



WILLIAM RHODES
UFO SIGHTING
JULY 7, 1947

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00:00:05,110 --> 00:00:03,270
a ufo sighting resulted in an official

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00:00:07,349 --> 00:00:05,120
government investigation

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00:00:09,990 --> 00:00:07,359
after what is likely the first published

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00:00:12,709 --> 00:00:10,000
photo of a flying disc was printed

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00:00:19,189 --> 00:00:12,719
on the first page of a newspaper that's

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00:00:22,950 --> 00:00:22,150
welcome to old fashioned ufos shane

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00:00:25,750 --> 00:00:22,960
heard here

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00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:25,760
today jason mclennan and i are having a

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00:00:31,029 --> 00:00:27,439
casual discussion

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00:00:33,670 --> 00:00:31,039
about the july 1947 william rhodes

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00:00:36,229 --> 00:00:33,680
ufo sighting and the serious

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:36,239
investigation that took place

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:39,680

but first just like a cocktail such as

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00:00:48,389 --> 00:00:40,480

the

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:48,399

cases

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00:00:52,229 --> 00:00:50,480

whether it be the photographic evidence

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:52,239

the physical evidence

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00:00:58,229 --> 00:00:55,360

the strength of eyewitness testimony or

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00:01:00,470 --> 00:00:58,239

government documentation these cases are

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00:01:03,510 --> 00:01:00,480

worthy of their classic status

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00:01:05,509 --> 00:01:03,520

and deserve our attention so sit back

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:05,519

with your beverage of choice

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:07,520

and follow along as we discuss our

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00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:09,040

favorite subject

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:13,040

ufos so how you doing today jason and uh

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00:01:16,950 --> 00:01:15,840

what you drinking i am fantastic as

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:16,960

always my friend

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00:01:21,510 --> 00:01:20,080

and uh you know answer is

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00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:21,520

always the same but always a little

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00:01:26,070 --> 00:01:23,520

different you know we drink old fashions

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00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:26,080

on this show so i've got my old fashion

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00:01:34,469 --> 00:01:29,759

um today my old fashion is made with

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:34,479

basil hayden's so good stuff

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:37,680

ooh that is really good stuff yeah what

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:38,880

about you what's your name

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00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:42,640

today family favorite here mine is

37

00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:46,240

my good old standby maker's mark

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:49,520

excellent it's kind of my not

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00:01:53,429 --> 00:01:51,840

special occasion but sort of special

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00:01:56,149 --> 00:01:53,439

occasion

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00:01:57,190 --> 00:01:56,159

so i like that still have my four roses

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:57,200

but i think

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00:02:01,030 --> 00:01:59,600

yeah you know this is a special occasion

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00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:01,040

because we're doing this

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00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:03,360

but it's something i'll drink uh you

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00:02:07,510 --> 00:02:05,040

know more regularly than the

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00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:07,520

say the four roses or something but you

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00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:09,599

know the little existence and the sugar

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00:02:12,790 --> 00:02:12,080

and a little yeah little cherry there

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:12,800

that's a

51
00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:15,200
it's a good drink no matter what so i

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00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:17,680
love cool cheers buddy

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00:02:25,110 --> 00:02:20,720
all right cheers to you and

54
00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:28,470
oh yeah that's good wet the pipes all

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:29,520
right

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00:02:32,550 --> 00:02:31,680
well now that we're all settled in with

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00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:32,560
a good drink

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00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:35,599
let's talk ufos yeah let me start off

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00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:37,040
with a summary of what we're going to be

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00:02:42,790 --> 00:02:38,000
talking about

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00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:42,800
on this episode the july 7 1947

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00:02:50,470 --> 00:02:47,160
william rhodes case now on july 7th

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00:02:52,869 --> 00:02:50,480

1947 which was the monday following the

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:52,879

4th of july weekend

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00:02:56,550 --> 00:02:54,959

a thunderstorm had just passed through

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00:02:59,509 --> 00:02:56,560

phoenix

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:59,519

william rhodes was in his backyard when

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00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:00,800

he thought he heard a jet

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:04,080

so looking up he saw an ovoid object

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00:03:08,149 --> 00:03:07,040

flying out of the east at a fantastic

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00:03:11,589 --> 00:03:08,159

speed

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:11,599

now closer it began to spiral downwards

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:14,400

uh so rhodes ran for his camera and he

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00:03:18,390 --> 00:03:16,080

snapped one picture

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00:03:19,830 --> 00:03:18,400

then suddenly the strange crab zoomed

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00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:19,840
upwards at an angle

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00:03:25,190 --> 00:03:22,400
and he snapped another picture and then

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:25,200
it just disappeared into the clouds

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00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:28,959
now rhodes was a very unique complex and

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00:03:32,789 --> 00:03:30,480
controversial man

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:32,799
who was a scientist and had military

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00:03:36,550 --> 00:03:34,080
experience

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00:03:37,190 --> 00:03:36,560
and among his very many technical

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00:03:40,229 --> 00:03:37,200
talents

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00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:40,239
rhodes developed the photos himself

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00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:42,560
the first known pictures of a flying

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00:03:46,789 --> 00:03:43,280
saucer

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00:03:48,710 --> 00:03:46,799

at least posted in in a newspaper

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00:03:51,190 --> 00:03:48,720

now we also have to be aware of the

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00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:51,200

context in which this report was made

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00:03:54,550 --> 00:03:53,040

so after all it was almost two weeks

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00:03:58,309 --> 00:03:54,560

earlier that on june

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00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:58,319

25th 1947 a minor news report

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00:04:02,710 --> 00:04:00,480

had appeared in the pendleton oregon

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00:04:05,509 --> 00:04:02,720

east oregonian newspaper

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00:04:06,229 --> 00:04:05,519

that rocked the world and that was of

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00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:06,239

course the

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00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:08,400

kenneth arnold sighting which we

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00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:11,120

discussed last month

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00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:14,400

now ridiculed at first reports began to

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00:04:19,349 --> 00:04:17,120
you know pour in daily of similar

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00:04:20,069 --> 00:04:19,359
sightings first in the pacific northwest

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00:04:21,990 --> 00:04:20,079
then

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00:04:23,189 --> 00:04:22,000
additional states like idaho and

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00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:23,199
california

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00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:25,280
then the midwest and then even up in

107
00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:26,320
canada

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00:04:30,150 --> 00:04:28,400
and then came that fourth of july

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00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:30,160
weekend and sightings

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00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:33,840
spiked nationwide and including one of

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00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:34,479
the

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00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:38,080
simultaneous sightings of multiple discs

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00:04:41,990 --> 00:04:40,560

by sheriffs in portland oregon and

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00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:42,000

vancouver washing

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00:04:46,469 --> 00:04:44,720

washington and a similar report by

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00:04:49,270 --> 00:04:46,479

dozens of picnickers

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00:04:52,070 --> 00:04:49,280

in idaho and then two days later

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00:04:53,830 --> 00:04:52,080

williams road had his claimed siding

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00:04:56,230 --> 00:04:53,840

and he told a story to the phoenix

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00:05:00,310 --> 00:04:56,240

arizona arizona republic

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00:05:01,350 --> 00:05:00,320

newspaper which on july 9 1947 as i

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00:05:03,510 --> 00:05:01,360

mentioned

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00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:03,520

published rhodes story and those

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00:05:07,110 --> 00:05:04,560

pictures

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00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:07,120

placing them prominently on the front

126
00:05:10,230 --> 00:05:08,240
page

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00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:10,240
now in different circumstances those

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00:05:13,590 --> 00:05:11,600
photographs might have drawn

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00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:13,600
considerably more attention

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00:05:18,469 --> 00:05:16,000
but on the same day as the article

131
00:05:21,510 --> 00:05:18,479
appeared in the arizona republic

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00:05:24,390 --> 00:05:21,520
a different story was grabbing headlines

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00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:24,400
and that was from roswell new mexico the

134
00:05:28,469 --> 00:05:25,520
daily record

135
00:05:29,590 --> 00:05:28,479
namely that the army had recovered a

136
00:05:32,710 --> 00:05:29,600
flying desk

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00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:32,720
i mean can you imagine you're gonna have

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00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:34,400

to experience a lifetime and

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00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:36,960

kind of get robbed because you know

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00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,880

roswell happened on that very day or

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00:05:43,270 --> 00:05:40,400

that newspaper posted

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00:05:44,070 --> 00:05:43,280

all the days come on yeah no that's

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00:05:45,909 --> 00:05:44,080

unfortunate

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00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:45,919

but uh it's understandable that that

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00:05:51,909 --> 00:05:48,639

would steal the thunder from just

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00:05:53,909 --> 00:05:51,919

two photos of an object when you've got

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00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:53,919

a military press release saying hey we

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00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:56,880

recovered a crash flying saucer

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00:06:02,230 --> 00:06:00,000

yeah big deal no doubt about it

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00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:02,240

well let's talk a little bit about the

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00:06:06,469 --> 00:06:03,440

investigation which

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00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:06,479

to me is just as fascinating

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00:06:10,469 --> 00:06:09,840

as those photos themselves yeah i agree

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00:06:12,790 --> 00:06:10,479

with that

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:12,800

so kind of unknown to everybody at the

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00:06:15,670 --> 00:06:13,680

time

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00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:15,680

the pentagon had a small group of

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00:06:19,350 --> 00:06:17,440

high-ranking individuals

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00:06:22,070 --> 00:06:19,360

that was gathering intelligence on the

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:22,080

emerging surge of flying disk reports

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00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:23,919

the highest ranking individual involved

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00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:26,080

was brigadier general george shulgin

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00:06:29,430 --> 00:06:28,080

second in command in the directorate of

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00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:29,440

intelligence

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00:06:32,950 --> 00:06:31,520

now although there was a swell of ufo

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00:06:34,710 --> 00:06:32,960

headlines at the time

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00:06:37,029 --> 00:06:34,720

it was actually concerning reports

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00:06:38,950 --> 00:06:37,039

coming in from military bases

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00:06:40,469 --> 00:06:38,960

that prompted shogun and his group to

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00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:40,479

collect local reports from base

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00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:41,759

intelligence officers

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00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:44,319

and forward those on to washington on

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:46,160

july 14 1947

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00:06:49,830 --> 00:06:48,400

a report was filed from williams field

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00:06:52,070 --> 00:06:49,840

in chandler arizona

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00:06:53,830 --> 00:06:52,080
by army air force special agent lynn

177
00:06:56,469 --> 00:06:53,840
aldrich explaining the sighting

178
00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,479
and including those two photos obtained

179
00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:58,319
from the managing editor of the arizona

180
00:07:01,589 --> 00:06:59,680
republic

181
00:07:03,110 --> 00:07:01,599
now as part of the entire or the

182
00:07:05,589 --> 00:07:03,120
investigation process

183
00:07:07,749 --> 00:07:05,599
general shogun's group at the pentagon

184
00:07:08,469 --> 00:07:07,759
contacted the intelligence analysis

185
00:07:10,469 --> 00:07:08,479
division

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00:07:12,150 --> 00:07:10,479
based at the air material command at

187
00:07:14,150 --> 00:07:12,160
right field ohio

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00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:14,160

general shogun's group focused on

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00:07:17,589 --> 00:07:15,680

intelligence collection

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00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:17,599

so working with this intelligence

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,360

analysis division at right field

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00:07:22,550 --> 00:07:21,599

was the next step in the process for

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00:07:24,950 --> 00:07:22,560

analyzing

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00:07:25,830 --> 00:07:24,960

any data collected the colonel howard

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00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:25,840

mccoy

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00:07:28,870 --> 00:07:27,360

deputy commanding general of

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00:07:30,870 --> 00:07:28,880

intelligence at the base

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00:07:32,070 --> 00:07:30,880

and his executive officer colonel

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00:07:33,990 --> 00:07:32,080

william klingerman

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00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:34,000

were the two individuals seemingly in

201
00:07:36,790 --> 00:07:35,680
charge of this group tasked with

202
00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:36,800
analyzing evidence

203
00:07:41,189 --> 00:07:40,000
related to flying disks in august this

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00:07:43,430 --> 00:07:41,199
group requested to have

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00:07:45,110 --> 00:07:43,440
rhodes personally interviewed by the

206
00:07:48,230 --> 00:07:45,120
local counterintelligence corps

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00:07:49,670 --> 00:07:48,240
office and then a report was filed in

208
00:07:51,909 --> 00:07:49,680
september

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00:07:54,150 --> 00:07:51,919
so think about william rhodes at that

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00:07:55,270 --> 00:07:54,160
time what it must have been like

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00:07:58,150 --> 00:07:55,280
and what must have been going through

212
00:07:58,790 --> 00:07:58,160
his head here it is two months after

213
00:08:02,070 --> 00:07:58,800

that

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00:08:05,189 --> 00:08:02,080

one day story in an arizona newspaper

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00:08:08,550 --> 00:08:05,199

about his sighting and now he knows that

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00:08:10,869 --> 00:08:08,560

it's being investigated by the military

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00:08:12,390 --> 00:08:10,879

yeah that's pretty crazy i mean that's a

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00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:12,400

lot of detailed

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00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:15,440

heavy government involvement and you

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00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:17,199

know to be investigated i don't know

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00:08:20,629 --> 00:08:18,479

maybe kind of felt

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00:08:21,510 --> 00:08:20,639

like a little bit vindicated in that you

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00:08:23,909 --> 00:08:21,520

know he

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00:08:26,150 --> 00:08:23,919

took these photos and saw this and and

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00:08:28,790 --> 00:08:26,160

you know he's doing his duty and

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00:08:31,270 --> 00:08:28,800

turned him over and um you know they

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00:08:34,070 --> 00:08:31,280

were they were clearly taking it

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00:08:36,310 --> 00:08:34,080

quite seriously so you know that i you

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00:08:38,790 --> 00:08:36,320

know at that point i'm glad for him

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00:08:40,630 --> 00:08:38,800

yeah you know this was early in the ufo

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00:08:42,550 --> 00:08:40,640

game it's not something you'd really

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00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:42,560

seen before on a national scale you know

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00:08:45,910 --> 00:08:43,760

in the press so

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00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:45,920

even getting you know local press to

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00:08:50,949 --> 00:08:48,000

have your your ufo photos on the front

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00:08:54,630 --> 00:08:50,959

page of an arizona newspaper

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00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:54,640

uh that's kind of big but then to have

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00:08:58,470 --> 00:08:56,160

this knowledge it's confirmation that

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00:09:01,990 --> 00:08:58,480

the government is actually looking into

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00:09:02,630 --> 00:09:02,000

your citing and not just you know some

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00:09:06,230 --> 00:09:02,640

random

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00:09:06,790 --> 00:09:06,240

office i mean these are these are big

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00:09:09,509 --> 00:09:06,800

guns

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00:09:11,430 --> 00:09:09,519

you know you've got generals at some

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00:09:14,710 --> 00:09:11,440

pretty important places

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00:09:16,470 --> 00:09:14,720

within the government specialized with

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00:09:18,630 --> 00:09:16,480

analyzing this kind of stuff

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00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:18,640

taking your sighting seriously and

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00:09:21,829 --> 00:09:20,560

really looking into it so

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00:09:23,910 --> 00:09:21,839

that had to be really interesting for

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00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:23,920

him at the time yeah

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00:09:28,470 --> 00:09:26,560

i'll bet it just kind of shows how how

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00:09:31,430 --> 00:09:28,480

busy right field was

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00:09:33,269 --> 00:09:31,440

you know uh yeah you know the roswell

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00:09:35,630 --> 00:09:33,279

stuff going on there i mean

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00:09:37,470 --> 00:09:35,640

but it it's clear that they had a

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00:09:40,150 --> 00:09:37,480

full-blown

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00:09:41,110 --> 00:09:40,160

investigative research technical

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00:09:43,670 --> 00:09:41,120

analysis

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00:09:45,670 --> 00:09:43,680

operation going there and apparently

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00:09:47,110 --> 00:09:45,680

that was the go-to place for everything

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00:09:49,190 --> 00:09:47,120

that's right ship everything off to

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00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:49,200

their area 51

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00:09:55,190 --> 00:09:52,720

yep yeah yeah pretty fascinating yeah

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00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:55,200

well as the investigation continues we

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00:09:58,870 --> 00:09:56,720

know that he kind of went

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00:09:59,910 --> 00:09:58,880

you know after a little bit of this buzz

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00:10:02,790 --> 00:09:59,920

you know

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00:10:05,030 --> 00:10:02,800

he went back on with his life and and

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00:10:08,069 --> 00:10:05,040

back at air material command at

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00:10:11,110 --> 00:10:08,079

right field in ohio colonel mccooy uh

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00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:11,120

his informal project groups have become

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00:10:14,949 --> 00:10:13,680

the air force's official investigation

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00:10:17,990 --> 00:10:14,959

into the flying disc

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00:10:19,269 --> 00:10:18,000

mystery operating under the name we're

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00:10:23,110 --> 00:10:19,279

all familiar with it

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00:10:25,430 --> 00:10:23,120

project sign 1948

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00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:25,440

now at one time there were dozens of

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00:10:30,230 --> 00:10:27,680

incidents being investigated

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00:10:31,590 --> 00:10:30,240

and some were like newly arrived reports

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00:10:33,750 --> 00:10:31,600

you know things that were happening like

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00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:33,760

we talked about very busy month there

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00:10:38,949 --> 00:10:37,440

uh june and july uh others were awaiting

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00:10:41,670 --> 00:10:38,959

analysis from

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00:10:43,269 --> 00:10:41,680

you know prior reports but you know they

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00:10:46,069 --> 00:10:43,279

kind of had to get in line for that

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00:10:48,389 --> 00:10:46,079

that um those specialty groups at wright

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00:10:50,230 --> 00:10:48,399

build to perform those analyses so

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00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:50,240

you know this stuff takes times no doubt

290

00:10:54,310 --> 00:10:51,839

about it

291

00:10:56,630 --> 00:10:54,320

and among those cases uh that the

292

00:10:59,350 --> 00:10:56,640

negatives of rhodes photos

293

00:11:00,069 --> 00:10:59,360

were undergoing technical analysis by

294

00:11:02,630 --> 00:11:00,079

experts at

295

00:11:03,990 --> 00:11:02,640

air material command and on february

296

00:11:06,550 --> 00:11:04,000

19th of that year

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00:11:08,470 --> 00:11:06,560

louis c gust he was chief of the

298

00:11:11,269 --> 00:11:08,480

technical project's office

299

00:11:13,750 --> 00:11:11,279

he gave this verdict on the rhodes

300

00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:13,760

photos now quote here it says

301
00:11:18,630 --> 00:11:16,320
references made to the films taken by mr

302
00:11:21,430 --> 00:11:18,640
rhodes incident number 40

303
00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,440
which were forwarded for examination the

304
00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:23,760
following data were derived from a study

305
00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:26,800
of the specimen a 1a

306
00:11:30,069 --> 00:11:29,360
it is concluded that the image is of

307
00:11:33,190 --> 00:11:30,079
true

308
00:11:36,389 --> 00:11:33,200
photographic nature and is not due to

309
00:11:37,910 --> 00:11:36,399
imperfections in the emulsion or lack of

310
00:11:40,790 --> 00:11:37,920
development in

311
00:11:42,230 --> 00:11:40,800
the section in question the image

312
00:11:45,269 --> 00:11:42,240
exhibits a tail

313
00:11:47,910 --> 00:11:45,279

indicating the proper type of distortion

314

00:11:48,790 --> 00:11:47,920

due to the type of shutter use the speed

315

00:11:51,190 --> 00:11:48,800

of the object

316

00:11:53,829 --> 00:11:51,200

and the fixed speed of the shutter this

317

00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:53,839

trailing off conforms to the general

318

00:11:57,829 --> 00:11:56,480

information given in the report end

319

00:12:01,110 --> 00:11:57,839

quote

320

00:12:04,710 --> 00:12:01,120

so now as curiosity peaked

321

00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:04,720

uh alfred loading the senior civilian

322

00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:06,800

scientists at project sign

323

00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:10,320

not not hynek took special interest in

324

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:11,519

the rhodes case

325

00:12:14,710 --> 00:12:13,920

uh loading had worked in the technical

326
00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:14,720
engineering

327
00:12:19,910 --> 00:12:17,760
section since 1938 becoming

328
00:12:21,829 --> 00:12:19,920
chief of what essentially was the you

329
00:12:23,829 --> 00:12:21,839
know jet propulsion laboratory but it

330
00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:23,839
was located right field before it

331
00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,560
relocated to pasadena

332
00:12:30,470 --> 00:12:28,079
and he was considered right field's

333
00:12:32,949 --> 00:12:30,480
resident expert on rocketry

334
00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:32,959
and he even had close association with

335
00:12:38,710 --> 00:12:36,399
rocket pioneer robert goddard

336
00:12:39,829 --> 00:12:38,720
but he also brought a special expertise

337
00:12:42,470 --> 00:12:39,839
to the task

338
00:12:42,949 --> 00:12:42,480

as a leading authority on the flying

339

00:12:46,150 --> 00:12:42,959

wing

340

00:12:48,230 --> 00:12:46,160

aircraft design of which rhodes photos

341

00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:48,240

carried a marked similarity

342

00:12:51,910 --> 00:12:50,160

and i certainly encourage everyone to

343

00:12:52,949 --> 00:12:51,920

look that up and look at those photos

344

00:12:56,389 --> 00:12:52,959

and images

345

00:12:58,310 --> 00:12:56,399

of the williams roads ufo

346

00:13:00,710 --> 00:12:58,320

uh three months following the report of

347

00:13:02,150 --> 00:13:00,720

louis gust loading flew out west to

348

00:13:04,389 --> 00:13:02,160

personally interview

349

00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:04,399

a witness of several incidents so not

350

00:13:08,710 --> 00:13:06,480

just roads but there were other ones

351

00:13:10,230 --> 00:13:08,720

and among them would be mil uh william

352

00:13:10,710 --> 00:13:10,240

rhodes and the trip had taken place

353

00:13:13,829 --> 00:13:10,720

between

354

00:13:16,069 --> 00:13:13,839

may 5th and may 8th of 1948

355

00:13:16,870 --> 00:13:16,079

so not quite a year later uh from his

356

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:16,880

sighting

357

00:13:23,910 --> 00:13:21,120

and a report was filed on may 11 1948

358

00:13:25,190 --> 00:13:23,920

now what william rhodes thought of this

359

00:13:27,269 --> 00:13:25,200

renewed attention

360

00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:27,279

10 months after his story was published

361

00:13:31,670 --> 00:13:28,399

is unknown

362

00:13:35,110 --> 00:13:31,680

but he was undeniably on the record

363

00:13:37,430 --> 00:13:35,120

cooperative uh he even gave his camera

364

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:37,440

over to loading to take back to right

365

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:38,160

field to

366

00:13:42,310 --> 00:13:40,480

to perform analysis with it he had

367

00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:42,320

turned over his negatives

368

00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:44,800

and um as a greedy followed up with a

369

00:13:49,910 --> 00:13:46,880

letter of explaining everything

370

00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:49,920

and so that as far as william rhodes

371

00:13:52,470 --> 00:13:50,639

knew

372

00:13:53,990 --> 00:13:52,480

was kind of the end of the matter that

373

00:13:55,750 --> 00:13:54,000

that was kind of the end of the

374

00:13:58,230 --> 00:13:55,760

investigation he would he would get

375

00:14:00,150 --> 00:13:58,240

a report back but that you know a letter

376

00:14:01,110 --> 00:14:00,160

but that was about it presumably his

377

00:14:03,509 --> 00:14:01,120

camera

378

00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:03,519

um and after all there was no reason for

379

00:14:06,629 --> 00:14:05,600

him to suspect that he was about to

380

00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:06,639

become

381

00:14:10,790 --> 00:14:10,079

really a pawn in a power strip yeah i

382

00:14:13,590 --> 00:14:10,800

don't know

383

00:14:15,189 --> 00:14:13,600

what more any rational person would

384

00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:15,199

would think or expect

385

00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:17,519

uh they could contribute any further

386

00:14:21,030 --> 00:14:19,360

right he answered all their questions he

387

00:14:22,069 --> 00:14:21,040

provided his camera he provided the

388

00:14:25,350 --> 00:14:22,079

negatives

389

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:25,360

um not much more use can be gained from

390

00:14:30,069 --> 00:14:26,399

that witness

391

00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:30,079

so yeah i think that's exactly right

392

00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:32,480

he would assume that hey my job is done

393

00:14:41,590 --> 00:14:38,150

yeah yeah i think most of us would

394

00:14:44,949 --> 00:14:41,600

but there were that is not really the

395

00:14:48,389 --> 00:14:44,959

investigation was it unfortunately not

396

00:14:50,629 --> 00:14:48,399

um it was during september 1948

397

00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:50,639

when the air force's project sign issued

398

00:14:54,150 --> 00:14:52,560

its estimate of the situation

399

00:14:55,829 --> 00:14:54,160

concluding that the most likely

400

00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:55,839

explanation for at least some flying

401
00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:57,040
saucers

402
00:15:01,990 --> 00:15:00,240
was interplanetary spacecraft

403
00:15:03,910 --> 00:15:02,000
but not surprisingly superiors of the

404
00:15:04,949 --> 00:15:03,920
pentagon weren't too thrilled by that

405
00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:04,959
conclusion

406
00:15:09,350 --> 00:15:07,360
and it was strongly rebuked leading to

407
00:15:12,710 --> 00:15:09,360
the air force's ufo investigation

408
00:15:15,990 --> 00:15:12,720
being reorganized as project grudge

409
00:15:17,110 --> 00:15:16,000
in early 1949. this whole time in the

410
00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:17,120
air force's ufo

411
00:15:23,430 --> 00:15:20,720
project was hindered by personal bias

412
00:15:24,629 --> 00:15:23,440
the project grudge folks had developed

413
00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:24,639

animosity

414

00:15:28,310 --> 00:15:26,720

toward the members of project sign which

415

00:15:29,269 --> 00:15:28,320

unfortunately was also applied to

416

00:15:31,590 --> 00:15:29,279

witnesses

417

00:15:34,069 --> 00:15:31,600

trusted by project sign and one of those

418

00:15:36,389 --> 00:15:34,079

witnesses was william rhodes

419

00:15:37,350 --> 00:15:36,399

interestingly and perhaps surprising to

420

00:15:39,430 --> 00:15:37,360

some

421

00:15:41,829 --> 00:15:39,440

it was dr j allen heineck who first

422

00:15:43,829 --> 00:15:41,839

hinted at discrediting rhodes

423

00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,839

heineck had been brought on to project

424

00:15:48,710 --> 00:15:45,839

grudge as a scientific consultant

425

00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:48,720

to review 223 incidents for possible

426

00:15:53,509 --> 00:15:51,040

astronomical explanations

427

00:15:54,870 --> 00:15:53,519

but as many know he later admitted that

428

00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:54,880

it was clear to him

429

00:15:59,509 --> 00:15:57,360

that the true role the military wanted

430

00:16:01,509 --> 00:15:59,519

him to play was debunker

431

00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:01,519

and his official analysis of the rhodes

432

00:16:07,110 --> 00:16:03,920

case was used to do just that

433

00:16:09,110 --> 00:16:07,120

here's what it said i'll quote here

434

00:16:11,269 --> 00:16:09,120

no astronomical explanation seems

435

00:16:11,749 --> 00:16:11,279

possible for the unusual objects cited

436

00:16:13,990 --> 00:16:11,759

in this

437

00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:14,000

incident this case is especially

438

00:16:16,629 --> 00:16:15,920

important because of the photographic

439

00:16:18,470 --> 00:16:16,639

evidence

440

00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:18,480

and because of the similarity of these

441

00:16:21,990 --> 00:16:20,880

photographs to the drawings by kenneth

442

00:16:23,829 --> 00:16:22,000

arnold

443

00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:23,839

the two incidents are separated by

444

00:16:27,509 --> 00:16:25,440

slightly more than two weeks

445

00:16:28,710 --> 00:16:27,519

and of course they occurred in different

446

00:16:30,629 --> 00:16:28,720

localities

447

00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:30,639

it is however perhaps more than

448

00:16:35,269 --> 00:16:32,240

coincidence that these two

449

00:16:37,590 --> 00:16:35,279

best attested entirely independent cases

450

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:37,600

should agree so closely concerning the

451
00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:38,720
shape of the object

452
00:16:43,749 --> 00:16:41,600
and its maneuverability the present

453
00:16:46,069 --> 00:16:43,759
investigator would like to suggest

454
00:16:48,310 --> 00:16:46,079
that this incident being one of the most

455
00:16:51,350 --> 00:16:48,320
crucial in the history of these objects

456
00:16:52,949 --> 00:16:51,360
be reopened for investigation the actual

457
00:16:55,030 --> 00:16:52,959
camera used by mr rhodes

458
00:16:56,870 --> 00:16:55,040
should be examined and the original

459
00:16:58,949 --> 00:16:56,880
negatives preserved

460
00:17:00,069 --> 00:16:58,959
since from the size of the image on the

461
00:17:01,910 --> 00:17:00,079
photograph

462
00:17:03,670 --> 00:17:01,920
we can have an accurate estimate of the

463
00:17:06,390 --> 00:17:03,680

angle subtended

464

00:17:07,510 --> 00:17:06,400

by the object this in connection with

465

00:17:09,429 --> 00:17:07,520

what appears to be

466

00:17:11,829 --> 00:17:09,439

a fairly reliable estimate of the

467

00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:11,839

distance can give us an estimate of the

468

00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,480

forces

469

00:17:16,870 --> 00:17:14,720

and acceleration involved in the

470

00:17:19,350 --> 00:17:16,880

trajectory described by mr rhodes

471

00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:19,360

it is unfortunate that a competent

472

00:17:24,710 --> 00:17:21,760

investigator was not dispatched at once

473

00:17:27,350 --> 00:17:24,720

to reenact the crime with mr rhodes and

474

00:17:30,549 --> 00:17:27,360

to obtain sketches of the trajectory etc

475

00:17:32,710 --> 00:17:30,559

before details faded from his memory

476
00:17:34,870 --> 00:17:32,720
it would be important to know at what

477
00:17:36,870 --> 00:17:34,880
altitude and azimuth mr rhodes camera

478
00:17:37,830 --> 00:17:36,880
was pointed at the time of his two

479
00:17:39,990 --> 00:17:37,840
exposures

480
00:17:41,830 --> 00:17:40,000
and the approximate time interval

481
00:17:44,070 --> 00:17:41,840
between exposures

482
00:17:46,310 --> 00:17:44,080
physical data like these are absolutely

483
00:17:48,310 --> 00:17:46,320
essential if we are to get anywhere

484
00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:48,320
in any basic physical explanation of

485
00:17:51,909 --> 00:17:49,520
these incidents

486
00:17:53,029 --> 00:17:51,919
there remains the strong possibility

487
00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:53,039
that the entire

488
00:17:59,510 --> 00:17:56,559

incident is spurious and the invention

489

00:18:01,990 --> 00:17:59,520

of an excitable mind this strengthens

490

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:02,000

the need for reinvestigation

491

00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:04,240

if spurious this fact should be

492

00:18:08,630 --> 00:18:05,120

highlighted

493

00:18:10,630 --> 00:18:08,640

and even publicized to quench enthusiasm

494

00:18:11,669 --> 00:18:10,640

for the irresponsible reporting of

495

00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:11,679

saucers and

496

00:18:17,350 --> 00:18:15,280

like the project grudge file

497

00:18:18,549 --> 00:18:17,360

on the rhodes case has that last

498

00:18:21,510 --> 00:18:18,559

paragraph right there

499

00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:21,520

underlined and the suggestion by heineck

500

00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:22,960

is how project grudge

501
00:18:26,470 --> 00:18:25,520
chose to treat the case first he was

502
00:18:29,270 --> 00:18:26,480
discredited

503
00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:29,280
then labeled a fraud the first attempt

504
00:18:33,270 --> 00:18:30,240
to tank the case

505
00:18:34,230 --> 00:18:33,280
came in a request on march 16 1949 from

506
00:18:36,630 --> 00:18:34,240
project grudge

507
00:18:38,789 --> 00:18:36,640
to louis gust who was chief of the

508
00:18:40,549 --> 00:18:38,799
technical projects office

509
00:18:41,990 --> 00:18:40,559
gus is the individual who had performed

510
00:18:45,190 --> 00:18:42,000
the initial analysis

511
00:18:47,190 --> 00:18:45,200
of the negatives 13 months prior to that

512
00:18:49,029 --> 00:18:47,200
the message from grudge to gust

513
00:18:50,310 --> 00:18:49,039

essentially questioned his ability as an

514

00:18:53,350 --> 00:18:50,320

investigator

515

00:18:55,029 --> 00:18:53,360

noting that his analysis had been quote

516

00:18:57,350 --> 00:18:55,039

made before your office received the

517

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:57,360

camera in question end quote

518

00:19:01,830 --> 00:19:00,080

then after attacking the data grudge

519

00:19:03,990 --> 00:19:01,840

moved on to attacking roads

520

00:19:05,190 --> 00:19:04,000

by ordering an investigation of the man

521

00:19:08,789 --> 00:19:05,200

himself

522

00:19:11,029 --> 00:19:08,799

a report dated may 19 1949 by thomas f

523

00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:11,039

doyle jr from the air force office of

524

00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:13,520

special investigations stated

525

00:19:17,590 --> 00:19:16,160

quote colonel klingerman indicates that

526

00:19:19,750 --> 00:19:17,600

he is in receipt

527

00:19:21,669 --> 00:19:19,760

of a memorandum written by george fugate

528

00:19:23,590 --> 00:19:21,679

jr special agent

529

00:19:24,710 --> 00:19:23,600

in which mr william rhodes here and

530

00:19:27,510 --> 00:19:24,720

after referred to as

531

00:19:29,270 --> 00:19:27,520

subject was interviewed as an observer

532

00:19:31,110 --> 00:19:29,280

of a flying disk

533

00:19:32,710 --> 00:19:31,120

subject contended that he took a picture

534

00:19:34,950 --> 00:19:32,720

of this disc and

535

00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:34,960

two positive prints of these photos were

536

00:19:39,590 --> 00:19:37,360

turned over to the csc agent

537

00:19:41,110 --> 00:19:39,600

photographic experts cannot agree as to

538

00:19:42,710 --> 00:19:41,120

whether the photographs mentioned in

539

00:19:43,830 --> 00:19:42,720

essay fugate's report

540

00:19:46,470 --> 00:19:43,840

could have been taken under the

541

00:19:47,029 --> 00:19:46,480

conditions described the experts do

542

00:19:48,870 --> 00:19:47,039

agree

543

00:19:50,549 --> 00:19:48,880

that the technique used in development

544

00:19:54,070 --> 00:19:50,559

and printing of the pictures

545

00:19:54,870 --> 00:19:54,080

is extremely crude colonel klingerman

546

00:19:56,950 --> 00:19:54,880

requests

547

00:19:59,190 --> 00:19:56,960

inquiry to investigate the standing of

548

00:20:01,590 --> 00:19:59,200

the panoramic research laboratory

549

00:20:03,510 --> 00:20:01,600

and the subject in the community it is

550

00:20:04,630 --> 00:20:03,520

further desired to know the type and

551
00:20:07,029 --> 00:20:04,640
amount of business

552
00:20:07,990 --> 00:20:07,039
conducted by the organization and with

553
00:20:10,149 --> 00:20:08,000
whom

554
00:20:11,669 --> 00:20:10,159
and the social and professional status

555
00:20:13,990 --> 00:20:11,679
of subject

556
00:20:15,590 --> 00:20:14,000
colonel klingerman states that later

557
00:20:18,149 --> 00:20:15,600
correspondence from the subject

558
00:20:19,909 --> 00:20:18,159
implies that he is connected with a

559
00:20:21,029 --> 00:20:19,919
panoramic research laboratory and

560
00:20:24,070 --> 00:20:21,039
observatory

561
00:20:27,029 --> 00:20:24,080
in phoenix arizona and refers to himself

562
00:20:27,669 --> 00:20:27,039
variously as chief of staff and

563
00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:27,679

president

564

00:20:31,990 --> 00:20:30,400

of that organization he also uses the

565

00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:32,000

title doctor

566

00:20:35,830 --> 00:20:34,159

according to his letterhead one of the

567

00:20:39,270 --> 00:20:35,840

specialties of panoramic

568

00:20:42,149 --> 00:20:39,280

is photography on

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00:20:43,510 --> 00:20:42,159

16 may 1949 at the headquarters fifth

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00:20:45,270 --> 00:20:43,520

district osi

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00:20:47,270 --> 00:20:45,280

the writer interviewed special agent

572

00:20:48,310 --> 00:20:47,280

george fougé jr previously mentioned in

573

00:20:50,390 --> 00:20:48,320

this report

574

00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:50,400

formerly as a member of the counter

575

00:20:54,149 --> 00:20:51,520

intelligence corps

576

00:20:55,350 --> 00:20:54,159

air defense command fourth air force mr

577

00:20:56,950 --> 00:20:55,360

fugate said

578

00:20:59,029 --> 00:20:56,960

that the interview resulting in the

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00:21:02,549 --> 00:20:59,039

memorandum previously mentioned

580

00:21:04,870 --> 00:21:02,559

was a bit hazy in his mind fugate said

581

00:21:07,350 --> 00:21:04,880

that he had been instructed to interview

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00:21:10,870 --> 00:21:07,360

subject in the company of special agent

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00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,880

brower of the fbi office phoenix arizona

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00:21:13,990 --> 00:21:12,720

mr fugate states that the thing he

585

00:21:16,470 --> 00:21:14,000

remembers most

586

00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:16,480

is the fact he saw a large quantity of

587

00:21:21,430 --> 00:21:18,960

expensive looking radio equipment

588

00:21:22,549 --> 00:21:21,440

in the subject's home this did not seem

589

00:21:25,510 --> 00:21:22,559

to be in keeping

590

00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:25,520

with subject station and life we get

591

00:21:29,430 --> 00:21:26,640

further related

592

00:21:30,549 --> 00:21:29,440

that about four months ago approximately

593

00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:30,559

february

594

00:21:34,390 --> 00:21:32,720

a friend had shown him an article in the

595

00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:34,400

question and answer section of a

596

00:21:39,990 --> 00:21:35,520

magazine

597

00:21:42,710 --> 00:21:40,000

titled amazing stories

598

00:21:45,430 --> 00:21:42,720

the article was based on a letter by mr

599

00:21:47,590 --> 00:21:45,440

william a rhodes of phoenix arizona

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00:21:49,270 --> 00:21:47,600

the article stated that mr william a

601
00:21:52,710 --> 00:21:49,280
rhodes had been interviewed

602
00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:52,720
by two federal agents that he rhodes

603
00:21:56,789 --> 00:21:54,720
had turned over two pictures of flying

604
00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:56,799
disks to those agents

605
00:22:00,950 --> 00:21:58,480
and that the pictures had never been

606
00:22:03,110 --> 00:22:00,960
returned mr rhodes desired

607
00:22:05,110 --> 00:22:03,120
information as to how he could sue the

608
00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:05,120
federal government for these pictures

609
00:22:08,630 --> 00:22:07,520
mr fugate feels that this individual is

610
00:22:11,350 --> 00:22:08,640
the subject

611
00:22:14,390 --> 00:22:11,360
of this investigation and that subject

612
00:22:16,630 --> 00:22:14,400
is a publicity seeker

613
00:22:19,029 --> 00:22:16,640

well after all this it took until august

614

00:22:20,149 --> 00:22:19,039

of 1949 for another report on this case

615

00:22:22,230 --> 00:22:20,159

to be written

616

00:22:23,990 --> 00:22:22,240

concluding that the investigation was

617

00:22:26,149 --> 00:22:24,000

complete

618

00:22:27,270 --> 00:22:26,159

after poking into rhodes personal life

619

00:22:30,149 --> 00:22:27,280

financial credit

620

00:22:31,190 --> 00:22:30,159

criminal record employment religion etc

621

00:22:34,070 --> 00:22:31,200

project grudge

622

00:22:36,549 --> 00:22:34,080

uncovered some odd things about rhodes

623

00:22:39,270 --> 00:22:36,559

but nothing obvious or conclusive

624

00:22:41,190 --> 00:22:39,280

his credibility remained a mystery and

625

00:22:44,149 --> 00:22:41,200

nothing was really solved at all

626
00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:44,159
but ultimately it didn't really matter

627
00:22:46,310 --> 00:22:44,720
because

628
00:22:48,630 --> 00:22:46,320
by the time they finished their report

629
00:22:50,710 --> 00:22:48,640
on this case project grudge

630
00:22:53,350 --> 00:22:50,720
had already run its course and made the

631
00:22:55,669 --> 00:22:53,360
determination that ufos were

632
00:22:56,470 --> 00:22:55,679
nothing more than misidentifications

633
00:23:00,789 --> 00:22:56,480
hoaxes

634
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:04,230
oh boy that that whole account just kind

635
00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:06,000
of

636
00:23:11,110 --> 00:23:09,360
oh that just gets me i mean you know

637
00:23:12,470 --> 00:23:11,120
it's like they pulled every trick out of

638
00:23:15,270 --> 00:23:12,480

the book to

639

00:23:16,149 --> 00:23:15,280

just smear smear the guy it's just

640

00:23:19,190 --> 00:23:16,159

following the play

641

00:23:22,230 --> 00:23:19,200

you know in the yeah following the

642

00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:22,240

playbook and oh my god that's just

643

00:23:26,470 --> 00:23:24,320

i don't know that's just brutal it

644

00:23:27,669 --> 00:23:26,480

really is ripping the investigators and

645

00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:27,679

then ripping the witness

646

00:23:31,190 --> 00:23:29,760

i mean it's just ridiculous a little bit

647

00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:31,200

yeah

648

00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:37,840

everything they just discredited it all

649

00:23:41,350 --> 00:23:40,480

man that's just maddening yeah but you

650

00:23:43,669 --> 00:23:41,360

know that's

651

00:23:45,510 --> 00:23:43,679

that's that was the like you say that

652

00:23:47,750 --> 00:23:45,520

was a playbook the lay of the land at

653

00:23:50,789 --> 00:23:47,760

the time

654

00:23:54,230 --> 00:23:50,799

yeah well you know it ended up being

655

00:23:56,070 --> 00:23:54,240

30 months had passed since uh historian

656

00:23:58,789 --> 00:23:56,080

appeared in the newspaper

657

00:24:00,870 --> 00:23:58,799

and he he had been repeatedly

658

00:24:02,470 --> 00:24:00,880

interviewed by members of the air force

659

00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:02,480

the fbi

660

00:24:05,909 --> 00:24:04,720

and others over a period of two and a

661

00:24:07,830 --> 00:24:05,919

half years so

662

00:24:09,830 --> 00:24:07,840

remember it was like just that one day

663

00:24:11,750 --> 00:24:09,840

thing and and then you know he thought

664

00:24:14,149 --> 00:24:11,760

that was the end of it and then

665

00:24:15,990 --> 00:24:14,159

two three months later more and now here

666

00:24:17,990 --> 00:24:16,000

is time and again

667

00:24:19,990 --> 00:24:18,000

over two and a half year period his

668

00:24:21,909 --> 00:24:20,000

neighbors had been interrogated his

669

00:24:24,549 --> 00:24:21,919

business interests examined

670

00:24:25,669 --> 00:24:24,559

his debts and credits probed in his

671

00:24:28,710 --> 00:24:25,679

personal life

672

00:24:30,630 --> 00:24:28,720

examined with a a fine-toothed comb just

673

00:24:32,470 --> 00:24:30,640

you know just looking for something that

674

00:24:36,070 --> 00:24:32,480

to discredit the poor guy

675

00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:36,080

and all the while here he is undeniably

676
00:24:42,630 --> 00:24:39,600
forthcoming honest open cooperative

677
00:24:45,190 --> 00:24:42,640
giving him their camera the negatives uh

678
00:24:46,070 --> 00:24:45,200
seemingly only wanting to you know aid

679
00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:46,080
his government

680
00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:49,520
and his country so but

681
00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:51,120
at that point there would be no more

682
00:24:54,870 --> 00:24:52,559
investigations

683
00:24:56,470 --> 00:24:54,880
no more questions no more personal

684
00:24:59,190 --> 00:24:56,480
intrusion

685
00:24:59,990 --> 00:24:59,200
the unconventional but not so mysterious

686
00:25:03,510 --> 00:25:00,000
william rhodes

687
00:25:05,350 --> 00:25:03,520
apparently unaware of just how precisely

688
00:25:06,630 --> 00:25:05,360

he was in the crosshairs of public

689

00:25:09,350 --> 00:25:06,640

scandal

690

00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:09,360

um was finally left to just go his own

691

00:25:13,669 --> 00:25:10,000

way

692

00:25:17,590 --> 00:25:13,679

be unbothered untroubled and and

693

00:25:19,269 --> 00:25:17,600

you know left alone which is just sad

694

00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:19,279

that that's what happens they put you in

695

00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,520

the grinder and by the time they're done

696

00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:23,279

you just want to disappear

697

00:25:28,070 --> 00:25:26,320

it's terrible but uh and i'll say

698

00:25:31,430 --> 00:25:28,080

there's so much more to this case

699

00:25:35,350 --> 00:25:31,440

more research more history about rhodes

700

00:25:38,789 --> 00:25:35,360

rhodes was no schmuck this dude was

701

00:25:41,669 --> 00:25:38,799

he had excellent military uh history

702

00:25:43,990 --> 00:25:41,679

uh experience and a record there he

703

00:25:45,990 --> 00:25:44,000

received an honorary phd

704

00:25:47,909 --> 00:25:46,000

for his work in the military and then

705

00:25:48,950 --> 00:25:47,919

thereafter and there are just a lot of

706

00:25:51,750 --> 00:25:48,960

things in fact

707

00:25:53,909 --> 00:25:51,760

let me just read his obituary that kind

708

00:25:57,110 --> 00:25:53,919

of cites some of this stuff

709

00:26:00,470 --> 00:25:57,120

it says william albert rhodes phd

710

00:26:04,149 --> 00:26:00,480

aged 90 passed away january 22nd

711

00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:04,159

2007 at brighton gardens hospice of the

712

00:26:09,510 --> 00:26:05,039

valley

713

00:26:12,710 --> 00:26:09,520

born in garden city kansas on 1229 1916

714

00:26:15,510 --> 00:26:12,720

to george e and bertha g rhodes dr

715

00:26:17,510 --> 00:26:15,520

rhodes first came to phoenix in 1929

716

00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:17,520

from fort collins colorado

717

00:26:21,190 --> 00:26:19,679

where he had been studying music at the

718

00:26:24,310 --> 00:26:21,200

conservatory

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00:26:27,269 --> 00:26:24,320

dr rhodes was a developmental research

720

00:26:27,669 --> 00:26:27,279

physicist and a prolific inventor who

721

00:26:30,870 --> 00:26:27,679

held

722

00:26:32,230 --> 00:26:30,880

over 40 patents in addition to his music

723

00:26:36,230 --> 00:26:32,240

studies

724

00:26:37,510 --> 00:26:36,240

excuse me he had an ingenious interest

725

00:26:39,430 --> 00:26:37,520

in the sciences

726

00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:39,440

and in his teens he actually built one

727

00:26:42,390 --> 00:26:41,520

of the first remotely controlled model

728

00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:42,400

airplanes

729

00:26:47,029 --> 00:26:44,240

which resulted in one of his first

730

00:26:49,750 --> 00:26:47,039

patents so can you imagine a teenager

731

00:26:52,549 --> 00:26:49,760

in 1943 he designed and built a small

732

00:26:55,110 --> 00:26:52,559

electric car that had a range of over a

733

00:26:56,630 --> 00:26:55,120

hundred miles and a top speed of 93

734

00:26:59,590 --> 00:26:56,640

miles per hour

735

00:27:01,110 --> 00:26:59,600

a true natural junior genius he went on

736

00:27:03,510 --> 00:27:01,120

to design and build

737

00:27:05,110 --> 00:27:03,520

three large telescopes of which two were

738

00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:05,120

used here in arizona

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00:27:12,149 --> 00:27:08,480

one at kitt peak observatory near tucson

740

00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:12,159

and that's when that one's run by

741

00:27:15,830 --> 00:27:14,640

university of arizona and then the other

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00:27:18,630 --> 00:27:15,840

lowell

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00:27:21,269 --> 00:27:18,640

observatory in flagstaff discovered and

744

00:27:24,230 --> 00:27:21,279

mentored by the famous inventor dr lee

745

00:27:27,350 --> 00:27:24,240

deforest who held over 300 patents

746

00:27:28,070 --> 00:27:27,360

including the original vacuum tube they

747

00:27:30,149 --> 00:27:28,080

later

748

00:27:32,230 --> 00:27:30,159

collaborated on several inventions

749

00:27:33,590 --> 00:27:32,240

including the light amplifier for

750

00:27:35,990 --> 00:27:33,600

televisions

751
00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:36,000
dr rhodes had many lifelong interests

752
00:27:40,389 --> 00:27:36,960
including being an

753
00:27:41,510 --> 00:27:40,399
early ham radio operator and a solar

754
00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:41,520
scientist

755
00:27:46,950 --> 00:27:44,080
among his 40 patents are the oxy

756
00:27:50,549 --> 00:27:46,960
hydrogen generator or water torch

757
00:27:53,669 --> 00:27:50,559
a water welder no void engine

758
00:27:55,909 --> 00:27:53,679
and the mercury turbine power generator

759
00:27:57,909 --> 00:27:55,919
he was the author of many scientific

760
00:27:59,510 --> 00:27:57,919
articles and several books on a wide

761
00:28:02,870 --> 00:27:59,520
range of subjects including

762
00:28:05,269 --> 00:28:02,880
force field studies and magnetism

763
00:28:06,710 --> 00:28:05,279

he built and donated a delicate

764

00:28:10,230 --> 00:28:06,720

seismograph to

765

00:28:11,990 --> 00:28:10,240

asu arizona state university recently

766

00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:12,000

typing his name in google will take you

767

00:28:14,870 --> 00:28:13,760

to explanations of many of his

768

00:28:18,070 --> 00:28:14,880

inventions

769

00:28:20,070 --> 00:28:18,080

dr rhodes is survived by his wife of 35

770

00:28:23,830 --> 00:28:20,080

years nancy ross rhodes son

771

00:28:24,870 --> 00:28:23,840

george w rhodes ph.d of albuquerque new

772

00:28:26,870 --> 00:28:24,880

mexico

773

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:26,880

three grandchildren and six great

774

00:28:30,230 --> 00:28:28,080

grandchildren

775

00:28:32,389 --> 00:28:30,240

dr rhodes loved animals and requested

776

00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:32,399

memorial contributions to be made to the

777

00:28:37,830 --> 00:28:34,720

arizona humane society

778

00:28:40,230 --> 00:28:37,840

so a slightly less biased negatively

779

00:28:43,510 --> 00:28:40,240

biased accounting of his

780

00:28:46,230 --> 00:28:43,520

experience and who he was as a scientist

781

00:28:48,630 --> 00:28:46,240

and uh as opposed to the conclusions

782

00:28:51,590 --> 00:28:48,640

made there by project grudge for sure

783

00:28:52,470 --> 00:28:51,600

yeah and i i learned from that uh

784

00:28:54,310 --> 00:28:52,480

obituary

785

00:28:56,149 --> 00:28:54,320

that he and i have a couple things in

786

00:28:57,029 --> 00:28:56,159

common actually that i didn't realize

787

00:28:59,909 --> 00:28:57,039

before

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00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:59,919

number one we share the same birthday

789

00:29:03,190 --> 00:29:01,279

december 29th

790

00:29:04,630 --> 00:29:03,200

so that's interesting i didn't know that

791

00:29:07,830 --> 00:29:04,640

about him so

792

00:29:08,549 --> 00:29:07,840

same birthday and also being an animal

793

00:29:09,830 --> 00:29:08,559

lover

794

00:29:11,750 --> 00:29:09,840

you know that's something that i would

795

00:29:13,510 --> 00:29:11,760

do to request that contributions be made

796

00:29:14,230 --> 00:29:13,520

to the arizona humane society that's

797

00:29:17,350 --> 00:29:14,240

fantastic

798

00:29:20,549 --> 00:29:17,360

so yeah two things we have in common

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00:29:23,029 --> 00:29:20,559

very cool yep and in fact he didn't live

800

00:29:25,110 --> 00:29:23,039

too far from where you live right now

801
00:29:26,389 --> 00:29:25,120
right so fascinating kind of fascinating

802
00:29:29,669 --> 00:29:26,399
as well yep

803
00:29:32,710 --> 00:29:29,679
yeah yep sound like really a

804
00:29:35,110 --> 00:29:32,720
a really interesting guy and

805
00:29:37,029 --> 00:29:35,120
and uh you know a very credible guy you

806
00:29:40,149 --> 00:29:37,039
know to endure that kind of

807
00:29:41,750 --> 00:29:40,159
um investigation and come out with

808
00:29:43,750 --> 00:29:41,760
you know even though they tried to hang

809
00:29:44,710 --> 00:29:43,760
everything on him they couldn't in the

810
00:29:47,669 --> 00:29:44,720
end it was

811
00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:47,679
you know inconclusive so you know that

812
00:29:52,149 --> 00:29:49,520
that does say something about him

813
00:29:54,470 --> 00:29:52,159

but i think this is really kind of a ha

814

00:29:56,310 --> 00:29:54,480

a real hard lesson

815

00:29:58,230 --> 00:29:56,320

about those who have reported ufo

816

00:30:00,230 --> 00:29:58,240

sightings in the past what it was really

817

00:30:01,029 --> 00:30:00,240

like what you were opening yourself up

818

00:30:04,389 --> 00:30:01,039

to

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00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:04,399

may be

820

00:30:08,789 --> 00:30:07,520

subject to a a high level of intrusion

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00:30:11,909 --> 00:30:08,799

that results in your life

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00:30:14,630 --> 00:30:11,919

being you know destroyed

823

00:30:16,549 --> 00:30:14,640

up up to destroyed by those who have the

824

00:30:20,070 --> 00:30:16,559

power incentive to do so and

825

00:30:21,190 --> 00:30:20,080

and i i just i personally for a truly

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00:30:22,710 --> 00:30:21,200

significant case

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00:30:24,950 --> 00:30:22,720

i think i would think long and hard

828

00:30:27,990 --> 00:30:24,960

about making it public even today

829

00:30:31,110 --> 00:30:28,000

and i'm a mufon investigator you know to

830

00:30:33,110 --> 00:30:31,120

to see what happens um you know when the

831

00:30:34,789 --> 00:30:33,120

military or the government gets involved

832

00:30:35,750 --> 00:30:34,799

in something like that like i said it

833

00:30:38,389 --> 00:30:35,760

you know

834

00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:38,399

a meaningful case or you you're going to

835

00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:39,039

be

836

00:30:44,149 --> 00:30:42,720

scrutiny

837

00:30:46,230 --> 00:30:44,159

and they really don't care what happens

838

00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:46,240

to you frankly so

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00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:49,360

well that concludes our discussion of

840

00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:50,399

the old

841

00:30:55,909 --> 00:30:54,240

fashioned case of the 1947 williams road

842

00:30:57,269 --> 00:30:55,919

sighting and i encourage everyone to

843

00:30:59,350 --> 00:30:57,279

look that up and

844

00:31:00,549 --> 00:30:59,360

and there's a lot of great information

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00:31:01,190 --> 00:31:00,559

out there in fact i wanted to

846

00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:01,200

acknowledge

847

00:31:05,750 --> 00:31:04,720

uh saturday night dot euphoria.com ufo

848

00:31:08,789 --> 00:31:05,760

casebot

849

00:31:11,509 --> 00:31:08,799

book dot com uh wikipedia

850

00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:11,519

project sign grudge and blue book for

851
00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:12,480
some of the recent

852
00:31:16,070 --> 00:31:14,720
search that our our discussion was based

853
00:31:19,750 --> 00:31:16,080
upon

854
00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:19,760
so also next time on old-fashioned ufos

855
00:31:23,909 --> 00:31:22,080
we will be discussing a fascinating

856
00:31:26,470 --> 00:31:23,919
series of sightings

857
00:31:28,310 --> 00:31:26,480
and some of america's most secret

858
00:31:30,149 --> 00:31:28,320
military development and training

859
00:31:32,710 --> 00:31:30,159
locations and testing

860
00:31:33,909 --> 00:31:32,720
at a very sensitive time and place in

861
00:31:36,470 --> 00:31:33,919
history

862
00:31:37,190 --> 00:31:36,480
so join us with your favorite beverage

863
00:31:41,669 --> 00:31:37,200

and hear

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