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Nick Pope

Area 51, UFOs

& UFOlogy

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00:00:08,270 --> 00:00:05,329
welcome to tales from the rabbit hole

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00:00:12,110 --> 00:00:08,280
I'm your host Nick West my guest today

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00:00:14,810 --> 00:00:12,120
is Nick Pope Nick Pope is an expat rich

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00:00:18,140 --> 00:00:14,820
just like me and he is a British

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00:00:20,870 --> 00:00:18,150
journalist and media commentator who is

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00:00:23,570 --> 00:00:20,880
very well known for writing about the

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00:00:27,410 --> 00:00:23,580
UFO phenomena he used to work for the

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00:00:29,450 --> 00:00:27,420
British government and handled UFO

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00:00:31,490 --> 00:00:29,460
reports for the British government so

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00:00:34,430 --> 00:00:31,500
Nick welcome to tales from the rabbit

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:34,440
hole thank you thank you very much for

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00:00:38,420 --> 00:00:35,760
being here so it's great it's like

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00:00:42,650 --> 00:00:38,430

obviously a very interesting time in the

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00:00:47,180 --> 00:00:42,660

UFO and alien enthusiasts world and I

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00:00:50,299 --> 00:00:47,190

hear you just got back from area 51 yes

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00:00:54,410 --> 00:00:50,309

indeed I was covering the whole let's

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00:00:57,920 --> 00:00:54,420

storm internet doc next let's storm area

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00:01:00,319 --> 00:00:57,930

51 that the internet meme Road I was

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00:01:03,039 --> 00:01:00,329

covering that for an upcoming TV show

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00:01:06,170 --> 00:01:03,049

and I spent three days up there

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00:01:10,010 --> 00:01:06,180

interviewing and meeting event

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00:01:13,730 --> 00:01:10,020

organisers performers speakers cops

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00:01:15,950 --> 00:01:13,740

local people and attendees to just take

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00:01:18,530 --> 00:01:15,960

the temperature and see what was going

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,540

on and it was very interesting what so

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00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:20,880

what what types of people were actually

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00:01:26,179 --> 00:01:23,759

turning up there it's interesting it was

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00:01:29,840 --> 00:01:26,189

fundamentally different to the average

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00:01:33,740 --> 00:01:29,850

UFO conference and and it was much more

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00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:33,750

the festival crowd and I think part of

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00:01:39,530 --> 00:01:35,520

that was obviously the fact that the

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00:01:42,770 --> 00:01:39,540

initial let's storm area51

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00:01:46,010 --> 00:01:42,780

plan or joke or however you characterize

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00:01:47,929 --> 00:01:46,020

it had by that time evolved into well

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00:01:50,929 --> 00:01:47,939

let's not do that for very good reasons

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00:01:53,719 --> 00:01:50,939

let's let's instead try to capitalize on

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00:01:56,510 --> 00:01:53,729

that interest by by running some sort of

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00:02:00,429 --> 00:01:56,520

event and in the end actually it turned

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00:02:04,429 --> 00:02:00,439

out to be three events one in downtown

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00:02:07,730 --> 00:02:04,439

Las Vegas one in the town of Rachel and

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00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:07,740

the other in the town of heiko so so it

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00:02:12,140 --> 00:02:09,599

got the festival crowd there were more

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00:02:16,509 --> 00:02:12,150

young people there were more people who

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00:02:19,759 --> 00:02:16,519

I suppose would I count as part

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00:02:22,820 --> 00:02:19,769

activists part just people who wanted to

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00:02:25,190 --> 00:02:22,830

turn up see what was going on and wanted

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00:02:27,860 --> 00:02:25,200

to be a part of something I think yeah

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00:02:29,960 --> 00:02:27,870

it sounded like like you say it was kind

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00:02:33,319 --> 00:02:29,970

of like the festival type thing

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00:02:36,680 --> 00:02:33,329

the average MUFON conference where a

51
00:02:38,600 --> 00:02:36,690
bunch of people but you know average age

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00:02:41,869 --> 00:02:38,610
is probably at the higher end of the

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00:02:45,349 --> 00:02:41,879
spectrum a lot of retirees a lot of the

54
00:02:46,789 --> 00:02:45,359
same faces so this was something this

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00:02:49,699 --> 00:02:46,799
was something new and I think that's

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00:02:52,580 --> 00:02:49,709
that's interesting in what it maybe says

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00:02:54,349 --> 00:02:52,590
about this subject where it is where it

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00:02:56,500 --> 00:02:54,359
might be heading do you think it's

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00:02:59,210 --> 00:02:56,510
indicative though of a new generation

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00:03:01,970 --> 00:02:59,220
interested in the same type of UFO

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00:03:05,869 --> 00:03:01,980
things or is it a shift in kind of UFOs

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00:03:08,300 --> 00:03:05,879
in culture I don't know I mean I think

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00:03:11,080 --> 00:03:08,310

we are and I'm sure we will get on to

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00:03:14,000 --> 00:03:11,090

discuss this we are probably in a new

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00:03:17,539 --> 00:03:14,010

position now to the position we were in

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00:03:19,699 --> 00:03:17,549

around 18 months ago anyway because of

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00:03:23,259 --> 00:03:19,709

the revelations about the Pentagon's a

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00:03:27,379 --> 00:03:23,269

tip program the US Navy encounters

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00:03:30,129 --> 00:03:27,389

congressional interest in all that so so

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00:03:33,319 --> 00:03:30,139

I think things we're changing anyway

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00:03:35,900 --> 00:03:33,329

this this kind of came from left field

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00:03:37,699 --> 00:03:35,910

and I don't know I don't know whether it

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00:03:41,150 --> 00:03:37,709

is is going to be something that will

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00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:41,160

last and grow and evolve year-on-year or

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00:03:45,819 --> 00:03:43,440

whether it was just one of those rather

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00:03:48,949 --> 00:03:45,829

unusual totally impossible to predict

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00:03:50,990 --> 00:03:48,959

internet memes that that maybe can't be

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00:03:52,729 --> 00:03:51,000

repeated yeah it certainly seems to kind

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00:03:56,439 --> 00:03:52,739

of grow out of nothing it was just a

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00:03:59,330 --> 00:03:56,449

bunch of jokes and quite amusing memes

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00:04:01,009 --> 00:03:59,340

start at a start but then I think a few

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00:04:03,170 --> 00:04:01,019

people can took it seriously not very

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00:04:05,390 --> 00:04:03,180

many obviously but and even the people

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00:04:08,150 --> 00:04:05,400

who were there I guess weren't exactly

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00:04:10,939 --> 00:04:08,160

taking it seriously in terms of storming

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00:04:13,550 --> 00:04:10,949

area 51 they were just thinking yeah

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00:04:17,180 --> 00:04:13,560

we'll go there and have a good time yes

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00:04:21,050 --> 00:04:17,190

I think very few people were going there

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00:04:22,490 --> 00:04:21,060

I wouldn't even say it was a protest you

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00:04:24,260 --> 00:04:22,500

know you can have an argument about

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00:04:26,420 --> 00:04:24,270

whether some of this is is a

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00:04:28,820 --> 00:04:26,430

protest against government secrecy or

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00:04:32,450 --> 00:04:28,830

perceived government secrecy on this

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00:04:34,460 --> 00:04:32,460

issue I think it was more half festival

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00:04:37,850 --> 00:04:34,470

half you know this is something

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00:04:40,460 --> 00:04:37,860

interesting and different half I want to

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00:04:43,010 --> 00:04:40,470

be is its I've heard it described as

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00:04:44,749 --> 00:04:43,020

almost like a Burning Man for UFOs I

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00:04:46,309 --> 00:04:44,759

suppose there are people looking back

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00:04:48,980 --> 00:04:46,319

who wish they'd been to the first

101
00:04:51,140 --> 00:04:48,990
Burning Man which according to some

102
00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:51,150
accounts was simply eight people on a

103
00:04:56,480 --> 00:04:54,000
beach somewhere so so maybe there was an

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00:04:58,700 --> 00:04:56,490
element of that yeah well guess we'll

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00:05:01,129 --> 00:04:58,710
see if it pans out in years to come

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00:05:02,990 --> 00:05:01,139
did you kind of talk to people on the

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00:05:08,469 --> 00:05:03,000
other side I said the guards or the

108
00:05:11,120 --> 00:05:08,479
local officials in the area yes I - and

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00:05:14,120 --> 00:05:11,130
talked to several cops and security

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00:05:16,850 --> 00:05:14,130
people and interviewed a a couple of

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00:05:19,129 --> 00:05:16,860
them and it was clear there was

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00:05:21,950 --> 00:05:19,139
something of a charm offensive going on

113
00:05:24,170 --> 00:05:21,960

there I don't know whether they have or

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00:05:26,270 --> 00:05:24,180

will ever release it under the Freedom

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00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:26,280

of Information Act but clearly there was

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00:05:34,309 --> 00:05:30,240

an integrated multi-agency contingency

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00:05:38,350 --> 00:05:34,319

plan for this involving the US military

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00:05:40,430 --> 00:05:38,360

the the police and various other

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00:05:42,620 --> 00:05:40,440

stakeholders in terms of the local

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00:05:44,779 --> 00:05:42,630

community and I don't think anyone was

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00:05:47,600 --> 00:05:44,789

realistically ever expecting three

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00:05:50,149 --> 00:05:47,610

million people to go it's it's easy to

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00:05:52,939 --> 00:05:50,159

click going on Facebook it's much more

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00:05:55,730 --> 00:05:52,949

difficult to actually go with something

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00:05:59,510 --> 00:05:55,740

so so remote I think I timed it as over

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00:06:01,550 --> 00:05:59,520

a two-hour drive from Las Vegas to get

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00:06:04,640 --> 00:06:01,560

there yeah and of course there's nothing

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00:06:08,180 --> 00:06:04,650

there there's Rachael has somewhere

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00:06:10,189 --> 00:06:08,190

between population 49 and fifty three

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00:06:13,999 --> 00:06:10,199

depending on which census you look at I

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00:06:16,519 --> 00:06:14,009

think and and there's there's no grocery

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00:06:18,379 --> 00:06:16,529

store there's no gas station there's no

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00:06:19,969 --> 00:06:18,389

real infrastructure for this sort of

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00:06:21,980 --> 00:06:19,979

thing so it was quite a quite an

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00:06:24,409 --> 00:06:21,990

achievement but yes I spoke to the

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00:06:26,360 --> 00:06:24,419

people and that one point they were

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00:06:28,309 --> 00:06:26,370

worried I think that maybe maybe they'd

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00:06:30,350 --> 00:06:28,319

have somewhere like 30,000 people

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00:06:33,860 --> 00:06:30,360

turning up and that would have stretched

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00:06:35,480 --> 00:06:33,870

things beyond breaking point there's an

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00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:35,490

argument about how many people actually

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00:06:38,119 --> 00:06:37,680

went I'm not sure if we'll ever know for

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00:06:39,649 --> 00:06:38,129

sure

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00:06:42,649 --> 00:06:39,659

because they were split between multiple

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00:06:45,979 --> 00:06:42,659

sites I think I think somewhere between

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00:06:48,079 --> 00:06:45,989

five and ten thousand perhaps but it's

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00:06:50,239 --> 00:06:48,089

difficult how do you how do you count

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00:06:52,489 --> 00:06:50,249

the people who turn up on a Friday and

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00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:52,499

then turn up again on the Sunday I don't

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00:06:55,159 --> 00:06:53,039

know

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00:06:57,469 --> 00:06:55,169

yeah this is funny like you talk about

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00:07:01,009 --> 00:06:57,479

people just clicking on on the buttons I

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00:07:03,290 --> 00:07:01,019

have a niece in England it was like 15

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00:07:06,379 --> 00:07:03,300

years old and she she said she was going

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00:07:09,019 --> 00:07:06,389

but obviously she does clip so people

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00:07:11,600 --> 00:07:09,029

around the world have been interested in

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00:07:12,799 --> 00:07:11,610

it but obviously yeah it's so as wellis

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00:07:15,579 --> 00:07:12,809

yeah like I say it will be interesting

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00:07:18,109 --> 00:07:15,589

alright and yeah so you mentioned a

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00:07:20,839 --> 00:07:18,119

couple of minutes ago about you know how

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00:07:24,019 --> 00:07:20,849

things have changed over the last 18

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00:07:27,469 --> 00:07:24,029

months and I think it was michio kaku

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00:07:32,179 --> 00:07:27,479

recently said that the burden of proof

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00:07:34,279 --> 00:07:32,189

has shifted from people proving that

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00:07:36,949 --> 00:07:34,289

UFOs are real to the military proving

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00:07:40,189 --> 00:07:36,959

that they are not something unusual

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00:07:43,009 --> 00:07:40,199

would you agree with with that well I I

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00:07:45,919 --> 00:07:43,019

was I was actually there in Barcelona

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00:07:47,629 --> 00:07:45,929

when he said that we were we were

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00:07:50,179 --> 00:07:47,639

speaking at the same event and I

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00:07:51,739 --> 00:07:50,189

actually sat down and we sat in the

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00:07:54,949 --> 00:07:51,749

restaurant for about two hours

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00:07:58,100 --> 00:07:54,959

afterwards and and had a chat about all

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00:08:00,290 --> 00:07:58,110

this I I must say I was surprised to

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00:08:03,499 --> 00:08:00,300

hear him say that the burden of proof

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00:08:05,659 --> 00:08:03,509
had reversed because I thought I you

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00:08:08,269 --> 00:08:05,669
know I'm not a scientist myself but I

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00:08:09,799 --> 00:08:08,279
had to say I could suspect that some of

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00:08:13,489 --> 00:08:09,809
his scientific colleagues might be

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00:08:15,799 --> 00:08:13,499
bristling at that that reversal where I

181
00:08:17,869 --> 00:08:15,809
think he is absolutely right is that the

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00:08:21,559 --> 00:08:17,879
landscape has changed and that we were

183
00:08:25,059 --> 00:08:21,569
in a rather different place now and that

184
00:08:29,449 --> 00:08:25,069
this has been elevated beyond just

185
00:08:32,209 --> 00:08:29,459
hearsay and and crazy conspiracy

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00:08:34,399 --> 00:08:32,219
websites so it's it's taken to a new

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00:08:36,769 --> 00:08:34,409
level whether whether the burden of

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00:08:40,100 --> 00:08:36,779

proof is reversed or not I I think is a

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00:08:42,499 --> 00:08:40,110

question for scientists and if if that's

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00:08:44,840 --> 00:08:42,509

his opinion as a leading scientist then

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00:08:48,079 --> 00:08:44,850

that's fine and I'm sure it's not

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00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:48,089

universally held but we I listen to his

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00:08:51,470 --> 00:08:50,730

his presentation in Barcelona where he

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00:08:53,509 --> 00:08:51,480

said

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00:08:55,220 --> 00:08:53,519

that remark and I think he repeated

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00:08:57,259 --> 00:08:55,230

there afterwards in some media

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00:09:00,170 --> 00:08:57,269

interviews and and of course as I say I

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00:09:05,449 --> 00:09:00,180

I was able to discuss this this whole a

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00:09:08,560 --> 00:09:05,459

tip US Navy video associated dia papers

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00:09:11,329 --> 00:09:08,570

and business with him afterwards and and

201
00:09:14,210 --> 00:09:11,339
fascinating conversation it was yeah I'm

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00:09:16,069 --> 00:09:14,220
sure I kind of I'm one of the people who

203
00:09:18,230 --> 00:09:16,079
would disagree with him about it being a

204
00:09:19,610 --> 00:09:18,240
a game changer because he you spoke

205
00:09:20,870 --> 00:09:19,620
about you

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00:09:23,540 --> 00:09:20,880
obviously you heard it and he spoke

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00:09:25,790 --> 00:09:23,550
about you know science requiring

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00:09:28,340 --> 00:09:25,800
evidence that is testable and repeatable

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00:09:31,910 --> 00:09:28,350
and falsifiable and he said that we now

210
00:09:33,800 --> 00:09:31,920
have that with with these videos and he

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00:09:36,920 --> 00:09:33,810
because he thinks that the video show

212
00:09:38,629 --> 00:09:36,930
craft that are performing maneuvers that

213
00:09:40,699 --> 00:09:38,639

you know can it break the normal

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00:09:43,490 --> 00:09:40,709

understanding of aerodynamics and

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00:09:45,769 --> 00:09:43,500

whatnot have you spent much time looking

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00:09:49,280 --> 00:09:45,779

at these these three videos that have

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00:09:51,230 --> 00:09:49,290

been yes a lot recently not a huge

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00:09:54,189 --> 00:09:51,240

amount now I'll have to say right up

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00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:54,199

front I'm one of these people who I hope

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00:09:58,970 --> 00:09:57,360

knows what I don't know so for example

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00:10:01,309 --> 00:09:58,980

when I was doing this back at the

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00:10:04,699 --> 00:10:01,319

Ministry of Defense if we had photos or

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00:10:07,100 --> 00:10:04,709

videos I didn't sit down and try and

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00:10:09,079 --> 00:10:07,110

start making calculations about distance

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00:10:09,500 --> 00:10:09,089

from the lens or speed or or anything

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00:10:12,460 --> 00:10:09,510

like that

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00:10:15,790 --> 00:10:12,470

I simply handed them over to the

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00:10:18,949 --> 00:10:15,800

intelligence community imagery analysts

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00:10:22,220 --> 00:10:18,959

people and and said look I want to tap

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00:10:25,400 --> 00:10:22,230

into your resources and capabilities in

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00:10:27,650 --> 00:10:25,410

terms of kit and expertise and you tell

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:27,660

me what I'm looking at so so yes of

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00:10:32,840 --> 00:10:30,000

course I've seen them but but I have no

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00:10:35,030 --> 00:10:32,850

real idea what I'm looking at and

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00:10:39,170 --> 00:10:35,040

couldn't hope to compete with with those

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00:10:41,720 --> 00:10:39,180

sorts of imagery analysts and and pilots

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00:10:45,410 --> 00:10:41,730

and whoever who have had a look at them

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00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:45,420

so so I'm following the story but I'm

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00:10:51,230 --> 00:10:48,720

not pronouncing on it so when you did

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00:10:53,509 --> 00:10:51,240

show these things the the expert did

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00:10:57,160 --> 00:10:53,519

they tell you what they were and did

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00:11:01,490 --> 00:10:57,170

they ever and you kind of come up with a

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00:11:03,679 --> 00:11:01,500

unusual interpretation of them well

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00:11:04,970 --> 00:11:03,689

you're you to historic clear the

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00:11:07,790 --> 00:11:04,980

Ministry of Defense

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00:11:10,879 --> 00:11:07,800

some some of the cases yes we we didn't

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00:11:13,939 --> 00:11:10,889

actually have maybe as many photos or

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00:11:18,819 --> 00:11:13,949

videos as people nowadays might think I

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00:11:22,040 --> 00:11:18,829

was doing that job between 91 and 94 and

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00:11:25,400 --> 00:11:22,050

back in those days of course you know

251
00:11:27,740 --> 00:11:25,410
people didn't carry cell phones and and

252
00:11:29,180 --> 00:11:27,750
you know if we got a UFO witness who

253
00:11:31,430 --> 00:11:29,190
happened to have a camera around their

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00:11:34,550 --> 00:11:31,440
neck we counted ourselves lucky so and

255
00:11:37,819 --> 00:11:34,560
and most of the product that we did yet

256
00:11:40,910 --> 00:11:37,829
unfortunately was just an object in the

257
00:11:44,600 --> 00:11:40,920
sky but with no trees or ground so that

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00:11:46,310 --> 00:11:44,610
you could really get to work on it we

259
00:11:50,509 --> 00:11:46,320
did have one or two that was one in

260
00:11:54,230 --> 00:11:50,519
particular actually a case from a year

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00:11:58,160 --> 00:11:54,240
before I joined 1990 and this was a

262
00:12:00,980 --> 00:11:58,170
photo taken in in Scotland and certainly

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00:12:03,019 --> 00:12:00,990

on that occasion and I when I started

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00:12:06,620 --> 00:12:03,029

this job we had a blown-up poster sized

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00:12:08,660 --> 00:12:06,630

copy of it on my wall certainly there

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00:12:12,139 --> 00:12:08,670

the view from the Defense Intelligence

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00:12:14,449 --> 00:12:12,149

staff and and also from a unit called

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00:12:16,579 --> 00:12:14,459

Jarek which was joint aerial

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00:12:20,000 --> 00:12:16,589

reconnaissance and intelligence center

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00:12:23,150 --> 00:12:20,010

their view was yes this shows a a real

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00:12:25,610 --> 00:12:23,160

solid object maybe somewhere between I

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00:12:28,550 --> 00:12:25,620

think it was 25 and 30 feet in in

273

00:12:31,280 --> 00:12:28,560

diameter not one of ours

274

00:12:33,069 --> 00:12:31,290

don't know and and so of course to get

275

00:12:36,800 --> 00:12:33,079

an assessment like that was interesting

276

00:12:42,530 --> 00:12:36,810

yeah yeah but nowadays with these videos

277

00:12:44,960 --> 00:12:42,540

of course one one suspense and in fact

278

00:12:47,360 --> 00:12:44,970

one pretty much knows that there'll be

279

00:12:50,030 --> 00:12:47,370

someone there will be someone in in the

280

00:12:52,569 --> 00:12:50,040

system who has a lot more of the

281

00:12:56,600 --> 00:12:52,579

telemetry and other data than we have

282

00:12:58,670 --> 00:12:56,610

and and who has done a a proper one

283

00:13:02,900 --> 00:12:58,680

hopes a proper assessment on this in

284

00:13:04,639 --> 00:13:02,910

terms of size speed distance etc yeah it

285

00:13:06,350 --> 00:13:04,649

seems though though that's the Navy is

286

00:13:07,970 --> 00:13:06,360

kind of saying that's you know even

287

00:13:10,129 --> 00:13:07,980

though if they do investigate it and

288

00:13:11,960 --> 00:13:10,139

figure out what it is they probably

289

00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:11,970

weren't tell anybody because it's going

290

00:13:18,079 --> 00:13:15,839

to have classified status just by virtue

291

00:13:21,079 --> 00:13:18,089

of it being a military operation

292

00:13:23,559 --> 00:13:21,089

very unfortunate it is unfortunate I

293

00:13:26,960 --> 00:13:23,569

have to say I've tracked these various

294

00:13:29,239 --> 00:13:26,970

statements that come out from time to

295

00:13:32,030 --> 00:13:29,249

time from Navy spokespeople and I I

296

00:13:34,579 --> 00:13:32,040

can't help but think with my own

297

00:13:35,929 --> 00:13:34,589

ministry defense background I can't help

298

00:13:37,699 --> 00:13:35,939

but think that they're slowly but surely

299

00:13:40,639 --> 00:13:37,709

getting themselves into a bit a bit of a

300

00:13:43,670 --> 00:13:40,649

mess over this trippin themselves are

301

00:13:45,530 --> 00:13:43,680

not quite remembering where they are and

302

00:13:47,420 --> 00:13:45,540

what they've said previously I'm not

303

00:13:49,999 --> 00:13:47,430

necessarily saying the statements are

304

00:13:51,679 --> 00:13:50,009

mutually contradictory but they're you

305

00:13:53,780 --> 00:13:51,689

know certainly one or two of them do

306

00:13:55,970 --> 00:13:53,790

seem a little inconsistent and it's it's

307

00:13:58,189 --> 00:13:55,980

like well what's gone people what's

308

00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:58,199

going on here you better give us

309

00:14:02,920 --> 00:14:00,800

something and and even I mean I I

310

00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:02,930

suppose I know better than most

311

00:14:09,019 --> 00:14:06,079

obviously all the the issues about

312

00:14:10,670 --> 00:14:09,029

classification and things but I can't

313

00:14:12,889 --> 00:14:10,680

help but feel that someone somewhere

314

00:14:17,090 --> 00:14:12,899

should be able to step forward and give

315

00:14:20,329 --> 00:14:17,100

a sort of unclassified 101 and if the

316

00:14:24,110 --> 00:14:20,339

message is look when we use these

317

00:14:26,360 --> 00:14:24,120

various terms like u8 p + ua s we are

318

00:14:29,169 --> 00:14:26,370

exclusively talking about you know

319

00:14:31,519 --> 00:14:29,179

conventional stuff that we we know about

320

00:14:34,220 --> 00:14:31,529

whether it's whether it's commercial

321

00:14:36,530 --> 00:14:34,230

drones or balloons or whatever then I

322

00:14:38,660 --> 00:14:36,540

think they could very easily defuse this

323

00:14:40,699 --> 00:14:38,670

situation by saying that there's nothing

324

00:14:44,540 --> 00:14:40,709

spooky about these even if we use the

325

00:14:47,569 --> 00:14:44,550

term UAP we're not using it in the way

326

00:14:49,600 --> 00:14:47,579

that the UK Ministry of Defence use it

327

00:14:52,129 --> 00:14:49,610

and yeah one of the most recent

328

00:14:55,220 --> 00:14:52,139

statements I think it was in response to

329

00:14:58,579 --> 00:14:55,230

I think it was Roger Glassell and or

330

00:15:01,910 --> 00:14:58,589

John Greenwald yeah said no this is a

331

00:15:04,369 --> 00:15:01,920

term we borrowed from the British and

332

00:15:07,489 --> 00:15:04,379

and of course when we in the ministry

333

00:15:10,040 --> 00:15:07,499

defense used UAP we we absolutely meant

334

00:15:12,799 --> 00:15:10,050

it for UFO well you mean come back and

335

00:15:14,030 --> 00:15:12,809

say well fair enough but most of these

336

00:15:16,189 --> 00:15:14,040

UFO sightings

337

00:15:21,799 --> 00:15:16,199

turned out to be misidentifications

338

00:15:24,410 --> 00:15:21,809

which is fair enough but we we used UAP

339

00:15:27,499 --> 00:15:24,420

more in our internal discussions our

340

00:15:30,049 --> 00:15:27,509

policy discussions not really with the

341

00:15:31,130 --> 00:15:30,059

public and the media so when we talked

342

00:15:33,769 --> 00:15:31,140

about you Abe

343

00:15:36,170 --> 00:15:33,779

we were talking about that part of the

344

00:15:38,960 --> 00:15:36,180

phenomenon that we hadn't managed to

345

00:15:42,259 --> 00:15:38,970

explain away as as aircraft lights and

346

00:15:45,590 --> 00:15:42,269

weather balloons and satellites so so

347

00:15:48,259 --> 00:15:45,600

were the US Navy being deliberate in

348

00:15:50,420 --> 00:15:48,269

that or where they just being a little

349

00:15:52,040 --> 00:15:50,430

loose with it I don't know yeah it's

350

00:15:54,530 --> 00:15:52,050

interesting all this the terminology

351
00:15:56,060 --> 00:15:54,540
with the UAP like someone was talking to

352
00:15:58,100 --> 00:15:56,070
me a couple of days ago and they said

353
00:16:00,650 --> 00:15:58,110
why did he call it and identify their

354
00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,660
aerial phenomenon because phenomena

355
00:16:03,980 --> 00:16:02,160
sounds like something amazing like

356
00:16:07,280 --> 00:16:03,990
something that's phenomenal or this like

357
00:16:08,630 --> 00:16:07,290
you know unusual phenomena but you know

358
00:16:11,180 --> 00:16:08,640
my understanding of it I was just being

359
00:16:13,069 --> 00:16:11,190
F aerial phenomena just something that

360
00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:13,079
happens like something that's in the sky

361
00:16:18,769 --> 00:16:15,300
it's not specifically something strange

362
00:16:21,850 --> 00:16:18,779
that's happening no we used it simply

363
00:16:25,880 --> 00:16:21,860

because I suppose a meteorological

364

00:16:29,060 --> 00:16:25,890

phenomenon might not be an object but it

365

00:16:32,420 --> 00:16:29,070

may still generate UFO sightings so so

366

00:16:35,509 --> 00:16:32,430

we thought UAP was a good way of

367

00:16:38,120 --> 00:16:35,519

sweeping up both objects and phenomena

368

00:16:41,689 --> 00:16:38,130

however as I say I go back to the point

369

00:16:43,970 --> 00:16:41,699

that we we kind of did me mean it a

370

00:16:47,569 --> 00:16:43,980

little bit more spookily maybe just just

371

00:16:50,240 --> 00:16:47,579

because we did reserve it for our more

372

00:16:52,130 --> 00:16:50,250

interesting policy discussions when we

373

00:16:53,920 --> 00:16:52,140

said we'll look is there something here

374

00:16:56,500 --> 00:16:53,930

over and above all these

375

00:17:00,230 --> 00:16:56,510

misidentifications hoaxes and delusions

376

00:17:02,930 --> 00:17:00,240

yeah yeah I suppose you would say the

377

00:17:04,370 --> 00:17:02,940

phenomena in general of UFOs and then

378

00:17:06,590 --> 00:17:04,380

there's individual phenomena which are

379

00:17:09,010 --> 00:17:06,600

individual things that happen but yes

380

00:17:11,539 --> 00:17:09,020

it's a tricky tricky thing language yes

381

00:17:14,829 --> 00:17:11,549

it is and the devil is always in the

382

00:17:16,970 --> 00:17:14,839

detail yeah I suppose like with UFOs

383

00:17:19,460 --> 00:17:16,980

what you're talking about there was kind

384

00:17:22,750 --> 00:17:19,470

of on the one hand there's an identical

385

00:17:25,699 --> 00:17:22,760

unidentified aircraft and then there's

386

00:17:27,890 --> 00:17:25,709

unidentified objects which you can't

387

00:17:30,110 --> 00:17:27,900

tell if they're aircraft or not and then

388

00:17:31,640 --> 00:17:30,120

there's unidentified phenomena which II

389

00:17:33,350 --> 00:17:31,650

don't know if they are just lights in

390

00:17:35,450 --> 00:17:33,360

the sky or if they're actual objects in

391

00:17:37,610 --> 00:17:35,460

the sky or if they are actually aircraft

392

00:17:39,950 --> 00:17:37,620

so maybe the Navy should actually use an

393

00:17:43,460 --> 00:17:39,960

identified aircraft for some other stuff

394

00:17:45,380 --> 00:17:43,470

like airspace incursions and then

395

00:17:48,530 --> 00:17:45,390

was a phenomena for them the more

396

00:17:51,530 --> 00:17:48,540

unknown type of thing yes and maybe

397

00:17:53,900 --> 00:17:51,540

within the bounds of not wanting to

398

00:17:56,660 --> 00:17:53,910

divulge classified information but maybe

399

00:18:00,910 --> 00:17:56,670

some of these senators and other

400

00:18:03,710 --> 00:18:00,920

Congress people who have received

401
00:18:05,780 --> 00:18:03,720
supposedly that a classified briefing on

402
00:18:07,960 --> 00:18:05,790
all this perhaps some of those people

403
00:18:10,910 --> 00:18:07,970
without crossing the line could at least

404
00:18:14,270 --> 00:18:10,920
come right up to it and say look people

405
00:18:17,300 --> 00:18:14,280
this is my best unclassified summary of

406
00:18:19,190 --> 00:18:17,310
what I've just been told right yeah do

407
00:18:22,130 --> 00:18:19,200
you are you still bound by any

408
00:18:23,150 --> 00:18:22,140
classification agreements or NDA's or

409
00:18:27,410 --> 00:18:23,160
anything like that from the British

410
00:18:30,260 --> 00:18:27,420
government yes you on your first day in

411
00:18:32,300 --> 00:18:30,270
government service in the UK you sign

412
00:18:35,870 --> 00:18:32,310
the Official Secrets Act and then you

413
00:18:38,750 --> 00:18:35,880

sign you re-sign a sort of reminder on

414

00:18:40,790 --> 00:18:38,760

your last day in government service and

415

00:18:43,280 --> 00:18:40,800

what that does amongst other things is

416

00:18:45,470 --> 00:18:43,290

remind you that the fact that you've

417

00:18:47,450 --> 00:18:45,480

you've resigned or taken early

418

00:18:50,120 --> 00:18:47,460

retirement or whatever it is does not

419

00:18:51,950 --> 00:18:50,130

mean that your your security oath has

420

00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:51,960

somehow magically come to an end

421

00:18:59,930 --> 00:18:54,240

no the Official Secrets Act is binding

422

00:19:02,990 --> 00:18:59,940

for life so the the the rule the the big

423

00:19:05,960 --> 00:19:03,000

part of that of course is not divulging

424

00:19:09,950 --> 00:19:05,970

any classified information ever the

425

00:19:13,940 --> 00:19:09,960

reason that I can discuss the mo DS UFO

426
00:19:15,650 --> 00:19:13,950
work so so openly is because 99 percent

427
00:19:20,480 --> 00:19:15,660
of it has now been Declassified and

428
00:19:23,030 --> 00:19:20,490
released if there was some some

429
00:19:24,200 --> 00:19:23,040
information that you couldn't release

430
00:19:25,840 --> 00:19:24,210
could you tell us that there was

431
00:19:30,290 --> 00:19:25,850
information that you couldn't release

432
00:19:33,200 --> 00:19:30,300
yes and I probably even but yes yes

433
00:19:36,170 --> 00:19:33,210
there is but what I could then do is

434
00:19:38,420 --> 00:19:36,180
qualify it and in trying to be helpful

435
00:19:41,180 --> 00:19:38,430
with this and saying but no the

436
00:19:43,880 --> 00:19:41,190
information that I have which I'm not

437
00:19:46,250 --> 00:19:43,890
allowed to release is not that we have a

438
00:19:50,620 --> 00:19:46,260

spaceship hidden in an Air Force hangar

439

00:19:54,200 --> 00:19:50,630

something right it is for example

440

00:19:57,060 --> 00:19:54,210

methods and sources by which information

441

00:20:00,749 --> 00:19:57,070

about UFOs was gathered from

442

00:20:04,320 --> 00:20:00,759

the nation's it is information about the

443

00:20:05,879 --> 00:20:04,330

the technical capabilities of our radar

444

00:20:08,279 --> 00:20:05,889

system so for example there are some

445

00:20:10,409 --> 00:20:08,289

documents kicking around saying well if

446

00:20:13,379 --> 00:20:10,419

there was something on an unknown in our

447

00:20:18,269 --> 00:20:13,389

airspace we were would be able to detect

448

00:20:20,340 --> 00:20:18,279

it out to a distance of X so so

449

00:20:23,039 --> 00:20:20,350

obviously I wouldn't want to go there

450

00:20:25,980 --> 00:20:23,049

because it would give away capabilities

451

00:20:28,919 --> 00:20:25,990

of military hardware and with some

452

00:20:30,029 --> 00:20:28,929

information on UFOs and with other

453

00:20:33,180 --> 00:20:30,039

subjects

454

00:20:38,149 --> 00:20:33,190

it's information passed in confidence by

455

00:20:41,519 --> 00:20:38,159

a third party whether it's a nation or a

456

00:20:44,570 --> 00:20:41,529

corporation and or something like that

457

00:20:46,919 --> 00:20:44,580

actually probably eight out of ten

458

00:20:49,379 --> 00:20:46,929

redactions in the ministry of defense

459

00:20:53,159 --> 00:20:49,389

UFO FILES are simply names addresses and

460

00:20:56,700 --> 00:20:53,169

phone numbers of witnesses yes yeah it's

461

00:20:58,919 --> 00:20:56,710

I think in the do you think the US has a

462

00:21:00,779 --> 00:20:58,929

kind of a stronger lock down on things

463

00:21:03,240 --> 00:21:00,789

it seems like they're keeping things

464

00:21:05,460 --> 00:21:03,250

classified by default here do you think

465

00:21:07,889 --> 00:21:05,470

one country is more open than the other

466

00:21:12,840 --> 00:21:07,899

Britain versus new UK Britain dangerous

467

00:21:14,610 --> 00:21:12,850

I find it difficult to judge I think

468

00:21:17,820 --> 00:21:14,620

even though I've lived in the u.s. now

469

00:21:20,759 --> 00:21:17,830

since January 2012 I I haven't ever

470

00:21:23,669 --> 00:21:20,769

worked in the u.s. system so I don't

471

00:21:25,710 --> 00:21:23,679

know people say on UFOs I hit people in

472

00:21:27,779 --> 00:21:25,720

the UFO community say Oh Britons

473

00:21:31,080 --> 00:21:27,789

released its UFO FILES France has

474

00:21:33,749 --> 00:21:31,090

released its files Brazil Australia and

475

00:21:35,879 --> 00:21:33,759

New Zealand etc when will the u.s. do it

476

00:21:38,430 --> 00:21:35,889

and I would imagine that someone in the

477

00:21:40,080 --> 00:21:38,440

US is feeling pretty peeved because they

478

00:21:43,080 --> 00:21:40,090

would probably turn around and say well

479

00:21:45,629 --> 00:21:43,090

hey look we were the first to be Project

480

00:21:47,700 --> 00:21:45,639

Blue Book Archive is out there but then

481

00:21:52,529 --> 00:21:47,710

of course there there is the separate

482

00:21:56,220 --> 00:21:52,539

debate that between the end of 69 when

483

00:21:59,070 --> 00:21:56,230

blue book was terminated and and a few

484

00:22:01,490 --> 00:21:59,080

months ago the official line was we're

485

00:22:03,659 --> 00:22:01,500

not interested we don't do anything so

486

00:22:06,810 --> 00:22:03,669

so I guess there is a question about

487

00:22:09,090 --> 00:22:06,820

secrecy there I mean if if anyone if

488

00:22:11,000 --> 00:22:09,100

anyone had phoned up the DoD press

489

00:22:15,500 --> 00:22:11,010

office prior to

490

00:22:16,900 --> 00:22:15,510

December 2017 and said what do you do

491

00:22:22,130 --> 00:22:16,910

you look at anything I unidentified

492

00:22:23,900 --> 00:22:22,140

they'd have said no yeah so what about

493

00:22:29,690 --> 00:22:23,910

the same type of thing in the UK though

494

00:22:32,240 --> 00:22:29,700

like you you left the DoD in 94 do you

495

00:22:35,240 --> 00:22:32,250

know what happened after that yes I

496

00:22:38,090 --> 00:22:35,250

should say just on the dates I my time

497

00:22:42,560 --> 00:22:38,100

on on the division where I investigated

498

00:22:45,710 --> 00:22:42,570

UFOs that was 91 to 94 but that was part

499

00:22:51,530 --> 00:22:45,720

of a much wider 21 year ministry defense

500

00:22:54,380 --> 00:22:51,540

career which ran from 1985 to 2006 when

501
00:22:58,730 --> 00:22:54,390
I took early retirement now I know that

502
00:23:01,460 --> 00:22:58,740
between 1994 and 2006 the the UFO

503
00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:01,470
investigation and research went on and

504
00:23:05,570 --> 00:23:03,000
indeed because it's now been

505
00:23:09,440 --> 00:23:05,580
Declassified and released I've I've seen

506
00:23:12,620 --> 00:23:09,450
all those files the research effort was

507
00:23:16,280 --> 00:23:12,630
finally terminated in the end of

508
00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:16,290
December 2009 although there are rumors

509
00:23:21,289 --> 00:23:18,900
of course that that work continues which

510
00:23:24,140 --> 00:23:21,299
which wouldn't surprise me why why would

511
00:23:27,919 --> 00:23:24,150
it not nobody's going to ignore credible

512
00:23:30,530 --> 00:23:27,929
evidence of something unexplained in our

513
00:23:33,950 --> 00:23:30,540

airspace whether it's in the US the UK

514

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:33,960

or or anywhere alright did you leave

515

00:23:38,539 --> 00:23:36,480

like because of any reason related to

516

00:23:39,560 --> 00:23:38,549

the UFO program like because it was

517

00:23:43,010 --> 00:23:39,570

ending or anything like that

518

00:23:45,560 --> 00:23:43,020

no I've seen some internet stories

519

00:23:48,169 --> 00:23:45,570

saying that I resigned in protest or

520

00:23:50,750 --> 00:23:48,179

something not absolutely not true I I

521

00:23:53,840 --> 00:23:50,760

just I just took took early retirement

522

00:23:57,919 --> 00:23:53,850

because I want to pursue other things

523

00:24:01,370 --> 00:23:57,929

yeah that's interesting the 21 years you

524

00:24:03,260 --> 00:24:01,380

know these days I think you know 21

525

00:24:05,060 --> 00:24:03,270

years would probably be considered a

526

00:24:08,870 --> 00:24:05,070

long time in an organization but I've

527

00:24:11,419 --> 00:24:08,880

done some interesting fascinating things

528

00:24:14,360 --> 00:24:11,429

not just UFOs but obviously in the

529

00:24:17,840 --> 00:24:14,370

course of 21 years in Defence one one

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00:24:21,440 --> 00:24:17,850

does a lot of you know interesting jobs

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00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:21,450

postings and but I done 21 years and I I

532

00:24:27,230 --> 00:24:24,880

just tried you know I wanted to change

533

00:24:29,880 --> 00:24:27,240

no-nothing ufo-related Noah's

534

00:24:32,640 --> 00:24:29,890

resignation in protest or anything like

535

00:24:34,350 --> 00:24:32,650

that yeah that's about the same time I

536

00:24:36,660 --> 00:24:34,360

spent in the games industry and I again

537

00:24:39,420 --> 00:24:36,670

also just left to pursue other interests

538

00:24:43,980 --> 00:24:39,430

I think 21 years of doing anything is

539

00:24:46,680 --> 00:24:43,990

long enough for a lot of things yes I I

540

00:24:49,560 --> 00:24:46,690

asked you you know that that's give us I

541

00:24:51,720 --> 00:24:49,570

did do do some research before the

542

00:24:54,960 --> 00:24:51,730

interview and there's lots of different

543

00:24:57,900 --> 00:24:54,970

stories about you on the on the Internet

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00:24:59,880 --> 00:24:57,910

it's not not all complimentary oh I try

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00:25:02,040 --> 00:24:59,890

not to look at them you know the amount

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00:25:05,970 --> 00:25:02,050

of things that have been written about

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00:25:08,460 --> 00:25:05,980

me in the blogosphere I I see some of

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00:25:11,250 --> 00:25:08,470

them but I deliberately don't go looking

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00:25:13,230 --> 00:25:11,260

for all of them I I dread to think yeah

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00:25:15,210 --> 00:25:13,240

and there's this story about you saying

551
00:25:19,500 --> 00:25:15,220
there was an impending alien invasion

552
00:25:21,930 --> 00:25:19,510
what was a little bit yes that was me

553
00:25:23,760 --> 00:25:21,940
doing some one of the things that I do

554
00:25:27,230 --> 00:25:23,770
now because of the work that I used to

555
00:25:31,260 --> 00:25:27,240
do is I act as consultant and

556
00:25:35,910 --> 00:25:31,270
spokesperson when when there are various

557
00:25:42,120 --> 00:25:35,920
UFO or alien themed movies TV shows or

558
00:25:44,790 --> 00:25:42,130
video games and for one of those the the

559
00:25:48,450 --> 00:25:44,800
part of the sort of rather fun I thought

560
00:25:51,210 --> 00:25:48,460
marketing campaign was what if there was

561
00:25:53,010 --> 00:25:51,220
a real-life alien invasion how would we

562
00:25:58,170 --> 00:25:53,020
deal with it what would that plan look

563
00:26:01,470 --> 00:25:58,180

like and so I drew are blending my

564

00:26:04,410 --> 00:26:01,480

knowledge of the UFO phenomenon with

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00:26:06,960 --> 00:26:04,420

with my more general sort of mo D

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00:26:10,740 --> 00:26:06,970

military warfighting what does a real

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00:26:15,030 --> 00:26:10,750

war plan look like I wrote a spoof alien

568

00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:15,040

invasion war plan and that obviously got

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00:26:21,630 --> 00:26:18,880

put out there and and the company said

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00:26:24,150 --> 00:26:21,640

something like in in the week in which

571

00:26:27,450 --> 00:26:24,160

we see the launch of whatever the game

572

00:26:30,420 --> 00:26:27,460

was we asked you know what might really

573

00:26:32,580 --> 00:26:30,430

happen if if this went down and this is

574

00:26:35,640 --> 00:26:32,590

what we've come up with and of course

575

00:26:38,080 --> 00:26:35,650

various people in the UFO community got

576

00:26:41,470 --> 00:26:38,090

hold of parts of this and

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00:26:43,899 --> 00:26:41,480

and yes the rest is history yes there

578

00:26:45,880 --> 00:26:43,909

was a shall we say there was a bit of a

579

00:26:50,680 --> 00:26:45,890

sense of humor failure and in that

580

00:26:51,970 --> 00:26:50,690

reporters always a problem isn't it yeah

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00:26:55,330 --> 00:26:51,980

because people want to believe certain

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00:26:57,159 --> 00:26:55,340

things and sometimes I tried to avoid

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00:26:59,470 --> 00:26:57,169

joking in fact I've actually got a rule

584

00:27:02,590 --> 00:26:59,480

on my website saying that people should

585

00:27:04,659 --> 00:27:02,600

avoid sarcasm because it goes wrong so

586

00:27:06,070 --> 00:27:04,669

very many times that people take you

587

00:27:08,890 --> 00:27:06,080

seriously when you're actually making

588

00:27:11,620 --> 00:27:08,900

jokes so it's usually better to avoid it

589

00:27:14,139 --> 00:27:11,630

yes and and tell you what else

590

00:27:17,080 --> 00:27:14,149

government people tend not to do it very

591

00:27:19,000 --> 00:27:17,090

well so for example we saw that just the

592

00:27:22,019 --> 00:27:19,010

other day with with actually some of the

593

00:27:25,360 --> 00:27:22,029

media ops people covering the area 51

594

00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:25,370

story and they tweeted some a picture as

595

00:27:31,269 --> 00:27:28,399

I recall of a b-2 bomber and and various

596

00:27:34,149 --> 00:27:31,279

you know men and women in uniform saying

597

00:27:36,850 --> 00:27:34,159

if anyone stores storms area 51 this

598

00:27:38,980 --> 00:27:36,860

will be the last thing you see and and

599

00:27:41,289 --> 00:27:38,990

then they had to retract it and I said

600

00:27:44,019 --> 00:27:41,299

oh you know obviously that wasn't gonna

601
00:27:46,630 --> 00:27:44,029
happen but it is just proof if proof was

602
00:27:49,389 --> 00:27:46,640
needed that government press officers

603
00:27:52,120 --> 00:27:49,399
and military PR staffs

604
00:27:55,120 --> 00:27:52,130
should should not try to be funny they

605
00:27:57,130 --> 00:27:55,130
should stick stick to just doing what

606
00:28:00,039 --> 00:27:57,140
they do yes don't try and make jokes

607
00:28:02,680 --> 00:28:00,049
don't try and be hit or funny it just

608
00:28:04,899 --> 00:28:02,690
doesn't work yes it's a you've got to

609
00:28:07,600 --> 00:28:04,909
know your audience and and they probably

610
00:28:10,149 --> 00:28:07,610
don't know that audience so stay away

611
00:28:14,590 --> 00:28:10,159
from it so like you talked about UFO

612
00:28:17,620 --> 00:28:14,600
culture you mentioned UFO culture do you

613
00:28:22,180 --> 00:28:17,630

consider yourself like part of UFO UFO

614

00:28:25,480 --> 00:28:22,190

ology not really I've I've never

615

00:28:28,299 --> 00:28:25,490

describe myself as a ufologist or

616

00:28:31,659 --> 00:28:28,309

ufo-ologists or however people I'm

617

00:28:36,310 --> 00:28:31,669

simply an ex-government guy who once did

618

00:28:40,810 --> 00:28:36,320

this as my my government job now now yes

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00:28:43,990 --> 00:28:40,820

of course I I do some TV shows where I

620

00:28:47,049 --> 00:28:44,000

talk about it I I do the consultancy and

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00:28:49,960 --> 00:28:47,059

spokesperson work that we discussed on

622

00:28:51,940 --> 00:28:49,970

video games and movies and things but I

623

00:28:54,519 --> 00:28:51,950

and I speak at these contro

624

00:28:58,090 --> 00:28:54,529

says but I don't actually consider

625

00:29:00,490 --> 00:28:58,100

myself part of the the community I mean

626
00:29:01,840 --> 00:29:00,500
maybe I should I don't know I'm maybe

627
00:29:04,259 --> 00:29:01,850
it's not even my call

628
00:29:06,129 --> 00:29:04,269
well yeah I don't think there's a

629
00:29:08,889 --> 00:29:06,139
membership card I suppose there are some

630
00:29:13,360 --> 00:29:08,899
organizations that you can join yes I'm

631
00:29:16,570 --> 00:29:13,370
not certainly not a joiner I I know

632
00:29:20,529 --> 00:29:16,580
people in MUFON but I would would not

633
00:29:22,750 --> 00:29:20,539
join I know people in the to the stars

634
00:29:24,700 --> 00:29:22,760
Academy I but I'm not I haven't been

635
00:29:27,700 --> 00:29:24,710
asked to join and I probably wouldn't

636
00:29:31,899 --> 00:29:27,710
I'm I'm just not a joiner of things I

637
00:29:34,060 --> 00:29:31,909
like to to go my own way right so to the

638
00:29:36,970 --> 00:29:34,070

Stars Academy you said you probably

639

00:29:39,370 --> 00:29:36,980

wouldn't join it is that for any

640

00:29:43,090 --> 00:29:39,380

particular reason about what you think

641

00:29:45,730 --> 00:29:43,100

of them as a quality organization no not

642

00:29:48,930 --> 00:29:45,740

at all I mean I I haven't had dealings

643

00:29:51,639 --> 00:29:48,940

with all of them but but from the

644

00:29:53,919 --> 00:29:51,649

limited interactions I have had over the

645

00:29:56,409 --> 00:29:53,929

years with with some of them and from

646

00:29:59,049 --> 00:29:56,419

the materials that I've read of others i

647

00:30:00,669 --> 00:29:59,059

I think I mean when when one reads for

648

00:30:04,269 --> 00:30:00,679

example the things that Christopher

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00:30:06,669 --> 00:30:04,279

Mellon has written as as op-eds I think

650

00:30:09,039 --> 00:30:06,679

you know I could have and indeed have

651
00:30:11,289 --> 00:30:09,049
written some fairly similar sorts of

652
00:30:14,259 --> 00:30:11,299
op-eds myself arguing for a more serious

653
00:30:16,560 --> 00:30:14,269
treatment of this subject so when when I

654
00:30:20,350 --> 00:30:16,570
see something like that and when I

655
00:30:23,980 --> 00:30:20,360
discuss this as I have occasionally with

656
00:30:26,379 --> 00:30:23,990
Louis Arras Ando I sort of see I suppose

657
00:30:29,940 --> 00:30:26,389
somebody coming at it from the same

658
00:30:33,250 --> 00:30:29,950
angle so no it doesn't reflect any any

659
00:30:35,500 --> 00:30:33,260
problem I have with them simply back to

660
00:30:41,320 --> 00:30:35,510
the fact that I just as a personality

661
00:30:42,669 --> 00:30:41,330
type I'm not a joiner of things right do

662
00:30:45,070 --> 00:30:42,679
you what do you think of their approach

663
00:30:47,080 --> 00:30:45,080

right now where they're doing like

664

00:30:50,200 --> 00:30:47,090

Discovery Channel shows that are kind of

665

00:30:52,060 --> 00:30:50,210

it's somewhat sensationalistic do you

666

00:30:55,990 --> 00:30:52,070

think that that's a good way of getting

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00:30:58,120 --> 00:30:56,000

the information out there it's it's a

668

00:30:59,740 --> 00:30:58,130

way of getting information out there I

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00:31:01,570 --> 00:30:59,750

think he goes back to the fact that

670

00:31:05,220 --> 00:31:01,580

there are different audiences for them

671

00:31:08,120 --> 00:31:05,230

and I don't think there's anything wrong

672

00:31:11,610 --> 00:31:08,130

in playing to the pop culture meme and

673

00:31:14,670 --> 00:31:11,620

doing those sorts of shows having said

674

00:31:17,900 --> 00:31:14,680

that the more important arguably more

675

00:31:21,360 --> 00:31:17,910

important work that they do is probably

676

00:31:25,050 --> 00:31:21,370

things like like the the op-eds in the

677

00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:25,060

post it may reach a smaller audience but

678

00:31:32,880 --> 00:31:28,960

it's arguably a more influential and

679

00:31:36,570 --> 00:31:32,890

powerful audience in terms of leveraging

680

00:31:38,040 --> 00:31:36,580

any changing policy but I think I think

681

00:31:39,900 --> 00:31:38,050

you have to hit all the bases and

682

00:31:44,220 --> 00:31:39,910

they've probably got a strategy that

683

00:31:46,770 --> 00:31:44,230

says yeah we need to be populist on this

684

00:31:49,380 --> 00:31:46,780

and do those sorts of shows but we need

685

00:31:54,840 --> 00:31:49,390

to be niche as well and target that that

686

00:31:58,050 --> 00:31:54,850

internal political audience suppose you

687

00:31:59,820 --> 00:31:58,060

get asked all the time what you think

688

00:32:03,720 --> 00:31:59,830

about your Thurs like what do you think

689

00:32:06,450 --> 00:32:03,730

is actually going on and like where do

690

00:32:09,540 --> 00:32:06,460

you think you know there do you think

691

00:32:15,390 --> 00:32:09,550

that they are more likely to be aliens

692

00:32:18,090 --> 00:32:15,400

or more likely to be humans well yeah

693

00:32:22,260 --> 00:32:18,100

let me give you my sort of basic answer

694

00:32:24,300 --> 00:32:22,270

on this I am a fairly firm believer that

695

00:32:27,720 --> 00:32:24,310

there will be life elsewhere in the

696

00:32:30,150 --> 00:32:27,730

universe and also a firm believer that

697

00:32:35,880 --> 00:32:30,160

some of that life will have evolved

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00:32:38,400 --> 00:32:35,890

beyond microbial or simple life and and

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00:32:42,410 --> 00:32:38,410

that there will be other intelligences

700

00:32:45,870 --> 00:32:42,420

other civilizations out there some

701
00:32:51,180 --> 00:32:45,880
lesson evolved than us some at our level

702
00:32:53,550 --> 00:32:51,190
and others beyond I I suspect as to

703
00:32:57,660 --> 00:32:53,560
whether we're being visited or not I I I

704
00:32:59,850 --> 00:32:57,670
don't know i when when I one of my

705
00:33:02,190 --> 00:32:59,860
favourite sound bites about all this if

706
00:33:04,200 --> 00:33:02,200
you're like excuse me repeating one of

707
00:33:06,150 --> 00:33:04,210
my favorite sound lights is is that the

708
00:33:07,740 --> 00:33:06,160
skeptics have to be right every day the

709
00:33:11,220 --> 00:33:07,750
believers only need to be right once

710
00:33:14,040 --> 00:33:11,230
that's grow so so I don't you know I'm

711
00:33:17,100 --> 00:33:14,050
not I mean maybe it is I mean

712
00:33:18,630 --> 00:33:17,110
statistically obviously I know from my

713
00:33:21,539 --> 00:33:18,640

own work that

714

00:33:24,390 --> 00:33:21,549

statistically it is if you pick a UFO

715

00:33:29,010 --> 00:33:24,400

sighting at random it is likely to be a

716

00:33:31,650 --> 00:33:29,020

misidentification and the the second

717

00:33:33,480 --> 00:33:31,660

most likely thing is probably a hoax and

718

00:33:36,030 --> 00:33:33,490

the third most likely is some sort of

719

00:33:40,230 --> 00:33:36,040

psychological delusion or hallucination

720

00:33:42,840 --> 00:33:40,240

or vivid dream but I don't rule out the

721

00:33:44,820 --> 00:33:42,850

extraterrestrial origin and like I say

722

00:33:45,960 --> 00:33:44,830

only one of those cases has to be the

723

00:33:48,539 --> 00:33:45,970

real thing

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00:33:54,320 --> 00:33:48,549

and we are in game-changing territory so

725

00:33:57,390 --> 00:33:54,330

so that keeps me interested and involved

726

00:33:59,750 --> 00:33:57,400

yeah I suppose the the main one now that

727

00:34:04,200 --> 00:33:59,760

people are talking about is the nimitz

728

00:34:05,610 --> 00:34:04,210

encounter because they have the video

729

00:34:07,200 --> 00:34:05,620

the nimitz encounter is pretty easy

730

00:34:09,030 --> 00:34:07,210

could have a blurry blob in the distance

731

00:34:12,330 --> 00:34:09,040

it's not hard to tell anything from it

732

00:34:14,180 --> 00:34:12,340

but they have fairly good eyewitness

733

00:34:17,300 --> 00:34:14,190

accounts see how this command of Raver

734

00:34:19,740 --> 00:34:17,310

who talks about seeing this tic-tac

735

00:34:21,270 --> 00:34:19,750

jumping around and then there's the the

736

00:34:23,609 --> 00:34:21,280

other pilot on the other plane and then

737

00:34:29,070 --> 00:34:23,619

radar operators and whatnot from there

738

00:34:33,210 --> 00:34:29,080

from the ship do you think the nimitz

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00:34:37,349 --> 00:34:33,220

encounter kind of rises up to the top in

740

00:34:41,040 --> 00:34:37,359

terms of the most plausible UFO stories

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00:34:43,230 --> 00:34:41,050

in the last year 50 plus years yes i

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00:34:45,780 --> 00:34:43,240

think it must be up there and i would

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00:34:48,030 --> 00:34:45,790

also say that i would not describe it as

744

00:34:50,909 --> 00:34:48,040

a single encounter but as multiple

745

00:34:55,619 --> 00:34:50,919

encounters from what i understand and

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00:34:58,349 --> 00:34:55,629

and the related 2015 incidents and

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00:35:01,050 --> 00:34:58,359

indeed i would look at this holistically

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00:35:05,370 --> 00:35:01,060

when when you look at what the Navy said

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00:35:07,950 --> 00:35:05,380

I think back in May about issuing or

750

00:35:11,130 --> 00:35:07,960

reissuing guidance to pilots and other

751

00:35:14,250 --> 00:35:11,140

other military personnel they they

752

00:35:16,109 --> 00:35:14,260

describe this as being the result of and

753

00:35:20,700 --> 00:35:16,119

I think the word they used was an

754

00:35:23,609 --> 00:35:20,710

upsurge in unauthorized incursions into

755

00:35:26,550 --> 00:35:23,619

restricted military airspace so in one

756

00:35:31,980 --> 00:35:26,560

sense I would lump all of this together

757

00:35:33,040 --> 00:35:31,990

Nimitz Princeton Frey vore and and the

758

00:35:35,830 --> 00:35:33,050

various other

759

00:35:38,050 --> 00:35:35,840

people pilots and radar operators who

760

00:35:41,050 --> 00:35:38,060

have now gone on the record with this

761

00:35:43,410 --> 00:35:41,060

yeah it's interesting to me that you

762

00:35:47,050 --> 00:35:43,420

talk about judging things holistically

763

00:35:49,330 --> 00:35:47,060

because I always tend to try to break

764

00:35:52,030 --> 00:35:49,340

things down and look at the individual

765

00:35:53,980 --> 00:35:52,040

pieces of evidence and it's always kind

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00:35:56,530 --> 00:35:53,990

of this battle that I have with people

767

00:35:57,970 --> 00:35:56,540

in in that's yeah I I say I'm just gonna

768

00:36:01,240 --> 00:35:57,980

look at this video and try to see what

769

00:36:02,410 --> 00:36:01,250

this video says like you could say for

770

00:36:04,750 --> 00:36:02,420

example the one piece of evidence you

771

00:36:09,790 --> 00:36:04,760

just said there that there was an uptick

772

00:36:12,520 --> 00:36:09,800

in incursions into airspace which could

773

00:36:14,530 --> 00:36:12,530

just be an uptick because drones are

774

00:36:17,590 --> 00:36:14,540

getting you know individual personal

775

00:36:20,800 --> 00:36:17,600

drones are getting way more popular and

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00:36:24,940 --> 00:36:20,810

cheaper and longer range and whatnot so

777

00:36:27,430 --> 00:36:24,950

each individual piece of evidence can

778

00:36:28,720 --> 00:36:27,440

have some kind of explanation but can

779

00:36:30,370 --> 00:36:28,730

you actually put together all these

780

00:36:32,770 --> 00:36:30,380

different pieces of evidence which all

781

00:36:35,140 --> 00:36:32,780

individually might be explainable and

782

00:36:38,110 --> 00:36:35,150

then say there's so many things that

783

00:36:40,660 --> 00:36:38,120

there has to be something there I don't

784

00:36:42,520 --> 00:36:40,670

know it gets to one of the big big

785

00:36:45,040 --> 00:36:42,530

problems we had at the Ministry of

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00:36:48,070 --> 00:36:45,050

Defence with this and and yes I take the

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00:36:50,490 --> 00:36:48,080

point that each individual incident or

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00:36:53,310 --> 00:36:50,500

case needs needs to be properly

789

00:36:56,980 --> 00:36:53,320

investigated but one of my big

790

00:37:03,160 --> 00:36:56,990

complaints was that nobody did any trend

791

00:37:06,640 --> 00:37:03,170

analysis no very few occasions did for

792

00:37:08,890 --> 00:37:06,650

example anyone sit down and do what I

793

00:37:11,350 --> 00:37:08,900

suppose you would call an intelligence

794

00:37:14,500 --> 00:37:11,360

assessment where somebody tried to join

795

00:37:15,220 --> 00:37:14,510

the dots and say well if we put this

796

00:37:19,150 --> 00:37:15,230

together

797

00:37:21,580 --> 00:37:19,160

what does this mean so it was difficult

798

00:37:24,430 --> 00:37:21,590

to strike that balance between the

799

00:37:27,700 --> 00:37:24,440

individual incident and the overall

800

00:37:29,710 --> 00:37:27,710

picture and I I'm not I'm not claiming

801
00:37:32,020 --> 00:37:29,720
to have any right answer to the

802
00:37:33,460 --> 00:37:32,030
methodology of dealing with this I mean

803
00:37:38,230 --> 00:37:33,470
clearly in one sense you've got to do

804
00:37:42,520 --> 00:37:38,240
both yeah how would you say like cases

805
00:37:44,560 --> 00:37:42,530
like say the Nimitz case differs from

806
00:37:45,690 --> 00:37:44,570
some of them or all the classic cases

807
00:37:50,390 --> 00:37:45,700
like the Rendell

808
00:37:53,579 --> 00:37:50,400
Forrest case well I think actually

809
00:37:56,940 --> 00:37:53,589
Nimitz and Rendlesham do have some some

810
00:38:00,120 --> 00:37:56,950
things in common ie being multiple

811
00:38:02,970 --> 00:38:00,130
incident cases with with a series of

812
00:38:05,970 --> 00:38:02,980
individual incidents also being cases

813
00:38:11,370 --> 00:38:05,980

where there are essentially military

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00:38:14,819 --> 00:38:11,380

witnesses to to something and a paper

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00:38:16,670 --> 00:38:14,829

trail of documents some of which have

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00:38:18,839 --> 00:38:16,680

been released and some of which

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00:38:23,430 --> 00:38:18,849

presumably haven't particularly with

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00:38:26,400 --> 00:38:23,440

with Nimitz and and such like where

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00:38:29,099 --> 00:38:26,410

where you can begin to say well we've

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00:38:32,640 --> 00:38:29,109

got more than just hearsay here we've

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00:38:34,740 --> 00:38:32,650

we've got the the military witnesses

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00:38:36,930 --> 00:38:34,750

speaking out about this but here we've

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00:38:39,510 --> 00:38:36,940

got for example government documents

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00:38:40,829 --> 00:38:39,520

talking about it and actually that's one

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00:38:43,410 --> 00:38:40,839

of the interesting things I think about

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00:38:45,420 --> 00:38:43,420

this whole story is that in all the

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00:38:45,960 --> 00:38:45,430

millions and millions of words that have

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00:38:49,069 --> 00:38:45,970

been written

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00:38:52,319 --> 00:38:49,079

we've actually got comparatively few

830

00:38:56,579 --> 00:38:52,329

government documents but you know we've

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00:38:59,609 --> 00:38:56,589

got we've got Senator Harry Reid's 2009

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00:39:02,660 --> 00:38:59,619

I think letter to a to the deputy

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00:39:06,770 --> 00:39:02,670

defense secretary we've got some of the

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00:39:09,150 --> 00:39:06,780

initial contract solicitation

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00:39:12,660 --> 00:39:09,160

documentation we've got the DIA letter

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00:39:16,470 --> 00:39:12,670

to Congress sent a few weeks after this

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00:39:21,390 --> 00:39:16,480

story broke in The Times people like

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00:39:23,579 --> 00:39:21,400

Roger grassle and Paul Dean and and John

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00:39:25,170 --> 00:39:23,589

Greenwald have solicited various other

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00:39:27,630 --> 00:39:25,180

press officer statements but we still

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00:39:29,849 --> 00:39:27,640

haven't got that much but but to go back

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00:39:32,490 --> 00:39:29,859

to your original question yes there are

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00:39:35,400 --> 00:39:32,500

some commonalities I think and that's

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00:39:40,049 --> 00:39:35,410

why I I say this this certainly goes

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00:39:42,089 --> 00:39:40,059

into the top draw if there is such a

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00:39:45,630 --> 00:39:42,099

thing when it comes to these these sorts

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00:39:47,280 --> 00:39:45,640

of cases yeah he was for me I always

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00:39:49,620 --> 00:39:47,290

kind of found it interesting that when I

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00:39:52,170 --> 00:39:49,630

asked people what their their classic

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00:39:53,880 --> 00:39:52,180

that the best evidence was for UFOs you

851
00:39:58,000 --> 00:39:53,890
quite often get these cases that go back

852
00:40:00,160 --> 00:39:58,010
to the 50s like there was the guy who

853
00:40:02,290 --> 00:40:00,170
yeah got abducted from his car on a

854
00:40:03,760 --> 00:40:02,300
desert highway like in the universe of

855
00:40:06,940 --> 00:40:03,770
the 60s or 70s or something like that

856
00:40:08,410 --> 00:40:06,950
these very old cases but it seems like

857
00:40:11,859 --> 00:40:08,420
you know like we say we are getting a

858
00:40:14,710 --> 00:40:11,869
bit of a a new thing but was there kind

859
00:40:17,470 --> 00:40:14,720
of like kind of a golden age of UFOs and

860
00:40:19,859 --> 00:40:17,480
then we had kind of a dip or do you

861
00:40:22,810 --> 00:40:19,869
think it's been fairly constant or what

862
00:40:26,020 --> 00:40:22,820
well I think I think like most things

863
00:40:27,940 --> 00:40:26,030

there are peaks and troughs booms and

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00:40:32,280 --> 00:40:27,950

busts I think one could say that

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00:40:35,050 --> 00:40:32,290

obviously going back to the summer of 47

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00:40:39,099 --> 00:40:35,060

the whole flying saucer

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00:40:42,070 --> 00:40:39,109

mhmmm fever that swept the US and indeed

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00:40:45,810 --> 00:40:42,080

the wider world that was a big thing

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00:40:50,590 --> 00:40:45,820

then certainly in the early 50s maybe

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00:40:54,220 --> 00:40:50,600

fueled to some extent by the difficult

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00:40:56,590 --> 00:40:54,230

but undeniable linkages between this

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00:40:57,970 --> 00:40:56,600

subject and science fiction and and

873

00:40:59,710 --> 00:40:57,980

things like The Day the Earth Stood

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00:41:02,440 --> 00:40:59,720

Still but certainly there was a golden

875

00:41:07,840 --> 00:41:02,450

age in the 50s and there was a huge wave

876

00:41:14,349 --> 00:41:07,850

I suppose in in 67 certainly in the US

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00:41:17,260 --> 00:41:14,359

and the UK yeah same same in the 70s and

878

00:41:20,200 --> 00:41:17,270

maybe again maybe Close Encounters of

879

00:41:22,990 --> 00:41:20,210

the Third Kind and the resurgence of

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00:41:26,200 --> 00:41:23,000

science fiction with with that and then

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00:41:27,880 --> 00:41:26,210

with star wars maybe that played a part

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00:41:29,710 --> 00:41:27,890

but you know these things these things

883

00:41:32,410 --> 00:41:29,720

don't generate I don't think they

884

00:41:34,810 --> 00:41:32,420

generate UFO sightings what I think they

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00:41:38,800 --> 00:41:34,820

do is the they create a fertile ground

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00:41:41,770 --> 00:41:38,810

on which people who've had sightings can

887

00:41:43,840 --> 00:41:41,780

can maybe step forward and say well I

888

00:41:47,920 --> 00:41:43,850

guess this is okay to talk about now

889

00:41:51,010 --> 00:41:47,930

so but it it comes and goes it comes and

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00:41:55,330 --> 00:41:51,020

goes what I in in the 90s with the rise

891

00:41:58,540 --> 00:41:55,340

of the x-files then that was a big thing

892

00:42:00,280 --> 00:41:58,550

but not all of the not all of this is

893

00:42:03,910 --> 00:42:00,290

sci-fi Laird

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00:42:06,070 --> 00:42:03,920

some of it is just events led and for

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00:42:08,800 --> 00:42:06,080

example the declassification and release

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00:42:11,589 --> 00:42:08,810

of the British government's UFO FILES

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00:42:16,120 --> 00:42:11,599

was a big story and I would

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00:42:18,939 --> 00:42:16,130

I would argue that prior to the a tip

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00:42:21,279 --> 00:42:18,949

story coming out declassification of the

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00:42:22,930 --> 00:42:21,289

British government's UFO FILES was one

901
00:42:26,189 --> 00:42:22,940
of the most one of the biggest and most

902
00:42:31,359 --> 00:42:26,199
important UFO stories in recent years

903
00:42:31,870 --> 00:42:31,369
yeah well a slightly different attack

904
00:42:34,809 --> 00:42:31,880
here

905
00:42:37,660 --> 00:42:34,819
what do you think about essentially the

906
00:42:41,529 --> 00:42:37,670
conspiracy theory version of UFOs that

907
00:42:43,479 --> 00:42:41,539
the government is covering stuff up do

908
00:42:45,819 --> 00:42:43,489
you see any evidence that the government

909
00:42:50,920 --> 00:42:45,829
is deliberately hiding any information

910
00:42:54,969 --> 00:42:50,930
anything notable yeah not really there's

911
00:42:57,279 --> 00:42:54,979
a very very detailed essay on my website

912
00:43:00,279 --> 00:42:57,289
about conspiracy theories and while I

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00:43:01,930 --> 00:43:00,289

say don't don't discount everything you

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00:43:04,859 --> 00:43:01,940

know one or two conspiracies do turn out

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00:43:07,479 --> 00:43:04,869

to be true most of the big ones

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00:43:12,039 --> 00:43:07,489

JFK moon landings

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00:43:14,259 --> 00:43:12,049

Princess Diana 9/11 I am not convinced

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00:43:17,039 --> 00:43:14,269

by any of that and neither am i

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00:43:20,859 --> 00:43:17,049

convinced by the idea that there is a

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00:43:24,400 --> 00:43:20,869

nebulous conspiracy to keep an alien

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00:43:28,269 --> 00:43:24,410

presence from the public eye I do not

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00:43:32,620 --> 00:43:28,279

believe anyone has a crashed spaceship

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00:43:35,349 --> 00:43:32,630

in a hangar anywhere but I do believe

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00:43:37,539 --> 00:43:35,359

that the US government and the UK

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00:43:41,339 --> 00:43:37,549

government consistently over the years

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00:43:44,759 --> 00:43:41,349
have and still are grappling with

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00:43:49,479 --> 00:43:44,769
something that they don't fully yet

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00:43:52,299 --> 00:43:49,489
understand and have a handle on so I see

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00:43:56,759 --> 00:43:52,309
and and indeed have been a part of what

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00:43:59,799 --> 00:43:56,769
I would call a downplaying of official

931
00:44:04,120 --> 00:43:59,809
interest in an involvement with the

932
00:44:09,609 --> 00:44:04,130
subject but I don't see a concerted

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00:44:12,099 --> 00:44:09,619
effort to hide hardware for example yeah

934
00:44:17,170 --> 00:44:12,109
so especially not a big fan of bob lazar

935
00:44:19,809 --> 00:44:17,180
then not not a huge fan but I fall back

936
00:44:23,739 --> 00:44:19,819
on the old adage interesting if true and

937
00:44:25,670 --> 00:44:23,749
and clearly if if he has other things to

938
00:44:27,529 --> 00:44:25,680

to bring forward

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00:44:30,980 --> 00:44:27,539

I'm sure we all be interested to hear

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00:44:33,829 --> 00:44:30,990

them yeah I asked on Twitter for

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00:44:38,599 --> 00:44:33,839

questions for you and somebody asked me

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00:44:41,359 --> 00:44:38,609

a strange question well it was asked him

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00:44:43,579 --> 00:44:41,369

why any would debunk the et UFO

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00:44:46,910 --> 00:44:43,589

phenomenon and I think what he's asking

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00:44:49,250 --> 00:44:46,920

there is what do you think about the

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00:44:52,730 --> 00:44:49,260

skeptics do you think that there are

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00:44:57,289 --> 00:44:52,740

people who are too much in the naysaying

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00:45:00,380 --> 00:44:57,299

camp to negative yes I I think there's a

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00:45:03,490 --> 00:45:00,390

spectrum there's a belief spectrum and I

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00:45:06,890 --> 00:45:03,500

again this is one of my one of my

951
00:45:09,019 --> 00:45:06,900
commentaries upon ufology what I what I

952
00:45:13,000 --> 00:45:09,029
tend to find is that there's a belief

953
00:45:18,710 --> 00:45:13,010
spectrum with extremists at both ends so

954
00:45:23,230 --> 00:45:18,720
there is a sort of wide-eyed true

955
00:45:26,630 --> 00:45:23,240
believer it's all true at the kind of

956
00:45:28,640 --> 00:45:26,640
believer end of the spectrum but equally

957
00:45:32,450 --> 00:45:28,650
at at the other end of the spectrum

958
00:45:37,089 --> 00:45:32,460
there's a sort of none of this can be

959
00:45:41,299 --> 00:45:37,099
true therefore it it isn't true as

960
00:45:43,880 --> 00:45:41,309
opposed to doing what the people in the

961
00:45:47,720 --> 00:45:43,890
middle should do which is go in

962
00:45:49,670 --> 00:45:47,730
not with those preconceived beliefs

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00:45:53,680 --> 00:45:49,680

though obviously everyone has them but

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00:45:56,329 --> 00:45:53,690

go in and try to do an even-handed

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00:46:00,260 --> 00:45:56,339

investigation or piece of research that

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00:46:02,990 --> 00:46:00,270

is not conclusion led yes so I think I

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00:46:07,220 --> 00:46:03,000

think long way of saying yes there are

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00:46:10,160 --> 00:46:07,230

there are extremists and nutjobs at both

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00:46:11,750 --> 00:46:10,170

the end of the spectrum and there there

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00:46:13,309 --> 00:46:11,760

are some sensible people are a lot of

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00:46:16,309 --> 00:46:13,319

sensible people actually in the middle

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00:46:18,049 --> 00:46:16,319

yes yes very true and there's certainly

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00:46:22,460 --> 00:46:18,059

a wide range of people in the UFO

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00:46:24,349 --> 00:46:22,470

community it does seem to generate a lot

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00:46:26,380 --> 00:46:24,359

more passion than the other things that

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00:46:28,609 --> 00:46:26,390

I look at it's kind of strange that even

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00:46:31,339 --> 00:46:28,619

you know I look at things like

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00:46:33,680 --> 00:46:31,349

chemtrails and 9/11 conspiracy theories

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00:46:36,089 --> 00:46:33,690

and flat earth the Flat Earth people are

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00:46:38,430 --> 00:46:36,099

the nicest people and

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00:46:41,939 --> 00:46:38,440

I've got the most hate I think from the

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00:46:43,920 --> 00:46:41,949

UFO people it's a kind of an odd

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00:46:46,170 --> 00:46:43,930

community I think in perhaps it's going

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00:46:47,729 --> 00:46:46,180

to do with the the people it attracts

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00:46:50,910 --> 00:46:47,739

but I'm I don't know do you do you get

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00:46:55,680 --> 00:46:50,920

any sense of why there's so much passion

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00:46:59,459 --> 00:46:55,690

in the UFO community well I think I I

988

00:47:03,569 --> 00:46:59,469

think part of it comes from the fact

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00:47:08,249 --> 00:47:03,579

that that with UFOs are a part of the

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00:47:11,370 --> 00:47:08,259

community are witnesses themselves and

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00:47:13,579 --> 00:47:11,380

and a part of a segment of those

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00:47:17,939 --> 00:47:13,589

witnesses would categorize themselves

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00:47:20,160 --> 00:47:17,949

even more deeply involved as experiences

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00:47:22,609 --> 00:47:20,170

and and abductees or whatever

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00:47:25,469 --> 00:47:22,619

terminology they want to use therefore

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00:47:28,170 --> 00:47:25,479

those people have what they see as a

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00:47:32,039 --> 00:47:28,180

personal connection and investment with

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00:47:34,380 --> 00:47:32,049

the subject in a way that say you know

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00:47:37,469 --> 00:47:34,390

people studying and debating the moon

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00:47:39,569 --> 00:47:37,479

landings wouldn't I mean no you know she

1001
00:47:41,789 --> 00:47:39,579
and unless you were an astronaut in

1002
00:47:44,249 --> 00:47:41,799
which case you probably that's why Buzz

1003
00:47:46,170 --> 00:47:44,259
Aldrin hunch that I did and actually

1004
00:47:48,689 --> 00:47:46,180
that's that's I suppose a good point

1005
00:47:50,519 --> 00:47:48,699
both Buzz has that same personal

1006
00:47:53,339 --> 00:47:50,529
connection he actually went to the moon

1007
00:47:56,549 --> 00:47:53,349
therefore when he hears people say no

1008
00:47:58,920 --> 00:47:56,559
you didn't he feels was justifiably

1009
00:48:01,140 --> 00:47:58,930
aggrieved so perhaps that's the answer

1010
00:48:03,749 --> 00:48:01,150
to the question the witnesses feel that

1011
00:48:06,059 --> 00:48:03,759
that when people pour cold water on

1012
00:48:08,459 --> 00:48:06,069
their experiences there they are being

1013
00:48:10,829 --> 00:48:08,469

personally called Liars and their

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00:48:13,829 --> 00:48:10,839

personal experience whatever it was is

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00:48:18,089 --> 00:48:13,839

being disparaged so they think so I

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00:48:19,920 --> 00:48:18,099

think that's why the passion yeah sounds

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00:48:21,749 --> 00:48:19,930

like very reasonable explanation and it

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00:48:23,779 --> 00:48:21,759

certainly rings true with a lot of my

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00:48:26,009 --> 00:48:23,789

encounters with people they all have

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00:48:27,539 --> 00:48:26,019

often kind of berate me with some

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00:48:31,289 --> 00:48:27,549

evidence and then kind of eventually

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00:48:32,819 --> 00:48:31,299

fall back onto that they saw a UFO fly

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00:48:34,469 --> 00:48:32,829

over their car or whatever and that

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00:48:38,039 --> 00:48:34,479

there was no way I could possibly

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00:48:40,650 --> 00:48:38,049

convince them otherwise and so yeah it

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00:48:43,499 --> 00:48:40,660

was basically if I persisted then it was

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00:48:46,549 --> 00:48:43,509

like I was calling them liars so they

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00:48:49,289 --> 00:48:46,559

tended to be a bit reactive against that

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00:48:49,770 --> 00:48:49,299

sure that's why I guess the James Fox

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00:48:55,230 --> 00:48:49,780

feel

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00:48:57,210 --> 00:48:55,240

I know what I saw is is was a good title

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00:48:57,870 --> 00:48:57,220

but that's the one isn't it I know what

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00:49:00,390 --> 00:48:57,880

I saw

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00:49:01,760 --> 00:49:00,400

yeah I don't know one yeah I think so

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00:49:04,140 --> 00:49:01,770

anyway

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00:49:06,510 --> 00:49:04,150

so unless it be a very interesting

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00:49:08,040 --> 00:49:06,520

conversation what are you what are you

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00:49:09,780 --> 00:49:08,050

working on now what's coming up next for

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00:49:12,560 --> 00:49:09,790

you down the pipe

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00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:12,570

gosh lots of different things I'm

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00:49:18,810 --> 00:49:16,000

continuing to appear as contributor on

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00:49:22,290 --> 00:49:18,820

various TV shows but I'm also actually

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00:49:26,730 --> 00:49:22,300

trying to develop and create some shows

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00:49:30,600 --> 00:49:26,740

myself so that I have more control over

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00:49:34,530 --> 00:49:30,610

the overall look and feel and content of

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00:49:37,230 --> 00:49:34,540

the show so so I'm doing some writing

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00:49:39,510 --> 00:49:37,240

and development work with production

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00:49:42,750 --> 00:49:39,520

companies and networks I also

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00:49:45,300 --> 00:49:42,760

occasionally get outside of this subject

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00:49:48,360 --> 00:49:45,310

so I've written for example a couple of

1051
00:49:52,610 --> 00:49:48,370
sci-fi novels my most recent book was

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00:49:55,710 --> 00:49:52,620
actually a thriller about terrorism and

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00:49:58,890 --> 00:49:55,720
intelligence work and special forces so

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00:50:01,560 --> 00:49:58,900
so again nothing to do with UFOs or the

1055
00:50:04,590 --> 00:50:01,570
unexplained I guess I have my finger in

1056
00:50:06,330 --> 00:50:04,600
a lot of pies so what's going to be

1057
00:50:08,790 --> 00:50:06,340
different about your your show that

1058
00:50:10,610 --> 00:50:08,800
you're you're trying to develop what's

1059
00:50:14,790 --> 00:50:10,620
the difference tone you will be taking

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00:50:18,480 --> 00:50:14,800
I'd like to bridge I'd like to bridge

1061
00:50:22,590 --> 00:50:18,490
the the ufology with the science a

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00:50:26,490 --> 00:50:22,600
little more they think and you know just

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00:50:28,350 --> 00:50:26,500

ground it a little more in well firstly

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00:50:31,470 --> 00:50:28,360

is this possible and secondly if it's

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00:50:33,870 --> 00:50:31,480

possible how would it work not not just

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00:50:35,580 --> 00:50:33,880

here's another case I mean I think we've

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00:50:38,880 --> 00:50:35,590

all seen those TV shows where people run

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00:50:40,440 --> 00:50:38,890

around and you know point in the sky or

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00:50:42,180 --> 00:50:40,450

whatever it's the sort of youthful

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00:50:44,370 --> 00:50:42,190

logical equivalent of the the ghost

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00:50:46,980 --> 00:50:44,380

shows where where everyone's like what

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00:50:48,750 --> 00:50:46,990

was that what was that yeah I don't want

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00:50:50,610 --> 00:50:48,760

it I'm you know there are probably some

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00:50:53,850 --> 00:50:50,620

very good shows like that but that's not

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00:50:57,030 --> 00:50:53,860

the show I want to make yeah so so I

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00:50:59,510 --> 00:50:57,040

want to I want to to explore bridging

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00:51:03,240 --> 00:50:59,520

that gap a little bit and actually

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00:51:05,370 --> 00:51:03,250

asking the next questions I mean

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00:51:08,850 --> 00:51:05,380

no point having a UFO show about is it

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00:51:11,100 --> 00:51:08,860

real or not mmm because because you were

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00:51:15,300 --> 00:51:11,110

only going to recreate the whole skeptic

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00:51:17,280 --> 00:51:15,310

versus believer dogfight why not ask the

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00:51:21,090 --> 00:51:17,290

more interesting questions well look if

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00:51:22,410 --> 00:51:21,100

it is true what what next yeah that's a

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00:51:25,080 --> 00:51:22,420

good question what is next

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00:51:29,820 --> 00:51:25,090

do we I guess you want to try to contact

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00:51:32,060 --> 00:51:29,830

them yes and them absolutely that's why

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00:51:35,160 --> 00:51:32,070

my two favorite sci-fi movies are

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00:51:36,960 --> 00:51:35,170

contact and arrival because now they

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00:51:40,530 --> 00:51:36,970

speak to the far more interesting

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00:51:42,960 --> 00:51:40,540

questions about could we communicate and

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00:51:46,010 --> 00:51:42,970

if we could what would they have to to

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00:51:48,210 --> 00:51:46,020

tell us what would we teach each other

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00:51:50,580 --> 00:51:48,220

yeah sounds fascinating

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00:51:53,160 --> 00:51:50,590

I'm just going back to your like your

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00:51:55,740 --> 00:51:53,170

work at the mo D like some people say

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00:51:58,680 --> 00:51:55,750

you exaggerated your role at the mo D is

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00:52:00,600 --> 00:51:58,690

there like some reason why people are

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00:52:02,790 --> 00:52:00,610

saying things like that with a you know

1100

00:52:04,620 --> 00:52:02,800

people say are you there was that false

1101
00:52:06,870 --> 00:52:04,630
story where you left in a huff because

1102
00:52:08,370 --> 00:52:06,880
they cancelled the program that other

1103
00:52:11,010 --> 00:52:08,380
kind of like false things like that

1104
00:52:12,780 --> 00:52:11,020
floating around oh there's lots to false

1105
00:52:15,120 --> 00:52:12,790
things floating around and it's it's

1106
00:52:19,110 --> 00:52:15,130
self-evidently not true because I I took

1107
00:52:23,040 --> 00:52:19,120
early retirement in 2006 and yet the UFO

1108
00:52:26,460 --> 00:52:23,050
program wasn't terminated till 2009 so

1109
00:52:29,850 --> 00:52:26,470
so that you know demonstrably false I

1110
00:52:32,130 --> 00:52:29,860
think where where the problem lies is is

1111
00:52:33,900 --> 00:52:32,140
that all sorts of things get written

1112
00:52:40,320 --> 00:52:33,910
about me that I don't really have much

1113
00:52:44,220 --> 00:52:40,330

control over so for example I worked for

1114

00:52:46,740 --> 00:52:44,230

the Ministry of Defense but one or two

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00:52:49,470 --> 00:52:46,750

people in writing about that have said

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00:52:51,210 --> 00:52:49,480

particularly overseas conference

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00:52:53,640 --> 00:52:51,220

organizers where something maybe gets

1118

00:52:57,390 --> 00:52:53,650

lost in translation that I was the

1119

00:52:58,340 --> 00:52:57,400

Minister of death maybe that's an easy

1120

00:53:01,410 --> 00:52:58,350

mistake to make

1121

00:53:04,410 --> 00:53:01,420

particularly with with different

1122

00:53:08,070 --> 00:53:04,420

languages or maybe not I don't get to

1123

00:53:11,430 --> 00:53:08,080

see all that stuff so I can't I can't

1124

00:53:16,770 --> 00:53:11,440

police it and I can't correct it there

1125

00:53:19,020 --> 00:53:16,780

there was another point that got made

1126

00:53:22,380 --> 00:53:19,030

you know some so some people some people

1127

00:53:25,740 --> 00:53:22,390

say some people in the UFO community try

1128

00:53:28,290 --> 00:53:25,750

to use me some some people so therefore

1129

00:53:32,180 --> 00:53:28,300

we're depending on where you sit on this

1130

00:53:36,270 --> 00:53:32,190

belief spectrum I have had people try to

1131

00:53:39,870 --> 00:53:36,280

over exaggerate my rattle and I have had

1132

00:53:44,640 --> 00:53:39,880

people try to underplay and diminish my

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00:53:48,480 --> 00:53:44,650

roll now here's his one example of of

1134

00:53:52,740 --> 00:53:48,490

the latter I use in my media interviews

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00:53:58,230 --> 00:53:52,750

the the phrase yeah I ran the UFO

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00:54:01,320 --> 00:53:58,240

program or the UFO project because the

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00:54:03,270 --> 00:54:01,330

actual situation was that unlike the

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00:54:04,950 --> 00:54:03,280

United States Air Force where they gave

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00:54:08,490 --> 00:54:04,960

it a project named Blue Book

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00:54:10,830 --> 00:54:08,500

we in the UK didn't have that we simply

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00:54:13,350 --> 00:54:10,840

said that it was work embedded in a

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00:54:15,270 --> 00:54:13,360

particular Directorate in the Ministry

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00:54:17,970 --> 00:54:15,280

of Defence and over the years that

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00:54:19,670 --> 00:54:17,980

changed well as you could imagine if I

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00:54:23,400 --> 00:54:19,680

started talking to the media about

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00:54:26,790 --> 00:54:23,410

Secretariat air staff to a or or defense

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00:54:29,370 --> 00:54:26,800

secretary at 8 or Directorate of air

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00:54:32,760 --> 00:54:29,380

staff or any any number of these other

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00:54:37,260 --> 00:54:32,770

things it would be meaningless so so I

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00:54:39,540 --> 00:54:37,270

use I use a kind of conversational does

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00:54:41,940 --> 00:54:39,550

what it says on the tin shorthand

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00:54:45,810 --> 00:54:41,950

well I investigated UFOs for them I ran

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00:54:48,180 --> 00:54:45,820

their UFO program and then somebody said

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00:54:50,130 --> 00:54:48,190

to the ministry defense well what was

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00:54:52,920 --> 00:54:50,140

this UFO program and they said well we

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00:54:55,020 --> 00:54:52,930

didn't have a UFO pregnant technically

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00:55:00,240 --> 00:54:55,030

that's true because it never got called

1158

00:55:03,630 --> 00:55:00,250

anything but there is and it's somewhere

1159

00:55:06,300 --> 00:55:03,640

in the UK parliamentary record of

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00:55:08,640 --> 00:55:06,310

proceedings Hansard a member of

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00:55:10,980 --> 00:55:08,650

parliament tried to clear this up by

1162

00:55:15,330 --> 00:55:10,990

asking what was mr. Nick Pope's job

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00:55:17,610 --> 00:55:15,340

between 99 1991 and 1994 and the answer

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00:55:20,010 --> 00:55:17,620

came back he was posted to a division

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00:55:24,150 --> 00:55:20,020

where his duties included investigating

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00:55:26,160 --> 00:55:24,160

UFOs so so it's it's like as ever with

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00:55:30,480 --> 00:55:26,170

the Internet the the answers in the

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00:55:33,000 --> 00:55:30,490

middle yes I see this kind of in

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00:55:35,460 --> 00:55:33,010

inflation and or deflation of credential

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00:55:38,660 --> 00:55:35,470

all the time when people I told that

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00:55:41,550 --> 00:55:38,670

yeah some some people say I was the the

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00:55:42,930 --> 00:55:41,560

minister they look you know I was the

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00:55:45,450 --> 00:55:42,940

Secretary of State for Defence other

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00:55:48,780 --> 00:55:45,460

people imply I was the tea boy who

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00:55:52,109 --> 00:55:48,790

literally you know the made the tea and

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00:55:54,000 --> 00:55:52,119

and did the filing of the papers so

1177

00:55:58,109 --> 00:55:54,010

indeed such a thing is done in these

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00:55:59,820 --> 00:55:58,119

days yeah so what what percentage of

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00:56:00,359 --> 00:55:59,830

your time did you actually spend on like

1180

00:56:02,609 --> 00:56:00,369

UFOs

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00:56:05,930 --> 00:56:02,619

stuff and what percentage on other stuff

1182

00:56:08,430 --> 00:56:05,940

in that 91 to 94 period almost

1183

00:56:12,750 --> 00:56:08,440

impossible to say I would put it

1184

00:56:16,500 --> 00:56:12,760

somewhere like somewhere between maybe

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00:56:23,870 --> 00:56:16,510

50 percent by the end of it my my other

1186

00:56:26,730 --> 00:56:23,880

duties covered things like actually

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00:56:29,370 --> 00:56:26,740

reading and then doing the security

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00:56:32,550 --> 00:56:29,380

clearance of books that had been written

1189

00:56:36,210 --> 00:56:32,560

about the Gulf War by people on the Air

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00:56:37,380 --> 00:56:36,220

Force side interesting and doing

1191

00:56:40,380 --> 00:56:37,390

wargames

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00:56:42,630 --> 00:56:40,390

where again on on the Air Force side now

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00:56:45,530 --> 00:56:42,640

I was a civilian but this this job was

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00:56:49,080 --> 00:56:45,540

was to do with Royal Air Force matters

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00:56:51,960 --> 00:56:49,090

so I we would do the war books and we

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00:56:53,670 --> 00:56:51,970

would do the war games I think I can say

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00:56:58,590 --> 00:56:53,680

what these things were called now things

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00:57:01,430 --> 00:56:58,600

things like Windex and SIMEX and purple

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00:57:04,980 --> 00:57:01,440

monarch and purple warrior these these

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00:57:08,250 --> 00:57:04,990

integrated war games that that we play

1201
00:57:11,099 --> 00:57:08,260
to exercise our our transition to war

1202
00:57:13,410 --> 00:57:11,109
and war rules so I did some of that I

1203
00:57:17,700 --> 00:57:13,420
did some of the security clearance and

1204
00:57:20,040 --> 00:57:17,710
vetting of of books that people had

1205
00:57:23,940 --> 00:57:20,050
written and I did the UFOs and it was I

1206
00:57:26,359 --> 00:57:23,950
think particularly later in that tour of

1207
00:57:30,210 --> 00:57:26,369
duty I think it was probably about

1208
00:57:32,550 --> 00:57:30,220
fifty-fifty with the UFO way but but

1209
00:57:35,220 --> 00:57:32,560
very difficult to say because because it

1210
00:57:38,790 --> 00:57:35,230
was events led I would have whole days

1211
00:57:40,710 --> 00:57:38,800
where no cases no new cases would come

1212
00:57:42,670 --> 00:57:40,720
in and I wouldn't be doing any UFO work

1213
00:57:44,500 --> 00:57:42,680

at all right

1214

00:57:48,030 --> 00:57:44,510

yeah it's not like they're on a schedule

1215

00:57:51,520 --> 00:57:48,040

or anything you mentioned the Gulf there

1216

00:57:54,970 --> 00:57:51,530

and I think one thing about the the

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00:57:56,910 --> 00:57:54,980

recent stuff like gimbal and go fast and

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00:57:58,870 --> 00:57:56,920

stuff like that is that they mentioned

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00:58:03,120 --> 00:57:58,880

seeing them when they were in the Gulf

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00:58:07,030 --> 00:58:03,130

did you get reports from the military of

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00:58:10,900 --> 00:58:07,040

military pilots seeing UFOs in in the

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00:58:13,060 --> 00:58:10,910

Gulf not over not in the Gulf and

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00:58:15,160 --> 00:58:13,070

certainly during the hostilities if we

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00:58:20,170 --> 00:58:15,170

did we would probably have thought well

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00:58:23,890 --> 00:58:20,180

it was triple-a and the other thing was

1226
00:58:26,650 --> 00:58:23,900
although we occasionally relax this our

1227
00:58:28,660 --> 00:58:26,660
terms of reference were limited to

1228
00:58:33,720 --> 00:58:28,670
investigating sightings within the

1229
00:58:36,790 --> 00:58:33,730
United Kingdom Air Defense read hmm so

1230
00:58:39,760 --> 00:58:36,800
if a pilot did see a UFO then like

1231
00:58:43,000 --> 00:58:39,770
overseas a British military pilot where

1232
00:58:45,550 --> 00:58:43,010
would that report go to well they won

1233
00:58:47,350 --> 00:58:45,560
hopes would have reported it initially

1234
00:58:51,330 --> 00:58:47,360
as with most things in the military up

1235
00:58:54,250 --> 00:58:51,340
the chain of command and I hope that

1236
00:58:56,170 --> 00:58:54,260
that had those sightings taking place

1237
00:59:00,040 --> 00:58:56,180
they would have been forwarded back to

1238
00:59:02,890 --> 00:59:00,050

me and you know over the course of the

1239

00:59:06,030 --> 00:59:02,900

mo DS years of looking at this I think

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00:59:09,790 --> 00:59:06,040

we did have some sightings probably from

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00:59:12,000 --> 00:59:09,800

Cyprus and Falkland Islands and places

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00:59:14,470 --> 00:59:12,010

but not not many not many

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00:59:18,100 --> 00:59:14,480

was there any cooperation with other

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00:59:21,520 --> 00:59:18,110

countries like cross-referencing

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00:59:24,100 --> 00:59:21,530

databases for UFO sightings did you

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00:59:27,730 --> 00:59:24,110

share them with other countries very

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00:59:32,680 --> 00:59:27,740

little and and that again was partly a

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00:59:35,380 --> 00:59:32,690

construct of our very narrowly defined

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00:59:37,620 --> 00:59:35,390

terms of reference and partly just I

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00:59:39,900 --> 00:59:37,630

think the difficulty in identifying

1251
00:59:42,190 --> 00:59:39,910
opposite numbers who were doing this

1252
00:59:44,350 --> 00:59:42,200
I've heard it suggested that the

1253
00:59:46,960 --> 00:59:44,360
European Union or even the United

1254
00:59:48,400 --> 00:59:46,970
Nations should take a role in this don't

1255
00:59:51,790 --> 00:59:48,410
know whether it would work or not I

1256
00:59:54,240 --> 00:59:51,800
don't think the UN want it but no there

1257
00:59:56,440 --> 00:59:54,250
was very little there was very little

1258
00:59:58,930 --> 00:59:56,450
cooperation in

1259
01:00:01,420 --> 00:59:58,940
in my true believer moments I I

1260
01:00:04,420 --> 01:00:01,430
speculate that one reason for that is

1261
01:00:07,180 --> 01:00:04,430
that if if any of this is true in terms

1262
01:00:09,310 --> 01:00:07,190
of being extraterrestrial the nation

1263
01:00:11,980 --> 01:00:09,320

that first acquires that technology will

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01:00:14,590 --> 01:00:11,990

have a decisive strategic advantage and

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01:00:16,630 --> 01:00:14,600

and therefore even if you think there's

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01:00:19,840 --> 01:00:16,640

a vanishingly small chance of it being

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01:00:22,780 --> 01:00:19,850

true it's probably treated within

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01:00:25,840 --> 01:00:22,790

government well it is I know firsthand

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01:00:29,230 --> 01:00:25,850

from the UK it's treated as a low

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01:00:31,780 --> 01:00:29,240

probability high impact scenario and so

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01:00:34,420 --> 01:00:31,790

the thinking probably is we wouldn't

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01:00:37,330 --> 01:00:34,430

necessarily want to share this even even

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01:00:40,900 --> 01:00:37,340

with our allies right to keep it to

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01:00:43,930 --> 01:00:40,910

themselves so they can make their flying

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01:00:46,960 --> 01:00:43,940

saucers and anti-gravity drives yes

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01:00:49,030 --> 01:00:46,970

indeed yeah and and when one looks we

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01:00:51,130 --> 01:00:49,040

gosh we could do a whole second show on

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01:00:54,370 --> 01:00:51,140

this but when one looks at those those

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01:00:56,640 --> 01:00:54,380

research papers that the DIA told

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01:00:59,830 --> 01:00:56,650

Congress they produced under the a tip

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01:01:01,540 --> 01:00:59,840

program it takes you to some fairly

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01:01:04,600 --> 01:01:01,550

interesting territory in terms of

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01:01:07,120 --> 01:01:04,610

wormholes and walk drive and such like

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01:01:09,190 --> 01:01:07,130

yeah how many obviously if it is true

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01:01:11,380 --> 01:01:09,200

then that's some pretty you know

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01:01:13,300 --> 01:01:11,390

advanced technology with some very

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01:01:17,800 --> 01:01:13,310

interesting implications but as you say

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01:01:21,190 --> 01:01:17,810

probably a topic for another show yes

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01:01:23,110 --> 01:01:21,200

and of course my you know final thought

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01:01:24,820 --> 01:01:23,120

on that I guess my late father was an

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01:01:27,040 --> 01:01:24,830

aeronautical engineer and he always used

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01:01:28,600 --> 01:01:27,050

to say well theoretical theoretical

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01:01:31,020 --> 01:01:28,610

physics is fine but someone's got to be

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01:01:35,860 --> 01:01:31,030

able to actually build something yes

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01:01:37,690 --> 01:01:35,870

yeah and there is that sometimes I I say

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01:01:39,940 --> 01:01:37,700

I'm not a scientist I'm certainly not an

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01:01:41,860 --> 01:01:39,950

engineer either but some reading some of

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01:01:44,050 --> 01:01:41,870

this material you can't help but think

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01:01:47,110 --> 01:01:44,060

there's a maybe a disconnect between

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01:01:49,000 --> 01:01:47,120

this and actually putting something

1301
01:01:50,860 --> 01:01:49,010
together physically and building it and

1302
01:01:53,080 --> 01:01:50,870
saying here it is yeah I think it's all

1303
01:01:56,500 --> 01:01:53,090
very well saying a wormhole is possible

1304
01:01:58,690 --> 01:01:56,510
but yes mines far sharper than mine

1305
01:02:03,130 --> 01:01:58,700
we'll have to pronounce on on that

1306
01:02:04,240 --> 01:02:03,140
indeed all right well thank you very

1307
01:02:06,670 --> 01:02:04,250
much Nick this has been a very

1308
01:02:08,020 --> 01:02:06,680
interesting conversation and I think

1309
01:02:09,040 --> 01:02:08,030
we've probably cleared up some things

1310
01:02:10,150 --> 01:02:09,050
for some people a lot of questions

1311
01:02:13,120 --> 01:02:10,160
people had

1312
01:02:15,880 --> 01:02:13,130
and and probably created a whole bunch

1313
01:02:18,910 --> 01:02:15,890

of people's minds we see we shall see

1314

01:02:21,550 --> 01:02:18,920

what what the reaction is goes like I

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01:02:22,990 --> 01:02:21,560

said there was there was a lot of

1316

01:02:25,690 --> 01:02:23,000

different opinions there on the on the

1317

01:02:27,490 --> 01:02:25,700

internet about you sure I'll well when

1318

01:02:29,170 --> 01:02:27,500

when you put it on Twitter and I guess

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01:02:29,530 --> 01:02:29,180

I'll I'll do the same if you send me a

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01:02:32,620 --> 01:02:29,540

link

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01:02:35,310 --> 01:02:32,630

I guess we'll we'll see what people

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01:02:39,070 --> 01:02:35,320

think indeed it will be very interesting

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01:02:41,200 --> 01:02:39,080

all right well thank you very much okay