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If there really have been UFO landings in the United States, why isn't there any hard evidence?

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Why haven't UFOs appeared on radar?

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Ufologists answer that our government has purposely and systematically suppressed information

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about alien spacecraft.

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And they point to an astonishing case on a U.S. military base in Great Britain.

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For nearly 50 years, UFO researchers have maintained that the U.S. government

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has systematically withheld information about encounters with aliens.

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Such contact may have occurred in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

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The U.S. government says it never happened.

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Some believe that alien technology is currently being tested in the notorious and top secret area 51 in the Nevada desert.

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The U.S. government refuses to comment.

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But under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act, previously classified documents have been released.

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They shed light on what may have been an intentional U.S. government cover-up of UFO contact,

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occurring in England in 1980.

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The 81st Tactical Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force was located 60 miles northeast of London

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between the towns of Bentwaters and Woodbridge.

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It was here on December 26, 1980, members of base security claimed to have witnessed

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one of the most bizarre events in UFO history.

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The whole thing was weird. It just didn't seem right.

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Airman 1st Class John Burroughs and his partner were on a routine patrol around the base perimeter

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when they spotted unusual activity in the nearby woods.

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My partner initially saw some strange lights.

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So we went ahead and looked at each other and we decided we'd better kind of see what's going on

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and see if it didn't seem normal.

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At the very same moment, the control tower at London's Heathrow Airport

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reported the sudden appearance of several unidentified flying objects on radar.

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I think if we would have been armed, we might have been fired on it.

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I mean, it really still was whatever it was, scarier than this.

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I was going to bed and through the side windows here, and I saw these lights.

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Local resident Jerry Harris was one of a handful of civilians who reported strange phenomena that night.

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He recalls the encounter.

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Well, they moved sort of sideways.

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This way, you know, they'd go down and they'd come back up again.

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Most peculiar.

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The next morning, British police investigated the area around the alleged sighting.

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They found three circular impressions in the ground, exactly 12 feet apart,

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forming a perfect equilateral triangle.

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The surrounding trees had been damaged.

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It looked like something had landed there.

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It came straight down through the trees and rested long enough to leave three, four inch indentations in the ground.

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I was kind of hoping we'd go out there and we wouldn't find anything.

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We just, you know, it'd be like, because if you can't explain it, it bothers you.

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The next night, strange lights were reported again.

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Deputy base commander Colonel Charles Halt quickly assembled a special investigative team to search the woods.

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Lights were observed moving in geometric patterns, mainly in squares.

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Everything traveling at right angles, they'd go for a set distance and do a sharp left or right bank.

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Colonel Halt and his team not only witnessed the light phenomenon,

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but they were also able to document their sightings on film and audio tape,

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listened to part of Halt's recording at the scene.

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In the distance, you could see lights flying around and you could see like a stream of white light that came down to the ground.

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Soon after that initial sighting, another strange UFO appeared at the airman, a single red, hovering light.

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We followed it for quite a distance, two, three miles.

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All the time it stayed just a bit ahead of us.

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Then the most extraordinary event of the night occurred.

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It looked like a shaft of light came down from the sky.

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It was momentary, couldn't have lasted more than five seconds.

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But I observed it, Colonel Halt observed it, and the two other individuals with us observed it.

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It was like, it hurt your eyes almost, it was so bright.

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Because of this inexplicable encounter, a special unit from European headquarters was dispatched to Bentwaters to take over the investigation.

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We were told that whatever we saw there from then on, we were not to call in on the radio or report in.

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People were aware of something had happened or something could still be going on.

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The team confiscated all physical evidence of the encounter, including Colonel Halt's tape recordings, films and memos.

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All of that material was gathered up, it was considered technical intelligence, therefore it went to Ramstein Air Force Base.

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Now retired from Army Intelligence, Clifford Stone was stationed at Hanau West Germany at the time of the Bentwaters investigation.

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According to Stone, news about the UFO landing spread like wildfire.

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I know that they consider that crack to be under intelligent control, and they did not consider that intelligence to be of this earth.

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With so many credible witnesses, there's little doubt that something anomalous occurred that night. But what was it?

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There was no doubt it was an identified flying object, which is what the UFO is.

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The blue light that we saw and what they were capable of doing could lead you to believe possibly that they were intelligent.

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It was not a natural phenomenon, it was some sort of a manned or unmanned craft, and it was being controlled by someone.

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Despite so much eyewitness testimony, skeptics maintain the encounter was not the result of other worldly phenomena.

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Let's say that this wasn't a UFO incident.

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What is it that can cause highly trained Air Force security policemen who are armed to the teeth with automatic weapons, grenade launchers, pistols?

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What can cause them to run away from a light in the woods?

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Chuck DeCarro was a Defense Department correspondent for CNN who traveled to England to research the Bentwaters incident.

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He's heard many explanations for the strange lights.

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This was an important face. It had a nuclear weapon storage dump.

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If these guys were hallucinating, as some debunkers have claimed, what were they doing guarding those self-same nuclear weapons the next day and the next week?

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Others have speculated that the UFO was a top secret U.S. military aircraft used to test the responses of base security forces.

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We exercised on a regular basis through every possible contingency at the ground troops, and there was no need for the Air Force to come up with something extra.

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There is another possibility involving technology known as psychotronic or radio frequency weapons.

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There are those experts in the area of radio frequency weapons who say that RF energy can be delivered in such a form as to have an effect on human psychology or physiology.

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Sightings of unexplained lights identical to those reported in Bentwaters had also been reported in the former Soviet Union.

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Experts suggest these reports may be the result of experiments using similar weaponry.

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Unfortunately, none of these theories can be fully explored because the U.S. Air Force has refused to acknowledge that any encounters occurred.

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Some believe there's been a cover-up.

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I ended up going to Korea and I can't prove it, but there was, I really wasn't due for an assignment and they kind of got me out of here in the hurry.

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The attempt to gather physical evidence at the site is now impossible.

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The alleged landing site has been destroyed.

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When our sightings crew visited Bentwaters, this was all that remained of the woods.

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All that there, yes, the whole lot, 10,000 acres was absolutely devastating.

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British UFO researcher Brenda Butler has been investigating the Bentwaters sightings since 1981.

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She claims that her efforts have been sabotaged by the U.S. and British governments.

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The Ministry of Defense have been on to us and telling us to keep quiet and, you know, not to say

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What we can't understand is why this case, when all the other cases we've been on, we've been allowed to talk about it.

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I have no doubt that our government and other governments are withholding information.

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They don't know what's going on or if they do, they're not willing to share that information with the general populace.

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And sooner or later, it's all going to come out.

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It wasn't until one of the base commanders, Top Secret Memos, was released in 1983

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that any information about the Bentwaters UFOs was made public.

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The U.S. Air Force still refuses to comment.

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Could it have been a weapons experiment? Possibly.

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Could it have been a visitation from a UFO? Possibly.

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Is there a cover-up? Probably.

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Is there more to come from the Bentwaters incident? You bet.

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The United States Air Force continues to deny that a UFO encounter occurred at Bentwaters.

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Without the military's cooperation, the documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act

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remain just one more tantalizing clue for scores of conspiracy theorists.

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They remain convinced that the government has Top Secret UFO information and plans to keep it that way.