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00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:16,100

[Music]

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00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:32,480

ufo trace evidence in delphos kansas by

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00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:33,760

charles lear

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00:00:39,190 --> 00:00:37,440

on december 17 1969 a press release

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00:00:42,069 --> 00:00:39,200

announced the closing of the air force's

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00:00:44,869 --> 00:00:42,079

ufo investigation project blue book

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00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:44,879

despite this the ufos didn't go away and

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00:00:49,110 --> 00:00:46,960

once the media stopped focusing on the

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:49,120

end of blue book stories of ufo

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00:00:53,350 --> 00:00:51,360

sightings again made the news and graced

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00:00:55,910 --> 00:00:53,360

the pages of many newspapers throughout

12
00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:55,920

1970 and 1971

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,960

toward the end of 1971 there was a case

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00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:00,719

that would become a classic that was

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00:01:05,429 --> 00:01:02,960

looked into by an investigator who would

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:05,439

become well known as a specialist in ufo

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:08,159

trace cases over the coming years

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00:01:12,390 --> 00:01:11,360

in the november 5th 1971 salinas journal

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:12,400

out of kansas

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00:01:17,670 --> 00:01:14,560

there is an article headlined delpho's

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00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:17,680

youth surprises ufo it is reported in

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:20,159

the article that fifteen-year-old ronald

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00:01:25,510 --> 00:01:23,360

johnson son of mr and mrs gerald johnson

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00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:25,520

was doing his evening chores in the

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00:01:30,230 --> 00:01:27,920

early dark tuesday night this was

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:30,240

november 2nd he was with his dog

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:32,560

snowball he said that as he approached

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00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:35,360

the back of the barn he heard a rumble

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:37,439

he saw something bright like a welder

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:40,000

about 50 yards away it whistled like a

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00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:42,720

jet plane and rose up quickly he got his

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:44,399

parents out to look and they were able

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:46,960

to see it ronald estimated the object to

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,360

be eight feet in diameter and ten feet

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00:01:53,830 --> 00:01:51,520

tall on the ground where it had been

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,840

there was a phosphorescent ring the

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00:01:57,910 --> 00:01:56,000

ground was burnt and a dead chinese elm

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00:01:59,910 --> 00:01:57,920

tree had been knocked down there is a

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:01:59,920

follow-up article in the november 7th

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00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:02,640

edition of the same paper headlined the

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00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:04,960

thing that left a ring the story of the

42

00:02:08,949 --> 00:02:06,719

sighting by ronald and his parents is

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00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:08,959

told again with the additional detail

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00:02:13,110 --> 00:02:11,039

that ronald was putting a roof on a

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00:02:15,510 --> 00:02:13,120

small stock shed that would provide

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:15,520

shelter for sheep expected to give birth

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,000

shortly according to the article law

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00:02:22,229 --> 00:02:20,239

enforcement officials and personnel from

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00:02:24,630 --> 00:02:22,239

the concordia weather bureau office

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00:02:26,790 --> 00:02:24,640

visited the site and tried to find clues

51
00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:26,800
as to what the object might have been

52
00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:28,720
a picture that had been taken of the

53
00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:31,040
ring was at the ottawa county sheriff's

54
00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:33,760
office an official from that office told

55
00:02:37,830 --> 00:02:35,599
the paper that another sighting of an

56
00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:37,840
object heading north was reported by a

57
00:02:42,869 --> 00:02:40,720
minneapolis kansas resident ronald said

58
00:02:45,350 --> 00:02:42,879
that the ring had stopped glowing but at

59
00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:45,360
least two trees in the area had spots

60
00:02:49,589 --> 00:02:47,519
that glowed at night ted phillips looked

61
00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:49,599
into the case and wrote a report that

62
00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:52,000
was published in flying saucer review

63
00:02:56,229 --> 00:02:54,720

case histories supplement nine february

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:56,239
1971.

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:58,879
according to phillips dr j allen heineck

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00:03:02,869 --> 00:03:00,800
an astronomer who had been a scientific

67

00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:02,879
consultant for the air force throughout

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00:03:07,509 --> 00:03:04,640
almost the entirety of its ufo

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00:03:10,309 --> 00:03:07,519
investigation contacted him on december

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00:03:12,949 --> 00:03:10,319
2nd 1971. phillips had become a

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00:03:15,190 --> 00:03:12,959
specialist in trace evidence cases on

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00:03:17,589 --> 00:03:15,200
hynek's advice he was a member of the

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00:03:19,350 --> 00:03:17,599
aerial phenomena research organization

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00:03:22,229 --> 00:03:19,360
and one of the founders of the midwest

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00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:22,239
ufo network which would go on to become

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00:03:26,229 --> 00:03:24,319

the mutual ufo network

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00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:26,239

phillips called ottawa county sheriff

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00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:28,480

ralph enlow who was one of the first to

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00:03:33,270 --> 00:03:30,560

investigate the report and told him he'd

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00:03:35,589 --> 00:03:33,280

be in the area on december 4th enloe

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00:03:37,830 --> 00:03:35,599

offered to contact the johnsons and did

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00:03:40,149 --> 00:03:37,840

so when phillips arrived he was given a

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00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:40,159

soil sample that enlo had taken and the

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00:03:45,110 --> 00:03:42,560

two of them went to the johnson farm

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00:03:47,509 --> 00:03:45,120

phillips described the lot as being like

86

00:03:49,670 --> 00:03:47,519

a bug at that point as the snow in the

87

00:03:51,750 --> 00:03:49,680

area was melting phillips talked to

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00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:51,760

ronald and his parents and they told him

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00:03:55,990 --> 00:03:54,000

what they'd seen they went to the site

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00:03:58,229 --> 00:03:56,000

and phillips was amazed to see that the

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00:04:00,630 --> 00:03:58,239

ring was visible as it was defined by

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00:04:02,390 --> 00:04:00,640

the unmelted snow on top of it after

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00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:02,400

removing the snow they found that the

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00:04:07,589 --> 00:04:05,200

soil within the ring was dry in contrast

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00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:07,599

to the moist soil around it phillips and

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00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:09,760

mr johnson got a soil sample from the

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00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:11,760

ring and phillips describes it as

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00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,920

containing a white substance that was

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00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:15,760

found throughout the ring he also

100

00:04:21,030 --> 00:04:18,320

describes the soil as being dried to a

101
00:04:23,510 --> 00:04:21,040
depth of 12 inches philips report

102
00:04:26,070 --> 00:04:23,520
contains information not contained in

103
00:04:27,830 --> 00:04:26,080
the initial news accounts ronald johnson

104
00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:27,840
said that for several days after the

105
00:04:32,790 --> 00:04:30,080
sighting his eyes were sore and he had

106
00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:32,800
headaches mrs johnson said that when she

107
00:04:36,870 --> 00:04:34,960
touched the glowing ring her fingertips

108
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:36,880
went numb and when she went to rub her

109
00:04:41,430 --> 00:04:38,800
fingers off on her leg the part of her

110
00:04:43,590 --> 00:04:41,440
leg she touched went numb as well

111
00:04:45,990 --> 00:04:43,600
phillips includes a report written by

112
00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:46,000
thaddeus smith a reporter at the delphos

113
00:04:50,469 --> 00:04:48,160

republican the johnsons had told her

114

00:04:52,790 --> 00:04:50,479

their story the day after their sighting

115

00:04:54,790 --> 00:04:52,800

and she went to the farm saw the ring

116

00:04:57,030 --> 00:04:54,800

and took a picture she called the

117

00:04:59,430 --> 00:04:57,040

concordia weather bureau and the ottawa

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00:05:02,230 --> 00:04:59,440

county sheriff's office there is also a

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00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:02,240

report from under sheriff harlan enlow

120

00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:05,520

he wrote that he sheriff ralph enlow and

121

00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:07,840

kansas highway patrol trooper kenneth

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00:05:13,029 --> 00:05:10,560

yaeger went to the farm on november 3rd

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00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:13,039

talked to the johnsons observed the ring

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00:05:17,029 --> 00:05:15,039

took a soil sample of it and took a

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00:05:19,189 --> 00:05:17,039

picture of it they also checked for

126

00:05:21,510 --> 00:05:19,199

radiation with a civil defense

127

00:05:23,749 --> 00:05:21,520

radiological monitor and found nothing

128

00:05:27,350 --> 00:05:23,759

unusual phillips returned again on

129

00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:27,360

january 11 1972. he spoke with sheriff

130

00:05:32,550 --> 00:05:29,680

enlo and included a written statement

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00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:32,560

from enlo in his report enloe wrote that

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00:05:36,629 --> 00:05:34,400

the johnsons were respected by the

133

00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,639

officers of his department and that he

134

00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,240

felt the information given by the

135

00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:40,400

johnsons would be accurate to the best

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00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:42,720

of their knowledge a letter to jl and

137

00:05:48,550 --> 00:05:45,120

heineck at the center for ufo studies

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00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:48,560

dated december 9 1977 contains the

139

00:05:54,870 --> 00:05:51,280

results of a chemical analysis done by

140

00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:54,880

errol a farouk phd a research fellow at

141

00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:57,120

the university of nottingham according

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00:06:01,749 --> 00:06:00,000

to farooq the soil contained an organic

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00:06:05,110 --> 00:06:01,759

substance that caused it to be

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00:06:07,029 --> 00:06:05,120

hydrophobic he says that paradoxically

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00:06:09,029 --> 00:06:07,039

the substance could be washed out of the

146

00:06:11,909 --> 00:06:09,039

soil with water he describes the

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00:06:14,469 --> 00:06:11,919

substance as being an alkali metal salt

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00:06:16,710 --> 00:06:14,479

of an organic acid and speculates that

149

00:06:19,749 --> 00:06:16,720

its depth in the soil was due to its

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00:06:21,430 --> 00:06:19,759

being introduced in an aqueous solution

151

00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:21,440

he then compares the structure of the

152

00:06:26,309 --> 00:06:23,680

substance that being an essentially

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00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:26,319

hydrophobic organic residue containing a

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00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:29,120

hydrophilic carboxylate anion to the

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00:06:33,590 --> 00:06:31,360

structure of some local anesthetics

156

00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:33,600

which he says are similar farouk

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00:06:37,830 --> 00:06:35,440

maintained an interest in the delphos

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00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:37,840

case in 2017

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00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:40,160

he self-published a book about the case

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00:06:45,430 --> 00:06:43,199

titled the compelling evidence for ufos

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00:06:47,909 --> 00:06:45,440

the book is based on a paper he wrote

162

00:06:51,830 --> 00:06:47,919

for publication in a scientific journal

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00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:51,840

that was rejected farouk said in a 2017

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00:06:56,150 --> 00:06:54,080

interview with express that he was told

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00:06:59,749 --> 00:06:56,160

the paper dealt with inappropriate

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00:07:01,670 --> 00:06:59,759

subject matter in 2021 fruit did manage

167

00:07:04,950 --> 00:07:01,680

to get published by the scientific

168

00:07:08,230 --> 00:07:04,960

coalition for uap studies in his paper

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00:07:10,629 --> 00:07:08,240

the delphos ce2 case a new appraisal of

170

00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:10,639

the data he still doesn't conclusively

171

00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:13,039

identify the substance but presents a

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00:07:21,749 --> 00:07:15,039

reasonable deduction as to its chemical

173

00:07:25,510 --> 00:07:21,759

makeup with the formula $C_{14}H_{14}N_2O_{12}$

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00:07:28,469 --> 00:07:25,520

negative ca 2 positive he explains the

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00:07:31,589 --> 00:07:28,479

luminescence of the ufo and the ring as

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00:07:33,830 --> 00:07:31,599

possibly having been due to oxidation as

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00:07:36,390 --> 00:07:33,840

the substance was spread over the ground

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00:07:38,710 --> 00:07:36,400

in a sprayed aqueous solution in his

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00:07:41,029 --> 00:07:38,720

conclusion farouk argues that while his

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:41,039

hypothesis that a uap spraying an

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00:07:45,990 --> 00:07:43,360

aqueous solution into the ground may

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00:07:47,830 --> 00:07:46,000

read like a sci-fi fantasy it provides a

183

00:08:00,500 --> 00:07:47,840

model that fully explains the more