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00:00:02,760 --> 00:00:11,020  
foreign

2  
00:00:31,970 --> 00:00:16,310  
[Music]

3  
00:00:37,549 --> 00:00:34,729  
The National Enquirer UFO Blue Ribbon

4  
00:00:39,530 --> 00:00:37,559  
panel by Charles Lear many readers may

5  
00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:39,540  
not be aware that at one point in time

6  
00:00:44,569 --> 00:00:42,000  
the National Enquirer was associated

7  
00:00:46,910 --> 00:00:44,579  
with serious UFO Research In Spite of

8  
00:00:50,569 --> 00:00:46,920  
its reputation as a sensationalistic

9  
00:00:52,490 --> 00:00:50,579  
supermarket tabloid in 1972 The Enquirer

10  
00:00:55,310 --> 00:00:52,500  
put together what they called The

11  
00:00:57,170 --> 00:00:55,320  
National Enquirer Blue Ribbon UFO panel

12  
00:01:00,410 --> 00:00:57,180  
which was made up of five UFO

13  
00:01:02,330 --> 00:01:00,420

researchers all of whom held phds The

14

00:01:04,670 --> 00:01:02,340

Inquirer was offering a fifty thousand

15

00:01:07,490 --> 00:01:04,680

dollar reward for proof by the end of

16

00:01:09,950 --> 00:01:07,500

the year that UFOs came from space and

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00:01:12,890 --> 00:01:09,960

were not a natural phenomenon the panel

18

00:01:14,990 --> 00:01:12,900

was tasked with evaluating UFO cases to

19

00:01:17,210 --> 00:01:15,000

determine if any of them provided such

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00:01:18,830 --> 00:01:17,220

proof the panel members included four

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00:01:21,410 --> 00:01:18,840

consultants for the aerial phenomena

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00:01:23,450 --> 00:01:21,420

research organization and Dr J Allen

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00:01:25,850 --> 00:01:23,460

heineck a scientific consultant for the

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00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:25,860

Air Force's UFO investigation for most

25

00:01:30,770 --> 00:01:28,200

of its existence all of them had good

26  
00:01:32,450 --> 00:01:30,780  
reputations within the UFO community and

27  
00:01:34,730 --> 00:01:32,460  
the reader May wonder why they would put

28  
00:01:36,770 --> 00:01:34,740  
those at risk by being associated with

29  
00:01:38,749 --> 00:01:36,780  
the inquire in such an Endeavor it's

30  
00:01:40,730 --> 00:01:38,759  
likely that the prospect of getting some

31  
00:01:42,530 --> 00:01:40,740  
of their research funded by The Enquirer

32  
00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:42,540  
may have helped them to put aside any

33  
00:01:47,929 --> 00:01:45,360  
aversions in the assignment in 1975 of

34  
00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:47,939  
Bob Pratt to The Inquirer UFO desk who

35  
00:01:51,770 --> 00:01:49,860  
became respected as an investigator in

36  
00:01:54,050 --> 00:01:51,780  
his own right may have encouraged them

37  
00:01:56,929 --> 00:01:54,060  
to continue their Association the

38  
00:01:58,969 --> 00:01:56,939

January 1972 issue of the Opera bulletin

39

00:02:01,130 --> 00:01:58,979

has a front page article headlined

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:01,140

Inquirer offers fifty thousand dollar

41

00:02:05,690 --> 00:02:03,600

reward according to the article William

42

00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:05,700

dick in the March 12th issue of The

43

00:02:09,169 --> 00:02:07,439

Enquirer announced that they were

44

00:02:11,690 --> 00:02:09,179

offering fifty thousand dollars to

45

00:02:13,729 --> 00:02:11,700

anyone who could offer proof that an

46

00:02:15,770 --> 00:02:13,739

unidentified flying object came from

47

00:02:18,170 --> 00:02:15,780

outer space and is not a natural

48

00:02:20,089 --> 00:02:18,180

phenomenon Dick had attended the APO

49

00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:20,099

Symposium at the University of Arizona

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00:02:25,130 --> 00:02:23,040

and had talked extensively with Mr

51  
00:02:27,410 --> 00:02:25,140  
Lorenzen and the Consultants who

52  
00:02:29,630 --> 00:02:27,420  
participated in the Symposium this

53  
00:02:31,850 --> 00:02:29,640  
resulted in apro acting as a Consulting

54  
00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:31,860  
organization in this project and read

55  
00:02:36,830 --> 00:02:34,080  
ready to deploy field investigators if

56  
00:02:38,990 --> 00:02:36,840  
need be for apro Consultants were chosen

57  
00:02:40,970 --> 00:02:39,000  
to do the final judging the people

58  
00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:40,980  
making up the panel along with heinek

59  
00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:43,680  
were apro Consultants Dr Robert Cregan

60  
00:02:50,270 --> 00:02:47,280  
Dr James a harder Dr Frank B Salisbury

61  
00:02:52,490 --> 00:02:50,280  
and Dr R Leo sprinkle members and

62  
00:02:55,670 --> 00:02:52,500  
subscribers were encouraged to send in

63  
00:02:57,890 --> 00:02:55,680

any good leads the March April 1972

64

00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:57,900

issue of the bulletin has an article on

65

00:03:03,229 --> 00:03:01,200

page six headlined Enquirer reward panel

66

00:03:05,390 --> 00:03:03,239

with a picture showing all of the panel

67

00:03:07,309 --> 00:03:05,400

members sitting at a table it is

68

00:03:09,830 --> 00:03:07,319

reported that the panel had recently met

69

00:03:12,649 --> 00:03:09,840

in Palm Beach Florida The Enquirer had

70

00:03:14,869 --> 00:03:12,659

offices in Lantana Florida to review the

71

00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:14,879

first group of applications for the

72

00:03:19,790 --> 00:03:18,000

fifty thousand dollar UFO proof award at

73

00:03:21,649 --> 00:03:19,800

this meeting the panel recommended an

74

00:03:24,290 --> 00:03:21,659

additional five thousand dollar reward

75

00:03:26,509 --> 00:03:24,300

for the best evidence short of

76

00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:26,519

conclusive proof and this was agreed to

77

00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:29,040

at The Enquirer the year went by in the

78

00:03:32,570 --> 00:03:30,480

fifty thousand dollars was left

79

00:03:35,210 --> 00:03:32,580

unclaimed before the year was out

80

00:03:36,890 --> 00:03:35,220

however a collaboration between apro and

81

00:03:39,410 --> 00:03:36,900

the national investigations committee on

82

00:03:41,690 --> 00:03:39,420

aerial phenomena was announced on page 5

83

00:03:43,729 --> 00:03:41,700

of the November December bulletin while

84

00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:43,739

nycap was under the direction of Donald

85

00:03:48,589 --> 00:03:46,080

Kehoe relations between the two groups

86

00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:48,599

were not very friendly with nycap now

87

00:03:52,309 --> 00:03:50,879

under the direction of Stuart Nixon the

88

00:03:54,410 --> 00:03:52,319

possibility of a Cooperative

89

00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:54,420  
relationship had previously been

90

00:03:58,190 --> 00:03:56,159  
discussed at a meeting in May of that

91

00:04:01,369 --> 00:03:58,200  
year as was announced on the front page

92

00:04:03,410 --> 00:04:01,379  
of the June 1972 issue of nycap's UFO

93

00:04:06,050 --> 00:04:03,420  
investigator in an article headlined

94

00:04:08,570 --> 00:04:06,060  
nycap and apro take major step toward

95

00:04:10,729 --> 00:04:08,580  
improved relations in the midst of their

96

00:04:13,429 --> 00:04:10,739  
improved relationship inquired General

97

00:04:15,589 --> 00:04:13,439  
editor Brian Wells was able to get both

98

00:04:18,050 --> 00:04:15,599  
groups to agree to work together in

99

00:04:20,390 --> 00:04:18,060  
screening cases for The Enquirer John

100

00:04:23,570 --> 00:04:20,400  
Acuff was the head of nycap at that time

101  
00:04:26,090 --> 00:04:23,580  
as UFO proof continued to be elusive The

102  
00:04:28,730 --> 00:04:26,100  
Inquirer announced in the June 3rd 1975

103  
00:04:31,310 --> 00:04:28,740  
issue that the award was being increased

104  
00:04:34,730 --> 00:04:31,320  
to one hundred thousand dollars then in

105  
00:04:36,950 --> 00:04:34,740  
the June 13 1976 issue it was announced

106  
00:04:38,990 --> 00:04:36,960  
that the award was being increased to

107  
00:04:40,730 --> 00:04:39,000  
one million dollars it was also

108  
00:04:42,770 --> 00:04:40,740  
announced that there was a judicial

109  
00:04:45,050 --> 00:04:42,780  
review board that would make the final

110  
00:04:47,990 --> 00:04:45,060  
decision regarding the payout this was

111  
00:04:49,790 --> 00:04:48,000  
made up of two people Tom C Clarke and

112  
00:04:53,689 --> 00:04:49,800  
Associate Justice on the U.S Supreme

113  
00:04:57,409 --> 00:04:53,699

Court from 1949 to 1967 and U.S attorney

114

00:04:59,930 --> 00:04:57,419

general from 1945 to 1949 in Francis

115

00:05:04,010 --> 00:04:59,940

Bergen associate judge for the New York

116

00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:04,020

Court of Appeals from 1963 to 1972. the

117

00:05:07,850 --> 00:05:06,000

big money was never paid out but on

118

00:05:11,870 --> 00:05:07,860

several occasions the award for best

119

00:05:15,590 --> 00:05:11,880

evidence was notable cases include 1973

120

00:05:18,170 --> 00:05:15,600

the Delphos ring incident 1974 the coin

121

00:05:21,890 --> 00:05:18,180

incident 1975 the San Antonio

122

00:05:25,969 --> 00:05:21,900

International Airport sighting 1976 the

123

00:05:29,810 --> 00:05:25,979

Travis Walton case 1977 the Tehran UFO

124

00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:29,820

incident 1978 the Memphis triangle 1980

125

00:05:34,850 --> 00:05:32,639

the Val Johnson case the inquirer's

126  
00:05:36,710 --> 00:05:34,860  
involvement in the Walton case got Messi

127  
00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:36,720  
and did some damage to the credibility

128  
00:05:43,129 --> 00:05:40,560  
of apro in brief on November 5th 1975

129  
00:05:45,050 --> 00:05:43,139  
Travis Walton was working in the Apache

130  
00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:45,060  
sick Reeves National Forest near

131  
00:05:49,550 --> 00:05:47,520  
Snowflake Arizona on a U.S forest

132  
00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,560  
Service contract with the contract

133  
00:05:54,170 --> 00:05:51,840  
holder Mike Rogers and five other

134  
00:05:56,390 --> 00:05:54,180  
workers they were in a truck headed for

135  
00:05:59,150 --> 00:05:56,400  
home after work when they reportedly

136  
00:06:00,890 --> 00:05:59,160  
Came Upon a UFO Walton's co-workers

137  
00:06:03,529 --> 00:06:00,900  
claimed that he got out of the moving

138  
00:06:05,810 --> 00:06:03,539

truck ran towards the UFO and was

139

00:06:08,210 --> 00:06:05,820

knocked back by a beam of light his

140

00:06:10,790 --> 00:06:08,220

co-workers fled thought better of it and

141

00:06:13,430 --> 00:06:10,800

Upon returning saw no sign of him or the

142

00:06:15,650 --> 00:06:13,440

UFO Walton was missing until shortly

143

00:06:17,629 --> 00:06:15,660

after midnight on November 11th he

144

00:06:19,550 --> 00:06:17,639

telephoned his sister from a phone booth

145

00:06:21,710 --> 00:06:19,560

and was picked up by his brother about

146

00:06:24,050 --> 00:06:21,720

30 minutes later what made this case

147

00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:24,060

significant was that Travis and his

148

00:06:30,350 --> 00:06:26,160

brother both passed polygraph tests

149

00:06:32,689 --> 00:06:30,360

arranged by apro on February 7 1976 and

150

00:06:36,650 --> 00:06:32,699

five out of six of Travis co-workers

151  
00:06:39,170 --> 00:06:36,660  
past polygraph tests on November 10 1975

152  
00:06:41,090 --> 00:06:39,180  
conducted at the Navajo County Sheriff's

153  
00:06:43,909 --> 00:06:41,100  
Office while they were under suspicion

154  
00:06:46,189 --> 00:06:43,919  
of murdering Walton Arch skeptic Philip

155  
00:06:48,290 --> 00:06:46,199  
class looked into the case and found out

156  
00:06:52,370 --> 00:06:48,300  
that abroad arranged for a polygraph

157  
00:06:54,830 --> 00:06:52,380  
test for Travis on November 15 1975 that

158  
00:06:57,409 --> 00:06:54,840  
was paid for by The Inquirer according

159  
00:06:59,330 --> 00:06:57,419  
to class Travis failed the test and it

160  
00:07:01,370 --> 00:06:59,340  
was covered up by both apro and The

161  
00:07:03,890 --> 00:07:01,380  
Inquirer class gave this information

162  
00:07:06,890 --> 00:07:03,900  
along with evidence to support it to

163  
00:07:08,809 --> 00:07:06,900

nycap nycap reports on classes findings

164

00:07:10,969 --> 00:07:08,819

in a lengthy front page article

165

00:07:14,270 --> 00:07:10,979

headlined Walton abduction cover-up

166

00:07:16,670 --> 00:07:14,280

revealed in the June 1976 investigator

167

00:07:18,770 --> 00:07:16,680

according to the article class had

168

00:07:22,129 --> 00:07:18,780

physical proof which has been checked by

169

00:07:24,710 --> 00:07:22,139

nycap in the form of one the polygraph

170

00:07:28,189 --> 00:07:24,720

examination statement of consent dated

171

00:07:31,070 --> 00:07:28,199

November 15 1975 and signed by Travis

172

00:07:34,670 --> 00:07:31,080

Walton two the examiner's report to the

173

00:07:36,770 --> 00:07:34,680

National enquiry dated November 16 1975

174

00:07:39,529 --> 00:07:36,780

which includes its conclusion that the

175

00:07:41,210 --> 00:07:39,539

UFO account was a hoax three the voucher

176  
00:07:43,189 --> 00:07:41,220  
receipt from The National Enquirer

177  
00:07:46,270 --> 00:07:43,199  
payable to the examiner's Arizona

178  
00:07:49,610 --> 00:07:46,280  
polygraph laboratory dated January 14

179  
00:07:51,529 --> 00:07:49,620  
1976 for the agreement to conduct the

180  
00:07:54,050 --> 00:07:51,539  
test and Supply a report to the National

181  
00:07:56,089 --> 00:07:54,060  
Enquirer according to the article The

182  
00:07:58,610 --> 00:07:56,099  
Examiner was instructed by The Inquirer

183  
00:08:00,589 --> 00:07:58,620  
to keep quiet about the test it has

184  
00:08:02,990 --> 00:08:00,599  
added that apro failed to mention the

185  
00:08:05,510 --> 00:08:03,000  
test in the accountableton's case that

186  
00:08:08,330 --> 00:08:05,520  
was published in the November 1975

187  
00:08:10,490 --> 00:08:08,340  
bulletin the Blue Ribbon panel continued

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00:08:13,129 --> 00:08:10,500

throughout the 70s and came to include

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00:08:14,749 --> 00:08:13,139

members of the mutual UFO Network a

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00:08:17,270 --> 00:08:14,759

group that had split off from April

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00:08:20,390 --> 00:08:17,280

amidst a good deal of animosity after

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the panel faded away in the 1980s its

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00:08:25,010 --> 00:08:22,680

place in UFO history seems to have also

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00:08:27,770 --> 00:08:25,020

according to Isaac Coy who wrote an

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00:08:29,809 --> 00:08:27,780

extensive blog on the panel the panel is

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00:08:33,170 --> 00:08:29,819

rarely mentioned in modern discussions

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00:08:36,469 --> 00:08:33,180

of ufology he offers 2 two reasons most

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00:08:38,269 --> 00:08:36,479

ufologists are either one unaware of the

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00:08:40,370 --> 00:08:38,279

work done by the National enquirer's

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00:08:42,589 --> 00:08:40,380

Blue Ribbon pal including the

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considerable collaborative work by apro

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00:08:48,350 --> 00:08:44,940  
nycap mufon and several leading

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00:08:50,810 --> 00:08:48,360  
ufologists or two would prefer not to

204  
00:08:53,150 --> 00:08:50,820  
mention the National Enquirer due to its

205  
00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:53,160  
image this blog was inspired by Kirk

206  
00:08:58,430 --> 00:08:55,920  
Cullen September 2019 treatment of the

207  
00:09:01,370 --> 00:08:58,440  
subject posted on the saucers That Time

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00:09:04,190 --> 00:09:01,380  
Forgot Charles Lear is the author of The

209  
00:09:08,150 --> 00:09:04,200  
Flying Saucer investigators available at

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00:09:08,160 --> 00:09:16,200  
foreign