



Need to Know

with Conithart and Zabel

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this is need to know real talk about the reality
of unidentified aerial phenomenon from australia

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ross coltart from the us bryce zabel we're
so glad to be here with you this week we're

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energized about so many things i'm bryce abel
coming at you from just north of hollywood

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out here in a part of the world that has its
share of problems but manages to balance them

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out with some of the greatest weather on the
entire planet and my hotshot partner ross

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coldheart is joining us this week from his
own undisclosed location up in australia's

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snowy mountains where he has managed to wrangle
the internet there into submission earth man

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to the man from snowy river can you hear me
g'day bryce how are you mate it's beautiful

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up here this is where australians come to
ski it's also where if you remember that beautiful

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movie the man from snowy river this is where
the whole thing was shot i had the wild grumpy

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horses charging through the bush [Music] [Applause]

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this is the scrubby gum eucalypt country where
all this was filmed and it's truly beautiful

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absolutely beautiful and the last night there
was a wombat outside my window going

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well you realize ross i you know i just should
warn you as an american we're all very well

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of uh aware of the fact that almost everything
in australia can kill a person so be careful

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so we thought it would be a good idea this
week to have a look at the issue of congressional

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hearings into uaps as you know there were
promises made around about the time of the

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tendering of the report to congress on uaps
back in july last year that there may well

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be a public hearing into this matter so this
week we're going to have a close look at the

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history of public hearings into uaps and whether
there's any chance that's likely to happen

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well there's certainly a lot of talk about
it and that's going to make it a very interesting

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show for me because i i think if that actually
happens i mean all the bets are off um you

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know though let's do a little news and review
this week one of the things that caught my

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attention and this just happened a couple
of days ago is that uh putin talking about

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ukraine started doing what he does so well
which is threatening people and and i just

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have to read you this quote that that comes
straight from vladimir putin's mouth he said

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if someone decides to intervene in current
of uh events in ukraine from the outside and

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creates unacceptable strategic threats to
russia then they must know that our response

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our retaliatory strikes will be lightning
fast quick we have all the tools for this

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he said and here's the part that gets me such
that no one else can boast of right now and

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we won't brag but we'll use them if needed
and everyone should know about it all the

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decisions in this regard have already been
made now that's just creepy talk it would

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be bloody funny if it wasn't so dangerous
i mean he putin really does sound like dr

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evil doesn't he come some kind of snickering
madman in his elusive lair but that talk of

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some kind of weaponry some kind of technology
that has yet not been seen by this world it

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is quite ominous and as you know mate there's
a lot of talk about that at the american end

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you know there's been a lot of gossip and
rumor for years that uh you know what brought

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the cold war to the end was uh that uh you
know there was even talk that was a demonstration

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of technology by the americans to the then
soviets to show them about the futility of

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think thinking of using nuclear weapons well
but frankly we just don't know we certainly

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assume that when putin is talking he's probably talking about his nuclear weapons or his hypersonic

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missiles but given that need to know is a program about uap i only wonder if the russians

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actually had uap that either fell into their hands or they reverse engineered or even that

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they created on their own and they were responsible for uap do you think they would have already

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used these weapons yeah that's what i was going to say i was going to say don't you

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think they would have used them by now if they had them and that's what a lot of people

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say too about the united states but if it's true that they have recovered technology but

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just haven't been able to back engineer it maybe that's the explanation for both of these

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countries maybe they've got stuff sitting at a shed somewhere in a very dark cave in

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the urals and area 51 that they just don't know how to replicate well it's very interesting

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if there are congressional hearings someday obviously they're going to be called primarily

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because of the national security implications and the very things that you and i are just

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talking right now would be you know on the agenda at the top of the agenda here's from

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the uh from the threatening to the semi ridiculous there's another piece of news out there this

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week the debris friends over at the debrief were talking about how they had uh seen a

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video on youtube where it purports to show two separate ufos flying around on mars okay

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and and in pictures taken by the perseverance rover as it uh winds its way through those

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rock fields on its way to i think it was called jazzaro river delta and you know these are

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photos that get people all gendered up and excited and they don't really help uh disclosure

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do they well they don't because nasa came out very quickly and and essentially asserted

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that they were a hoax that they were probably
videos that had been touched up by space enthusiasts

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who've made these type of images for fun and
look bryce the thing that really gets me about

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this is as edgar mitchell showed my friend
the spaceman there are indeed absolutely undoubtedly

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genuine authentic nasa videos films from the
apollo program films from the shuttle program

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that record anomalous objects that are genuinely
puzzling and the thing that gets me is every

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time there's an attempt to try to focus on
those authentic videos where they do appear

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to be craft objects intelligently moving objects
that are moving in relation to the craft that

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the the the humans are in it it's always that
there always seems to be a hoax that bob's

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up in the custard that distracts the public
and and essentially denigrates the whole issue

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and i just think it's time the the ufo social
media world grew up and stopped recycling

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these things until we know for sure that they're authentic i mean i i think frankly before

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that youtube video was circulated around ufo twitter it should have been verified and it

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should have gone through an authentication process don't you agree well i mean if we

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could figure out how to do it by the way i just have to say i live for the moments where

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you throw out something so casually like bob's up in the custard i mean i live for that that's

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my my favorite thing but i will say about those it does i do i am optimistic that nasa

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as it is currently constituted under its new administrator bill nelson the former senator

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from florida um seems to be pursuing a little more openness than nasa has before where it

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was always plausible deniability not our problem don't ask us so maybe we will start to get

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some of those answers in the future um so we can we can be optimistic you know there's

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one other thing though i almost feel like
we've talked about this next one so many times

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on the show but it's talking about bobbing
up in the custard this one is at the top of

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the custard and it seems like every week and
that is uh people in ufology sort of arguing

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amongst themselves and sudden and somehow
luella zondo's name is always in the middle

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of it now there's a story this week um about
how brian bender from politico and stephen

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green street from i believe he's from the
new york place close excuse me yeah of course

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both are saying they were deceived what do
you know about this okay look there's there's

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a couple of issues here firstly it goes back
to when chris mellon and louis lozando first

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bobbed up in the custard talking about atip
talking about the fact that there was as harry

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reid revealed and and in fact as brian bender
was instrumental in revealing there was this

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program called atip which was investigating
uaps and brian was one of the first to break

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that on his excellent news website politico
now what brian has said is arguably correct

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which is that yes both melon and elizondo
played down the fact that there was a broader

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program called orsap that was funded by the
defense intelligence agency which was essentially

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looking at woo stuff the skin walker ranch
it was looking at anomalous paranormal phenomena

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on the skin walker ranch and what i think
brian's suggesting is that melon and elizondo

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played down the woo the paranormal and focused
on the ufo material because they didn't think

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that the congress and indeed a lot of people
in the public who they're trying to swing

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to take this issue seriously they didn't think
they made a calculated judgment i suspect

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that people aren't ready to talk about paranormal
phenomena whereas they are prepared to consider

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the possibility the probability of anomalous
intelligently controlled objects in the skies

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doing things that are beyond known human science
now brian bender believes that he was misled

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that essentially and in fact what's his name
green street has gone even further he said

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he felt he was deceived frankly i i think
stephen greenstreet and i think also one of

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his colleagues john greenwald there may be
maybe overdoing it a little bit giving it

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a bit too much stick the the the bottom line
is yeah okay i i accept that elizondo and

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melon probably downplayed the uh the real
purpose of orsap and left the public focused

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on the idea that this was a ufo investigation
program but frankly really who cares i mean

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seriously does this really matter it's it's
what we call inside baseball uh you know and

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let's give uh bender a little break here he
he started this on twitter and then it kind

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of grew green street strikes me as a slightly different deal i mean here's a guy that had

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a very successful uh show slash podcast or whatever on youtube last year where he and

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nick pope uh opined about the whole uap issue and what green street is in essence saying

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goes a step beyond anything bender has said green street's saying you know what i kind

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of bought into this whole thing for a couple of years and now i have grave doubts and i'm

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restarting my show which is the equivalent of you and i saying you know we like these

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first 12 episodes of need to know that we've done but we're going to stop for a month and

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when we come back we don't believe any of the stuff we told you in the last 12 episodes

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so i i think it's radical and i'm i'm interested to follow him only because i want to see what

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his logic is for all of that yeah look i i yeah i mean i've i i personally i i don't

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i just don't think it warrants that much of a worry frankly i mean i i i truly don't

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care the bigger issue for me where i think also green street and john greenwald have

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jumped on this issue as well has been the towing and throwing in the last week either

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whether the department of defense director of intelligence gary reed as was revealed

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by our friend and colleague tim mcmillan on the debrief whether he was fired or not well

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this is where i think brian bender was a bit of what we would call in australia a bit of

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a cranky pants because brian did a bit of a put down on josh boswell from the daily

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mail and a lovely fella called christopher sharp from the liberation times in the uk

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both of whom followed up on this gary reed story and in fact elizondo gave i think a

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large part of the detail of the circumstances of gary reed being moved sideways inside the

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defence department to both josh boswell from the daily mail and christopher sharp from

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the liberation times and there was a bit of a smackdown from brian that i don't think

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he necessarily intended to be seen to be doing but basically it made brian sound perhaps

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unintentionally as if he was sort of saying look only the establishment media like politico

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should be allowed to cover the story and and i think he said something like you know people

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shouldn't talk to the daily mail and just to explain the reason he said that is because

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a lot of us in journalism get pissed off frankly because the daily mail does rip off other

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journalists journalism all the time and it doesn't credit for it and it's outrageously

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bad at this it it breaches copy it breaches copyright all the time and frankly it's it's

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actually improper and unethical that what they do but i didn't see any evidence that

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josh boswell was doing that he correctly attributed
in his daily mail story for the excellent

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work that was broken by tim mcmillan in the
debrief and and frankly it is still very important

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and i think the big issue to me frankly is
that gary reed's moving sideways from the

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di position is incredibly significant because
firstly louis lozando had complained about

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this guy when i first met lou in person last
year around about this time last year he complained

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to the inspector general of the defense department
about gary reed's behavior because he felt

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that he was being what we say in australia
whiteheaded by gary reed and other people

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in the pentagon that they were undermining
his position his past role as the head of

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the ufo program and they were casting doubt
in the minds of certain journalists sowing

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the night the idea that elizondo was essentially
lying about his role running the ufo program

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now we now know absolutely categorically that elizondo was running the ufo program and and

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why why the defense department why the pentagon played this [h__\h] game i do not know all

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it's done is make them look ridiculous well the game is game time is running out on the

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pentagon for that kind of behavior i mean the whole thing makes me remember raising

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my kids where it was like you know the best advice was like kids behave and if you don't

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i'm gonna put you in the corner you know i i i just feel like uh people need to you know

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bring the the game up a little but it is good that we're able to talk about the journalism

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and what's going on you know we want to try one other thing here oh go go ahead can i

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can i just come back for a moment though bryce what i think is really important and the reason

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the gary reid's story is still being missed in the mainstream national media this is the

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guy that presided over the debacle the intelligence
debacle in afghanistan where the american

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military falsely assumed that the afghanistan
army would be able to hold its position and

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stop kabul from falling but more importantly
it was gary reed who was taking over the role

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of running the new oversight office the aoi
msg that was meant to be providing the ongoing

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transparency and oversight now that's the
issue the fact that gary reed the person who

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has now been essentially sacked from his role
as the director of intelligence in the u.s

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defense department even though elizondo had
complained about him as early as april may

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last year he was still put in charge of the
aoi msg the ridiculously named acronym for

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the uap um uh well transparency group um and
that's the issue to me why the hell did the

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defense department put a bloke like that who
was already the subject of a complaint hearing

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in charge of what is potentially the biggest story the pentagon's going sure and why aren't

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more people reporting it and why did it take a sexual harassment claim to really get him

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out of there i you know it's it's hard to even imagine um reena switch gears briefly

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here for uh a second one things we wanted to do in our opening segments folks is tell

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you not only what's in the news like we're doing right now but also tell you a little

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bit about what's upcoming and i wanted to just do a start a little quick uh bit about

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what's buzzing right now in the field of ufology the one of the things here in the us that's

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been kind of interesting is there's a new show out on showtime called the man who fell

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to earth and for those of you who remember it that's the one where david bowie back in

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1976 played an alien stuck on earth and uh it was quite a film and really made a huge

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impact and now of course it is uh a limited series on showtime with uh chuatel agia four

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i think i got that name right in the lead role but what's wonderful about it is bill

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nye the guy you remember from love actually and so many other things actually has the

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david bowie role and plays a character who's been stuck here on earth since 1976 since

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that film has ended and uh it's it's fantastic it's really i'm dying to say that i'm really

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looking forward to seeing that since you told me about it you know what's so interesting

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about it is it's not really anything about ufology it sort of lives in a world where

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there are new ufos at least so far from what i've seen it's just an alien thing but it's

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always fun and we enjoyed that also coming up on may 3rd there's a new documentary out

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called a tear in the sky this is the upa x people and their investigation they're promising

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big things i've seen it um and while i don't
uh you know i i'm i support the uap x mission

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and all of that of course uh which is to get
data and to and to move things ahead without

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being dependent on the government to tell
us what it's doing uh the the actual film

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itself does have a bit of familiarity it feels
a little bit like an unidentified episode

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or or even uh you know an episode of skinwalker
ranch um and it feels a little more like a

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tv show instead of a documentary people might
want to listen to then of course close to

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home for me the menville ufo festival after
being dead for two years because of the pandemic

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is back with whitley strieber and it's also
got brian bender who we've talked about in

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it which is interesting may 13th and 14th
is that right may 13th and 14th and the only

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thing that i will say that is the kind of
thing that makes you tear your hair out because

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it shows we were talking about how things
like you know someone faking uh the mars photos

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is so damaging okay a few years ago when after
disclosure came out with the book i wrote

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with richard dolan i created a time magazine
with the mcminnville photos on the cover all

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right and i used it in uh various um presentations
to say this is how the media should be covering

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ufos right it was and i never said it was
anything other than that i made a big point

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about this is not real this is a fake to show
you what i think they should be doing well

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that fake that i created has been appropriated
by the mcmenville ufo festival they're representing

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it as real yes and i've written them four
times now and told them it is fake it's not

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real and yet they leave it up on their history
page and all that's going to do all that's

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going to do is eventually somebody's going
to come out of the custard and basically say

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oh look isn't this outrageous they're using
a fake page that bryce is able used and created

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fictionally several years ago they're just
leaving themselves wide open and by the way

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folks mcminnville is of course in oregon it's
the place where in two very very famous ufo

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photos came out that even uh the condon report
couldn't uh say was wrong and so there they've

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stood the test of time now we're getting a
bit long here because i know that we want

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to keep it fairly tight but i i just want
to particularly mention the forthcoming moment

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of contact documentary that our friend james
fox is producing his documentary uh uh which

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is going to be i'm i'm getting very excited
about this it's explaining what happened in

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vargin vashinha in brazil and uh i'm told
by a friend who's actually had a look at the

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preliminary cut of the film this is going
to be a cracker it's been another labor of

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love for fox and you know he did the brilliant phenomenon last year which was just a great

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film he's got peter coyote uh who's going to do the narration for this one as well and

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it's going to be a crowded summer folks in july on july 10th cnn starts a five-part limited

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series um and so uh there's stuff breaking out all over and and and even sometime this

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year uh the aerial phenomenon which is another big story is going to come out that's a beautiful

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story and it's got parallels with westall 1966 the australian case that i took such

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an interest in all these beautiful little kids that were filmed by the bbc uh talking

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about the fact that they allegedly saw a craft land in their school ground in zimbabwe and

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uh it's apparently an amazing film now this is the one by randall nickerson and he's got

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big shoes to fill because our friend james fox ended the phenomenon his movie from last

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year with the aerial uh schoolyard case so
you know and he did a brilliant job with it

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so we've got a very busy next few months coming
up bryce but you and i have also got an equally

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busy podcast to film in the next few minutes
so coming up i need to know are there going

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to be congressional hearings into uaps and
should there be [Music]

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welcome back to my snowy mountains studio
i'm ross coulthart for need to know and i'm

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talking with my colleague bryce zabel this
week about the possibility of congressional

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hearings into the uap issue now right back
bryce as you will recall when the uap task

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force report was tabled in the congress last
year in july i think it was july 20th june

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25th june 20th june 25th there was a lot of
talk a lot of talk that there were going to

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be public congressional hearings i i think
one of the people that spoke was um andre

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carson a democrat from indiana what did he say you know everybody uh sort of used the

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report as an opportunity to sort of talk about what was on their minds and these people are

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of course congress men and women and senators so what's usually on their minds is you know

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how can we turn this into hearings because that's what they live for but carson uh was

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interviewed on uh cbs face the nation in the aftermath of that report and while this isn't

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the only thing ever said about congressional hearings i thought it was interesting let

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me just read that quote he wrote or he said rather if it is otherworldly we have to take

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into account our advancements in terms of our cell phone technology and why are these

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images being captured we have to think about the nearly 4 000 satellites that are orbiting

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earth right now most of these satellites have cameras attached to them he said why hasn't

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any of that information been released great question and so we still want to make sure

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that our adversaries don't have a technological edge on us but we still can't rule out that

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two to six percent that could be something we can't explain maybe even otherworldly and

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here's the kicker he writes he said so my hope is as the chairman of the subcommittee

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on counter intelligence and counter proliferation that we will have a series of hearings and

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possibly a public hearing in the very near future so there you go okay so i'm not holding

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my breath but the very key line that you mentioned in that is why hasn't any of that information

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been released and so i don't what i thought we should do in tackling this issue is to

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firstly take a long hard look at the history of attempts to hold congressional hearings

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into this issue i mean chris mellon the former deputy assistant secretary of defense and

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lou elizondo who was the head of the pentagon's ufo program have made no secret in numerous

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podcasts what they want is hearings they want they want the congress to be very visibly

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and publicly investigating this issue but what i heard from people at the time i was

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writing my book at the beginning of last year and what i hear now is very different and

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i think to understand why there's been a change why there's possibly a move now to more uh

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in camera hearings secret hearings it's because of the history of congressional hearings about

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ufos as you and i have talked about previously uh bryce and previous need to know episodes

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there's a long history of the official investigations into ufos going right back to the 1940s with

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project sign project grudge and then the u.s air force's blue book investigation and am

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i right in saying mate that project sign and project grudge were a fairly decent objective

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attempt by the u.s air force and other defense agencies to be seen to be publicly transparently

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not publicly to be seen to be properly properly investigating the phenomenon and when you

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look at their archival documents those two early projects sign and grudge they did represent

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a very real effort by the u.s air force and other agencies back in the 40s and the 50s

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to properly investigate this issue well although the the question is they weren't doing it

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for the public at that time you know they were still it was all internal and they were

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writing memos to each other and the reason we even know about all of this is the freedom

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of information act got a lot of those memos released and so forth but the interesting

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thing uh on the subject of congressional hearings is that among ufologists and people who care

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about uap and all that it's kind of the fever dream that you want to come true i mean the

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idea that we will finally not be ridiculed
by the us government but that the government

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itself will hold these hearings and say yeah
we told you they're real and now we're going

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to drag some people into congress and have
them tell their story i mean that's something

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that again we'll talk more about in our third
section when we're going to talk about the

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future of all this but uh it has been something
that uh people on the outside have always

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wanted the reason i'm maybe a little more
optimistic though than i think that you seem

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to be saying you are is that what has materially
changed isn't what the air force was doing

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but in the congress if you were to sort of
say anything about studying ufos or or having

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some kind of hearing about ufos or actually
pulling in congress to it you stood the very

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real risk that you would be marginalized made
fun of and uh and been uh characterized as

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wasting the time of the congress during the cold war where things were just really critical

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and so a lot of congressmen as it turns out as we study the history had very uh great

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interest in studying this but they were worried about it one of the guys though that didn't

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have that fear was uh john mccormick who was the speaker of the house a democrat and back

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in 1958 as early as 1958 when he was the majority leader he wanted to have hearings at the subcommittee

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on atmospheric phenomena of the house select committee on astronautics and space exploration

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and the thing that you and i seem to have stumbled acro upon on all of this is that

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it's one thing to want hearings but it's another to get them past the air force right absolutely

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and look the thing that i find really disturbing is that if you look at the history of the

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us air force's involvement in public attempts to try and force transparency on uaps early

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on the u.s air force was privately very very concerned about the phenomenon and you can

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see from project sign and project grudge the takeaway from that was that they were desperately

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keen to see it properly investigated and it all started to change around about 1952 after

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the washington flyover where there was that incredible display of uaps indisputably doing

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intelligently controlled things avoiding jet fighters uh zipping across radar screens at

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tens of thousands of miles an hour and there was a very clear beginning of a change especially

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from the u.s air force and the cia and you can see this in their documents and the thing

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the thing that i find fascinating i was going back through the archives and um there's a

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lovely fella sean from witness citizen who's been very kind in helping me with this he

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pointed me to in 1961 there were and also dean johnson who does a fantastic twitter

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feed talking about the uh the work that used to go on in congress into uaps and the efforts

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that are still going on today what it shows is that back in the late 1950s and the early

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60s there was a push inside the congress for public hearings to bring people into the congress

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to testify and the disturbing thing in the documents is that there are documents from

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the u.s air force at the time that have been declassified that show the u.s air force trying

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to head off sure the inquiry and if they couldn't head it off what they were trying to do was

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to control the narrative control the narrative you know uh it is true in retrospect it's

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very fun to go look back at some of this stuff one of the things you can find is a newsweek

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article from 1961 in july of that year where they're talking about the fact that congressional

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hearings on ufos are probably going to happen and of course that's the time when the air

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force said uh you know you you don't necessarily need we can look into this uh which is the

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nice diversion but what i love about that time period you just brought up 1961 okay

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in 1960 folks rosc admiral roscoe hillencotter you've heard us mention that name before he's

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the first head of the cia going back to its origin he in 1960 had left that position and

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joined nycap the national investigations committee on aerial phenomena and he was quoted in a

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press release from 1960 saying that the first part of this is very familiar to a lot of

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people in ufology but not the last part so i'll read the quote behind the scenes high-ranking

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air force officers are soberly concerned about ufos but through official secrecy and ridicule

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many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense hundreds of authentic

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reports by veteran pilots and other technically trained observers have been ridiculed or explained

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away as mistakes delusions or hoaxes the air
force well there wouldn't you know that the

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air force has assumed the right to decide
what the american people should or should

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not know and this is the part again that ties
in with our program today he concluded by

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saying it is time for the truth to be brought
out in open congressional hearings and this

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is a former director of the cia bryce every
time i read that roscoe hill and cut a line

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i i have to remind myself this is one of the
i think he was the founding director of the

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cia it's quite what's fascinating and again
this is not where we need to go today but

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shortly after he made that statement he sort
of faded away from the scene and i think it's

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probably because his friends in the air force
and and in the government were saying roscoe

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you're you're off the deep end here you know
we're not going to go on this adventure with

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you but for whatever reason he backed off
and go ahead yeah so the documents from the

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u.s air force show that when the congress
in 1961 was talking about public hearings

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the foreign technology division of the u.s
air force was getting so worried about the

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risk of this happening that a colonel called
edward nguyen wrote a memo proposing that

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the air force preempt an approach from the
congressional committee on science and aeronautics

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by offering to do its own investigation and
that that would give the u.s air force full

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control of how that investigation would be
done and i just want to remind you for a moment

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the aoi msg which is the body that is now
responsible for reporting to the american

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public and the world on what the us government
knows about ufos it's quite clear that gary

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reed's appointment as essentially the executive
secretary the person who had overall control

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of that transparency proposal of what the congress would be told it's the same thing

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again i would argue yeah and i this is why it's so important this is why i want to remind

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people about don't get distracted about whether or not there was misleading or anything like

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that and all that sort of rubbish the big issue as louis lozando has pointed out and

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as he's been proven right is that the history shows the us air force has repeatedly tried

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to intervene to stop public scrutiny to stop public hearings is that what happened with

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the attempt to get gary reed the now very controversial former director of intelligence

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for the defence department in control of the aoi msg well i wouldn't be surprised i mean

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history does tend to uh replicate itself listen let's dive back into the history for just

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a second so we can get this in because this 1960s had two things happen in terms of congressional

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hearings that both were shocking in retrospect
and both actually got minimized uh by the

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air force as you've been stating but the first
one that is close to me because i know a lot

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about it i sort of lived through that time
i remember it happening it's the famous michigan

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sightings from 1966 where jl and hynek acting
for blue book came out there and made uttered

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the phrase swamp gas as a possible explanation
which outraged the people of michigan because

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they were not seeing swamp gas they were saying
craft and they knew they were seeing craft

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but here's why i freaking love this story
is the congressman at that time in 1966 who

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represented michigan and was a comer in the
u.s house of representatives was gerald r

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ford who would go on to become president and
in 1966 uh eight years before he became president

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he advocated on behalf of the people of michigan
that there should be public hearings he actually

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said are we to assume that everyone who says they have seen ufos is an unreliable witness

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i think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding ufos and produce the

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greatest possible enlightenment on this subject and he concluded i am proposing that either

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the science and astronautics committee of the armed services committee of the house

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schedule hearings on the subject of ufos and invite testimony from both the executive branch

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of the government and some of the persons who claimed to have seen ufos so he wasn't

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just saying let's bring in the air force experts he was saying let's haul in the executive

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branch and let's let the people speak as well i mean god blessed the man now what ended

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up happening is that it didn't go down that way the house armed services committee did

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hold some brief hearings in 66 basically i think they went one day the secretary of the

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air force there we are again harold brown
comes in and ross i bet you'll be shocked

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to hear what harold brown had to say but he
said most of these sightings were easily explained

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and there was no evidence there were quote
strangers from outer space and so there was

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nothing to see there and they went away look
the real story from 1966 bryce and you and

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i agree on this is that gerald ford despite
his honorable motives was snowed he was he

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really was he was snowed or i or i just because
i'm a paranoid about this thing and i know

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a lot about the jfk assassination gerald ford
was on the warren commission so he he had

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already taken one for the system if you will
i mean if indeed jfk was assassinated in a

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conspiracy and the warren commission did not
find that to be true gerald ford was already

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willing to to say okay move on folks now there's
another very interesting thing that came out

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in one of those gerald ford press releases
during that period in 1966 when he was pushing

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for hearings right because it turns out over
the years there have been hush hush hearings

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so in uh when gerald ford did a press release
in april 1966 he actually revealed that he'd

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learned that joseph carth who was a democrat
from minnesota had held hush hush hearings

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back in 1961 on behalf of the house science
and aeronautics committee so it turns out

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kaff told him that the subcommittee had made
an oral committee oral report back to the

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main committee but that no public report was
ever released the hearings took place in his

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congressional office and more importantly
no record was made of any of the evidence

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from races and this is what i'm warning about
because i i think that there is a danger that

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the same thing's going to happen again that
at the moment we know there are already private

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hearings in camera hearings that have happened
and i understand are still continuing to happen

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before key committees in the congress like
the armed services committee the house intelligence

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committee then they're not being made public
and and and that the lesson from history is

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that that will happen again if the public
don't rattle the case i think we're in a different

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time my friend i just i am i'm all in on congressional
hearings i think they're going to happen i

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just want to wrap up this segment for us real
quickly because we're on the history in 1968

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two years after the ford issue that you were
just talking about the house committee on

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science and aeronautics did conduct what they
call the hearing except it wasn't it was technically

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called a symposium on unidentified flying
objects so again we're not getting the full

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hearings we're getting them in somebody's
office we're getting something called a symposium

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it again was very short but it did include
testimony from jaylen heineck jim mcdonald

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carl sagan and some other guys as well as
some written testimony that got put in the

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congressional record but then again it was
sort of like okay well we've done it we're

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moving on so okay we should move on i suppose
into the next act of this thing i just want

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to make one final point though and that's
that you cannot look at what's been happening

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in the congress at that time in the 1960s
without also looking at the history of of

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the ongoing secret investigations that were
going on and so we know that that because

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of all the pressure that gerald ford imposed
in october of 1966 the university of colorado

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was hired by the u.s air force to do a supposedly
high caliber study of flying sources and that

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was an inquiry led by a guy called edward
condom and he agreed to hit the program and

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he announced that he was an agnostic on the subject of ufos and that he had an open mind

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on the question and he thought that possible extra terrestrial or origins were improbable

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but not impossible but as we know now my friend condon's inquiry was subsequently revealed

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to be a blatant whitewash well not only that it was used to kill blue book in 1986 exactly

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exactly so so okay so when we come back folks one of the things we want to look at is we've

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given you a taste of the history sort of where we are in present tense let's talk about again

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whether ross and i can agree whether they're likely or unlikely let's at least talk about

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what they might look like if we get to them that'll be next [Music]

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well we're back and i'd like to start this segment with a little bit of a thought experiment

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okay now i want you to imagine that someone who is extremely classified is brought into

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a public hearing in front of say the senate
select committee on intelligence could be

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a general might have a dozen medals on his
jacket could be a ceo from some southern california

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aerospace firm and whoever it is the sergeant
of arms comes out there and asks them to raise

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their hand and ask them a simple question
and this is the thought experiment imagine

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the question being asked of some very highly
classified or important people the question

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is do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
testimony that you are about to give is the

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truth the whole truth and nothing but the
truth so help you god now that's going to

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raise the stakes because even though people
may have an agenda worked out and they may

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think that they know what the strategy is
once you start putting people under oath uh

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things get a little unpredictable so ross
i'm thinking i don't care how they get into

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uh hearings i just want them to get there
because i'm ready to hear those answers okay

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well i don't think it's enough and i've i
i'm a bit of a a doubting polly on this one

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to be honest bryce because i've i've done
a backflip with double pike i i was initially

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in favor of open public congressional hearings
but the more i learn and the more plausible

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possible explanations emerge in my mind as
to why there might be the ongoing secrecy

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relating to this issue the more i think that
the current strategy that's being employed

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of what are essentially private in-camera
highly classified hearings is probably the

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best one for the moment and let me explain
why i i think that if there's going to be

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any kind of hearing even if it's a private
one the only way we're ever going to get to

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the truth of this matter and you and i don't
disagree on this we both think there's a cover-up

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we both think the u.s government is hiding more than it knows but i think the only way

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it's not enough to put somebody under oath the congress has to pass legislation that

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allows it to give an indemnity a full indemnity against prosecution that releases these people

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from the the oath that they've assigned witnessed immunity but how about the power of subpoena

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too haul some of these people in you know make sure you use it but as as you and i both

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know under the terms of waived unacknowledged special access programs theoretically people

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who know the most important secrets in the us government are obliged to lie so i don't

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think it's enough just to say that you are now under oath i think it's important that

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that that people will be given immune it's not compromised it's not enough there have

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to be teeth obviously to it and the teeth are witness immunity subpoena use and and

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just the the will to do it you know i just
wanted to throw one thought out here though

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i think i mentioned it earlier you know when
richard dolan and i were writing our book

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a d after disclosure uh it was kind of a big
bite that we bit off which is we're going

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to tell you what the world might look like
after we all agree we're not alone i mean

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that's pretty shocking stuff and rich and
i spent almost a year uh going back and forth

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on this and the one of the things that allowed
us to sort of move forward is we we said the

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future is often buried in the past in other
words if you want to know what the future

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is going to look like look at some of the
things in the past and draw your your lessons

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from them well on the issue of uh hearings
for example there's a couple of things that

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we could sort of ask ourselves yes i agree
classified hearings probably do come first

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that's certainly the case right now with the
january 6 commission's uh commission uh committee

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rather they've been talking about what happened
on january 6 but then they're going to have

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public hearings and for people of a certain
age you remember the senate watergate hearings

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again they started uh confidentially and then
they moved into a public phase and when the

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senate watergate hearings happened in the
summer of 73 americans were riveted i mean

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instead of watching their soap operas or anything
else they were watching these hearings and

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i think the same thing could happen with public
hearings about ufos and i think that they

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give us some thoughts about how it might look
because congress is willing to say okay we've

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got to keep this part of it special and we'll
keep that still secure but we've raised enough

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issues by even having by even having reports
written and the legislation they passed last

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year it's not outrageous for the american public to expect that there's going to be

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hearings of some kind the question is what's going to be in the hearings you know one of

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the things that i was very privileged in my journalistic career to witness was the south

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african truth and reconciliation commissions so after nelson mandela became the president

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in incredibly improbable circumstances you know the end of apartheid the the end of a

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racist regime a regime that had tortured and murdered in secret many people who were fiercely

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opposed to the apartheid regime what mandela did and what his government mandated was quite

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breathhtaking it basically said there's no point in recriminations and it's important

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to have truth and it's important for the country to be reconciled after that truth is revealed

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now that's what i think i know people probably think we're being melodramatic here but if

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what you and i believe is true yeah the american public is headed for an absolutely momentous

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moment when they are told that their government has been lying to them and and in fact uh

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one of the things that uh we we talked about in that a.d book was exactly what you just

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said you can have congressional hearings and that exists on one level but at some point

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when the when the um when it's all come down you're going to have truth and reconciliation

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hearings that move from city to city around the country to bring the people into this

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and of course it won't just be the united states i mean once this breaks you're going

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to have your country australia involved and every other country in the world is going

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to be involved i thought one of the things we might want to do as we pull this thing

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this train to the station here though is to ask ourselves if you here's the challenge

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let's say that we were the guys in charge
of the committee in the senate select committee

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and we wanted to have public hearings um you
and i have just done 12 episodes of need to

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know to try to sort of get people up to speed
on things and and you know what we could do

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180 more we cannot do 500 more and there's
still plenty of stuff to talk about we know

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that it never goes away so now if you're going
to try to have congressional hearings what's

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the best way to do it and i have a few ideas
but i'd love to hear your ideas well okay

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i i think the current strategy is a good one
because i know because i've been talking to

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some of the people that have been in the room
when these people have been deposed there

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are already hearings happening i mean the
armed services committee the uh senate intelligence

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committee a lot of those oversight committees
are already deposing pilots defence officials

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uh i think even an astronaut now what's interesting
is it's all being done at the moment in camera

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yes and if let's just you should explain what
in camera means though and camera means essentially

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people are talking under oath in hearings
which are formal hearings but they are not

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being made public they are being kept confidential
let's just assume for a moment bryce that

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there is a very good reason why the us government
has kept this secret let's hypothetically

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accept the possibility which you and i both
believe is very highly the case very highly

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likely the case that the united states government
is in possession of non-human technology possibly

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even craft let's assume they've kept that
secret since the 1940s at the very least and

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let's assume that crimes have been committed
serious crimes have been committed that the

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congress has been misled presidents have been
misled the public has been lied to by senior

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officials in the government there's been a serious mull administration a serious breach

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of process where public officials have felt obliged to lie and mislead i can understand

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why if that's the case there would need to be a private examination inside the congress

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of the full circumstances of why that has happened because one of the possibilities

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in my head and i'm only exploring exploring this as a hypothetical but one of the i'm

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a lawyer by background so i i'm looking for a legal out for these people is it possible

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that when the us government first became aware of the phenomenon and first became aware of

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retrieved technology and its implications did a past president write an executive order

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which still remains secret to this day which ordered a secret program which ordered that

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this be kept confidential from even presidents even from congress because it was such an

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important secret to the united states oh it's
clearly is that possible i think well not

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only is that possible but as we've talked
about before i've written the entire 20 hours

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of a television series on that very premise
uh literally in the pilot of dark skies the

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head of the majestic 12 organization tells
the young recruit you know hey it's all perfectly

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legal eisenhower's the guy that signed it
he didn't want kennedy to know that kind of

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thing so yeah i mean i think it's possible
i certainly thought a lot about it um but

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but but can do i don't i'm not a constitutional
lawyer in america but can a president really

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do that well truman or eisenhower have signed
an executive order in secret basically saying

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keep this secret don't tell any of my future
presidents i don't think they'd get away with

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it today but you know it's another time you
know in the 50s uh with the cold war sword

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hanging over us and all that so i don't know
i mean because the way it seems to work now

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is you know trump comes you know obama does
his executive orders trump comes in and gets

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rid of them and does his executive orders
biden comes in gets rid of trump's executive

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orders and does his this would have to be
the uh executive order extraordinaire obviously

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that has that has existed all these years
now you asked me who should be brought in

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i mean obviously there's a there's a mischievous
part of me that knows from the tong de long

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emails that right that were revealed by wikileaks
because they were stolen by the gr gru russian

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military intelligence agents we know that
tom delong was talking to general neil mccaslin

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the former boss of the u.s air force foreign
technology division general michael carey

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we know that uh richard weiss from lockheed
martin was also involved i mean some people

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out there in ufology might want to see these
generals dragged into the congress with piano

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wire around certain sensitive parts of their
anatomy and and basically told you know you

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will tell the congress the truth yeah i think
well i don't know if they're going to have

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the piano wire around the testicles um that's
possible uh but that that's probably not the

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first choice but you know i think it's true
i think people are going to have to be brought

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in that wouldn't ordinarily want to talk but
they're gonna have to be told uh you either

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tell the truth now or you know you've got
a window to tell the truth if you tell the

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truth now you're immune if you don't tell
the truth we're gonna prosecute you but you

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know the thing i want to just kind of wrap
this future vision aspect up um i'm a hollywood

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producer in my other uh lifetime of course
and so i like to think of hearings as a show

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that would have to be produced so i was asking myself what would i do if i was you know in

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charge of like figuring out how to tell this complicated story the first thing i do is

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i i make it a little safe and i go with human interest i bring in some of those pilots and

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i bring in some of those radar operators and i might tread the familiar semi-familiar story

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of nimitz just to get people used to it to see these pilots are real people to see them

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in front of the congress that kind of thing then after that i would try to do two things

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i'd try to have a couple of people who could come in and do what we've tried to do in this

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episode even which is to try to set a historical narrative but i'd also want to bring in the

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mccaslins and those other generals you were talking about and so i'd want to pivot from

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uh history into the present tense and the one thing i would do as well is i would borrow

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from gerald ford's first thoughts which is
let's not just bring in the military even

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though it is a national security issue there
is 75 years currently of people who have seen

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things and have told their families and their
friends and their clergymen and you name it

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the police and everyone else i would make
it a personal story uh at the same time i

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would make each one of those witnesses someone
who was looking through the camera lens at

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the the people on the other side and i would
i would try to turn those hearings into the

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most sensational hearing since the watergate
hearings and i think they could be ten times

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as interesting to be honest with you well
i sincerely hope they do happen bryce because

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there does need to be some kind of public
accounting for this incredible cover-up i

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mean i i journalists don't normally believe
in cover-up i very really believe in cover-ups

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but in this case i do genuinely believe there
has been a cover-up and how in heaven's name

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america is going to handle the breach of public
trust that is underlined by the revelation

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that there has been such a serious withholding
of important evidence that goes to not only

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our understanding of ourselves as human beings
but you know our position is you know our

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understanding of ourselves in the universe
i i really it's such a fundamental story it's

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fundamental and and you know again let's talk
for a second and then i guess we wrap um a

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cover-up uh means different things to different
people uh on one level you can have cover-ups

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that are illegal but on the other on a more
personal level you can literally conspire

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with your children not to tell their mother
that you uh you know burn down the kitchen

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you know whatever whatever it is can be a
cover-up so uh and and people do it all the

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time on their own jobs i mean if i was producing
a television series and we figured out that

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we'd over exposed all the film we might conspire
not to tell the network we might conspire

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with the studio not to give them the bad news
so there have been cover-ups some of them

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are worse than others and it's time we sort
of sort that sort out the wheat from the chaff

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on this thing and uh you know as we uh as
we say our sayonara here i think that uh you

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you just said it beautifully ross we have
reached a point where we're gonna have to

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clear this air one way or the other which
is why i do think uh there is some legitimacy

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to the the public hearings because at a time
in in the united states right now where the

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legitimacy of our institutions has never been
lower and has never been uh more questioned

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by the the constituencies to those uh those
secrets and so forth uh i think a breath of

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fresh air where you just blow in and you say
we're gonna let some of the truth fall where

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it may would allow people to say okay some
of these things are legitimate national secrets

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and we won't tell everything but we have to
at least do the one thing if the truth is

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after 75 years that we are not alone well
we could start by just admitting that you

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know let's let's get that started and on that
note i think we should start thinking about

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wrapping up my friend i i do want to mention
that in our next episode barring an avalanche

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of breaking news we're going to be taking
a very close look at your incredible series

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from the late 90s darks guys i've been watching
episodes over the last few months and i've

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got a lot of questions for you i love them
and what i want to know is how much of what

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you've written in there is based on ending
of reality well okay roscoe i guess that means

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i got to start rescreening all these episodes
myself or you're going to know my show better

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than i do because it's been a while you know
um i look forward to that there are some really

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interesting inside stories and they do raise
a lot of questions and it was one of my favorite

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times of my entire life certainly in my professional
life and speaking about pain being caused

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to people's personal parts i understand you
have a bit of a be in your bonnet bryce about

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some aspects of modern ufology that causes
you just as much pain well you know ross uh

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i i love what we do on need to know and i
think people like the fact that we spare them

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a lot of the other stuff and we we play it
straight but you know every once in a while

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the writer producer in me says i got something
else i want to say and i don't know that it

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belongs in this particular need to know so
what we've done is uh created some of a piece

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of bonus material that people will be able
to listen to um what i did is i just got in

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my head the idea that ufology today is a very
complicated thing and i ended up writing something

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called a profane rant about modern ufology
and i wrote it as a character not as myself

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okay so it's a character that's a combination
of holden caulfield from uh catcher in the

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rye and hunter tell that i don't want to take
it anymore is that right that's exactly and

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howard beal and even george carlin the great
george carlin and i i managed to get uh ed

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hall to narrate it ed hall is the guy that
was the announcer on the uh tonight show with

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jay leno for so many years so that's going
to be a separate thing a profane rant about

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modern ufology you'll find it where your best
podcasts are like need to know you know and

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just a final thought to you folks out there
we love you watching listening to our podcast

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and we want to remind you to tell your friends
to do so it's available through the usual

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suspects whether it's spotify well you already
got it or you wouldn't be listening to us

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but other people want to know where they can
get it uh everything from apple to spotify

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to iheart to wherever else but do listen tell
your friends about it because uh you know

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we're all in this together yeah we hope you'll
tell your friends and you have a lot of them

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it's it's really nice to know by the way from
that we're hearing from people it's nice to

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get people's feedback that's one of the fun
things about this show okay rosco we're going

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to wrap up and for everybody at home i would
just say this we definitely can handle the

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truth people get ready and we can definitely
handle public hearings into uaps [Music] we've

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got the right to choose it there ain't no
way we'll lose it

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[Applause] [Music]

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don't pick up destiny cause you don't know

us you don't belong