17,360

so you know if if they call me the real

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00:10:20,630 --> 00:10:18,959

life fox mulder i think i

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00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:20,640

i should sue under the trade

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00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:22,640

descriptions act or something and i

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00:10:28,150 --> 00:10:24,640

should have asked for my scally

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:28,160

i guess anyway

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00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:34,550

we got about two or three hundred ufo

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00:10:40,710 --> 00:10:35,920

reports each year

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00:10:47,590 --> 00:10:44,389

not was we first interviewed the witness

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00:10:48,470 --> 00:10:47,600

and got all the details of what they had

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00:10:51,750 --> 00:10:48,480

seen

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00:10:54,470 --> 00:10:51,760

uh you know where when

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00:10:56,790 --> 00:10:54,480

uh what did it look like what sounds

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00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:56,800

were associated with it how did it move

251
00:11:02,710 --> 00:11:00,240
what height was it at um speed

252
00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:02,720
did you get a photo all those sorts of

253
00:11:08,310 --> 00:11:04,560
things

254
00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:08,320
we would then try to correlate

255
00:11:12,790 --> 00:11:11,120
what we had received with things that we

256
00:11:14,389 --> 00:11:12,800
knew about or things we could find out

257
00:11:17,590 --> 00:11:14,399
about so we would speak

258
00:11:21,670 --> 00:11:17,600
to you know we would check

259
00:11:24,550 --> 00:11:21,680
civilian flight paths and military

260
00:11:26,470 --> 00:11:24,560
ranges and danger areas and bombing

261
00:11:29,190 --> 00:11:26,480
ranges and things like that

262
00:11:31,269 --> 00:11:29,200
and we would see if we could find any

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00:11:32,150 --> 00:11:31,279

aircraft activity that would tie in with

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00:11:35,910 --> 00:11:32,160

what was seen

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00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:35,920

we would liaise with meteorologists

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00:11:39,190 --> 00:11:38,560

to talk about weather phenomenon to talk

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00:11:43,509 --> 00:11:39,200

about

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00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:43,519

the launch of weather balloons

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00:11:50,470 --> 00:11:46,800

we would uh

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00:11:54,069 --> 00:11:50,480

we would liaise excuse me

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00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:54,079

we would liaise with um astronomers

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00:11:57,829 --> 00:11:56,560

to see if there were any bright stars

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00:12:00,550 --> 00:11:57,839

and planets

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00:12:02,470 --> 00:12:00,560

fireballs meteorites satellites

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00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:02,480

re-entries into the earth's atmosphere

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00:12:05,509 --> 00:12:03,120

of

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00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:05,519

uh burnt up rockets or satellites all

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00:12:09,750 --> 00:12:06,160

those

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00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:09,760

sorts of things airships

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00:12:14,150 --> 00:12:12,160

and we would go through the whole list

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00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:14,160

and and at the end of that

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00:12:18,310 --> 00:12:16,880

80 percent of the sightings we could

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00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:18,320

explain

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00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:21,920

15 there was really not enough

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00:12:27,110 --> 00:12:24,000

information to make it definitive

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00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:27,120

assessment and five percent of cases

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00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:27,680

were

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00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:35,190

what was a typical day like uh it could

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00:12:39,190 --> 00:12:36,399

be anything

290

00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:39,200

it could be a phone call from a a member

291

00:12:41,990 --> 00:12:39,920

of the public

292

00:12:43,990 --> 00:12:42,000

telling me about a ufo sighting or it

293

00:12:47,350 --> 00:12:44,000

could be a phone call from

294

00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:47,360

um the commanding officer of an air

295

00:12:51,590 --> 00:12:48,320

force base

296

00:12:54,629 --> 00:12:51,600

telling me about a sighting uh that he

297

00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:54,639

or some of the people um in

298

00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:58,240

in the command had could be a child

299

00:13:02,629 --> 00:13:00,959

doing a school project on ufos writing

300

00:13:04,710 --> 00:13:02,639

in and asking for information

301
00:13:06,069 --> 00:13:04,720
it could be a journalist saying they're

302
00:13:08,949 --> 00:13:06,079
going to put this on the front page

303
00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:08,959
of the paper could we give them a line

304
00:13:12,389 --> 00:13:09,279
uh

305
00:13:14,629 --> 00:13:12,399
to set out the government position there

306
00:13:15,509 --> 00:13:14,639
was no typical day and you didn't know

307
00:13:18,710 --> 00:13:15,519
whether

308
00:13:21,030 --> 00:13:18,720
when the phone rang or or when the

309
00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:21,040
military signals arrived you were going

310
00:13:24,550 --> 00:13:22,240
to get

311
00:13:25,910 --> 00:13:24,560
an obvious weather balloon launch or

312
00:13:28,870 --> 00:13:25,920
whether you were going to get the next

313
00:13:31,190 --> 00:13:28,880

roswell you just never knew

314

00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:31,200

and sometimes of course people were

315

00:13:36,150 --> 00:13:33,120

pretty excited about this

316

00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:36,160

and our project wasn't secret i mean

317

00:13:39,269 --> 00:13:38,399

in a sense it couldn't be it needed to

318

00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:39,279

be open

319

00:13:43,910 --> 00:13:42,480

for people to report because the vast

320

00:13:47,590 --> 00:13:43,920

majority of our

321

00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:47,600

our data came from public sightings

322

00:13:51,910 --> 00:13:50,480

and uh you know sometimes people would

323

00:13:55,110 --> 00:13:51,920

get pretty carried away and

324

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:55,120

uh i remember one of my first calls was

325

00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:58,560

from someone who was nearly hysterical

326

00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:00,720

talking about a bright white light that

327

00:14:05,350 --> 00:14:02,399

they'd seen

328

00:14:07,030 --> 00:14:05,360

and i tried to get some further details

329

00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:07,040

and they said well it was very strange

330

00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:07,600

because

331

00:14:11,590 --> 00:14:10,000

on either side of this bright white

332

00:14:13,189 --> 00:14:11,600

light there was a red light and then

333

00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:13,199

there was a green light

334

00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:16,079

and they were kind of flashing and and

335

00:14:20,550 --> 00:14:17,360

this whole thing was

336

00:14:23,829 --> 00:14:20,560

was getting lower and lower in the sky

337

00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:23,839

and i asked where where this had

338

00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:25,680

happened and they said well i've just

339

00:14:44,230 --> 00:14:38,710

on another occasion i received a

340

00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:44,240

call from somebody who was actually

341

00:14:50,069 --> 00:14:47,440

on their lunch break

342

00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:50,079

or rather they were looking out at

343

00:14:55,110 --> 00:14:52,000

during their lunch break

344

00:14:56,389 --> 00:14:55,120

from a an office building

345

00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:56,399

and they were looking into one of the

346

00:15:02,069 --> 00:14:58,480

london parks

347

00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:02,079

and they said they had seen a

348

00:15:08,150 --> 00:15:05,839

strange diamond shaped object

349

00:15:11,110 --> 00:15:08,160

which seemed to be hovering maybe about

350

00:15:14,389 --> 00:15:11,120

a hundred feet above the ground

351

00:15:16,710 --> 00:15:14,399

and he said it's really strange and then

352

00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:16,720

he became more and more agitated as he

353

00:15:21,110 --> 00:15:18,639

was telling me this story and

354

00:15:22,710 --> 00:15:21,120

his voice got more frantic and he said i

355

00:15:25,189 --> 00:15:22,720

i think it's descending

356

00:15:26,790 --> 00:15:25,199

he said it's coming down he said there

357

00:15:29,910 --> 00:15:26,800

are you know people

358

00:15:31,829 --> 00:15:29,920

people are pointing and and um

359

00:15:32,949 --> 00:15:31,839

then his voice kind of stopped and he

360

00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:32,959

said well

361

00:15:36,790 --> 00:15:35,920

i i don't think it it's a kite or

362

00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:36,800

anything

363

00:15:40,629 --> 00:15:38,240

i mean it couldn't be something like

364

00:15:42,870 --> 00:15:40,639

that no no

365

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:42,880

and then he said it's it's coming down

366

00:15:46,230 --> 00:15:44,160

again it's it's

367

00:15:48,550 --> 00:15:46,240

and they said it's down it's down on the

368

00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:48,560

ground people gathering around

369

00:15:53,350 --> 00:15:51,040

and then he said oh they're putting it

370

00:15:56,949 --> 00:15:53,360

back in its box it was a kite

371

00:15:56,959 --> 00:16:01,350

so you know

372

00:16:08,230 --> 00:16:05,030

we had some some kind of crazy people

373

00:16:11,829 --> 00:16:08,240

but then one day

374

00:16:13,590 --> 00:16:11,839

uh i got into work and

375

00:16:15,430 --> 00:16:13,600

the phone rang and it was a police

376

00:16:16,629 --> 00:16:15,440

officer telling me about a sighting that

377

00:16:20,829 --> 00:16:16,639

he'd had of a

378

00:16:23,749 --> 00:16:20,839

large triangular shaped craft

379

00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:23,759

um he said this thing was

380

00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:27,600

just uh you know really slow and silent

381

00:16:33,990 --> 00:16:30,880

huge you know the sight size of a

382

00:16:36,150 --> 00:16:34,000

jet plane but really really slow

383

00:16:38,550 --> 00:16:36,160

and with three lights in each corner of

384

00:16:43,749 --> 00:16:38,560

the triangle and maybe a

385

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:43,759

a dimmer light on the center

386

00:16:47,910 --> 00:16:46,000

you know imagine a flat triangle like a

387

00:16:49,509 --> 00:16:47,920

slice of pizza or something he said this

388

00:16:52,310 --> 00:16:49,519

is what this thing looked like

389

00:16:53,509 --> 00:16:52,320

and so i thought that sounded like an

390

00:16:55,509 --> 00:16:53,519

interesting

391

00:16:57,509 --> 00:16:55,519

uh sighting and particularly as the

392

00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:57,519

witness was a police officer i thought

393

00:17:00,710 --> 00:16:58,320

that was

394

00:17:01,350 --> 00:17:00,720

was you know potentially an impressive

395

00:17:03,910 --> 00:17:01,360

case

396

00:17:04,630 --> 00:17:03,920

i put the phone down the phone rang

397

00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,640

again

398

00:17:09,429 --> 00:17:06,559

and it was another police officer at

399

00:17:10,789 --> 00:17:09,439

first i thought it was the same guy

400

00:17:12,150 --> 00:17:10,799

you know telling me something he'd

401
00:17:14,150 --> 00:17:12,160
forgotten but it turned out to be

402
00:17:16,870 --> 00:17:14,160
another police officer

403
00:17:17,669 --> 00:17:16,880
but in a similar part of the country and

404
00:17:20,630 --> 00:17:17,679
he said

405
00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:20,640
he was on night patrol and and he saw

406
00:17:24,230 --> 00:17:21,839
this same thing

407
00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:24,240
and throughout the course of the day

408
00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:25,520
more and more

409
00:17:33,190 --> 00:17:30,000
reports came in many of them from

410
00:17:35,270 --> 00:17:33,200
police some from military personnel

411
00:17:37,270 --> 00:17:35,280
and some from the public and it was

412
00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:37,280
clear that we had a major

413
00:17:43,750 --> 00:17:40,640

wave of sightings on our hands

414

00:17:46,789 --> 00:17:43,760

and um one of the reports

415

00:17:48,390 --> 00:17:46,799

came from an air force base called

416

00:17:51,590 --> 00:17:48,400

cosford

417

00:17:53,190 --> 00:17:51,600

in in the midlands in the uk and a

418

00:17:57,750 --> 00:17:53,200

patrol of air force

419

00:18:00,789 --> 00:17:57,760

police saw a ufo

420

00:18:04,549 --> 00:18:00,799

pass directly over the base

421

00:18:05,190 --> 00:18:04,559

and they they kind of made an official

422

00:18:08,070 --> 00:18:05,200

report

423

00:18:09,510 --> 00:18:08,080

as they were investigating that they

424

00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:09,520

were aware from the

425

00:18:15,190 --> 00:18:12,880

local civil police that

426
00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:15,200
something really strange was going on in

427
00:18:21,029 --> 00:18:17,280
the surrounding countryside

428
00:18:24,789 --> 00:18:21,039
um people were reporting ufos

429
00:18:28,070 --> 00:18:24,799
one family of four were so

430
00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:28,080
um intrigued by this that they

431
00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:30,240
leapt into their car and chased this

432
00:18:35,190 --> 00:18:31,840
thing for several miles

433
00:18:37,990 --> 00:18:35,200
as it passed low over the rooftops

434
00:18:38,870 --> 00:18:38,000
sadly of course before the days when

435
00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:38,880
just everyone

436
00:18:42,870 --> 00:18:41,280
you know had a cell phone that might

437
00:18:45,110 --> 00:18:42,880
have gotten photos or

438
00:18:48,230 --> 00:18:45,120

videos of this but but these people

439

00:18:50,470 --> 00:18:48,240

chased this thing

440

00:18:51,430 --> 00:18:50,480

they said they thought it was so low

441

00:18:53,990 --> 00:18:51,440

that it had

442

00:18:54,549 --> 00:18:54,000

landed in a field when they pulled up

443

00:18:57,510 --> 00:18:54,559

the car

444

00:18:58,950 --> 00:18:57,520

and leapt out expecting to see a landed

445

00:19:00,950 --> 00:18:58,960

spacecraft

446

00:19:03,350 --> 00:19:00,960

you know the size of a football field

447

00:19:06,150 --> 00:19:03,360

there was absolutely nothing there

448

00:19:07,350 --> 00:19:06,160

and the the guy said to me where did it

449

00:19:10,070 --> 00:19:07,360

go

450

00:19:10,950 --> 00:19:10,080

you know how could something that big

451
00:19:12,470 --> 00:19:10,960
that low

452
00:19:14,310 --> 00:19:12,480
look as if it was going to come down in

453
00:19:16,390 --> 00:19:14,320
the field i was just

454
00:19:21,430 --> 00:19:16,400
seconds behind and when i got there

455
00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:23,430
from another part of the country that

456
00:19:26,549 --> 00:19:25,840
same night came a similar story but this

457
00:19:29,510 --> 00:19:26,559
time from

458
00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:29,520
a retired couple who were out walking

459
00:19:33,909 --> 00:19:30,799
and they were

460
00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:33,919
passing a farmer's field

461
00:19:37,510 --> 00:19:36,400
and they had seen the ufo hovering over

462
00:19:41,590 --> 00:19:37,520
the farmer's field

463
00:19:45,190 --> 00:19:41,600

again same description huge

464

00:19:49,190 --> 00:19:45,200

triangular shaped craft

465

00:19:50,710 --> 00:19:49,200

be silent just hanging there menacingly

466

00:19:54,789 --> 00:19:50,720

in the sky

467

00:19:57,430 --> 00:19:54,799

when they got to the field um

468

00:19:59,590 --> 00:19:57,440

there was no ufo to be seen but uh the

469

00:20:03,669 --> 00:19:59,600

farmer was a dairy farmer

470

00:20:06,470 --> 00:20:03,679

and all the cows had congregated

471

00:20:08,630 --> 00:20:06,480

in the direct center of the field and

472

00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:08,640

we're all standing in a complete circle

473

00:20:14,149 --> 00:20:10,799

facing each other

474

00:20:16,710 --> 00:20:14,159

you know so again

475

00:20:17,350 --> 00:20:16,720

what had spooked the cows and why were

476

00:20:25,590 --> 00:20:17,360

they

477

00:20:30,310 --> 00:20:27,830

sometimes this job really was like the

478

00:20:33,110 --> 00:20:30,320

the x-files and

479

00:20:34,310 --> 00:20:33,120

then i got a call from another air force

480

00:20:37,430 --> 00:20:34,320

officer

481

00:20:38,470 --> 00:20:37,440

and this is all the same night all these

482

00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:38,480

sightings

483

00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:40,880

occurred and and there were several

484

00:20:45,190 --> 00:20:42,320

dozen of them

485

00:20:46,149 --> 00:20:45,200

in the end that we received but we knew

486

00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:46,159

from the media

487

00:20:51,190 --> 00:20:49,200

and from uh monitoring of ufo groups

488

00:20:53,669 --> 00:20:51,200

that there was uh

489

00:20:54,230 --> 00:20:53,679

you know several hundred sightings in

490

00:20:56,470 --> 00:20:54,240

all

491

00:20:57,590 --> 00:20:56,480

just in a period of six hours on that

492

00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:57,600

one night

493

00:21:02,430 --> 00:21:00,480

late on the 30th and in the early hours

494

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:02,440

of the 31st of march

495

00:21:09,590 --> 00:21:06,400

1993. the meteorological officer

496

00:21:12,630 --> 00:21:09,600

to raf shawbri another air force base

497

00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:12,640

said that he was

498

00:21:20,789 --> 00:21:18,000

on duty at about half two in the morning

499

00:21:22,789 --> 00:21:20,799

the whole base was was pretty much

500

00:21:26,470 --> 00:21:22,799

locked down there were only

501
00:21:30,149 --> 00:21:26,480
a skeleton staff of duty officers

502
00:21:32,789 --> 00:21:30,159
actually up and about he

503
00:21:34,149 --> 00:21:32,799
got up and stretched his legs and walked

504
00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:34,159
up

505
00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:36,320
and and he out of the window of his

506
00:21:40,310 --> 00:21:37,760
office he saw a bright

507
00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:40,320
light and he thought well that's strange

508
00:21:48,310 --> 00:21:42,880
no one's flying

509
00:21:52,870 --> 00:21:51,270
and he again this this light was huge

510
00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:52,880
and it got bigger and bigger

511
00:21:59,270 --> 00:21:54,720
and eventually he saw that this thing

512
00:22:02,149 --> 00:21:59,280
was a craft and

513
00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:02,159

when i asked him to estimate just how

514

00:22:05,270 --> 00:22:04,480

big this thing was he said well midway

515

00:22:08,870 --> 00:22:05,280

in size

516

00:22:13,669 --> 00:22:08,880

between a c130

517

00:22:16,870 --> 00:22:13,679

transport aircraft and a boeing 747.

518

00:22:19,190 --> 00:22:16,880

so we're talking something pretty big

519

00:22:20,070 --> 00:22:19,200

and yet this thing was almost completely

520

00:22:23,830 --> 00:22:20,080

silent

521

00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:23,840

he said he heard a

522

00:22:27,990 --> 00:22:26,559

low frequency humming sound coming from

523

00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:28,000

this thing

524

00:22:33,669 --> 00:22:31,120

and he said to me he said nick

525

00:22:35,350 --> 00:22:33,679

i can't really describe this to you in

526
00:22:38,710 --> 00:22:35,360
any other way except

527
00:22:40,950 --> 00:22:38,720
to say that i felt this sound as well as

528
00:22:45,110 --> 00:22:40,960
heard it and it was

529
00:22:46,630 --> 00:22:45,120
kind of like standing too close to a

530
00:22:49,750 --> 00:22:46,640
base speaker

531
00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:49,760
at a rock concert or something it's a

532
00:22:54,549 --> 00:22:51,440
painful

533
00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:54,559
you know really disconcerting

534
00:23:01,909 --> 00:22:58,720
waves of sound going through his body

535
00:23:02,549 --> 00:23:01,919
and he said this thing was maybe 200

536
00:23:05,909 --> 00:23:02,559
feet

537
00:23:12,630 --> 00:23:09,029
and traveling really slowly

538
00:23:13,990 --> 00:23:12,640

maybe 40 or 50 miles an hour well

539

00:23:15,909 --> 00:23:14,000

you know i don't know how many of you

540

00:23:16,390 --> 00:23:15,919

have seen at air shows something like

541

00:23:19,510 --> 00:23:16,400

the old

542

00:23:20,070 --> 00:23:19,520

um royal air force harrier jump jet that

543

00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:20,080

just

544

00:23:23,430 --> 00:23:22,960

hovers you know the immense amount of

545

00:23:26,310 --> 00:23:23,440

power

546

00:23:27,029 --> 00:23:26,320

and noise to keep an aircraft like that

547

00:23:29,909 --> 00:23:27,039

hanging

548

00:23:32,230 --> 00:23:29,919

in the air and and yet apart from this

549

00:23:33,750 --> 00:23:32,240

low frequency humming sound

550

00:23:36,230 --> 00:23:33,760

there was nothing and this thing was

551
00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:36,240
going really slow like you say 40 50

552
00:23:41,590 --> 00:23:38,240
miles an hour is what he reported

553
00:23:44,789 --> 00:23:41,600
and then suddenly he said from that

554
00:23:45,909 --> 00:23:44,799
slow speed the thing just shot away to

555
00:23:48,950 --> 00:23:45,919
the horizon

556
00:23:50,070 --> 00:23:48,960
in an instant and i asked him to

557
00:23:53,269 --> 00:23:50,080
estimate the speed

558
00:23:58,310 --> 00:23:53,279
and he said i i can't he said um

559
00:24:01,269 --> 00:23:58,320
you know i i see military helicopters

560
00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:01,279
fast jets you know ground attack

561
00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:02,880
air-to-air

562
00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:04,720
fighters he said i see those sorts of

563
00:24:09,190 --> 00:24:07,120

things every day

564

00:24:10,390 --> 00:24:09,200

he said i've served eight years in the

565

00:24:13,510 --> 00:24:10,400

air force

566

00:24:16,630 --> 00:24:13,520

i've never seen anything like that

567

00:24:21,269 --> 00:24:19,430

years later i found out more and more

568

00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:21,279

you know many other people had seen this

569

00:24:23,830 --> 00:24:22,080

thing and

570

00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:23,840

hadn't reported it because of the fear

571

00:24:36,789 --> 00:24:32,470

a military cadet who actually went on to

572

00:24:37,830 --> 00:24:36,799

join the army he was about 15 at the

573

00:24:40,470 --> 00:24:37,840

time

574

00:24:41,510 --> 00:24:40,480

and he was coming back from military

575

00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:41,520

cadets

576

00:24:48,549 --> 00:24:46,000

he said when he heard a very faint

577

00:24:50,710 --> 00:24:48,559

noise he said at first he thought it was

578

00:24:52,390 --> 00:24:50,720

a motorcycle in the distance

579

00:24:54,470 --> 00:24:52,400

and he looked around and couldn't see

580

00:24:56,470 --> 00:24:54,480

anything and then he

581

00:24:58,070 --> 00:24:56,480

he kind of just did this double take and

582

00:25:01,190 --> 00:24:58,080

he looked up

583

00:25:03,830 --> 00:25:01,200

and he said one by one

584

00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:03,840

he said it was like the stars were going

585

00:25:07,510 --> 00:25:05,200

out

586

00:25:08,549 --> 00:25:07,520

and he thought well that's really

587

00:25:10,870 --> 00:25:08,559

strange

588

00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:10,880

until he realized that the stars weren't

589

00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:12,480

going out

590

00:25:17,110 --> 00:25:15,679

but there was something hanging really

591

00:25:20,470 --> 00:25:17,120

low in the sky

592

00:25:23,510 --> 00:25:20,480

so huge that one by one

593

00:25:26,549 --> 00:25:23,520

it caused the stars to to blank out

594

00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:26,559

from his perspective and again he was

595

00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:27,520

just

596

00:25:34,630 --> 00:25:31,360

looking up in awe at this thing

597

00:25:37,510 --> 00:25:34,640

and i had another person who said

598

00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:37,520

you know at one point he said this thing

599

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:37,840

got

600

00:25:43,990 --> 00:25:41,360

so low that i felt in with

601
00:25:44,789 --> 00:25:44,000
hindsight if i'd have picked up a rock i

602
00:25:47,430 --> 00:25:44,799
might have

603
00:25:50,390 --> 00:25:47,440
come pretty close to hitting this thing

604
00:25:54,230 --> 00:25:53,350
you know the reports like that kept on

605
00:25:57,750 --> 00:25:54,240
coming

606
00:25:58,950 --> 00:25:57,760
and when you kind of and by the way the

607
00:26:02,630 --> 00:25:58,960
um

608
00:26:06,070 --> 00:26:02,640
the ministry of defense's official line

609
00:26:09,430 --> 00:26:06,080
on ufos which i dutifully had to

610
00:26:13,430 --> 00:26:09,440
give out to the public in the media was

611
00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:13,440
a very kind of patronizing

612
00:26:17,110 --> 00:26:16,480
downplaying of this subject and we we

613
00:26:21,269 --> 00:26:17,120

used to

614

00:26:23,909 --> 00:26:21,279

say to people we examined these reports

615

00:26:26,789 --> 00:26:23,919

we didn't even like to say investigate

616

00:26:30,630 --> 00:26:26,799

we we examine these reports briefly

617

00:26:33,990 --> 00:26:30,640

to see if there's evidence of any threat

618

00:26:37,990 --> 00:26:34,000

to the defense of the uk but

619

00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:38,000

to date no incident reported to the

620

00:26:42,549 --> 00:26:39,360

ministry of defence

621

00:26:46,149 --> 00:26:42,559

has judged to have been of any defense

622

00:26:49,590 --> 00:26:46,159

significance um and then we went on to

623

00:26:57,029 --> 00:26:53,350

that to the inexperienced observer

624

00:27:00,950 --> 00:26:57,039

um ordinary objects can sometimes

625

00:27:04,830 --> 00:27:00,960

uh when viewed from unusual angles

626

00:27:07,590 --> 00:27:04,840

uh appear um a little

627

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:07,600

disconcerting and that most of these

628

00:27:11,110 --> 00:27:08,720

things were probably

629

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

little more than misidentifications of

630

00:27:15,430 --> 00:27:12,960

aircraft lights and

631

00:27:16,390 --> 00:27:15,440

weather balloons i think if i had tried

632

00:27:19,990 --> 00:27:16,400

to explain

633

00:27:23,750 --> 00:27:20,000

to that air force officer um you know

634

00:27:25,830 --> 00:27:23,760

that he'd probably just misidentified

635

00:27:27,510 --> 00:27:25,840

the lights on an aircraft he might have

636

00:27:31,269 --> 00:27:27,520

punched me

637

00:27:34,630 --> 00:27:34,149

needless to say i did not suggest to him

638

00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:34,640

that

639

00:27:37,669 --> 00:27:36,320

his sighting was of no defense

640

00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:37,679

significance

641

00:27:42,549 --> 00:27:41,120

and but it was you know we were in a

642

00:27:45,750 --> 00:27:42,559

difficult situation

643

00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:45,760

of course we ran all the usual checks

644

00:27:49,990 --> 00:27:48,640

on this one we decided we'd better ask

645

00:27:53,190 --> 00:27:50,000

the american government

646

00:27:55,590 --> 00:27:53,200

our great friends and allies uh

647

00:28:00,950 --> 00:27:55,600

who share freely all information with us

648

00:28:07,990 --> 00:28:04,870

um so we uh

649

00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:08,000

we went to the uh i asked

650

00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:09,760

that somebody at the british embassy in

651
00:28:14,549 --> 00:28:11,840
washington would you kindly ask

652
00:28:15,269 --> 00:28:14,559
our american friends whether they have

653
00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:15,279
some

654
00:28:21,590 --> 00:28:19,440
secret prototype uh spy plane or drone

655
00:28:23,190 --> 00:28:21,600
that they've forgotten to tell us about

656
00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:23,200
and might be

657
00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:26,240
inadvertently flying over the united

658
00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:27,120
kingdom

659
00:28:33,830 --> 00:28:31,360
uh without having told us and

660
00:28:35,909 --> 00:28:33,840
the americans came back and said no no

661
00:28:38,149 --> 00:28:35,919
we don't have anything like that

662
00:28:40,070 --> 00:28:38,159
but there was an interesting postscript

663
00:28:43,830 --> 00:28:40,080

the story

664

00:28:46,630 --> 00:28:43,840

because firstly

665

00:28:48,389 --> 00:28:46,640

some people in british intelligence i

666

00:28:51,750 --> 00:28:48,399

know this is going to sound scary

667

00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:51,760

but didn't believe the americans

668

00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:54,960

and and were

669

00:29:00,230 --> 00:28:57,840

indiscreet enough to write a document

670

00:29:03,269 --> 00:29:00,240

which said well you know despite the

671

00:29:06,630 --> 00:29:03,279

denials it wouldn't surprise us if if

672

00:29:09,909 --> 00:29:06,640

such a a spy plane or or drone

673

00:29:11,430 --> 00:29:09,919

exist somewhere um

674

00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:11,440

maybe you're just asking the wrong

675

00:29:14,549 --> 00:29:13,760

people you know how compartmentalized

676
00:29:17,830 --> 00:29:14,559
these things

677
00:29:21,750 --> 00:29:17,840
get so um

678
00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:21,760
this got back to donald rice

679
00:29:24,870 --> 00:29:23,520
who was i think then secretary of the

680
00:29:27,430 --> 00:29:24,880
air force and

681
00:29:28,389 --> 00:29:27,440
the phrase that i heard about his

682
00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:28,399
reaction

683
00:29:32,110 --> 00:29:30,960
to this british suggestion was that he

684
00:29:35,750 --> 00:29:32,120
was quote

685
00:29:38,470 --> 00:29:35,760
incandescent with rage unquote

686
00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:38,480
at the suggestion that he had misled

687
00:29:43,029 --> 00:29:39,520
congress

688
00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:43,039

on this so this is the small story of

689

00:29:47,750 --> 00:29:43,520

how

690

00:29:50,149 --> 00:29:47,760

the um very low-key ufo project

691

00:29:50,789 --> 00:29:50,159

in the ministry of defense in the uk

692

00:29:53,990 --> 00:29:50,799

nearly

693

00:29:56,789 --> 00:29:54,000

caused a diplomatic incident between

694

00:29:58,789 --> 00:29:56,799

the british and the americans and nearly

695

00:30:02,149 --> 00:29:58,799

undead

696

00:30:03,029 --> 00:30:02,159

you know 100 years plus of peaceful and

697

00:30:05,909 --> 00:30:03,039

mutual

698

00:30:06,789 --> 00:30:05,919

cooperation and information sharing in

699

00:30:08,710 --> 00:30:06,799

in the

700

00:30:09,909 --> 00:30:08,720

world of defense and security and

701
00:30:12,230 --> 00:30:09,919
intelligence and

702
00:30:13,830 --> 00:30:12,240
what was the one thing that we nearly

703
00:30:16,950 --> 00:30:13,840
ended up at blows over

704
00:30:21,909 --> 00:30:16,960
ufos the other

705
00:30:23,350 --> 00:30:21,919
interesting post script to that story

706
00:30:26,789 --> 00:30:23,360
was that the americans

707
00:30:27,350 --> 00:30:26,799
uh after having said to us no no we

708
00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:27,360
don't

709
00:30:38,710 --> 00:30:35,200
huge triangular craft that can

710
00:30:42,230 --> 00:30:38,720
hang in the air effortlessly and then

711
00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,240
accelerate away at you know mach 10 or

712
00:30:45,350 --> 00:30:44,000
whatever the best estimates turned out

713
00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:45,360

to be

714

00:30:51,750 --> 00:30:49,440

we don't have anything like that

715

00:30:52,630 --> 00:30:51,760

but then they they paused and they said

716

00:30:54,789 --> 00:30:52,640

but would

717

00:30:56,149 --> 00:30:54,799

would you mind checking whether maybe

718

00:30:59,590 --> 00:30:56,159

the royal air force

719

00:31:02,149 --> 00:30:59,600

has something like that that you know

720

00:31:02,950 --> 00:31:02,159

um we're just kind of interested and

721

00:31:06,230 --> 00:31:02,960

we'd just

722

00:31:07,990 --> 00:31:06,240

like to know well the reason that was so

723

00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:08,000

interesting of course is is

724

00:31:14,389 --> 00:31:11,360

that uh clearly the

725

00:31:17,029 --> 00:31:14,399

assumption was that

726
00:31:19,269 --> 00:31:17,039
those sorts of things had been reported

727
00:31:21,909 --> 00:31:19,279
over the continental united states

728
00:31:23,669 --> 00:31:21,919
hence america asking us brits hey have

729
00:31:25,509 --> 00:31:23,679
you got something that's ten times

730
00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:25,519
better and faster than us

731
00:31:32,230 --> 00:31:28,960
and we said we wish we did but we don't

732
00:31:34,549 --> 00:31:32,240
um but why that's

733
00:31:35,430 --> 00:31:34,559
doubly interesting i think is that of

734
00:31:38,149 --> 00:31:35,440
course

735
00:31:39,430 --> 00:31:38,159
the official line if any of you ever ask

736
00:31:42,149 --> 00:31:39,440
the american government

737
00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:42,159
uh what you do on ufos the answer is we

738
00:31:47,509 --> 00:31:44,080

are not interested in the subject

739

00:31:51,029 --> 00:31:47,519

we've been out of the game since 1969

740

00:31:53,190 --> 00:31:51,039

when project bluebook was terminated

741

00:31:54,549 --> 00:31:53,200

well if that's true why were they asking

742

00:31:58,830 --> 00:31:54,559

us about ufos

743

00:32:04,070 --> 00:32:01,909

um so something

744

00:32:05,190 --> 00:32:04,080

doesn't quite add up sometimes by the

745

00:32:09,350 --> 00:32:05,200

way we uh

746

00:32:12,230 --> 00:32:09,360

did a few naughty little things like uh

747

00:32:13,350 --> 00:32:12,240

uh the best way to get around this sort

748

00:32:15,590 --> 00:32:13,360

of thing

749

00:32:18,310 --> 00:32:15,600

is there are several ways firstly you

750

00:32:20,950 --> 00:32:18,320

can change the language

751
00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:20,960
this is i feel a bit guilty because i

752
00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:22,720
used to do this sort of stuff

753
00:32:29,110 --> 00:32:26,159
but um you know it's it's all out in the

754
00:32:30,950 --> 00:32:29,120
open now everything's forgiven hopefully

755
00:32:32,230 --> 00:32:30,960
one thing we did was we changed the

756
00:32:35,269 --> 00:32:32,240
wording

757
00:32:37,110 --> 00:32:35,279
so people would say to us um

758
00:32:39,909 --> 00:32:37,120
could you send us some information on

759
00:32:41,830 --> 00:32:39,919
ufos and we would send stuff

760
00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:41,840
but we also had something on something

761
00:32:47,110 --> 00:32:43,840
called uaps

762
00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:47,120
unidentified aerial phenomena what were

763
00:32:50,549 --> 00:32:48,720

uaps

764

00:32:52,230 --> 00:32:50,559

they were the really interesting ufo

765

00:32:55,430 --> 00:32:52,240

sightings but the ones that we

766

00:32:59,269 --> 00:32:55,440

kind of put secret uk eyes only on the

767

00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:02,470

pilots sometimes reported these things

768

00:33:06,070 --> 00:33:04,640

not as ufos because it's the kiss of

769

00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:06,080

death to the career

770

00:33:13,990 --> 00:33:10,240

but as quote unusual aircraft

771

00:33:17,590 --> 00:33:14,000

or unconventional helicopters

772

00:33:20,630 --> 00:33:17,600

or if it's a radar operator uncorrelated

773

00:33:23,990 --> 00:33:20,640

targets so you'll find all these kind of

774

00:33:26,630 --> 00:33:24,000

code phrases for ufos it's it's almost

775

00:33:27,029 --> 00:33:26,640

like don't ask don't tell or something

776

00:33:33,830 --> 00:33:27,039

but

777

00:33:35,029 --> 00:33:33,840

and you know the other thing that this

778

00:33:38,630 --> 00:33:35,039

does of course

779

00:33:42,389 --> 00:33:38,640

is it makes things like congressional

780

00:33:44,710 --> 00:33:42,399

oversight and scrutiny and journalistic

781

00:33:45,750 --> 00:33:44,720

efforts using freedom of information

782

00:33:47,430 --> 00:33:45,760

more difficult

783

00:33:49,029 --> 00:33:47,440

because you say no no we don't have any

784

00:33:52,149 --> 00:33:49,039

ufo files

785

00:33:53,029 --> 00:33:52,159

and if you don't ask for uap files or

786

00:33:55,669 --> 00:33:53,039

files on

787

00:33:57,990 --> 00:33:55,679

pilots who've seen unconventional

788

00:33:59,909 --> 00:33:58,000

helicopters and unusual aircraft

789

00:34:01,669 --> 00:33:59,919

you know so there's a lot of information

790

00:34:04,789 --> 00:34:01,679

out there

791

00:34:08,550 --> 00:34:04,799

that is maybe hidden but in

792

00:34:13,990 --> 00:34:11,829

so these sightings over the uk i mean i

793

00:34:16,389 --> 00:34:14,000

i just give that as an example of the

794

00:34:17,669 --> 00:34:16,399

more interesting sightings that we had

795

00:34:21,990 --> 00:34:17,679

in our real-life

796

00:34:26,950 --> 00:34:24,629

there was one final we we never of

797

00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:26,960

course managed to explain

798

00:34:36,950 --> 00:34:30,399

all of this this this was literally

799

00:34:42,629 --> 00:34:40,389

before i co before i close the case

800

00:34:44,710 --> 00:34:42,639

i i just something there was something

801
00:34:47,669 --> 00:34:44,720
in the back of my mind

802
00:34:48,069 --> 00:34:47,679
um and i thought i've you know i've

803
00:34:50,230 --> 00:34:48,079
missed

804
00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:50,240
something here this something was

805
00:34:54,389 --> 00:34:51,839
bothering me

806
00:34:55,109 --> 00:34:54,399
and then i realized what it was it was

807
00:34:58,470 --> 00:34:55,119
the date

808
00:35:01,990 --> 00:34:58,480
of these sightings itself

809
00:35:05,990 --> 00:35:02,000
late on the 30th and in the early

810
00:35:08,950 --> 00:35:06,000
hours of 31st of march 1993

811
00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:08,960
and then i went back and i checked and i

812
00:35:10,870 --> 00:35:10,560
don't know how many of you are familiar

813
00:35:13,349 --> 00:35:10,880

with

814

00:35:14,710 --> 00:35:13,359

a wave of sightings that took place over

815

00:35:18,710 --> 00:35:14,720

belgium

816

00:35:20,390 --> 00:35:18,720

in 1990 that actually involved ufos

817

00:35:24,069 --> 00:35:20,400

being tracked on

818

00:35:26,230 --> 00:35:24,079

nato and belgium national

819

00:35:29,589 --> 00:35:26,240

air force radar systems and they

820

00:35:33,030 --> 00:35:29,599

actually scrambled two f-16s

821

00:35:33,510 --> 00:35:33,040

and the pilots then got a lock on or in

822

00:35:35,349 --> 00:35:33,520

fact

823

00:35:36,870 --> 00:35:35,359

several lock-ons with their airborne

824

00:35:40,069 --> 00:35:36,880

radars

825

00:35:42,150 --> 00:35:40,079

and a game of cat and mouse

826
00:35:43,750 --> 00:35:42,160
played itself out in the skies over

827
00:35:47,190 --> 00:35:43,760
belgium

828
00:35:50,230 --> 00:35:47,200
when i double checked the date

829
00:35:52,550 --> 00:35:50,240
in in 1990 that this had taken place

830
00:35:53,589 --> 00:35:52,560
sure enough it was the exact same night

831
00:35:57,109 --> 00:35:53,599
of the year

832
00:35:59,510 --> 00:35:57,119
late in the year on the 30 later on the

833
00:36:00,870 --> 00:35:59,520
30th and in the early hours of the 31st

834
00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:00,880
of march

835
00:36:08,310 --> 00:36:05,040
was it coincidence that two

836
00:36:11,829 --> 00:36:08,320
major waves of sightings

837
00:36:12,950 --> 00:36:11,839
involving these vast triangular shaped

838
00:36:16,470 --> 00:36:12,960

craft

839

00:36:19,670 --> 00:36:16,480

that seem to be able to run rings around

840

00:36:22,230 --> 00:36:19,680

the modern air forces

841

00:36:22,950 --> 00:36:22,240

in terms of the radar and and terms of

842

00:36:25,829 --> 00:36:22,960

the

843

00:36:27,829 --> 00:36:25,839

fighter interceptors operated by belgium

844

00:36:31,829 --> 00:36:27,839

and the united kingdom

845

00:36:36,790 --> 00:36:31,839

you know was it coincidence that

846

00:36:39,990 --> 00:36:36,800

these two spectacular waves of sightings

847

00:36:42,310 --> 00:36:40,000

uh occurred on exactly the same night

848

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

of the year but but three nights apart i

849

00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:43,119

don't know

850

00:36:47,270 --> 00:36:45,760

but uh whatever it is whatever it meant

851
00:36:50,870 --> 00:36:47,280
it was like someone was

852
00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:54,950
it was almost as if some intelligence

853
00:36:59,829 --> 00:36:58,000
was toying with us

854
00:37:03,270 --> 00:36:59,839
for those of you who are interested not

855
00:37:06,150 --> 00:37:03,280
just in ufos but in the paranormal

856
00:37:07,670 --> 00:37:06,160
you may well have heard the the phrase

857
00:37:14,069 --> 00:37:07,680
the trickster

858
00:37:16,870 --> 00:37:14,079
some of these phenomena it it's as if

859
00:37:17,430 --> 00:37:16,880
something or someone is toying with us

860
00:37:22,310 --> 00:37:17,440
and

861
00:37:24,470 --> 00:37:22,320
dropping us little clues

862
00:37:26,550 --> 00:37:24,480
and we follow the breadcrumbs and just

863
00:37:29,829 --> 00:37:26,560

as we think we're getting somewhere

864

00:37:31,589 --> 00:37:29,839

the trail goes cold and and then

865

00:37:32,870 --> 00:37:31,599

you know things happen these things

866

00:37:35,589 --> 00:37:32,880

happen in in the

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00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:35,599

the occult the paranormal i mean you

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00:37:39,190 --> 00:37:37,760

know

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00:37:41,430 --> 00:37:39,200

i'm getting off topic but there's a

870

00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:41,440

debate to be had about

871

00:37:49,109 --> 00:37:44,880

where ufos fits in all of this

872

00:37:52,550 --> 00:37:49,119

are ufos part of the paranormal

873

00:37:54,870 --> 00:37:52,560

well some people say yes others say no

874

00:37:56,950 --> 00:37:54,880

i mean those people that take a literal

875

00:37:59,750 --> 00:37:56,960

nuts and bolts

876

00:38:00,710 --> 00:37:59,760

interpretation of the ufo phenomenon

877

00:38:03,990 --> 00:38:00,720

that it's

878

00:38:06,069 --> 00:38:04,000

maybe extraterrestrials coming from a

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00:38:07,670 --> 00:38:06,079

to b well those people say what's

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00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:07,680

paranormal about that

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00:38:13,190 --> 00:38:10,880

you know we've we've sent spacecraft

882

00:38:15,829 --> 00:38:13,200

you know to the moon and to mars it's

883

00:38:18,710 --> 00:38:15,839

not paranormal it's very impressive

884

00:38:20,069 --> 00:38:18,720

um and if there were there was primitive

885

00:38:22,150 --> 00:38:20,079

life on mars and

886

00:38:24,069 --> 00:38:22,160

and they saw the viking landers and

887

00:38:24,950 --> 00:38:24,079

things they'd they'd probably be pretty

888

00:38:28,230 --> 00:38:24,960

spooked but

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00:38:31,349 --> 00:38:28,240

it's not paranormal but

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00:38:36,630 --> 00:38:35,430

and i one particular ufo researcher in

891

00:38:39,990 --> 00:38:36,640

the uk

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00:38:42,950 --> 00:38:40,000

who always got very annoyed at uh

893

00:38:43,190 --> 00:38:42,960

ufo books being put in the paranormal

894

00:38:48,390 --> 00:38:43,200

and

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00:38:55,510 --> 00:38:48,400

said well where would you put them

896

00:39:01,349 --> 00:38:58,710

so there's a there's a debate to be had

897

00:39:03,990 --> 00:39:01,359

about all of this um

898

00:39:07,030 --> 00:39:04,000

just picking out some more cases at

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00:39:10,550 --> 00:39:07,040

random one of the particular

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00:39:13,430 --> 00:39:10,560

sorts of cases that of course gave us

901
00:39:14,550 --> 00:39:13,440
particular cause for concern was the

902
00:39:17,190 --> 00:39:14,560
near misses

903
00:39:20,230 --> 00:39:17,200
between ufos and commercial aircraft and

904
00:39:24,150 --> 00:39:20,240
indeed military aircraft

905
00:39:27,190 --> 00:39:24,160
and although we tried not to

906
00:39:28,950 --> 00:39:27,200
ever be too dismissive about public

907
00:39:32,230 --> 00:39:28,960
sightings

908
00:39:34,630 --> 00:39:32,240
when the witnesses were police officers

909
00:39:36,710 --> 00:39:34,640
pilots and military personnel we

910
00:39:38,230 --> 00:39:36,720
probably put a little bit more resources

911
00:39:41,109 --> 00:39:38,240
into the investigation

912
00:39:42,950 --> 00:39:41,119
because we felt that these these people

913
00:39:45,270 --> 00:39:42,960

particularly the pilots

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00:39:47,510 --> 00:39:45,280

were better witnesses because they were

915

00:39:49,430 --> 00:39:47,520

better used to seeing

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00:39:50,630 --> 00:39:49,440

meteorological and astronomical

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00:39:53,589 --> 00:39:50,640

phenomena

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00:39:55,670 --> 00:39:53,599

and and had a better idea and were less

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00:39:56,710 --> 00:39:55,680

likely to misidentify something that

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00:39:57,990 --> 00:39:56,720

that maybe

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00:40:02,310 --> 00:39:58,000

the average member of the public

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00:40:10,390 --> 00:40:07,270

so you know we we had several such cases

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00:40:13,270 --> 00:40:10,400

in in um

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00:40:15,510 --> 00:40:13,280

in our files we had one case from a

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00:40:19,750 --> 00:40:15,520

pilot who said um

926
00:40:22,870 --> 00:40:19,760
uh i we were flying along

927
00:40:25,990 --> 00:40:22,880
and uh

928
00:40:29,349 --> 00:40:26,000
a ufo came very close

929
00:40:32,390 --> 00:40:29,359
almost directly head-on i

930
00:40:35,670 --> 00:40:32,400
i had time to shout to my

931
00:40:39,270 --> 00:40:35,680
you know the my first officer and and

932
00:40:42,309 --> 00:40:39,280
uh the the one of the um stewardesses

933
00:40:44,230 --> 00:40:42,319
who are in the cockpit look out look out

934
00:40:45,349 --> 00:40:44,240
and everyone braced themselves for

935
00:40:47,990 --> 00:40:45,359
collision

936
00:40:48,950 --> 00:40:48,000
but the ufo rapidly passed down one side

937
00:40:52,790 --> 00:40:48,960
of the

938
00:40:55,829 --> 00:40:52,800

um airplane and and obviously didn't hit

939

00:40:59,109 --> 00:40:55,839

and the pilot um

940

00:41:00,390 --> 00:40:59,119

wrote a very reasoned report of this

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00:41:03,510 --> 00:41:00,400

which found its way to the

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00:41:06,630 --> 00:41:03,520

ufo project and he he said

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00:41:07,270 --> 00:41:06,640

i i try and rationalize this and think

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00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:07,280

of

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00:41:15,030 --> 00:41:14,640

may be three options um ufos whatever

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00:41:20,550 --> 00:41:15,040

that

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00:41:22,230 --> 00:41:20,560

may be space debris um burning up in the

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00:41:26,790 --> 00:41:22,240

atmosphere

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00:41:30,470 --> 00:41:29,109

the royal air force accidentally fired

950

00:41:33,109 --> 00:41:30,480

off a missile

951
00:41:34,309 --> 00:41:33,119
and then he finished up by saying if

952
00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:34,319
that

953
00:41:41,510 --> 00:41:38,319
option c is correct uh we are

954
00:41:44,390 --> 00:41:41,520
most displeased and i thought it was

955
00:41:47,030 --> 00:41:44,400
typical british and and pilot

956
00:41:47,990 --> 00:41:47,040
understatement we are most displeased at

957
00:41:49,990 --> 00:41:48,000
the thought that someone

958
00:41:55,430 --> 00:41:50,000
might be accidentally firing air-to-air

959
00:42:01,430 --> 00:41:58,870
again i think sometimes us brits had a

960
00:42:02,069 --> 00:42:01,440
kind of dry sense of humor with this one

961
00:42:06,950 --> 00:42:02,079
time

962
00:42:09,990 --> 00:42:06,960
we did an intelligent study into ufos

963
00:42:12,390 --> 00:42:10,000

colleagues in scientific and technical

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00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:12,400

intelligence

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00:42:17,349 --> 00:42:15,200

said look we investigate all these

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00:42:18,790 --> 00:42:17,359

sightings over the years but we never do

967

00:42:21,910 --> 00:42:18,800

any trend analysis

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00:42:23,109 --> 00:42:21,920

to look for patterns um let's see what

969

00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:23,119

we've got here

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00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:26,000

and there was a kind of really uh

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00:42:32,550 --> 00:42:31,670

speculative document right at the

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00:42:37,109 --> 00:42:32,560

beginning and

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00:42:40,309 --> 00:42:37,119

and it was uh it said something like uh

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00:42:44,390 --> 00:42:40,319

if any of these sightings truly

975

00:42:47,349 --> 00:42:44,400

represent craft from elsewhere

976
00:42:48,470 --> 00:42:47,359
in the apparent absence of any hostile

977
00:42:50,550 --> 00:42:48,480
intent

978
00:42:53,990 --> 00:42:50,560
it seems to us and bear in mind this

979
00:42:56,470 --> 00:42:54,000
this is a you know military intelligence

980
00:42:59,910 --> 00:42:56,480
uh document that at the time was

981
00:43:02,309 --> 00:42:59,920
classified secret uk eyes only

982
00:43:04,710 --> 00:43:02,319
and it said in black and white it seems

983
00:43:08,150 --> 00:43:04,720
to us in the absence of hostile

984
00:43:12,870 --> 00:43:08,160
um overt hostile action

985
00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:12,880
there are three potential um

986
00:43:20,870 --> 00:43:16,800
possibilities number one

987
00:43:24,870 --> 00:43:20,880
military reconnaissance number two

988
00:43:28,550 --> 00:43:24,880

scientific study and number three

989

00:43:35,589 --> 00:43:32,150

and that as you can imagine

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00:43:37,910 --> 00:43:35,599

somebody putting that in a highly

991

00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:37,920

classified intelligence document

992

00:43:41,349 --> 00:43:41,040

in all seriousness caused a huge amount

993

00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:41,359

of

994

00:43:55,190 --> 00:43:52,800

but actually it turns out

995

00:43:56,230 --> 00:43:55,200

that the answer was quite a good one

996

00:43:59,750 --> 00:43:56,240

because

997

00:44:02,470 --> 00:43:59,760

i i've been to a couple of uh

998

00:44:03,349 --> 00:44:02,480

royal society discussion meetings about

999

00:44:06,630 --> 00:44:03,359

this

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00:44:08,630 --> 00:44:06,640

and one thing that is is you know

1001
00:44:09,670 --> 00:44:08,640
we can make very few assumptions about

1002
00:44:11,910 --> 00:44:09,680
ufos

1003
00:44:13,990 --> 00:44:11,920
what they are what they want but one

1004
00:44:16,470 --> 00:44:14,000
assumption that we can make

1005
00:44:17,270 --> 00:44:16,480
with a degree of confidence high degree

1006
00:44:21,190 --> 00:44:17,280
of confidence

1007
00:44:23,990 --> 00:44:21,200
is that if intelligent extraterrestrials

1008
00:44:26,230 --> 00:44:24,000
visit the earth their technology is

1009
00:44:26,870 --> 00:44:26,240
orders of magnitude above and beyond our

1010
00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:26,880
own

1011
00:44:33,910 --> 00:44:30,000
because thus far we've sent people

1012
00:44:34,550 --> 00:44:33,920
you know to the moon and unmanned probes

1013
00:44:37,349 --> 00:44:34,560

to the

1014

00:44:38,550 --> 00:44:37,359

edge of the solar system but given that

1015

00:44:42,230 --> 00:44:38,560

the nearest

1016

00:44:43,270 --> 00:44:42,240

star is is for just over four light

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00:44:47,190 --> 00:44:43,280

years away we

1018

00:44:50,230 --> 00:44:47,200

have not come anywhere close so clearly

1019

00:44:53,670 --> 00:44:50,240

any civilization that has developed

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00:44:55,829 --> 00:44:53,680

viable interstellar travel

1021

00:44:56,950 --> 00:44:55,839

does have technology way ahead of our

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00:44:59,750 --> 00:44:56,960

own and

1023

00:45:00,790 --> 00:44:59,760

in those circumstances it is most

1024

00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:00,800

unlikely

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00:45:03,990 --> 00:45:03,520

that we are going to have anything to

1026
00:45:06,790 --> 00:45:04,000
teach

1027
00:45:10,069 --> 00:45:06,800
such a civilization about science and

1028
00:45:13,670 --> 00:45:10,079
technology and engineering

1029
00:45:17,390 --> 00:45:13,680
therefore it is likely that

1030
00:45:19,829 --> 00:45:17,400
if earth is being visited by intelligent

1031
00:45:22,309 --> 00:45:19,839
extraterrestrials the things about

1032
00:45:23,030 --> 00:45:22,319
us that they will be interested in are

1033
00:45:26,550 --> 00:45:23,040
those more

1034
00:45:30,390 --> 00:45:26,560
abstract anthropological things

1035
00:45:33,510 --> 00:45:30,400
our political structures our religions

1036
00:45:36,630 --> 00:45:33,520
our philosophies our architecture

1037
00:45:37,750 --> 00:45:36,640
our painting our poetry and yes the

1038
00:45:39,670 --> 00:45:37,760

grand canyon

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00:45:41,589 --> 00:45:39,680

and all the great tourist sites that

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00:45:44,550 --> 00:45:41,599

there are so

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00:45:46,230 --> 00:45:44,560

um you know people say what's a good

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00:45:47,750 --> 00:45:46,240

place to see a ufo

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00:45:50,390 --> 00:45:47,760

well you know maybe they're as

1044

00:45:53,109 --> 00:45:50,400

interested in all the wonderful

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00:45:53,990 --> 00:45:53,119

things that we've got here as anyone

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00:45:56,230 --> 00:45:54,000

else so

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00:46:00,309 --> 00:45:56,240

check out the pyramids check out the

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00:46:02,309 --> 00:46:00,319

grand canyon um

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00:46:03,349 --> 00:46:02,319

so actually although that line about

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00:46:06,550 --> 00:46:03,359

tourism

1051
00:46:08,390 --> 00:46:06,560
looked funny it was actually rooted in

1052
00:46:11,910 --> 00:46:08,400
some quite serious

1053
00:46:14,550 --> 00:46:11,920
um and logical thinking about what we

1054
00:46:18,790 --> 00:46:14,560
might be dealing with

1055
00:46:24,870 --> 00:46:21,910
is there a ufo cover-up

1056
00:46:26,309 --> 00:46:24,880
well i'm surprised that anyone would

1057
00:46:29,190 --> 00:46:26,319
think that their governments weren't

1058
00:46:32,710 --> 00:46:29,200
being truthful with them

1059
00:46:34,710 --> 00:46:32,720
how could you think that um

1060
00:46:36,950 --> 00:46:34,720
is there a cover-up in the united i

1061
00:46:38,390 --> 00:46:36,960
can't speak

1062
00:46:40,870 --> 00:46:38,400
i worked for the british government for

1063
00:46:43,349 --> 00:46:40,880

21 years i am now

1064

00:46:44,069 --> 00:46:43,359

um an honored guest in your country

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00:46:46,870 --> 00:46:44,079

actually i

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00:46:48,309 --> 00:46:46,880

i emigrated and moved to the states

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00:46:51,910 --> 00:46:48,319

three years ago

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00:46:53,670 --> 00:46:51,920

um and i love it here so thank you for

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00:46:56,950 --> 00:46:53,680

having me

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00:46:58,950 --> 00:46:56,960

but uh

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00:47:00,470 --> 00:46:58,960

people ask is there a cover-up back in

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00:47:02,550 --> 00:47:00,480

the united kingdom and

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00:47:04,230 --> 00:47:02,560

to the best of my knowledge there is not

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00:47:06,870 --> 00:47:04,240

cover-up of a

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00:47:08,630 --> 00:47:06,880

spaceship and a hangar smoking gun if

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00:47:09,829 --> 00:47:08,640

they have such a thing they didn't tell

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00:47:11,750 --> 00:47:09,839

me

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00:47:13,829 --> 00:47:11,760

now maybe that's quite logical that they

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00:47:15,190 --> 00:47:13,839

wouldn't tell me but i was on the ufo

1080

00:47:19,589 --> 00:47:15,200

project and i think i

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00:47:23,829 --> 00:47:22,630

i had a reason reasonably high security

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00:47:25,670 --> 00:47:23,839

clearance

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00:47:27,349 --> 00:47:25,680

too you know one of those i could tell

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00:47:32,549 --> 00:47:27,359

you but i'm going to have to kill you

1085

00:47:35,910 --> 00:47:35,190

there may not be a cover-up but since i

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00:47:40,790 --> 00:47:35,920

left

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00:47:44,069 --> 00:47:40,800

there have been some disturbing

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00:47:48,150 --> 00:47:47,190

hints perhaps that not all the

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00:47:52,549 --> 00:47:48,160
information

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00:47:56,069 --> 00:47:52,559
came out uh

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00:47:58,950 --> 00:47:56,079
a few years ago britain finally got

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00:48:00,549 --> 00:47:58,960
its freedom of information act we were

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00:48:04,630 --> 00:48:00,559
many years behind you

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00:48:09,270 --> 00:48:04,640
actually ours came fully into force

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00:48:11,910 --> 00:48:09,280
actually only in january 2005

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00:48:12,950 --> 00:48:11,920
and when all government departments

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00:48:16,069 --> 00:48:12,960
reviewed

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00:48:18,470 --> 00:48:16,079
what people were asking about um the

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00:48:20,470 --> 00:48:18,480
ministry of defence was expecting that

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00:48:22,710 --> 00:48:20,480
they were going to get a lot of

1101
00:48:23,990 --> 00:48:22,720
questions from journalists and from the

1102
00:48:27,190 --> 00:48:24,000
public about

1103
00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:27,200
iraq not sorry iraq

1104
00:48:34,069 --> 00:48:30,720
as you call it over here um

1105
00:48:37,190 --> 00:48:34,079
potato potato um

1106
00:48:41,270 --> 00:48:37,200
and afghanistan but

1107
00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:41,280
when they started drawing up the tables

1108
00:48:45,430 --> 00:48:43,440
it turned out what do you think the

1109
00:48:47,109 --> 00:48:45,440
number one subject that people ask the

1110
00:48:49,349 --> 00:48:47,119
ministry defense about under the freedom

1111
00:48:53,430 --> 00:48:49,359
of information act was

1112
00:48:57,910 --> 00:48:53,440
ufos is correct it's the right answer

1113
00:48:59,910 --> 00:48:57,920

um and so many people were asking and so

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00:49:01,670 --> 00:48:59,920

much work was being generated

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00:49:03,990 --> 00:49:01,680

that they decided that they would have

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00:49:07,190 --> 00:49:04,000

to declassify

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00:49:12,309 --> 00:49:07,200

and release these files

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00:49:15,910 --> 00:49:12,319

and they released this material and

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00:49:17,510 --> 00:49:15,920

for many years of course they had said

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00:49:22,549 --> 00:49:17,520

we

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00:49:26,309 --> 00:49:22,559

have much on this

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00:49:30,230 --> 00:49:26,319

guess how many um

1123

00:49:33,190 --> 00:49:30,240

individual documents on ufos

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00:49:33,910 --> 00:49:33,200

the ministry of defense had a multiple

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00:49:37,109 --> 00:49:33,920

choice

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00:49:42,309 --> 00:49:37,119

sixty six hundred

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00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:42,319

or six thousand who thinks six thousand

1128

00:49:45,750 --> 00:49:45,119

yeah that would that would be the it's

1129

00:49:48,549 --> 00:49:45,760

actually

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00:49:50,230 --> 00:49:48,559

i i cheated i didn't give you the fourth

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00:49:54,630 --> 00:49:50,240

option the real answer is

1132

00:49:55,349 --> 00:49:54,640

60 000. so again not bad for a subject

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00:49:58,150 --> 00:49:55,359

on which the

1134

00:49:59,030 --> 00:49:58,160

government apparently has hardly any

1135

00:50:01,990 --> 00:49:59,040

interest

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00:50:03,030 --> 00:50:02,000

and yet oh by the way here's 60 000

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00:50:04,870 --> 00:50:03,040

documents

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00:50:06,390 --> 00:50:04,880

that we found on this subject that we

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00:50:08,870 --> 00:50:06,400

have no interest in

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00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:08,880

oh and by the way some of them have

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00:50:13,910 --> 00:50:10,400

secret ukis

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00:50:14,950 --> 00:50:13,920

only classification but it's probably

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00:50:18,470 --> 00:50:14,960

just because it's a

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00:50:22,549 --> 00:50:18,480

really really highly classified

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00:50:26,230 --> 00:50:24,790

a former chief of the defense staff took

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00:50:29,270 --> 00:50:26,240

an interest in this

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00:50:33,190 --> 00:50:29,280

and he was was he had heard about

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00:50:36,630 --> 00:50:33,200

a um case

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00:50:39,990 --> 00:50:36,640

where um hundreds of

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00:50:43,270 --> 00:50:40,000

navy personnel in a big nato

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00:50:44,390 --> 00:50:43,280
exercise had encountered a ufo whilst on

1152
00:50:47,990 --> 00:50:44,400
the british

1153
00:50:51,030 --> 00:50:48,000
warship hms manchester

1154
00:50:55,109 --> 00:50:52,790
apparently this thing had been tracked

1155
00:50:57,510 --> 00:50:55,119
on radar it had been seen by

1156
00:50:59,030 --> 00:50:57,520
navy personnel on british ships on

1157
00:51:01,109 --> 00:50:59,040
norwegian ships

1158
00:51:03,109 --> 00:51:01,119
and the former chief of the defense

1159
00:51:05,750 --> 00:51:03,119
staff a five-star

1160
00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:05,760
military officer this is the equivalent

1161
00:51:18,390 --> 00:51:06,240
of

1162
00:51:21,589 --> 00:51:18,400
norton

1163
00:51:26,150 --> 00:51:21,599

asked one of the defense ministers

1164

00:51:30,470 --> 00:51:26,160

for the ship's log for the period

1165

00:51:33,750 --> 00:51:30,480

when this ufo encounter had taken place

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00:51:35,750 --> 00:51:33,760

and the answer that the

1167

00:51:37,910 --> 00:51:35,760

under secretary of state at the ministry

1168

00:51:40,549 --> 00:51:37,920

of defense gave back

1169

00:51:43,510 --> 00:51:40,559

to this five-star military officer who

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00:51:46,630 --> 00:51:43,520

was a firm believer

1171

00:51:50,549 --> 00:51:46,640

in ufos

1172

00:51:54,390 --> 00:51:50,559

was my lord

1173

00:51:57,750 --> 00:51:54,400

um we have located

1174

00:52:01,349 --> 00:51:57,760

the ship's log for the period

1175

00:52:02,870 --> 00:52:01,359

um before this encounter and we have

1176

00:52:06,430 --> 00:52:02,880

located the ship's log

1177

00:52:10,870 --> 00:52:06,440

for the period after this encounter

1178

00:52:13,589 --> 00:52:10,880

regrettably however the ship's log

1179

00:52:14,470 --> 00:52:13,599

for the period when this incident

1180

00:52:18,390 --> 00:52:14,480

apparently

1181

00:52:20,230 --> 00:52:18,400

took place was blown overboard by a

1182

00:52:25,910 --> 00:52:20,240

freak gust of wind

1183

00:52:34,549 --> 00:52:31,270

so if that's the sort of answer

1184

00:52:38,950 --> 00:52:34,559

that a five-star military officer gets

1185

00:52:40,870 --> 00:52:38,960

when he presses for

1186

00:52:42,150 --> 00:52:40,880

information about what governments know

1187

00:52:45,670 --> 00:52:42,160

about ufos

1188

00:52:48,870 --> 00:52:45,680

what hope have the rest of us got

1189

00:52:52,630 --> 00:52:48,880

well i

1190

00:52:55,190 --> 00:52:52,640

uh before i wrap up i i did

1191

00:52:56,470 --> 00:52:55,200

and what i've tried to do i hope you'll

1192

00:52:59,510 --> 00:52:56,480

forgive me from

1193

00:52:59,990 --> 00:52:59,520

for having lept around from subject to

1194

00:53:02,309 --> 00:53:00,000

subject

1195

00:53:05,030 --> 00:53:02,319

a bit but i i just wanted to to give you

1196

00:53:07,030 --> 00:53:05,040

a sense of what it was like

1197

00:53:08,470 --> 00:53:07,040

looking at this subject from within

1198

00:53:12,069 --> 00:53:08,480

government

1199

00:53:16,309 --> 00:53:12,079

uh and a sense of some of the cases

1200

00:53:19,589 --> 00:53:16,319

in our files i'm here tomorrow

1201
00:53:22,549 --> 00:53:19,599
and i'm giving a second presentation

1202
00:53:24,309 --> 00:53:22,559
tomorrow in which i will be going into

1203
00:53:28,710 --> 00:53:24,319
more detail on

1204
00:53:32,549 --> 00:53:28,720
the single most compelling case

1205
00:53:34,790 --> 00:53:32,559
that we ever had the rendelsham forest

1206
00:53:35,910 --> 00:53:34,800
incident that took place at the twin

1207
00:53:38,790 --> 00:53:35,920
bases of bent

1208
00:53:39,430 --> 00:53:38,800
waters and woodbridge so i'm going to be

1209
00:53:42,950 --> 00:53:39,440
doing

1210
00:53:47,829 --> 00:53:42,960
a whole presentation on that single case

1211
00:53:51,109 --> 00:53:49,750
you know so we have those sorts of cases

1212
00:53:52,950 --> 00:53:51,119
but um

1213
00:53:55,510 --> 00:53:52,960

so that's why i've been leaping around

1214

00:53:57,990 --> 00:53:55,520

from subject to subject but i mentioned

1215

00:53:58,790 --> 00:53:58,000

i mentioned those two royal society

1216

00:54:01,990 --> 00:53:58,800

discussion

1217

00:54:03,030 --> 00:54:02,000

meetings and and when i started this

1218

00:54:06,390 --> 00:54:03,040

presentation

1219

00:54:07,910 --> 00:54:06,400

i talked about how the mainstream media

1220

00:54:10,470 --> 00:54:07,920

this week

1221

00:54:11,430 --> 00:54:10,480

in the united states was finally

1222

00:54:13,990 --> 00:54:11,440

beginning to

1223

00:54:15,990 --> 00:54:14,000

wake up and pay attention and realize

1224

00:54:17,670 --> 00:54:16,000

that uh hey wait a minute

1225

00:54:19,670 --> 00:54:17,680

you know if this subject was of no

1226

00:54:20,470 --> 00:54:19,680

interest how come the american

1227

00:54:25,109 --> 00:54:20,480

government

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00:54:28,150 --> 00:54:25,119

had 130 000 pages of documents

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00:54:31,430 --> 00:54:28,160

on this this is not the sort of

1230

00:54:33,670 --> 00:54:31,440

you know amount

1231

00:54:34,870 --> 00:54:33,680

of of material that you have on a

1232

00:54:38,150 --> 00:54:34,880

subject that's

1233

00:54:39,910 --> 00:54:38,160

that's just swamp gas

1234

00:54:41,589 --> 00:54:39,920

you know who would have a hundred and

1235

00:54:44,470 --> 00:54:41,599

thirty thousand pages of

1236

00:54:44,870 --> 00:54:44,480

government documents on swamp gas wait a

1237

00:54:48,470 --> 00:54:44,880

minute

1238

00:54:53,190 --> 00:54:50,789

but it's not just the media who are

1239

00:54:57,109 --> 00:54:53,200

beginning to pay attention to this

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00:54:59,670 --> 00:54:57,119

in the united kingdom in 2010

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00:55:00,630 --> 00:54:59,680

there were two royal society discussion

1242

00:55:03,430 --> 00:55:00,640

meetings

1243

00:55:05,109 --> 00:55:03,440

the first one and and this is for people

1244

00:55:06,789 --> 00:55:05,119

who think that the scientific community

1245

00:55:10,309 --> 00:55:06,799

doesn't take this seriously

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00:55:12,150 --> 00:55:10,319

they do but

1247

00:55:13,750 --> 00:55:12,160

you know there are still some issues

1248

00:55:16,230 --> 00:55:13,760

about uh

1249

00:55:17,190 --> 00:55:16,240

speaking too publicly about these these

1250

00:55:20,069 --> 00:55:17,200

sorts of things

1251
00:55:21,910 --> 00:55:20,079
but the proceedings of of these meetings

1252
00:55:25,750 --> 00:55:21,920
are out there they're not

1253
00:55:27,270 --> 00:55:25,760
classified or anything the first meeting

1254
00:55:30,950 --> 00:55:27,280
was called

1255
00:55:33,510 --> 00:55:30,960
the detection of extraterrestrial life

1256
00:55:35,510 --> 00:55:33,520
and the consequences for science and

1257
00:55:38,549 --> 00:55:35,520
society

1258
00:55:42,470 --> 00:55:38,559
and the second one you know

1259
00:55:47,030 --> 00:55:42,480
fantastic title towards a societal

1260
00:55:50,470 --> 00:55:47,040
agenda on alien life this is a

1261
00:55:54,069 --> 00:55:50,480
scientific meeting the royal society

1262
00:55:57,589 --> 00:55:54,079
celebrated its 300th anniversary

1263
00:56:01,510 --> 00:55:57,599

recently its previous fellows included

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00:56:03,829 --> 00:56:01,520

sir isaac newton uh einstein

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00:56:04,789 --> 00:56:03,839

more recently stephen hawking and this

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00:56:07,750 --> 00:56:04,799

is this is not

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00:56:09,270 --> 00:56:07,760

a college science club this is arguably

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00:56:12,230 --> 00:56:09,280

the prestige

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00:56:12,870 --> 00:56:12,240

science body maybe anywhere in the world

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00:56:15,990 --> 00:56:12,880

and

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00:56:19,270 --> 00:56:16,000

things like what

1272

00:56:21,750 --> 00:56:19,280

would be the impact on world religions

1273

00:56:23,109 --> 00:56:21,760

if any of this turned out to be true oh

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00:56:25,270 --> 00:56:23,119

great

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00:56:28,789 --> 00:56:25,280

i i don't have time to go into this but

1276

00:56:31,750 --> 00:56:28,799

um the the answer to that question

1277

00:56:33,990 --> 00:56:31,760

apparently is that it would not shatter

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00:56:36,789 --> 00:56:34,000

people's religious

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00:56:37,670 --> 00:56:36,799

faith it would actually strengthen it

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00:56:40,950 --> 00:56:37,680

because

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00:56:42,710 --> 00:56:40,960

when when people actually

1282

00:56:45,190 --> 00:56:42,720

went out and discussed this with

1283

00:56:47,750 --> 00:56:45,200

religious people what they said was well

1284

00:56:49,990 --> 00:56:47,760

if we find out it's not just us doesn't

1285

00:56:52,150 --> 00:56:50,000

it make the glory of god's creation look

1286

00:56:53,030 --> 00:56:52,160

even bigger and more magnificent than we

1287

00:56:56,630 --> 00:56:53,040

previously

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00:56:58,230 --> 00:56:56,640

were aware so far from you know you hear

1289

00:57:00,230 --> 00:56:58,240

these phrases like there's going to be

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00:57:03,109 --> 00:57:00,240

panic in the streets it's going to

1291

00:57:03,750 --> 00:57:03,119

shatter people's faith and actually when

1292

00:57:07,030 --> 00:57:03,760

you test

1293

00:57:09,910 --> 00:57:07,040

these assumptions it's not true

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00:57:11,109 --> 00:57:09,920

if if it was on the front page of the

1295

00:57:15,030 --> 00:57:11,119

paper

1296

00:57:17,430 --> 00:57:15,040

tomorrow government admits

1297

00:57:18,710 --> 00:57:17,440

ufos are alien there's not going to be

1298

00:57:19,990 --> 00:57:18,720

panic in the streets there's going to be

1299

00:57:24,829 --> 00:57:20,000

a whole bunch of people saying

1300

00:57:29,430 --> 00:57:24,839

told you so they've been lying to us for

1301
00:57:32,870 --> 00:57:31,750
so that's why these these royal society

1302
00:57:35,270 --> 00:57:32,880
meetings were so

1303
00:57:37,030 --> 00:57:35,280
so interesting one of the funny things

1304
00:57:40,069 --> 00:57:37,040
though just back on religion

1305
00:57:43,349 --> 00:57:40,079
was as a kind of postscript to that they

1306
00:57:45,670 --> 00:57:43,359
found out that um people

1307
00:57:47,430 --> 00:57:45,680
all thought that their own particular

1308
00:57:50,150 --> 00:57:47,440
denomination

1309
00:57:52,470 --> 00:57:50,160
would would be very mature and

1310
00:57:55,589 --> 00:57:52,480
comfortable and robust with this

1311
00:57:57,750 --> 00:57:55,599
but whatever religion they spoke to

1312
00:57:59,670 --> 00:57:57,760
they thought they got the answer well

1313
00:58:01,670 --> 00:57:59,680

we'll be fine with it but some of those

1314

00:58:05,270 --> 00:58:01,680

other religions would probably just

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00:58:07,349 --> 00:58:05,280

you know panic and you know

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00:58:09,030 --> 00:58:07,359

so catholics thought that they could

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00:58:09,990 --> 00:58:09,040

handle it but the protestants would

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00:58:11,750 --> 00:58:10,000

freak out

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00:58:13,910 --> 00:58:11,760

you know baptists thought that they

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00:58:16,230 --> 00:58:13,920

would be very welcoming but

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00:58:17,670 --> 00:58:16,240

but maybe that the you know the

1322

00:58:21,670 --> 00:58:17,680

catholics would would

1323

00:58:22,549 --> 00:58:21,680

panic um anyway suffice to say actually

1324

00:58:24,470 --> 00:58:22,559

it turned out

1325

00:58:26,630 --> 00:58:24,480

everyone thought they would be pretty

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00:58:29,670 --> 00:58:26,640

pretty comfortable with it

1327

00:58:33,430 --> 00:58:29,680

um a former chief

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00:58:34,950 --> 00:58:33,440

historian of nasa gave an extraordinary

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00:58:37,390 --> 00:58:34,960

presentation

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00:58:38,710 --> 00:58:37,400

in which he said that if we encounter

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00:58:41,829 --> 00:58:38,720

extraterrestrials

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00:58:42,390 --> 00:58:41,839

he said we're probably largely in what

1333

00:58:55,829 --> 00:58:42,400

he

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00:58:58,710 --> 00:58:55,839

find that

1335

00:59:01,430 --> 00:58:58,720

what we first interact with will be

1336

00:59:04,230 --> 00:59:01,440

immortal thinking machines

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00:59:04,870 --> 00:59:04,240

and i had to kind of say to myself wait

1338

00:59:08,309 --> 00:59:04,880

a minute

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00:59:09,990 --> 00:59:08,319

post biological universe immortal

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00:59:13,750 --> 00:59:10,000

thinking machines

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00:59:17,510 --> 00:59:13,760

and i had to to kind of remind myself

1342

00:59:20,789 --> 00:59:17,520

that i was not at a sci-fi convention

1343

00:59:24,789 --> 00:59:20,799

but a really high brow scientific

1344

00:59:28,549 --> 00:59:24,799

symposium so if anyone in the audience

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00:59:30,470 --> 00:59:28,559

thinks that people regard them as being

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00:59:31,270 --> 00:59:30,480

somewhat quirky for being interested in

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00:59:34,069 --> 00:59:31,280

ufos

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00:59:35,030 --> 00:59:34,079

you're not quirky at all you know some

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00:59:37,510 --> 00:59:35,040

of the finest

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00:59:38,069 --> 00:59:37,520

minds on the planet are interested in

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00:59:41,109 --> 00:59:38,079

this

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00:59:44,870 --> 00:59:41,119

and quite rightly too

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00:59:49,030 --> 00:59:44,880

you know i don't i don't stand here

1354

00:59:51,750 --> 00:59:49,040

and pretend to have all the answers but

1355

00:59:53,589 --> 00:59:51,760

my goodness i've got some questions and

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00:59:56,630 --> 00:59:53,599

for anyone that says

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00:59:57,190 --> 00:59:56,640

that ufos are just a waste of time and

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01:00:04,549 --> 00:59:57,200

that

1359

01:00:07,910 --> 01:00:04,559

crazy i would say this

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01:00:11,109 --> 01:00:07,920

what question could be bigger

1361

01:00:12,870 --> 01:00:11,119

and more profound than are we alone or

1362

01:00:17,670 --> 01:00:12,880

not in the cosmos

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01:00:21,109 --> 01:00:17,680

and if we're not are we being visited

1364

01:00:23,990 --> 01:00:21,119

and how

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01:00:24,870 --> 01:00:24,000

in a sense small minded it it would be

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01:00:26,710 --> 01:00:24,880

to to say

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01:00:28,390 --> 01:00:26,720

that those questions weren't interesting

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01:00:29,829 --> 01:00:28,400

i think that the biggest and most

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01:00:33,190 --> 01:00:29,839

profound questions

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01:00:36,710 --> 01:00:33,200

we can ask ourselves and long may

1371

01:00:37,349 --> 01:00:36,720

people like you carry on asking those

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01:00:40,710 --> 01:00:37,359

questions

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01:00:41,589 --> 01:00:40,720

and carry on fighting to bring out the

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01:00:45,270 --> 01:00:41,599

truth either

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01:00:47,910 --> 01:00:45,280

those of you who've had sightings uh to

1376

01:00:49,349 --> 01:00:47,920

to say to the media you know this this

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01:00:52,150 --> 01:00:49,359

isn't just a silly

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01:00:53,109 --> 01:00:52,160

story to be kind of put away on the back

1379

01:00:56,150 --> 01:00:53,119

page

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01:00:57,990 --> 01:00:56,160

um these things are seen

1381

01:01:00,230 --> 01:00:58,000

by police officers and military

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01:01:03,430 --> 01:01:00,240

personnel and pilots these things are

1383

01:01:05,510 --> 01:01:03,440

tracked on radar these things do perform

1384

01:01:06,789 --> 01:01:05,520

speeds and maneuvers that we can't hope

1385

01:01:09,430 --> 01:01:06,799

to match and

1386

01:01:11,030 --> 01:01:09,440

that's not even disputed anymore you can

1387

01:01:12,309 --> 01:01:11,040

read it in these files that were

1388

01:01:13,589 --> 01:01:12,319

released this week

1389

01:01:16,309 --> 01:01:13,599

you can read it in the british

1390

01:01:18,789 --> 01:01:16,319

government's ufo files

1391

01:01:20,230 --> 01:01:18,799

now declassified and available at the

1392

01:01:23,750 --> 01:01:20,240

national archives

1393

01:01:27,670 --> 01:01:23,760

in the uk so in closing

1394

01:01:31,109 --> 01:01:30,470

ufos are interesting they are important

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01:01:33,990 --> 01:01:31,119

there is

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01:01:35,190 --> 01:01:34,000

one slight kind of word of warning

1397

01:01:38,950 --> 01:01:35,200

though

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01:01:41,430 --> 01:01:38,960

if the day does come when

1399

01:01:43,190 --> 01:01:41,440

it's announced that we've discovered

1400

01:01:46,950 --> 01:01:43,200

extraterrestrial life

1401

01:01:50,150 --> 01:01:46,960

and we're not alone and

1402

01:01:52,069 --> 01:01:50,160

everything is revealed if you ask

1403

01:01:54,150 --> 01:01:52,079

yourselves the question wow that's

1404

01:01:57,670 --> 01:01:54,160

fantastic does any of this mean

1405

01:02:00,150 --> 01:01:57,680

i don't have to go to work anymore

1406

01:02:01,190 --> 01:02:00,160

sadly the answer is yeah you do have to

1407

01:02:04,230 --> 01:02:01,200

go to work

1408

01:02:05,190 --> 01:02:04,240

because life will go on but one day life

1409

01:02:08,470 --> 01:02:05,200

will go on

1410

01:02:12,069 --> 01:02:08,480

in the post disclosure

1411

01:02:15,910 --> 01:02:12,079

and post detection universe and i

1412

01:02:17,990 --> 01:02:15,920

firmly believe that even though i don't

1413

01:02:18,390 --> 01:02:18,000

have an exact date and i don't know the

1414

01:02:21,430 --> 01:02:18,400

way

1415

01:02:23,829 --> 01:02:21,440

shape or form that this is going to

1416

01:02:25,990 --> 01:02:23,839

unfold whether it's going to be a

1417

01:02:28,069 --> 01:02:26,000

landing on the white house lawn

1418

01:02:30,390 --> 01:02:28,079

the detection of a signal with a radio

1419

01:02:32,710 --> 01:02:30,400

telescope

1420

01:02:33,990 --> 01:02:32,720

or an announcement my fellow americans

1421

01:02:36,630 --> 01:02:34,000

people of the world we are not

1422

01:02:37,750 --> 01:02:36,640

alone um that would have been great for

1423

01:02:41,109 --> 01:02:37,760

the state of union

1424

01:02:45,670 --> 01:02:43,430

i don't know when it's going to happen

1425

01:02:48,789 --> 01:02:45,680

but one day that day will come

1426

01:02:51,589 --> 01:02:48,799

and i think it's it's getting very close

1427

01:02:52,549 --> 01:02:51,599

and i firmly believe that this is the

1428

01:02:55,349 --> 01:02:52,559

generation

1429

01:02:56,870 --> 01:02:55,359

that will see it and that those of you

1430

01:02:59,270 --> 01:02:56,880

sitting in this room

1431

01:03:01,029 --> 01:02:59,280

will share it and we'll be here to

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01:03:04,150 --> 01:03:01,039

experience what will be

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01:03:05,349 --> 01:03:04,160

arguably one of the most profound and

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01:03:07,990 --> 01:03:05,359

meaningful

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01:03:09,910 --> 01:03:08,000

and important in the literal sense of

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01:03:13,029 --> 01:03:09,920

the world revelations

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01:03:16,470 --> 01:03:13,039

ever to have affected the human race

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01:03:19,349 --> 01:03:16,480

so with that thought of what might come

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01:03:21,109 --> 01:03:19,359

i will leave you and thank you very much

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01:03:21,589 --> 01:03:21,119

indeed for listening to me i hope it's

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01:03:23,910 --> 01:03:21,599

been

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01:03:37,589 --> 01:03:23,920

of interest thank you for listening

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01:03:37,599 --> 01:03:43,430

okay yeah nick we're gonna have to wipe

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01:03:51,029 --> 01:03:47,029

and the rest of you too uh

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01:03:52,789 --> 01:03:51,039

okay no that was a great talk and uh

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01:03:54,470 --> 01:03:52,799

you know he he's really pretty good

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01:03:57,990 --> 01:03:54,480

comedian too i was really

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01:04:00,390 --> 01:03:58,000

impressed we're on the uh

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01:04:02,230 --> 01:04:00,400

inception network and i'd like the world

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01:04:03,029 --> 01:04:02,240

to know that the folks are here in del

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01:04:05,029 --> 01:04:03,039

rio so