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00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:43,670
government-funded ufo study in france

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by charles lear many countries around

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the world have

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active state-funded long-term ufo

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00:00:52,470 --> 00:00:50,320
studies

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if the united states congress follows up

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on the recommendation in the recently

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:54,960
released

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00:00:58,150 --> 00:00:57,440
unidentified aerial phenomena task force

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00:01:00,310 --> 00:00:58,160
report

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:00,320
that additional funding for research and

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00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:02,239

development could further the future

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study of the topics laid out in this

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00:01:07,030 --> 00:01:04,640

report

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the u.s may soon have won as well the

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u.s

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has had two acknowledged publicly funded

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ufo investigations in the past

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one was run by the air force under the

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name of project blue book for most of

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its existence from 1948 until 1969

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and the other by the pentagon from 2007

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until 2012

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as the advanced aerospace threat

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identification program

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while the 21-year run for the air force

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investigation may seem substantial

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the investigation funded by the french

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government has lasted more than twice as

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long

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the group studying ufos in france is now

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operating as

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group de tud informacion des phenomen

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er especial non-attentive or gaipan

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the group was first called group de tu

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de phenomen

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er especial nona dentifier or gepan

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when it was started in 1977 and then

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service expertise de phenomena durante

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atmeric

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or sepura from 1988 to 2004.

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kaipan operates as part of the french

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space agency

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santa nacina de tud spacial or

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cnes france has had a long ufo history

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and received international attention in

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1954 with a flap that involved reports

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of ufos

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called sucoups valance in france at the

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00:02:28,390 --> 00:02:25,360
time along with occupants

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00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:28,400
french ufologist amae michel published

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00:02:32,949 --> 00:02:30,720
glimmering lights on flying saucers

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00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:32,959
luers surley sucoups valance

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00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:35,360
that year and became the go-to french

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00:02:38,790 --> 00:02:36,800
ufo expert

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a young jacques filet the model for the

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00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:40,480
scientists claude lacombe

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00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:42,640
in close encounters of the third kind

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00:02:46,470 --> 00:02:44,239
who'd had a signing himself

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,480
wrote to michelle the two became friends

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00:02:49,430 --> 00:02:48,560
and valet developed a lifelong interest

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00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:49,440

in ufos

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00:02:54,070 --> 00:02:51,599

that he still pursues today as the most

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00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:54,080

famous french-born ufologist

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francis space agency is the largest in

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00:02:59,589 --> 00:02:58,319

europe as a result of charles de

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00:03:01,830 --> 00:02:59,599

gaulle's determination

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to develop a space program independent

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00:03:05,990 --> 00:03:03,440

of the united states

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gaipan works out of cnes technical

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headquarters in toulouse

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when the program was first established

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00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:11,040

in 1977

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it was headed by dr claude poor who when

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:15,280

he was director of the scientific

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00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:18,000

systems and project division of cnes

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00:03:21,350 --> 00:03:20,080

campaigned for its creation along with

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00:03:24,390 --> 00:03:21,360

cnes president

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00:03:25,589 --> 00:03:24,400

uber client poer was introduced to the

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00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:25,599

ufo mystery

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:27,200

by project blue book scientific

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00:03:32,149 --> 00:03:29,760

consultant j allen heineck during a trip

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00:03:34,229 --> 00:03:32,159

to the u.s in 1969.

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he kept an association with heineck as a

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00:03:37,830 --> 00:03:36,400

member of a group of scientists with an

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00:03:40,190 --> 00:03:37,840

interest in ufos

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known as the invisible college and in

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1975

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00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:43,680
he presented a statistical analysis of

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00:03:47,430 --> 00:03:45,360
worldwide ufo reports

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00:03:48,869 --> 00:03:47,440
to the american institute of aeronautics

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00:03:51,430 --> 00:03:48,879
and astronautics

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00:03:53,190 --> 00:03:51,440
once kippon was established the staff

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00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:53,200
initially consisted of power and a

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00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:54,000
secretary

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00:03:57,589 --> 00:03:55,760
but it quickly grew to around 10

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00:03:59,429 --> 00:03:57,599
scientists and engineers

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00:04:01,110 --> 00:03:59,439
geppin also worked with outside

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00:04:04,229 --> 00:04:01,120
volunteers and consultants

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00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:04,239
and gaipan does so today as well gepan

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00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:06,159
established four classifications for

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00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:08,400
cases that remains in effect today

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00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:11,280
a perfectly identified phenomenon b

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00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,360
probably identified phenomenon

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00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:15,760
c unidentified phenomenon lack of

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00:04:19,030 --> 00:04:16,560
evidence

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00:04:20,390 --> 00:04:19,040
d unidentified phenomenon after

109
00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:20,400
investigation

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00:04:25,189 --> 00:04:23,360
in 1978 poe announced its conclusion to

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00:04:27,030 --> 00:04:25,199
geppen's scientific council

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00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:27,040
that category d sightings were of

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00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:29,440

physical machines of unknown origin

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00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:32,320

soon after that cnes offered him the

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00:04:35,030 --> 00:04:34,479

opportunity to take a sabbatical which

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00:04:36,790 --> 00:04:35,040

he did

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00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:36,800

and on his return he was no longer

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00:04:39,749 --> 00:04:38,080

involved with gephan

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00:04:41,110 --> 00:04:39,759

though he retained a personal interest

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,120

in ufos

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00:04:44,629 --> 00:04:43,120

gippon established a relationship with

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00:04:46,469 --> 00:04:44,639

many public agencies

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00:04:47,830 --> 00:04:46,479

and received reports from the air force

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00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:47,840

navy jean-damili

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00:04:51,590 --> 00:04:50,320

nacional weather agencies and local

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00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:51,600

police departments

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00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:53,280

it was found that the reports from the

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00:04:56,310 --> 00:04:55,520

jean d'amore best suited gephan's

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00:04:57,830 --> 00:04:56,320

purposes

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00:05:00,629 --> 00:04:57,840

and that relationship has been

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00:05:01,670 --> 00:05:00,639

maintained when sepra replaced geppon in

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00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:01,680

1988

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00:05:05,670 --> 00:05:04,080

it was headed by jean-jacques velasco

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00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:05,680

who had been with the program from its

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00:05:08,469 --> 00:05:06,800

time as geppen

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00:05:10,469 --> 00:05:08,479

and he stayed in that position until

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00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:10,479

sepa was dissolved in january two

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00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,680

thousand four

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00:05:15,670 --> 00:05:13,840

that year a book velasco co-authored

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00:05:18,310 --> 00:05:15,680

with nicholas motigiani

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00:05:19,990 --> 00:05:18,320

avis levidance was published in which

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00:05:22,469 --> 00:05:20,000

velasco stated his belief

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00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:22,479

that some ufos were of extraterrestrial

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00:05:25,990 --> 00:05:23,280

origin

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00:05:26,390 --> 00:05:26,000

though sepra no longer existed velasco

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00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,400

was

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00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:28,720

still in charge of mission according to

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00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:30,080

cnes spokesman

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00:05:34,790 --> 00:05:32,400

arnold benedetti during an interview

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00:05:37,830 --> 00:05:34,800

with gregory gutierrez on may 28

151
00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:37,840
2004 gutierrez concluded from the

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00:05:40,629 --> 00:05:38,479
interview

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:40,639
that cnes wasn't concerned with

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00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:43,919
velasco's publicly stated views on ufos

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00:05:48,230 --> 00:05:46,560
in october 2005 it was announced that

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00:05:49,029 --> 00:05:48,240
the program would be resumed with the

157
00:05:51,029 --> 00:05:49,039
new director

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00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:51,039
yves salad who had recently been the

159
00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:52,240
assistant secretary

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00:05:55,590 --> 00:05:54,320
general for environmental and scientific

161
00:05:57,830 --> 00:05:55,600
affairs for nato

162
00:05:58,629 --> 00:05:57,840
it was named gaipan and is operated

163
00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:58,639

under that name

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00:06:02,710 --> 00:06:01,440

up until the present then on march 22nd

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00:06:04,469 --> 00:06:02,720

2007

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00:06:06,870 --> 00:06:04,479

under the directorship of jacques

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00:06:08,950 --> 00:06:06,880

patenae gaipan announced that they were

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00:06:09,430 --> 00:06:08,960

posting their files online for public

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00:06:12,070 --> 00:06:09,440

view

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00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:12,080

and they continued to do so to this day

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00:06:14,870 --> 00:06:12,880

cnes

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00:06:16,870 --> 00:06:14,880

prepared for the announcement by placing

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:16,880

a barrier of security guards in front of

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00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:18,479

the building to screen out

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00:06:23,629 --> 00:06:21,360

uninvited ufologists according to a cns

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00:06:25,029 --> 00:06:23,639

official quoted in an article on

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00:06:26,870 --> 00:06:25,039

news24.com

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00:06:29,029 --> 00:06:26,880

according to patente the guy pound

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00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:29,039

website crashed within two hours of the

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announcement

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one case investigated by kaipan was

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deemed worthy of its own wikipedia

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page and it provides an example of how

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the cnes ufo investigation

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operates it's known as the tronson

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provence case

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and it involved a sighting of a disc

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that landed on the ground about 50

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meters

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160 feet away from a farmer on january 8

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1981 the farmer renato nikolai

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said that it took off almost immediately

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00:06:59,589 --> 00:06:57,840

and that it left behind burn marks

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nikolai reported his sighting to the

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local jean-domini the next day

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they interviewed nikolai took soil and

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plant samples from the site

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and took pictures of the burn marks they

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notified geppon and that group carried

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out their own investigation

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00:07:15,350 --> 00:07:13,520
gapon's analysis found traces of

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phosphate and zinc in the samples

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that the ground had been compressed by a

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weight of between four and five

205
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tons and that the ground had been heated

206
00:07:27,830 --> 00:07:24,039
to between 300 and 600 degrees celsius

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00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:27,840
572 1112 degrees fahrenheit

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00:07:31,189 --> 00:07:30,240
gapon fell no prosaic explanation for

209
00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:31,199
the case

210
00:07:34,790 --> 00:07:33,120
for more cases the reader is urged to

211
00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:34,800
visit the gypon website

212
00:07:38,790 --> 00:07:37,120
it can be viewed in french or english

213
00:07:41,189 --> 00:07:38,800

and it's easily navigated

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hopefully if congress agrees to fund a

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program in the u.s

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france's open investigation will serve