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In 1962, a brilliant UFO was tracked across the United States from New York to Nevada.

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It may very well have been the largest mass sighting of an extraterrestrial object in

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U.S. history.

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And when it finally came to rest, it had crashed in the military's own backyard.

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It raced across the sky over the tiny mining town of Eureka, Utah on April 18, 1962.

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And high school buddies Dave Redmond and Jerry Sanderson were there to see it.

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We had gone for a ride. Jerry was a senior in high school.

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And that night we were probably just driving up and down Main Street, which is what we did most of the year.

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And we stopped at the east end of the Main Street and Eureka pulled off the road and we're sitting there.

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First thing I remember about the incident was the light.

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It was a bright light that lit up the entire sky from horizon to horizon.

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That I could see the mountain across the valley and see the trees on that mountain, see the sagebrush.

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The unearthly light flooded the night sky and startled Eureka residents.

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A light so bright it turned off the street lights by triggering their photoelectric cells.

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And a few people had encounters that were a little too close for comfort.

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When he got home he looked like he had seen a ghost.

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Betty Robinson describes the harrowing experience her late husband Bob endured on the way home from a hunting trip with a friend.

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They were outside the truck and they could hear this noise.

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And they stood there for a few seconds and listened to it kept getting louder and louder and he said it was just a very, very whooshy noise.

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Just whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, just deafening.

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Unsure what was bearing down on them, the men dove under Bob's truck.

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When they got out of the truck they had left the motor running.

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And as the object started to approach them the headlight started to dim and the motor began to sputter.

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As the object passed over everything returned to normal.

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All they wanted to do was hurry up and get home and get away from it because they didn't know if it was coming back.

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According to many eyewitness accounts the UFO headed west and was soon spotted over Reno, Nevada.

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Just minutes later it was over Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Then it suddenly burst into flames very near Nellis Air Force Base.

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More than 1,000 people witnessed the explosion.

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Fighters were scrambled from Nellis in Las Vegas, Luke near Phoenix, Arizona.

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The object was tracked on radar both surveillance radars and height finding radars.

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And that's important, it's on two separate kinds of radar so you don't have weather related phenomena.

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You have a real solid object.

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Kevin Randall is an author and UFO researcher who maintains that the Air Force deliberately tried to make the eureka sightings

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and the Nellis explosion look like two separate events.

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The problem we have with this sighting with the paperwork is the Air Force did a very clever thing.

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They labeled the sightings in Utah using Zulu time, adding six hours to it.

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They labeled the sightings in Las Vegas using the local time.

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So what appears is we have a sighting that took place over a period of hours in two separate locations on two separate days.

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Two distinct events.

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What really happened was we have a single event that took place over a space of about 16 minutes from the eureka end of the sightings

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until it is seen to explode over Las Vegas.

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But according to the United States Air Force the object that streaked over eureka and Reno was a bolide meteor.

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It was a rare but explainable event.

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Information about the Nellis UFO was deemed insufficient for analysis.

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One, they dismiss as an astronomical phenomena, a bolide, which doesn't come down to the ground and take off again in due turns.

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And the other one, they said there was insufficient evidence to really categorize the sighting that there was no visual sightings,

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which is incorrect if you just look at the headline of the Las Vegas paper the next day that negates that.

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Mark Farmer is a former naval intelligence agent and an expert in secret military weapons systems.

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He has conducted his own investigation into the events surrounding the spectacular sightings of April 18, 1962.

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I estimate that this object probably was traveling more than 2,000 miles an hour at times because it had to slow down, come low,

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and it took off and in the amount of time that elapsed and the amount of distance that was covered it was going very fast.

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We can't pretty much rule out most existing aircraft and missiles at that time.

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Months after the Nellis explosion, the Air Force Office of Public Information issued this statement,

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suggesting that the UFO was probably a U-2 spy plane or a weather balloon.

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They did say in their report that the crack on the radar seemed to reflect a U-2 or a balloon,

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and the question becomes what kind of radar operator couldn't tell the difference between a balloon drifting at the whim of the winds

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and an intelligently controlled U-2 aircraft, so they were just throwing something out.

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But why would the Air Force go to such extremes to mislead the public?

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The Air Force has been charged with keeping our skies clear of enemy craft.

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If they can't stop UFOs, then they clearly can't do their mission.

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Why should they be funded with billions of dollars when they cannot do the mission they're charged with doing?

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The object that flew across the United States on the night of April 18, 1962, I don't believe was an errant Russian missile

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or one of our weapons. I believe it was an object under control, intelligent control, and just possibly, not from around the neighborhood.