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There's no question that UFOs are real. I studied the UFO phenomenon all over the world

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in 42 countries. I traveled a million kilometers for it. And there's no question that indeed

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there's something behind the UFO phenomenon which is real and indicating an extraterrestrial

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presence here on Earth.

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I don't believe in UFOs. I've seen a number of them and so I'm quite certain they exist.

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And it's a bit like asking, do you believe in this chair I'm sitting in? Well, I mean

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it's there and you can see it. I've seen them. I've seen tremendous evidence associated

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with them. And there's no question in my mind that they are real.

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I personally don't think that's true because there have been committee after committee

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consisting of, you know, top flight academics and people who are skilled in recognizing

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aerial phenomena and so forth. When they look at the evidence, what they find is that, you

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know, the UFOs turn out to be natural phenomena.

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The idea that unidentified objects in the skies may be spacecraft from another world

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sharply divides skeptics from believers. But it's an idea that is growing in popularity

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Unidentified flying objects have been seen in the skies since the beginning of time.

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But are they mere quirks of nature or something more profound? And if so, what?

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In 1947 it was claimed that an alien spacecraft crashed in the desert near the town of Roswell,

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Mexico. And indeed, although they later retracted this statement, initially the American military

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seemed to confirm the fact.

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Two weeks earlier, Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot, had reported seeing disshaped craft

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in the skies ahead of him near Mount Rainier in Washington state.

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These two incidents triggered a belief in a phenomenon that over the last 50 years has

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attracted followers from all walks of life.

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Dr. Stephen Greer, a qualified medical doctor, is certain that UFOs are both real and extraterrestrial.

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He thinks he has plenty of evidence to justify a congressional hearing on the subject.

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There's more evidence for this subject than there is for black holes.

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We have over 3,500 pilot reports from a member of my team who's collected them from civilian

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and military people. We have 4,000 landing trace events. We have hundreds of photographs

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that are daylight crystal clear, they've been analyzed and they're not hoaxes.

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So far, Greer's efforts to persuade Congress have been unsuccessful. But his organization

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continues to groom its followers for contact with EET.

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The C-Setting has also instituted a program of going around the world and initiating teams

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of observers. But beyond that, teams of people capable of interacting with these objects

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and with the intelligence behind these objects, which is what's really important.

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There's been a combination of tremendous security put around the subject, which we're familiar

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with, and public disinformation and ridicule, which makes the subject the laughing stock

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of the scientific community and others. And so I may go and meet with a deputy director

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of NASA and they're extremely interested and they know the subject is real. But they

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would never go and be in front of a camera talking about it because it'd be the end of

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their careers professionally.

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Here we have the most commonly observed type of UFO. There's an official USF of picture

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and this is the disc-shaped UFO with a dome on top of the after-all of the...

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There's no doubt that the UFO phenomenon attracts more than its share of ridicule.

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But our photographs, however dubious and individual eyewitness accounts, too readily dismissed

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by skeptics.

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We, healthy, normal human beings, we are able to describe something we have seen accurately

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and we are not the victims of the loosens all the times. We can be, but we are not always.

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Denying the reality of your voice means denying the value of the human testimony itself.

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Close to a prop circle area and open barns and we have one of these little balls of light

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The local UFO clubs that Michael Hessman addresses are part of a growing international circuit.

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By far the majority here are convinced that UFOs are real and extraterrestrial in origin.

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Is it such an impossible idea?

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It is not impossible at all for people to believe that we could be visited by other civilizations

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because we ourselves send UFOs to other planetary bodies.

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So if there was life on some other planet, they may have also done the same thing by sending

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things to other planetary bodies.

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That there is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe is no longer doubted by many

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of today's scientists and astronauts like Ulrich Walther.

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I'm convinced that in our universe there are other intelligence. However, I don't think

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that's true within our galaxy, in our Milky Way.

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Astronaut's story Musgrave is even more convinced.

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Statistically it's a certainty. There are hugely advanced civilizations, intelligences, life forms out there.

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I believe they're so advanced that they're even doing interstellar travel. I believe it's possible they came here.

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The ultimate question is, is someone else out there? And if they're out there, how many of them are there

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who are actually visiting us? We don't know, and we want to know.

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What is it about the UFO phenomenon that makes it so difficult to pin down, despite reports of sightings from all over the world?

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Primarily it's the nature of the evidence. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.

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High in the mountains of Chile, Yorga Ibarra, a gold miner, says he had a close encounter with the UFO.

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I saw one light, the big light, it stopped over my head, about 300 meters high.

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It has a blue light, a completely blue light down. At this moment the UFO cut the blue light and gave it three types of light.

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Yellow, green and red. They came in direct from me. I didn't see one special energy force on my body.

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But something curious, the UFO has no noise of the motor. Only as a wind.

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Same when you have a stick, a big stick, and make this way, and the UFO moves again.

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Like so many UFO accounts, Yorga Ibarra's story, lacking as it is intangible evidence, rests solely on the reliability of one individual's testimony.

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In Belgium in 1989 and 90, it was a very different story. Here there was a UFO phenomenon that engaged the whole country to the highest level.

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Literally hundreds of separate sightings of a strange triangle of lights that moved slowly across the countryside were reported to the authorities.

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And this unidentified flying object was investigated by a number of experts.

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At first sight it is very strange. Because for example the technical characteristics of such flying objects are very different from what we know.

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Professor Leon Brenig teaches at the Free University of Brussels and was one of those who looked closely at the phenomenon.

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I saw a lot of first-hand witnesses had direct access to at least 800 investigations which were carefully made.

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All these investigations indicate that there is really a phenomenon which is unusual.

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All the flying characteristics are highly strange.

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We have a lot of observations of such triangular platforms which were hovering silently without any apparent action on the air above a farm.

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During 20 minutes, why above a farm? What does it mean?

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One of the many witnesses at the time was Colonel Andre Armand, a civil engineering officer in the Belgian army.

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In December 1989 he was driving along this road at night when he saw three rectangular panels of light moving slowly across the sky.

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I saw the yellow panels beyond the trees there, flying till the trees there.

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And the yellow panels changed into white light and this white light was coming down to me.

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At this moment my wife told me, Andre, come, we must go now.

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Because when you see such big light coming to you, that's very strange to see that.

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And my wife said to me, Andre, we are going away now.

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This light disappears and I saw only three yellow, white, smaller lights. Triangular.

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The center, the red light, pulsing, always pulsing.

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And this object was flying away very, very fast in this direction.

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In the following months there were many similar sightings of a strange triangle of lights not only in the countryside but also hovering over the rooftops in the center of Brussels.

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Marcel Alfarano, a shopkeeper, managed to capture it on his camcorder.

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It happened at 2.15, 2.20 in the morning, at night 30 or 31.

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It happened at about 2.20 in the morning on the night of the 31st of March.

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I took my camera and I went upstairs.

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It was at that moment that I saw in the distance two lights.

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They were bigger than car headlights and they were slowly coming towards me.

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They were moving very slowly, high above the rooftops there.

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And as they got closer, I could see there was a third light behind the other two.

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This topped over there.

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I realized it was not a plane. It was something bizarre, something unrecognizable.

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Later some people from the government found me and they said I should not get too carried away.

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They said I should say it was a plane I had filmed.

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I went to see this film.

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I took a camera 2 times, f16, to observe what the people saw from the ground.

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Wilfrid de Braille, a colonel at the time, was officer in charge of operations.

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Some people saw very strange objects in the air with a very peculiar behavior.

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They called the police, the police confirmed the observation.

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They called the radio station of Glom and Glom confirmed that they saw a blip in the air.

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And that was also confirmed by another radio station which is about 100 miles away.

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Based on that they asked to send these two aircraft in the air.

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The police found me and they told me that I had to go to the airport.

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I was told that I had to go to the airport.

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I was told that I had to go to the airport.

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So that night we had a squabble with 2 f16. I was one of the two pilots so I was leading the pair for that mission.

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We had a lot of information coming from the ground.

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And those people would basically inform us about the exact position of the UFO.

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The ground radar observed a blip which was moving very fast from an area south of Brussels towards the east.

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The aircraft were in the near vicinity and of course tried to detect that particular object.

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And the two aircraft confirmed that they had a lock on which showed the speed of 700 knots around 700 knots.

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The f16s had repeated locks onto the UFO but as they closed in it changed direction and speed with extraordinary maneuverability.

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The pilots had no doubt that the target was real.

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We had a different radar contact on the target so it happens at least 3-4 times where we could acquire radar lock on with the f16.

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And we knew that at least one or two times we had exactly the same contact as the one which was on the screen on the ground.

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It was accelerating very fast so it was going from 50 knots to more than 1000 knots.

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It was really climbing and descending very fast and it was changing heading abruptly.

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And most of the time it was even flying super-speed.

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The Air Force never did make direct visual contact with the UFO.

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Exactly what the target was remained a mystery.

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I don't think it could have been experimental aircraft.

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First of all we always looked to the United States.

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They could have been doing experiments here.

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I don't see why they should be doing it in Belgium in the first place.

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Secondly they confirmed officially that it was not them.

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We had an official declaration of the ambassador here.

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And thirdly the performance of this system was such that it could not be related even to an experimental technology.

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It was not a prototype and I don't really believe it was a meteorological phenomenon at that moment.

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There was much left and one could refer to an extraterrestrial observation or vehicle if you want.

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And I think that's an option or an assumption which should not be excluded.

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I'm not saying that it was an extraterrestrial but it is an assumption that should not be excluded.

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The radar tape from one of the F-16s was sent for detailed examination by experts at the Center for the Study of Electronic Warfare.

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The radar specialist who advised the investigating team there was Professor Emil Schweitzer,

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a distinguished physicist who teaches at the country's elite military academy.

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What did he make of the strange unidentified craft that the Belgian Air Force tried to intercept?

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That UFO code could make right turns which is impossible by our laws of mechanics.

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And that UFO code also changed very suddenly the velocity which is also impossible.

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But because it would give an infinite acceleration.

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Is it possible that the Air Force's unseen UFO was nothing more than a technical aberration in the radar equipment?

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I don't think that you can explain it by saying that all radars made the same mistake. That's highly unlikely.

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There are different types of radar, there are different types of antennas and also the orientation of the target was different for the four radars.

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I'm going to be fired by my colleagues but I think that extra-terrestrial intelligence is very highly likely.

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A photograph of the Belgian Triangle of Lights was later computer enhanced.

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The image that was revealed appears to show a dark, delta-shaped craft behind the lights.

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As more and more people worldwide look to the skies, some more and more UFO sightings are reported.

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And increasingly an extra-terrestrial interpretation is capturing the popular imagination.

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Mass communications have spread details of sightings around the globe,

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revealing among other things that there are recurring similarities between some UFOs of today and those of the past.

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This footage was taken near a military base in Montana in 1957.

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I saw two silvery objects moving swiftly out of the Northwest.

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The objects were very bright and about 10,000 feet in the air.

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They appeared to be a bright, shiny metal, like polished silver.

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Both were the same size and were traveling at the same rate of speed, which was much slower than the jets which shot by shortly after I filmed the discs.

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In Germany more than 30 years later, strange balls of light were again seen in the sky.

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But this time they were stationary and both witnessed and photographed by hundreds of people.

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It happened at Greifswald on the Baltic Sea.

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Valeri Vinogrado was one of those who had his video camera to hand, and he recorded what he saw that night.

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I heard noises so I went into the kitchen.

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I looked out of the window. I could hear excited voices in the street and everyone was pointing towards the sky.

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And then I saw these glowing balls hanging in a sort of formation in the sky.

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It was in this direction over Greifswald nuclear power station towards the town of Lubin.

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Within the formation the spheres all seemed to be rotating, but it was as if they were acting together in a formation.

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And the whole group was hovering, not making any sudden moves.

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It was just hovering in a stable kind of way.

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Then I saw a small sphere coming from the right.

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It looked as if it flew right into the group and dissolved.

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I think it's proof that whatever they were, they were still moving.

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They were not flares.

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So far pictures on their own have done little to solve the mystery of what UFOs are.

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While it's true that still photographs, moving film and more recently home videos have produced an intriguing record of sightings over the past 50 years.

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Imagery alone has failed to reveal much about the true nature of the objects we are seeing.

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The inevitable distant hand held out of focus pictures say little or nothing of the UFO's internal mechanism, if indeed they have one.

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If we say how would an alien phenomena look, then we don't have a clue.

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It might look like a UFO. It might look like an ordinary airplane because they're disguised.

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It might be totally invisible. We could look out there and there could be an alien spacecraft hanging over the city of Houston.

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It's possible, but we're looking for evidence to prove it so.

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It seems there is no stereotype for UFOs.

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Cigar shaped, ball shaped and saucer shaped craft are the most common manifestations of the phenomenon.

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Whatever they are, UFOs by definition display characteristics that are clearly different from any known conventional craft.

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And that is about as much as can be deduced from visual images.

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On the odd occasion when UFOs are sharply photographed and the image clearly discernible, it raises other problems.

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In 1971 on holiday on the borders of Austria and Germany, a musician and his wife were enjoying the landscape when they witnessed something very unusual.

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Rudi Nagora recalls what happened.

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I heard a whistling tone that was coming from somewhere nearby. I thought somebody was playing with the radio in their car, but it wasn't the case.

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Then I could hear that the sound was coming from above. I looked up and in the sky I suddenly saw a round moving object.

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It certainly didn't move like an aeroplane. The plane might do loops, but it doesn't suddenly stop

and stand still.

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A helicopter could suddenly stop, but you would be able to see the movement of the rotor blades and there were none.

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It stood still in the air and made a humming noise.

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It wasn't in one spot all the time. It would suddenly be behind me. So I had to keep turning around.

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But in the end I managed to take 12 pictures. Of course they were ridiculed a lot and doubted.

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People said I had seen a hubcap and such like. Until they were analyzed.

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Rudi Nagora's pictures were independently examined in Germany and America and no evidence of any

trick photography was discovered.

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But are there evidence of an extraterrestrial craft? A close encounter through the camera lens is not proof enough.

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Mexico. There have been more UFO sightings in the last five years than anywhere else in the world.

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In 1994 the hills of Guadalajara were the setting for a close encounter of the second kind.

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That is to say the UFO was not only seen at close hand, but there was some interaction between it and the man who photographed it.

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Raul Dominguez is a landowner and a businessman. He recalls the extraordinary craft he saw that day.

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It was a machine that I believe was about 25 meters in diameter. The lower half revolved.

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I didn't notice any noise until it was very close to me. I heard it when it was 10 or 12 meters above my head.

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And I heard a sound like bees buzzing. I felt my hair bristling and my clothes moved as well as my hair.

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Immediately afterwards these marks appeared on my face and hands.

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I was ill with stomach pains and bad indigestion for a long time.

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The whole thing affected me very much, both physically and psychologically. It has changed me.

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I'm certain now that UFOs exist.

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Pictures of what may or may not be spacecraft from another world are only as real as the integrity of the witnesses who take them.

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And an extraterrestrial interpretation assumes the possibility that we could be visited by aliens in the first place.

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The main argument against this are the vast distances involved in space.

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The nerve center for those scientists who believe that far out in the cosmos is the only place we'll find ET.

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It's here at Arrasibo in Puerto Rico.

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The largest radio telescope in the world is at the disposal of SETI, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

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I really do think that the aliens are out there. I don't think they're here.

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The reason for that is simply the lack of credible evidence in my opinion.

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I mean it's very hard to travel from one star to the next, despite what you see in the movies and on television.

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It's not just a matter of calling up the engine room and telling Scotty to put the pedal to the metal.

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SETI was originally funded by NASA and they've searched for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence for more than 20 years.

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The space agency no longer invests in their experiment and there are those who argue it's because NASA already knows that ET is here.

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I'm serving 4067? No, 4061. 4061, it didn't shoot out.

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It's a view that SETI's astronomers reject out of hand.

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They're convinced that the first contact with ET will be a radio signal that shows up on this screen.

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Yeah, people often ask have you had any close calls or are you close to success?

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Well that isn't the way this works. It's kind of what you might call a one-bit experiment.

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In other words, it's either yes or no and so far the answer is no.

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It's sort of like Chris Columbus, you know, until he cites land all he's seen is water and that's our situation.

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The ET is in there.

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So far, all signals received have turned out to be false alarms.

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So is it worth continuing the search?

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The question of whether anybody else is out there is the oldest unanswered question that our species has ever asked.

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And personally, I wouldn't work on a project that I didn't think had a chance of success.

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Well I certainly believe that the aliens are out there. I mean I have personally no doubt about that.

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Obviously there's no proof. In my opinion there's no proof of that yet.

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But the reason that I think that it's got to be true is primarily just the vastness of the cosmos.

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I mean there are half trillion stars in our galaxy. There are 50 billion other galaxies, each with a half trillion stars.

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That's a lot of real estate and it would be bizarre in the extreme to think that this is the only bit of real estate where anything interesting is happening.

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The founding father of SETI, Professor Frank Drake, devised an equation that estimates the universe to be teeming with intelligent life.

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So if ET is out there and could have reached us, then surely those who deal with space travel are most likely to have seen some signs.

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Dr. Farouk El-Baz, a geologist, now works at Boston University.

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For six years he was a senior member of NASA's legendary Apollo program.

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He was head of astronaut training and responsible for the intricate experiments that were scheduled for testing on the moon's surface.

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During his time in mission control, he experienced at first hand some unusual happenings involving astronaut Ken Mattingly in the lunar orbiter.

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The one most peculiar sighting of something that we never found out that it was and we thought it should be easy to,

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was the sighting of flashes on the surface of the moon by Ken Mattingly during the Apollo 16 mission.

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One of the objectives of that Apollo 16 mission was to see how much can we see and photograph in the part of the moon that is not lit by the sun but by earth shine.

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The first time Ken Mattingly began to do this, he said something that I'll be damned, I just saw a flash.

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And we said, what flash? So we said, I just saw a light flash on the surface of the moon, something on the moon flashed.

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As he came around the next time and we said now be careful with this thing and look again and mark your time when you see it so we know exactly when it happens because we want to tie this to whatever is happening in the landing site.

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One of NASA's experiments on the moon involved highly sensitive seismometers that among other things could detect the impact of incoming meteors.

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If Mattingly's flashes appeared again, the instruments would surely record the impact of a meteor, the most likely explanation for his sighting.

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And so on the next lunar orbit, Ken Mattingly was briefed to look out for flashes and report what he saw.

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He said, okay, and he did that and he saw two flashes, that's the time and not that one orbit, not one.

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So we picked up the exact times and we took these to our colleagues, the ones that had the seismometers.

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But at that time there was absolutely no evidence of anything hitting the moon at these hours because it would have been picked up for it.

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There is absolutely no explanation and that remained a complete mystery.

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Of course at this time the Russians had an unmanned presence on the moon.

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Nevertheless there are unexplained pictures. This one shows a shadow racing across the moon's surface.

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And here a flash appears from a crater as an unidentified object passes overhead.

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There's a funny object right there.

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And the astronauts are going to pan around here and notice the moon never goes out of sight.

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There it is again and the object has changed.

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Dr. Jack Casher has studied this film and is convinced that it shows a UFO on the moon.

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Head of Physics at Nebraska University, Dr. Casher's academic background is impressive.

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I studied the physics of the effects of nuclear weapons among other things.

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I specialized in electromagnetic theory, electromagnetic pulses.

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I did some work on the Star Wars program out there.

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In 1991 I started doing research with NASA.

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My clearance was up to the secret restricted data.

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In fact one paper that I wrote was so classified that I couldn't read it myself but I had to get special permission to read it.

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Three main engines up and burning. Three, two, one, zero and lift off of the space shuttle discovery and the upper atmosphere research satellite.

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We're going to be there studying the Earth's environment from space.

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Dr. Casher has studied closely another film taken in space during shuttle mission STS-48.

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He's certain that here there is a refutable proof that there are UFOs in space and NASA must know it.

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After a flash an object seems to move rapidly away from an approaching missile. NASA sees it differently.

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Four NASA scientists looked at these objects and there will be another one right here.

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And decided that they were probably ice particles close to the shuttle that were being blown by the attitude adjuster rockets that go off to adjust the shuttle's orientation.

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It's a fact that the shuttle's jets do blow ice particles around in space. The story Musgrave knows well.

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If you just shut the engines down there's thousands of particles which come forward for some reason.

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So you see this marvelous debris come across the front windows.

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My analysis leads me otherwise. I have concluded that these are probably spacecraft out in space away from the shuttle.

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We'll see the main object appear here soon. There it is. It's going to go up here and there will be a double flash down here.

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Apparently in response to that it will cut back very sharply in that direction and then you'll see a streak go through where the object had been.

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Watch for the double flash. There's the flash. There it goes. And there goes the streak right through where it had been.

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I think they're spacecraft because they change direction apparently in response to the flashes.

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So they're maneuvering. They're accelerating. Changing directions out in space and that's my definition of spacecraft.

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I'm convinced that this is snowflakes. Small snowflakes illuminated by the sun.

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There was one snowflake doing a 90 degrees turn. I don't understand why this snowflake makes such kind of turn.

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It could be that it collides with something else so it makes a different direction.

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These two objects react...

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I've seen the report by Dr. Katsch. I've heard his presentations. He has the timing of the flashes wrong. He has the position of the jets and the pulses wrong.

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The timing of the flashes occurred at a certain time. I tried to tell him several years ago about the fact that the visible flash on the television does not fully coincide with the actual rocket pulse.

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And I have a letter. I sent him. He disregarded that.

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I think that NASA would tend to be quiet about anything that would tend to have an extraterrestrial interpretation.

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I think it's like the rest of the branches of the government. I think there's a cover up and they are keeping things concerning UFOs from us.

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Three, two, one. Boost recognition and liftoff of Columbia on a life sciences mission for Earth and space.

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The fact is there are unidentified flying objects in space and even on the way there. This one appeared in the middle of a shuttle launch.

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We have switched to TVC2.

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On another occasion on Mission STS-73 astronaut Caddy Coleman has heard to announce loud and clear that she's just seen a UFO.

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We have an unidentified flying object.

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Is there something going on in space that we're not being told?

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The Americans are not the only ones in space. The MIR space station has allowed Russian cosmonauts to break the records for the length of time spent in space.

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During a docking with MIR, cosmonaut Musa Manorov filmed an unidentified object that passed by.

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At some point in the filming I caught sight of something that seemed to have separated from the ship.

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Moreover it was rotating as it moved away and changing its brightness.

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I can't say exactly how far away it was. I can only say it was not very close because the camera was focused on infinity.

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At first it seemed to me that something has separated from the ship.

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But then when I examined the ship I realized that there was nothing that could have broken away.

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What's more, I have no alarms going off. Everything was calm.

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Later there were lengthy arguments as to what it could possibly have been.

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On another mission, Russian cosmonaut Gennady Strickalov is certain he saw a most unusual unidentified flying object in space.

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There was a huge sphere. I think it appeared when we were over Newfoundland. The sea was in the background.

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It was shining, sparkling of absolutely even shape.

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It shone like the balls that hang on trees at Christmas.

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Greenish in color and all shimmering. It was impossible to take your eyes off it.

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I watched it for maybe 5 or 7 seconds. But I didn't have a camera and if I had gone to get one I would have lost it.

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For just a sudden as it appeared. So it just disappeared.

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It's not difficult to misinterpret objects in space.

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This mysteriously floating sphere is actually a recently developed remote camera called Aircam.

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Story Musgrave is uniquely placed to know if there are UFOs in space.

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He spent 30 years with NASA and been on 6 missions.

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Has he seen anything in his time out there that might be evidence of extraterrestrial life or perhaps explain the UFO phenomenon?

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Nothing that I have seen personally has a signature.

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Has those characteristics which you would attribute to other forms of intelligence or other kinds of craft.

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Twice I saw what I call my eel which I don't know the size of it because I don't know how far away it was.

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But it was like a rubber piece of hose which had internal motions in it.

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Maybe it's 8 feet, maybe it's 10. I'm not sure. When you can't tell how far away you can't get the size.

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So I'm missing both of those things' size and how far away.

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But there's no question it had internal motions.

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Story Musgrave is open to the idea of alien civilizations but is adamant that he has never found any proof on any of his shuttle missions.

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The new frontiers of space are providing pictures that serve only to fuel the UFO controversy.

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In this footage taken from shuttle mission STS-80, the cameras pointing back at Earth.

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There are many features that are known here. Flashes of lightning from tropical thunderstorms, the city lights of Denver, Colorado, meteors, satellites and some 8000 pieces of space debris.

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But still there are some objects that remain a mystery.

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Like this strange shape that appears unexpectedly from the Earth's atmosphere.

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Is it a UFO? What do the experts make of it?

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I don't know what it is. Whether it's a washer, debris, ice particle, I don't know.

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But it's characteristic of the thousands of things which I've seen.

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What is not quite so characteristic appears to come from nowhere.

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You would think that even if it's facing the dark side or facing a side toward you which does not reflect the sun, you would think you would see something there.

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That's really impressive.

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My first understanding that what you see was a reflection of a rising moon in the window for which the camera is looking.

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This was my first impression. But on the second thought I thought that would be wrong.

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Usually in life there are some possibilities which you don't think of. I don't know.

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My best guess from my scientific point of view is that we really are being visited by extraterrestrials.

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Probably have been for some time. And I believe that at least some of these UFO reports are genuine.

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And by UFO I really don't mean unidentified flying objects. I mean extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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I think the word has evolved into meaning that. And I think there are enough examples from reliable witnesses to suggest that this cries out for investigation.

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Clearly Dr. Kaccha and other UFO believers think they have proof that NASA is keeping something secret.

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Let them put their analysis in some peer review journals or professional journals or a general interest publication. But I haven't seen any of it.

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We're not hiding anything. We don't have the UFOs spacecraft and the beings stuffed in some hangar on one of our centers.

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There would be no reason for us to do that. One of our goals is to find the origins and the search for life.

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If we find life, if we think we've been visited by life, we are going to trumpet it loudly. Our budget's been going down for the last five years.

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If there's one thing that could turn it around, it's some clear indication that life has either come here or we have found it somewhere else.

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We're not about to cover that up.

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A distinguished astronaut who agrees with Jack Kaccha's belief in the reality of UFOs is Gordon Cooper.

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Now in his 80s, in 1951, Cooper had a sighting while serving as a fighter pilot in Germany.

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Well, a weatherman had reported seeing these objects in the sky and various other people got binoculars and looked for them and saw them also.

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And they were flying formations similar to our fighter formations.

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And we proceeded to launch them airplane and see if we could get up where they were and we could not and gave up on it.

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They were higher and faster than we could go. They were very metallic looking, symmetrical saucer shape.

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I think I saw some craft coming from some distant planet.

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Gordon Cooper was so convinced that there was evidence of UFOs here on Earth that in 1978 he went to the United Nations and presented them with a letter describing his experience.

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Today, Cooper is unswerving in his belief that UFOs are real.

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He's convinced that the evidence is not in space but here on Earth and no one knows it better than fellow pilots.

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When I do know a few airline pilots who have had some very real sightings,

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then I would suspect that there are probably vehicles that are coming from some other galaxy somewhere.

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Thank you for watching.