



**KENNETH ARNOLD
UFO SIGHTING
JUNE 24, 1947**

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00:00:04,550 --> 00:00:03,590
a private pilot sees nine ufos and coins

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00:00:07,829 --> 00:00:04,560
the term

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00:00:09,900 --> 00:00:07,839
flying saucer kind of

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00:00:14,150 --> 00:00:09,910
that's what we're talking about today

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00:00:16,790 --> 00:00:14,160
[Music]

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00:00:17,990 --> 00:00:16,800
welcome to old fashioned ufos shane

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00:00:20,470 --> 00:00:18,000
heard here

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00:00:22,150 --> 00:00:20,480
today jason mcclellan and i are having a

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00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:22,160
casual discussion

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00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:25,119
about the june 1947 kenneth arnold

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00:00:30,310 --> 00:00:26,160
sighting

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:30,320
and the birth of the term flying saucer

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00:00:36,229 --> 00:00:33,520

we'll talk more about that next just

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,239

like a cocktail classic such as the old

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00:00:41,590 --> 00:00:38,719

fashioned endures a test of time

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00:00:42,549 --> 00:00:41,600

so too do the classic old-fashioned ufo

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00:00:45,029 --> 00:00:42,559

cases

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00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:45,039

whether it be photographic evidence the

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00:00:49,029 --> 00:00:46,399

physical evidence

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:49,039

the strength of eyewitness testimony or

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00:00:53,270 --> 00:00:51,120

government documentation

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00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:53,280

these cases are worthy of their classic

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00:00:57,270 --> 00:00:54,239

status

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:57,280

and deserve our attention so sit back

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00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:59,199

with your beverage of choice and follow

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:00,000

along

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,640

as we discuss our favorite subject ufos

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00:01:07,830 --> 00:01:06,400

how you doing today jason and what you

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00:01:10,789 --> 00:01:07,840

drinking

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00:01:11,429 --> 00:01:10,799

and i am good mr heard thank you for

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00:01:13,270 --> 00:01:11,439

asking

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00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:13,280

and you know of course i'm drinking an

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:14,960

old fashioned because that's what we do

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00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:16,080

on this show

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:19,200

but i'm taking my inspiration from you

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:22,400

good sir from our last episode

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:25,200

and i had to go out and get some of the

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00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:27,040

four roses single barrel

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00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:29,360

so mine is made with four roses single

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00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:32,880

barrel and it is delicious

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:35,600

what are you drinking well i'm pretty

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00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:36,079

lame

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:38,960

tonight so i figured instead of the four

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:40,240

roses

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:42,640

and you know straight up i was thinking

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:45,360

of a kindler gentler drink tonight so i

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:46,560

was just gonna go

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00:01:50,230 --> 00:01:49,200

bourbon and coke so i go to the fridge

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00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:50,240

and you know i

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00:01:56,550 --> 00:01:53,280

i get my bourbon my ice and get ready to

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00:02:00,149 --> 00:01:56,560
pour the coke and i realized no coke

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00:02:01,910 --> 00:02:00,159
but there's dr pepper so i'm drinking

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00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:01,920
that classic

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00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:04,320
bourbon and dr pepper i guess classic

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:05,759
when you're a teenager and that's all

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00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:09,360
you got

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00:02:13,430 --> 00:02:11,280
well and dr pepper's a better choice so

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:13,440
good job dude

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00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:16,560
yeah it works what's the old saying

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00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:20,879
liquor is quicker cheers

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00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:24,720
all right well now that we're all

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00:02:28,610 --> 00:02:27,360
settled in with a good drink let's talk

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00:02:32,309 --> 00:02:28,620

ufos

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00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:32,319

[Music]

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00:02:36,110 --> 00:02:34,239

let me start off with the summary of the

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00:02:39,270 --> 00:02:36,120

june 24th

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00:02:42,670 --> 00:02:39,280

1947 kenneth arnold case

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:42,680

so at around 3 p.m on june 24th

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00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:46,720

1947 businessman and pilot

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:49,120

kenneth arnold was flying his call air

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00:02:53,270 --> 00:02:50,640

a2 airplane

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:53,280

from shahalas washington to yakima

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00:02:57,350 --> 00:02:54,959

washington

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00:02:59,509 --> 00:02:57,360

he had made a slight detour to take a

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00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:59,519

quick look for a downed military

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00:03:03,589 --> 00:03:00,239

aircraft

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00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:03,599

in the vicinity of 14 400 foot mount

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00:03:07,190 --> 00:03:04,720

rainier

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:07,200

and the flying conditions were perfect

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00:03:11,670 --> 00:03:08,800

so he not only wanted to do his

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00:03:13,509 --> 00:03:11,680

civic duty but there was a reward for

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:13,519

its discovery so since the

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00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:16,080

conditions were good uh he was in the

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:18,239

area and he had the time

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00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:20,400

he was actively scanning the area for

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00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:22,000

this downed plane

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00:03:26,309 --> 00:03:24,959

and as he was doing so he noticed a

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00:03:28,309 --> 00:03:26,319

bright flash that

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00:03:29,589 --> 00:03:28,319

lit up even the entire cockpit of his

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00:03:31,270 --> 00:03:29,599

airplane

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00:03:32,949 --> 00:03:31,280

he scanned to find out what caused that

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00:03:33,670 --> 00:03:32,959

flash of light and he saw in the

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00:03:36,949 --> 00:03:33,680

distance

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00:03:39,830 --> 00:03:36,959

nine flying objects in a formation

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00:03:41,589 --> 00:03:39,840

and then not too far distance this

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00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:41,599

immediately caught his attention and he

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00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:43,680

trained his eyes on these objects to

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00:03:47,589 --> 00:03:45,360

determine what they could be

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,599

he first thought airplanes of course but

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00:03:51,589 --> 00:03:49,440

he noticed they were moving much faster

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00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:51,599
than anything else he had seen fly

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00:03:56,229 --> 00:03:54,080
and there were no wings struts vertical

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00:03:58,470 --> 00:03:56,239
tail not even a fuselage

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00:04:00,149 --> 00:03:58,480
and they did not look like a rocket or

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00:04:01,750 --> 00:04:00,159
missile either

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00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:01,760
so although he was stunned by what he

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00:04:06,550 --> 00:04:04,480
saw he had the presence of mind

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00:04:07,670 --> 00:04:06,560
to measure their speed by watching his

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00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:07,680
flight clock

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00:04:11,670 --> 00:04:09,840
timing the trajectory of these aircrafts

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00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:11,680
between mount rainier

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00:04:15,910 --> 00:04:13,519
and mount adams which was a known

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00:04:19,349 --> 00:04:15,920

distance of about 50 miles

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:19,359

so it took 102 seconds for them to

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00:04:24,150 --> 00:04:21,120

travel that 50 miles

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00:04:24,790 --> 00:04:24,160

resulting in a speed of about 1700 miles

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00:04:26,629 --> 00:04:24,800

an hour

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00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:26,639

which at the time was about a thousand

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00:04:31,590 --> 00:04:28,080

miles an hour faster than

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00:04:33,430 --> 00:04:31,600

any known aircraft of the day

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00:04:35,110 --> 00:04:33,440

well once he landed at the airport he

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00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:35,120

reported what he saw

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00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:37,280

and soon his experience would become

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00:04:42,390 --> 00:04:38,960

what today is considered

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00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:42,400

the beginning of the modern ufo mystery

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:44,400

now while this is just an extremely

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00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:46,880

brief summary of the case there's so

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00:04:51,189 --> 00:04:48,320

much to unpack

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00:04:51,749 --> 00:04:51,199

uh not only about the signing itself but

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00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:51,759

about

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00:04:56,390 --> 00:04:54,080

um you know the reaction of the press

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00:04:58,950 --> 00:04:56,400

the public the military all the things

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00:05:02,150 --> 00:04:58,960

you know associated with ufos

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00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:02,160

and as with any investigation a case

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00:05:07,189 --> 00:05:05,520

must include witness testimony and this

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00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:07,199

requires an estimation of the

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00:05:11,749 --> 00:05:09,199

credibility of that witness

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00:05:12,710 --> 00:05:11,759

so jason what do we know about the man

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00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:12,720

himself

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00:05:17,029 --> 00:05:15,840

kenneth arnold yeah right so from what

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00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:17,039

we know kenneth arnold

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00:05:20,070 --> 00:05:18,800

most definitely has the makings of a

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00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:20,080

credible witness

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00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:21,680

i mean first he was a successful

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00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:24,479

businessman so successful that he owned

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00:05:27,909 --> 00:05:26,320

his own plane obviously

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00:05:29,510 --> 00:05:27,919

and had his own landing strip on his

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00:05:31,909 --> 00:05:29,520

ranch in idaho

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00:05:34,230 --> 00:05:31,919

he was a successful businessman but he

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00:05:35,350 --> 00:05:34,240

was also reportedly respected in

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00:05:38,150 --> 00:05:35,360
business

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00:05:39,670 --> 00:05:38,160
second he was a pilot and pilots are

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00:05:41,590 --> 00:05:39,680
largely considered among the most

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00:05:42,790 --> 00:05:41,600
credible of observers when it comes to

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00:05:44,950 --> 00:05:42,800
ufos

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00:05:45,909 --> 00:05:44,960
because they spend a lot of time in the

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00:05:48,710 --> 00:05:45,919
sky certainly

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00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:48,720
more than we do and they are obviously

159
00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:50,639
more accustomed to seeing things in the

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00:05:54,230 --> 00:05:52,240
sky than we are

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00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:54,240
an important part of what they do in the

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00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:55,919
sky is observe

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00:05:59,430 --> 00:05:57,039

they have to be aware of their

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00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:59,440

surroundings they also have specialized

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00:06:02,469 --> 00:06:00,000

skills

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00:06:04,790 --> 00:06:02,479

and technical knowledge so when it comes

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00:06:05,670 --> 00:06:04,800

to calculating things like distance and

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00:06:07,670 --> 00:06:05,680

speed

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00:06:09,189 --> 00:06:07,680

pilots are typically better equipped

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00:06:11,350 --> 00:06:09,199

than most people

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00:06:12,469 --> 00:06:11,360

so when he spoke with reporters the day

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00:06:15,670 --> 00:06:12,479

after the incident

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:15,680

he came across as credible and

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00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:18,479

reliable because the details he provided

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00:06:21,270 --> 00:06:20,080

gave the impression that he was a

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00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:21,280

careful observer

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00:06:25,510 --> 00:06:23,440

and he didn't appear to exaggerate or

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00:06:27,990 --> 00:06:25,520

sensationalize the story

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00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:28,000

so as far as witnesses go kenneth arnold

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00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:29,759

was largely viewed by the media

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00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:33,199

the military and the public as credible

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00:06:36,950 --> 00:06:35,440

and he provided a compelling account of

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00:06:38,390 --> 00:06:36,960

what he observed

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and because we've established that he

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was a pilot here's a little fun fact

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kenneth arnold took his first flying

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00:06:47,029 --> 00:06:45,759

lesson in minot north dakota

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00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:47,039

he actually went to grade school in high

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00:06:51,909 --> 00:06:48,880

school there too and minot

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00:06:53,430 --> 00:06:51,919

is a familiar place to ufo researchers

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00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:53,440

there have been several notable ufo

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encounters in minot and the surrounding

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areas in north dakota over the years

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00:07:02,070 --> 00:06:59,280

including an incident in the 60s where

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00:07:03,029 --> 00:07:02,080

ufos shut down icbms at minot air force

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00:07:05,830 --> 00:07:03,039

base

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00:07:07,029 --> 00:07:05,840

and just over in fargo george gorman a

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00:07:08,550 --> 00:07:07,039

military pilot

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00:07:10,469 --> 00:07:08,560

found himself in a dogfight of sorts

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00:07:13,830 --> 00:07:10,479

with the ufo in 1948

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00:07:14,390 --> 00:07:13,840
so that's a fun trivia for you yeah it

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00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:14,400
is and

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00:07:19,189 --> 00:07:17,520
i mean i think it's uncanny how often

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,199
there are these little synchronicities

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00:07:22,870 --> 00:07:21,599
between different ufo cases and

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00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,880
sightings you know

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00:07:25,990 --> 00:07:24,479
and i think that's just kind of an

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00:07:26,950 --> 00:07:26,000
interesting one i mean sure doesn't mean

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00:07:29,270 --> 00:07:26,960
anything per se

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00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:29,280
other than it's just ironic that then in

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00:07:33,990 --> 00:07:31,440
the 60s you know this happened in

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00:07:35,749 --> 00:07:34,000
in the area that he grew up in so yeah

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00:07:37,670 --> 00:07:35,759

that is a fun fact

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it is and it's fun you know the more you

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dig into ufos

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00:07:42,870 --> 00:07:41,520

and the history you'll find all sorts of

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connections like this

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it's fun yeah

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well i think what's interesting too

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about you know the case

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obviously the the ufos themselves i mean

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00:07:55,670 --> 00:07:53,840

that's incredibly interesting but

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00:07:58,150 --> 00:07:55,680

i'm i'm one of those guys i like the

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political science of ufology and

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00:08:01,589 --> 00:07:59,759

you know the reactions of people i

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always say ufos is really about

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people not not just about the craft or

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00:08:06,950 --> 00:08:04,720

whatever

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certainly and um i think the press

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00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:08,960

reaction is one of the things that

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00:08:13,749 --> 00:08:12,080

interested me in it and you can see how

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00:08:16,629 --> 00:08:13,759

we can look back on history and just see

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00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:16,639

how this thing is just kind of unfolded

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00:08:19,990 --> 00:08:18,479

um the press reaction to kenneth

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arnold's report is really

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was astonishing because the entire

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nation in fact even other nations went

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wild for the story

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the first interview was by a guy named

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bill beckett and is a reporter for the

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00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,039

east

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:33,680

oregonian in pellington oregon it was

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00:08:38,389 --> 00:08:35,760

only a five minute interview

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00:08:39,430 --> 00:08:38,399

since the paper was about to go to press

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for the day

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uh bill interviewed kenneth in this

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little tiny office and he got a few

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facts and

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and he rushed a small story that was

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kind of at the bottom of the front page

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00:08:51,110 --> 00:08:49,200
of kenneth's account

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00:08:54,070 --> 00:08:51,120
and then he also put a quick little

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00:08:56,070 --> 00:08:54,080
small story on the newswire

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00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:56,080
yeah which turned out to be the match

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00:09:00,230 --> 00:08:57,760
that lit the fire

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00:09:01,430 --> 00:09:00,240
a request for more information came from

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00:09:04,230 --> 00:09:01,440
across the country

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00:09:06,070 --> 00:09:04,240
canada and even other nations and you'd

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have to say that story was kind of the

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equivalent of going

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viral today you know in that day so

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00:09:15,190 --> 00:09:12,720
um bill conducted then additional

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00:09:17,190 --> 00:09:15,200

interviews with arnold of several hours

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00:09:18,389 --> 00:09:17,200

in which more information and details

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00:09:21,190 --> 00:09:18,399

were recounted

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and the stories picked up by many media

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outlets including

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major national newspapers and magazines

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which were real popular in the day

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and um overnight kenneth arnold and his

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nine flying objects became one of the

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biggest

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00:09:37,750 --> 00:09:35,600

stories of the day yeah probably not

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something he expected

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00:09:41,590 --> 00:09:39,360

and certainly not it's probably not

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00:09:44,470 --> 00:09:41,600

something he uh thought would ever

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00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:44,480

become associated with him or his name

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00:09:48,949 --> 00:09:45,600

but you're right

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00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:48,959

i mean almost seemingly overnight um

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00:09:52,230 --> 00:09:51,920

this story spread and kind of think back

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00:09:54,870 --> 00:09:52,240

to

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00:09:55,910 --> 00:09:54,880

when this happened a time before social

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00:09:58,870 --> 00:09:55,920

media

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00:10:00,310 --> 00:09:58,880

um a time really before television so

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you know newspapers

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00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:03,360

were breaking this story and really kind

287

00:10:07,269 --> 00:10:04,480

of set off that

288

00:10:09,030 --> 00:10:07,279

uh that nice flying saucer wave that was

289

00:10:10,389 --> 00:10:09,040

uh was taking place at that time across

290

00:10:12,470 --> 00:10:10,399

the country

291

00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:12,480

yeah what was the one before it just a

292

00:10:17,829 --> 00:10:14,640

couple days in washington also

293

00:10:19,829 --> 00:10:17,839

um maury island yeah and then you know

294

00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:19,839

kenneth arnold and then

295

00:10:23,190 --> 00:10:21,600

one that we're going to talk about next

296

00:10:25,910 --> 00:10:23,200

week and then of course

297

00:10:27,430 --> 00:10:25,920

the big e roswell so man that would have

298

00:10:30,470 --> 00:10:27,440

been an exciting time to be

299

00:10:33,110 --> 00:10:30,480

you know alive and kind of connected to

300

00:10:35,030 --> 00:10:33,120

to ufos that was that was big exciting

301
00:10:37,509 --> 00:10:35,040
yes one of the most interestingly

302
00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:37,519
kind of terrifying too right because it

303
00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:39,200
was a new thing

304
00:10:42,870 --> 00:10:42,320
and people didn't know what to make of

305
00:10:45,110 --> 00:10:42,880
it and

306
00:10:46,230 --> 00:10:45,120
news traveled slower than it does now

307
00:10:49,190 --> 00:10:46,240
you don't have the

308
00:10:49,990 --> 00:10:49,200
the instant news of twitter you don't

309
00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:50,000
have the

310
00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:52,160
ability to look up stories or

311
00:10:56,550 --> 00:10:54,240
information on the internet

312
00:10:57,269 --> 00:10:56,560
so you know you're just relying on the

313
00:10:59,110 --> 00:10:57,279

newspaper

314

00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:59,120
so you wait wait for tomorrow's

315

00:11:02,949 --> 00:11:00,959
newspaper to find out

316

00:11:04,150 --> 00:11:02,959
if anybody had any new answers about the

317

00:11:06,150 --> 00:11:04,160
ufos

318

00:11:07,910 --> 00:11:06,160
and you know of course we'll talk about

319

00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:07,920
in in later episodes and certainly when

320

00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:09,360
we get to roswell and

321

00:11:12,630 --> 00:11:11,120
the pressure that all of this put on the

322

00:11:15,269 --> 00:11:12,640
military and the government

323

00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:15,279
to come up with answers because people

324

00:11:18,550 --> 00:11:16,800
didn't know what to think they just were

325

00:11:21,509 --> 00:11:18,560
reading about these ufo sightings that

326

00:11:24,630 --> 00:11:23,750

yeah in fact at the time they really

327

00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:24,640

didn't even have

328

00:11:28,550 --> 00:11:26,880

a proper name for it i mean it was that

329

00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:28,560

new they didn't know what to even call

330

00:11:30,630 --> 00:11:29,120

it and

331

00:11:33,190 --> 00:11:30,640

i think one of the most interesting

332

00:11:36,389 --> 00:11:33,200

aspects of the kenneth arnold

333

00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:36,399

sighting is it's generally accepted as

334

00:11:41,269 --> 00:11:37,120

the case

335

00:11:43,910 --> 00:11:41,279

that the term flying saucer was coined

336

00:11:45,590 --> 00:11:43,920

and just you know explain to us how that

337

00:11:48,310 --> 00:11:45,600

happened because it's kind of a

338

00:11:51,990 --> 00:11:48,320

it's it's a convoluted mess but we know

339

00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:52,000
that is the point that it happened

340

00:11:56,949 --> 00:11:55,200
it really is a bit convoluted um

341

00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:56,959
so some people incorrectly credit

342

00:12:01,190 --> 00:11:58,959
kenneth arnold himself as the originator

343

00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:01,200
of the term flying saucer

344

00:12:04,949 --> 00:12:03,760
and many people also incorrectly credit

345

00:12:06,389 --> 00:12:04,959
the reporter

346

00:12:08,949 --> 00:12:06,399
bill beckett from the east oregonian

347

00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:08,959
newspaper as the one who coined the term

348

00:12:13,030 --> 00:12:11,360
but when you look back at the stories

349

00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:13,040
none of bill's stories actually contain

350

00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:14,480
that term

351
00:12:18,550 --> 00:12:16,639
it wasn't really until the story was

352
00:12:21,750 --> 00:12:18,560
picked up by the associated press

353
00:12:25,190 --> 00:12:21,760
that the term flying disc was introduced

354
00:12:25,990 --> 00:12:25,200
then finally um june 30th i believe

355
00:12:29,269 --> 00:12:26,000
another ap

356
00:12:31,430 --> 00:12:29,279
story added flying saucer

357
00:12:33,750 --> 00:12:31,440
so just to clarify kenneth arnold never

358
00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:33,760
said he saw flying saucers or flying

359
00:12:36,949 --> 00:12:34,720
discs

360
00:12:38,150 --> 00:12:36,959
what he did do was describe the motion

361
00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:38,160
and behavior

362
00:12:41,590 --> 00:12:40,480
of the aerial objects he observed he

363
00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:41,600

actually described the

364

00:12:44,949 --> 00:12:43,519

the movement of objects many different

365

00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:44,959

ways over the years

366

00:12:48,550 --> 00:12:47,920

from they flew erratic like a saucer you

367

00:12:51,990 --> 00:12:48,560

skip across

368

00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:52,000

water to shiny flat objects with

369

00:12:56,470 --> 00:12:54,959

a peculiar weaving motion and the way he

370

00:12:59,509 --> 00:12:56,480

described this weaving motion

371

00:13:00,310 --> 00:12:59,519

is fun too like the tail of a chinese

372

00:13:03,990 --> 00:13:00,320

kite

373

00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:04,000

or even a flesh fish flipping in the sun

374

00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:06,480

he was very good with descriptive terms

375

00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:07,279

to uh

376
00:13:10,550 --> 00:13:09,440
you know help people visualize what he

377
00:13:12,389 --> 00:13:10,560
had seen

378
00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:12,399
and adding to the description of the

379
00:13:16,550 --> 00:13:14,240
behavior of these ufos

380
00:13:18,710 --> 00:13:16,560
arnold described that the objects were

381
00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,720
grouped together in a diagonally stepped

382
00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:20,560
down echelon formation

383
00:13:24,310 --> 00:13:23,120
stretched over a distance of five miles

384
00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,320
and he said they were

385
00:13:27,509 --> 00:13:26,560
moving mostly on a level horizontal

386
00:13:29,509 --> 00:13:27,519
plane

387
00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:29,519
and the ufos weed from side to side

388
00:13:32,310 --> 00:13:30,560

darting

389

00:13:33,990 --> 00:13:32,320

through the valleys and in between

390

00:13:36,389 --> 00:13:34,000

nearby hills and they would

391

00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:36,399

also occasionally sort of bank on their

392

00:13:40,230 --> 00:13:37,120

sides

393

00:13:42,150 --> 00:13:40,240

at the same time and causing this bright

394

00:13:43,350 --> 00:13:42,160

mirror-like flash of light that was

395

00:13:45,829 --> 00:13:43,360

blinding

396

00:13:48,230 --> 00:13:45,839

but again he never said the ufos he saw

397

00:13:51,110 --> 00:13:48,240

were saucer-shaped which is interesting

398

00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:51,120

what he did say with regard to shape was

399

00:13:53,990 --> 00:13:53,279

that he saw a series of objects with

400

00:13:56,550 --> 00:13:54,000

convex

401
00:13:57,750 --> 00:13:56,560
shapes he said one might have been uh

402
00:13:59,829 --> 00:13:57,760
crescent-shaped

403
00:14:01,590 --> 00:13:59,839
but his best description said they

404
00:14:01,990 --> 00:14:01,600
looked something like a pie plate that

405
00:14:04,949 --> 00:14:02,000
was cut

406
00:14:05,990 --> 00:14:04,959
in half with a convex triangle in the

407
00:14:07,430 --> 00:14:06,000
rear

408
00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:07,440
i think there was even at least one

409
00:14:12,790 --> 00:14:09,600
story about this incident

410
00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,800
that referred to the object as flying

411
00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:15,360
pipe hands that's my favorite

412
00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:17,519
if you've ever seen a drawing of what

413
00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:19,040

arnold said you saw

414

00:14:23,590 --> 00:14:20,880

these things look more like birds than

415

00:14:26,069 --> 00:14:23,600

they do a typical flying saucer

416

00:14:27,269 --> 00:14:26,079

but of course birds don't fly at 1200

417

00:14:31,110 --> 00:14:27,279

miles per hour

418

00:14:34,310 --> 00:14:31,120

typically and arnold noted that despite

419

00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:34,320

this supersonic speed there was no sonic

420

00:14:37,590 --> 00:14:35,279

boom

421

00:14:39,189 --> 00:14:37,600

and you know he found that detail

422

00:14:41,829 --> 00:14:39,199

particularly curious

423

00:14:44,629 --> 00:14:41,839

it made no sense to him that objects

424

00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:44,639

moving significantly faster than the 750

425

00:14:48,870 --> 00:14:46,079

mile per hour sound barrier

426
00:14:50,550 --> 00:14:48,880
didn't generate a sonic boom he figured

427
00:14:52,949 --> 00:14:50,560
he must be seeing some sort of secret

428
00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:52,959
military aircraft being tested

429
00:14:58,550 --> 00:14:56,480
using some advanced technology

430
00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:58,560
yeah i mean wow i mean that that's

431
00:15:03,590 --> 00:15:00,240
actually a lot of detail

432
00:15:05,990 --> 00:15:03,600
um and you know interviewing witnesses

433
00:15:07,590 --> 00:15:06,000
that's um you know that's a good sign

434
00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:07,600
that you know people

435
00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:09,199
you know were good observers and they

436
00:15:12,790 --> 00:15:11,040
had an actual experience and

437
00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:12,800
and the fact that he used these little

438
00:15:16,870 --> 00:15:14,480

illustrate kind of folksy

439

00:15:17,590 --> 00:15:16,880

illustrations about their behavior in

440

00:15:19,829 --> 00:15:17,600

motion and

441

00:15:21,430 --> 00:15:19,839

i mean again you think about the time

442

00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:21,440

right and people

443

00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:24,560

you know didn't have a lot of high-tech

444

00:15:30,389 --> 00:15:28,240

uh examples to to go to

445

00:15:31,990 --> 00:15:30,399

it was you know more of those those

446

00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:32,000

folksy kind of things but

447

00:15:35,110 --> 00:15:34,720

you know it's it's great information and

448

00:15:38,150 --> 00:15:35,120

then

449

00:15:40,550 --> 00:15:38,160

um yeah i always even think i i'm

450

00:15:42,389 --> 00:15:40,560

imagining in my mind that photo of him

451
00:15:43,590 --> 00:15:42,399
staying there in front of a placard of

452
00:15:45,509 --> 00:15:43,600
some sort where he's

453
00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,519
made a pretty nice illustration of them

454
00:15:48,069 --> 00:15:47,440
and to me it almost looks like one of

455
00:15:51,990 --> 00:15:48,079
the bat

456
00:15:53,749 --> 00:15:52,000
movies yeah this is

457
00:15:55,030 --> 00:15:53,759
this park and then yeah that's you know

458
00:15:56,470 --> 00:15:55,040
that's certainly more a better

459
00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:56,480
description and something we would use

460
00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:57,360
today

461
00:16:02,870 --> 00:16:00,480
uh you know to describe it um

462
00:16:03,670 --> 00:16:02,880
imagine if imagine if flying pie pans

463
00:16:06,389 --> 00:16:03,680

had caught down

464

00:16:07,829 --> 00:16:06,399

instead of flying saucer i mean that

465

00:16:08,310 --> 00:16:07,839

would be pretty funny i can't imagine

466

00:16:10,629 --> 00:16:08,320

that we

467

00:16:13,269 --> 00:16:10,639

are so accustomed to flying saucer now

468

00:16:16,470 --> 00:16:13,279

but it could have been flying pie pan

469

00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:16,480

yeah oh yeah that that's hilarious but i

470

00:16:19,829 --> 00:16:16,800

mean

471

00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:19,839

really no no no more hilarious than

472

00:16:23,829 --> 00:16:22,240

saucer but we're just used to it

473

00:16:25,590 --> 00:16:23,839

we're just used to it exactly it's a

474

00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:25,600

stupid term it's really stupid but i

475

00:16:29,670 --> 00:16:27,360

love it i mean and we're used to it

476

00:16:30,949 --> 00:16:29,680

we've grown up with it uh we're used to

477

00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:30,959

it but you know

478

00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:32,639

like i said he thought this was secret

479

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:35,600

military technology or something

480

00:16:40,870 --> 00:16:38,720

and this is a startling sighting that

481

00:16:42,710 --> 00:16:40,880

was reported by a credible witness that

482

00:16:43,829 --> 00:16:42,720

was deemed to be credible and of course

483

00:16:44,710 --> 00:16:43,839

this all caught the attention of the

484

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:44,720

military

485

00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:46,000

so do you want to talk a little bit

486

00:16:52,310 --> 00:16:50,320

about that uh military attention shane

487

00:16:54,069 --> 00:16:52,320

yeah yeah i think that's incredibly

488

00:16:55,269 --> 00:16:54,079

interesting too this is really kind of

489

00:16:58,870 --> 00:16:55,279

the start of it all

490

00:17:01,590 --> 00:16:58,880

our modern ufo era and how how the

491

00:17:01,990 --> 00:17:01,600

you know military is was reacting and

492

00:17:04,549 --> 00:17:02,000

and

493

00:17:05,750 --> 00:17:04,559

we have to kind of have our head in the

494

00:17:09,189 --> 00:17:05,760

space that they

495

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,199

they this was new to them too apparently

496

00:17:12,710 --> 00:17:11,120

and uh it's kind of interesting to see

497

00:17:15,429 --> 00:17:12,720

their reaction and i think it's a

498

00:17:18,470 --> 00:17:15,439

fascinating look into the development

499

00:17:19,429 --> 00:17:18,480

of of their responses to ufos starting

500

00:17:21,669 --> 00:17:19,439

at that time

501
00:17:24,230 --> 00:17:21,679
and we know there was project sign that

502
00:17:24,870 --> 00:17:24,240
that started right out of the gate 1947

503
00:17:26,710 --> 00:17:24,880
there

504
00:17:29,270 --> 00:17:26,720
uh then project grudge and then

505
00:17:31,909 --> 00:17:29,280
eventually uh project blue book where it

506
00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:31,919
outlines really the evolution of the

507
00:17:36,230 --> 00:17:33,679
government's response

508
00:17:37,190 --> 00:17:36,240
um to reports such as kenneth arnold so

509
00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:37,200
it went from

510
00:17:41,590 --> 00:17:40,080
sign to grudge and then blue book you

511
00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:41,600
know it just kind of

512
00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:44,400
they have a different tone to them and

513
00:17:47,029 --> 00:17:45,840

you can kind of see their thinking

514

00:17:49,990 --> 00:17:47,039

change but

515

00:17:51,830 --> 00:17:50,000

um there's a really great book written

516

00:17:54,470 --> 00:17:51,840

uh written by bruce mcabee

517

00:17:55,669 --> 00:17:54,480

and it's called uh three minutes in june

518

00:17:59,270 --> 00:17:55,679

referring to the

519

00:18:01,190 --> 00:17:59,280

this case and on pages 58 and 59 i'd

520

00:18:03,830 --> 00:18:01,200

like to just kind of read from it

521

00:18:04,470 --> 00:18:03,840

uh and he summarizes their response

522

00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:04,480

which

523

00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:08,240

to me is just a great summary of how the

524

00:18:11,909 --> 00:18:10,880

the air force had developed their their

525

00:18:15,110 --> 00:18:11,919

new policy

526

00:18:17,669 --> 00:18:15,120

really to to react into ufos so on page

527

00:18:19,830 --> 00:18:17,679

58 it says um

528

00:18:21,270 --> 00:18:19,840

the air force intelligence established

529

00:18:23,830 --> 00:18:21,280

project sign

530

00:18:25,549 --> 00:18:23,840

and secretly investigated the saucer

531

00:18:27,110 --> 00:18:25,559

reports that started in the summer of

532

00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:27,120

1947

533

00:18:32,870 --> 00:18:30,240

and continued through the summer of 1948

534

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:32,880

the technical intelligence analyst of

535

00:18:36,310 --> 00:18:34,080

project sign

536

00:18:38,310 --> 00:18:36,320

treated all of the sightings including

537

00:18:41,029 --> 00:18:38,320

arnold seriously

538

00:18:42,950 --> 00:18:41,039

this was at least in part a result of

539

00:18:43,590 --> 00:18:42,960

the fact that a number of air force

540

00:18:46,310 --> 00:18:43,600

pilots

541

00:18:47,909 --> 00:18:46,320

also reported seeing flying saucers and

542

00:18:49,750 --> 00:18:47,919

i didn't really know that

543

00:18:51,510 --> 00:18:49,760

arnold's siding was included as

544

00:18:53,510 --> 00:18:51,520

unexplained in the top secret

545

00:18:55,830 --> 00:18:53,520

intelligence memorandum

546

00:18:57,590 --> 00:18:55,840

compiled by air force intelligence at

547

00:19:01,630 --> 00:18:57,600

the pentagon during the fall

548

00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:01,640

of 1948 however in the early fall of

549

00:19:05,750 --> 00:19:03,200

1948

550

00:19:06,710 --> 00:19:05,760

general hoyt vanderberg chief of staff

551
00:19:09,510 --> 00:19:06,720
of the air force

552
00:19:10,150 --> 00:19:09,520
rejected the conclusion arrived at by

553
00:19:13,029 --> 00:19:10,160
technical

554
00:19:13,669 --> 00:19:13,039
intelligence analysts at right field

555
00:19:16,549 --> 00:19:13,679
which was

556
00:19:18,310 --> 00:19:16,559
is now wright patterson air force base

557
00:19:19,669 --> 00:19:18,320
they had written a secret document

558
00:19:22,710 --> 00:19:19,679
called

559
00:19:25,070 --> 00:19:22,720
the estimate of the situation wherein

560
00:19:28,070 --> 00:19:25,080
they estimated that the saucers were

561
00:19:29,590 --> 00:19:28,080
interplanetary vehicles the analysts who

562
00:19:32,549 --> 00:19:29,600
were the knowledge

563
00:19:33,750 --> 00:19:32,559

experts in analyzing foreign aerodynamic

564

00:19:35,909 --> 00:19:33,760

vehicles

565

00:19:37,590 --> 00:19:35,919

then visited the general to argue their

566

00:19:41,110 --> 00:19:37,600

case but he told them

567

00:19:43,510 --> 00:19:41,120

something like this sorry wrong answer

568

00:19:44,470 --> 00:19:43,520

by rejecting the estimate in spite of

569

00:19:47,669 --> 00:19:44,480

the evidence

570

00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:47,679

vandenberg effectively established an

571

00:19:52,310 --> 00:19:49,520

air force policy

572

00:19:53,990 --> 00:19:52,320

that the interplanetary hypothesis was

573

00:19:58,789 --> 00:19:54,000

not to be considered as an

574

00:20:02,230 --> 00:19:58,799

acceptable explanation for any sighting

575

00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:02,240

other alternative they considered was

576

00:20:06,310 --> 00:20:04,480

that the russians had made immense

577

00:20:08,710 --> 00:20:06,320

improvements on german aircraft

578

00:20:09,590 --> 00:20:08,720

developed during world war ii and were

579

00:20:12,310 --> 00:20:09,600

flying their new

580

00:20:14,070 --> 00:20:12,320

aircraft over the united states however

581

00:20:15,029 --> 00:20:14,080

intelligence analysts didn't believe

582

00:20:16,630 --> 00:20:15,039

this either

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00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:16,640

therefore they were forced to come up

584

00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:19,120

with some conventional explanation for

585

00:20:25,750 --> 00:20:22,480

each siding even if there was no logical

586

00:20:26,549 --> 00:20:25,760

conventional explanation this urge to

587

00:20:29,909 --> 00:20:26,559

explain

588

00:20:31,990 --> 00:20:29,919

biased deciding analyses done during the

589

00:20:35,350 --> 00:20:32,000

projects that followed sign

590

00:20:37,750 --> 00:20:35,360

namely grudge and and blue book

591

00:20:38,950 --> 00:20:37,760

so i think that's just powerful i mean

592

00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:38,960

that that summary

593

00:20:43,590 --> 00:20:41,280

is great and it really does show how

594

00:20:45,990 --> 00:20:43,600

that thinking was established so

595

00:20:47,750 --> 00:20:46,000

i know we all kind of in ufology we

596

00:20:51,270 --> 00:20:47,760

think about the 1953

597

00:20:54,870 --> 00:20:51,280

robertson panel and kind of their their

598

00:20:56,870 --> 00:20:54,880

strategy to poo poo um ufo reports in

599

00:20:57,830 --> 00:20:56,880

the public by you know ridicule and so

600

00:21:01,350 --> 00:20:57,840

forth but really

601
00:21:04,390 --> 00:21:01,360
it had already begun uh in the air force

602
00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:04,400
reaction to explain this stuff away

603
00:21:09,110 --> 00:21:06,400
which is really sad i think i think it's

604
00:21:11,909 --> 00:21:09,120
just terribly sad because imagine

605
00:21:13,909 --> 00:21:11,919
had it been taken serious then how much

606
00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:13,919
further we might be along today

607
00:21:21,350 --> 00:21:18,000
in understanding this phenomenon

608
00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:21,360
now the first investigation of arnold's

609
00:21:23,909 --> 00:21:22,000
claims

610
00:21:25,270 --> 00:21:23,919
came actually from the air force

611
00:21:27,909 --> 00:21:25,280
lieutenant frank brown

612
00:21:30,149 --> 00:21:27,919
and captain william davidson of the

613
00:21:31,990 --> 00:21:30,159

hamilton field in california

614

00:21:33,590 --> 00:21:32,000

and they had interviewed him on july

615

00:21:35,110 --> 00:21:33,600

12th and this is what they said about

616

00:21:35,909 --> 00:21:35,120

him going back to what you're saying

617

00:21:38,710 --> 00:21:35,919

about his

618

00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:38,720

credibility it is the present opinion of

619

00:21:43,510 --> 00:21:40,720

the interviewer that mr arnold

620

00:21:44,070 --> 00:21:43,520

actually saw what he stated he saw it's

621

00:21:46,149 --> 00:21:44,080

difficult

622

00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:46,159

to believe the man of his character and

623

00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:47,679

apparent integrity

624

00:21:51,669 --> 00:21:49,520

would state that he saw objects and

625

00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:51,679

write up a report to the extent

626

00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:55,280

that he did if he did not see them

627

00:22:00,870 --> 00:21:59,120

well despite that the army air force's

628

00:22:04,149 --> 00:22:00,880

formal public conclusion

629

00:22:07,669 --> 00:22:04,159

was that arnold had seen get this

630

00:22:09,990 --> 00:22:07,679

a mirage a mirage

631

00:22:11,590 --> 00:22:10,000

so this was a first investigated by the

632

00:22:12,950 --> 00:22:11,600

army air corps since the air force

633

00:22:15,510 --> 00:22:12,960

hadn't been created

634

00:22:17,590 --> 00:22:15,520

and it was later investigated again by

635

00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:17,600

project blue book and dr

636

00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:20,880

j allen heineck and so you can already

637

00:22:24,310 --> 00:22:22,159

see the information

638

00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:24,320

or the formation rather of the strategy

639

00:22:29,590 --> 00:22:26,559

to dismiss these cases and

640

00:22:31,830 --> 00:22:29,600

it is too bad and you know

641

00:22:33,270 --> 00:22:31,840

we have all of these great cases over

642

00:22:35,750 --> 00:22:33,280

the last 70 years and

643

00:22:36,390 --> 00:22:35,760

and great evidence and a lot of this was

644

00:22:38,789 --> 00:22:36,400

just

645

00:22:39,510 --> 00:22:38,799

either hoarded or ignored or whatever

646

00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:39,520

and it's just

647

00:22:45,190 --> 00:22:43,200

so sad it is sad

648

00:22:48,549 --> 00:22:45,200

and you know this is something we think

649

00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:48,559

about a lot you know because of

650

00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:50,960

the military's various efforts and their

651
00:22:55,990 --> 00:22:52,720
various policies

652
00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:56,000
um and in the government in general

653
00:23:00,149 --> 00:22:58,720
to to ridicule the subject especially

654
00:23:04,710 --> 00:23:00,159
around that time around the

655
00:23:07,750 --> 00:23:04,720
the mid 50s you wonder just how many

656
00:23:08,950 --> 00:23:07,760
how many sightings how many incredible

657
00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:08,960
encounters

658
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,600
went unreported because who would bother

659
00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:13,440
to report a ufo sighting during that

660
00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:13,840
time

661
00:23:17,909 --> 00:23:16,080
when all these active efforts were

662
00:23:20,310 --> 00:23:17,919
underway to ridicule

663
00:23:21,350 --> 00:23:20,320

anybody uh having anything to do with

664

00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:21,360

ufos

665

00:23:25,110 --> 00:23:24,320

so you have to imagine that there were

666

00:23:27,669 --> 00:23:25,120

so

667

00:23:28,630 --> 00:23:27,679

many incredible sightings and encounters

668

00:23:31,270 --> 00:23:28,640

during

669

00:23:31,990 --> 00:23:31,280

you know the past 40 years 50 years 60

670

00:23:37,029 --> 00:23:32,000

years

671

00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:37,039

no one knows about that have never been

672

00:23:40,390 --> 00:23:38,240

looked into

673

00:23:41,750 --> 00:23:40,400

that have never been shared with anybody

674

00:23:44,870 --> 00:23:41,760

else because

675

00:23:45,430 --> 00:23:44,880

of the ridicule factor that was put in

676
00:23:48,310 --> 00:23:45,440
place

677
00:23:48,870 --> 00:23:48,320
so hard back then um just so much lost

678
00:23:51,510 --> 00:23:48,880
data

679
00:23:51,909 --> 00:23:51,520
so much lost usefulness and like you

680
00:23:55,669 --> 00:23:51,919
said

681
00:23:57,590 --> 00:23:55,679
i mean that set us back so far i mean

682
00:23:58,710 --> 00:23:57,600
who knows if there will ever be any

683
00:24:02,149 --> 00:23:58,720
answers to

684
00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:02,159
the ufo mystery but you have to believe

685
00:24:06,230 --> 00:24:04,640
that we would certainly be farther along

686
00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:06,240
or at least have more information to

687
00:24:10,390 --> 00:24:07,279
work with

688
00:24:13,190 --> 00:24:10,400

had that not been the case yeah

689

00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:13,200

totally agree and even you know as an

690

00:24:18,310 --> 00:24:15,279

investigator now

691

00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:18,320

you know yes the the end game would be

692

00:24:22,549 --> 00:24:20,799

can we truly identify you know who this

693

00:24:25,830 --> 00:24:22,559

is and why they're doing it

694

00:24:26,789 --> 00:24:25,840

but you know that isn't all there is to

695

00:24:29,510 --> 00:24:26,799

it that the

696

00:24:31,110 --> 00:24:29,520

the data and the investigation and you

697

00:24:33,430 --> 00:24:31,120

know the knowledge and the information

698

00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:33,440

that comes from all of those cases is

699

00:24:37,430 --> 00:24:35,120

still super valuable and

700

00:24:39,750 --> 00:24:37,440

you know there's value in the journey

701
00:24:40,390 --> 00:24:39,760
not not just the destination you know

702
00:24:42,870 --> 00:24:40,400
and

703
00:24:43,669 --> 00:24:42,880
it is it's just a sad loss but you know

704
00:24:46,149 --> 00:24:43,679
i was

705
00:24:47,669 --> 00:24:46,159
really i did not know about this case

706
00:24:50,230 --> 00:24:47,679
and as we were preparing for this

707
00:24:51,430 --> 00:24:50,240
i discovered that there were other

708
00:24:53,830 --> 00:24:51,440
witnesses to this

709
00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:53,840
not just kenneth arnold what'd you find

710
00:24:56,549 --> 00:24:54,640
out about that

711
00:24:58,070 --> 00:24:56,559
yeah and that's that's so powerful right

712
00:25:00,149 --> 00:24:58,080
i mean you mentioned

713
00:25:02,310 --> 00:25:00,159

the the power of witness testimony when

714

00:25:03,110 --> 00:25:02,320

it comes to ufo cases and we just talked

715

00:25:06,230 --> 00:25:03,120

about you know

716

00:25:09,110 --> 00:25:06,240

the millions of of sightings that

717

00:25:10,230 --> 00:25:09,120

that probably have gone unreported and

718

00:25:14,310 --> 00:25:10,240

think about

719

00:25:17,110 --> 00:25:14,320

you know single witness ufo cases

720

00:25:18,470 --> 00:25:17,120

most certainly have lots of other

721

00:25:21,029 --> 00:25:18,480

witnesses as well

722

00:25:23,110 --> 00:25:21,039

that go unreported so think about the

723

00:25:25,110 --> 00:25:23,120

credibility that would be lent to cases

724

00:25:27,669 --> 00:25:25,120

if other people would report them as

725

00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:27,679

well and with the kenneth arnold case

726

00:25:31,750 --> 00:25:30,320

that is certainly what we have here i

727

00:25:32,789 --> 00:25:31,760

mean we talked about the fact that

728

00:25:36,310 --> 00:25:32,799

kenneth arnold is

729

00:25:38,870 --> 00:25:36,320

considered to be a quality witness and

730

00:25:39,430 --> 00:25:38,880

the credibility or weightiness of this

731

00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:39,440

case

732

00:25:46,630 --> 00:25:44,320

is enhanced by so much corroboration

733

00:25:48,390 --> 00:25:46,640

fred johnson a prospector who was on

734

00:25:50,870 --> 00:25:48,400

mount adams at the time

735

00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:50,880

informed the army air force that he saw

736

00:25:55,350 --> 00:25:52,159

six ufos

737

00:25:57,590 --> 00:25:55,360

at about the same time as arnold siding

738

00:25:58,390 --> 00:25:57,600

he said he even observed these ufos

739

00:26:00,390 --> 00:25:58,400

through a small

740

00:26:01,990 --> 00:26:00,400

telescope i don't know why a prospector

741

00:26:03,110 --> 00:26:02,000

needs a small telescope but that's rad

742

00:26:06,630 --> 00:26:03,120

i'm glad he had one

743

00:26:09,430 --> 00:26:06,640

that helped he described this object

744

00:26:10,149 --> 00:26:09,440

as round and tapered sharply to a point

745

00:26:12,789 --> 00:26:10,159

in the head

746

00:26:14,950 --> 00:26:12,799

and in an oval shape another interesting

747

00:26:15,669 --> 00:26:14,960

detail he provided was that the ufo

748

00:26:18,950 --> 00:26:15,679

seemingly

749

00:26:21,669 --> 00:26:18,960

affected his compass interesting so

750

00:26:24,630 --> 00:26:21,679

the army air force reportedly found this

751
00:26:25,029 --> 00:26:24,640
witness to be credible mark up another

752
00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:25,039
one

753
00:26:30,070 --> 00:26:28,320
okay so then uh lorenz bernier

754
00:26:31,510 --> 00:26:30,080
added some useful information about the

755
00:26:33,990 --> 00:26:31,520
speed of the objects

756
00:26:36,070 --> 00:26:34,000
he claimed he saw three of the ufos

757
00:26:36,870 --> 00:26:36,080
flying over richland washington toward

758
00:26:38,950 --> 00:26:36,880
mount rainier

759
00:26:40,149 --> 00:26:38,960
approximately a half hour before arnold

760
00:26:42,789 --> 00:26:40,159
siding

761
00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:42,799
and he said these three objects seem to

762
00:26:45,990 --> 00:26:44,559
be flying edge to edge

763
00:26:47,830 --> 00:26:46,000

and he assumed they were part of a

764

00:26:51,430 --> 00:26:47,840

larger formation

765

00:26:54,549 --> 00:26:51,440

he explained that he had quote seen a

766

00:26:56,470 --> 00:26:54,559

appear seemingly on one horizon and then

767

00:26:57,269 --> 00:26:56,480

gone to the opposite horizon in no time

768

00:26:59,430 --> 00:26:57,279

at all

769

00:27:01,669 --> 00:26:59,440

but these discs certainly were traveling

770

00:27:04,149 --> 00:27:01,679

faster than any p-38

771

00:27:05,909 --> 00:27:04,159

end quote and just for reference the max

772

00:27:08,950 --> 00:27:05,919

speed of a p-38 was reportedly

773

00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:08,960

approximately 440 miles per hour

774

00:27:12,310 --> 00:27:10,960

another witness ethel wheelhouse

775

00:27:15,190 --> 00:27:12,320

reported that she saw

776
00:27:16,470 --> 00:27:15,200
several extremely fast flying discs over

777
00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:16,480
yakima washington

778
00:27:21,269 --> 00:27:19,039
around the same time as arnold siding

779
00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:21,279
yakima is approximately 60 miles to the

780
00:27:24,950 --> 00:27:23,360
northwest of richland

781
00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:24,960
sydney gallagher is a witness who

782
00:27:30,070 --> 00:27:28,399
reported seeing nine shiny disks

783
00:27:31,990 --> 00:27:30,080
a forest ranger with the washington

784
00:27:33,590 --> 00:27:32,000
state forest service who was on fire

785
00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:33,600
watch at a tower and diamond gap

786
00:27:37,029 --> 00:27:36,080
approximately 20 miles south of yakima

787
00:27:39,750 --> 00:27:37,039
reported seeing

788
00:27:41,830 --> 00:27:39,760

flashes of light in a straight line over

789

00:27:43,430 --> 00:27:41,840

mount rainier at the same time of

790

00:27:46,149 --> 00:27:43,440

arnold's sighting

791

00:27:47,830 --> 00:27:46,159

there were at least 16 other reported

792

00:27:49,750 --> 00:27:47,840

ufo sightings in washington state on the

793

00:27:52,789 --> 00:27:49,760

day of kenneth arnold sighting

794

00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:52,799

so 16 different people from 16 different

795

00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:53,600

positions

796

00:27:58,149 --> 00:27:56,240

saw the same mirage isn't that magic

797

00:28:02,149 --> 00:27:58,159

that's a magic mirage right

798

00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:02,159

i mean give me a break so i appreciate

799

00:28:05,510 --> 00:28:04,000

bruce mcabee's thoughts on why he would

800

00:28:06,870 --> 00:28:05,520

go back to an old-fashioned case like

801
00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:06,880
this to reinvestigate

802
00:28:10,310 --> 00:28:08,960
when we've had so many other cases since

803
00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:10,320
then but first

804
00:28:13,909 --> 00:28:12,080
he thought that even with the study of

805
00:28:15,430 --> 00:28:13,919
cases in the 50 years since arnold

806
00:28:16,149 --> 00:28:15,440
sighting we're no closer to finding

807
00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:16,159
answers

808
00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:18,240
so maybe there is something missed by

809
00:28:21,510 --> 00:28:20,000
the original investigators that we might

810
00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:21,520
be able to resolve with new technology

811
00:28:26,389 --> 00:28:23,120
and more experience

812
00:28:27,269 --> 00:28:26,399
second he feels the case arnold in

813
00:28:30,070 --> 00:28:27,279

particular

814

00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:30,080

has five strong attributes witness

815

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:31,360

credibility

816

00:28:36,149 --> 00:28:33,760

arnold was in the exact right place he

817

00:28:38,310 --> 00:28:36,159

was there the exact right time

818

00:28:40,549 --> 00:28:38,320

he had the right attitude and skills and

819

00:28:42,389 --> 00:28:40,559

he was alert and inquisitive

820

00:28:44,310 --> 00:28:42,399

history does seem to show that arnold

821

00:28:47,830 --> 00:28:44,320

was indeed the right person

822

00:28:50,870 --> 00:28:47,840

in the right place at the right time

823

00:28:53,990 --> 00:28:50,880

wow that's stunning i had no idea 16

824

00:28:55,750 --> 00:28:54,000

different witnesses wow

825

00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:55,760

you don't hear that reported much you

826

00:28:59,029 --> 00:28:57,840

kind of got to dig deep to find that

827

00:29:01,830 --> 00:28:59,039

that's amazing

828

00:29:03,510 --> 00:29:01,840

you know i grew up not grew up entirely

829

00:29:05,190 --> 00:29:03,520

but spent four or five years

830

00:29:06,710 --> 00:29:05,200

when i was a little kid in pasco

831

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:06,720

washington and

832

00:29:11,669 --> 00:29:10,080

um uh i was maybe four or

833

00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:11,679

three four or five something i have

834

00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:13,360

those are among my earliest

835

00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:16,080

memories as a little kid and there the

836

00:29:18,710 --> 00:29:16,799

columbia

837

00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:18,720

river runs right through it and then of

838

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:20,960

course what's there and what's kind of a

839

00:29:25,190 --> 00:29:22,159

big deal

840

00:29:27,909 --> 00:29:25,200

is the hanford nuclear power plant

841

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:27,919

and the hanford plant is the plant that

842

00:29:32,789 --> 00:29:29,520

processed the

843

00:29:35,830 --> 00:29:32,799

plutonium for the original a-bomb

844

00:29:37,669 --> 00:29:35,840

uh in 1945 and uh

845

00:29:39,669 --> 00:29:37,679

i even remember my dad was a truck

846

00:29:43,669 --> 00:29:39,679

driver and he would take me

847

00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:43,679

with him and he was hauling uranium

848

00:29:47,350 --> 00:29:47,039

in a mine from a mine uh from one place

849

00:29:51,029 --> 00:29:47,360

to

850

00:29:52,630 --> 00:29:51,039

him so

851
00:29:54,470 --> 00:29:52,640
and then again just talk about that

852
00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:54,480
little bit of weird weirdness and

853
00:29:57,830 --> 00:29:55,919
synchronicity

854
00:29:59,510 --> 00:29:57,840
you know we're talking a nuclear

855
00:30:02,870 --> 00:29:59,520
facility

856
00:30:05,029 --> 00:30:02,880
again technically associated with ufos

857
00:30:06,549 --> 00:30:05,039
i mean i just those connections just

858
00:30:08,789 --> 00:30:06,559
blow me away so

859
00:30:10,789 --> 00:30:08,799
man that that is some interesting stuff

860
00:30:14,230 --> 00:30:10,799
jason thanks for that

861
00:30:17,110 --> 00:30:14,240
yeah very cool very cool

862
00:30:19,510 --> 00:30:17,120
i yeah i think this is just a awesome

863
00:30:21,350 --> 00:30:19,520

case i mean it's a real gem of a classic

864

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:21,360

case uh it's got so much good

865

00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:22,799

information

866

00:30:26,870 --> 00:30:25,520

and you know we've got two of the three

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00:30:29,269 --> 00:30:26,880

fundamental

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00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:29,279

uh pillars of an investigation you have

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00:30:33,430 --> 00:30:31,200

you know eyewitness testing

870

00:30:35,110 --> 00:30:33,440

testimony you hope to get physical

871

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:35,120

evidence which we don't necessarily have

872

00:30:39,830 --> 00:30:37,760

here but corroborative evidence and

873

00:30:42,310 --> 00:30:39,840

you know that's that's almost a mass

874

00:30:44,470 --> 00:30:42,320

sighting when you think about it 16

875

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:44,480

disparate witnesses people that didn't

876

00:30:46,870 --> 00:30:45,840

know each other were in different

877

00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:46,880

locations i mean

878

00:30:50,470 --> 00:30:49,360

wow that blows me away i think that's

879

00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:50,480

pretty powerful

880

00:30:55,909 --> 00:30:54,240

uh evidence and um

881

00:30:57,269 --> 00:30:55,919

but once the information of arnold

882

00:31:00,310 --> 00:30:57,279

siding became public

883

00:31:02,230 --> 00:31:00,320

you know that made it uh known enough

884

00:31:03,029 --> 00:31:02,240

that these other witnesses were able to

885

00:31:06,070 --> 00:31:03,039

come forward

886

00:31:06,549 --> 00:31:06,080

so that's a big deal um you know today

887

00:31:09,909 --> 00:31:06,559

it's

888

00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:09,919

overload right you've got you know

889

00:31:13,750 --> 00:31:12,000

youtube and facebook and everything and

890

00:31:16,470 --> 00:31:13,760

somebody can have a siding they can film

891

00:31:18,470 --> 00:31:16,480

it and post it in 30 seconds and boom

892

00:31:19,990 --> 00:31:18,480

thousands hundreds of thousands millions

893

00:31:22,710 --> 00:31:20,000

of people within a short period

894

00:31:23,750 --> 00:31:22,720

period of time can see it so um it's

895

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,760

it's kind of

896

00:31:27,590 --> 00:31:25,840

almost overwhelming now but back then

897

00:31:29,430 --> 00:31:27,600

you know to finally gather and assemble

898

00:31:30,549 --> 00:31:29,440

those 16 witnesses and get them

899

00:31:32,070 --> 00:31:30,559

interviewed and stuff

900

00:31:33,669 --> 00:31:32,080

it probably took months or a year or

901
00:31:35,509 --> 00:31:33,679
something i don't know but

902
00:31:37,269 --> 00:31:35,519
uh it's a little bit different today but

903
00:31:39,590 --> 00:31:37,279
still fascinating and they

904
00:31:41,269 --> 00:31:39,600
they really did to do good work back

905
00:31:43,590 --> 00:31:41,279
then i mean the air force

906
00:31:45,029 --> 00:31:43,600
there was a good investigation in in the

907
00:31:47,190 --> 00:31:45,039
media as well

908
00:31:49,430 --> 00:31:47,200
and you know because of that we we've

909
00:31:51,110 --> 00:31:49,440
got this story today and we've got a lot

910
00:31:53,750 --> 00:31:51,120
of information available to us

911
00:31:54,149 --> 00:31:53,760
right yeah it's an extremely valuable

912
00:32:03,509 --> 00:31:54,159
case

913
00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:03,519

among the best actually

914

00:32:07,909 --> 00:32:06,080

and i love it is the origin of that

915

00:32:10,710 --> 00:32:07,919

wonderfully mysterious

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00:32:11,029 --> 00:32:10,720

fun term flying saucer and it really did

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00:32:14,630 --> 00:32:11,039

kick

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00:32:15,830 --> 00:32:14,640

off the modern ufo mystery and the human

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00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:15,840

reaction to it

920

00:32:19,190 --> 00:32:17,760

that's right absolutely i mean those

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00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:19,200

those two elements alone

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00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:22,720

make this a hugely important case um

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00:32:26,950 --> 00:32:26,159

you know for coming from your viewpoint

924

00:32:30,310 --> 00:32:26,960

you know as

925

00:32:32,549 --> 00:32:30,320

a field investigator it's got so many

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00:32:35,750 --> 00:32:32,559

great things to look at here

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00:32:37,990 --> 00:32:35,760

with all this witness testimony and

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00:32:39,430 --> 00:32:38,000

the credibility of arnold himself and

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00:32:41,350 --> 00:32:39,440

the calculations

930

00:32:43,509 --> 00:32:41,360

he was able to make based on his

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00:32:45,990 --> 00:32:43,519

training and experience

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00:32:46,870 --> 00:32:46,000

so much there but yeah going back to

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00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:46,880

origins of

934

00:32:54,149 --> 00:32:53,669

this case is just it will always be a

935

00:32:57,350 --> 00:32:54,159

very

936

00:33:00,389 --> 00:32:57,360

important part of ufo history yeah

937

00:33:01,830 --> 00:33:00,399

well said well that concludes our

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00:33:05,509 --> 00:33:01,840

discussion of the

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00:33:07,669 --> 00:33:05,519

old-fashioned ufo case of the 1947

940

00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:07,679

kenneth arnold sighting

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00:33:13,509 --> 00:33:10,480

now next time on old-fashioned ufos we

942

00:33:16,070 --> 00:33:13,519

will be discussing a little-known case

943

00:33:17,750 --> 00:33:16,080

and one that occurred a few days after

944

00:33:20,470 --> 00:33:17,760

the arnold sighting

945

00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:20,480

right here in our own backyard in cape

946

00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:22,080

keep creek arizona

947

00:33:25,909 --> 00:33:24,960

i'm stoked about this one so join us

948

00:33:28,710 --> 00:33:25,919

with your favorite

949

00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:28,720

beverage and hear about the william

950

00:33:32,230 --> 00:33:30,000

rhodes case

951

00:33:34,149 --> 00:33:32,240

which even has pictures pictures that

952

00:33:37,029 --> 00:33:34,159

made it in the newspaper

953

00:33:37,990 --> 00:33:37,039

and they have never been debunked so

954

00:33:41,269 --> 00:33:38,000

google it

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00:33:42,230 --> 00:33:41,279

friends well that's it next time we'll