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Spacecraft crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

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A just published report from the U.S. Air Force says no.

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That report contradicts ufologists who believe that Roswell is a government conspiracy of the highest order.

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Well now, Sightings has brought together former State Department official Carl Flock

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and world-renowned ufologist, Stanton Friedman, to debate their polar views,

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so that you can judge for yourself.

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July 3rd, 1947.

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Roswell, New Mexico.

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The time and the place of the most significant UFO event in history.

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Mac Brazel and his daughter Dee find that something has crashed on their sheep ranch.

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But what crashed remains a mystery, fiercely debated for more than 50 years.

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Roswell has been investigated, dissected and reconstructed in the press.

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In top secret military reports and even in a television movie titled Roswell.

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July 8th, the official government version of the incident released to the press.

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The UFO was a weather balloon.

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For 50 years the military has maintained that no further explanation is necessary,

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but significant questions remain.

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First, what were the size, shape and overall dimensions of the craft?

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Second, what was the craft made out of?

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What materials were recovered?

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Third, were bodies collected at the site?

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And were those bodies human?

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And finally, is the government hiding the truth about the extraterrestrial origin of those bodies?

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Sightings has brought together two world-renowned Roswell experts to debate their opposing views on the Roswell incident.

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Stanton Friedman is a physicist who has developed nuclear rocket technology for the space program.

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He has lectured on UFO phenomena since 1967.

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Roswell is important because it set the tone for what the government did and knew.

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I mean, that was 1947.

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It's important because it's proof that we're part of a galactic neighborhood. Aliens are coming here.

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Carl Flock is a former deputy assistant secretary of defense and CIA intelligence officer.

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He agrees with Friedman that there was a crash and a cover-up,

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but does not believe the incident was the result of extraterrestrial visitation.

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Flock's recently published study of the incident is titled Roswell in Perspective.

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I was not convinced one way or the other about the extraterrestrial element or precisely what was involved.

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The only thing I was sure of, or reasonably sure of, was that the official explanation of it being a weather balloon

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and a radar target misidentified was nonsense.

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Flock and Friedman agreed to meet near the site of the historic Roswell crash.

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The debate begins.

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I think after all these years of looking into this that what really happened was that two saucers were winging their way along in New Mexico,

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ran into some kind of a problem, maybe a radar beam, maybe a lightning bolt, something like that, had a mid-air collision,

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and that most of the pieces of wreckage came down on the Brasile Ranch.

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All we can really say for sure is that Mac Brasile found something extremely unusual on that ranch.

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I think, frankly, that most of the testimony, even from people who have testified to the odd nature of some of this debris,

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points towards not something extraterrestrial, but towards Project Mogul, which was a very sensitive project.

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Project Mogul was a top-secret balloon program designed to detect Soviet nuclear activity.

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Flock believes that it was Mogul balloon debris that Air Force Major Jesse Marcell found at the crash site.

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He said that he tried to burn it and it wouldn't burn. He said that it was flexible.

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Flexibility is a property necessary to, but not exclusive to, weather and surveillance balloons.

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So it still leaves you with the bodies.

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But where are the bodies? We have descriptions, yes, of bodies which could be alien bodies.

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That's a definite possibility, and I want to make that clear.

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I mean, I'm certainly not excluding that by any stretch of the imagination.

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But they could also be human bodies that have been put through some incredible ordeal.

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There were bodies there, strange bodies.

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All of these things clearly indicate we're dealing with a cover-up of something far more important, believe it or not, than the wreckage of a balloon.

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But you're assuming that the Army Air Force would not have moved swiftly and pretty decisively to keep the wraps on a project like Mogul,

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which stayed classified until well into the 80s, and which there's no question that there is a Roswell cover-up,

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or in fact, actually probably two Roswell cover-ups, one having to do with covering up Mogul,

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and the other having to do with the issue, whatever it was, involving those bodies.

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But I think that this case is important no matter what.

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I think that we've got something, even if it turns out to be that there are no extraterrestrials involved,

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that nonetheless something very important happened there.

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Somebody died, aliens or otherwise, and the government has not come clean on it.

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There certainly was a cover-up. I think the cover-up's been kept to this day.

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From a ufological viewpoint, this has become, and I'm a little surprised because I was the original investigator, it's become the case, so to speak.

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Regardless of what the ultimate outcome turns out to be, it's important no matter what.

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It's an important issue of government accountability, and it may be an important issue of the future of the human race.

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The evidence is overwhelming that planet Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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I went out to the site, to the debris field, as it's come to be known, where Rancher Brazzel found whatever it was he found.

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And I thought, my God, what must it have been like to see this?

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And it's that same kind of feeling. The idea of holding something in your hand that might have come across millions, possibly even billions of miles of space together.

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Recently, the Pentagon released the findings of their comprehensive investigation into the Roswell incident.

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According to the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Sheila E. Widenahl, the research quote did not locate or develop any information that the Roswell incident was a UFO event.

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The full report, with all 33 attachments, is available for public review. It's at the Pentagon in the library there, room 1A518.