

The image is a podcast cover for 'UNKNOWN: A UFO Podcast'. It features a central illustration of an astronaut in a white spacesuit floating in a circular hatch of a space station. The station's interior is detailed with red and white panels, control panels, and various equipment. The background shows a view of Earth from space, with a blue and green horizon. At the top, a dark blue circular logo contains a microphone icon, the word 'UNKNOWN' in a stylized font, and 'A UFO PODCAST' with two stars. The title 'Astronauts and UFOs' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font across the bottom. A blue box at the bottom center contains the text 'EPISODE 02.20'. The entire cover is framed by a blurred, repeating pattern of the station's interior on the left and right sides.

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★ A UFO PODCAST ★

Astronauts and UFOs

EPISODE 02.20

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[Music]

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[Applause]

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I'm Jason McClellan I'm here with

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00:00:38,090 --> 00:00:36,270

Maureen Elsberry Ryan Sprague and Shane

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heard today thanks for hanging out with

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us today we're talking about astronauts

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and UFOs this is always a fun topic of

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conversation but we're talking about it

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today because a recent interview with an

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00:00:54,979 --> 00:00:51,690

astronaut spawned countless headlines

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around the world on Sunday January 5th

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00:00:58,910 --> 00:00:56,820

The Guardian published an interview with

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astronaut Helen Charmin the first

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British person to make it to space and

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she talks about aliens in this interview

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here's what she said quote aliens exist

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there's no two ways about it

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unquote she also stated that quote it's

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possible they're here right now in quote

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00:01:23,149 --> 00:01:20,400

that's a big statement especially coming

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00:01:25,180 --> 00:01:23,159

from someone who has been in space

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it's obviously excited a lot of people

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generating the headlines proclaiming

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that an astronaut said aliens are real

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00:01:35,200 --> 00:01:32,880

and they're here on earth the headlines

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00:01:38,500 --> 00:01:35,210

of course were very sensationalistic

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00:01:40,760 --> 00:01:38,510

they were overstating just a little bit

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here's the rest of what Sharman said

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quote there are so many billions of

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stars out there in the universe that

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00:01:50,420 --> 00:01:47,520

there must be all sorts of different

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00:01:53,150 --> 00:01:50,430

forms of life will they be like you and

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00:01:53,720 --> 00:01:53,160

me made up of carbon and nitrogen maybe

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not

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00:02:00,380 --> 00:01:56,010

it's possible they're here right now and

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00:02:02,510 --> 00:02:00,390

we simply can't see them in quote so did

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00:02:05,899 --> 00:02:02,520

she reveal some insider astronaut

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00:02:08,600 --> 00:02:05,909

knowledge about aliens on earth no she

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00:02:10,190 --> 00:02:08,610

simply surmises that all sorts of

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00:02:12,649 --> 00:02:10,200

different life must exist in the

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00:02:14,809 --> 00:02:12,659

universe some life-forms might not be

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00:02:17,540 --> 00:02:14,819

visible to the human eye and some of

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00:02:20,149 --> 00:02:17,550

that life could conceivably be on earth

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00:02:21,649 --> 00:02:20,159

and we wouldn't know it that doesn't

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mean that what she said isn't cool I

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00:02:26,180 --> 00:02:23,970

think it's very cool I'm always

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00:02:28,160 --> 00:02:26,190

fascinated to hear what people who have

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00:02:31,270 --> 00:02:28,170

been in space had to say about

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00:02:33,890 --> 00:02:31,280

intelligent alien life or about UFOs and

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00:02:36,320 --> 00:02:33,900

there have been several astronauts over

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00:02:39,830 --> 00:02:36,330
the years who have commented on aliens

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00:02:40,640 --> 00:02:39,840
and/or UFOs so let's talk about a few of

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00:02:42,530 --> 00:02:40,650
them

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00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:42,540
the first one we'll talk about today is

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00:02:48,800 --> 00:02:45,840
Pavel Popovich yeah so this was

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00:02:51,470 --> 00:02:48,810
cosmonaut Pavel Popovich he was the

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00:02:54,770 --> 00:02:51,480
first Ukrainian cosmonaut and the 8th

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:54,780
human in space he was also a survivor

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00:02:59,690 --> 00:02:56,879
after living under the Nazi occupation

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00:03:02,449 --> 00:02:59,700
for almost two years as a young child so

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00:03:05,149 --> 00:03:02,459
that was a pretty interesting attribute

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00:03:08,449 --> 00:03:05,159
to this story he grew up to be a an

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00:03:10,339 --> 00:03:08,459

amateur pilot and engineer and he worked

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his way up to being a to being

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considered as a cosmonaut his flight

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into space first one was in 1962 and

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00:03:22,130 --> 00:03:20,280

then his second in 1974 was a pretty

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interesting mission actually he was part

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00:03:29,440 --> 00:03:25,739

of a Soviet program of military people

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00:03:33,440 --> 00:03:29,450

and military use in space exploration

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technology so Popovich and his engineer

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at the time they conducted military

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intelligence operations using infrared

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00:03:44,300 --> 00:03:40,920

and optical equipment and one of their

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00:03:47,539 --> 00:03:44,310

tasks was to to capture the American

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00:03:49,490 --> 00:03:47,549
Skylab station with the three astronauts

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00:03:51,319 --> 00:03:49,500
on board at the time and you know got to

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00:03:53,539 --> 00:03:51,329
see what they were up to yeah and this

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00:03:55,220 --> 00:03:53,549
was you know obviously still bitterness

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00:03:57,890 --> 00:03:55,230
from the Americans winning the Cold War

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00:04:00,199 --> 00:03:57,900
and when they found out that Popovich

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00:04:01,849 --> 00:04:00,209
had done this the Americans actually

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00:04:04,729 --> 00:04:01,859
came up with a nickname for him which

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00:04:06,319 --> 00:04:04,739
was the quote aggressor which is pretty

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00:04:11,210 --> 00:04:06,329
interesting he definitely got a

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00:04:13,430 --> 00:04:11,220
reputation soon I think yeah 1978 he was

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travelling from Washington to Moscow

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from a conference and along with the

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other passengers and pilots they had a

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pretty dramatic UFO sighting of a

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00:04:25,790 --> 00:04:23,220

triangular-shaped object trailing the

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00:04:28,189 --> 00:04:25,800

airplane and then bypassing the airplane

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00:04:29,570 --> 00:04:28,199

at like unbelievable speeds and then it

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00:04:31,969 --> 00:04:29,580

disappeared yeah

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00:04:33,379 --> 00:04:31,979

nothing was tracked on radar nothing was

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seen on the ground but everyone on the

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00:04:37,460 --> 00:04:35,190

plane agreed that they had seen it so

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00:04:40,670 --> 00:04:37,470

from here Popovich started looking into

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00:04:42,890 --> 00:04:40,680

the UFO cases in Russia and like many he

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00:04:47,000 --> 00:04:42,900

became obsessed with the topic and

101
00:04:50,000 --> 00:04:47,010
became a UFO researcher and in the early

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00:04:52,279 --> 00:04:50,010
to mid 80s he served as a deputy in the

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00:04:55,010 --> 00:04:52,289
Commission for anomalous phenomena

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00:04:58,100 --> 00:04:55,020
the environment which was a academic UFO

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00:05:01,760 --> 00:04:58,110
research program created by the USSR

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00:05:03,739 --> 00:05:01,770
Academy of Sciences and then in the 90s

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00:05:06,529 --> 00:05:03,749
he presided over the first official

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00:05:09,320 --> 00:05:06,539
public Soviet Union UFO research

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00:05:11,179 --> 00:05:09,330
organization he advocated for the

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00:05:14,089 --> 00:05:11,189
release of government documents related

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00:05:16,760 --> 00:05:14,099
to UFOs and he asserted that much of the

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00:05:18,649 --> 00:05:16,770
UFO related information he received was

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00:05:24,769 --> 00:05:18,659

from military and government sources

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00:05:28,749 --> 00:05:26,719

through his research he concluded that

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most of what is written about UFOs is

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nonsense I like this guy already and

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although he didn't believe claims of

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alien abductions or et contact he held

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the belief that et's visit earth and

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operate multiple bases on the planet so

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pretty interesting stance it wasn't just

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Popovich though who was interested in

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UFOs his wife marina Popovich was a

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retired Soviet Air Force colonel and one

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00:05:59,869 --> 00:05:57,419

of the most famous pilots in Russia so

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00:06:02,119 --> 00:05:59,879

she too was also a UFO researcher she

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00:06:04,429 --> 00:06:02,129

caught the bug too and you gotta get

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00:06:06,230 --> 00:06:04,439

this you know this Russian power couple

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some credit they both became UFO

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researchers in Russia and I thought

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that's pretty badass she wrote a book it

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was called the UFO class dust and she

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asserted that the Soviet military

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confirmed over 3,000 UFO sightings and

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the government possessed a wreckage from

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00:06:28,249 --> 00:06:25,199

the five UFO crashes so they pretty much

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had long careers in the military space

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programs and then in the UFO research

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community talk about a powerhouse couple

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00:06:42,409 --> 00:06:40,110

there yeah he spent his final years in

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Moscow in a settlement dubbed Star

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village which housed over 36 former

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00:06:51,829 --> 00:06:49,019

cosmonauts retired cosmonauts and after

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00:06:54,079 --> 00:06:51,839

his death a mountain range in Antarctica

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00:06:56,839 --> 00:06:54,089

was actually named after him and so was

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00:06:58,639 --> 00:06:56,849

a minor planet I wasn't able to figure

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out which one that was I'll have to do

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some more research on that but a pretty

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fulfilling life for both he and his wife

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I would say it's it's it's also

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00:07:08,379 --> 00:07:05,360

refreshing to hear

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00:07:10,869 --> 00:07:08,389

UFO researchers in other countries for

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one so this is definitely one that I'm

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gonna look more into for sure well the

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cosmonauts stories are also super

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exciting there's so much about about

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cosmonauts and UFOs and just Russia in

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general Russia UFOs and you know for

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anybody interested in that I highly

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recommend looking at the work of Paul

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Stonehill Paul Stonehill does incredible

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research and and has written extensively

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on Russian UFOs so look into Paul stone

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Hills work absolutely well it's hard to

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find a conversation about astronauts and

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UFOs and not see Edgar Mitchell

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mentioned indeed one of the most famous

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Apollo astronauts in the UFO circles is

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Edgar Mitchell he was also the sixth man

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to walk on the moon and was a firm

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believer in UFOs intelligent

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extraterrestrial life and

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extraterrestrial visitation the big

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three so to speak the NASA astronaut and

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former Navy test pilot was an

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intelligent and very highly regarded

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scientist with a doctorate for MIT so

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for most of us it's pretty surprising

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that he publicly and confidently spoke

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00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:17,479

about his extraterrestrial beliefs and

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so often yeah there's so many interviews

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with him within the community where he's

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very adamant that this occurs one

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notable one is in 1996 mitchell revealed

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on Dateline NBC quote I have no

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first-hand experience but I have had the

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opportunity to meet with people from

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three countries who in the course of

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Thera fishel duties claimed to have had

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personal first-hand encounter

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experiences end quote

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now during the same interview mitchell

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opined that UFO activity and UFO

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incidents like roswell big notable

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incidents are covered up by governments

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and this is a big reveal for somebody

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who is in a government sponsored program

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like nasa so also in an interview with

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filmmaker james fox mitchell shared his

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belief that humans have

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00:09:12,160 --> 00:09:09,949
reverse-engineered extraterrestrial

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00:09:14,800 --> 00:09:12,170
technology this is a very hot topic

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00:09:16,960 --> 00:09:14,810
right now and it has been for a while

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he believes that humans using this

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techno

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oh gee our possibly behind some UFO

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related events like alien abduction so

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00:09:32,010 --> 00:09:26,360
that's a big can of worms if you have

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00:09:34,960 --> 00:09:32,020
the government abducting humans posed as

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00:09:38,850 --> 00:09:34,970
extraterrestrial species there is a big

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00:09:41,290 --> 00:09:38,860
problem there yeah in 2015

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00:09:44,050 --> 00:09:41,300
Mitchell told our buddy Lee Spiegel at

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00:09:46,450 --> 00:09:44,060

The Huffington Post quote I have told

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several sources about my connections

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00:09:50,650 --> 00:09:48,560

over the years with military officers

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00:09:53,650 --> 00:09:50,660

manning missile silos during the Cold

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00:09:56,200 --> 00:09:53,660

War with the Soviet Union who told me

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00:09:58,450 --> 00:09:56,210

personally of UFOs hovering over their

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missile sites and disabling the missiles

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00:10:02,110 --> 00:10:00,020

targeting in the Soviet Union

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end quote the Mitchell spoke on

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countless occasions about his UFO and

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extraterrestrial beliefs but as Nick

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Pope explains to the mirror quote so far

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as I'm aware most of his information on

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the issue comes not from things he's

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00:10:17,500 --> 00:10:15,740

experienced himself but from things he's

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been told by others end quote

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he continued quote clearly because of

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who he is he's had access to government

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military and intelligence community

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00:10:30,580 --> 00:10:27,680

personnel at the highest level but

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00:10:32,740 --> 00:10:30,590

because quite understandably he won't

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name his sources we can't be certain

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these people were being straight with

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him or indeed that they were privy to

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any classified information about UFOs in

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quote Mitchell was a very curious person

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and he was confident in the UFO

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extraterrestrial information provided to

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him by people in the military and

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intelligence community

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he told Spiegel quote I can't say where

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the aliens are from but evidence of

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their presence here is pretty

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overwhelming if you care to look for it

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in quote so Mitchell just passed away a

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couple years ago in 2016 I believe and

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this is a personally a huge bummer for

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me because I in 2013 was supposed to fly

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00:11:21,890 --> 00:11:20,220
to his home in Florida and interview him

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00:11:24,710 --> 00:11:21,900
and the interview got canceled by the

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production company the day before I was

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supposed to leave and obviously that's

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00:11:33,650 --> 00:11:31,790
that's one of I I know Jason has as well

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personally taught sitting down and

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talking with astronauts who believe in

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the subject and or have personal

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experience is a big honor because it's

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very interesting to hear that sort of

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perspective so very bummed I miss my

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chance to talk with Edgar Mitchell yeah

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he's been still involved in controversy

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over the years linked with Buzz Aldrin

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and lie-detector tests alleged

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lie-detector tests and a whole ball of

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worms that that may or may not tie in

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with UFO sightings and astronauts did he

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00:12:14,240 --> 00:12:09,590

punch a journalist in the face too

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00:12:15,140 --> 00:12:14,250

wouldn't that be the way to go nah dead

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00:12:18,280 --> 00:12:15,150

style

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00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:18,290

no no that's bus all the way

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00:12:25,880 --> 00:12:22,800

yeah that's buzz told buzz so I was

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00:12:27,800 --> 00:12:25,890

always fascinated hearing Edgar Mitchell

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00:12:30,500 --> 00:12:27,810

talk about UFOs and intelligent

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00:12:32,480 --> 00:12:30,510

extraterrestrial life but for me

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00:12:35,360 --> 00:12:32,490

personally I always viewed his comments

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00:12:36,800 --> 00:12:35,370

the same way I do with those of former

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00:12:39,340 --> 00:12:36,810

Canadian Minister of Defense Paul

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00:12:42,320 --> 00:12:39,350

Hellyer like Nick Pope pointed out and

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00:12:45,380 --> 00:12:42,330

as Mitchell explained himself his views

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00:12:47,420 --> 00:12:45,390

were based on unverifiable sources he

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00:12:49,250 --> 00:12:47,430

was told by others not things he saw or

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00:12:52,190 --> 00:12:49,260

experienced himself now that doesn't

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00:12:55,040 --> 00:12:52,200

mean it's not genuine or doesn't deserve

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00:12:57,800 --> 00:12:55,050

to be considered but it's important to

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00:13:00,050 --> 00:12:57,810

keep that in mind and understand that no

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00:13:03,260 --> 00:13:00,060

matter how exciting the claims sound and

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00:13:06,010 --> 00:13:03,270

no matter who is restating those claims

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00:13:09,110 --> 00:13:06,020

it's still just second or third-hand

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00:13:11,030 --> 00:13:09,120

anecdotal information and the value or

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00:13:12,920 --> 00:13:11,040

weight of that type of supporting

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00:13:14,990 --> 00:13:12,930

evidence really varies from person to

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00:13:16,370 --> 00:13:15,000

person it's up to every individual to

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00:13:18,140 --> 00:13:16,380

decide for themselves how much weight

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00:13:20,690 --> 00:13:18,150

they want to give that information and

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00:13:22,280 --> 00:13:20,700

how much if at all they want that

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00:13:24,620 --> 00:13:22,290

information to affect their personal

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00:13:27,230 --> 00:13:24,630

beliefs I think it's interesting that

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00:13:29,140 --> 00:13:27,240

like a lot of these things with these

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00:13:31,930 --> 00:13:29,150

people that have been in power or

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00:13:35,950 --> 00:13:31,940

have reputations that it is just hearsay

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00:13:38,050 --> 00:13:35,960

things they've heard which is tough for

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00:13:40,510 --> 00:13:38,060

us in the UFO field because we want like

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00:13:42,460 --> 00:13:40,520

first-hand testimony but it's so hard to

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00:13:44,710 --> 00:13:42,470

get especially when a lot of these

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00:13:46,750 --> 00:13:44,720

things have happened so long ago and all

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00:13:48,850 --> 00:13:46,760

the people involved directly involved

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00:13:50,350 --> 00:13:48,860

are gone at this point so that was

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00:13:52,450 --> 00:13:50,360

always my struggle with this stuff Paul

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00:13:55,030 --> 00:13:52,460

Hellyer would say like yeah the guy's an

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00:13:57,700 --> 00:13:55,040

amazing and his reputation is you know

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00:13:59,710 --> 00:13:57,710

superb but then these things he's

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00:14:02,620 --> 00:13:59,720

bringing forward we have no idea how to

315

00:14:05,380 --> 00:14:02,630

verify any of it so yeah it's it's

316

00:14:08,500 --> 00:14:05,390

always a struggle it is it's that curse

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00:14:11,200 --> 00:14:08,510

you know that we celebrate when somebody

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00:14:13,269 --> 00:14:11,210

of the this high caliber high caliber

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00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:13,279

'he's come forward with it we're talking

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00:14:18,460 --> 00:14:15,370

about this topic in public we're all yay

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00:14:19,810 --> 00:14:18,470

champion it go run with it but then when

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00:14:21,310 --> 00:14:19,820

we step back and look at what's actually

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00:14:24,070 --> 00:14:21,320

being said and where that information is

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00:14:25,650 --> 00:14:24,080

coming from you know well I don't know

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00:14:28,510 --> 00:14:25,660

if this is a good thing or a bad thing

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00:14:30,460 --> 00:14:28,520

right and then you know quotes gets spun

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00:14:31,780 --> 00:14:30,470

different ways to look at like the you

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00:14:35,410 --> 00:14:31,790

know don't trust everything on the

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00:14:38,920 --> 00:14:35,420

Internet Abraham Lincoln you know it's

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00:14:40,360 --> 00:14:38,930

like things headlines of articles like

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00:14:43,360 --> 00:14:40,370

you'd mentioned earlier Jason

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00:14:46,570 --> 00:14:43,370

they get so sensationalized and and you

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00:14:48,460 --> 00:14:46,580

know quotes get out of context that you

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00:14:51,579 --> 00:14:48,470

never you can never tell right from left

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00:14:54,010 --> 00:14:51,589

up from down so again it's just it's

336

00:14:56,620 --> 00:14:54,020

hard it's hard yeah it just shows that

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00:14:59,560 --> 00:14:56,630

anyone with with you know credentials

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00:15:02,050 --> 00:14:59,570

they have to walk such a fine line you

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00:15:04,300 --> 00:15:02,060

know between their you know we look at

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00:15:06,040 --> 00:15:04,310

them for their credentials for you know

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00:15:08,800 --> 00:15:06,050

some kind of authority behind their

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00:15:10,750 --> 00:15:08,810

viewpoint but on the other hand most of

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00:15:13,360 --> 00:15:10,760

time this is an opinion a personal

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00:15:15,430 --> 00:15:13,370

opinion and it's difficult to separate

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00:15:18,370 --> 00:15:15,440

personal opinion from their credential

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00:15:20,140 --> 00:15:18,380

you know persona and then you know and

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00:15:22,900 --> 00:15:20,150

they have to be extremely careful about

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00:15:27,610 --> 00:15:22,910

it so yeah I think just like everything

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00:15:28,870 --> 00:15:27,620

in ufology it's clear as mud I like that

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00:15:34,930 --> 00:15:28,880

yeah

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00:15:37,000 --> 00:15:34,940

similar to Edgar Mitchell in that he was

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00:15:38,830 --> 00:15:37,010

also an astronaut and military test

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00:15:41,380 --> 00:15:38,840

pilot who publicly voiced his opinion

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00:15:42,730 --> 00:15:41,390

about UFOs and extraterrestrials but

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00:15:46,900 --> 00:15:42,740

Cooper said he personally encountered

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00:15:48,490 --> 00:15:46,910

UFOs that's a little different so Cooper

357

00:15:50,590 --> 00:15:48,500

was one of the seven original mercury

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00:15:52,900 --> 00:15:50,600

astronauts he piloted the first space

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00:15:54,670 --> 00:15:52,910

flight of NASA's Project Mercury during

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00:15:57,550 --> 00:15:54,680

which he became the first American to

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00:16:01,060 --> 00:15:57,560

sleep in space but according to Cooper

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00:16:03,880 --> 00:16:01,070

his UFO sightings occurred on earth not

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00:16:06,400 --> 00:16:03,890

in space in 1996

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00:16:07,930 --> 00:16:06,410

Cooper told Yolanda Gaskins a reporter

365

00:16:11,650 --> 00:16:07,940

with the television show the paranormal

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00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:11,660

borderline about a fleet of UFOs he and

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00:16:17,200 --> 00:16:13,700

other Air Force pilots observed over

368

00:16:19,420 --> 00:16:17,210

Germany in 1951 he described that these

369

00:16:22,060 --> 00:16:19,430

hundreds of metallic saucer shaped

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00:16:24,460 --> 00:16:22,070

unidentified craft quote were flying

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00:16:25,870 --> 00:16:24,470

quite high how high we couldn't tell

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00:16:28,600 --> 00:16:25,880

because we couldn't get anywhere near

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00:16:31,960 --> 00:16:28,610

their altitude but they were either very

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00:16:34,920 --> 00:16:31,970

large craft way up or smaller crap still

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00:16:38,050 --> 00:16:34,930

well above what we could get to in quote

376

00:16:40,120 --> 00:16:38,060

six years later while supervising test

377

00:16:42,820 --> 00:16:40,130

flights at Edwards Air Force Base his

378

00:16:45,670 --> 00:16:42,830

military camera crew allegedly filmed a

379

00:16:48,850 --> 00:16:45,680

landing of a saucer shaped UFO

380

00:16:51,310 --> 00:16:48,860

he told Gaskins that quote a saucer came

381

00:16:54,010 --> 00:16:51,320

flying over their heads put down three

382

00:16:56,530 --> 00:16:54,020

little landing gear and landed right out

383

00:16:58,870 --> 00:16:56,540

on the dry lake bed and quote he

384

00:17:00,520 --> 00:16:58,880

continued quote they picked up their

385

00:17:03,760 --> 00:17:00,530

cameras and started over towards it

386

00:17:06,429 --> 00:17:03,770

filming as they went and when they got

387

00:17:08,740 --> 00:17:06,439

in fairly close to it it lifted up put

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00:17:11,050 --> 00:17:08,750

the gear back in the wheel wells tipped

389

00:17:14,110 --> 00:17:11,060

up and took off at a great rate of speed

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00:17:16,420 --> 00:17:14,120

and so they came into my office and told

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00:17:18,880 --> 00:17:16,430

me what had happened and I sent them

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00:17:20,740 --> 00:17:18,890

over to develop the film and they had to

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00:17:22,929 --> 00:17:20,750

go through all the proper regulations of

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00:17:25,090 --> 00:17:22,939

reporting this and we wound up having to

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00:17:27,850 --> 00:17:25,100

send the film forward to Washington in

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00:17:30,070 --> 00:17:27,860

the base jet airplane and I don't know

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00:17:33,220 --> 00:17:30,080

whether anyone's ever seen its sense in

398

00:17:35,710 --> 00:17:33,230

quote although Cooper didn't see the UFO

399

00:17:38,680 --> 00:17:35,720

for himself or get a chance to watch the

400

00:17:41,140 --> 00:17:38,690

filmed footage he claims that he did

401
00:17:41,810 --> 00:17:41,150
hold up the developed film to the window

402
00:17:44,360 --> 00:17:41,820
before ship

403
00:17:47,180 --> 00:17:44,370
off to Washington and that it did indeed

404
00:17:50,660 --> 00:17:47,190
show close-up shots of a saucer-shaped

405
00:17:53,570 --> 00:17:50,670
craft Cooper was an advocate for

406
00:17:56,650 --> 00:17:53,580
seriously stunning UFOs he wrote a

407
00:17:58,970 --> 00:17:56,660
letter to the United Nations in 1978

408
00:18:01,670 --> 00:17:58,980
proposing at the establishment of a

409
00:18:04,460 --> 00:18:01,680
committee to explore UFOs from an quote

410
00:18:07,910 --> 00:18:04,470
unbiased neutral point of view in quote

411
00:18:10,520 --> 00:18:07,920
he stated in this letter quote I believe

412
00:18:13,010 --> 00:18:10,530
that these extraterrestrial visitors and

413
00:18:15,830 --> 00:18:13,020

their crews are visiting this planet

414

00:18:18,290 --> 00:18:15,840

from other planets and are obviously a

415

00:18:22,580 --> 00:18:18,300

little more advanced than we are here on

416

00:18:24,610 --> 00:18:22,590

earth in quote he continued quote I feel

417

00:18:27,050 --> 00:18:24,620

that we need to have a top-level

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00:18:29,840 --> 00:18:27,060

coordinated program to scientifically

419

00:18:31,970 --> 00:18:29,850

collect and analyze data from all over

420

00:18:34,730 --> 00:18:31,980

the earth concerning any type of

421

00:18:37,400 --> 00:18:34,740

encounter and to determine how best to

422

00:18:42,860 --> 00:18:37,410

interface with these visitors in a

423

00:18:45,230 --> 00:18:42,870

friendly fashion in quote so this guy's

424

00:18:49,550 --> 00:18:45,240

really put it out there I mean he was

425

00:18:51,440 --> 00:18:49,560

hardcore pushing for for researching

426

00:18:53,600 --> 00:18:51,450

UFOs and was a firm believer in

427

00:18:55,790 --> 00:18:53,610

extraterrestrial visitation yeah yeah

428

00:18:58,700 --> 00:18:55,800

pretty pretty not audacious but

429

00:19:01,310 --> 00:18:58,710

ambitious I would say claims to bring

430

00:19:03,650 --> 00:19:01,320

forward again it I always go back to

431

00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:03,660

like these guys know what reputation

432

00:19:08,990 --> 00:19:05,520

they're gonna leave behind you know and

433

00:19:11,960 --> 00:19:09,000

when they come forward with these such

434

00:19:13,490 --> 00:19:11,970

ambitious claims I you got to think

435

00:19:17,090 --> 00:19:13,500

there's there's something to it like

436

00:19:20,960 --> 00:19:17,100

they know more than the public is you

437

00:19:22,760 --> 00:19:20,970

know is finding out so yeah it's another

438

00:19:25,970 --> 00:19:22,770

case just like Edgar Mitchell where I'm

439

00:19:28,520 --> 00:19:25,980

like what what do you know like who have

440

00:19:32,750 --> 00:19:28,530

you talked to like we I wish we could

441

00:19:34,280 --> 00:19:32,760

find that out I really did yeah yeah I'm

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00:19:38,840 --> 00:19:34,290

Gordon Cooper his style of communication

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00:19:41,870 --> 00:19:38,850

he was so direct and matter-of-fact and

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00:19:43,880 --> 00:19:41,880

non sensationalistic in so many ways

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00:19:46,520 --> 00:19:43,890

it's hard not to really you know be

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00:19:48,110 --> 00:19:46,530

captivated by not only what he's saying

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00:19:50,690 --> 00:19:48,120

but how he said it

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00:19:52,640 --> 00:19:50,700

and so I look at you know I've read his

449

00:19:54,980 --> 00:19:52,650

book and look look at his work and on TV

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00:19:55,430 --> 00:19:54,990

and so forth and you know the guy is it

451
00:19:57,399 --> 00:19:55,440
you know

452
00:20:00,440 --> 00:19:57,409
great up legit fighter pilot and

453
00:20:02,960 --> 00:20:00,450
astronaut and all those things so you

454
00:20:03,440 --> 00:20:02,970
know I find his stuff very fascinating

455
00:20:06,350 --> 00:20:03,450
actually

456
00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:06,360
yeah and I know Amy Shira Tito our

457
00:20:10,730 --> 00:20:09,120
mutual colleague space historian I

458
00:20:15,169 --> 00:20:10,740
remember her telling me that Gordon

459
00:20:17,980 --> 00:20:15,179
Cooper is the perfect astronaut the

460
00:20:20,749 --> 00:20:17,990
ideal astronaut you know clean-cut

461
00:20:23,629 --> 00:20:20,759
white-bread American guy going up into

462
00:20:28,310 --> 00:20:23,639
space and just as direct as all hell so

463
00:20:32,149 --> 00:20:28,320

yeah boy scout boy scout

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00:20:34,159 --> 00:20:32,159

boy scout - there you go well another

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00:20:37,330 --> 00:20:34,169

astronaut who's commented about UFOs

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00:20:40,820 --> 00:20:37,340

more recently and aliens as well is

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00:20:44,049 --> 00:20:40,830

story Musgrave yeah a story Musgrave who

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00:20:47,360 --> 00:20:44,059

actually flew on six Shuttle missions

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00:20:48,610 --> 00:20:47,370

believes extraterrestrial life is out

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00:20:51,879 --> 00:20:48,620

there

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00:20:54,409 --> 00:20:51,889

despite Edgar Mitchell's assertions that

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00:20:58,369 --> 00:20:54,419

extraterrestrials are walk among us

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00:21:00,259 --> 00:20:58,379

Musgrave doesn't share that belief as he

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00:21:02,869 --> 00:21:00,269

explained to The Huffington Post quote

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00:21:05,149 --> 00:21:02,879

some astronauts have been quoted as

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00:21:08,149 --> 00:21:05,159

saying they think that they're here I

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00:21:11,899 --> 00:21:08,159

have seen their evidence and for me it's

478

00:21:15,379 --> 00:21:11,909

not evidence but he continued I feel

479

00:21:18,860 --> 00:21:15,389

that they're everywhere out there and

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00:21:21,590 --> 00:21:18,870

they're doing interstellar travel will

481

00:21:24,110 --> 00:21:21,600

think differently about ourselves once

482

00:21:26,450 --> 00:21:24,120

we accept that hmm it's a kind of

483

00:21:28,850 --> 00:21:26,460

interesting position is what uh-huh yeah

484

00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:28,860

for sure and it was cool that I don't

485

00:21:33,590 --> 00:21:30,480

remember I mean this was several years

486

00:21:35,840 --> 00:21:33,600

ago now but MUFON even had story

487

00:21:38,240 --> 00:21:35,850

Musgrave speak as the keynote speaker at

488

00:21:41,090 --> 00:21:38,250

the MUFON international symposium so it

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00:21:44,389 --> 00:21:41,100

was really cool to to hear story in

490

00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:44,399

person speak about this stuff I think it

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00:21:54,379 --> 00:21:48,960

was 2011 was nomads ago Wow yeah yeah we

492

00:21:59,869 --> 00:21:54,389

met him at the the after party yeah talk

493

00:22:01,669 --> 00:21:59,879

to him for a little bit but he's an

494

00:22:04,279 --> 00:22:01,679

interesting guy but again you know he's

495

00:22:06,169 --> 00:22:04,289

he's I think it's it's good when you

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00:22:07,910 --> 00:22:06,179

have these astronauts even if they don't

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00:22:10,820 --> 00:22:07,920

believe UFOs are visiting

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00:22:13,430 --> 00:22:10,830

you know he's like the possibility of

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00:22:16,670 --> 00:22:13,440

that life is out there is it's we got to

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00:22:20,480 --> 00:22:16,680

think almost 100% you know it's it's

501
00:22:22,190 --> 00:22:20,490
good stance to explore if you're closed

502
00:22:24,560 --> 00:22:22,200
off I would say you're not the right

503
00:22:27,110 --> 00:22:24,570
person to be an astronaut going out to

504
00:22:27,620 --> 00:22:27,120
explore other worlds huh that's a good

505
00:22:30,050 --> 00:22:27,630
point

506
00:22:32,300 --> 00:22:30,060
yeah if you're if you're not like able

507
00:22:33,860 --> 00:22:32,310
and willing to accept that there could

508
00:22:35,870 --> 00:22:33,870
be other life out there like why the

509
00:22:39,380 --> 00:22:35,880
hell are you exploring space or risking

510
00:22:41,720 --> 00:22:39,390
your life yeah let's be honest yeah very

511
00:22:42,920 --> 00:22:41,730
true and you know I think his position

512
00:22:46,040 --> 00:22:42,930
is kind of like I was mentioning before

513
00:22:49,280 --> 00:22:46,050

this is kind of that what you expect to

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00:22:51,740 --> 00:22:49,290

hear because you know they they do have

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00:22:53,660 --> 00:22:51,750

to be careful about it and you know it's

516

00:22:56,900 --> 00:22:53,670

the safe thing we're even seeing it with

517

00:22:59,630 --> 00:22:56,910

you know T TSA and just the whole state

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00:23:01,970 --> 00:22:59,640

er you follow a gene now NASA and

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00:23:04,310 --> 00:23:01,980

scientists are saying oh yeah you know

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00:23:06,260 --> 00:23:04,320

we think life is out there and believe

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00:23:08,060 --> 00:23:06,270

me 20 years ago no one would even say

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00:23:10,370 --> 00:23:08,070

that right but then with the discovery

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00:23:12,170 --> 00:23:10,380

of exoplanets and and then you know

524

00:23:15,230 --> 00:23:12,180

other things have progressed you know

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00:23:16,790 --> 00:23:15,240

quantum mechanics you know they're

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00:23:19,490 --> 00:23:16,800

they're more accepting of that

527

00:23:21,710 --> 00:23:19,500

possibility and so at first it was baby

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00:23:23,380 --> 00:23:21,720

steps hardly anyone would say well yeah

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00:23:25,910 --> 00:23:23,390

we think there's life out there but now

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00:23:28,130 --> 00:23:25,920

everybody says out oh yeah there's gotta

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00:23:31,070 --> 00:23:28,140

be life out there but yet no one is

532

00:23:33,230 --> 00:23:31,080

still committed to you know saying that

533

00:23:35,270 --> 00:23:33,240

yeah it's been visiting us here so you

534

00:23:37,250 --> 00:23:35,280

know it's it's a safe position to take

535

00:23:39,260 --> 00:23:37,260

in actually it's it's a correct one to

536

00:23:41,810 --> 00:23:39,270

take because we don't know yet we don't

537

00:23:44,540 --> 00:23:41,820

have proof so I think that's a wise

538

00:23:45,200 --> 00:23:44,550

thing something cool about Dory

539

00:23:47,840 --> 00:23:45,210

musgraves

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00:23:50,600 --> 00:23:47,850

statements and his stances though that's

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00:23:52,970 --> 00:23:50,610

slightly different and beyond the the

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00:23:56,300 --> 00:23:52,980

token response there is that he believes

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00:23:58,460 --> 00:23:56,310

that intelligent life is all over the

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00:24:00,530 --> 00:23:58,470

place out there but doing interstellar

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00:24:03,350 --> 00:24:00,540

travel that's you know taking you two

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00:24:05,510 --> 00:24:03,360

step further and kind of cool yeah and I

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00:24:08,450 --> 00:24:05,520

wonder why you know he doesn't use that

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00:24:11,390 --> 00:24:08,460

the evidence of ed Mitchell and others

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00:24:13,010 --> 00:24:11,400

and it doesn't do it for him he must

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00:24:15,200 --> 00:24:13,020

have something that makes him feel like

551
00:24:17,780 --> 00:24:15,210
they're traveling interstellar Lee so

552
00:24:19,460 --> 00:24:17,790
I'm really curious about that it is

553
00:24:21,080 --> 00:24:19,470
maybe you should follow up with him

554
00:24:22,880 --> 00:24:21,090
Shane yeah

555
00:24:25,340 --> 00:24:22,890
- good one that's a good little thread

556
00:24:27,560 --> 00:24:25,350
to pull hey I could be wrong but I'm

557
00:24:30,020 --> 00:24:27,570
pretty sure our mutual colleague Mike

558
00:24:32,900 --> 00:24:30,030
Demonte has spoken to him personally on

559
00:24:35,690 --> 00:24:32,910
UFOs so I think he's more accessible

560
00:24:37,670 --> 00:24:35,700
than we think and just adjacent I think

561
00:24:38,990 --> 00:24:37,680
you're right like the fact that he's

562
00:24:42,080 --> 00:24:39,000
bringing up the interstellar thing

563
00:24:44,600 --> 00:24:42,090

that's that's huge that that means that

564

00:24:47,840 --> 00:24:44,610

you know he thinks this could be

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00:24:50,540 --> 00:24:47,850

possible maybe within our lifetime maybe

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00:24:52,520 --> 00:24:50,550

not but yeah I think that is a really

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00:24:54,800 --> 00:24:52,530

good lying to point out that he said

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00:24:58,610 --> 00:24:54,810

because that that that opens up a whole

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00:25:00,650 --> 00:24:58,620

new ballgame I would say in terms of you

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00:25:02,810 --> 00:25:00,660

know then traveling here or US traveling

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00:25:05,630 --> 00:25:02,820

there so I think that's awesome that he

572

00:25:08,060 --> 00:25:05,640

said that specifically I do too

573

00:25:09,500 --> 00:25:08,070

he's a cool guy yeah we should reach out

574

00:25:11,030 --> 00:25:09,510

to him know he loves talking about this

575

00:25:14,720 --> 00:25:11,040

stuff to you and he speaks about it

576

00:25:17,720 --> 00:25:14,730

intelligently so yeah who can story

577

00:25:21,620 --> 00:25:17,730

that's so cool yeah that's a story in

578

00:25:24,560 --> 00:25:21,630

itself I like it yeah Scott Kelly is an

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00:25:28,490 --> 00:25:24,570

astronaut who was in space very recently

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00:25:30,770 --> 00:25:28,500

and in mid 2018 a former coworker

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00:25:32,990 --> 00:25:30,780

Alejandro Rojas had the opportunity to

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00:25:36,680 --> 00:25:33,000

ask astronaut scott kelly about ufos

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00:25:39,500 --> 00:25:36,690

kelly is someone who has spent a whole

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00:25:41,930 --> 00:25:39,510

lot of time in space more than 520 days

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00:25:45,290 --> 00:25:41,940

during four different missions which

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00:25:47,420 --> 00:25:45,300

includes his 340 consecutive days on the

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00:25:49,730 --> 00:25:47,430

International Space Station that's the

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00:25:52,310 --> 00:25:49,740

longest any u.s. astronaut has spent in

589

00:25:55,190 --> 00:25:52,320

space on a single mission and when Rojas

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00:25:57,830 --> 00:25:55,200

asked Kelly about UFOs he admitted that

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00:26:01,040 --> 00:25:57,840

he's seen lots of strange stuff in space

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00:26:03,110 --> 00:26:01,050

but strange things he occasionally saw

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00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:03,120

always turned out to be optical

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00:26:08,390 --> 00:26:06,480

illusions Kelly says he believes life is

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00:26:11,630 --> 00:26:08,400

out there but he holds that

596

00:26:15,610 --> 00:26:11,640

stereotypical view that they whoever

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00:26:19,370 --> 00:26:15,620

they are are too far away to get here

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00:26:21,980 --> 00:26:19,380

but he responsibly added that he has no

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00:26:25,340 --> 00:26:21,990

evidence to prove that aliens aren't

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00:26:26,530 --> 00:26:25,350

visiting earth but he's 99.9 percent

601
00:26:30,020 --> 00:26:26,540
sure it's not happening

602
00:26:32,480 --> 00:26:30,030
just a quick interesting side note Kelly

603
00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:32,490
also shared that he saw weird things

604
00:26:36,790 --> 00:26:34,130
while he was flying

605
00:26:38,680 --> 00:26:36,800
he Jets over the ocean of course Navy

606
00:26:40,360 --> 00:26:38,690
pilots seeing strange aerial objects

607
00:26:41,890 --> 00:26:40,370
over the ocean has been a popular topic

608
00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,900
of conversation in the past couple years

609
00:26:47,590 --> 00:26:44,240
because of the highly publicized Navy

610
00:26:49,690 --> 00:26:47,600
UFO encounters from 2004 and 2015 that

611
00:26:52,300 --> 00:26:49,700
recently came to light but again

612
00:26:54,940 --> 00:26:52,310
Kelly says what he saw always turned out

613
00:26:56,860 --> 00:26:54,950

to be optical illusions but it's

614

00:26:58,990 --> 00:26:56,870

interesting too I mean when you go back

615

00:27:01,060 --> 00:26:59,000

and look at you know several of the

616

00:27:04,720 --> 00:27:01,070

people we've mentioned seems like Navy

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00:27:07,090 --> 00:27:04,730

pilots is a common theme here yeah

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00:27:08,890 --> 00:27:07,100

before I mean you know I always just

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00:27:11,350 --> 00:27:08,900

thought it was the Air Force that was

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00:27:13,330 --> 00:27:11,360

involved right and you know and of

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00:27:16,210 --> 00:27:13,340

course their position was pretty

622

00:27:19,540 --> 00:27:16,220

negative the whole time but to you know

623

00:27:22,030 --> 00:27:19,550

to see of late the revelation of all

624

00:27:23,980 --> 00:27:22,040

these naval pilots haven't having this

625

00:27:25,750 --> 00:27:23,990

encounters is you know kind of the

626
00:27:27,910 --> 00:27:25,760
dimension to it that I wasn't even aware

627
00:27:30,580 --> 00:27:27,920
of so I I think that's pretty cool in it

628
00:27:33,240 --> 00:27:30,590
and and it's probably likely that other

629
00:27:36,040 --> 00:27:33,250
branches of the military and other

630
00:27:38,230 --> 00:27:36,050
organizations other militaries have been

631
00:27:40,420 --> 00:27:38,240
having similar experiences then it's

632
00:27:42,520 --> 00:27:40,430
probably much broader in scope than we

633
00:27:45,670 --> 00:27:42,530
even were aware of yeah that's right

634
00:27:47,170 --> 00:27:45,680
yeah and to correct myself Jason

635
00:27:51,070 --> 00:27:47,180
actually Scott Kelly was the guy that

636
00:27:54,580 --> 00:27:51,080
miked amante spoke to so I apologize but

637
00:27:56,250 --> 00:27:54,590
I think it's also interesting I was

638
00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:56,260

looking into a few things that Kelly

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00:28:03,250 --> 00:27:58,640

responded to in terms of the Flat Earth

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00:28:06,580 --> 00:28:03,260

theory he stated that I flew around the

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00:28:09,580 --> 00:28:06,590

earth but not even like bringing that a

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00:28:13,780 --> 00:28:09,590

whole can of worms into this he said

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00:28:16,510 --> 00:28:13,790

there's a lot of dangers in disregarding

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00:28:18,790 --> 00:28:16,520

scientific fact and they use this Flat

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00:28:22,060 --> 00:28:18,800

Earth theory as like you know proof of

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00:28:23,590 --> 00:28:22,070

that and you know when you say these

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00:28:27,070 --> 00:28:23,600

things and you don't actually believe

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00:28:29,470 --> 00:28:27,080

them like it's just hurting us in terms

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00:28:30,550 --> 00:28:29,480

of moving forward with a topic so in

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00:28:32,800 --> 00:28:30,560

terms of like UFOs

651
00:28:35,350 --> 00:28:32,810
you know if the science is leading us in

652
00:28:37,390 --> 00:28:35,360
a certain direction trust that even if

653
00:28:40,000 --> 00:28:37,400
it's not up to your belief standards

654
00:28:42,220 --> 00:28:40,010
like we gotta go where the science leads

655
00:28:43,660 --> 00:28:42,230
us and it's clear that Scott Kelly knows

656
00:28:46,060 --> 00:28:43,670
a lot about

657
00:28:48,580 --> 00:28:46,070
about that so I I think it's pretty cool

658
00:28:50,950 --> 00:28:48,590
that he's he's saying look put your

659
00:28:52,990 --> 00:28:50,960
personal beliefs aside and just go where

660
00:28:55,180 --> 00:28:53,000
the facts lead us and if he's talking

661
00:28:58,150 --> 00:28:55,190
about UFOs and still interested in it

662
00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:58,160
like that's a good sign it really is and

663
00:29:02,050 --> 00:29:00,320

Scott Kelly and NASA in general right I

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00:29:04,060 --> 00:29:02,060

mean NASA gets a lot of hate from the

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00:29:06,190 --> 00:29:04,070

UFO community because of course they get

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00:29:08,830 --> 00:29:06,200

thrown under the bus as the scapegoats

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00:29:11,110 --> 00:29:08,840

with all the conspiracy stuff that

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00:29:12,940 --> 00:29:11,120

they're hiding all of the answers about

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00:29:15,460 --> 00:29:12,950

aliens and UFOs because there are space

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00:29:17,890 --> 00:29:15,470

guys right but I mean we have so many

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00:29:20,200 --> 00:29:17,900

astronauts and just people from NASA who

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00:29:22,660 --> 00:29:20,210

talk about this stuff all the time yeah

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00:29:25,900 --> 00:29:22,670

NASA routinely comments about aliens

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00:29:26,410 --> 00:29:25,910

because as you can imagine they're asked

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00:29:31,150 --> 00:29:26,420

about it

676
00:29:33,760 --> 00:29:31,160
all the time non-stop yeah I mean the

677
00:29:37,060 --> 00:29:33,770
parade there's one example that happened

678
00:29:39,160 --> 00:29:37,070
in 2014 in July

679
00:29:42,280 --> 00:29:39,170
scientists discussed extraterrestrial

680
00:29:44,110 --> 00:29:42,290
life on a televised event and it took

681
00:29:47,160 --> 00:29:44,120
place at NASA headquarters in Washington

682
00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:47,170
DC and featured leading researchers and

683
00:29:54,280 --> 00:29:50,210
engineering experts who all discussed

684
00:29:56,950 --> 00:29:54,290
the search for life beyond Earth so one

685
00:29:59,410 --> 00:29:56,960
in particular Charles Bolden was the

686
00:30:01,840 --> 00:29:59,420
NASA it's administrator at the time he

687
00:30:04,030 --> 00:30:01,850
even began the event by mentioning how

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00:30:06,880 --> 00:30:04,040

he and fellow former astronaut John

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00:30:10,330 --> 00:30:06,890

Grunsfeld are often asked if they've

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00:30:13,720 --> 00:30:10,340

seen if they believe in life beyond

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00:30:16,690 --> 00:30:13,730

Earth and Bolden stated quote I can't

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00:30:18,760 --> 00:30:16,700

speak for John but well I may not have

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00:30:20,890 --> 00:30:18,770

actually encountered extraterrestrials

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00:30:23,890 --> 00:30:20,900

and I did not as a matter of fact

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00:30:26,170 --> 00:30:23,900

although I looked all the time I have

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00:30:29,770 --> 00:30:26,180

always been inquisitive so I was looking

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00:30:32,110 --> 00:30:29,780

really hard he continued I would venture

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00:30:34,210 --> 00:30:32,120

to say however that most of my

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00:30:36,190 --> 00:30:34,220

colleagues here today as well as

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00:30:38,530 --> 00:30:36,200

probably most of you in the audience are

701
00:30:40,510 --> 00:30:38,540
probably convinced that it is highly

702
00:30:43,210 --> 00:30:40,520
improbable that in the limitless

703
00:30:46,120 --> 00:30:43,220
vastness of the universe that we humans

704
00:30:48,340 --> 00:30:46,130
stand alone and again this is the same

705
00:30:51,940 --> 00:30:48,350
thing when we mentioned story Musgrave

706
00:30:54,550 --> 00:30:51,950
how you know all these scientific

707
00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:54,560
officials are finally saying there's got

708
00:31:00,460 --> 00:30:57,200
to be life out there we'd be stupid not

709
00:31:02,769 --> 00:31:00,470
a bit naive to think that we are the

710
00:31:05,740 --> 00:31:02,779
only intelligent civilization out there

711
00:31:08,740 --> 00:31:05,750
and so having the NASA Administrator and

712
00:31:11,289 --> 00:31:08,750
all these people as you so spoke

713
00:31:13,690 --> 00:31:11,299

eloquently before you know that a lot of

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00:31:15,940 --> 00:31:13,700

people in the UFO community have trouble

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00:31:18,100 --> 00:31:15,950

trusting NASA because of believing

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00:31:20,409 --> 00:31:18,110

they're covering up all these things and

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00:31:24,759 --> 00:31:20,419

hey maybe they are covering up some

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00:31:27,279 --> 00:31:24,769

stuff but don't distrust them because

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00:31:29,649 --> 00:31:27,289

again we have to leave follow where the

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00:31:31,539 --> 00:31:29,659

science is leading us and our scientists

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00:31:35,409 --> 00:31:31,549

they're actually actively trying to go

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00:31:37,480 --> 00:31:35,419

find life currently so the amount of

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00:31:40,120 --> 00:31:37,490

money that's spent into these missions

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00:31:43,960 --> 00:31:40,130

trying to find life on other planets and

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00:31:46,529 --> 00:31:43,970

explore you know whether there's life

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00:31:50,289 --> 00:31:46,539

under ice crusts and in different

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00:31:53,019 --> 00:31:50,299

atmospheres I mean why would we spend so

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00:31:57,669 --> 00:31:53,029

much money invest so much time if we're

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00:32:00,759 --> 00:31:57,679

not like trying to actively find life so

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00:32:04,389 --> 00:32:00,769

yeah I'm saying keep a little faith in

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00:32:07,930 --> 00:32:04,399

NASA please people right and look I love

732

00:32:09,879 --> 00:32:07,940

I love that that press conference and

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00:32:11,710 --> 00:32:09,889

Charles Bolden making those statements

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00:32:13,810 --> 00:32:11,720

yeah of course we're all pretty

735

00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:13,820

accustomed to that safe token response

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00:32:18,669 --> 00:32:17,600

by now but the way he dressed it it's a

737

00:32:22,120 --> 00:32:18,679

valid response

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00:32:25,659 --> 00:32:22,130

it's an honest response and at the very

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00:32:28,840 --> 00:32:25,669

least it isn't dismissive of the topic

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00:32:30,279 --> 00:32:28,850

nor does it poke fun at the topic and I

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00:32:32,529 --> 00:32:30,289

think that's really important right

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00:32:35,350 --> 00:32:32,539

right and look at the evolution of that

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00:32:37,500 --> 00:32:35,360

you know sort of stock response is it's

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00:32:40,389 --> 00:32:37,510

just gotten more and more positive and

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00:32:42,159 --> 00:32:40,399

expanded and less ridicule involved with

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00:32:45,310 --> 00:32:42,169

it throughout the years I think that's

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00:32:50,680 --> 00:32:45,320

great to even I would say just in the

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00:32:52,690 --> 00:32:50,690

last 15 years I remember when you know I

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00:32:54,549 --> 00:32:52,700

first started heavily getting involved

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00:32:58,450 --> 00:32:54,559

in this it was it was so much more taboo

751
00:33:00,519 --> 00:32:58,460
even then compared to the evolution of

752
00:33:03,580 --> 00:33:00,529
what's happened and people are feeling

753
00:33:05,139 --> 00:33:03,590
safer to speak out about things and if

754
00:33:06,970 --> 00:33:05,149
you're an astronaut you're gonna see

755
00:33:08,950 --> 00:33:06,980
something strange for sure because we

756
00:33:09,880 --> 00:33:08,960
don't know what's out there you want you

757
00:33:13,330 --> 00:33:09,890
know

758
00:33:14,830 --> 00:33:13,340
so it's interesting time to Livan and

759
00:33:17,440 --> 00:33:14,840
you mentioned at the beginning Maureen I

760
00:33:19,030 --> 00:33:17,450
mean just that the Pete the astronauts

761
00:33:21,400 --> 00:33:19,040
we've had the the opportunity to speak

762
00:33:23,440 --> 00:33:21,410
with and the the people who work at NASA

763
00:33:25,750 --> 00:33:23,450

who we've had the opportunity to speak

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00:33:27,730 --> 00:33:25,760

with there's just so many people there I

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00:33:29,320 --> 00:33:27,740

mean that's and I think you mentioned it

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00:33:32,200 --> 00:33:29,330

to Ryan that's why a lot of people at

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00:33:34,150 --> 00:33:32,210

NASA get into the field they're in right

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00:33:37,360 --> 00:33:34,160

they are believers themselves they

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00:33:39,100 --> 00:33:37,370

actively want to find civilizations out

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00:33:40,419 --> 00:33:39,110

there you know they grew up on Star Wars

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00:33:42,130 --> 00:33:40,429

and Star Trek and that's their

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00:33:44,020 --> 00:33:42,140

inspiration to try to get out into space

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00:33:46,060 --> 00:33:44,030

and find the life that they truly

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00:33:47,440 --> 00:33:46,070

believe is out there and the people

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00:33:50,410 --> 00:33:47,450

we've spoken with over the years who

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00:33:51,880 --> 00:33:50,420

work at NASA and are actively working on

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00:33:55,000 --> 00:33:51,890

these missions that are going to other

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00:33:57,340 --> 00:33:55,010

worlds to find life they are you know

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00:33:59,080 --> 00:33:57,350

extremely hopeful and you know

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00:34:01,390 --> 00:33:59,090

passionate about what they're doing they

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00:34:03,940 --> 00:34:01,400

want to find alien life that's why they

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00:34:06,640 --> 00:34:03,950

do what they do right and the fact that

783

00:34:08,830 --> 00:34:06,650

you know just the handful we mentioned

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00:34:12,240 --> 00:34:08,840

today there's probably many more and the

785

00:34:14,590 --> 00:34:12,250

fact that just that many astronauts are

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00:34:17,349 --> 00:34:14,600

interested in the UFO topic have seen

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00:34:20,619 --> 00:34:17,359

something or no more than the public

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00:34:23,830 --> 00:34:20,629

knows that's exciting the fact that just

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00:34:26,050 --> 00:34:23,840

that amount of people we've spent we've

790

00:34:27,790 --> 00:34:26,060

said into space or other countries have

791

00:34:31,530 --> 00:34:27,800

and they're coming back saying these

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00:34:33,609 --> 00:34:31,540

sort of profound things that's awesome

793

00:34:35,619 --> 00:34:33,619

yeah you know and I like to listen to

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00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:35,629

you like I said I like to listen to what

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00:34:39,280 --> 00:34:37,520

people who have been in space have to

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00:34:41,800 --> 00:34:39,290

say because I don't know about you guys

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00:34:44,260 --> 00:34:41,810

I haven't been in space so they've seen

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00:34:45,730 --> 00:34:44,270

things that I haven't and I feel they

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00:34:47,710 --> 00:34:45,740

can talk about it better than I can

800

00:34:49,390 --> 00:34:47,720

good point yeah good point yeah

801
00:34:55,300 --> 00:34:49,400
absolutely

802
00:35:00,460 --> 00:34:58,470
[Music]

803
00:35:02,470 --> 00:35:00,470
will citizens that's gonna do it for

804
00:35:04,360 --> 00:35:02,480
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00:35:26,350 --> 00:35:25,280

strange big thanks to our talented

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00:35:27,910 --> 00:35:26,360

friend and fellow rogue planet Eire

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00:35:29,950 --> 00:35:27,920

caleb hanks for the show's intro and

817

00:35:32,590 --> 00:35:29,960

outro music check out all his work at

818

00:35:33,940 --> 00:35:32,600

buckler Chronicles calm thanks again for

819

00:35:36,160 --> 00:35:33,950

hanging out with us today I'm Jason

820

00:35:38,440 --> 00:35:36,170

McClellan I'm Maureen Elsberry I'm Ryan

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00:35:40,120 --> 00:35:38,450

Sprague i'm shane herd do us a favour

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00:35:41,500 --> 00:35:40,130

friends always treat the UFO subject

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00:35:43,330 --> 00:35:41,510

with the cautious and responsible

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00:35:45,250 --> 00:35:43,340

skepticism it deserves question

825

00:35:47,740 --> 00:35:45,260

everything have the courage to form your

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00:35:49,840 --> 00:35:47,750

own opinions keep truth as the focus of

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00:35:52,570 --> 00:35:49,850

your quest even if the truth conflicts

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00:35:53,090 --> 00:35:52,580

with your opinions and of course stay

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00:36:01,310 --> 00:35:53,100

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