



Need to Know

with Coulman and ...

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00:00:17,360 --> 00:00:24,400
my name is ross coulthard and my colleague and
crime and good buddy is bryce zabel in los angeles

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00:00:24,400 --> 00:00:30,080
how are you bryce i'm doing great it's great to
be here and by the way um for those of you who are

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00:00:30,080 --> 00:00:36,720
keeping count this is our fifth uh need to know
podcast and russ people said it wouldn't last but

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00:00:36,720 --> 00:00:42,560
we made it a month now bryce i've got a guilty
pleasure to confess in the middle of the night

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00:00:42,560 --> 00:00:49,520
i'm known to go to my computer and look at quite
profound images on my computer and it's not what

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00:00:49,520 --> 00:00:58,240
you think i am obsessed absolutely obsessed with
the james webb telescope oh thank god thank god

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00:00:58,240 --> 00:01:07,280
you said that i was okay all right okay right
right now about a 863 000 miles away there is this

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00:01:07,280 --> 00:01:14,320
absolute miracle of human engineering it's a
marvel scientific enterprise power excellence

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00:01:14,320 --> 00:01:19,360
it's chugging its way to an orbit
that'll be a million miles away

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00:01:19,360 --> 00:01:23,440
on the other side of the moon away from the
glare of the sun and the reflection of the earth

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00:01:24,080 --> 00:01:30,560
and it's going to do amazing things and i i guess\h
at these somewhat dark times when we're looking at\h\h

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00:01:30,560 --> 00:01:36,880
putin amassing troops on the border with the\h
ukraine president z getting increasingly bellicose\h\h

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00:01:36,880 --> 00:01:42,560
over taiwan i think it's good to remind ourselves\h
that there are some pretty amazing things in\h\h

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00:01:42,560 --> 00:01:48,400
the world and the the james webb telescope is\h
just such a a miracle of modern engineering and\h\h

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00:01:48,400 --> 00:01:54,560
fingers crossed crossed touch wood i hope it gets\h
there and i hope soon we're seeing images that\h\h

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00:01:55,280 --> 00:02:04,720
may very well record interesting things perhaps\h
even evidence of other non-intel other intelligent\h\h

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00:02:04,720 --> 00:02:10,160
non-human life well it's it's certainly something\h
to look forward to and let's just hope that it's\h\h

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00:02:10,160 --> 00:02:16,000
so complex but we're all got our fingers crossed\h
that it gets where it needs to be and it unfolds\h\h

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00:02:16,000 --> 00:02:22,160
and aligns properly i have to say uh if we're\h
giving a shout out to the james webb telescope i\h\h

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00:02:22,160 --> 00:02:27,600
want to give one to the hubble telescope because\h
over the years the hubble has just given us\h\h

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through nasa making them public domain images just
a host of the most spectacular images that you can

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imagine looking out into space and we all remember
that it was 1968 when that first picture uh taken

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from the moon of the earth the famous earthrise uh
picture uh made everyone feel like wow we maybe we

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00:02:48,160 --> 00:02:53,920

are just one on one one planet and i think that
the hubble has extended that language for us

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00:02:53,920 --> 00:03:00,960

by showing us a chance to see just how vast the
universe is how incredibly intricate it is how

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00:03:01,760 --> 00:03:08,800

amazing our universe is and and if indeed the
james webb is an escalation of that oh my i mean

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00:03:08,800 --> 00:03:15,040

i i can't wait i hope it i hope it lives up to
all expectations whether it reveals other forms of

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00:03:15,040 --> 00:03:19,360

life out there or not i'm sure it's going to give
us some pretty awesome pictures so i'm looking

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00:03:19,360 --> 00:03:25,040

forward to that at the very least now bryce
let's roll back to amazing things that happened

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77 years ago it's the darkest days of world war ii
and brave bomber pilots from bomber command in the

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00:03:34,640 --> 00:03:40,800
uk brave young american lads and british lads\h
are flying their bombers across western europe\h\h

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00:03:41,440 --> 00:03:46,880
and all of a sudden out of the inky darkness as\h
if being frightened of potential nazi fighters\h\h

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00:03:46,880 --> 00:03:54,320
isn't enough they start seeing these weird\h
orbs these spheres often sometimes disc shaped\h\h

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00:03:54,880 --> 00:04:01,520
glowing or metallic and they call them foo\h
fighters and they're a mystery today as much as\h\h

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00:04:01,520 --> 00:04:07,360
they were back then and is it fair to say do you\h
reckon that that was perhaps the beginning of the\h\h

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00:04:07,360 --> 00:04:13,040
the modern flying saucer era i think that if\h
we're going to get a calendar out and say when\h\h

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00:04:13,040 --> 00:04:18,160
did we tip over into the world that we're sort of\h
living in today it would be world war ii which is\h\h

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00:04:18,160 --> 00:04:23,760
a demarcation line for practically everything\h
and possibly in a future podcast we'll get into\h\h

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00:04:23,760 --> 00:04:30,560
the ancient aliens aspect of all this but for for\h
our purposes i would say 1945 and the foo fighters\h\h

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00:04:30,560 --> 00:04:36,720
uh and and the fact that american pilots saw these\h
things and thought that they were german but after\h\h

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00:04:36,720 --> 00:04:42,800
the war we realized the germans thought they\h
were ours and nobody had any idea who's they were\h\h

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00:04:42,800 --> 00:04:48,080
that makes it a pretty profound thing that was\h
happening even in the final days of world war\h\h

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00:04:48,080 --> 00:04:53,520
ii and of course foo fighters um also gave\h
us the name of the band so that was a good\h\h

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00:04:53,520 --> 00:05:01,200
added bonus so all good uh i want you to bear in\h
mind listeners the key observations that were made\h\h

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00:05:01,200 --> 00:05:06,160
by pilots that saw these things the air crew that\h
saw these things back during the second world war\h\h

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00:05:06,880 --> 00:05:11,600
they were wingless they were tailless\h
they had no visible exhaust no visible\h\h

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00:05:11,600 --> 00:05:17,520
propulsion system and then roll forward a\h
year i've been doing some research price into\h\h

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00:05:18,160 --> 00:05:24,400
what were called ghost rockets which were\h
these thousands of objects cited all over\h\h

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00:05:24,400 --> 00:05:32,480
scandinavia in 1946 a year after the war ended\h
and all over scandinavia there was a almost\h\h

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00:05:32,480 --> 00:05:40,640
a public panic that occurred in the summer of\h
1946 across scandinavia sweden finland norway\h\h

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00:05:40,640 --> 00:05:48,160
people were seeing these weird objects that were
in the sky no wings no tails same thing again

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00:05:48,800 --> 00:05:54,640
and they sometimes described them as
having a fiery tale but they were all

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00:05:54,640 --> 00:06:02,320
consistently described doing incredible maneuvers
tight turns extreme speeds turning on a dime

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00:06:03,120 --> 00:06:10,080
and they were never ever properly explained
they never were and in fact the united states

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00:06:10,080 --> 00:06:13,600
sent some of our top generals over there
including doolittle to look into it

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00:06:14,160 --> 00:06:19,840
and uh while this swedish government did look
very heavily into this and there were thousands of

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00:06:19,840 --> 00:06:25,520
these sightings as you mentioned there were even
reports of landings and and all kinds of maneuvers

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00:06:26,240 --> 00:06:31,520
the swedish government at the end of that at least
released the announce of their investigation many

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00:06:31,520 --> 00:06:37,600
of our memos that were written got classified some
of them for many many years but the swedes said

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00:06:38,560 --> 00:06:46,000
this doesn't look to be russian it doesn't look to
be any technology that we're capable of generating

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00:06:46,000 --> 00:06:51,760
here on earth at this time so they took a position\h
that even back then we were talking about some\h\h

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00:06:51,760 --> 00:06:57,680
kind of uh otherworldly kind of technology and\h
i think that one of the things we wanted to do\h\h

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00:06:57,680 --> 00:07:03,600
with need to know is sort of give people context\h
as we kind of build out toward uh at least trying\h\h

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00:07:03,600 --> 00:07:08,000
to explain where we are and where we might be\h
going with this phenomenon think of it this way\h\h

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00:07:08,000 --> 00:07:15,120
folks 1945 uh you've got the world of world war ii\h
you've got german and american and british pilots\h\h

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00:07:15,120 --> 00:07:20,240
all reporting things that they call foo fighters\h
and it's not incidental it's not a small thing\h\h

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00:07:20,240 --> 00:07:28,000
it's a big thing lots and lots of reports the war\h
ends we we blow up two nuclear bombs uh over japan\h\h

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00:07:28,000 --> 00:07:34,720
but life goes on except less than a year later\h
we start getting these ghost rockets in sweden of\h\h

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00:07:34,720 --> 00:07:40,240
all places why sweden no one really knows and what\h
we'll be getting to later in this program is when\h\h

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00:07:40,240 --> 00:07:47,520
the united states sort of ticked off its beginning\h
in 1947 but for now let's pivot back to 1946 in\h\h

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00:07:47,520 --> 00:07:51,520
these ghost rockets because ross i'm really kind of
interested in what you're turning up these days

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00:07:52,400 --> 00:07:57,040
yeah well i've been doing a lot of work on it
bryce because i'm now an academic my friend

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00:07:57,040 --> 00:08:02,960
i've been invited by a danish political history
magazine and i don't speak danish so they're

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00:08:02,960 --> 00:08:08,240
going to do the translation for me to write
a paper for them about the uap phenomenon

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00:08:08,240 --> 00:08:13,600
thought it would be a really good thing to
look at the ghost rockets and the thing that

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00:08:13,600 --> 00:08:18,560
really strikes me and the rejoinder i often make
to people when they often say the debunkers or the

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00:08:18,560 --> 00:08:24,320
skeptics they often say oh how come how come
there's nothing in history to show that you

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00:08:24,320 --> 00:08:30,000
know this has always been around how come these
ufos are only only turning up now they weren't

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00:08:30,000 --> 00:08:38,080
and the fascinating thing about these foo fighters
these ghost rockets in 45 44 46 is a lot of the

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00:08:38,080 --> 00:08:47,120
descriptions of them accord with what are now
being referred to as the cylindrical tic tac white

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00:08:47,120 --> 00:08:55,520

metallic shaped craft that was recorded by the
us navy in 2004 and indeed more subsequently uh

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00:08:56,240 --> 00:09:03,280

in ways that can now no longer be refuted by
the debunkers and the skeptics and i i went back

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there's a guy called timothy good who did some
fantastic work in a book in a book called funnily

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00:09:08,720 --> 00:09:16,240

enough need to know and he wrote he wrote he wrote
a great book he just basically explored the early

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:21,920

history and went through the american archives and
he found an american archival document that said

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from sweden's air intelligence service that
these foo fighters this phenomena quote are

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obviously the result of a high technical skill
which cannot be credited to any known culture

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00:09:38,240 --> 00:09:44,400

on earth that was the swedish intelligence
services that's what i'm that's what i'm saying

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00:09:44,400 --> 00:09:50,240

i mean when you that's black and white that's in a
report that uh you can look up right now and read

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00:09:50,240 --> 00:09:54,800

and for them to say that it's not like
they didn't exhaust the other options

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00:09:54,800 --> 00:10:00,880

of course everyone back then the first thought was\h
well it must be the russians maybe they absconded\h\h

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00:10:00,880 --> 00:10:06,720

with these german scientists and they've cooked\h
up these things but the technology never continued\h\h

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00:10:07,280 --> 00:10:13,120

in that same way from that same point in time they\h
were kind of a one-off at that particular moment\h\h

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00:10:13,680 --> 00:10:22,240

and certainly nobody thought russia in 1946 after\h
fighting a war where their country was strained\h\h

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00:10:22,240 --> 00:10:28,080

to the max and where 20 million i believe of their\h
citizens died no one seriously thought russia and\h\h

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00:10:28,080 --> 00:10:34,000

a few german scientists were doing these things\h
and they certainly weren't making things that\h\h

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00:10:34,000 --> 00:10:41,360

were capable of what you just described what we've\h
heard described about the tic tacs recently same\h\h

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00:10:41,360 --> 00:10:49,680

kind of words same kind of descriptions back\h
then very mysterious and um and and mysterious\h\h

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00:10:49,680 --> 00:10:54,880

today in other words what i find interesting\h
and the reason that we wanted to sort of start\h\h

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00:10:54,880 --> 00:11:01,840

with this folks is that here you have a situation\h
where we're we're hearing the same kind of words\h\h

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00:11:02,560 --> 00:11:12,720
used to describe this phenomenon back in 1946 that
we heard in 2021 in the uap preliminary report

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00:11:13,680 --> 00:11:20,080
i wish we'd made more progress toward this and i
wish people had paid more attention back in 1946

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00:11:20,880 --> 00:11:27,360
and and talked about this openly although i think
ross you would probably agree the people who were

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00:11:27,360 --> 00:11:32,240
investigating it for the united states probably
did pay a lot of attention to it they just didn't

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00:11:32,240 --> 00:11:38,560
bring the rest of the public in on well i've got
a theory bryce i have a theory that for the vast

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00:11:38,560 --> 00:11:43,600
bulk of the military in all of these western
countries that are dealing with the phenomenon

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00:11:43,600 --> 00:11:48,080
okay there are a few people that i suspect know
a hell of a lot more than they're letting on

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00:11:48,080 --> 00:11:52,080
but i suspect more often than not they
just don't like admitting they have no

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00:11:52,080 --> 00:11:58,560
bloody idea what these objects are and so they
they contrived to come up with explanations

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00:11:58,560 --> 00:12:04,000
and back in 4647 the explanation that was
given by the swedish intelligence services

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00:12:04,000 --> 00:12:09,120
and the us air force was that everybody\h
was wrong they were misguided because\h\h

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00:12:09,120 --> 00:12:14,400
a missile without wings is unable to maintain\h
a constant altitude over hilly terrain\h\h

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00:12:14,960 --> 00:12:21,200
you know therefore that they must have all been\h
deluded and of course it was 40 more years before\h\h

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00:12:21,200 --> 00:12:27,200
radar hugging terrain hugging cruise missiles\h
were developed by the us military whatever this\h\h

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00:12:27,200 --> 00:12:33,760
was was technology far beyond that era and i\h
find it interesting because as i think you know\h\h

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00:12:33,760 --> 00:12:39,120
better than i there's there's been some really\h
interesting sightings over sweden in the last few\h\h

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00:12:39,120 --> 00:12:45,600
days and and they've been referred to the semantic\h
label interests me they've been referred to not\h\h

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00:12:45,600 --> 00:12:52,880
as uaps they've immediately been defaulted to in\h
the same way back in 46 they were called rockets\h\h

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00:12:52,880 --> 00:12:57,520
ghost rockets and they weren't really rockets\h
at all what are they calling them this time\h\h

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00:12:59,520 --> 00:13:04,960
they're calling them drones aren't they yes\h
and what i think is very interesting is when\h\h

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00:13:04,960 --> 00:13:10,320

they called them ghost rockets they were neither
ghostly nor rockets as you pointed out that was

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00:13:10,320 --> 00:13:16,000

just a phrase that attached to them but certainly
the behavior that ascribed to the this phenomena

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00:13:17,120 --> 00:13:23,440

was hardly rocket-like uh i think maybe it
was a because it there was a belief that uh

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00:13:23,440 --> 00:13:27,520

earthly powers had to make them and we were
making rockets at the end of world war ii

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00:13:28,080 --> 00:13:34,640

um and now of course you're right it's drones and
i think the one message that people should hear

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00:13:34,640 --> 00:13:40,800

and and and that we should admit is nobody
is ever saying that all of anything is uh

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00:13:41,440 --> 00:13:48,160

on this scale as being paranormal or abnormal or
otherworldly there are lots of drones out there

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00:13:48,160 --> 00:13:55,200

today and these drones are a terrible problem for
various militaries but drones do not explain the

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00:13:55,200 --> 00:14:01,760

behavior that people are seeing all over the world
right now uh any more than uh rockets explain the

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00:14:01,760 --> 00:14:07,840

behavior that they were seeing in sweden and
soon uh to come in your country australia and

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00:14:07,840 --> 00:14:15,360
my country united states uh just a year after the\h
the ghost rocket so we there's something going on\h\h

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00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:21,840
here what it is ain't exactly clear yeah and so\h
that to me is a key point that often throughout\h\h

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00:14:21,840 --> 00:14:28,880
history there's been a default use of semantics\h
to try to make whatever these objects are\h\h

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00:14:29,520 --> 00:14:36,560
sound prosaic when really they weren't rockets\h
the evidence is overwhelming that back in 1946\h\h

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00:14:36,560 --> 00:14:43,120
whatever it was wasn't a rocket it didn't display\h
the characteristics of a rocket and roll forward\h\h

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00:14:43,120 --> 00:14:49,920
to today right now in sweden there's an admission\h
that whatever this is they don't behave like\h\h

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00:14:49,920 --> 00:14:56,880
normal drones and i think we're probably coming\h
to the end of the first segment of need to know so\h\h

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00:14:56,880 --> 00:15:04,160
i think we'd better wrap and we'll come back with\h
more in a moment more on need to know about what i\h\h

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00:15:04,160 --> 00:15:25,840
think we'll call the summer of 1947. i'll tell you\h
one better let's call it the summer of the saucers

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00:15:52,800 --> 00:15:59,040
we're kind of taking a chronological view of\h
the early days of this phenomenon uh of course\h\h

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00:15:59,040 --> 00:16:07,760

we talked about the foo fighters of 1944 1945 we\h
talked about the ghost rockets that appeared over\h\h

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00:16:07,760 --> 00:16:15,040

sweden in 1946 and now we're going to move into\h
1947 which frankly uh is the one that most history\h\h

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00:16:15,040 --> 00:16:21,120

books acknowledge as the time when the whole ufo\h
topic took off but it wasn't called ufos back then\h\h

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00:16:21,120 --> 00:16:30,480

they were called flying saucers and 1947 is a\h
major major year because not only uh is it uh a\h\h

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00:16:30,480 --> 00:16:35,520

time when the very first major american sighting\h
happened and it ricocheted around the world's\h\h

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00:16:35,520 --> 00:16:42,400

media but for our purposes right now we want to\h
talk about it because it's a good anniversary 75\h\h

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00:16:42,400 --> 00:16:47,600

years since this event happened and we'll tell\h
you about that event in a second one thing i'd\h\h

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00:16:47,600 --> 00:16:53,440

like to point out the average human lifespan is\h
73 or 74 years it's been a little affected by the\h\h

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00:16:53,440 --> 00:16:59,760

coronavirus but what that means is this phenomenon\h
uh has been going on longer than a human lifetime\h\h

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00:16:59,760 --> 00:17:05,600

and we're still essentially knocking about in the\h
dark and it's probably time for that to end so\h\h

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00:17:05,600 --> 00:17:11,520

ross i look forward to uh walking through
down memory lane on on 1947 what say you

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00:17:12,720 --> 00:17:20,320

i'm going to stake a flag here bryce i'm going
to make a claim i think that the first incident

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00:17:20,320 --> 00:17:26,560

in the summer of the sources in 1947
was interestingly enough in australia

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00:17:27,520 --> 00:17:34,160

roll back roll back to february 1947 because
when i was going through the australian national

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00:17:34,160 --> 00:17:42,320

archives i was amazed to find a series of
incidents of sightings of what appear to be

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00:17:42,320 --> 00:17:49,840

the same objects there's a farmer way way down
in southern australia south australia on what's

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00:17:49,840 --> 00:17:55,600

called the air peninsula and he's looking out
over the ocean and he gave a very clear account

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00:17:55,600 --> 00:18:04,960

of what he saw his name was flavelle and he saw
five oblong egg-shaped dare i say tic-tac-shaped

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00:18:04,960 --> 00:18:11,760

objects coming up out of the sea with a kind of a
smoky bluey grayish cloud around them interesting

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00:18:11,760 --> 00:18:19,920

huh but it gets better because about uh 260
kilometers to the northeast of where he saw them

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00:18:20,880 --> 00:18:27,120

about an hour later three workers are sitting\h
in a factory and there's actually two different\h\h

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00:18:27,120 --> 00:18:32,880

groups of workers in the same factory who each\h
independently corroborated each other they also\h\h

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00:18:32,880 --> 00:18:39,360

see five oblong egg-shaped objects metallic\h
sort of surface on them zooming overhead\h\h

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00:18:40,880 --> 00:18:45,600

it gets better though because two months\h
two months later that'd be probably\h\h

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00:18:45,600 --> 00:18:53,680

maybe april and this is getting close to the big\h
incident that took place in the us april 1947\h\h

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00:18:55,120 --> 00:19:00,720

a farmer looks up and he's a clever fella i think\h
he'd seen military service and so he was able to\h\h

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00:19:00,720 --> 00:19:06,480

estimate the speed of these objects he estimated\h
what he saw at at least a thousand miles an hour\h\h

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00:19:07,040 --> 00:19:13,600

and again five oblong egg-shaped objects in\h
formation flying along very low to the ground\h\h

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00:19:14,240 --> 00:19:20,960

zooming past him on his tractor as he was in his\h
fields and so there we are mate it all started in\h\h

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00:19:20,960 --> 00:19:28,480

australia i i don't know i think you're right\h
there's some great cases before the june 24th\h\h

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00:19:28,480 --> 00:19:32,000

kenneth arnold sighting which i'm going to\h
unpack in a moment but ross i got to tell\h\h

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00:19:32,000 --> 00:19:36,400

you you are such a fine storyteller i think we\h
should write the need to know children's book\h\h

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00:19:36,400 --> 00:19:42,080

and you should narrate it for audible because uh\h
i'm sure we'll make a killing with that listen not\h\h

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00:19:42,080 --> 00:19:47,440

only are you right about that but you're really\h
right uh there were sightings around the world\h\h

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00:19:47,440 --> 00:19:53,600

uh in 1947 it began an uptick they were isolated\h
though there were a few in the united states but\h\h

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00:19:53,600 --> 00:19:59,680

as i said june 24th is the red letter day in the\h
united states but prior to june 24th here in the\h\h

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00:19:59,680 --> 00:20:05,760

united states i just wrote down a few of the cases\h
there was a june 2nd sighting in delaware the 12th\h\h

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00:20:05,760 --> 00:20:13,520

in idaho the 21st in spokane washington so iowa\h
bakersfield on the 23rd so the point i i guess i'm\h\h

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00:20:13,520 --> 00:20:19,840

making is that prior to where we the the the media\h
and the calendar say this is where it all began\h\h

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00:20:20,560 --> 00:20:26,480

it had already all begun june 24th kenneth\h
arnold who was an idaho native i believe and\h\h

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00:20:26,480 --> 00:20:34,320
he's a private pilot he takes off in his plane to
look in the mount rainier area of washington state

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00:20:34,320 --> 00:20:40,480
because a a major military aircraft had gone
down there earlier and they were offering a five

183
00:20:40,480 --> 00:20:44,160
thousand dollar reward if anybody could find
it so he thought that would be a pretty fine

184
00:20:44,160 --> 00:20:49,360
thing if he could find it he didn't find it but
what he found was something very similar to your

185
00:20:49,360 --> 00:20:56,800
australian sighting uh instead of egg-shaped
objects though he saw nine uh objects uh and

186
00:20:56,800 --> 00:21:03,680
they were traveling uh i i guess he would call
them he called them shaped in in some reports they

187
00:21:03,680 --> 00:21:10,480
were traveling according to him and he knew how to
do this uh by by spotting uh in the distance his

188
00:21:10,480 --> 00:21:15,680
first number came up at 1700 miles per hour which
he thought well that's just crazy that can't even

189
00:21:15,680 --> 00:21:21,040
be so he put all the lower numbers in and came up
with 1200 miles per hour which was still pretty

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00:21:21,040 --> 00:21:28,720
extreme these nine craft were flying in formation
and uh it it made quite an impact on him he landed

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00:21:28,720 --> 00:21:34,160

uh he told the people at the airport there about\h
it then he got back in his plane and flew on to\h\h

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00:21:34,160 --> 00:21:39,440

idaho and when he got off his uh plane in idaho\h
there were media people there wanting to talk\h\h

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00:21:39,440 --> 00:21:44,960

about it now what what has led to a little bit\h
of confusion over the years is arnold described\h\h

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00:21:44,960 --> 00:21:51,040

the motion of this craft not i mean he described\h
the motion not the look originally and said it was\h\h

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00:21:51,040 --> 00:21:56,560

skipping along like a saucer would if you if it\h
was skipping over water but of course the media\h\h

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00:21:56,560 --> 00:22:02,720

immediately started calling them flying saucers\h
and and frankly that caught on and just ricocheted\h\h

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00:22:02,720 --> 00:22:10,240

worldwide and the thing about it is it did start\h
people thinking about it uh it it made everybody\h\h

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00:22:10,240 --> 00:22:16,880

talk about it it was a certifiable big thing\h
and more people started seeing things but\h\h

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00:22:16,880 --> 00:22:21,040

you could only attribute a little bit of that\h
to the idea that well maybe they were making it\h\h

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00:22:21,040 --> 00:22:25,920

up or maybe they had war nerves or whatever was\h
said at the time but there were sightings after\h\h

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00:22:25,920 --> 00:22:31,200

sightings after sightings around this time and of\h
course which we'll get to in a minute uh a couple\h\h

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00:22:31,200 --> 00:22:38,720

of weeks later or less there was roswell in new\h
mexico so back to you okay well the thing that\h\h

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00:22:38,720 --> 00:22:43,280

fascinates me and i always love coming back to\h
dusty archives because they're like a definitive\h\h

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00:22:43,280 --> 00:22:50,400

record of what's really was going on at the time\h
and the archives record i think in early 1947\h\h

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00:22:50,400 --> 00:22:58,320

general nathan twining wrote a memo about this\h
era where he basically said whatever it is it's\h\h

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00:22:58,320 --> 00:23:03,840

real if you've got the quote i do have the quote\h
here i'll tell you you know we have the um the\h\h

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00:23:03,840 --> 00:23:08,880

trail of the saucers site on medium where people\h
we write articles and one of our most popular\h\h

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00:23:08,880 --> 00:23:15,680

ones was the one about nathan twining saying the\h
1947 twining ufo memo still matters and here's why\h\h

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00:23:16,880 --> 00:23:22,960

after an entire summer of this on september\h
24th which he's technically only three days out\h\h

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00:23:22,960 --> 00:23:29,120

of summer then uh general nathan twining who was\h
head of the u.s air force material command which\h\h

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00:23:29,120 --> 00:23:35,840
was a very big deal and he had been tasked to to\h
bring all this information together and reach some\h\h

212
00:23:35,840 --> 00:23:41,920
conclusions his conclusion based on talking to\h
all the people who had reported to him was quote\h\h

213
00:23:41,920 --> 00:23:49,440
the phenomenon reported is something real and not\h
visionary or fictitious now that again sounds to\h\h

214
00:23:49,440 --> 00:23:56,320
me very similar to what the uap report that we got\h
75 years later but one other thing i just wanted\h\h

215
00:23:56,320 --> 00:24:01,760
to read from his report because it's important\h
to understand what he was actually describing\h\h

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00:24:01,760 --> 00:24:05,600
what people were describing to the air force\h
they were seeing because you asked about\h\h

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00:24:05,600 --> 00:24:10,960
well what did they look like it's it's uh it's\h
also what they did uh in in the clear language\h\h

218
00:24:10,960 --> 00:24:17,040
of his report he writes the reported operating\h
characteristics such as extreme rates of climb\h\h

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00:24:17,040 --> 00:24:23,200
maneuverability particularly in role and action\h
which must be considered evasive when cited\h\h

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00:24:23,200 --> 00:24:28,480
lend belief to the possibility that some of\h
the objects are controlled either manually\h\h

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00:24:28,480 --> 00:24:35,440

automatically or remotely so some kind of intelligent control of these objects

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00:24:35,440 --> 00:24:42,960

and this was the conclusion of the highest levels of the united states air force in 1947. now again

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00:24:43,920 --> 00:24:49,040

the the twining memo is kind of a big deal there's another memo out from that time that basically

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00:24:49,040 --> 00:24:54,960

says the same thing from a sholgen a general shulgan and in between though in order to get

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00:24:54,960 --> 00:25:01,120

there uh all kinds of things was were happening in the united states but also around the world as you

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00:25:01,120 --> 00:25:07,040

pointed out you could easily say that from a ufo sighting point of view all hell was breaking loose

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00:25:07,040 --> 00:25:12,080

but the one thing i want to point out and i said it earlier but i want to underline it

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00:25:12,080 --> 00:25:18,480

you can't just throw them all out and say well you know people were a little on nerves after

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00:25:18,480 --> 00:25:22,560

world war ii and maybe they were seeing things or they read it in the media and they wanted to

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00:25:23,200 --> 00:25:28,000

make some conclusions about that and maybe maybe they wanted to bring up things but the truth

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00:25:28,000 --> 00:25:34,880
of the matter is i'll give you two things that
happened in that summer prior to that memo being

232
00:25:34,880 --> 00:25:42,560
written on july 4th a couple of united airlines
pilots saw something rather large following them

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00:25:42,560 --> 00:25:48,720
for a very long time uh they talked about it and
let's face it these are united airlines pilots

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00:25:48,720 --> 00:25:54,880
they were not uh they were good at witnesses and
there are others on on board and the day after

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00:25:54,880 --> 00:26:01,200
that uh in oak ridge tennessee which happens to
be a nuclear facility in the united states a very

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00:26:01,200 --> 00:26:08,640
important one at that time they saw these objects
uh in overflight above the oak ridge facility so

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00:26:08,640 --> 00:26:14,160
those are those are not average citizens just out
to get in the local newspapers those are united

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00:26:14,160 --> 00:26:20,000
airlines employees and employees of the united
states government tasked with watching over

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00:26:20,000 --> 00:26:25,360
uh what we are doing with our nuclear assets
so it was a pretty hop in time in 1947.

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00:26:26,240 --> 00:26:29,280
now yeah i don't want to get bogged down in
this bryce because i know you want to talk

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00:26:29,280 --> 00:26:35,360

about roswell but i think it's significant that
this and i love this moment in american history

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00:26:35,360 --> 00:26:41,760

because there's something about that post-war era
people had so much trust in their military but the

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00:26:41,760 --> 00:26:49,440

military also was whilst it was so highly regarded
it was so candid i mean that memo from nathan

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00:26:49,440 --> 00:26:55,680

twining the general is quite extraordinary because
it's a level of candor that we haven't seen

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00:26:55,680 --> 00:27:01,680

in 70 years yes but but russell i said it i'm
sorry to interrupt i just here's the thing though

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00:27:02,640 --> 00:27:08,000

yes it's a candid memo but it was not written
to be shared with the public it was written only

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00:27:08,000 --> 00:27:14,960

for the military and that twining memo was not
revealed to the united states public until 1975

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00:27:14,960 --> 00:27:20,720

when during a period of some openness the
freedom of information act allowed a lot of

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00:27:20,720 --> 00:27:26,400

ufo researchers to get their hands on things so
even then and and crucially the other point is

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00:27:26,400 --> 00:27:32,160

would want to make is that yes you're right that
memo was written in secrecy right publicly and

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00:27:32,160 --> 00:27:38,640

this is the interesting thing publicly the us\h
air force when it became the us air force in 47\h\h

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00:27:38,640 --> 00:27:44,320

was pushing the line that all of this was just\h
a big fuss about nothing yeah that frankly the\h\h

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00:27:44,320 --> 00:27:50,000

public were misguided they were saying publicly\h
that the public alarm was completely and utterly\h\h

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00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:55,760

out of control there was no need for it everybody\h
was misidentifying things it was all prosaically\h\h

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00:27:55,760 --> 00:28:03,200

explained frankly that was a lie well not only it\h
yes it was and that's one of the reasons i really\h\h

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00:28:03,200 --> 00:28:08,960

responded to your book in plain sight because\h
one of the things you point out uh over and over\h\h

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00:28:08,960 --> 00:28:12,640

is why governments not just the united states\h
government but other governments around the world\h\h

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00:28:12,640 --> 00:28:19,360

were saying one thing they were uh to the public\h
they were saying another thing to themselves\h\h

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00:28:19,360 --> 00:28:23,040

and that is kind of the definition of lying\h
if you believe one thing but you're not\h\h

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00:28:23,040 --> 00:28:28,960

being honest about it uh one other thing struck\h
me as you said uh you you tossed off that in 1947\h\h

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00:28:28,960 --> 00:28:34,480

that's when the air force was created here's\h
one other reason 1947 is a red letter date\h\h

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00:28:34,480 --> 00:28:43,040

in uh ufo and security history in 1947 it was\h
the creation of the united states air force it in\h\h

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00:28:43,040 --> 00:28:50,000

during world war ii the air power that helped win\h
that war was the army air force and it became its\h\h

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00:28:50,000 --> 00:28:57,360

own branch of the government in 1947 but that's\h
not all folks in 1947 is also the time that we\h\h

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00:28:57,360 --> 00:29:03,600

created the central intelligence agency here in\h
the united states and it's also the same year that\h\h

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00:29:03,600 --> 00:29:09,760

we created the national security agency in the\h
united states so yes there was a lot of reason to\h\h

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00:29:10,800 --> 00:29:15,840

to think about reorganizing for future\h
conflict because of world war ii but maybe\h\h

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00:29:15,840 --> 00:29:20,480

there was even more at work one of the things\h
by the way as you start to read these things\h\h

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00:29:20,480 --> 00:29:29,200

you realize harry truman who was president at the\h
time and was until 19 the january of 1953 he only\h\h

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00:29:29,200 --> 00:29:34,480

made a couple of statements about ufos uh one\h
of them was he said well to the extent that ufo\h\h

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00:29:34,480 --> 00:29:41,040
flying saucers are real uh i'm paraphrasing i can\h
guarantee that we don't make them which was also\h\h

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00:29:41,040 --> 00:29:48,400
true today and also reflected in the uap report\h
we just saw but harry truman demanded that he be\h\h

273
00:29:48,400 --> 00:29:56,000
briefed on ufos every three months and was briefed\h
every three months orally nothing was ever written\h\h

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00:29:56,000 --> 00:30:01,760
down which by the way is as you know ross from\h
security uh points of view uh nothing written\h\h

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00:30:01,760 --> 00:30:11,120
it's better to to keep it in uh in oral discussion\h
so here's truman uh who if there was nothing to\h\h

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00:30:11,120 --> 00:30:16,880
flying saucers and there's no big deal about it\h
i don't know why you needed a regular briefing\h\h

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00:30:16,880 --> 00:30:25,920
that doesn't seem to make sense so you've got the\h
cia the air force and the nsa all created in 1947\h\h

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00:30:26,720 --> 00:30:33,360
but there was one other event wasn't there bryce\h
you tell me what happened well listen to that july\h\h

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00:30:33,360 --> 00:30:42,400
4th weekend yeah that's true americans were you\h
know rightfully celebrating their freedoms in 1947\h\h

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00:30:42,400 --> 00:30:47,600
they had fought hard and shed a lot of blood and\h
treasure to guarantee those so during the fourth\h\h

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00:30:47,600 --> 00:30:53,440

of july weekend they were pretty happy to be\h
having barbecues and getting back to normal life\h\h

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00:30:54,400 --> 00:31:01,280

and that's also the time right smack in the\h
middle of this crazy summer of 1947 that\h\h

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00:31:01,280 --> 00:31:07,600

something crashed outside of roswell new mexico\h
there's no doubt that something crashed that's\h\h

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00:31:07,600 --> 00:31:13,680

what's interesting about the story we can we can\h
certainly talk about roswell and whether we should\h\h

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00:31:13,680 --> 00:31:21,200

or should not believe it was the crash of the ufo\h
but i will tell you this in july of 1947 uh the\h\h

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00:31:21,200 --> 00:31:26,160

the u.s air force base there went out and\h
picked up something they put out a press\h\h

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00:31:26,160 --> 00:31:31,840

release saying they had captured a flying disk\h
and three three hours later they took it back\h\h

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00:31:33,760 --> 00:31:40,560

so kind of an interesting thing to have happen uh\h
in the in the middle of this and over the years\h\h

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00:31:41,360 --> 00:31:46,640

more and more people have come forward and\h
talked about it family members have talked\h\h

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00:31:46,640 --> 00:31:53,520

about how their their loved ones told them what\h
had happened uh it's it's a pretty solid case uh\h\h

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00:31:53,520 --> 00:31:59,040

by any stretch of the imagination because to not\h
believe in roswell uh you'd have to believe that\h\h

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00:32:00,160 --> 00:32:06,240

intelligence officers who were tasked with\h
understanding everything about what we might\h\h

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00:32:06,240 --> 00:32:13,360

face from an enemy so mistook a weather balloon\h
that they thought it was a flying saucer and\h\h

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00:32:13,360 --> 00:32:18,720

these people you know this was their job i\h
mean i i find roswell fascinating and i think\h\h

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00:32:18,720 --> 00:32:24,640

we should go into roswell in a bit more detail\h
let's take a break now and come back with more\h\h

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00:32:25,200 --> 00:32:41,840

on need to know in a moment about the roswell\h
crash the origin myth of modern ufology

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00:33:23,920 --> 00:33:31,200

so bryce we were talking about the greatest\h
incident in ufo mythology the roswell\h\h

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00:33:31,760 --> 00:33:43,520

crash so-called take me to a dark night sometime\h
in june july 1947 what happened oh my god when you\h\h

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00:33:43,520 --> 00:33:49,040

talk like that ross it makes me say i'll just\h
i'm going to just go downstairs and get a coke\h\h

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00:33:49,040 --> 00:33:54,720

and i'll just let you finish this out that's too\h
good ross you're the storyteller tell us the story\h\h

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00:33:54,720 --> 00:34:02,400
of roswell well what we do know bryce for sure is\h
that just after that fourth of july weekend on or\h\h

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00:34:02,400 --> 00:34:10,640
around the fifth of july 1947 a farm manager named\h
mack brazil was touring the farm and found what\h\h

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00:34:10,640 --> 00:34:18,480
he called crash debris a huge furrow that looked\h
like something huge had hit the ground and carved\h\h

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00:34:18,480 --> 00:34:24,480
a gouge across the farm that he was looking after\h
and he took some of that debris into the local\h\h

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00:34:24,480 --> 00:34:31,760
police and it was eventually taken to the army\h
air force base at the roswell 504th army bomb wing\h\h

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00:34:32,720 --> 00:34:41,360
and then all hell broke loose a press release was\h
issued later that day by the army stating that\h\h

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00:34:41,360 --> 00:34:49,680
the army had recovered a flying disk listen i the\h
one thing i would have to say is you referred to\h\h

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00:34:49,680 --> 00:34:56,880
roswell as the original myth and in a way i know\h
you don't mean it that way but myth strikes me as\h\h

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00:34:56,880 --> 00:35:03,520
sounding almost like well it didn't happen it was\h
a myth i and i look at roswell as the original sin\h\h

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00:35:04,240 --> 00:35:11,120
of the ufo cover-up um let me let me put a little\h
pin on that um i think what happened at roswell\h\h

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00:35:11,120 --> 00:35:16,560

and then we'll get into some you can tell that
beautiful story uh that you started there i think

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00:35:16,560 --> 00:35:23,440

what happened at roswell is something did happen
uh i think it was otherworldly and i think that

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00:35:23,440 --> 00:35:30,320

it was early on and there wasn't a good reporting
structure for how to deal with this and they kind

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00:35:30,320 --> 00:35:37,200

of uh botched it a little bit and then they tried
to take it back and what ended up happening is

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00:35:37,200 --> 00:35:44,880

they discovered uh what they would need to do to
keep this thing uh in the box and that was the

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00:35:44,880 --> 00:35:54,000

twin pillars i think of of keeping ufos uh highly
classified and in that box and those pillars were

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00:35:54,000 --> 00:36:00,000

denial and ridicule so the first thing that they
discovered was denial that didn't happen it was

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00:36:00,000 --> 00:36:07,120

a weather balloon and then ridiculed came it to
to pass over the next few years and pretty soon

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00:36:07,120 --> 00:36:11,440

not only was roswell forgotten but anybody
that even saw a flying saucer by the time we

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00:36:11,440 --> 00:36:18,320

hit the mid 50s is being marginalized for being a
little bit crazy so to me it's the original can i

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00:36:19,280 --> 00:36:26,080

can i interrupt for a moment here i i i my my\h
reading i i don't know what to make of roswell but\h\h

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00:36:26,080 --> 00:36:32,160

on my reading mac brazil the farmer who\h
allegedly found this wreckage in june july\h\h

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00:36:32,160 --> 00:36:37,040

1947 and took it in to the local police\h
and it eventually got delivered to the\h\h

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00:36:37,040 --> 00:36:47,600

army air force all he found were metallic foil\h
strange lightweight beams with writing on them\h\h

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00:36:48,400 --> 00:36:54,320

none of that sounds like a flying saucer you know\h
nothing sounds like a craft or anything like that\h\h

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00:36:55,040 --> 00:37:01,920

so as i understand it the thing that always leapt\h
out at me was if all he found on the ground at\h\h

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00:37:01,920 --> 00:37:10,080

the time were strange bits of foil and strange\h
lightweight beams isn't that more consistent\h\h

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00:37:10,080 --> 00:37:17,040

with a weather balloon and where the hell did the\h
army air force get the disc that they admitted in\h\h

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00:37:17,040 --> 00:37:24,160

their original press release was recovered why did\h
they put out a press release saying a flying disc\h\h

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00:37:24,160 --> 00:37:30,480

had been recovered which of course the media then\h
interpreted as a flying saucer why would they i\h\h

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00:37:30,480 --> 00:37:37,600
mean to this day i don't know i will tell you that
uh stan friedman who was uh the not only he's the

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00:37:37,600 --> 00:37:43,840
man who broke the story uh a famous ufo researcher
who passed away a couple of years ago he thought

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00:37:43,840 --> 00:37:54,320
that there were two crashes and that the uh press
release was really a a way to say look over here

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00:37:54,320 --> 00:38:00,480
while they were still cleaning up over there uh
that's what stan always believed um why would

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00:38:00,480 --> 00:38:05,440
so that's that's the only good reason i could
say they could do it unless it was just simple

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00:38:06,160 --> 00:38:10,080
we don't have a policy for this so we've got one
so we're going to talk about it what do you think

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00:38:10,720 --> 00:38:16,080
well why couldn't it be what the us air force
subsequently claimed it was when they came out

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00:38:16,080 --> 00:38:21,840
with their third i think explanation out of the
floor that they've given so far because they have

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00:38:21,840 --> 00:38:25,360
they've tied themselves up in knots
they've admitted that they've lied

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00:38:25,360 --> 00:38:30,240
over the years but the reason that they've
given for lying about roswell originally

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00:38:30,240 --> 00:38:37,200

was just tensively because what they were trying\h
to conceal was that it was a secret spy balloon a\h\h

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00:38:37,200 --> 00:38:42,400

mogul balloon that was being used to\h
fly high in the atmosphere to recover\h\h

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radioactivity to test for what type of\h
nuclear weapons the russians were using\h\h

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now why isn't that a plausible explanation for\h
what happened at roswell well i mean okay uh on\h\h

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00:38:55,280 --> 00:39:01,360

one level it's a plausible explanation but i think\h
you've we've we've got to go back and explain what\h\h

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00:39:01,360 --> 00:39:06,320

the us air force has actually said about this\h
over the years they as you rightfully point out\h\h

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there's been four stories they've told the first\h
story was the one that they reported first maybe\h\h

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00:39:12,000 --> 00:39:17,520

they accidentally told the truth when they said\h
we've got a flying disc but that was number one\h\h

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00:39:17,520 --> 00:39:24,240

three hours later they said it was a basic weather\h
balloon and they literally posed jesse marcel\h\h

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00:39:24,960 --> 00:39:31,360

in front of all that material then and he said and\h
he and he said subsequently it was all bs and he'd\h\h

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00:39:31,360 --> 00:39:36,880

been told to lie and what he saw he certainly\h
looks like he's he's having to tell a lie if\h\h

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you look at the photos and that's the man who in\h
1978 told stanton friedman all about it and that's\h\h

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00:39:43,200 --> 00:39:50,560

why friedman broke the story in 78. the third\h
explanation that the air force came up with was\h\h

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00:39:50,560 --> 00:39:58,560

oh it was a highly classified balloon that was\h
being used in the in the nuclear age to try to\h\h

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00:39:58,560 --> 00:40:05,440

um assess what the soviets were up to with their\h
nuclear weapons and then their fourth explanation\h\h

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00:40:05,440 --> 00:40:11,680

uh was that they were crash dummies but not just\h
crash dummies from 1947 but that there were crash\h\h

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00:40:11,680 --> 00:40:18,960

dummies in the 1950s uh and people had gotten that\h
confused so i'm sorry that does not sound to me\h\h

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00:40:18,960 --> 00:40:25,360

like anybody that's trying to come clean about it\h
not to mention the fact that the uh base records\h\h

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00:40:25,360 --> 00:40:31,680

for the period from 1947 through i believe\h
uh late 48 are just missing they're gone

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00:40:33,760 --> 00:40:37,120

i'm agnostic i'm agnostic on roswell i'm not sure\h\h

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00:40:37,680 --> 00:40:43,920

of anything other than the fact that there was
definitely a cover-up the us air force lied it\h\h

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00:40:43,920 --> 00:40:50,480

slide so many times and tied itself up in knots\h
its credibility is completely shot on the subject\h\h

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00:40:50,480 --> 00:40:54,720

okay ross i mean i'll give you that um and\h
and look i don't want to be the guy that's\h\h

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00:40:54,720 --> 00:41:00,640

the only guy out there on the limb going roswell\h
roswell roswell i'm just saying it's a far far\h\h

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00:41:00,640 --> 00:41:06,080

better case than people have given it credit for\h
and it has been unfairly tarnished over the years\h\h

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00:41:07,760 --> 00:41:14,080

for a variety of reasons one of the people i spoke\h
to in my research for the book was don schmidt who\h\h

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yes has had his ups and downs on on the subject\h
matter but but he told me about the affidavit\h\h

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00:41:21,200 --> 00:41:28,720

that he and kevin randle managed to get signed by\h
walter haute who was the public relations officer\h\h

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00:41:28,720 --> 00:41:33,680

for the army air force base the 504th bomb wing\h
who incidentally were the people that dropped the\h\h

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00:41:33,680 --> 00:41:43,280

bomb on hiroshima and nagasaki and haute claimed\h
that he was shown by his commanding general\h\h

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00:41:43,920 --> 00:41:51,920

in the air force base later that day later that
week a craft a disc that had been recovered from\h\h

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00:41:51,920 --> 00:41:59,440

roswell and he claimed to his deathbed literally\h
that there'd been a cover-up didn't he well now\h\h

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00:41:59,440 --> 00:42:04,080

you struck very close to home for me i in full\h
disclosure because that's what we're about here\h\h

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00:42:04,080 --> 00:42:10,240

um i have don schmidt's book witness to roswell\h
under option and i have stanton friedman's book um\h\h

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00:42:11,040 --> 00:42:16,240

top secret magic under option both of which are\h
about the the roswell case what happened is these\h\h

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00:42:16,240 --> 00:42:23,360

two researchers stan friedman on one side and don\h
schmidt on the other in the 90s competed to break\h\h

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00:42:23,360 --> 00:42:30,880

this roswell story and it did turn out that walter\h
hought the public information officer was uh\h\h

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00:42:31,520 --> 00:42:36,160

schmidt's top witness it did turn out\h
also as you point out in your book\h\h

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that the the um the affidavit that walter hou\h
signed was signed literally on his death deathbed\h\h

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00:42:43,680 --> 00:42:48,560

and don schmidt wrote it now don\h
schmidt wrote it based on what\h\h

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00:42:48,560 --> 00:42:52,960

howard had told him he was incapable of
you know writing it himself at that time

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00:42:52,960 --> 00:42:57,840

but you know he signed it and and said it
was the real thing but here's the thing um

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as like i said i don't want to go 100
out on that limb but i will say this

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if you look at the research done by stan friedman
and don schmidt and his various partners they have

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turned up hundreds of witnesses now is there the
singular witness who says okay from the beginning

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this is what i did then i did this then i did this
and tells the roswell story maybe you won't find

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00:43:21,360 --> 00:43:27,360

that but what you will find is what i call the
mosaic pieces you'll find these 300 witnesses each

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one filling in a different piece of the mosaic we
had to fly it up to wright patterson uh we loaded

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it here we had somebody do this and as i said
i think earlier even my own father um before

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00:43:40,800 --> 00:43:47,680

he passed on i had a show on nbc called dark skies
that had a lot to do with roswell and my father uh

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had come back from the war and uh one of the guys\h
who was in his uh army unit called him up and said\h\h

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00:43:53,680 --> 00:43:57,680

you know that show your son's doing you should\h
tell him to keep at it because i got transferred\h\h

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00:43:57,680 --> 00:44:03,920

to roswell after um the war and i got to tell\h
you it was no weather balloon we all knew it\h\h

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00:44:03,920 --> 00:44:09,280

everybody knew it it was something extraordinary\h
and it was treated as such so you know i just have\h\h

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00:44:09,280 --> 00:44:13,840

a lot of i have a lot of passion to say it's\h
not a closed case and i don't want to make fun\h\h

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00:44:13,840 --> 00:44:18,320

of them because i feel like there were a lot of\h
real witnesses that had a lot to say about it\h\h

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00:44:19,200 --> 00:44:23,680

you know price about two or three years ago\h
i would have scoffed and said old rubbish you\h\h

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00:44:23,680 --> 00:44:29,040

know it's just a cold war story you know people\h
have conflated secrecy that was surrounding a\h\h

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00:44:29,040 --> 00:44:38,240

legitimate cold war project but the more i talk\h
to my current sources in the us intelligence\h\h

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00:44:38,240 --> 00:44:44,560

community and the defense community and in private\h
aerospace the more convinced i am also from the\h\h

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public comments of certain people most recently
hal put off did an interview with eric weinstein

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dropping big hints about recovered technology in
private aerospace i'm becoming more and more sure

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of a suspicion that something was recovered in
that period 47 through to the early 50s possibly

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multiple craft as you know in my book i talk
about a guy called nat kobets who was the former

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director science and technology for the us navy
and he on his deathbed as well quite literally

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gave me a statement where he talked about how he
was briefed into a program that the u.s government

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has continued to operate where they are allegedly
trying to back engineer multiple retrieved

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craft that's the thing i find it i
find it dust my head in even saying that

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00:45:42,640 --> 00:45:49,120

because this seems preposterous i i we have all
traveled that distance i have traveled it myself

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and i'm sure that many of the people who are
listening to us right now may be on that same road

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where they're saying uh these guys what are they\h
smoking that doesn't seem quite right i get that\h\h

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but um one of the things we should remind everyone\h
is new mexico in the 40s uh mid to late 40s well\h\h

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actually during the 40s was a hotbed\h
and it was a hotbed of nuclear research\h\h

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we all know that's where they came up\h
with the nuclear bomb where they tested it\h\h

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00:46:15,680 --> 00:46:21,600

where the research facilities were complete hotbed\h
and one of the things that you seem to be saying\h\h

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about your research is is what i hear as well\h
which is the next big shoe that's going to drop\h\h

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when it and it'll be a big one is crash wreckage\h
there seems to be a growing consensus among people\h\h

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like put off as you said but also lou elizondo\h
who has been pretty out front about saying yeah\h\h

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00:46:39,680 --> 00:46:44,480

he's pretty sure there's crash wreckage and even\h
the new york times so if there's crash wreckage\h\h

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out there then it doesn't behoove us to dismiss\h
roswell just because it's old and and it got\h\h

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confused because remember the people who fought the world war ii were experts at disinformation that's

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how they got hitler to think that they were crossing at the poticalay instead of normandy

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for the d-day invasion disinformation so some of those same people were no doubt employed

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on disinforming people about the roswell crash i think it's a good case i put its credibility up at

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60 70 percent i'd suggest possibly more yeah you know it's funny bryce i

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as a journo investigating stuff i'm taught always assume a screw-up before a conspiracy

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we actually say something slightly more vulgar but for your listeners i'll say screw up

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i think you can say the real thing but i i've always thought instinctively that roswell must

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have just been one of those things that just blew out of all proportion but now i'm not so sure

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and i'm also getting information from people from all over america and indeed all over the world

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talking about recovered craft yeah recovered\
technology and it's one of those perennials that\h\h

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won't go away because often there are\
multiple witnesses to what i'm being told\h\h

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00:48:10,640 --> 00:48:17,040

and when you think about it i i guess i've\
always been worried that it's impossible to\h\h

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00:48:17,040 --> 00:48:23,600

keep a secret like this but the irony is in new\
mexico at that very time just a few years earlier\h\h

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they kept secret the story of the atom bomb didn't\
they though they not only kept it secret they\h\h

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00:48:28,880 --> 00:48:35,120

kept it secret for years with thousands of people\
involved in it so yeah uh people traditionally say\h\h

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00:48:35,120 --> 00:48:40,880

yeah nobody can keep a secret well when you have\
the ability to classify it and intimidate people\h\h

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00:48:40,880 --> 00:48:46,480

and uh you're willing to use it you can keep\
secrets and also you could also argue that the\h\h

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secret hasn't been kept that well what what worked\
is that denial and ridicule the denial part is\h\h

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the classified part the ridicule is even when\
you hear something like this you say it can't be\h\h

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and and so again i'd go back to the road that
we've traveled and other people are traveling

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now if the united states government in 2021 is
willing to admit that these craft are real as they

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did in the june 25th report then you have to look
at virtually everything else you're thinking about

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and at least give it some credibility and ask
about it so when i look at the june 25th report

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i don't look at 2004 going forward i look at 2004
going backward and say what else was happening

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and maybe this is part of that big picture this
hidden history that's going to be uncovered over

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the years to come now bryce i know we're near
close of show but i would be remiss if i didn't

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mention that whilst everybody talks about roswell
being the origin story not the origin myth perhaps

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but the origin story for the great modern ufo
era uh friends jacques valet and paula harris

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have just recently published a book called trinity
which suggests that there might have been an

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even earlier crash of a craft that was recovered\h
shortly after the testing of the first atomic bomb\h\h

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in new mexico in 1945. they do say that\h
interesting case and with witnesses no less\h\h

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and they wrote a a book about it i'll i'll just\h
give you my honest opinion about that i i i think\h\h

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there is a lot less evidence for the trinity crash\h
story than there is for the roswell crash story\h\h

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and even if you dismiss both of them there seems\h
to be evidence of piling up about other crashes\h\h

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so again we get down to that place where again\h
a skeptical person would go why are ufos even\h\h

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crashing okay that is a separate show that we\h
could do 30 minutes on why such a thing could even\h\h

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happen but it doesn't i guess the reality of crash\h
wreckage and recovered materials and possibly even\h\h

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recovered working craft um doesn't rest entirely\h
on trinity and it doesn't rest entirely on roswell\h\h

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there's some good cases out there beyond the two\h
i just happen to like roswell because it is so\h\h

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exhaustively researched and people have\h
taken the time to interview literally\h\h

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00:51:12,080 --> 00:51:19,040

everybody who worked at roswell back in\h
the day well one thing's for sure 77 years\h\h

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on bryce i think we might this year just about\h
get the beginnings of an answer but i'm pretty\h\h

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00:51:28,080 --> 00:51:33,600

sure we're coming close to the end of this episode\h
of need to know so maybe you might want to make\h\h

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your clothes and we'll come back with more next\h
program okay well all i would say to folks is\h\h

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uh you know journalism likes a good anniversary\h
story and that's why we focused on 1947 today\h\h

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because it is 75 years that's a good anniversary\h
time 75 years since the kenneth arnold sighting\h\h

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75 years since roswell 75 years since the\h
twining memo 75 years since the u.s air force\h\h

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was created in the nsa and the cia so i think\h
there's going to be some anniversary pieces that\h\h

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start getting written for this summer and for this\h
year in general that may turn into investigations\h\h

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and if a couple of those investigations really
come through we may see some powerful journalism

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out of it and i i really my fingers
are crossed that that's what happens

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00:52:26,480 --> 00:52:29,600
thank you very much ladies
and gentlemen for listening to

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this episode of need to know and we'll be back
with more questions and hopefully more answers

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on a future episode of need to know
with ross coulthart and bryce zabal

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and listen we want to hear from our listeners
our viewers uh if you have something you want

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to communicate to us we're easy to find the
email address is contact need to know dot today

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and also there's a website there need to know dot
today where you can go and check out all this for

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00:53:01,680 --> 00:53:13,840
yourself so we're happy to have you here remember
folks we can't handle the truth people get ready

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00:53:34,720 --> 00:53:41,840
tell me

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00:53:42,640 --> 00:53:55,840

you know

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00:54:08,080 --> 00:54:09,680

we must wait our turn

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too much

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00:54:44,080 --> 00:54:52,000

tell me

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00:54:52,000 --> 00:55:05,840

to know

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00:55:18,080 --> 00:55:33,840

mankind you say things will\h

fall apart no more fears

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now

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we see the future

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this is the plan we say

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we need to know