

1
00:00:16,630 --> 00:00:14,470
i never got any money from you

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00:00:18,630 --> 00:00:16,640
[Music]

3
00:00:21,320 --> 00:00:18,640
ufo might just as well stand for

4
00:00:24,470 --> 00:00:21,330
unprecedented financial opportunity

5
00:00:28,150 --> 00:00:25,910
be normal

6
00:00:29,910 --> 00:00:28,160
this is the saucer life a podcast in

7
00:00:31,509 --> 00:00:29,920
which we examine concepts events or

8
00:00:33,990 --> 00:00:31,519
people orbiting the world of flying

9
00:00:36,870 --> 00:00:34,000
saucers few preconceptions snark when

10
00:00:38,869 --> 00:00:36,880
justified no belief no debunking

11
00:00:41,590 --> 00:00:38,879
no i couldn't believe this one either

12
00:00:45,029 --> 00:00:41,600
when i first happened to cross it

13
00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:45,039

this is the story of harold j bernie

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00:00:49,029 --> 00:00:47,120

we've dealt with several saucer types

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

who have skirted the law in various ways

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:50,320

over the four-year history of this

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00:00:52,950 --> 00:00:51,360

program

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00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:52,960

most of the time they're

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00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:55,840

not committing any actual crimes they're

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:56,879

being

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:59,199

in some cases profoundly dishonest in

22

00:01:05,109 --> 00:01:01,680

other cases profoundly

23

00:01:07,750 --> 00:01:05,119

misguided or misunderstood but sometimes

24

00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,760

they actually do violate the law in a

25

00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:09,360

way that is

26
00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:12,240
egregious and obvious and documented

27
00:01:15,590 --> 00:01:14,400
enough to get noticed by law enforcement

28
00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,600
picked up

29
00:01:19,670 --> 00:01:18,159
arraigned indicted

30
00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:19,680
put on trial

31
00:01:23,910 --> 00:01:21,119
convicted

32
00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:23,920
sentenced to some sort of penance

33
00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:26,479
reinhold schmidt is the the case that

34
00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:29,520
usually pops into my head

35
00:01:34,390 --> 00:01:33,119
there are other saucer felons

36
00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:34,400
who are

37
00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:35,759
still around

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00:01:40,469 --> 00:01:37,680

talking and making statements and thus i

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00:01:43,030 --> 00:01:40,479

will not talk about them but today we've

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:43,040

got one who is really in a class by

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00:01:48,870 --> 00:01:47,040

himself and that is harold j bernie so

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00:01:51,030 --> 00:01:48,880

like just about every topic on the

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00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:51,040

saucer life i'm not the first one

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00:01:56,149 --> 00:01:53,680

to discuss harold j bernie's story on

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:56,159

the internet or in books or

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00:02:02,069 --> 00:01:59,280

on podcasts even but

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00:02:05,350 --> 00:02:02,079

i did want to go about this in a way

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00:02:08,710 --> 00:02:05,360

that was the least likely to

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00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:08,720

i don't know get me accused of copying

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00:02:13,030 --> 00:02:11,520

what other people have done so

51
00:02:15,030 --> 00:02:13,040
there's an article at a site called the

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,040
saucers that time forgot and there's a

53
00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:17,440
link in the show notes that is very very

54
00:02:21,350 --> 00:02:18,800
good and they do a great job of

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:21,360
presenting the entire story and i didn't

56
00:02:26,070 --> 00:02:23,360
just want to duplicate exactly what they

57
00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:26,080
did there or be accused of duplicating

58
00:02:30,150 --> 00:02:28,000
exactly what they did there so what i've

59
00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:30,160
decided to do is take the story directly

60
00:02:34,869 --> 00:02:32,239
from newspaper and magazine accounts of

61
00:02:36,550 --> 00:02:34,879
the time that i could find

62
00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:36,560
not that saucers that time forgot didn't

63
00:02:41,030 --> 00:02:39,440

do that but they go into a lot of stuff

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00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:41,040

that is interesting

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00:02:45,589 --> 00:02:43,840

but is their own original research from

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00:02:48,869 --> 00:02:45,599

you know much more intensive things than

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00:02:51,750 --> 00:02:48,879

i honestly have time to do so his early

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00:02:54,070 --> 00:02:51,760

life his early crimes a lot of that a

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00:02:56,470 --> 00:02:54,080

lot of great background on this

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:56,480

particular interesting figure is over at

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00:03:01,350 --> 00:02:58,879

the saucers that time forgot but i

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00:03:03,589 --> 00:03:01,360

decided to sort of reconstruct things

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00:03:06,309 --> 00:03:03,599

from those primary sources which is what

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00:03:08,710 --> 00:03:06,319

we do here really as you know

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:08,720

but i must say i would not have had as

76
00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:10,720
much background and leads and good

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00:03:14,509 --> 00:03:12,480
knowledge to get started in sort of

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00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:14,519
digging into my own

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00:03:19,190 --> 00:03:17,200
newspapers.com account and things like

80
00:03:21,750 --> 00:03:19,200
that looking for the bernie story

81
00:03:24,070 --> 00:03:21,760
looking at the bernie story if not for

82
00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:24,080
the incredible work at saucers that time

83
00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:26,640
forgot so they really are

84
00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:27,840
kind of

85
00:03:31,670 --> 00:03:30,560
you know doing some amazing work on

86
00:03:34,869 --> 00:03:31,680
early

87
00:03:37,430 --> 00:03:34,879
odd ufo sorts of things i encourage you

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00:03:38,949 --> 00:03:37,440

to check out their website

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00:03:40,309 --> 00:03:38,959

so what we're going to be doing is we're

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:40,319

going to be looking at the initial

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00:03:45,589 --> 00:03:43,760

newspaper reports about what bernie did

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00:03:47,430 --> 00:03:45,599

which is basically a scam involving

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00:03:49,589 --> 00:03:47,440

saucers and also a contact story it's

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00:03:51,430 --> 00:03:49,599

very similar to the sort of thing

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00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:51,440

reinhold schmidt did in fact there's a

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00:03:56,229 --> 00:03:54,319

lot of overlap and i kind of wonder

97

00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:56,239

if schmidt might have gotten some of his

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00:04:00,149 --> 00:03:58,080

ideas from bernie

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:00,159

that's a question i'm to throw out to

100

00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:02,799

y'all in the audience as you as you

101

00:04:07,030 --> 00:04:05,040

listen but we're also going to look at

102

00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:07,040

and sort of fill in some of the gaps in

103

00:04:12,550 --> 00:04:09,200

this story from later accounts

104

00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:12,560

particularly one by supposedly by j

105

00:04:16,789 --> 00:04:15,760

edgar hoover of the fbi himself writing

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00:04:18,629 --> 00:04:16,799

for

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00:04:20,310 --> 00:04:18,639

i think was called this week it was sort

108

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of

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00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:26,080

supplements that go out nationwide in

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00:04:31,350 --> 00:04:29,120

local newspapers like parade but without

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00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:31,360

that one terrible advice column by that

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00:04:35,030 --> 00:04:33,840

woman with the supposedly super high

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00:04:38,230 --> 00:04:35,040

iq

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00:04:40,150 --> 00:04:38,240

so anyway enough of how i'm going to do

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00:04:43,040 --> 00:04:40,160

this i think i think it's best to just

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00:04:47,510 --> 00:04:43,050

go ahead and get started doing it

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:50,310

so harold j burney harold jesse bernie

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00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:54,320

was born on july 9 1898 in akron

119

00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:55,600

michigan

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00:04:59,749 --> 00:04:58,560

and he spent a lot of his young life in

121

00:05:02,469 --> 00:04:59,759

michigan

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00:05:05,189 --> 00:05:02,479

moved around as a young adult

123

00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:05,199

got in a lot of trouble um

124

00:05:08,710 --> 00:05:06,560

may have

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00:05:10,469 --> 00:05:08,720

violated the man act which those of you

126

00:05:11,510 --> 00:05:10,479

who know what the man act is know that

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00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:11,520

that's

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00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:13,759

transporting people

129

00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:16,320

underage people across state lines for

130

00:05:21,510 --> 00:05:19,680

improper purposes it's a whole

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00:05:23,670 --> 00:05:21,520

litany of

132

00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:23,680

violations and shadiness that make up

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:25,360

harold j bernie's

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00:05:29,430 --> 00:05:28,160

life before he gets involved in the scam

135

00:05:31,670 --> 00:05:29,440

that brought him

136

00:05:32,469 --> 00:05:31,680

to the attention of flying saucer people

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00:05:35,350 --> 00:05:32,479

and

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00:05:38,070 --> 00:05:35,360

eventually the fbi or maybe

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00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:38,080

the other way around as we'll see like i

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00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:40,160

said the saucers the time forgot article

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00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:42,320

and harold j bernie does an incredible

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00:05:48,870 --> 00:05:45,360

job of detailing his

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00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:48,880

his early criminal life up until the

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00:05:53,029 --> 00:05:50,639

point where we get to it where we pick

145

00:05:55,830 --> 00:05:53,039

it up so for his early life his early

146

00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:55,840

crimes i urge you to check out

147

00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:56,720

that

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00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:57,919

website

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00:06:02,550 --> 00:05:59,919

so regarding our current crime or the

150

00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:02,560

crime for which he got noticed by ufo

151
00:06:05,510 --> 00:06:03,440
world

152
00:06:08,070 --> 00:06:05,520
the earliest article i found that i had

153
00:06:11,749 --> 00:06:08,080
access to was from the montgomery

154
00:06:14,230 --> 00:06:11,759
advertiser in march 27 1957 and actually

155
00:06:16,309 --> 00:06:14,240
i should say this is an associated press

156
00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:16,319
story that appeared in some newspapers

157
00:06:22,150 --> 00:06:18,560
on march 26th the first one i came

158
00:06:25,670 --> 00:06:22,160
across was march 27 1957 but the ap

159
00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:25,680
story was dated march 26th and as we saw

160
00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:28,160
in some other episodes such as the

161
00:06:32,469 --> 00:06:31,360
levelland case a lot of times

162
00:06:35,189 --> 00:06:32,479
you've got

163
00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:35,199

dozens and dozens of nearly identical

164

00:06:38,629 --> 00:06:36,479

stories

165

00:06:40,629 --> 00:06:38,639

because of wire service reports that get

166

00:06:42,469 --> 00:06:40,639

picked up by local newspapers

167

00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:42,479

so the headline for this one in the

168

00:06:46,830 --> 00:06:44,960

montgomery advertiser montgomery alabama

169

00:06:50,469 --> 00:06:46,840

advertiser march 27

170

00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:50,479

1957 package from venus aided fraud

171

00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:52,560

inquiry of

172

00:06:59,589 --> 00:06:57,990

the fbi said today a package from venus

173

00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:59,599

figured in the investigation which led

174

00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:01,440

to the arrest in alabama yesterday of a

175

00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:03,840

58-year-old sign painter accused of

176

00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:06,720

operating a space-aged swindle the man

177

00:07:11,110 --> 00:07:08,960

charged is harold j burney formerly of

178

00:07:13,749 --> 00:07:11,120

washington where he operated a concern

179

00:07:15,830 --> 00:07:13,759

known as telewand corporation according

180

00:07:18,469 --> 00:07:15,840

to the fbi he has a police record dating

181

00:07:22,070 --> 00:07:18,479

back to 1917 and has served time in a

182

00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:24,469

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183

00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,479

the ap story goes on to explain that he

184

00:07:30,469 --> 00:07:28,319

was picked up in pritchard alabama by

185

00:07:32,950 --> 00:07:30,479

federal agents the photograph had been

186

00:07:34,469 --> 00:07:32,960

circulated throughout the entire south

187

00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:34,479

because he was charged with quote

188

00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,720

persuading residents of the capital area

189

00:07:41,029 --> 00:07:38,479

to invest thousands of dollars in the

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00:07:43,270 --> 00:07:41,039

development of communications with venus

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00:07:45,350 --> 00:07:43,280

it then mentions that bernie had written

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00:07:47,189 --> 00:07:45,360

a book an unpublished book relating that

193

00:07:49,670 --> 00:07:47,199

he had made trips to venus by flying

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00:07:52,710 --> 00:07:49,680

saucer after making rendezvous with

195

00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:52,720

venusians in texas now this package he

196

00:08:03,990 --> 00:07:53,759

received

197

00:08:05,749 --> 00:08:04,000

bernie's wife here last november 12th it

198

00:08:07,830 --> 00:08:05,759

purported to come from outer space but

199

00:08:09,830 --> 00:08:07,840

was delivered through regular u.s postal

200

00:08:11,670 --> 00:08:09,840

service the package contained bernie's

201
00:08:13,189 --> 00:08:11,680
camera his billfold and a wallet

202
00:08:15,189 --> 00:08:13,199
containing his identifications and

203
00:08:17,909 --> 00:08:15,199
credentials also inside was a letter

204
00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:17,919
from a mr useless reputedly a resident

205
00:08:22,070 --> 00:08:20,560
on venus the letter informed mrs burney

206
00:08:23,909 --> 00:08:22,080
that her husband had recently been on a

207
00:08:26,230 --> 00:08:23,919
business trip to that planet and had

208
00:08:27,589 --> 00:08:26,240
died there of natural causes mrs burney

209
00:08:29,430 --> 00:08:27,599
turned over the package and letter to

210
00:08:30,790 --> 00:08:29,440
local police and fbi agents when they

211
00:08:34,070 --> 00:08:30,800
started investigating bernie's

212
00:08:36,070 --> 00:08:34,080
activities several weeks ago

213
00:08:38,469 --> 00:08:36,080

just in case it wasn't clear from the

214

00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:38,479

excerpt mrs bernie received a package

215

00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:40,479

from venus with a letter from a mr

216

00:08:44,870 --> 00:08:43,760

useless saying that bernie had died on

217

00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:44,880

venus

218

00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:47,680

so this letter is not reprinted or

219

00:08:52,070 --> 00:08:50,480

quoted in the article but don't worry we

220

00:08:55,269 --> 00:08:52,080

are going to have

221

00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:55,279

a sample of the types of letter that mr

222

00:09:01,350 --> 00:08:57,760

useles would write to earthlings from

223

00:09:03,509 --> 00:09:01,360

venus later on in the story so bernie

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00:09:05,750 --> 00:09:03,519

had been under investigation for some

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00:09:08,310 --> 00:09:05,760

time the investigation wasn't public

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00:09:10,070 --> 00:09:08,320

apparently because the fbi wanted to

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00:09:12,550 --> 00:09:10,080

make sure they had their ducks in a row

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00:09:14,949 --> 00:09:12,560

with warrants and charges and you know

229

00:09:17,430 --> 00:09:14,959

being able to make things stick before

230

00:09:19,670 --> 00:09:17,440

they arrested bernie bernie was a i

231

00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:19,680

think we can safely call him a lifelong

232

00:09:24,550 --> 00:09:22,800

criminal and any hint that

233

00:09:26,389 --> 00:09:24,560

they were on to him he might go to

234

00:09:27,190 --> 00:09:26,399

ground they might not be able to find

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00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:27,200

them

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00:09:30,710 --> 00:09:28,000

but

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00:09:32,230 --> 00:09:30,720

the whole story of how the fbi got on to

238

00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:32,240

bernie and what bernie was actually up

239

00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:33,040

to

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00:09:37,590 --> 00:09:36,560

is what comes next in this initial ap

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00:09:40,230 --> 00:09:37,600

story

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00:09:42,550 --> 00:09:40,240

and it involves that book that he was

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00:09:44,470 --> 00:09:42,560

writing

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00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:44,480

the unpublished book entitled two weeks

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00:09:48,389 --> 00:09:46,000

on venus actually triggered the

246

00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:48,399

investigation a local representative of

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00:09:52,150 --> 00:09:50,000

a national book publishing house who saw

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00:09:53,829 --> 00:09:52,160

the manuscript became suspicious and

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00:09:54,949 --> 00:09:53,839

suggested to washington police that they

250

00:09:57,190 --> 00:09:54,959

investigate

251
00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:57,200
the police after preliminary inquiry

252
00:10:01,509 --> 00:10:00,160
called in the fbi

253
00:10:06,230 --> 00:10:01,519
now this is interesting you might be

254
00:10:08,949 --> 00:10:06,240
thinking why would a publisher or a

255
00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:08,959
representative of a publishing house

256
00:10:17,990 --> 00:10:13,680
look at a manuscript for a submitted ufo

257
00:10:19,829 --> 00:10:18,000
book a contact-e-style book and say whoa

258
00:10:21,509 --> 00:10:19,839
i better call the police about this

259
00:10:24,470 --> 00:10:21,519
flying saucer book it's kind of a

260
00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:24,480
convoluted story we don't have i've not

261
00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:26,880
been able to find a copy of the

262
00:10:32,389 --> 00:10:29,120
unpublished manuscript i

263
00:10:33,910 --> 00:10:32,399

it's probably somewhere in a evidence

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00:10:36,150 --> 00:10:33,920

file somewhere if it hasn't been

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00:10:39,590 --> 00:10:36,160

destroyed we'll talk about what fbi

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00:10:42,230 --> 00:10:39,600

files exist later on in the episode but

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it isn't so much necessarily the content

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00:10:44,870 --> 00:10:43,440

of the book

269

00:10:47,590 --> 00:10:44,880

as the

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00:10:49,670 --> 00:10:47,600

background of the creation of the book

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00:10:54,470 --> 00:10:49,680

that alarmed both

272

00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:56,550

bernie wrote the book of 15 chapters in

273

00:11:00,790 --> 00:10:58,320

longhand and turned it over for typing

274

00:11:02,870 --> 00:11:00,800

to miss pauline e goble a washington

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00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:02,880

secretary who has since complained that

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00:11:07,509 --> 00:11:05,200

she invested her 38 thousand dollar life

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00:11:09,750 --> 00:11:07,519

savings in bernie's plan to maintain

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00:11:11,509 --> 00:11:09,760

communication with venus she offered the

279

00:11:13,030 --> 00:11:11,519

manuscript for publication to a number

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00:11:14,550 --> 00:11:13,040

of concerns one of which became

281

00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:14,560

suspicious when she mentioned her

282

00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:16,160

investment in the interplanetary

283

00:11:21,430 --> 00:11:19,120

communication scheme

284

00:11:24,150 --> 00:11:21,440

so it's not the content of the book

285

00:11:26,630 --> 00:11:24,160

itself necessarily that was the problem

286

00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:26,640

i mean publishers had published flying

287

00:11:32,710 --> 00:11:29,120

saucer books for almost 10 years at this

288

00:11:35,990 --> 00:11:32,720

point it was the fact that pauline gobel

289

00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:36,000

had apparently offhand

290

00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:39,120

mentioned that to somebody that she had

291

00:11:43,190 --> 00:11:40,640

invested her

292

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:43,200

life savings in bernie's plan

293

00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:44,640

somebody's

294

00:11:48,949 --> 00:11:48,160

fraud detectors scam detectors went off

295

00:11:50,230 --> 00:11:48,959

so

296

00:11:51,910 --> 00:11:50,240

as the

297

00:11:54,470 --> 00:11:51,920

article closes

298

00:11:57,030 --> 00:11:54,480

it mentions the names of a couple

299

00:11:59,910 --> 00:11:57,040

chapters from the book and

300

00:12:01,350 --> 00:11:59,920

i have to say i i say this almost every

301

00:12:03,190 --> 00:12:01,360

episode almost every episode i find

302

00:12:06,629 --> 00:12:03,200

something that is my new favorite flying

303

00:12:08,550 --> 00:12:06,639

saucer thing but i don't think that

304

00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:08,560

these chapter titles especially the

305

00:12:12,790 --> 00:12:10,560

second one that you're going to hear are

306

00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:12,800

going to be knocked off the top of my

307

00:12:21,829 --> 00:12:19,190

the book includes a chapter called

308

00:12:24,140 --> 00:12:21,839

dinner with wisdom and one titled the

309

00:12:26,470 --> 00:12:24,150

world explodes in my face

310

00:12:29,350 --> 00:12:26,480

[Music]

311

00:12:31,590 --> 00:12:29,360

the world explodes

312

00:12:33,910 --> 00:12:31,600

in my face

313

00:12:36,629 --> 00:12:33,920

it doesn't get any better than that

314

00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:36,639

folks it just doesn't i

315

00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:37,920

i don't know

316

00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:40,480

submit your answers on a digital social

317

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:43,519

media postcard for a single

318

00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:46,079

contact ebook ufo book flying saucer

319

00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:46,959

book

320

00:12:52,629 --> 00:12:48,480

chapter title

321

00:12:55,910 --> 00:12:52,639

that is more intriguing or strange then

322

00:12:58,710 --> 00:12:55,920

the world explodes in my face

323

00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:58,720

now i've got to say dinner with wisdom

324

00:13:02,150 --> 00:13:00,560

sounds like if you were to take the

325

00:13:03,190 --> 00:13:02,160

statistical

326
00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:03,200
mean

327
00:13:07,910 --> 00:13:04,880
of

328
00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:07,920
contact chapter book titles it's

329
00:13:11,990 --> 00:13:09,760
it's sort of i think i'm not going to

330
00:13:14,949 --> 00:13:12,000
run across the studio to grab it but

331
00:13:16,949 --> 00:13:14,959
there is a a chapter in

332
00:13:18,870 --> 00:13:16,959
george damskey's book where he's inside

333
00:13:20,310 --> 00:13:18,880
the spaceships where he's i think it's

334
00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:20,320
called dinner with the master or

335
00:13:25,190 --> 00:13:22,240
something like that so that might be

336
00:13:28,550 --> 00:13:25,200
clearly a lift from that but dinner with

337
00:13:31,509 --> 00:13:28,560
wisdom sounds very contactish but

338
00:13:33,670 --> 00:13:31,519

the world explodes in my face

339

00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:33,680

doesn't sound good so that's the initial

340

00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:35,680

public version of the story presented

341

00:13:41,590 --> 00:13:38,880

through the press we've got this man

342

00:13:43,829 --> 00:13:41,600

harold j bernie who has been arrested

343

00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:43,839

because he may have defrauded a woman

344

00:13:47,509 --> 00:13:45,760

out of some money with a fake flying

345

00:13:49,750 --> 00:13:47,519

saucer book and there's a letter that

346

00:13:51,509 --> 00:13:49,760

said he died on venus but apparently he

347

00:13:53,670 --> 00:13:51,519

didn't because

348

00:13:56,790 --> 00:13:53,680

the fbi arrested him now like i said

349

00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:56,800

earlier that was a wire service story

350

00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:59,440

they were very similar very oh they were

351

00:14:03,189 --> 00:14:01,519

similar they were identical

352

00:14:05,350 --> 00:14:03,199

may be edited in different ways

353

00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:05,360

condensed sometimes the full versions

354

00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:06,800

and other newspapers but across the

355

00:14:12,790 --> 00:14:09,760

country you get basically the same story

356

00:14:16,310 --> 00:14:12,800

but also in the montgomery advertiser

357

00:14:18,550 --> 00:14:16,320

april 2nd 1957 not too long later maybe

358

00:14:22,069 --> 00:14:18,560

about a week later we've got an article

359

00:14:23,110 --> 00:14:22,079

headlined space man and this is

360

00:14:34,389 --> 00:14:23,120

a

361

00:14:35,189 --> 00:14:34,399

i like this so

362

00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:35,199

um

363

00:14:40,389 --> 00:14:37,440

let's take a listen to this because i

364

00:14:42,790 --> 00:14:40,399

think it is valuable and it gives a

365

00:14:45,030 --> 00:14:42,800

perspective that isn't like the wire

366

00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:45,040

service stories because

367

00:14:49,590 --> 00:14:46,800

wire service stories are very sort of

368

00:14:51,590 --> 00:14:49,600

factual not a lot of jokes

369

00:14:55,509 --> 00:14:51,600

but the world explodes in my face you

370

00:14:59,750 --> 00:14:57,590

when man has explored all there is to

371

00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:59,760

explore in the solar system we hope the

372

00:15:03,350 --> 00:15:01,279

record books will record the part

373

00:15:05,590 --> 00:15:03,360

alabama plate and we aren't talking

374

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:05,600

about redstone arsenal at huntsville a

375

00:15:09,509 --> 00:15:08,000

few days ago the fbi arrested a man in

376

00:15:11,509 --> 00:15:09,519

pritchard alabama who was the first

377

00:15:13,590 --> 00:15:11,519

citizen of whom we have any knowledge to

378

00:15:15,670 --> 00:15:13,600

claim to have visited outer space

379

00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:15,680

harold j bernie is the name and he has

380

00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:17,279

written a book about his experiences

381

00:15:21,189 --> 00:15:19,680

going to and living on venus

382

00:15:23,910 --> 00:15:21,199

bernie says in his book that he was

383

00:15:25,189 --> 00:15:23,920

picked up by a flying saucer in texas

384

00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:25,199

where else

385

00:15:29,670 --> 00:15:27,199

there was a big red ball suspended in

386

00:15:32,150 --> 00:15:29,680

mid-air from the saucer and a few frozen

387

00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:32,160

bodies lying around casual-like the

388

00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:34,480

saucer however was a short-range model

389

00:15:37,670 --> 00:15:36,000

somewhere out there bernie and his

390

00:15:39,670 --> 00:15:37,680

creepy friends changed to a building the

391

00:15:41,030 --> 00:15:39,680

size of the pentagon and went the rest

392

00:15:43,509 --> 00:15:41,040

of the way in it

393

00:15:45,990 --> 00:15:43,519

on venus bernie says he died of

394

00:15:48,069 --> 00:15:46,000

supernatural causes probably but in the

395

00:15:50,069 --> 00:15:48,079

custom of venus he was reincarnated in

396

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:50,079

which state he observed the science and

397

00:15:54,069 --> 00:15:51,600

culture of the planet

398

00:15:55,670 --> 00:15:54,079

meanwhile back in the states a harold j

399

00:15:57,670 --> 00:15:55,680

bernie was serving time for selling

400

00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:57,680

watered stocks in michigan eight years

401
00:16:01,670 --> 00:15:59,600
for violating postal regulations in west

402
00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:01,680
virginia five years in clearwater

403
00:16:06,790 --> 00:16:04,240
florida and other things

404
00:16:08,790 --> 00:16:06,800
probably just a coincidence but the fbi

405
00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:08,800
thinks the venus tourist and the con man

406
00:16:12,069 --> 00:16:10,320
are one in the same they arrested him

407
00:16:14,949 --> 00:16:12,079
for bilking a washington woman and a

408
00:16:16,389 --> 00:16:14,959
rhea both delaware man out of 58 000 to

409
00:16:18,230 --> 00:16:16,399
invest in a plan to establish

410
00:16:21,030 --> 00:16:18,240
communications between the earth and

411
00:16:23,030 --> 00:16:21,040
venus he had he said been commissioned

412
00:16:24,629 --> 00:16:23,040
for the interplanetary work by officials

413
00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:24,639

on venus

414

00:16:28,870 --> 00:16:26,639

so though future historians may discount

415

00:16:30,389 --> 00:16:28,880

the role of bernie in space exploration

416

00:16:31,509 --> 00:16:30,399

he is a claimant

417

00:16:33,110 --> 00:16:31,519

and

418

00:16:35,030 --> 00:16:33,120

must be dealt with

419

00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:35,040

alabama was singularly honored in that

420

00:16:38,570 --> 00:16:37,279

of all the places on two planets

421

00:16:45,189 --> 00:16:38,580

he was arrested here

422

00:16:50,790 --> 00:16:47,670

so the book existed the book was written

423

00:16:53,670 --> 00:16:50,800

we know that but where is the book here

424

00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:53,680

i rely on the work that the saucers that

425

00:16:58,949 --> 00:16:55,199

time forgot

426
00:17:01,509 --> 00:16:58,959
folks did and the fbi possesses the only

427
00:17:02,790 --> 00:17:01,519
copy of two weeks on venus

428
00:17:05,189 --> 00:17:02,800
it was quoted

429
00:17:07,029 --> 00:17:05,199
in newspaper reports as we've seen and

430
00:17:10,069 --> 00:17:07,039
they've filed freedom of information

431
00:17:12,150 --> 00:17:10,079
requests for bernie's materials and and

432
00:17:13,429 --> 00:17:12,160
the books the book the copy of the book

433
00:17:15,669 --> 00:17:13,439
and everything

434
00:17:17,510 --> 00:17:15,679
and they are still waiting as of at

435
00:17:20,549 --> 00:17:17,520
least what i know right now

436
00:17:22,549 --> 00:17:20,559
they are still waiting so they said they

437
00:17:24,710 --> 00:17:22,559
will update visitors to their site when

438
00:17:26,309 --> 00:17:24,720

they get a copy and once i'm able to get

439

00:17:28,150 --> 00:17:26,319

a copy you will

440

00:17:30,230 --> 00:17:28,160

be guaranteed of a saucer life

441

00:17:34,470 --> 00:17:30,240

investigation or

442

00:17:37,190 --> 00:17:34,480

analysis or gentle mocking of two weeks

443

00:17:39,830 --> 00:17:37,200

on venus the april 15th edition of time

444

00:17:42,630 --> 00:17:39,840

magazine in 1957 also picked up on the

445

00:17:44,549 --> 00:17:42,640

story and provided some extra details of

446

00:17:48,630 --> 00:17:44,559

how this scam

447

00:17:50,549 --> 00:17:48,640

went down it begins like this

448

00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:50,559

it was a happy day for harold jesse

449

00:17:55,110 --> 00:17:52,480

bernie when he ran into pauline global

450

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:55,120

in washington dc six years ago happy for

451
00:17:58,549 --> 00:17:56,559
pauline too

452
00:18:00,950 --> 00:17:58,559
bernie told the fascinated miss goble he

453
00:18:02,549 --> 00:18:00,960
was a manufacturer of tv antennas and

454
00:18:04,310 --> 00:18:02,559
was about to embark upon the production

455
00:18:07,110 --> 00:18:04,320
of a revolutionary device called the

456
00:18:09,510 --> 00:18:07,120
modulator wide-eyed pauline listened to

457
00:18:11,190 --> 00:18:09,520
harold's story and a real whopper it was

458
00:18:13,510 --> 00:18:11,200
harold had been in touch with officials

459
00:18:15,990 --> 00:18:13,520
of the planet venus matter of fact he

460
00:18:17,510 --> 00:18:16,000
had visited venus in a flying saucer and

461
00:18:19,430 --> 00:18:17,520
after two wonderful visits with his

462
00:18:21,110 --> 00:18:19,440
venusian hosts had won the honor of

463
00:18:23,029 --> 00:18:21,120

presiding over the earthly development

464

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,039

of the modulator which would collect

465

00:18:28,470 --> 00:18:25,200

energy much more powerful than atomic

466

00:18:30,070 --> 00:18:28,480

power from the atmosphere

467

00:18:31,590 --> 00:18:30,080

so we're getting some more details here

468

00:18:33,669 --> 00:18:31,600

and it's a little different from what

469

00:18:36,549 --> 00:18:33,679

had been reported before isn't it we

470

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:36,559

don't just have venusian technology to

471

00:18:40,950 --> 00:18:38,640

communicate with venus this is this

472

00:18:42,470 --> 00:18:40,960

modulator is something that could be

473

00:18:45,590 --> 00:18:42,480

used to

474

00:18:48,230 --> 00:18:45,600

gather energy to be a new energy source

475

00:18:50,630 --> 00:18:48,240

and potentially a weapon which is why

476
00:18:52,630 --> 00:18:50,640
the government gets involved and one

477
00:18:54,150 --> 00:18:52,640
thing that's going to become clear

478
00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:54,160
is that

479
00:18:58,549 --> 00:18:55,679
bernie

480
00:19:00,870 --> 00:18:58,559
consistently implies to

481
00:19:01,990 --> 00:19:00,880
pauline gobel and other investors that

482
00:19:04,870 --> 00:19:02,000
we will meet

483
00:19:07,350 --> 00:19:04,880
that he is working not only with a major

484
00:19:10,230 --> 00:19:07,360
corporation which we eventually learn is

485
00:19:12,310 --> 00:19:10,240
he claimed was westinghouse but also

486
00:19:14,630 --> 00:19:12,320
with the american government because not

487
00:19:17,590 --> 00:19:14,640
only of the energy production potential

488
00:19:21,029 --> 00:19:17,600

of the modulator but its potential use

489

00:19:23,270 --> 00:19:21,039

as a weapon so pauline invests 38

490

00:19:25,510 --> 00:19:23,280

thousand dollars and

491

00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:25,520

by i'm gonna see how much that is in

492

00:19:31,669 --> 00:19:28,960

today's money okay that's about 384

493

00:19:32,789 --> 00:19:31,679

thousand dollars adjusted for inflation

494

00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:32,799

that is

495

00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:35,280

wild

496

00:19:39,270 --> 00:19:36,400

so

497

00:19:41,750 --> 00:19:39,280

she's not just giving bernie money she

498

00:19:45,270 --> 00:19:41,760

is now working with him

499

00:19:47,669 --> 00:19:45,280

and helping round up other investors and

500

00:19:49,909 --> 00:19:47,679

the other major investor was a man named

501
00:19:51,830 --> 00:19:49,919
delaware it was mentioned in that last

502
00:19:54,070 --> 00:19:51,840
alabama article we looked at and his

503
00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:54,080
name and this is a great name

504
00:20:00,710 --> 00:19:56,240
pleasant mccarty

505
00:20:01,470 --> 00:20:00,720
thousand dollars and at this point in

506
00:20:04,310 --> 00:20:01,480
the

507
00:20:05,110 --> 00:20:04,320
mid-1950s we're still little ways away

508
00:20:07,990 --> 00:20:05,120
from

509
00:20:08,870 --> 00:20:08,000
the arrest or quote the present in our

510
00:20:12,149 --> 00:20:08,880
story

511
00:20:15,270 --> 00:20:12,159
pauline starts typing up the handwritten

512
00:20:17,909 --> 00:20:15,280
manuscript of two weeks on venus and

513
00:20:22,390 --> 00:20:17,919

then things start to unravel a little

514

00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:24,390

last october harold decided it was about

515

00:20:28,230 --> 00:20:26,480

time to go back to venus on business a

516

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:28,240

month later bernie's wife got some bad

517

00:20:32,070 --> 00:20:30,720

news in washington from eagle pass texas

518

00:20:33,510 --> 00:20:32,080

came a package containing some of

519

00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:33,520

harold's personal effects and three

520

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:35,039

hundred dollars in cash

521

00:20:38,230 --> 00:20:37,120

with this was a letter from a mr useless

522

00:20:40,710 --> 00:20:38,240

of venus

523

00:20:43,029 --> 00:20:40,720

harold wrote mr useless sorrowfully had

524

00:20:44,870 --> 00:20:43,039

died on venus pauline got the word and

525

00:20:46,390 --> 00:20:44,880

she was worried she wrote a letter to

526

00:20:48,310 --> 00:20:46,400

the president on the assumption that

527

00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:48,320

only high-ranking u.s officials knew of

528

00:20:58,549 --> 00:20:55,909

then as we know bernie's wife gets a

529

00:21:00,310 --> 00:20:58,559

letter from harold bernie saying that he

530

00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:00,320

has been reincarnated he came back to

531

00:21:05,350 --> 00:21:02,640

life it's incredible and that he would

532

00:21:09,909 --> 00:21:05,360

write again soon

533

00:21:13,669 --> 00:21:12,630

mrs bernie was skeptical pauline began

534

00:21:17,750 --> 00:21:13,679

to wonder

535

00:21:21,830 --> 00:21:17,760

federal bureau of investigation heard of

536

00:21:24,470 --> 00:21:21,840

the business and it began to wonder

537

00:21:26,870 --> 00:21:24,480

harold j bernie's world is falling apart

538

00:21:29,270 --> 00:21:26,880

all because he couldn't

539

00:21:31,590 --> 00:21:29,280

stop with faking his own death after

540

00:21:33,510 --> 00:21:31,600

getting all the money

541

00:21:35,740 --> 00:21:33,520

we'll be back with the rest of the story

542

00:21:38,950 --> 00:21:35,750

in a minute

543

00:21:40,549 --> 00:21:38,960

[Music]

544

00:21:41,750 --> 00:21:40,559

we'll be back next time fielding your

545

00:21:43,990 --> 00:21:41,760

questions and comments about this

546

00:21:45,350 --> 00:21:44,000

episode so be sure to get those to us in

547

00:21:48,149 --> 00:21:45,360

the comments under this episode on the

548

00:21:49,990 --> 00:21:48,159

website on social media or through email

549

00:21:52,950 --> 00:21:50,000

and then on the next regular episode

550

00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:52,960

it's not a regular episode it's our

551
00:21:56,549 --> 00:21:55,360
annual holiday thing

552
00:21:59,830 --> 00:21:56,559
i'm not sure what it's going to look

553
00:22:00,789 --> 00:21:59,840
like yet but it'll be fun um a little

554
00:22:03,590 --> 00:22:00,799
something lighter going into the

555
00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:03,600
holidays in the new year we'll have some

556
00:22:07,909 --> 00:22:05,760
bonus stuff here and there appearing

557
00:22:09,430 --> 00:22:07,919
during our traditional end of the year

558
00:22:11,510 --> 00:22:09,440
new year's break and then we're back

559
00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:11,520
with a whole lot of interesting stuff

560
00:22:16,549 --> 00:22:14,480
in 2022. you can check out past episodes

561
00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:16,559
and support the show at saucerlife.com

562
00:22:19,510 --> 00:22:18,000
or support us through the link in the

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00:22:21,990 --> 00:22:19,520

show notes we greatly appreciate the

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00:22:23,669 --> 00:22:22,000

support as always we're on twitter and

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00:22:26,029 --> 00:22:23,679

instagram at saucerlife and you can

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00:22:29,190 --> 00:22:26,039

email us at thesaucerlife

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00:22:32,149 --> 00:22:29,200

gmail.com you can contact us by post at

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00:22:33,190 --> 00:22:32,159

chiso media po box 68 grand blank

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00:22:34,390 --> 00:22:33,200

michigan

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00:22:39,960 --> 00:22:36,960

80 and now

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let's get back to the courtroom

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00:22:50,710 --> 00:22:47,750

in may 1958

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00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:50,720

um space traveler as he's described in

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00:22:58,070 --> 00:22:54,240

one headline harold j bernie is indicted

576
00:23:00,470 --> 00:22:58,080
for his alleged crimes in bilking

577
00:23:02,390 --> 00:23:00,480
pauline gobel out of

578
00:23:05,350 --> 00:23:02,400
an amount of 12

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00:23:07,590 --> 00:23:05,360
500 now we know that's not the entire

580
00:23:09,190 --> 00:23:07,600
amount she gave but as we're going to

581
00:23:10,070 --> 00:23:09,200
see there's you know there's what you

582
00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:10,080
can

583
00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:13,840
one of the interesting things about this

584
00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,320
ap story about the indictment is that we

585
00:23:21,750 --> 00:23:18,720
do get some additional details about the

586
00:23:24,549 --> 00:23:21,760
story that bernie was telling to gobel

587
00:23:27,909 --> 00:23:24,559
and to others to help support his claims

588
00:23:29,669 --> 00:23:27,919

and persuade them to invest in his

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00:23:31,190 --> 00:23:29,679

modulator

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00:23:33,029 --> 00:23:31,200

the indictment returned by a federal

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00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:33,039

grand jury charged that bernie quote

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00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:35,520

obtained money and property end quote by

593

00:23:40,230 --> 00:23:37,679

fraudulently representing that his quote

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00:23:42,390 --> 00:23:40,240

magnetic flux modulator end quote was

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00:23:44,549 --> 00:23:42,400

capable of producing energy from the

596

00:23:47,430 --> 00:23:44,559

atmosphere he's accused of telling miss

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00:23:49,350 --> 00:23:47,440

pauline egobl 35 that he received all

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00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:49,360

his ideas for the modulator from prince

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00:23:53,190 --> 00:23:51,440

euselies of the planet venus and that it

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00:23:54,710 --> 00:23:53,200

was of such scientific importance that

601
00:23:56,789 --> 00:23:54,720
president eisenhower was giving the

602
00:23:59,909 --> 00:23:56,799
matter his personal attention and had

603
00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:59,919
discussed it with bernie at camp david

604
00:24:04,230 --> 00:24:01,600
so yuselle's as a prince that's good to

605
00:24:06,789 --> 00:24:04,240
know and we do know that he met bernie

606
00:24:08,390 --> 00:24:06,799
met with eisenhower at camp david not uh

607
00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:08,400
not at the white house there might be

608
00:24:12,549 --> 00:24:10,159
more official records of that and you

609
00:24:14,549 --> 00:24:12,559
certainly can't have anything like that

610
00:24:17,269 --> 00:24:14,559
out there because people might get

611
00:24:19,190 --> 00:24:17,279
suspicious so we've got an indictment

612
00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:19,200
we're going to have a trial down the

613
00:24:23,909 --> 00:24:20,080

road

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00:24:25,990 --> 00:24:23,919

what if anything did flying saucer world

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00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:26,000

think about this well

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00:24:29,350 --> 00:24:27,120

one

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00:24:31,430 --> 00:24:29,360

reference to it that

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00:24:33,750 --> 00:24:31,440

i found is in the

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00:24:35,669 --> 00:24:33,760

new york newsletter or the newsletter of

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00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:35,679

the new york-based civilian saucer

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00:24:38,830 --> 00:24:37,760

investigation organization

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00:24:40,549 --> 00:24:38,840

in may

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00:24:42,390 --> 00:24:40,559

1957

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00:24:45,669 --> 00:24:42,400

and it's interesting this is their their

625

00:24:48,390 --> 00:24:45,679

main newsletter but their article is

626
00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:48,400
they say an abridgement from the mobile

627
00:24:54,710 --> 00:24:51,840
alabama register from march 26 1957

628
00:24:56,070 --> 00:24:54,720
and it's it's basically the story of his

629
00:24:59,590 --> 00:24:56,080
arrest and

630
00:25:01,029 --> 00:24:59,600
that's about it we do get a little more

631
00:25:02,070 --> 00:25:01,039
background

632
00:25:04,789 --> 00:25:02,080
from

633
00:25:07,430 --> 00:25:04,799
the special agent in charge who told

634
00:25:08,950 --> 00:25:07,440
them told the newspaper which was then

635
00:25:11,190 --> 00:25:08,960
sort of crippled by the flying saucer

636
00:25:12,149 --> 00:25:11,200
newsletter that bernie had had a

637
00:25:16,789 --> 00:25:12,159
business

638
00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:16,799

called the telewand corporation whose

639

00:25:22,630 --> 00:25:19,200

goal was to make television antennas and

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00:25:24,549 --> 00:25:22,640

then he sort of spun this into

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00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:24,559

the venus story and he wrote a book

642

00:25:29,590 --> 00:25:27,520

describing his adventures in outer space

643

00:25:32,549 --> 00:25:29,600

now the

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00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:32,559

contribution from the civilian saucer

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00:25:35,750 --> 00:25:34,960

investigation people in the newsletter

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00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:35,760

is

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00:25:39,990 --> 00:25:37,679

set to say quote bernie's book should be

648

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:40,000

an interesting curio has anyone ever

649

00:25:43,830 --> 00:25:41,360

heard of it

650

00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:43,840

no because it wasn't published it was

651
00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:46,080
just barely typed out maybe if you'd

652
00:25:49,909 --> 00:25:47,840
waited a week for more information

653
00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:49,919
before running with the story you would

654
00:25:52,870 --> 00:25:50,640
have

655
00:25:54,149 --> 00:25:52,880
known that civilian saucer investigation

656
00:25:56,230 --> 00:25:54,159
people of course i don't know what their

657
00:25:57,830 --> 00:25:56,240
deadline was for their main newsletter

658
00:25:59,269 --> 00:25:57,840
but you'd think it would be i don't know

659
00:26:01,190 --> 00:25:59,279
late enough that they could have gotten

660
00:26:02,630 --> 00:26:01,200
a slightly more updated story unless

661
00:26:05,190 --> 00:26:02,640
they didn't care to

662
00:26:08,549 --> 00:26:05,200
now nycap the

663
00:26:12,230 --> 00:26:08,559

premier ufo investigation agency of the

664

00:26:15,510 --> 00:26:12,240

1950s or so they like to think was

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00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:15,520

deep in the thick of this and upon

666

00:26:19,990 --> 00:26:19,120

bernie's arrest and indictment sent a

667

00:26:20,789 --> 00:26:20,000

letter

668

00:26:27,269 --> 00:26:20,799

or

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00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:27,279

j edgar hoover congratulating him on and

670

00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:30,320

the fbi on the arrest of the saucer

671

00:26:37,190 --> 00:26:33,760

swindler harold j bernie and then they

672

00:26:39,430 --> 00:26:37,200

trumpeted in their newsletter later that

673

00:26:43,750 --> 00:26:39,440

on june 7th the following letter was

674

00:26:48,549 --> 00:26:45,750

dear major kehoe i've received your

675

00:26:50,630 --> 00:26:48,559

letter of may 29 1957 concerning our

676

00:26:52,149 --> 00:26:50,640

activities in the trip to venus case and

677

00:26:55,110 --> 00:26:52,159

i want to thank you for your thoughtful

678

00:26:58,070 --> 00:26:55,120

congratulations sincerely j edgar hoover

679

00:27:06,149 --> 00:27:01,110

the nycap newsletter then explains their

680

00:27:08,549 --> 00:27:06,159

policy on ufo fraud

681

00:27:10,390 --> 00:27:08,559

whenever nycap determines after thorough

682

00:27:12,470 --> 00:27:10,400

investigation that any published or

683

00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:12,480

publicly stated claims linked with ufos

684

00:27:15,909 --> 00:27:14,720

are fraudulent all the information will

685

00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:15,919

be sent to the federal bureau of

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00:27:20,700 --> 00:27:18,559

investigation for such action as the fbi

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00:27:22,630 --> 00:27:20,710

director may wish to take

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00:27:24,470 --> 00:27:22,640

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00:27:27,430 --> 00:27:24,480

what a bunch of narcs

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00:27:29,029 --> 00:27:27,440

so here's the thing bernie's case yes we

691

00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:29,039

have to acknowledge bernie's case

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00:27:35,350 --> 00:27:31,919

reinhold schmidt they were using a ufo

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00:27:39,669 --> 00:27:35,360

story to commit actual

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00:27:41,190 --> 00:27:39,679

crimes involving interstate commerce and

695

00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:41,200

fraud and

696

00:27:46,470 --> 00:27:44,399

fraudulent securities and all sorts of

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00:27:48,389 --> 00:27:46,480

actual things that

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00:27:51,510 --> 00:27:48,399

a jury and a prosecutor would look at

699

00:27:52,870 --> 00:27:51,520

and say yep that is a clear violation of

700

00:27:53,830 --> 00:27:52,880

u.s code

701
00:27:55,590 --> 00:27:53,840
whatever

702
00:27:57,430 --> 00:27:55,600
that's not what nycap is actually saying

703
00:28:00,389 --> 00:27:57,440
here though is it

704
00:28:02,950 --> 00:28:00,399
any published or publicly stated claims

705
00:28:05,269 --> 00:28:02,960
linked with ufos

706
00:28:08,149 --> 00:28:05,279
that are fraudulent

707
00:28:10,149 --> 00:28:08,159
are they saying that if they determined

708
00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:10,159
somebody was telling a fib about a

709
00:28:14,149 --> 00:28:11,840
flying saucer story that they were going

710
00:28:17,990 --> 00:28:14,159
to call the fbi i think that's what

711
00:28:19,669 --> 00:28:18,000
they're saying and if you look at

712
00:28:22,549 --> 00:28:19,679
fbi records

713
00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:22,559

from various flying saucer individuals

714

00:28:28,389 --> 00:28:25,440

especially contactees what you notice is

715

00:28:29,269 --> 00:28:28,399

at some point you will probably find a

716

00:28:30,470 --> 00:28:29,279

letter

717

00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:30,480

from

718

00:28:36,230 --> 00:28:34,720

donald kehoe or his assistant secretary

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00:28:37,510 --> 00:28:36,240

whatever he was

720

00:28:39,029 --> 00:28:37,520

richard hall

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00:28:41,110 --> 00:28:39,039

saying i think you should look at this

722

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:41,120

director hoover because i don't think

723

00:28:44,389 --> 00:28:42,960

this is a very true story about flying

724

00:28:46,230 --> 00:28:44,399

saucers as opposed to what we do at

725

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

nightcap which is completely within the

726
00:28:51,669 --> 00:28:48,640
bounds of the lawn and god bless america

727
00:28:53,110 --> 00:28:51,679
and god bless you director hoover it's

728
00:28:55,110 --> 00:28:53,120
really uh

729
00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:55,120
bootlicking nonsense

730
00:29:00,870 --> 00:28:58,080
anyway the nycap newsletter goes on to

731
00:29:04,630 --> 00:29:00,880
explain why they paid so much attention

732
00:29:06,389 --> 00:29:04,640
to the bernie's story

733
00:29:09,269 --> 00:29:06,399
the trip to venus story has been given

734
00:29:11,590 --> 00:29:09,279
in full detail for two reasons one it is

735
00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:11,600
a reminder to all serious researchers to

736
00:29:15,669 --> 00:29:13,760
search for facts before accepting any

737
00:29:18,149 --> 00:29:15,679
flying saucer stories

738
00:29:21,110 --> 00:29:18,159

two it pinpoints the need for at least

739

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:21,120

equal publicity on genuine verified ufo

740

00:29:26,549 --> 00:29:22,159

reports

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00:29:28,230 --> 00:29:26,559

print or are treated tongue-in-cheek

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00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:28,240

changing this approach will require

743

00:29:32,710 --> 00:29:30,640

patience and hard work by nycap and we

744

00:29:34,630 --> 00:29:32,720

shall need the help and support of every

745

00:29:37,029 --> 00:29:34,640

member

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00:29:41,110 --> 00:29:37,039

nycap's approach here as as illustrated

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00:29:43,990 --> 00:29:41,120

by the burning case isn't about the law

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00:29:46,950 --> 00:29:44,000

it isn't about protecting the victims of

749

00:29:50,710 --> 00:29:46,960

crime it's about protecting the

750

00:29:53,110 --> 00:29:50,720

integrity of the concept of ufo reports

751
00:29:54,389 --> 00:29:53,120
and ufo investigations as something that

752
00:29:57,190 --> 00:29:54,399
is a serious

753
00:29:59,590 --> 00:29:57,200
scientific legitimate business

754
00:30:03,990 --> 00:29:59,600
this is

755
00:30:07,269 --> 00:30:04,000
a ufo organization but nightcaps sort of

756
00:30:09,190 --> 00:30:07,279
focus on rooting out and

757
00:30:12,630 --> 00:30:09,200
running out of the field anybody they

758
00:30:14,710 --> 00:30:12,640
thought wasn't sufficiently serious is

759
00:30:18,549 --> 00:30:14,720
it just kind of makes me

760
00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:18,559
sort of roll my eyes and think about how

761
00:30:21,110 --> 00:30:20,000
much

762
00:30:24,230 --> 00:30:21,120
effort

763
00:30:26,310 --> 00:30:24,240

they why not just ignore the contactees

764

00:30:28,230 --> 00:30:26,320

why sort of say hey we've got this

765

00:30:30,149 --> 00:30:28,240

system where if anybody's telling any

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

lies we call the fbi

767

00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:32,240

who cares you know why don't you

768

00:30:36,870 --> 00:30:34,640

concentrate on improving ufos or

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00:30:39,350 --> 00:30:36,880

spacecraft from outer space and getting

770

00:30:40,950 --> 00:30:39,360

congress to initiate investigations and

771

00:30:43,269 --> 00:30:40,960

hearings and and all that oh wait you

772

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:43,279

did that didn't work did it

773

00:30:47,990 --> 00:30:45,840

people still don't believe your take on

774

00:30:50,630 --> 00:30:48,000

the flying saucers after

775

00:30:53,029 --> 00:30:50,640

1970 or whatever i don't know

776

00:30:54,070 --> 00:30:53,039

nycap bugs me as you might be able to

777

00:30:56,710 --> 00:30:54,080

tell and we're probably going to be

778

00:30:58,230 --> 00:30:56,720

doing a full-on nightcap episode

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00:31:01,509 --> 00:30:58,240

sometime in

780

00:31:02,710 --> 00:31:01,519

2022. i've uh recently finished i think

781

00:31:04,630 --> 00:31:02,720

i've mentioned this before recently

782

00:31:06,950 --> 00:31:04,640

finished reading jack brewer's new book

783

00:31:08,789 --> 00:31:06,960

wayward sons about the

784

00:31:10,310 --> 00:31:08,799

role of the intelligence community or

785

00:31:12,950 --> 00:31:10,320

entities associated with the

786

00:31:16,149 --> 00:31:12,960

intelligence community in the origins of

787

00:31:19,669 --> 00:31:16,159

nycap back in the 1950s and it was a

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00:31:21,590 --> 00:31:19,679

fascinating fascinating read and i think

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00:31:23,830 --> 00:31:21,600

that it's high time for a nightcap

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00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,840

episode i believe but

791

00:31:26,789 --> 00:31:25,840

let's get back to bernie now that we've

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00:31:28,789 --> 00:31:26,799

sort of

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00:31:31,190 --> 00:31:28,799

smear'd nycap and i've complained about

794

00:31:33,909 --> 00:31:31,200

uh donald kehoe

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00:31:36,470 --> 00:31:33,919

which i do at every opportunity

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00:31:38,310 --> 00:31:36,480

by the fall of 1957

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00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:38,320

bernie's fate had been decided in

798

00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:41,760

october bernie pled guilty to fraud by

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00:31:46,389 --> 00:31:44,080

wire and false pretenses and he faced a

800

00:31:48,389 --> 00:31:46,399

maximum of eight years in prison and a

801
00:31:50,310 --> 00:31:48,399
thousand dollar fine

802
00:31:53,990 --> 00:31:50,320
an ap report appearing in the battle

803
00:31:56,230 --> 00:31:54,000
creek inquirer on november 4th 1957

804
00:31:57,990 --> 00:31:56,240
reports that bernie was quoted as saying

805
00:31:59,669 --> 00:31:58,000
he had inspected a spaceship which had

806
00:32:01,509 --> 00:31:59,679
landed in texas and had flown in the

807
00:32:03,909 --> 00:32:01,519
ship to venus with prince us of venus

808
00:32:06,389 --> 00:32:03,919
with a stopover on the moon while on

809
00:32:07,430 --> 00:32:06,399
venus he reportedly said he had learned

810
00:32:10,149 --> 00:32:07,440
to make

811
00:32:13,830 --> 00:32:10,159
the power plant that was a quote from

812
00:32:15,509 --> 00:32:13,840
the ap story so in december bernie is

813
00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:15,519

sentenced from

814

00:32:20,070 --> 00:32:18,000

quote 20 months to five years in prison

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00:32:23,110 --> 00:32:20,080

so sort of a variable sentence depending

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00:32:25,590 --> 00:32:23,120

on behavior and things like that in the

817

00:32:28,389 --> 00:32:25,600

end he pled guilty to two counts the

818

00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:28,399

government dropped the other six counts

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00:32:32,710 --> 00:32:30,000

when he pled guilty so there was a plea

820

00:32:34,870 --> 00:32:32,720

arrangement and what he was convicted on

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00:32:37,029 --> 00:32:34,880

was defrauding

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00:32:40,230 --> 00:32:37,039

investors and obtaining three hundred

823

00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:40,240

dollars from pauline goebbel so what

824

00:32:45,430 --> 00:32:42,960

ends up happening is she gives him

825

00:32:47,830 --> 00:32:45,440

almost forty thousand dollars but he

826

00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:47,840

gets pled down to

827

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:51,200

a guilty plea for taking 300. so that

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00:32:55,029 --> 00:32:53,440

that's kind of disappointing from

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00:32:56,789 --> 00:32:55,039

uh from her point of view although the

830

00:32:58,549 --> 00:32:56,799

story he told was so

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00:33:00,870 --> 00:32:58,559

outrageous at what point

832

00:33:03,750 --> 00:33:00,880

does it go from being

833

00:33:06,389 --> 00:33:03,760

fraud to just being

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00:33:07,750 --> 00:33:06,399

i don't i don't know i you don't i don't

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00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:07,760

want to make it sound like i'm blaming

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00:33:11,830 --> 00:33:10,480

the victim but i can see how if i was a

837

00:33:14,789 --> 00:33:11,840

prosecutor

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00:33:17,110 --> 00:33:14,799

i might not want to take this

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00:33:19,350 --> 00:33:17,120

to trial i might i might want to just

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00:33:21,190 --> 00:33:19,360

get a conviction as much as i can

841

00:33:21,990 --> 00:33:21,200

because you're going to be in a position

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00:33:25,029 --> 00:33:22,000

where

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00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:25,039

the people making the fraud claims look

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00:33:29,110 --> 00:33:27,200

kind of silly on the stand telling the

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00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:29,120

story i can i don't like it but i can

846

00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:31,279

see why a plea deal might have been a

847

00:33:36,230 --> 00:33:34,080

good option the folks over at saucers

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00:33:38,789 --> 00:33:36,240

that time forgot uh believe from the

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00:33:40,789 --> 00:33:38,799

records they've found that bernie was

850

00:33:44,470 --> 00:33:40,799

out of prison after

851
00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:44,480
two years or so bernie died in maryland

852
00:33:50,310 --> 00:33:47,519
in december of 1967.

853
00:33:53,190 --> 00:33:50,320
so after the bernie case was done there

854
00:33:55,990 --> 00:33:53,200
were some other accounts of it and the

855
00:33:58,630 --> 00:33:56,000
two i want to focus on the first is

856
00:34:02,149 --> 00:33:58,640
space age swindle which was in the

857
00:34:03,990 --> 00:34:02,159
november 1959 edition of the fbi law

858
00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:04,000
enforcement bulletin this is a

859
00:34:08,629 --> 00:34:06,000
publication sent out to law enforcement

860
00:34:11,430 --> 00:34:08,639
agencies around the country from the fbi

861
00:34:13,829 --> 00:34:11,440
uh highlighting wanted fugitives

862
00:34:17,510 --> 00:34:13,839
interesting cases things to be on the

863
00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:17,520

lookout for the article begins by

864

00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:19,040

acknowledging that the whole flying

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00:34:24,950 --> 00:34:23,280

saucer thing is pretty popular

866

00:34:26,790 --> 00:34:24,960

currently publications of the day

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00:34:28,710 --> 00:34:26,800

contain many articles concerning travel

868

00:34:30,629 --> 00:34:28,720

into space and speculation regarding

869

00:34:33,349 --> 00:34:30,639

landings on the moon or one of the

870

00:34:37,990 --> 00:34:35,030

this article is mostly just a rundown of

871

00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:38,000

the case but we do get some additional

872

00:34:43,190 --> 00:34:40,800

information that was in the book that we

873

00:34:46,069 --> 00:34:43,200

can't get our hands on because the fbi

874

00:34:47,349 --> 00:34:46,079

won't let anybody see their copy i

875

00:34:50,869 --> 00:34:47,359

really wish we could see that book

876
00:34:52,389 --> 00:34:50,879
because this sounds incredible

877
00:34:54,310 --> 00:34:52,399
one of his victims related to

878
00:34:56,149 --> 00:34:54,320
investigating fbi agents that this

879
00:34:58,390 --> 00:34:56,159
imaginative schemer spoke about his

880
00:35:00,230 --> 00:34:58,400
alleged trips to the planet venus how he

881
00:35:02,069 --> 00:35:00,240
was first contacted by an important

882
00:35:04,069 --> 00:35:02,079
official of the venus government his

883
00:35:05,349 --> 00:35:04,079
sightseeing tours on the planet some

884
00:35:07,430 --> 00:35:05,359
explanation of the planetary

885
00:35:09,349 --> 00:35:07,440
governmental system and his return to

886
00:35:10,950 --> 00:35:09,359
earth again after two weeks on venus and

887
00:35:12,550 --> 00:35:10,960
one stop on the moon

888
00:35:14,550 --> 00:35:12,560

this was allegedly accomplished in the

889

00:35:16,630 --> 00:35:14,560

spaceship he described variously as

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00:35:19,030 --> 00:35:16,640

being two miles long as big as the

891

00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:19,040

pentagon and in the shape of a bell

892

00:35:24,390 --> 00:35:21,200

about 100 feet in diameter and about 30

893

00:35:25,990 --> 00:35:24,400

or 40 feet thick and having windows

894

00:35:28,230 --> 00:35:26,000

the swindler stated that little crime or

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00:35:30,470 --> 00:35:28,240

dishonesty was evident on venus because

896

00:35:32,550 --> 00:35:30,480

when anyone committed a serious crime he

897

00:35:35,510 --> 00:35:32,560

was just picked up and dropped off on

898

00:35:39,510 --> 00:35:37,349

this of course raises the intriguing

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00:35:41,510 --> 00:35:39,520

possibility that reinhold schmidt was in

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00:35:43,510 --> 00:35:41,520

fact once a native of venus who was

901
00:35:45,910 --> 00:35:43,520
simply dropped off on earth after he

902
00:35:47,990 --> 00:35:45,920
ripped off too many people there on his

903
00:35:50,470 --> 00:35:48,000
home planet we also got a little more

904
00:35:53,430 --> 00:35:50,480
insight into exactly what he was

905
00:35:54,950 --> 00:35:53,440
promising his investors

906
00:35:56,550 --> 00:35:54,960
he claimed that a large eastern

907
00:35:58,390 --> 00:35:56,560
corporation had agreed to purchase the

908
00:35:59,910 --> 00:35:58,400
manufacturing rights upon the successful

909
00:36:01,829 --> 00:35:59,920
completion of a large model of the

910
00:36:03,270 --> 00:36:01,839
modulator which was under construction

911
00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:03,280
and to pay all who invested in the

912
00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:05,359
project seven times the total amount of

913
00:36:08,069 --> 00:36:06,640

their investment

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00:36:09,990 --> 00:36:08,079

additional investments were needed to

915

00:36:11,670 --> 00:36:10,000

complete the model but the project was

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00:36:13,349 --> 00:36:11,680

top secret and could not be discussed

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00:36:15,589 --> 00:36:13,359

with anyone except a few trusted

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00:36:17,430 --> 00:36:15,599

investors and the scientists and top

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00:36:19,990 --> 00:36:17,440

government officials who were working on

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00:36:21,589 --> 00:36:20,000

the project

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00:36:23,510 --> 00:36:21,599

perhaps the most interesting article to

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00:36:25,829 --> 00:36:23,520

come out of all of this was the one

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00:36:26,790 --> 00:36:25,839

called the swindler from outer space

924

00:36:30,550 --> 00:36:26,800

from

925

00:36:32,470 --> 00:36:30,560

this week magazine now this article is

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00:36:34,950 --> 00:36:32,480

part of a series called from the files

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00:36:37,510 --> 00:36:34,960

of the fbi and was written

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00:36:40,069 --> 00:36:37,520

maybe ghost written just to guess by j

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00:36:43,030 --> 00:36:40,079

edgar hoover the director of the fbi and

930

00:36:44,390 --> 00:36:43,040

once again we see sort of dribbling out

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00:36:47,030 --> 00:36:44,400

trickling out

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00:36:49,349 --> 00:36:47,040

more details about his

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00:36:50,470 --> 00:36:49,359

um about bernie's book and about what

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00:36:53,829 --> 00:36:50,480

his claims

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00:36:56,230 --> 00:36:53,839

actually were so he went to texas he

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00:36:59,109 --> 00:36:56,240

said a secret trip in

937

00:37:01,829 --> 00:36:59,119

the early 1950s this is what he told

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00:37:05,030 --> 00:37:01,839

Pauline Gobel who is named as Pauline

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00:37:06,230 --> 00:37:05,040

back in the FBI art or the Hoover

940

00:37:08,790 --> 00:37:06,240

article I don't know why they gave her a

941

00:37:10,390 --> 00:37:08,800

pseudonym her name was in the newspapers

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00:37:13,109 --> 00:37:10,400

just a few years before this is from

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00:37:15,670 --> 00:37:13,119

1961 by the way anyway

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00:37:19,030 --> 00:37:15,680

we're relating the story of Bernie

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00:37:22,950 --> 00:37:19,040

telling Pauline about his trip to Venus

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00:37:24,790 --> 00:37:22,960

and he enters a flying saucer in Texas

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00:37:27,510 --> 00:37:24,800

and he hears

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00:37:31,589 --> 00:37:29,829

inside the saucer I heard a voice

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00:37:33,270 --> 00:37:31,599

the voice said I'd been chosen as the

950

00:37:35,829 --> 00:37:33,280

representative on Earth for the planet

951
00:37:38,630 --> 00:37:35,839
venus after a brief conversation the

952
00:37:40,630 --> 00:37:38,640
voice became a visible blue glow and the

953
00:37:42,310 --> 00:37:40,640
blue glow suddenly changed into the form

954
00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:42,320
of a human being

955
00:37:46,390 --> 00:37:44,880
he identified himself as prince uceles

956
00:37:47,829 --> 00:37:46,400
the prince said that his planet was to

957
00:37:50,069 --> 00:37:47,839
create a bond of friendship with the

958
00:37:52,390 --> 00:37:50,079
united states and venus had chosen me as

959
00:37:54,069 --> 00:37:52,400
a go-between uceles promised to give his

960
00:37:55,670 --> 00:37:54,079
planet's technological formulas to the

961
00:37:58,150 --> 00:37:55,680
united states on condition they were

962
00:38:00,069 --> 00:37:58,160
kept secret at this point two very high

963
00:38:01,990 --> 00:38:00,079

officials of our government i am not at

964

00:38:03,589 --> 00:38:02,000

liberty to tell you their names stepped

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00:38:07,430 --> 00:38:03,599

forward and gave our country's word that

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00:38:08,870 --> 00:38:07,440

yuseli's every wish would be respected

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00:38:11,430 --> 00:38:08,880

the way the story works there seems to

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00:38:13,510 --> 00:38:11,440

be some heavy overtones of frank

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00:38:16,069 --> 00:38:13,520

strange's

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00:38:18,470 --> 00:38:16,079

val thor stranger at the pentagon story

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00:38:21,030 --> 00:38:18,480

where the the advanced being comes down

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00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:21,040

and offers to do a deal with the united

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00:38:24,069 --> 00:38:22,960

states and what i would love to have

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00:38:25,109 --> 00:38:24,079

known

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00:38:26,550 --> 00:38:25,119

is

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00:38:29,670 --> 00:38:26,560

what books

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00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:29,680

or speakers or whatever was bernie

978

00:38:35,030 --> 00:38:32,480

paying attention to when he crafted this

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00:38:37,190 --> 00:38:35,040

story this article by hoover also gives

980

00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:37,200

us some insight into the

981

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:40,400

letters that pauline received from

982

00:38:43,910 --> 00:38:42,480

prince euselies

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00:38:46,230 --> 00:38:43,920

they didn't come through the mail they

984

00:38:49,190 --> 00:38:46,240

arrived mysteriously on her desk this is

985

00:38:51,990 --> 00:38:49,200

after um bernie was

986

00:38:53,990 --> 00:38:52,000

supposedly uh supposedly dead the first

987

00:38:56,470 --> 00:38:54,000

letter that pauline received ignored the

988

00:38:59,030 --> 00:38:56,480

fact that bernie had you know been

989

00:39:01,750 --> 00:38:59,040

declared dead and said that bernie

990

00:39:03,829 --> 00:39:01,760

actually um he just needs money very

991

00:39:05,270 --> 00:39:03,839

much quote i will be able to give him

992

00:39:06,870 --> 00:39:05,280

five hundred dollars which will tie his

993

00:39:08,230 --> 00:39:06,880

small bills but he will need about three

994

00:39:10,390 --> 00:39:08,240

thousand for the others this is what

995

00:39:12,790 --> 00:39:10,400

prince uceles wrote to pauline i'm

996

00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:12,800

princess ellie's of venus

997

00:39:17,510 --> 00:39:15,200

mr bernie is here on venus with us

998

00:39:19,589 --> 00:39:17,520

he needs about three thousand dollars

999

00:39:22,710 --> 00:39:19,599

and then five months later she gets a

1000

00:39:25,109 --> 00:39:22,720

letter postmarked from san antonio again

1001
00:39:27,190 --> 00:39:25,119
from prince yuselli's

1002
00:39:29,990 --> 00:39:27,200
you know own hand supposedly this time

1003
00:39:31,510 --> 00:39:30,000
requesting 4 500

1004
00:39:33,430 --> 00:39:31,520
and

1005
00:39:37,030 --> 00:39:33,440
said this time we do give an update

1006
00:39:39,270 --> 00:39:37,040
bernie is receiving treatment on uh on

1007
00:39:41,270 --> 00:39:39,280
on venus and then she gets a third

1008
00:39:42,950 --> 00:39:41,280
letter postmarked at mineral wells texas

1009
00:39:44,950 --> 00:39:42,960
on october 3rd

1010
00:39:46,950 --> 00:39:44,960
says quote our most worthy friend has

1011
00:39:48,390 --> 00:39:46,960
now passed through a complete process of

1012
00:39:50,950 --> 00:39:48,400
regeneration

1013
00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:50,960

and uh he'd be back to

1014

00:39:54,829 --> 00:39:53,040

earth soon he would be coming in and

1015

00:39:57,270 --> 00:39:54,839

landing in

1016

00:39:58,790 --> 00:39:57,280

dallas so

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00:40:01,190 --> 00:39:58,800

this this it just

1018

00:40:03,510 --> 00:40:01,200

it's an amazing story and and this is

1019

00:40:05,670 --> 00:40:03,520

pretty much the end of the story but

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00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:05,680

i i'm just tickled by

1021

00:40:09,270 --> 00:40:08,400

the fact that this bernie guy was such a

1022

00:40:11,750 --> 00:40:09,280

good

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00:40:14,230 --> 00:40:11,760

con artist that he got away with this

1024

00:40:16,470 --> 00:40:14,240

for so long and was able to get off with

1025

00:40:17,670 --> 00:40:16,480

a relative slap on the wrist and

1026
00:40:19,109 --> 00:40:17,680
honestly

1027
00:40:20,230 --> 00:40:19,119
you know

1028
00:40:22,150 --> 00:40:20,240
kept

1029
00:40:23,829 --> 00:40:22,160
a lot of money or had a lot of money

1030
00:40:26,150 --> 00:40:23,839
well he spent a lot of money other

1031
00:40:27,750 --> 00:40:26,160
people's money before anybody thought

1032
00:40:29,589 --> 00:40:27,760
that this might be

1033
00:40:31,670 --> 00:40:29,599
a strange thing

1034
00:40:34,069 --> 00:40:31,680
now as this episode is going out it's

1035
00:40:38,150 --> 00:40:34,079
the holiday season which is a time when

1036
00:40:41,109 --> 00:40:38,160
scams run rampant and so as you reflect

1037
00:40:43,270 --> 00:40:41,119
on the story of harold j bernie

1038
00:40:46,630 --> 00:40:43,280

and pauline goble

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00:40:49,109 --> 00:40:46,640

and uh pleasant mccarty who was also in

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00:40:50,950 --> 00:40:49,119

for 20 grand or so just remember the

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00:40:52,710 --> 00:40:50,960

next time somebody tells you they've got

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00:40:54,870 --> 00:40:52,720

plans for a special device that is being

1043

00:40:56,870 --> 00:40:54,880

manufactured but they need your money to

1044

00:40:58,870 --> 00:40:56,880

make it happen and then you'll all be

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00:41:01,109 --> 00:40:58,880

fantabulously wealthy

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00:41:03,270 --> 00:41:01,119

i don't know just

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00:41:05,190 --> 00:41:03,280

i don't i don't know don't don't do it

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00:41:07,349 --> 00:41:05,200

just don't do it that's my holiday

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00:41:10,630 --> 00:41:07,359

season public service announcement

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00:41:11,829 --> 00:41:10,640

don't do it it might not be real and in

1051
00:41:13,829 --> 00:41:11,839
closing

1052
00:41:16,210 --> 00:41:13,839
ufo might just as well stand for

1053
00:41:22,550 --> 00:41:16,220
unprecedented financial opportunity

1054
00:41:25,829 --> 00:41:24,309
had to get that in somewhere thanks for

1055
00:41:27,829 --> 00:41:25,839
listening remember to send in questions

1056
00:41:29,990 --> 00:41:27,839
and comments via the usual social media

1057
00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:30,000
or email channels and we'll address it

1058
00:41:34,150 --> 00:41:32,000
next time our associate producer is

1059
00:41:36,790 --> 00:41:34,160
simpson j hanover iii and the saucer

1060
00:41:40,390 --> 00:41:36,800
life is a production of chiso media llc

1061
00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:40,400
chiso media our heart is with the people

1062
00:41:46,070 --> 00:41:41,760
till next time