



RALPH BLUMENTHAL

**UAP
WHISTLEBLOWER**

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00:00:29,470 --> 00:00:09,050

[Music]

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00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:32,210

welcome to the show this is a special

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00:00:38,030 --> 00:00:35,040

edition I have Ralph Blumenthal and this

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:38,040

is a few days after the debrief has

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00:00:43,970 --> 00:00:40,320

released a lot has happened since then

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00:00:46,010 --> 00:00:43,980

and Veteran journalist Ralph Blumenthal

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00:00:48,590 --> 00:00:46,020

welcome to the show Thanks Martin great

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:48,600

to be with you again yes it's always fun

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00:00:54,590 --> 00:00:51,360

talking to you Ralph and uh let's uh

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00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:54,600

this is like a major happening in the

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00:01:00,350 --> 00:00:56,879

UFO world and it's really shaken some

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00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,360

things up so the article came out uh I

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,399

will pull it up and put it on the the

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00:01:05,690 --> 00:01:04,559

other screen a lot of people wanted to

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00:01:10,850 --> 00:01:05,700

know

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00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:10,860

hold of me excuse me on this and that

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00:01:16,670 --> 00:01:13,439

they wanted to know you know why the

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00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:16,680

debrief and and uh which I think I'm not

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:18,240

belittling in any type of way at all

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00:01:23,630 --> 00:01:20,400

they do wonderful work and I have some

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:23,640

friends there and all that so but why

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00:01:28,370 --> 00:01:26,159

why was why the debrief why did you go

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00:01:30,350 --> 00:01:28,380

with the debrief

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00:01:32,810 --> 00:01:30,360

um well you know after 45 years at the

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00:01:34,370 --> 00:01:32,820

New York Times as a staffer and then I

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00:01:35,230 --> 00:01:34,380

retired

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00:01:38,450 --> 00:01:35,240

um

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00:01:39,530 --> 00:01:38,460

Leslie and I have done quite a bit of

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00:01:43,450 --> 00:01:39,540

reporting for the New York Times

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00:01:46,429 --> 00:01:43,460

including our big story in December 2017

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00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:46,439

uh reporting the existence of a Secret

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00:01:52,609 --> 00:01:49,860

Pentagon office which we called atip and

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00:01:54,590 --> 00:01:52,619

other names OSAP in the beginning

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00:01:56,749 --> 00:01:54,600

um that was investigating UFOs so that

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00:01:58,190 --> 00:01:56,759

was a big breaking story in 2017 we

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00:02:01,130 --> 00:01:58,200

wrote a number of stories since then

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00:02:04,490 --> 00:02:01,140

including one very carefully written

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00:02:06,770 --> 00:02:04,500

story on Crash retrievals we ran this by

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:06,780

the times in an early version as soon as

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00:02:12,650 --> 00:02:09,360

we got the information together back in

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00:02:15,229 --> 00:02:12,660

April and they didn't want to go uh you

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00:02:16,850 --> 00:02:15,239

know for the story I mean we they accept

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00:02:18,170 --> 00:02:16,860

and reject different stories for

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00:02:20,690 --> 00:02:18,180

different reasons

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00:02:22,309 --> 00:02:20,700

um we got more information subsequently

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00:02:26,570 --> 00:02:22,319

so

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00:02:28,610 --> 00:02:26,580

you know it's it's a long difficult

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00:02:32,830 --> 00:02:28,620

process to get a story of proved at the

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00:02:35,210 --> 00:02:32,840

times and yeah so we took it around and

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00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:35,220

we were talking to the Washington Post

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00:02:41,449 --> 00:02:37,040
they were very interested in the story

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00:02:43,449 --> 00:02:41,459
and then events sort of accelerated as I

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00:02:46,009 --> 00:02:43,459
explained a little bit online

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00:02:47,990 --> 00:02:46,019
and we felt that some pressure to put

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00:02:51,949 --> 00:02:48,000
the story out quickly more quickly than

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00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:51,959
the post was was prepared to go and the

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00:02:55,550 --> 00:02:53,760
debrief was a place where Leslie and I

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00:02:57,710 --> 00:02:55,560
had both published previously they're

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00:03:01,309 --> 00:02:57,720
very expert intelligence and defense

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00:03:03,229 --> 00:03:01,319
matters we are it's highly respected uh

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00:03:05,089 --> 00:03:03,239
very well plugged in and they were

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00:03:08,210 --> 00:03:05,099
prepared to move quickly and that's

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:08,220

where the story ended up and it's gotten

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00:03:12,350 --> 00:03:10,080

quite a reaction as you know

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00:03:15,710 --> 00:03:12,360

yeah I was expecting their website to go

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00:03:19,550 --> 00:03:15,720

down it did crash a few times

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00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:19,560

well yeah yeah so yeah and so what has

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00:03:25,729 --> 00:03:22,319

happened what has happened in the three

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00:03:28,850 --> 00:03:25,739

days since this was published well a lot

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00:03:30,410 --> 00:03:28,860

I mean the latest thing we hear is that

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00:03:32,210 --> 00:03:30,420

people in Congress are pressing for

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00:03:34,610 --> 00:03:32,220

hearings now

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00:03:37,009 --> 00:03:34,620

um which is kind of the effect we wanted

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00:03:40,729 --> 00:03:37,019

because one of uh David grush's

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00:03:43,369 --> 00:03:40,739

complaints uh in the story was that uh

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00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:43,379

Congress has been lied to he said uh

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00:03:48,770 --> 00:03:46,080

illegally uh which information was

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00:03:52,190 --> 00:03:48,780

illegally withheld from Congress

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00:03:54,649 --> 00:03:52,200

um on these secret UFO or UAP recovery

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00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:54,659

programs

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00:03:59,930 --> 00:03:58,080

um so uh you know he he wanted action

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00:04:01,990 --> 00:03:59,940

from Congress and he actually filed a

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00:04:04,789 --> 00:04:02,000

complaint that he was retaliated against

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00:04:08,089 --> 00:04:04,799

uh for his information which is another

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00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:08,099

aspect of the story so the ball really

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00:04:13,009 --> 00:04:10,560

was in in many ways in in congress's

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00:04:14,750 --> 00:04:13,019

court and now it appears that it may be

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00:04:17,270 --> 00:04:14,760

picked up and they want to have some

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00:04:18,170 --> 00:04:17,280

hearings so he might be able to say some

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00:04:20,930 --> 00:04:18,180

things

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00:04:23,510 --> 00:04:20,940

um as a congressional witness that he

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:23,520

couldn't say before and certainly he can

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00:04:27,530 --> 00:04:26,160

he can back up things he told us and the

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00:04:29,749 --> 00:04:27,540

debrief

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00:04:31,070 --> 00:04:29,759

um about details of these recovery

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00:04:34,010 --> 00:04:31,080

efforts

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00:04:35,990 --> 00:04:34,020

right right and

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00:04:37,430 --> 00:04:36,000

um there's you know there's a lot of

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00:04:39,290 --> 00:04:37,440

people that have been asking a lot of

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00:04:41,770 --> 00:04:39,300

different questions and let's go back to

101
00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:41,780
the the pressure of releasing this early

102
00:04:45,050 --> 00:04:43,740
or earlier

103
00:04:46,490 --> 00:04:45,060
um I understand that there were some

104
00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:46,500
leaks you know I mean this was going

105
00:04:50,390 --> 00:04:48,479
around someone called me a few weeks ago

106
00:04:52,670 --> 00:04:50,400
and said this was going to drop in the

107
00:04:54,530 --> 00:04:52,680
Washington Post and you know pay

108
00:04:57,530 --> 00:04:54,540
attention for I think it was last a week

109
00:05:00,050 --> 00:04:57,540
ago Monday uh it was expected to go out

110
00:05:02,990 --> 00:05:00,060
and you know all that type of thing

111
00:05:04,610 --> 00:05:03,000
how do are you aware of how the leaks

112
00:05:08,030 --> 00:05:04,620
got out there in David's name get out

113
00:05:10,909 --> 00:05:08,040

there on Twitter no we we don't but uh

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00:05:12,710 --> 00:05:10,919

um I mean grush's name did emerge on the

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00:05:15,290 --> 00:05:12,720

internet which was very damaging because

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00:05:17,570 --> 00:05:15,300

we had we weren't ready yet to put out

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00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:17,580

the story I mean it was all nailed down

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00:05:22,010 --> 00:05:19,680

as far as we were concerned and and

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00:05:24,290 --> 00:05:22,020

Martin let me emphasize that everything

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00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:24,300

in this story is on the record no

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00:05:28,790 --> 00:05:26,820

Anonymous sources everybody's identified

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00:05:31,550 --> 00:05:28,800

we even have pictures of the main people

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00:05:36,110 --> 00:05:31,560

talking to us uh Grocer's

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00:05:40,570 --> 00:05:36,120

um uh claims are uh vetted not not

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00:05:43,610 --> 00:05:40,580

necessarily vetted but uh he is uh

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00:05:46,249 --> 00:05:43,620
acclaimed by different sources we quote

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00:05:48,950 --> 00:05:46,259
by name in the article as as reliable

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00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:48,960
and truthful and person of Integrity

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00:05:51,710 --> 00:05:50,160
Etc

130
00:05:53,390 --> 00:05:51,720
um so

131
00:05:57,650 --> 00:05:53,400
um

132
00:05:59,390 --> 00:05:57,660
was getting uh threatening phone calls

133
00:06:02,510 --> 00:05:59,400
we we don't go into a lot of detail

134
00:06:05,090 --> 00:06:02,520
about the uh the dangers that he was

135
00:06:06,590 --> 00:06:05,100
facing but they were substantial

136
00:06:08,330 --> 00:06:06,600
um and we had to get the story out and

137
00:06:09,710 --> 00:06:08,340
we know that the mainstream media I've

138
00:06:11,689 --> 00:06:09,720

worked with the New York Times for 45

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00:06:12,710 --> 00:06:11,699

years I know what their processes are

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00:06:15,170 --> 00:06:12,720

like

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00:06:16,909 --> 00:06:15,180

um similar at the Washington Post

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00:06:18,409 --> 00:06:16,919

um so I don't fault them for the time

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00:06:20,510 --> 00:06:18,419

they took on the story we just couldn't

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00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:20,520

wait around for the for the process to

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00:06:27,409 --> 00:06:23,520

be completed within with no end date in

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00:06:29,930 --> 00:06:27,419

sight so we felt to protect uh you know

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00:06:31,490 --> 00:06:29,940

David rush and again and because of the

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00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:31,500

leaks that were coming out and the

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00:06:36,890 --> 00:06:33,840

internet can be a vicious place

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00:06:38,629 --> 00:06:36,900

um certainly yeah we owed it to him and

151
00:06:41,510 --> 00:06:38,639
to other sources to get the story out

152
00:06:43,309 --> 00:06:41,520
because the best protection for

153
00:06:45,710 --> 00:06:43,319
um source as you know in journalism is

154
00:06:47,330 --> 00:06:45,720
to get it out on the record you know

155
00:06:50,330 --> 00:06:47,340
people be

156
00:06:52,969 --> 00:06:50,340
um you know out there and then then they

157
00:06:55,070 --> 00:06:52,979
have a degree of safety that they didn't

158
00:06:57,070 --> 00:06:55,080
have before the stories put out so

159
00:07:01,189 --> 00:06:57,080
that's that's the story

160
00:07:03,050 --> 00:07:01,199
so well what what do you say to I hear

161
00:07:04,730 --> 00:07:03,060
this out there what do you say to we

162
00:07:06,890 --> 00:07:04,740
need more than claims at this point in

163
00:07:10,370 --> 00:07:06,900

the game we need to see the receipts are

164

00:07:12,170 --> 00:07:10,380

proof and how do we get more than just

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00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:12,180

these claims how would that move forward

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00:07:17,330 --> 00:07:15,120

well first of all David grush as we said

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00:07:22,189 --> 00:07:17,340

in the story testified

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00:07:24,890 --> 00:07:22,199

um uh in classified form to Congress

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00:07:27,950 --> 00:07:24,900

um and he pre and they produced a

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00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:27,960

transcript of hundreds of pages now we

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00:07:33,770 --> 00:07:31,440

don't know uh what information he gave

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00:07:36,050 --> 00:07:33,780

congress that's protected by the the

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00:07:38,930 --> 00:07:36,060

secrecy constraints

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00:07:40,909 --> 00:07:38,940

um there may well be more detail I'm

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00:07:43,129 --> 00:07:40,919

sure there's more detail than he gave us

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00:07:44,570 --> 00:07:43,139

there's no doubt about that so the

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00:07:46,969 --> 00:07:44,580

people who say well he didn't give any

178

00:07:49,309 --> 00:07:46,979

details we don't know the details he

179

00:07:50,689 --> 00:07:49,319

gave congress that's protected

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00:07:53,570 --> 00:07:50,699

um and as a matter of fact when he spoke

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00:07:55,249 --> 00:07:53,580

to congressional committees he told them

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00:07:57,589 --> 00:07:55,259

um in effect he had to withhold certain

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00:07:59,210 --> 00:07:57,599

details because they weren't cleared at

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00:08:01,370 --> 00:07:59,220

the level they needed to be cleared to

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00:08:03,890 --> 00:08:01,380

receive this information so even on a

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00:08:06,050 --> 00:08:03,900

committee level staff level

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00:08:08,330 --> 00:08:06,060

uh he couldn't go into all the details

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00:08:10,010 --> 00:08:08,340

he wanted to but he did share a

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00:08:12,650 --> 00:08:10,020

considerable classic classified

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00:08:14,809 --> 00:08:12,660

information with with Congress so

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00:08:16,490 --> 00:08:14,819

um again we don't know the details he

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00:08:18,110 --> 00:08:16,500

put into that

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00:08:20,450 --> 00:08:18,120

um it's absolutely true that we did not

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00:08:23,210 --> 00:08:20,460

produce pictures of of craft that he

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00:08:25,369 --> 00:08:23,220

says the U.S has recovered intact or in

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00:08:27,650 --> 00:08:25,379

peace in pieces

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00:08:31,149 --> 00:08:27,660

um but those are very difficult pictures

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00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:31,159

to get this is a very uh you know

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00:08:36,110 --> 00:08:33,599

carefully uh

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00:08:37,850 --> 00:08:36,120

you know secretive information that the

201
00:08:41,449 --> 00:08:37,860
government has accumulated over many

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00:08:43,310 --> 00:08:41,459
years it's no uh not you know not giving

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00:08:46,490 --> 00:08:43,320
away any confidences to say that this

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00:08:50,269 --> 00:08:46,500
information has been held very closely

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00:08:54,230 --> 00:08:50,279
for a long time in stove piped uh you

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00:08:57,070 --> 00:08:54,240
know uh little pockets of of the defense

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00:08:59,930 --> 00:08:57,080
establishment and Private Industry

208
00:09:02,449 --> 00:08:59,940
defense contractors

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00:09:05,329 --> 00:09:02,459
so this is not information that's easily

210
00:09:07,850 --> 00:09:05,339
accessible it's heavily protected by you

211
00:09:10,730 --> 00:09:07,860
know a classified uh

212
00:09:11,630 --> 00:09:10,740
um you know restraints so

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00:09:15,350 --> 00:09:11,640

um

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00:09:17,930 --> 00:09:15,360

but you know uh how much did come out is

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00:09:20,269 --> 00:09:17,940

interesting what he was able to say uh

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00:09:22,730 --> 00:09:20,279

on the record and what the Pentagon

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00:09:24,410 --> 00:09:22,740

approved that he say I mean as we say in

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00:09:27,949 --> 00:09:24,420

the article he submitted

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00:09:29,990 --> 00:09:27,959

uh the things he wanted to tell us uh to

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00:09:32,449 --> 00:09:30,000

the pentagon's office of pre-publication

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00:09:36,290 --> 00:09:32,459

review

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00:09:38,750 --> 00:09:36,300

um and they approved it for you know

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00:09:40,670 --> 00:09:38,760

passing on to us they didn't say it was

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00:09:42,889 --> 00:09:40,680

true or not they said there's no reason

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00:09:46,730 --> 00:09:42,899

to withhold this information it's not

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00:09:49,850 --> 00:09:46,740

classified so that adds we we feel to

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00:09:52,070 --> 00:09:49,860

his credibility about these accounts

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00:09:56,530 --> 00:09:52,080

that he he knows

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00:10:00,470 --> 00:09:56,540

of a craft that was uh retrieved

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00:10:02,810 --> 00:10:00,480

a craft of non-human origin so

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00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:02,820

um you know that's the best I can say

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00:10:08,090 --> 00:10:04,399

well you know

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00:10:10,910 --> 00:10:08,100

the thing I hear out there a lot and

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00:10:14,269 --> 00:10:10,920

that I would like to ask you is

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00:10:15,590 --> 00:10:14,279

wouldn't it seem as though if we were

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00:10:16,870 --> 00:10:15,600

holding

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00:10:25,130 --> 00:10:16,880

um

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00:10:28,850 --> 00:10:25,140

whatever it is uh wouldn't that

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00:10:31,850 --> 00:10:28,860

information that we hold this type of

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00:10:33,650 --> 00:10:31,860

Technology be highly classified I mean

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00:10:35,509 --> 00:10:33,660

wouldn't it make sense that that type of

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00:10:37,610 --> 00:10:35,519

information that he should not be able

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to even talk about it I mean how does

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00:10:41,630 --> 00:10:39,480

that work well you know we have freedom

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00:10:44,990 --> 00:10:41,640

of speech in this country and it it's

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00:10:46,670 --> 00:10:45,000

not giving away uh details to an

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00:10:50,030 --> 00:10:46,680

adversary it's not National Defense

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secrets to say we are holding a craft of

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of non-human origin

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um he's not giving you know

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technological details

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um

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about that so and that's what the

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Pentagon essentially agreed when they

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00:11:06,949 --> 00:11:05,279

approved his comments for uh for release

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to us

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um and by the way you know we make this

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point at the end of the article this is

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information that really belongs to

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humanity I mean this is bigger than you

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know one country's uh you know defense

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establishment and by the way we're not

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00:11:25,610 --> 00:11:23,339

the only we're not the only country with

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this information uh

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same things are going on in in Russia

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and China we understand and uh uh and

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and David grush in his statements to us

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spoke of this you know Cold War

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for retrieval of of these objects so you

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00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:42,180

know we we know we're not the only we

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00:11:47,150 --> 00:11:44,880

the U.S is not the only one doing this

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um but I don't think he's giving away a

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00:11:52,670 --> 00:11:49,500

national security

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00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:52,680

um you know Secret by saying we we're

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00:11:56,449 --> 00:11:54,959

holding this material

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00:11:57,710 --> 00:11:56,459
okay

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um

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if he was fed

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00:12:07,009 --> 00:12:04,740
misinformation

280
00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:07,019
well uh you know that's always the

281
00:12:11,150 --> 00:12:09,120
possibility that there's disinformation

282
00:12:15,410 --> 00:12:11,160
certainly the government has a long

283
00:12:18,590 --> 00:12:15,420
history of disinformation in this uh in

284
00:12:19,790 --> 00:12:18,600
this field of UAP UFOs

285
00:12:23,329 --> 00:12:19,800
um

286
00:12:25,550 --> 00:12:23,339
sad history in my opinion uh going back

287
00:12:29,329 --> 00:12:25,560
to you know World War II and and just

288
00:12:31,850 --> 00:12:29,339

after where they denied uh sightings and

289

00:12:33,769 --> 00:12:31,860

put out you know false information to

290

00:12:35,930 --> 00:12:33,779

confusing to stigmatize the subject

291

00:12:38,329 --> 00:12:35,940

because they couldn't deal with you know

292

00:12:40,730 --> 00:12:38,339

the facts that were coming out

293

00:12:43,790 --> 00:12:40,740

um so you know anything is possible but

294

00:12:45,650 --> 00:12:43,800

the fact that uh first of all Rush is is

295

00:12:47,990 --> 00:12:45,660

a very high level or was a very high

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00:12:50,750 --> 00:12:48,000

level intelligence officer we give his

297

00:12:52,790 --> 00:12:50,760

bonafide's in the article uh he was with

298

00:12:55,009 --> 00:12:52,800

the National geospatial Intelligence

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00:12:57,769 --> 00:12:55,019

Agency the national reconnaissance

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00:13:01,970 --> 00:12:57,779

office he was a decorated soldier and

301

00:13:03,949 --> 00:13:01,980

officer in Afghanistan he he served on

302

00:13:06,829 --> 00:13:03,959

the UAP task force I mean he has a whole

303

00:13:09,290 --> 00:13:06,839

list of credentials and the people who

304

00:13:09,910 --> 00:13:09,300

vouch for him in our story

305

00:13:13,310 --> 00:13:09,920

um

306

00:13:15,590 --> 00:13:13,320

an army colonel who worked with him and

307

00:13:19,610 --> 00:13:15,600

somebody else from nasik the you know

308

00:13:23,150 --> 00:13:19,620

National Air space Intelligence Center

309

00:13:25,970 --> 00:13:23,160

um again on the record

310

00:13:27,949 --> 00:13:25,980

um it makes it more unlikely that he

311

00:13:30,350 --> 00:13:27,959

would that he and these other people

312

00:13:33,769 --> 00:13:30,360

would all have gotten together to

313

00:13:37,370 --> 00:13:33,779

promulgate a lie to feed to the public

314

00:13:38,530 --> 00:13:37,380

it I mean it it doesn't it doesn't make

315

00:13:40,870 --> 00:13:38,540

any sense

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00:13:43,790 --> 00:13:40,880

in that

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00:13:44,629 --> 00:13:43,800

interpretation well I you know you know

318

00:13:46,730 --> 00:13:44,639

I

319

00:13:48,829 --> 00:13:46,740

to that point

320

00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:51,949

it would be only speculation by them

321

00:13:57,170 --> 00:13:54,240

that he would actually come out and go

322

00:13:59,990 --> 00:13:57,180

forward with this complaint to begin

323

00:14:02,690 --> 00:14:00,000

with I mean because

324

00:14:05,329 --> 00:14:02,700

um if they were feeding that to him

325

00:14:08,030 --> 00:14:05,339

you know why would they know that he

326

00:14:09,530 --> 00:14:08,040

would complain do you understand you

327

00:14:12,110 --> 00:14:09,540

know that's exactly that's one of the

328

00:14:14,949 --> 00:14:12,120

one of the things I thought about do you

329

00:14:19,250 --> 00:14:14,959

now this is a spec speculative question

330

00:14:21,050 --> 00:14:19,260

do you believe that what he went to with

331

00:14:23,690 --> 00:14:21,060

Congress

332

00:14:25,490 --> 00:14:23,700

um classified documents that they they

333

00:14:26,990 --> 00:14:25,500

can't even talk about

334

00:14:28,389 --> 00:14:27,000

um that he presented with them do you

335

00:14:32,329 --> 00:14:28,399

believe

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00:14:36,290 --> 00:14:32,339

that those are very evidential of this

337

00:14:37,790 --> 00:14:36,300

of these uh craft and and evidence well

338

00:14:39,050 --> 00:14:37,800

you know we don't know what he came to

339

00:14:41,030 --> 00:14:39,060

congress with

340

00:14:42,290 --> 00:14:41,040

um I mean that is strictly protected as

341

00:14:43,910 --> 00:14:42,300

a matter of fact

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00:14:45,889 --> 00:14:43,920

um we can't even get comment from

343

00:14:48,290 --> 00:14:45,899

Congress because

344

00:14:50,449 --> 00:14:48,300

um as we say in the article members of

345

00:14:52,430 --> 00:14:50,459

Congress are prohibited from discussing

346

00:14:54,590 --> 00:14:52,440

the identities of whistleblowers who

347

00:14:57,170 --> 00:14:54,600

come forward oh yeah information to

348

00:14:59,269 --> 00:14:57,180

protect them I mean imagine if somebody

349

00:15:01,129 --> 00:14:59,279

were to come forward confidentially to

350

00:15:03,889 --> 00:15:01,139

Congress and their names would crop up

351
00:15:05,810 --> 00:15:03,899
in the paper because you know uh members

352
00:15:07,430 --> 00:15:05,820
of Congress are discussing it so it's

353
00:15:09,710 --> 00:15:07,440
understandable that that they wouldn't

354
00:15:11,210 --> 00:15:09,720
be talking about this

355
00:15:14,150 --> 00:15:11,220
um but

356
00:15:17,090 --> 00:15:14,160
um so uh you know so we don't know what

357
00:15:18,650 --> 00:15:17,100
what uh information he brought forth and

358
00:15:20,350 --> 00:15:18,660
what documents he may have turned over

359
00:15:23,449 --> 00:15:20,360
to them

360
00:15:25,970 --> 00:15:23,459
in your article you state that grush

361
00:15:28,250 --> 00:15:25,980
said that the craft recovery operations

362
00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:28,260
are ongoing at various levels of

363
00:15:33,889 --> 00:15:30,959

activity and that he knows the specific

364

00:15:38,269 --> 00:15:33,899

individuals current and former who are

365

00:15:42,230 --> 00:15:38,279

involved it seems to me that these

366

00:15:44,090 --> 00:15:42,240

individuals are key you know and do you

367

00:15:49,009 --> 00:15:44,100

expect there's a possibility of any

368

00:15:50,329 --> 00:15:49,019

other people coming forward as Witnesses

369

00:15:53,269 --> 00:15:50,339

yes

370

00:15:54,949 --> 00:15:53,279

um I mean we we uh note in the piece

371

00:15:56,930 --> 00:15:54,959

that he is not the only one who's come

372

00:15:59,930 --> 00:15:56,940

forward there are others who come

373

00:16:01,670 --> 00:15:59,940

forward whose names have not surfaced

374

00:16:03,889 --> 00:16:01,680

um and

375

00:16:06,650 --> 00:16:03,899

um I would imagine that people you know

376

00:16:08,769 --> 00:16:06,660

reading uh our account and the

377

00:16:13,670 --> 00:16:08,779

subsequent coverage

378

00:16:17,150 --> 00:16:13,680

might be impelled uh sort of inspired by

379

00:16:19,430 --> 00:16:17,160

his courage in coming forward by name

380

00:16:21,050 --> 00:16:19,440

that might encourage others to come

381

00:16:24,350 --> 00:16:21,060

forward you know this has a way of

382

00:16:27,110 --> 00:16:24,360

building an avalanche effect and one

383

00:16:28,790 --> 00:16:27,120

person sees it uh yeah it encourages

384

00:16:32,810 --> 00:16:28,800

others to come forward so I do expect

385

00:16:34,550 --> 00:16:32,820

there'll be more uh public Witnesses yes

386

00:16:35,870 --> 00:16:34,560

I had a conversation with Alejandro

387

00:16:38,210 --> 00:16:35,880

Rojas

388

00:16:40,790 --> 00:16:38,220

um on we did a show about this and that

389

00:16:42,769 --> 00:16:40,800

was one of the things that I believe too

390

00:16:45,410 --> 00:16:42,779

that it could be like the crack in the

391

00:16:47,449 --> 00:16:45,420

surface that you know the starts the

392

00:16:49,910 --> 00:16:47,459

ball rolling or you know I know that's a

393

00:16:53,930 --> 00:16:49,920

kind of a bad analogy but it could be

394

00:16:56,629 --> 00:16:53,940

you know uh some someone may it just may

395

00:16:59,090 --> 00:16:56,639

cause an avalanche of well you know I'm

396

00:17:01,310 --> 00:16:59,100

glad you pointed that out on because you

397

00:17:05,449 --> 00:17:01,320

know when people ask me about where we

398

00:17:07,789 --> 00:17:05,459

are in this whole uh you know field

399

00:17:10,189 --> 00:17:07,799

um people liked some people like to

400

00:17:11,929 --> 00:17:10,199

focus on what's you know what's still

401
00:17:14,150 --> 00:17:11,939
missing and you know what what we're

402
00:17:17,150 --> 00:17:14,160
lacking and how far we are from the goal

403
00:17:19,069 --> 00:17:17,160
of disclosure this magical capital D

404
00:17:21,710 --> 00:17:19,079
thing that you know some people are

405
00:17:24,890 --> 00:17:21,720
waiting for uh but I I do like to point

406
00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:24,900
out that we have come a long way since

407
00:17:29,750 --> 00:17:27,600
the days of 2017 and earlier when our

408
00:17:32,210 --> 00:17:29,760
first article appeared

409
00:17:34,190 --> 00:17:32,220
um when uh before the government

410
00:17:36,650 --> 00:17:34,200
acknowledged the Pentagon acknowledged

411
00:17:39,529 --> 00:17:36,660
officially that these objects are real

412
00:17:43,310 --> 00:17:39,539
many of them not all of them but

413
00:17:45,770 --> 00:17:43,320

that there's a legitimate reason to uh

414

00:17:47,750 --> 00:17:45,780

to believe or to understand that this is

415

00:17:49,490 --> 00:17:47,760

a real phenomenon these are not

416

00:17:50,990 --> 00:17:49,500

hallucinations they're not hoaxes

417

00:17:53,150 --> 00:17:51,000

they're not Fabrications they're not

418

00:17:54,529 --> 00:17:53,160

misunderstandings it's not atmospheric

419

00:17:57,110 --> 00:17:54,539

effects

420

00:18:00,950 --> 00:17:57,120

um there there are cases uh certainly of

421

00:18:04,190 --> 00:18:00,960

things being mistaken for for UFO for

422

00:18:07,549 --> 00:18:04,200

UAP objects but let's say there's uh

423

00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:07,559

quite a body of evidence accumulating

424

00:18:11,870 --> 00:18:09,840

that these things are real that Navy

425

00:18:14,450 --> 00:18:11,880

Pilots have encountered them they've

426
00:18:17,029 --> 00:18:14,460
taken images of them uh there's thermal

427
00:18:19,130 --> 00:18:17,039
imaging flear images there's photographs

428
00:18:23,090 --> 00:18:19,140
there's eye eyewitness accounts by

429
00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,100
highly decorated Pilots like Dave fraver

430
00:18:26,750 --> 00:18:25,200
um so the government basically said in

431
00:18:28,909 --> 00:18:26,760
in its last

432
00:18:31,549 --> 00:18:28,919
um you know big report and the one

433
00:18:34,430 --> 00:18:31,559
before that the UAP report

434
00:18:36,950 --> 00:18:34,440
um to Congress that these objects are

435
00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:36,960
real let's let's admit that okay that

436
00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:38,640
there's a phenomenon that we don't know

437
00:18:42,650 --> 00:18:40,799
what they are we don't know where they

438
00:18:44,690 --> 00:18:42,660

come from why they're here who's behind

439

00:18:48,049 --> 00:18:44,700

the wheel if anything what intelligence

440

00:18:50,690 --> 00:18:48,059

you know is is sponsoring or supporting

441

00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:50,700

them but at least

442

00:18:56,750 --> 00:18:54,240

um these things physically exist so

443

00:18:58,430 --> 00:18:56,760

that's that's a step that's a big leap

444

00:19:01,549 --> 00:18:58,440

from where we were

445

00:19:03,049 --> 00:19:01,559

right I would say one of the number one

446

00:19:06,529 --> 00:19:03,059

things that people have been sending me

447

00:19:09,289 --> 00:19:06,539

uh you know comments and emails on is uh

448

00:19:13,850 --> 00:19:09,299

one I don't have a very good record of

449

00:19:16,490 --> 00:19:13,860

my faith in uh Bob Lazar but anyway they

450

00:19:18,650 --> 00:19:16,500

uh they have been saying you know well

451
00:19:22,970 --> 00:19:18,660
isn't this proof that Bob is awesome

452
00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:22,980
what he saw and I I say no and um I

453
00:19:27,650 --> 00:19:24,960
guess I'll take your what's your opinion

454
00:19:30,230 --> 00:19:27,660
on that well you know I I really don't

455
00:19:31,130 --> 00:19:30,240
have an opinion on Bob Lazar I've seen

456
00:19:33,710 --> 00:19:31,140
you know

457
00:19:37,070 --> 00:19:33,720
stories about him I have no reason to

458
00:19:39,409 --> 00:19:37,080
trust or distrust his account but what

459
00:19:41,330 --> 00:19:39,419
we like to say Leslie and I is that

460
00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:41,340
we've taken this to another level we

461
00:19:46,390 --> 00:19:44,160
have a named High Intelligence or former

462
00:19:49,250 --> 00:19:46,400
High Intelligence officer who had

463
00:19:50,770 --> 00:19:49,260

unparalleled access you know in in these

464

00:19:54,590 --> 00:19:50,780

corners of

465

00:19:56,990 --> 00:19:54,600

the defense establishment where these

466

00:19:59,810 --> 00:19:57,000

things were being discussed and

467

00:20:02,330 --> 00:19:59,820

investigated and he comes forward on the

468

00:20:04,490 --> 00:20:02,340

record and says this this and this now

469

00:20:07,669 --> 00:20:04,500

and he's not saying that he put his

470

00:20:09,409 --> 00:20:07,679

hands on a craft so maybe that goes to

471

00:20:12,470 --> 00:20:09,419

his credibility also that he's not

472

00:20:14,930 --> 00:20:12,480

claiming things that maybe go beyond his

473

00:20:17,930 --> 00:20:14,940

his knowledge but he is saying again on

474

00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:17,940

the record with with uh with documents

475

00:20:24,590 --> 00:20:20,880

backing up his access

476

00:20:26,990 --> 00:20:24,600

um that he knows that the government has

477

00:20:30,289 --> 00:20:27,000

retrieved intact and partial intact

478

00:20:33,770 --> 00:20:30,299

craft of non-human origin and I think

479

00:20:36,350 --> 00:20:33,780

that takes the the um the information A

480

00:20:39,890 --> 00:20:36,360

Step Above Bob Lazar

481

00:20:41,690 --> 00:20:39,900

um because of Russia's High position in

482

00:20:43,610 --> 00:20:41,700

the defense establishment high official

483

00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:43,620

position which other people have

484

00:20:49,010 --> 00:20:47,039

corroborated so that's all I can say

485

00:20:51,710 --> 00:20:49,020

about that I'm not denigrating anybody

486

00:20:53,330 --> 00:20:51,720

else's you know accounts and I mean a

487

00:20:55,789 --> 00:20:53,340

lot of accounts have come up you know

488

00:20:58,669 --> 00:20:55,799

been put forward over the years people

489

00:21:01,310 --> 00:20:58,679

have said a lot of things

490

00:21:03,770 --> 00:21:01,320

um the the problem as you highlighted of

491

00:21:06,409 --> 00:21:03,780

course is is verifying it and as close

492

00:21:09,950 --> 00:21:06,419

you know short of producing a craft

493

00:21:11,630 --> 00:21:09,960

dropping it into a hearing room in

494

00:21:13,250 --> 00:21:11,640

Congress which I guess would maybe

495

00:21:15,230 --> 00:21:13,260

wouldn't convince everybody there'd

496

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:15,240

still be some Skeptics out there oh sure

497

00:21:19,610 --> 00:21:18,240

that we have to deal with what we can

498

00:21:22,010 --> 00:21:19,620

deal with and there are people coming

499

00:21:23,630 --> 00:21:22,020

forward with saying these things so we

500

00:21:26,570 --> 00:21:23,640

have to evaluate that

501
00:21:28,070 --> 00:21:26,580
some people have sent nicely sent me uh

502
00:21:29,870 --> 00:21:28,080
questions for you on Twitter and I want

503
00:21:32,630 --> 00:21:29,880
to thank you for that out there

504
00:21:36,890 --> 00:21:32,640
um you know the Wilson document I've

505
00:21:38,390 --> 00:21:36,900
been on the fence about that myself for

506
00:21:41,570 --> 00:21:38,400
the last several years that that has

507
00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:41,580
been talked about is is there any type

508
00:21:46,909 --> 00:21:45,120
of tie-in that you're aware of

509
00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:46,919
are you familiar with the Wilson die

510
00:21:50,750 --> 00:21:48,960
yeah it come up in one of the

511
00:21:52,490 --> 00:21:50,760
Congressional hearings to Great surprise

512
00:21:54,169 --> 00:21:52,500
right yes

513
00:21:56,990 --> 00:21:54,179

you know I'm really not comfortable

514

00:21:59,630 --> 00:21:57,000

talking about that at uh Martin because

515

00:22:03,289 --> 00:21:59,640

yeah all right it's still

516

00:22:05,690 --> 00:22:03,299

um it's a it's a uh it's a very

517

00:22:08,450 --> 00:22:05,700

complicated story it hasn't been you

518

00:22:11,450 --> 00:22:08,460

know the the document in question hasn't

519

00:22:13,270 --> 00:22:11,460

been sufficiently vetted in terms of at

520

00:22:16,789 --> 00:22:13,280

least not on the record in terms of

521

00:22:18,350 --> 00:22:16,799

sources that will authenticate it uh

522

00:22:20,270 --> 00:22:18,360

there's a lot of claims in that document

523

00:22:21,710 --> 00:22:20,280

I mean the problem in this field as you

524

00:22:24,110 --> 00:22:21,720

know is that there's a lot of

525

00:22:26,090 --> 00:22:24,120

information out there

526

00:22:27,710 --> 00:22:26,100

um some of it is disinformation by the

527

00:22:29,930 --> 00:22:27,720

way from the government going back to

528

00:22:32,210 --> 00:22:29,940

the 50s which is really

529

00:22:33,649 --> 00:22:32,220

um you know muddles the muddies the

530

00:22:35,570 --> 00:22:33,659

waters considerably because the

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00:22:38,149 --> 00:22:35,580

government put out

532

00:22:41,750 --> 00:22:38,159

um uh deliberately false information to

533

00:22:44,990 --> 00:22:41,760

confuse people uh over the years so

534

00:22:46,549 --> 00:22:45,000

um the trick is uh you know for someone

535

00:22:48,770 --> 00:22:46,559

like me with trained in classical

536

00:22:50,510 --> 00:22:48,780

journalism at the New York Times is how

537

00:22:53,870 --> 00:22:50,520

do you verify this information before

538

00:22:55,130 --> 00:22:53,880

you exactly put it out so it's it's very

539

00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:55,140

difficult there's a lot of you know

540

00:23:01,370 --> 00:22:58,320

documents like that and um uh they're

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00:23:03,830 --> 00:23:01,380

very tricky to handle and Eric Davis

542

00:23:05,750 --> 00:23:03,840

will not has not commented as far as I

543

00:23:07,789 --> 00:23:05,760

know one way or the other on this whole

544

00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:07,799

thing and that that would that would

545

00:23:11,930 --> 00:23:09,360

definitely make a difference

546

00:23:14,330 --> 00:23:11,940

um here's another one here could Ralph

547

00:23:17,110 --> 00:23:14,340

expand on uh and talk about the

548

00:23:20,029 --> 00:23:17,120

whistleblowers legal representation

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00:23:22,730 --> 00:23:20,039

and did they look into the veracity of

550

00:23:24,890 --> 00:23:22,740

the allegations also does Ralph expect

551
00:23:27,470 --> 00:23:24,900
anyone within the program to eventually

552
00:23:29,350 --> 00:23:27,480
come forward I do believe we we sort of

553
00:23:32,029 --> 00:23:29,360
uh addressed that yeah

554
00:23:34,610 --> 00:23:32,039
you know Dave grush's courage in coming

555
00:23:36,950 --> 00:23:34,620
forward uh we know there are people on

556
00:23:38,810 --> 00:23:36,960
the fence uh there about coming forward

557
00:23:41,210 --> 00:23:38,820
we've talked to some of them

558
00:23:43,610 --> 00:23:41,220
um and uh you know we haven't been able

559
00:23:44,930 --> 00:23:43,620
to report uh their identities or

560
00:23:47,450 --> 00:23:44,940
comments because they haven't come

561
00:23:49,730 --> 00:23:47,460
forward yet but

562
00:23:52,850 --> 00:23:49,740
um so the answer to the second part of

563
00:23:56,149 --> 00:23:52,860

that is is yes I think uh

564

00:23:57,529 --> 00:23:56,159

um we can expect more people to come

565

00:23:59,390 --> 00:23:57,539

forward

566

00:24:02,090 --> 00:23:59,400

um and remind me again Martin the first

567

00:24:03,470 --> 00:24:02,100

part of that question yes uh let me go

568

00:24:04,970 --> 00:24:03,480

back to it

569

00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:04,980

um could you expand on the legal

570

00:24:10,310 --> 00:24:07,140

representation yes

571

00:24:11,470 --> 00:24:10,320

um Charles McCullough is a former

572

00:24:13,789 --> 00:24:11,480

um

573

00:24:15,950 --> 00:24:13,799

intelligence Community Inspector General

574

00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:15,960

he was the first one actually the

575

00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:17,340

intelligence Community which is

576

00:24:20,990 --> 00:24:18,720

something I didn't really know until I

577

00:24:24,230 --> 00:24:21,000

started doing this reporting

578

00:24:28,130 --> 00:24:24,240

um has an inspector General

579

00:24:31,070 --> 00:24:28,140

um just to monitor you know legal

580

00:24:33,590 --> 00:24:31,080

requirements such as the Whistleblower

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00:24:37,549 --> 00:24:33,600

statute which President Biden signed

582

00:24:39,649 --> 00:24:37,559

into law in December uh last year which

583

00:24:41,510 --> 00:24:39,659

protects whistleblowers against just the

584

00:24:43,730 --> 00:24:41,520

kind of retaliation that David grush

585

00:24:45,590 --> 00:24:43,740

claimed he was subjected to he has been

586

00:24:47,090 --> 00:24:45,600

subjected to

587

00:24:47,870 --> 00:24:47,100

um so

588

00:24:50,210 --> 00:24:47,880

um

589

00:24:52,250 --> 00:24:50,220

so there's this inspected General who

590

00:24:54,649 --> 00:24:52,260

handles you know legal matters like this

591

00:24:57,409 --> 00:24:54,659

and David Grush's Attorney Charles

592

00:24:59,210 --> 00:24:57,419

McCullough was the first Inspector

593

00:25:03,230 --> 00:24:59,220

General of the intelligence Community he

594

00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:03,240

left in 2017 and joined a law firm so

595

00:25:07,789 --> 00:25:05,600

he's very very well plugged in

596

00:25:10,730 --> 00:25:07,799

McCullough is

597

00:25:14,029 --> 00:25:10,740

um and

598

00:25:15,710 --> 00:25:14,039

um so he he understands you know the the

599

00:25:17,029 --> 00:25:15,720

intelligence establishment and he's

600

00:25:19,730 --> 00:25:17,039

representing

601
00:25:22,730 --> 00:25:19,740
garage now I imagine he wouldn't do that

602
00:25:25,490 --> 00:25:22,740
if he had doubts about Russia's veracity

603
00:25:27,830 --> 00:25:25,500
or Integrity but

604
00:25:29,450 --> 00:25:27,840
um we we use that in the story to show

605
00:25:31,610 --> 00:25:29,460
that he not only has high level

606
00:25:34,669 --> 00:25:31,620
representation but somebody who has a

607
00:25:38,149 --> 00:25:34,679
history of involvement at the highest

608
00:25:40,610 --> 00:25:38,159
levels of the subject

609
00:25:43,070 --> 00:25:40,620
um did he give you any type of idea of

610
00:25:45,710 --> 00:25:43,080
is he being was he being hassled or

611
00:25:47,390 --> 00:25:45,720
could he not even even talk about it he

612
00:25:48,950 --> 00:25:47,400
did talk about it and we alluded to it

613
00:25:50,269 --> 00:25:48,960

in the article we don't go into a lot of

614

00:25:51,830 --> 00:25:50,279

details because I don't think it would

615

00:25:54,950 --> 00:25:51,840

be helpful

616

00:25:57,769 --> 00:25:54,960

um uh but he was definitely

617

00:26:00,890 --> 00:25:57,779

um subject to harassment he lost uh

618

00:26:02,510 --> 00:26:00,900

access to some of the uh programs he was

619

00:26:05,330 --> 00:26:02,520

working for

620

00:26:07,010 --> 00:26:05,340

um when he started coming forward he has

621

00:26:09,049 --> 00:26:07,020

alleged this in an official Complaint

622

00:26:12,289 --> 00:26:09,059

the Inspector General of the

623

00:26:14,149 --> 00:26:12,299

intelligence Community found his

624

00:26:14,750 --> 00:26:14,159

um complaint

625

00:26:17,149 --> 00:26:14,760

um

626
00:26:19,310 --> 00:26:17,159
urgent and credible was the exact phrase

627
00:26:20,930 --> 00:26:19,320
and it was forwarded to the highest

628
00:26:25,490 --> 00:26:20,940
levels of the defense establishment

629
00:26:28,070 --> 00:26:25,500
Avril Haynes and others in the CIA so

630
00:26:30,230 --> 00:26:28,080
um it was disseminated widely in the

631
00:26:32,750 --> 00:26:30,240
government that he he was making this

632
00:26:34,970 --> 00:26:32,760
complaint

633
00:26:37,190 --> 00:26:34,980
um and it's being adjudicated now I mean

634
00:26:37,789 --> 00:26:37,200
we don't have a result yet

635
00:26:41,149 --> 00:26:37,799
um

636
00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:41,159
uh that process is going forward but he

637
00:26:47,149 --> 00:26:44,880
uh he has made those uh com complaints

638
00:26:49,070 --> 00:26:47,159

those charges officially uh we have

639

00:26:51,590 --> 00:26:49,080

copies of what can be public about it

640

00:26:54,049 --> 00:26:51,600

there's a classified version of his

641

00:26:56,330 --> 00:26:54,059

complaint that we don't have but we have

642

00:26:57,769 --> 00:26:56,340

enough to show exactly what he

643

00:27:00,289 --> 00:26:57,779

complained of that he was subject to

644

00:27:03,110 --> 00:27:00,299

harassment he lost access and it was

645

00:27:05,390 --> 00:27:03,120

some kind of as he as he complained the

646

00:27:08,510 --> 00:27:05,400

kind of retaliation for coming forward

647

00:27:11,390 --> 00:27:08,520

which is illegal under the whistleblow a

648

00:27:13,549 --> 00:27:11,400

statute he should not be retaliated

649

00:27:15,409 --> 00:27:13,559

against for coming forward through the

650

00:27:17,750 --> 00:27:15,419

proper channels is it not coming forward

651
00:27:20,930 --> 00:27:17,760
to the media this is coming forward to

652
00:27:23,149 --> 00:27:20,940
the proper defense channels uh and

653
00:27:25,310 --> 00:27:23,159
Congress with this information so he did

654
00:27:27,890 --> 00:27:25,320
according to his account exactly what he

655
00:27:30,110 --> 00:27:27,900
was allowed to do or encouraged to do by

656
00:27:32,750 --> 00:27:30,120
The Whistleblower statute and yet

657
00:27:36,830 --> 00:27:32,760
suffered these reprisals

658
00:27:39,110 --> 00:27:36,840
now how is how is this was this being

659
00:27:41,390 --> 00:27:39,120
hidden

660
00:27:43,909 --> 00:27:41,400
um from oversight I guess that's the

661
00:27:46,010 --> 00:27:43,919
best way to put it is it PRI and private

662
00:27:48,370 --> 00:27:46,020
programs or something in some way that

663
00:27:51,710 --> 00:27:48,380

it can you know duck the oversight

664

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,720

Congressional oversight yes he said that

665

00:27:55,970 --> 00:27:54,000

um that there are requirements uh I mean

666

00:27:58,190 --> 00:27:55,980

Congress is you know has ultimate

667

00:28:00,590 --> 00:27:58,200

oversight overspending of taxpayers

668

00:28:03,710 --> 00:28:00,600

money and and a lot of money is being

669

00:28:06,289 --> 00:28:03,720

spent in these secret programs so uh to

670

00:28:09,830 --> 00:28:06,299

withhel to withhold information from the

671

00:28:11,930 --> 00:28:09,840

proper Congressional uh channels

672

00:28:13,430 --> 00:28:11,940

um is illegal according to grush's

673

00:28:15,110 --> 00:28:13,440

complaint

674

00:28:19,250 --> 00:28:15,120

um and

675

00:28:21,950 --> 00:28:19,260

um uh he he makes a reference to

676

00:28:24,409 --> 00:28:21,960

um some Contracting procedures again to

677

00:28:27,490 --> 00:28:24,419

spend the people's money the government

678

00:28:31,130 --> 00:28:27,500

has to go through you know certain

679

00:28:34,310 --> 00:28:31,140

steps uh to protect against fraud and

680

00:28:36,110 --> 00:28:34,320

waste and according to grush in in his

681

00:28:38,930 --> 00:28:36,120

complaint the public part of his

682

00:28:42,169 --> 00:28:38,940

complaint which is the only part we saw

683

00:28:45,110 --> 00:28:42,179

um uh these procedures were not

684

00:28:48,110 --> 00:28:45,120

um followed in in some cases

685

00:28:50,690 --> 00:28:48,120

um with regards to to these programs now

686

00:28:53,090 --> 00:28:50,700

these programs are super secret the

687

00:28:54,890 --> 00:28:53,100

craft recovery programs from from what

688

00:28:56,690 --> 00:28:54,900

he what he says and what we understand

689

00:28:58,850 --> 00:28:56,700

from our reporting

690

00:29:03,289 --> 00:28:58,860

um they're stove piped in that there's

691

00:29:06,649 --> 00:29:03,299

no one group of people or or agency that

692

00:29:11,810 --> 00:29:06,659

has authority over over everything

693

00:29:15,230 --> 00:29:11,820

um they're held in very uh you know uh

694

00:29:17,450 --> 00:29:15,240

protected corners of the uh of the

695

00:29:20,389 --> 00:29:17,460

Pentagon through special access programs

696

00:29:22,549 --> 00:29:20,399

controlled access programs there's a

697

00:29:24,110 --> 00:29:22,559

whole mechanism and I mean the

698

00:29:25,730 --> 00:29:24,120

government has legitimate Secrets let's

699

00:29:27,889 --> 00:29:25,740

let's say that

700

00:29:29,330 --> 00:29:27,899

um you know for defense purposes so the

701
00:29:32,630 --> 00:29:29,340
the government has to keep certain

702
00:29:37,010 --> 00:29:32,640
secrets we understand that and they are

703
00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:37,020
squirreled away in these uh corners of

704
00:29:39,909 --> 00:29:39,120
of the Pentagon

705
00:29:47,450 --> 00:29:39,919
um

706
00:29:49,430 --> 00:29:47,460
kept and also we understand by some

707
00:29:51,289 --> 00:29:49,440
private contractors defense contractors

708
00:29:53,630 --> 00:29:51,299
who are not amenable to Freedom of

709
00:29:55,490 --> 00:29:53,640
Information requests so if you submit a

710
00:29:57,590 --> 00:29:55,500
foia to Congress you're a reporter and

711
00:30:00,470 --> 00:29:57,600
you and you say not the Congress you're

712
00:30:01,850 --> 00:30:00,480
foia you submit to the uh the Pentagon

713
00:30:05,330 --> 00:30:01,860

the defense department say I want

714

00:30:07,669 --> 00:30:05,340

information about this the Pentagon has

715

00:30:09,350 --> 00:30:07,679

a mechanism for dealing weather dealing

716

00:30:11,810 --> 00:30:09,360

with whether this information can be

717

00:30:14,570 --> 00:30:11,820

properly disclosed to the public to a

718

00:30:17,029 --> 00:30:14,580

reporter for public dissemination well

719

00:30:18,950 --> 00:30:17,039

that doesn't exist with private defense

720

00:30:20,990 --> 00:30:18,960

contractors so if they are running some

721

00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:21,000

of these programs

722

00:30:26,990 --> 00:30:24,000

um the foia process does not extend to

723

00:30:29,950 --> 00:30:27,000

them and that's been a hang up for a

724

00:30:33,049 --> 00:30:29,960

long time we cannot get information

725

00:30:35,570 --> 00:30:33,059

from from the private defense community

726

00:30:37,690 --> 00:30:35,580

on on how much they know about these

727

00:30:39,950 --> 00:30:37,700

these programs

728

00:30:43,250 --> 00:30:39,960

here's a statement that is in your

729

00:30:45,409 --> 00:30:43,260

articles several current members of the

730

00:30:46,630 --> 00:30:45,419

recovery program spoke to the inspector

731

00:30:49,490 --> 00:30:46,640

General's office

732

00:30:51,710 --> 00:30:49,500

and corroborated the information that

733

00:30:54,590 --> 00:30:51,720

grush had provided for the classified

734

00:30:57,409 --> 00:30:54,600

complaint how do we know that

735

00:30:59,090 --> 00:30:57,419

uh well you know that from our reporting

736

00:31:01,909 --> 00:30:59,100

um we you know look

737

00:31:04,250 --> 00:31:01,919

um we talked to a lot of people for our

738

00:31:06,769 --> 00:31:04,260

reporting it is like an iceberg to

739

00:31:09,049 --> 00:31:06,779

choose an old tired image that you know

740

00:31:12,350 --> 00:31:09,059

that the top part is what what we put

741

00:31:15,289 --> 00:31:12,360

out in you know in our story but it's

742

00:31:16,490 --> 00:31:15,299

based on a lot of reporting uh that goes

743

00:31:18,289 --> 00:31:16,500

into it

744

00:31:20,210 --> 00:31:18,299

um and then we choose from that

745

00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:20,220

reporting what what we can put on the

746

00:31:25,250 --> 00:31:22,080

record who will stand behind the

747

00:31:28,610 --> 00:31:25,260

statements uh what documents we can uh

748

00:31:30,470 --> 00:31:28,620

you know uh on Earth to corroborate the

749

00:31:32,810 --> 00:31:30,480

statements we want to make

750

00:31:36,250 --> 00:31:32,820

um so there's a lot of reporting that

751

00:31:38,810 --> 00:31:36,260

goes into a story that that you know

752

00:31:41,570 --> 00:31:38,820

isn't part of the story itself because

753

00:31:43,850 --> 00:31:41,580

it's the background for the story uh I

754

00:31:45,710 --> 00:31:43,860

mean that should be clear so our

755

00:31:46,789 --> 00:31:45,720

reporting confirmed that there were

756

00:31:48,409 --> 00:31:46,799

others

757

00:31:51,470 --> 00:31:48,419

um who

758

00:31:53,029 --> 00:31:51,480

um were prepared to corroborate grisha's

759

00:31:54,769 --> 00:31:53,039

information and in some cases have

760

00:31:56,930 --> 00:31:54,779

already spoken to Congress

761

00:31:57,889 --> 00:31:56,940

okay all right

762

00:31:59,510 --> 00:31:57,899

um

763

00:32:03,409 --> 00:31:59,520

let's see was the article that you

764

00:32:05,810 --> 00:32:03,419

published part one of a multi-series no

765

00:32:07,909 --> 00:32:05,820

we didn't say that and uh that would be

766

00:32:10,010 --> 00:32:07,919

jumping the gun it's not a series it's a

767

00:32:11,510 --> 00:32:10,020

freestanding article you know Leslie and

768

00:32:14,870 --> 00:32:11,520

I have been reporting on this together

769

00:32:17,149 --> 00:32:14,880

since at least 2017 when with you know

770

00:32:19,490 --> 00:32:17,159

hello we put out the big story in the

771

00:32:21,049 --> 00:32:19,500

New York Times we continue to report on

772

00:32:22,610 --> 00:32:21,059

this all the time we wrote A Few you

773

00:32:23,930 --> 00:32:22,620

know number of stories since then in the

774

00:32:25,909 --> 00:32:23,940

New York Times

775

00:32:28,070 --> 00:32:25,919

um both of us had published separately

776

00:32:30,049 --> 00:32:28,080

with the the debrief that published our

777

00:32:31,250 --> 00:32:30,059

latest article we're talking about this

778

00:32:33,889 --> 00:32:31,260

all the time

779

00:32:36,169 --> 00:32:33,899

um how to you know gather more

780

00:32:38,810 --> 00:32:36,179

information stories come to us all the

781

00:32:40,490 --> 00:32:38,820

time uh we talk about what what might

782

00:32:43,909 --> 00:32:40,500

make a good story what would Advance

783

00:32:46,490 --> 00:32:43,919

this you know uh whole field so

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00:32:49,010 --> 00:32:46,500

um we continue to report but it's this

785

00:32:50,389 --> 00:32:49,020

article was not the beginning of a of a

786

00:32:54,529 --> 00:32:50,399

multi-pot series

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00:32:55,970 --> 00:32:54,539

okay and I guess I'd like to ask you

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00:32:57,350 --> 00:32:55,980

right now

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00:33:01,730 --> 00:32:57,360

um you know since it's come out we

790

00:33:04,789 --> 00:33:01,740

people it's gone like a wildfire and is

791

00:33:07,610 --> 00:33:04,799

there something that you would like to

792

00:33:09,470 --> 00:33:07,620

um nip in the bud that's out there that

793

00:33:11,149 --> 00:33:09,480

people are claiming I mean there's all

794

00:33:13,370 --> 00:33:11,159

kinds of claims but is there anything

795

00:33:15,110 --> 00:33:13,380

you can think of right off the top that

796

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:15,120

you'd like to nip in the Box well you

797

00:33:16,970 --> 00:33:15,840

know

798

00:33:18,850 --> 00:33:16,980

um you're asking me to be a witness

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00:33:21,169 --> 00:33:18,860

against myself

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00:33:22,909 --> 00:33:21,179

but I'll tell you that one other thing

801
00:33:26,750 --> 00:33:22,919
is that

802
00:33:30,409 --> 00:33:26,760
um uh you know people ask is this you

803
00:33:33,169 --> 00:33:30,419
know as a a campaign I mean is this some

804
00:33:34,730 --> 00:33:33,179
uh program to dribble out this

805
00:33:36,350 --> 00:33:34,740
information in a way the government

806
00:33:39,370 --> 00:33:36,360
wants

807
00:33:43,549 --> 00:33:39,380
um and I I've said before and I can

808
00:33:45,470 --> 00:33:43,559
reiterate that this is not anything that

809
00:33:48,230 --> 00:33:45,480
was spoon fed to us as part of any

810
00:33:50,090 --> 00:33:48,240
campaign we had to dig it out very with

811
00:33:52,310 --> 00:33:50,100
great difficulty we had to convince

812
00:33:54,409 --> 00:33:52,320
sources to go on the record we had to

813
00:33:56,750 --> 00:33:54,419

assemble documentation this wasn't

814

00:33:59,029 --> 00:33:56,760

handed to us for any nefarious purpose

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00:34:00,950 --> 00:33:59,039

after a long career at the New York

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00:34:02,990 --> 00:34:00,960

Times I can tell you I do not believe in

817

00:34:05,450 --> 00:34:03,000

these conspiracy theories too many

818

00:34:08,510 --> 00:34:05,460

people would have had to be in

819

00:34:10,490 --> 00:34:08,520

coordination to Mastermind this as some

820

00:34:13,129 --> 00:34:10,500

kind of conspiracy to you know to

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00:34:14,510 --> 00:34:13,139

dribble out a story in a in a certain

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00:34:19,430 --> 00:34:14,520

way

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00:34:21,470 --> 00:34:19,440

the real world you know so so that's one

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00:34:22,930 --> 00:34:21,480

thing I can say

825

00:34:27,169 --> 00:34:22,940

um also

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00:34:29,149 --> 00:34:27,179

you know know I've been at this uh in

827

00:34:30,109 --> 00:34:29,159

this subject for a while now Martin and

828

00:34:33,889 --> 00:34:30,119

yeah

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00:34:36,230 --> 00:34:33,899

um I must say that I uh I'm no closer to

830

00:34:38,510 --> 00:34:36,240

to answers about the essential mystery

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00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:38,520

of this thing as I was in the beginning

832

00:34:42,889 --> 00:34:40,800

I mean we don't know what these objects

833

00:34:45,589 --> 00:34:42,899

are we don't know you know what

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00:34:48,470 --> 00:34:45,599

dimension some of these events that

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00:34:50,270 --> 00:34:48,480

people describe are unfolding in we we

836

00:34:52,970 --> 00:34:50,280

think we understand the world of physics

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00:34:54,829 --> 00:34:52,980

but the world of physics keeps changing

838

00:34:57,010 --> 00:34:54,839

there are new discoveries of you know

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00:34:59,750 --> 00:34:57,020

the elemental particles of Nature and

840

00:35:01,370 --> 00:34:59,760

very complicated things How the Universe

841

00:35:04,849 --> 00:35:01,380

began

842

00:35:07,190 --> 00:35:04,859

um time warps String Theory you know all

843

00:35:09,349 --> 00:35:07,200

these very complicated

844

00:35:11,390 --> 00:35:09,359

um Concepts and physics that you know

845

00:35:13,970 --> 00:35:11,400

continue to change

846

00:35:15,349 --> 00:35:13,980

um or evolve

847

00:35:20,450 --> 00:35:15,359

um and

848

00:35:23,210 --> 00:35:20,460

know what are these objects where do

849

00:35:25,490 --> 00:35:23,220

they come from why are they here

850

00:35:27,170 --> 00:35:25,500

um why do some people encounter them and

851

00:35:29,630 --> 00:35:27,180

not other people why do two people

852

00:35:31,010 --> 00:35:29,640

standing together one sees it and one

853

00:35:33,170 --> 00:35:31,020

doesn't

854

00:35:34,849 --> 00:35:33,180

um why are the the memory of it

855

00:35:36,829 --> 00:35:34,859

sometimes

856

00:35:38,329 --> 00:35:36,839

um apparently tampered with or

857

00:35:40,790 --> 00:35:38,339

interfered with so people can't remember

858

00:35:43,010 --> 00:35:40,800

certain things I mean there's a lot of

859

00:35:46,130 --> 00:35:43,020

questions mostly questions not answers

860

00:35:48,410 --> 00:35:46,140

right so you know what I like to say is

861

00:35:50,270 --> 00:35:48,420

that this is a mystery and you know I I

862

00:35:52,550 --> 00:35:50,280

think I mentioned to you earlier that my

863

00:35:55,730 --> 00:35:52,560

wife and I wrote a children's book that

864

00:35:58,550 --> 00:35:55,740

just came out on oh yeah UFOs and we

865

00:36:01,250 --> 00:35:58,560

subtitle it mysteries in the sky

866

00:36:02,810 --> 00:36:01,260

um because it is a mystery and I think

867

00:36:04,670 --> 00:36:02,820

that's the the thing you have to really

868

00:36:07,250 --> 00:36:04,680

start and end with that we don't have

869

00:36:10,670 --> 00:36:07,260

the answers we have questions but at

870

00:36:13,089 --> 00:36:10,680

least let's acknowledge the fact that

871

00:36:16,490 --> 00:36:13,099

these there's the book Thank you

872

00:36:18,589 --> 00:36:16,500

that these questions alleged legitimate

873

00:36:21,230 --> 00:36:18,599

and real

874

00:36:24,589 --> 00:36:21,240

um they really are Mysteries and it's

875

00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:24,599

not a hoax it's not a fabrication

876

00:36:29,390 --> 00:36:27,359

um some people are mistaken sometimes

877

00:36:31,990 --> 00:36:29,400

you know they mistake a you know a

878

00:36:35,810 --> 00:36:32,000

satellite or a plane or a bird or

879

00:36:36,589 --> 00:36:35,820

atmospheric effect for a UFO but

880

00:36:39,349 --> 00:36:36,599

um

881

00:36:41,750 --> 00:36:39,359

but in you know in the larger sense

882

00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:41,760

these things this is a mystery just like

883

00:36:45,890 --> 00:36:43,440

other Mysteries that we encounter what

884

00:36:47,870 --> 00:36:45,900

happens after we die you know what the

885

00:36:50,329 --> 00:36:47,880

universe begin is there a God and these

886

00:36:52,130 --> 00:36:50,339

are all Elemental questions and UFOs I

887

00:36:53,630 --> 00:36:52,140

think belong there what are these things

888

00:36:56,630 --> 00:36:53,640

where do they come from what do they

889

00:36:58,550 --> 00:36:56,640

want from us yeah um so let's you know

890

00:37:01,609 --> 00:36:58,560

preserve that humility and what I object

891

00:37:03,770 --> 00:37:01,619

to frankly are the people who claim to

892

00:37:04,790 --> 00:37:03,780

have the answers the skeptic so-called

893

00:37:05,990 --> 00:37:04,800

Skeptics because they're not really

894

00:37:08,089 --> 00:37:06,000

skeptical because they haven't really

895

00:37:09,890 --> 00:37:08,099

studied the field and emerged with real

896

00:37:12,530 --> 00:37:09,900

questions what they have is a flip

897

00:37:14,510 --> 00:37:12,540

answer to anything that comes out oh

898

00:37:16,130 --> 00:37:14,520

that's nonsense oh they're having a

899

00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:16,140

nightmare well these things don't only

900

00:37:21,109 --> 00:37:18,960

happen at night uh oh you know it's a

901
00:37:21,829 --> 00:37:21,119
fabrication well these people most of

902
00:37:23,630 --> 00:37:21,839
them

903
00:37:26,630 --> 00:37:23,640
coming forward don't want to come

904
00:37:28,190 --> 00:37:26,640
forward they are troubled by what they

905
00:37:30,410 --> 00:37:28,200
encountered or what they saw what they

906
00:37:32,210 --> 00:37:30,420
think they saw so they're not rushing

907
00:37:34,130 --> 00:37:32,220
forward to get media attention on the

908
00:37:36,230 --> 00:37:34,140
contrary so

909
00:37:39,170 --> 00:37:36,240
um you know we've got to preserve our

910
00:37:41,030 --> 00:37:39,180
humility here this is a very difficult

911
00:37:44,750 --> 00:37:41,040
Tangled

912
00:37:48,170 --> 00:37:44,760
mysterious field and let's start by

913
00:37:49,609 --> 00:37:48,180

saying we know very little about it

914

00:37:52,849 --> 00:37:49,619

right right

915

00:37:55,130 --> 00:37:52,859

um I see a lot of uh tweets by uh Ross

916

00:37:56,990 --> 00:37:55,140

coldheart who's coming out with

917

00:37:59,630 --> 00:37:57,000

um quite a few people that are kind of

918

00:38:02,210 --> 00:37:59,640

cooperating a lot of this

919

00:38:05,030 --> 00:38:02,220

um I wanted to know have you when's the

920

00:38:07,609 --> 00:38:05,040

last time you you spoke with David

921

00:38:10,849 --> 00:38:07,619

well Leslie has been mainly eye contact

922

00:38:14,450 --> 00:38:10,859

with David I we we text back and forth

923

00:38:16,250 --> 00:38:14,460

um so I would say daily yeah how's he

924

00:38:18,530 --> 00:38:16,260

doing at this point what is happening

925

00:38:20,870 --> 00:38:18,540

with him yeah he's been inundated with

926

00:38:25,069 --> 00:38:20,880

attention as you can imagine yeah

927

00:38:26,750 --> 00:38:25,079

um you know it is a um uh

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00:38:28,609 --> 00:38:26,760

uh a Whirlpool I don't know what the

929

00:38:32,450 --> 00:38:28,619

image is I mean once you get into this

930

00:38:34,849 --> 00:38:32,460

kind of a media sensation thing uh it it

931

00:38:36,829 --> 00:38:34,859

it's really overwhelming and I don't

932

00:38:38,390 --> 00:38:36,839

know if he realized I mean he's a he's

933

00:38:40,490 --> 00:38:38,400

not you know he's a Air Force

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00:38:42,589 --> 00:38:40,500

intelligence guy

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00:38:44,569 --> 00:38:42,599

um who's not used to dealing with the

936

00:38:47,390 --> 00:38:44,579

media he came forward because of his

937

00:38:51,050 --> 00:38:47,400

courage and you know interest in

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00:38:54,650 --> 00:38:51,060

um in in discussing this very important

939

00:38:57,770 --> 00:38:54,660

uh you know uh feel that the information

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00:39:01,609 --> 00:38:57,780

that he he had obtained but he he wasn't

941

00:39:04,069 --> 00:39:01,619

used to this media Whirlwind and now

942

00:39:06,470 --> 00:39:04,079

suddenly he's in the middle of it so I

943

00:39:07,609 --> 00:39:06,480

think he's he's kind of overwhelmed as

944

00:39:10,310 --> 00:39:07,619

we all are I mean there's been

945

00:39:12,710 --> 00:39:10,320

tremendous reaction to this piece

946

00:39:14,569 --> 00:39:12,720

um and I've you know I've been in

947

00:39:15,829 --> 00:39:14,579

journalism a long time Leslie has too so

948

00:39:17,150 --> 00:39:15,839

we're kind of used to it I don't think

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00:39:19,730 --> 00:39:17,160

he is

950

00:39:22,370 --> 00:39:19,740

you know it's funny uh uh when this

951
00:39:24,410 --> 00:39:22,380
first dropped Monday morning I woke up

952
00:39:27,470 --> 00:39:24,420
and said wow you know what I saw this

953
00:39:30,530 --> 00:39:27,480
and uh right away immediately

954
00:39:32,270 --> 00:39:30,540
there someone was was putting out there

955
00:39:35,030 --> 00:39:32,280
um he's just trying to get a a movie

956
00:39:36,950 --> 00:39:35,040
deal he's just trying to get you know on

957
00:39:39,050 --> 00:39:36,960
TV he's just trying to do this and that

958
00:39:40,690 --> 00:39:39,060
uh what would you say to the people that

959
00:39:44,210 --> 00:39:40,700
are coming out of that immediately

960
00:39:47,150 --> 00:39:44,220
anybody can disparage anybody with you

961
00:39:49,310 --> 00:39:47,160
know some uh theory that they're

962
00:39:51,349 --> 00:39:49,320
convinced of you know that these people

963
00:39:53,089 --> 00:39:51,359

are doing it for self-interest we've

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00:39:55,370 --> 00:39:53,099

checked this guy out nothing in his

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00:39:57,170 --> 00:39:55,380

background suggested that he was

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00:39:59,390 --> 00:39:57,180

interested in you know personal

967

00:40:02,089 --> 00:39:59,400

aggrandizement

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00:40:05,030 --> 00:40:02,099

um that he had you know that he was

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00:40:06,470 --> 00:40:05,040

um media Savvy or even interested in

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00:40:08,030 --> 00:40:06,480

personal attention he was an

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00:40:10,910 --> 00:40:08,040

intelligence guy with a decorated

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00:40:12,530 --> 00:40:10,920

officer in Afghanistan

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00:40:14,870 --> 00:40:12,540

um and yet

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00:40:16,370 --> 00:40:14,880

um he saw something here that didn't sit

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00:40:19,730 --> 00:40:16,380

well with him this is what you know

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00:40:22,190 --> 00:40:19,740

people do who have a conscience and he

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00:40:23,930 --> 00:40:22,200

thought that information was being

978

00:40:26,270 --> 00:40:23,940

improperly withheld from Congress and

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00:40:28,310 --> 00:40:26,280

what probably impelled him was the

980

00:40:30,829 --> 00:40:28,320

retaliation that he suffered as soon as

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00:40:32,990 --> 00:40:30,839

he came forward you know some people are

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00:40:35,930 --> 00:40:33,000

intimidated by that other people are

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00:40:38,390 --> 00:40:35,940

energized by it and determined not to to

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00:40:42,230 --> 00:40:38,400

to be intimidated and I think they

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00:40:44,030 --> 00:40:42,240

picked on the wrong guy so

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00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:44,040

um you know again

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00:40:48,290 --> 00:40:46,079

nothing is suggested we wouldn't have

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00:40:50,150 --> 00:40:48,300

you know attached our names and

989

00:40:53,150 --> 00:40:50,160

reputations to somebody who was out to

990

00:40:56,270 --> 00:40:53,160

you know uh to make a movie

991

00:40:59,870 --> 00:40:56,280

right that's good uh his uh tweet by

992

00:41:02,030 --> 00:40:59,880

Ross uh coldheart about 16 hours ago has

993

00:41:05,510 --> 00:41:02,040

Chris sharp correctly points out in this

994

00:41:08,390 --> 00:41:05,520

article aaro does not speak for the

995

00:41:11,530 --> 00:41:08,400

entire Department of Defense goff's E.T

996

00:41:15,650 --> 00:41:11,540

denial was only on the behalf of the dod

997

00:41:18,470 --> 00:41:15,660

aaro not the dod journalists need to ask

998

00:41:21,349 --> 00:41:18,480

the Pentagon more carefully does it

999

00:41:23,990 --> 00:41:21,359

categorically deny the knowledge of

1000

00:41:27,470 --> 00:41:24,000

non-human intelligence which I think is

1001
00:41:29,089 --> 00:41:27,480
a very good point yeah these uh denials

1002
00:41:30,849 --> 00:41:29,099
that are coming out of the Pentagon the

1003
00:41:34,069 --> 00:41:30,859
latest statement from Susan Gough about

1004
00:41:36,829 --> 00:41:34,079
aaro the old domain you know anomaly

1005
00:41:39,829 --> 00:41:36,839
resolution office which is the successor

1006
00:41:41,510 --> 00:41:39,839
to the task force uh now because they

1007
00:41:43,010 --> 00:41:41,520
were all domain because they're noticing

1008
00:41:45,410 --> 00:41:43,020
that these things operate in the water

1009
00:41:46,089 --> 00:41:45,420
too by the way

1010
00:41:49,849 --> 00:41:46,099
um

1011
00:41:53,230 --> 00:41:49,859
not just the air so these responses are

1012
00:41:55,849 --> 00:41:53,240
pretty carefully worded and

1013
00:41:57,770 --> 00:41:55,859

you're absolutely whoever tweeted that

1014

00:41:59,770 --> 00:41:57,780

is absolutely right that you know the

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00:42:03,650 --> 00:41:59,780

public and and journalists have to ask

1016

00:42:06,230 --> 00:42:03,660

the government the Pentagon more more

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00:42:08,750 --> 00:42:06,240

um openly and more dramatically and more

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00:42:12,010 --> 00:42:08,760

demandingly

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00:42:15,170 --> 00:42:12,020

um are they saying that uh Grocer's

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00:42:18,349 --> 00:42:15,180

statements are not true are they denying

1021

00:42:19,730 --> 00:42:18,359

his position in uh former position in

1022

00:42:21,410 --> 00:42:19,740

the government the access to the

1023

00:42:23,510 --> 00:42:21,420

information he had you know what part of

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00:42:26,210 --> 00:42:23,520

it are they challenging these statements

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00:42:28,190 --> 00:42:26,220

are sometimes carefully crafted

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00:42:29,750 --> 00:42:28,200
um to be true in one sense but they're

1027
00:42:32,630 --> 00:42:29,760
they're not true in the overall sense

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00:42:34,490 --> 00:42:32,640
and I'll say that at the same time that

1029
00:42:35,810 --> 00:42:34,500
when you listen to the testimony of

1030
00:42:39,650 --> 00:42:35,820
officials

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00:42:42,829 --> 00:42:39,660
um at the uh you know UFO Hearing in May

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00:42:45,650 --> 00:42:42,839
of 2022 that was also carefully worded

1033
00:42:48,410 --> 00:42:45,660
and Kirkpatrick's testimony recently to

1034
00:42:51,170 --> 00:42:48,420
Congress that was carefully worded

1035
00:42:52,670 --> 00:42:51,180
um so you got to really keep asking

1036
00:42:55,370 --> 00:42:52,680
these questions what is it that they're

1037
00:42:58,550 --> 00:42:55,380
denying I mean sometimes the Pentagon

1038
00:43:00,050 --> 00:42:58,560

officials say I personally you know have

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00:43:02,089 --> 00:43:00,060

no knowledge of this well they

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00:43:04,309 --> 00:43:02,099

personally might not have that knowledge

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00:43:07,010 --> 00:43:04,319

but somebody else there does have that

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00:43:09,950 --> 00:43:07,020

knowledge so in any way I in any case I

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00:43:10,970 --> 00:43:09,960

think uh it's very important to read

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00:43:13,609 --> 00:43:10,980

these

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00:43:16,309 --> 00:43:13,619

um statements of response carefully to

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00:43:19,430 --> 00:43:16,319

see what the government is actually uh

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00:43:21,829 --> 00:43:19,440

you know asserting here and I would be

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00:43:23,930 --> 00:43:21,839

very curious and very dubious if they

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00:43:26,870 --> 00:43:23,940

were to come forward now and say that

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00:43:28,730 --> 00:43:26,880

gurush is not who he said he is and his

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00:43:30,230 --> 00:43:28,740
access is not what he says it was

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00:43:33,170 --> 00:43:30,240
because we have

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00:43:35,089 --> 00:43:33,180
basically you know vetted that very

1054
00:43:38,329 --> 00:43:35,099
carefully before we published our

1055
00:43:40,069 --> 00:43:38,339
article yeah for the person that's uh

1056
00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:40,079
for the person out there that likes to

1057
00:43:45,050 --> 00:43:43,260
listen and watch shows like this and too

1058
00:43:47,630 --> 00:43:45,060
lazy to read

1059
00:43:50,990 --> 00:43:47,640
in a nutshell can you tell us what his

1060
00:43:53,750 --> 00:43:51,000
complaint the gist of his complaint yeah

1061
00:43:56,930 --> 00:43:53,760
he says um that he was a high-level

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00:43:59,569 --> 00:43:56,940
intelligence officer in various uh

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00:44:03,530 --> 00:43:59,579

intelligence agencies

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00:44:06,770 --> 00:44:03,540

um that that had responsibility for UFOs

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00:44:08,990 --> 00:44:06,780

unidentified aerial phenomena and that

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00:44:11,210 --> 00:44:09,000

he knows from talking to people and

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00:44:15,190 --> 00:44:11,220

information that he has seen as a result

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00:44:18,790 --> 00:44:15,200

of his privileged access that the U.S

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00:44:22,430 --> 00:44:18,800

has recovered over the years

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00:44:26,750 --> 00:44:22,440

intact and partially intact uh craft

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00:44:30,290 --> 00:44:26,760

vehicles of non-human origin and that by

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00:44:32,870 --> 00:44:30,300

uh in in retaliation for coming forward

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00:44:37,430 --> 00:44:32,880

with this information he's been subject

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00:44:40,130 --> 00:44:37,440

subjected to illegal reprisals

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00:44:42,770 --> 00:44:40,140

um and that uh and he has given this

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00:44:45,050 --> 00:44:42,780

information not just to to the media to

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00:44:48,109 --> 00:44:45,060

to Leslie and I

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00:44:50,270 --> 00:44:48,119

um uh you know for this debrief article

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00:44:51,890 --> 00:44:50,280

but that he is supplied it to to

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00:44:54,050 --> 00:44:51,900

Congress to members of congressional

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00:44:56,450 --> 00:44:54,060

committees to members of Congress there

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00:44:58,450 --> 00:44:56,460

was a hundred a transcript of hundreds

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00:45:01,370 --> 00:44:58,460

of pages of his information classified

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00:45:03,349 --> 00:45:01,380

so you can imagine it's more detailed

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00:45:07,309 --> 00:45:03,359

than what he told us

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00:45:11,450 --> 00:45:07,319

um so that really is a I guess the the

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00:45:13,130 --> 00:45:11,460

gist of the sensation to the story as

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00:45:16,010 --> 00:45:13,140

it's been received that he's on the

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00:45:19,730 --> 00:45:16,020

record he's a high level guy with

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00:45:22,550 --> 00:45:19,740

um uh really very high level access very

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00:45:24,829 --> 00:45:22,560

well plugged in his lawyer is a former

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00:45:27,710 --> 00:45:24,839

Inspector General of the intelligence

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00:45:30,650 --> 00:45:27,720

Community uh other people vouch for him

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00:45:33,410 --> 00:45:30,660

on the record uh as

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00:45:36,950 --> 00:45:33,420

um you know as a serious person as a

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00:45:38,329 --> 00:45:36,960

intelligence official so that to me adds

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00:45:39,589 --> 00:45:38,339

up to a good story

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00:45:42,230 --> 00:45:39,599

mm-hmm

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00:45:45,290 --> 00:45:42,240

all right well um I would like to l'd

1100

00:45:50,030 --> 00:45:45,300

like to close this show with these two

1101
00:45:52,309 --> 00:45:50,040
questions and it's a two-part question

1102
00:45:53,270 --> 00:45:52,319
when you go to publish something like

1103
00:45:56,510 --> 00:45:53,280
this

1104
00:45:58,849 --> 00:45:56,520
things must go on you know in your head

1105
00:46:00,410 --> 00:45:58,859
you and Leslie both must be thinking

1106
00:46:02,930 --> 00:46:00,420
okay

1107
00:46:05,809 --> 00:46:02,940
what's the worst case scenario when we

1108
00:46:07,609 --> 00:46:05,819
publish this and the second part that

1109
00:46:09,230 --> 00:46:07,619
I'd like you to answer what do you think

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00:46:11,150 --> 00:46:09,240
the best case scenario but let's start

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00:46:13,910 --> 00:46:11,160
with the worst case scenario well the

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00:46:15,829 --> 00:46:13,920
worst case scenario if any journalist is

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00:46:18,770 --> 00:46:15,839

that you've got something wrong you miss

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00:46:21,170 --> 00:46:18,780

them you missed something someone misled

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00:46:23,630 --> 00:46:21,180

you or lied to you

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00:46:25,490 --> 00:46:23,640

um and uh I think probably every

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00:46:28,069 --> 00:46:25,500

journalist has had the experience in

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00:46:31,190 --> 00:46:28,079

especially in a long career of waking up

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00:46:32,750 --> 00:46:31,200

the next day and finding that some

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00:46:36,710 --> 00:46:32,760

terrible error has been committed

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00:46:38,089 --> 00:46:36,720

something was distorted left out

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00:46:40,730 --> 00:46:38,099

um somebody who told you something

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00:46:41,990 --> 00:46:40,740

wasn't who he or she said you know they

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00:46:43,849 --> 00:46:42,000

were

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00:46:45,770 --> 00:46:43,859

um that's always a journalist nightmare

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00:46:47,450 --> 00:46:45,780

that you forgot something that's why you

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00:46:49,670 --> 00:46:47,460

worked so hard to double check and

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00:46:50,809 --> 00:46:49,680

that's why there's so many levels of of

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00:46:54,530 --> 00:46:50,819

editing

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00:46:56,390 --> 00:46:54,540

uh which which we uh absolutely support

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00:46:58,910 --> 00:46:56,400

and and we had them at the debrief

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00:47:00,410 --> 00:46:58,920

they're very uh dedicated and

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00:47:03,589 --> 00:47:00,420

knowledgeable people there who are

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00:47:05,210 --> 00:47:03,599

experts in defense and intelligence so

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00:47:07,309 --> 00:47:05,220

that's that's the worst case that you

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00:47:10,010 --> 00:47:07,319

wake oh my God you know I put out a

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00:47:11,990 --> 00:47:10,020

story that's completely wrong

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00:47:14,270 --> 00:47:12,000

um you know I miss something a person

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00:47:16,730 --> 00:47:14,280

lied to me

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00:47:18,650 --> 00:47:16,740

um I was fed some information that was

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00:47:21,829 --> 00:47:18,660

wrong that is not the case here I don't

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00:47:23,870 --> 00:47:21,839

want to this to go out as a yeah a clip

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00:47:25,730 --> 00:47:23,880

that uh he's saying that his story was

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wrong someone's going to edit it yeah

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00:47:30,950 --> 00:47:28,319

yeah right piece that together keep fake

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00:47:33,290 --> 00:47:30,960

yeah so please uh that is not the case

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00:47:36,410 --> 00:47:33,300

here everything we've only gotten praise

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00:47:38,270 --> 00:47:36,420

for the article I must say uh

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00:47:40,730 --> 00:47:38,280

you know

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00:47:43,550 --> 00:47:40,740

it has stood up well and that's every

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00:47:45,950 --> 00:47:43,560
everybody's every journalist's greatest

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00:47:47,569 --> 00:47:45,960
hope after an article runs and the best

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00:47:49,790 --> 00:47:47,579
case scenario is it'll have some effect

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00:47:51,650 --> 00:47:49,800
it'll wake up Congress

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00:47:54,170 --> 00:47:51,660
it'll continue to you know raise

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00:47:56,870 --> 00:47:54,180
questions about uh why this information

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00:48:00,349 --> 00:47:56,880
hasn't been shared with uh you know the

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00:48:03,109 --> 00:48:00,359
American people the world this is not uh

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00:48:07,190 --> 00:48:03,119
you know secret information that has to

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00:48:10,609 --> 00:48:07,200
be kept from Humanity that that we we uh

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00:48:13,790 --> 00:48:10,619
U.S agencies have recovered according to

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00:48:17,510 --> 00:48:13,800
what a group said recovered partial and

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00:48:19,609 --> 00:48:17,520

intact uh non-human craft

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00:48:22,790 --> 00:48:19,619

um this is a huge you know breakthrough

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00:48:26,270 --> 00:48:22,800

for Humanity the way he described it

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00:48:30,589 --> 00:48:26,280

um and uh Congress needs to address it

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00:48:31,329 --> 00:48:30,599

we need to go further and see what as as

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00:48:33,710 --> 00:48:31,339

um

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00:48:35,829 --> 00:48:33,720

you know we also pointed at the end of

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00:48:39,410 --> 00:48:35,839

the article there's possible scientific

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00:48:41,329 --> 00:48:39,420

advantages breakthroughs that are uh in

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00:48:43,670 --> 00:48:41,339

store here if this information is is

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00:48:46,309 --> 00:48:43,680

correct that this technology could be

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00:48:48,349 --> 00:48:46,319

applied to the benefit of of the entire

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00:48:51,170 --> 00:48:48,359

human race

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00:48:55,010 --> 00:48:51,180

um so that's the best case that this

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00:48:56,870 --> 00:48:55,020

really results in an opening of of the

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00:48:59,870 --> 00:48:56,880

doors more information within the

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00:49:01,430 --> 00:48:59,880

confines of obviously classified uh

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00:49:02,690 --> 00:49:01,440

National Security information the

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00:49:05,630 --> 00:49:02,700

government still has a right to keep

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00:49:08,809 --> 00:49:05,640

certain secrets we don't challenge that

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00:49:12,430 --> 00:49:08,819

um but within

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00:49:15,050 --> 00:49:12,440

the ability of the government to

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00:49:16,910 --> 00:49:15,060

promulgate this information perhaps more

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more needs to come out

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00:49:21,589 --> 00:49:18,900

right and

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00:49:23,329 --> 00:49:21,599

you know you make a point about the

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secrecy there needs to be some secrecy

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00:49:28,910 --> 00:49:26,220

and I do agree with that but under the

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big umbrella I would say of National

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00:49:35,809 --> 00:49:33,060

Defense do you think we're going to see

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00:49:37,970 --> 00:49:35,819

this is a speculation question do you

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00:49:39,890 --> 00:49:37,980

have any confidence that we're going to

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00:49:40,790 --> 00:49:39,900

see some transparency on this whole

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00:49:42,890 --> 00:49:40,800

thing

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00:49:45,230 --> 00:49:42,900

well I think the door has been you know

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00:49:46,849 --> 00:49:45,240

opened

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00:49:48,530 --> 00:49:46,859

um you know Genie's let out of the

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00:49:49,490 --> 00:49:48,540

bottle you can take whatever image you

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00:49:51,290 --> 00:49:49,500

want

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00:49:53,150 --> 00:49:51,300

um you know once people like Dave grush

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00:49:56,030 --> 00:49:53,160

come forward and say certain things it's

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00:49:57,530 --> 00:49:56,040

it's pretty hard to unsay them

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00:49:59,750 --> 00:49:57,540

um so now

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00:50:02,870 --> 00:49:59,760

um my expectation is that more

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00:50:05,390 --> 00:50:02,880

information will surface more witnesses

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00:50:06,950 --> 00:50:05,400

will come forward again I don't question

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00:50:10,970 --> 00:50:06,960

the need to keep certain information

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00:50:11,710 --> 00:50:10,980

classified that's uh you know legitimate

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00:50:14,950 --> 00:50:11,720

um

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00:50:18,530 --> 00:50:14,960

mission of any government

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00:50:22,309 --> 00:50:18,540

worldwide to protect its its people

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00:50:25,609 --> 00:50:22,319

um but uh this information some of it

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00:50:28,250 --> 00:50:25,619

you know goes beyond that it's not a

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national security details or technology

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it's just general

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00:50:35,950 --> 00:50:33,720

information that is is World shattering

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if it's if it's true the way Dave Rush

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00:50:42,050 --> 00:50:38,760

said it so

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um uh yeah I expected to to open the

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door and uh I think it can only Advance

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it's pretty hard to to shut that door

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00:50:52,250 --> 00:50:50,880

now that's right yeah yeah because of

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00:50:53,630 --> 00:50:52,260

all the demands that are coming from

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00:50:55,430 --> 00:50:53,640

different quarters

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00:50:57,109 --> 00:50:55,440

you know the one last thing I know that

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00:50:58,849 --> 00:50:57,119

I said that was the last question a

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00:51:00,829 --> 00:50:58,859

question ago but it's not really a

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00:51:04,910 --> 00:51:00,839

question it's more of a statement but

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00:51:07,250 --> 00:51:04,920

I'm I'm a little surprised that this

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00:51:08,510 --> 00:51:07,260

isn't like blasted all over the news

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00:51:11,870 --> 00:51:08,520

everywhere do you think it's just

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00:51:14,630 --> 00:51:11,880

momentum that it eventually will be

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00:51:17,030 --> 00:51:14,640

picked up by everybody

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00:51:19,309 --> 00:51:17,040

you know from my perspective it is being

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00:51:22,370 --> 00:51:19,319

blasted over the news I mean I'm getting

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00:51:25,370 --> 00:51:22,380

you know I see it's surfacing on TV

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00:51:30,589 --> 00:51:25,380

stations uh you know mainstream media

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00:51:32,809 --> 00:51:30,599

you know blogs uh podcasts so uh yeah I

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00:51:33,589 --> 00:51:32,819

don't know what more can can happen I

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mean

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um plus you know there's a natural

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progression to these things it kind of

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spreads so organically yeah yeah uh I

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see tremendous reactions so far and

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00:51:48,530 --> 00:51:46,800

let's see where it goes yeah

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00:51:51,349 --> 00:51:48,540

um I I only say that statement because

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00:51:54,049 --> 00:51:51,359

you know I'm out out in the public and

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00:51:55,549 --> 00:51:54,059

my girlfriend also has like said you

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know called her cousins and like

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California hey did you hear like a no no

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I didn't hear you know eventually more

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00:52:04,190 --> 00:52:02,220

people will hear about it you know I

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think everyone like us that pays

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00:52:08,990 --> 00:52:06,839

attention to this is probably you know

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it's on the radar but it may not

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00:52:12,950 --> 00:52:10,500

eventually I hope it's on everybody's

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radar because remember that there's a

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00:52:15,410 --> 00:52:14,220

lot of terrible things going on in the

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00:52:18,589 --> 00:52:15,420

world right now though that's true

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Ukraine and you know poison air in New

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York and uh yeah you know so this is a

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00:52:25,370 --> 00:52:23,579

story it's not the only story out there

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00:52:28,190 --> 00:52:25,380

it's a it's a story it's an interesting

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story but the world is a big place and

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there's a lot of tragedy going on and a

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00:52:34,970 --> 00:52:32,579

lot of you know other things happening

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00:52:37,430 --> 00:52:34,980

so uh you know we don't think that

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everything should stop for our story I

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00:52:43,309 --> 00:52:40,559

mean uh it has to take its place in a

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very fast changing news environment and

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00:52:48,589 --> 00:52:45,900

uh you know Lord knows is enough trouble

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00:52:51,650 --> 00:52:48,599

going on in the world that you know to

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distract your attention so this will

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take its place with other things it'll

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pass you know people's attention will go

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into other things but we hope we've made

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some impact that will last here and that

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00:53:05,410 --> 00:53:03,660

um maybe uh you know pry open the doors

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00:53:08,270 --> 00:53:05,420

a little bit for more information

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00:53:10,309 --> 00:53:08,280

exactly very well said Ralph thank you

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00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:10,319

so much it's always a pleasure speaking

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00:53:14,990 --> 00:53:12,240

with you Martin likewise thanks for

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00:53:17,270 --> 00:53:15,000

having me all right thank you all right

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00:53:19,670 --> 00:53:17,280

everyone so um I think that was a great

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00:53:22,549 --> 00:53:19,680

interesting show and uh keep your eyes

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00:53:25,700 --> 00:53:22,559

on this topic thank you very much for uh

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