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00:00:04,820 --> 00:00:02,659
ordinary people are seeing extraordinary

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00:00:07,730 --> 00:00:04,830
things in our skies but how has it

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00:00:10,040 --> 00:00:07,740
changed those involved from author Ryan

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00:00:11,900 --> 00:00:10,050
spread somewhere in the skies a human

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00:00:13,610 --> 00:00:11,910
approach to an alien phenomenon is a

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00:00:16,220 --> 00:00:13,620
personal journey that also weaves

7
00:00:17,870 --> 00:00:16,230
together a story of stories furiously

8
00:00:20,240 --> 00:00:17,880
pumping new blood into the heart of

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00:00:22,609 --> 00:00:20,250
these mysteries one experience at a time

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00:00:24,439 --> 00:00:22,619
now available on Amazon in paperback and

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00:00:37,610 --> 00:00:24,449
ebook for more information visit

12
00:00:41,200 --> 00:00:37,620
somewhere in the skies calm if somewhere

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00:00:41,210 --> 00:00:56,920

[Music]

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00:01:01,160 --> 00:00:59,510

please welcome from the center of UFO

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00:01:06,200 --> 00:01:01,170

studies and Evanston Illinois dr. J

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00:01:09,380 --> 00:01:06,210

Allen Hynek dr. honey when you first get

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00:01:11,540 --> 00:01:09,390

a when you first get a report of a

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00:01:13,700 --> 00:01:11,550

sighting is your job to assemble

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00:01:15,530 --> 00:01:13,710

evidence that will prove it to be so or

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00:01:16,910 --> 00:01:15,540

to assemble evidence to prove that it

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00:01:18,560 --> 00:01:16,920

did not happen you know there are two

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00:01:20,480 --> 00:01:18,570

ways to go on any investigation the

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00:01:22,900 --> 00:01:20,490

first thing we do is to try to disprove

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00:01:25,639 --> 00:01:22,910

it because what is the point of

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00:01:28,040 --> 00:01:25,649

perpetuating a myth or it isn't so and

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00:01:31,130 --> 00:01:28,050

it turns out that some 90% of the

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00:01:33,170 --> 00:01:31,140

reports we have a nationwide police

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00:01:36,499 --> 00:01:33,180

network an 800 number that the police

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00:01:38,240 --> 00:01:36,509

use and we get reports every night from

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00:01:40,490 --> 00:01:38,250

police department or different parts of

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00:01:43,280 --> 00:01:40,500

the country most of them are planets

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00:01:45,440 --> 00:01:43,290

twinkling stars explainable or I get

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00:01:47,120 --> 00:01:45,450

excited IFO as we call them identifiable

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00:01:49,340 --> 00:01:47,130

flying obvious but that remaining 10%

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00:01:51,139 --> 00:01:49,350

those are the ones they go after now UFO

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00:01:52,460 --> 00:01:51,149

the UN UFO of course simply means

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00:01:55,219 --> 00:01:52,470

unidentified it does not necessarily

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00:01:57,199 --> 00:01:55,229

mean visitors from outer space but it

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00:01:59,600 --> 00:01:57,209

must be unidentified not just to the

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00:02:01,040 --> 00:01:59,610

person who is puzzled by it but it must

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00:02:02,960 --> 00:02:01,050

remain unidentified

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00:02:07,609 --> 00:02:02,970

after considerable study then and only

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:07,619

then is it a UFO in June of 1947 Private

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00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:09,360

Pilot Kenneth Arnold looked at his

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00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:11,760

cockpit window and saw a group of nine

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00:02:16,280 --> 00:02:14,400

silvery crescents weaving between the

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00:02:19,699 --> 00:02:16,290

peaks of the Cascade Mountains at an

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00:02:22,250 --> 00:02:19,709

estimated speed of 1,200 miles an hour

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00:02:24,620 --> 00:02:22,260

the media the military in the scientific

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00:02:26,990 --> 00:02:24,630

community led by J Allen Hynek an

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00:02:30,350 --> 00:02:27,000
astronomer hired by the Air Force to

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00:02:31,730 --> 00:02:30,360
bunk this and many other UFOs but after

53
00:02:34,699 --> 00:02:31,740
years of denial

54
00:02:38,420 --> 00:02:34,709
Hynek made a shocking pronouncement UFOs

55
00:02:41,120 --> 00:02:38,430
are real today I talked to author mark

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00:02:43,790 --> 00:02:41,130
O'Connell about his new book the Close

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00:02:46,729 --> 00:02:43,800
Encounters man how one man made the

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00:02:48,080 --> 00:02:46,739
world believe in UFOs Mark O'Connell

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00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:48,090
broke into the television business

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00:02:52,850 --> 00:02:50,340
writing several episodes of Star Trek

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00:02:55,160 --> 00:02:52,860
The Next Generation and Star Trek Deep

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00:02:57,559 --> 00:02:55,170
Space nine Marcus had feature film

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00:03:00,380 --> 00:02:57,569

projects optioned and/or developed with

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00:03:03,020 --> 00:03:00,390

Disney DreamWorks Animation Barcelona

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00:03:05,780 --> 00:03:03,030

films endless Entertainment Group and EI

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00:03:08,270 --> 00:03:05,790

ruddy productions he was also a

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00:03:10,520 --> 00:03:08,280

Maroof on field investigator with

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00:03:13,220 --> 00:03:10,530

unprecedented access to J Allen Hynek

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00:03:16,009 --> 00:03:13,230

personal and professional files marks

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00:03:18,890 --> 00:03:16,019

smashes conventional wisdom to reveal

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00:03:21,649 --> 00:03:18,900

the intriguing man and scientist beneath

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00:03:23,780 --> 00:03:21,659

the legend tracing hynek's career market

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00:03:25,759 --> 00:03:23,790

examines hynek's often ignored work as a

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00:03:27,949 --> 00:03:25,769

professional astronomer to create a

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00:03:31,039 --> 00:03:27,959

complete portrait of a groundbreaking

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00:03:33,199 --> 00:03:31,049

lousiest who became an American cult

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00:03:36,379 --> 00:03:33,209

icon and transform the way we see our

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00:03:39,289 --> 00:03:36,389

world and our universe so without

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00:03:42,080 --> 00:03:39,299

further ado here's our conversation with

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00:03:44,479 --> 00:03:42,090

Mark O'Connor mark thank you so much for

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00:03:46,970 --> 00:03:44,489

joining me today is book release day so

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00:03:48,830 --> 00:03:46,980

I'm so honored and excited to have you

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00:03:50,119 --> 00:03:48,840

on the show thanks Ryan I'm thrilled to

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00:03:51,559 --> 00:03:50,129

be here I really appreciate the

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00:03:54,830 --> 00:03:51,569

invitation to come in and talk to your

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00:03:57,080 --> 00:03:54,840

listeners of course well I guess let's

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00:04:00,440 --> 00:03:57,090

start at the beginning we don't often

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00:04:04,069 --> 00:04:00,450

see biographies written within the UFO

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00:04:07,339 --> 00:04:04,079

subject if ever so what made you want to

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00:04:10,069 --> 00:04:07,349

write a book about J Allen Hynek well I

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00:04:13,159 --> 00:04:10,079

didn't set out wanting to write a book

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00:04:15,490 --> 00:04:13,169

about J Allen Hynek the genesis of this

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00:04:19,969 --> 00:04:15,500

which was kind of weird and improbable

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00:04:24,050 --> 00:04:19,979

about six years ago 2011 I had the idea

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00:04:25,460 --> 00:04:24,060

to start writing a UFO blog but not just

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00:04:28,270 --> 00:04:25,470

about UFOs it was going to be

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00:04:31,430 --> 00:04:28,280

specifically about my experiences

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00:04:33,409 --> 00:04:31,440

becoming a certified UFO field

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00:04:36,230 --> 00:04:33,419

investigator for MUFON the mutual UFO

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00:04:38,360 --> 00:04:36,240

network and then and then blogging about

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00:04:41,450 --> 00:04:38,370

my adventures in the field as I

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00:04:43,430 --> 00:04:41,460

investigated UFO reports so that's how

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00:04:45,920 --> 00:04:43,440

it all started out about a year into

104

00:04:47,510 --> 00:04:45,930

that and I was I was really loving

105

00:04:50,300 --> 00:04:47,520

writing this blog having a lot of fun

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00:04:52,640 --> 00:04:50,310

you know I would only get maybe 12 or 15

107

00:04:55,010 --> 00:04:52,650

page views a day but you know that was

108

00:04:57,710 --> 00:04:55,020

enough to keep me going yeah and then

109

00:04:59,450 --> 00:04:57,720

about about a year into it I you know I

110

00:05:01,700 --> 00:04:59,460

was constantly scouring the internet for

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00:05:03,800 --> 00:05:01,710

interesting UFO stories I can I can

112

00:05:07,399 --> 00:05:03,810

mention in the blog and I came across a

113

00:05:09,950 --> 00:05:07,409

website for the jail and Hynek Center

114

00:05:12,320 --> 00:05:09,960

for UFO studies and discovered that it

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00:05:13,850 --> 00:05:12,330

still was in existence which shocked me

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00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:13,860

because their website looked like it had

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00:05:20,470 --> 00:05:15,520

been put together

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00:05:22,210 --> 00:05:20,480

yeah literally and but they were still

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00:05:24,340 --> 00:05:22,220

going concerned and there was somebody

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00:05:26,710 --> 00:05:24,350

in charge a gentleman named Mark Roger

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00:05:28,810 --> 00:05:26,720

and I thought wow this I knew a little

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00:05:30,190 --> 00:05:28,820

bit about dr. Hynek I knew about his

123

00:05:33,520 --> 00:05:30,200

involvement in the movie Close

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00:05:35,320 --> 00:05:33,530

Encounters of the third time I knew a

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00:05:37,810 --> 00:05:35,330

little bit about the swamp gas story

126
00:05:39,580 --> 00:05:37,820
from the 1960s but I didn't know a whole

127
00:05:42,820 --> 00:05:39,590
lot about I just knew he was an

128
00:05:45,130 --> 00:05:42,830
important guy in the study of UFOs so I

129
00:05:47,500 --> 00:05:45,140
contacted mark rodiger who's not a

130
00:05:50,650 --> 00:05:47,510
scientific director of the Hynek Center

131
00:05:52,720 --> 00:05:50,660
for UFO studies and said hey I'm writing

132
00:05:54,880 --> 00:05:52,730
this little blog at what I live up here

133
00:05:56,980 --> 00:05:54,890
I was living in Chicago at the time so

134
00:05:58,780 --> 00:05:56,990
that I'd love to stop by and just see

135
00:06:00,820 --> 00:05:58,790
what you're doing with your archives so

136
00:06:05,260 --> 00:06:00,830
he invited me to stop by for a visit

137
00:06:09,820 --> 00:06:05,270
and I discovered that what was left of

138
00:06:13,290 --> 00:06:09,830

dr. Hynek work was one half of mark

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00:06:18,750 --> 00:06:13,300

Rogers basement and smelled Chicago

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00:06:21,640 --> 00:06:18,760

bunch of broken-down old file cabinets

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00:06:23,680 --> 00:06:21,650

ancient ancient manila folders just

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00:06:27,450 --> 00:06:23,690

stuffed with documents letters and

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00:06:30,880 --> 00:06:27,460

reports and and all sorts of things and

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00:06:33,460 --> 00:06:30,890

shelf after shelf after shelf of UFO

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00:06:36,490 --> 00:06:33,470

books that the center had collected over

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00:06:39,250 --> 00:06:36,500

the years and I was kind of shocked at

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00:06:42,100 --> 00:06:39,260

the condition of the archives but I was

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00:06:44,710 --> 00:06:42,110

also just amazed at the material that

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00:06:47,710 --> 00:06:44,720

was hidden away inside all of us file

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00:06:49,420 --> 00:06:47,720

drawer so I I just I just was eating it

151
00:06:51,430 --> 00:06:49,430
up and one of those it turned into two

152
00:06:53,250 --> 00:06:51,440
visits and then three visits and then at

153
00:06:58,060 --> 00:06:53,260
some point or another

154
00:07:00,610 --> 00:06:58,070
mark mark said hey uh we here at coop

155
00:07:02,890 --> 00:07:00,620
rosehip we've always wanted to recruit

156
00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:02,900
the writer to write the definitive

157
00:07:06,969 --> 00:07:05,360
account of dr. honey's career and I

158
00:07:08,860 --> 00:07:06,979
wonder if you'd be interested when I

159
00:07:11,940 --> 00:07:08,870
said heck yeah I would love that that's

160
00:07:15,190 --> 00:07:11,950
like a dream a dream job for me so

161
00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:15,200
that's how it all started so so first

162
00:07:22,420 --> 00:07:19,280
off I had access to dr. hynek's archives

163
00:07:24,520 --> 00:07:22,430

in professional files in mark's basement

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00:07:27,940 --> 00:07:24,530

quickly found out that there was another

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00:07:28,660 --> 00:07:27,950

KU post versity mary Kastner who lived

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00:07:31,060 --> 00:07:28,670

about 10

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00:07:33,550 --> 00:07:31,070

miles away in Skokie Mary had the other

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00:07:36,910 --> 00:07:33,560

half of the file in her basement she

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00:07:39,670 --> 00:07:36,920

held the Case Files then found out that

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00:07:41,590 --> 00:07:39,680

because dr. Hynek had spent so much of

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00:07:43,660 --> 00:07:41,600

his professional career as an astronomer

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00:07:46,180 --> 00:07:43,670

teaching at Northwestern University in

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00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:46,190

Evanston just a few miles from Skokie I

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00:07:50,050 --> 00:07:48,080

started going to their library and

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00:07:52,840 --> 00:07:50,060

discovering that they had they had just

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00:07:55,120 --> 00:07:52,850

immense an immense collection of dr.

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00:07:57,520 --> 00:07:55,130

Hynix professional papers from his time

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00:07:59,290 --> 00:07:57,530

at Northwestern so that those things all

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00:08:01,930 --> 00:07:59,300

just sort of fell together came together

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00:08:04,660 --> 00:08:01,940

at the same time and that's how the

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00:08:06,700 --> 00:08:04,670

biography was born and it wasn't it was

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00:08:08,080 --> 00:08:06,710

never intended to be a full biography

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00:08:10,540 --> 00:08:08,090

because they don't spend a whole lot of

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00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:10,550

time on his home life and his family

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00:08:14,920 --> 00:08:12,080

life that would be a whole nother book

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00:08:17,560 --> 00:08:14,930

so the focus of the book is on his his

187

00:08:18,790 --> 00:08:17,570

dual careers and I think that to me

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00:08:21,040 --> 00:08:18,800

that's what made the story so

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00:08:24,010 --> 00:08:21,050

interesting the fact that he was not

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00:08:27,610 --> 00:08:24,020

just this world-renowned UFO researcher

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00:08:29,920 --> 00:08:27,620

but he was also a pretty accomplished

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00:08:32,410 --> 00:08:29,930

astronomer with a whole lot of really

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00:08:34,360 --> 00:08:32,420

amazing really amazing scientific

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00:08:36,969 --> 00:08:34,370

breakthroughs to his name but very few

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00:08:38,410 --> 00:08:36,979

people seem to know about so so you know

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00:08:40,120 --> 00:08:38,420

when I learned that I was going to be

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00:08:42,670 --> 00:08:40,130

writing about these two different

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00:08:44,290 --> 00:08:42,680

stories these two different careers that

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00:08:46,840 --> 00:08:44,300

kind of gave me the shape of the

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00:08:48,490 --> 00:08:46,850

biography or the book and and off I went

201
00:08:50,520 --> 00:08:48,500
right yeah and like you mentioned not

202
00:08:53,050 --> 00:08:50,530
many people know about his is

203
00:08:55,240 --> 00:08:53,060
accomplishments and success within the

204
00:08:57,420 --> 00:08:55,250
you know the Astronomy field so I think

205
00:09:00,880 --> 00:08:57,430
that's what you did best that and

206
00:09:04,090 --> 00:09:00,890
bringing forth kind of the UFO history

207
00:09:08,230 --> 00:09:04,100
into this you interweave all of these

208
00:09:11,080 --> 00:09:08,240
famous UFO cases into hynek's life and

209
00:09:14,050 --> 00:09:11,090
essentially career and you bring up a

210
00:09:16,390 --> 00:09:14,060
case that really sort of kicked off the

211
00:09:18,400 --> 00:09:16,400
air force's involvement in UFO

212
00:09:20,650 --> 00:09:18,410
investigation and that was the mental

213
00:09:22,600 --> 00:09:20,660

case could you for our listeners who may

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00:09:24,130 --> 00:09:22,610

not be familiar with this case Marc

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00:09:25,660 --> 00:09:24,140

could you tell us a little bit about

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00:09:29,640 --> 00:09:25,670

this case and how the Air Force got

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00:09:33,100 --> 00:09:29,650

involved sure this happened very very

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00:09:35,980 --> 00:09:33,110

early in the stages of the modern UFO

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00:09:38,110 --> 00:09:35,990

saying which of course celebrates a 70th

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00:09:40,330 --> 00:09:38,120

anniversary this month 70th anniversary

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00:09:43,420 --> 00:09:40,340

of the Kim Economist writing in

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00:09:49,570 --> 00:09:43,430

Pacific Northwest but the mantle crash

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00:09:52,420 --> 00:09:49,580

took place in in early 1948 Mintel was a

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00:09:55,620 --> 00:09:52,430

National Air National Guard pilot and he

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00:09:59,079 --> 00:09:55,630

and three other pilots were ferrying

226
00:10:00,640 --> 00:09:59,089
four p-51 Mustangs from a base down

227
00:10:03,519 --> 00:10:00,650
south back up to their home base in

228
00:10:05,500 --> 00:10:03,529
Kentucky it was meant to be a low-level

229
00:10:07,570 --> 00:10:05,510
flight so only one of the four planes

230
00:10:09,700 --> 00:10:07,580
was equipped with oxygen that's an

231
00:10:13,030 --> 00:10:09,710
important point the day that these

232
00:10:15,070 --> 00:10:13,040
planes were all flying north to Kentucky

233
00:10:16,990 --> 00:10:15,080
all sorts of people in Northern Kentucky

234
00:10:18,670 --> 00:10:17,000
and southern Ohio started seeing this

235
00:10:20,290 --> 00:10:18,680
strange thing in the sky and people were

236
00:10:22,150 --> 00:10:20,300
calling their local police departments

237
00:10:24,910 --> 00:10:22,160
the local police departments were in

238
00:10:30,400 --> 00:10:24,920

turn calling the local air force bases

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00:10:32,710 --> 00:10:30,410

and and everyone was seeing the strange

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00:10:34,300 --> 00:10:32,720

object floating through the sky that

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00:10:36,850 --> 00:10:34,310

looked like it looked to some people

242

00:10:38,500 --> 00:10:36,860

like a gigantic ice cream cone they'd

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00:10:42,910 --> 00:10:38,510

let other people like a gigantic

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00:10:44,770 --> 00:10:42,920

umbrella and it was just sort of hanging

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00:10:48,130 --> 00:10:44,780

out there in the sky for everyone to see

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00:10:51,250 --> 00:10:48,140

and the the control tower operators at

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00:10:54,220 --> 00:10:51,260

the Standiford which is the air base at

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00:10:57,070 --> 00:10:54,230

Fort Knox in Kentucky um they were

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00:10:59,950 --> 00:10:57,080

tracking this object visually they

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00:11:02,650 --> 00:10:59,960

learned that Mantell and his crew were

251
00:11:04,390 --> 00:11:02,660
flying through the area and they radioed

252
00:11:06,850 --> 00:11:04,400
captain mantle and said hey we've got

253
00:11:08,770 --> 00:11:06,860
this we've got this strange thing in the

254
00:11:10,990 --> 00:11:08,780
sky you're going to be flying pretty

255
00:11:12,850 --> 00:11:11,000
close to it would you and your guys mind

256
00:11:15,490 --> 00:11:12,860
just taking a little detour to try to

257
00:11:17,980 --> 00:11:15,500
get a closer look at this well they did

258
00:11:20,020 --> 00:11:17,990
and one of the planes was short on fuel

259
00:11:22,120 --> 00:11:20,030
so it's just continued on to its home

260
00:11:24,490 --> 00:11:22,130
base the other three turned and started

261
00:11:26,290 --> 00:11:24,500
chasing this object two of the planes

262
00:11:28,390 --> 00:11:26,300
just sort of gave up and dropped out but

263
00:11:31,060 --> 00:11:28,400

Mansell kept going he made visual

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00:11:33,100 --> 00:11:31,070

contact with this thing he's his last

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00:11:34,810 --> 00:11:33,110

radio contacts were just to tell the

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00:11:36,730 --> 00:11:34,820

control tower operators that if it

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00:11:39,370 --> 00:11:36,740

appeared to be metallic and indicating

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00:11:41,800 --> 00:11:39,380

it was immense in size and then they

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00:11:44,590 --> 00:11:41,810

lost contact with menzel well three

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00:11:46,960 --> 00:11:44,600

minutes later man tells plane comes

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00:11:48,480 --> 00:11:46,970

screaming out of the sky over a farm in

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00:11:52,240 --> 00:11:48,490

Northern Kentucky and just it just

273

00:11:53,750 --> 00:11:52,250

crashes into the into the ground and is

274

00:11:55,670 --> 00:11:53,760

disintegrated

275

00:11:57,920 --> 00:11:55,680

investigators find that man sells

276

00:12:00,500 --> 00:11:57,930

cockpit had never been open so the

277

00:12:02,960 --> 00:12:00,510

theory is that he either passed out or

278

00:12:04,280 --> 00:12:02,970

was asphyxiated because he flew too high

279

00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:04,290

he flew higher than he should have

280

00:12:09,560 --> 00:12:07,440

without oxygen so the upshot of all of

281

00:12:11,300 --> 00:12:09,570

this is that UFOs New York owes were

282

00:12:13,040 --> 00:12:11,310

still a fairly new phenomenon at this

283

00:12:14,840 --> 00:12:13,050

point but all of a sudden they were a

284

00:12:17,389 --> 00:12:14,850

deadly phenomenon this was the first

285

00:12:21,470 --> 00:12:17,399

time that a military pilot a highly

286

00:12:23,870 --> 00:12:21,480

trained fearless military pilot had

287

00:12:26,480 --> 00:12:23,880

actually chased a UFO and died because

288

00:12:29,629 --> 00:12:26,490

of it so it put a real chill into the

289

00:12:32,300 --> 00:12:29,639

air and it made it mentally important

290

00:12:34,910 --> 00:12:32,310

that project sign the Air Force's newly

291

00:12:37,129 --> 00:12:34,920

minted UFO investigation project they

292

00:12:39,110 --> 00:12:37,139

needed answers fast because people are

293

00:12:41,350 --> 00:12:39,120

very very nervous about the fact that

294

00:12:46,040 --> 00:12:41,360

the military pilot had just died

295

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:46,050

pursuing what what seemed to be it's

296

00:12:52,759 --> 00:12:48,720

possibly some sort of alien craft in the

297

00:12:54,860 --> 00:12:52,769

sky yes yeah absolutely and you know in

298

00:12:56,810 --> 00:12:54,870

terms of that we also have another case

299

00:12:59,180 --> 00:12:56,820

that involved pilots and that was the

300

00:13:01,819 --> 00:12:59,190

Clarence chalice and john witted case

301

00:13:03,740 --> 00:13:01,829

and this really seemed to be an

302

00:13:06,530 --> 00:13:03,750

important moment in terms of the air

303

00:13:08,480 --> 00:13:06,540

force's attempts to debunk these UFOs

304

00:13:10,250 --> 00:13:08,490

before they really got out of hand

305

00:13:12,290 --> 00:13:10,260

would you mind touching on this case

306

00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:12,300

briefly for us before we get into

307

00:13:16,670 --> 00:13:14,490

hynek's involvement yeah and of course

308

00:13:19,160 --> 00:13:16,680

I'd never do it briefly yeah yeah no

309

00:13:21,350 --> 00:13:19,170

please Wow

310

00:13:23,210 --> 00:13:21,360

and this is one of my favorite cases so

311

00:13:26,900 --> 00:13:23,220

I'm really glad you're asking about it

312

00:13:28,430 --> 00:13:26,910

cool it followed hot on the heels of the

313

00:13:32,240 --> 00:13:28,440

Kenneth Arnold sighting and then the

314

00:13:34,970 --> 00:13:32,250

Thomas Mantell crash in Eastern Airlines

315

00:13:36,920 --> 00:13:34,980

flight traveling across the southern

316

00:13:39,559 --> 00:13:36,930

United States heading heading east

317

00:13:42,170 --> 00:13:39,569

towards Atlanta flying over

318

00:13:45,379 --> 00:13:42,180

I think they around Jackson Mississippi

319

00:13:47,180 --> 00:13:45,389

or so and the two pilots noticing

320

00:13:48,680 --> 00:13:47,190

glowing red light that seems to be

321

00:13:50,780 --> 00:13:48,690

heading towards them and at first they

322

00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:50,790

think it's an experimental aircraft jet

323

00:13:55,819 --> 00:13:53,279

because remember jet point this is 1949

324

00:13:57,920 --> 00:13:55,829

jet aircraft were not very common at

325

00:13:59,629 --> 00:13:57,930

this point rain so they assumed it was

326

00:14:01,639 --> 00:13:59,639

an experimental jet aircraft from the

327

00:14:07,490 --> 00:14:01,649

military well then it gets closer and

328

00:14:10,670 --> 00:14:07,500

it's actually a tubular object a rocket

329

00:14:12,770 --> 00:14:10,680

with no wings no apparent wings two rows

330

00:14:15,530 --> 00:14:12,780

of glowing lights along the fuselage a

331

00:14:18,350 --> 00:14:15,540

blue glow along to along lower heads in

332

00:14:22,040 --> 00:14:18,360

a giant 50-foot red and orange flame

333

00:14:24,530 --> 00:14:22,050

shooting caught up its tail and as it

334

00:14:28,100 --> 00:14:24,540

approaches the aircraft it seems to make

335

00:14:31,390 --> 00:14:28,110

a conscious maneuver to its left to

336

00:14:35,240 --> 00:14:31,400

avoid a collision with with the airliner

337

00:14:38,420 --> 00:14:35,250

and it zooms past the plane and then and

338

00:14:40,070 --> 00:14:38,430

then veers up into the clouds and no for

339

00:14:42,020 --> 00:14:40,080

years and years that was all I ever knew

340

00:14:44,090 --> 00:14:42,030

about the case but when I started

341

00:14:46,940 --> 00:14:44,100

researching it for my book I came across

342

00:14:49,340 --> 00:14:46,950

this very interesting story that also

343

00:14:53,240 --> 00:14:49,350

fits into this and that is that a ground

344

00:14:56,420 --> 00:14:53,250

crew from an Air Force Base in Macon

345

00:14:59,860 --> 00:14:56,430

Georgia saw the exact same thing from

346

00:15:02,390 --> 00:14:59,870

the ground and exactly an hour before

347

00:15:06,110 --> 00:15:02,400

the pilots of that Eastern Airlines

348

00:15:07,490 --> 00:15:06,120

flight saw this wing so all of a sudden

349

00:15:10,640 --> 00:15:07,500

you've got this incredibly complicated

350

00:15:12,740 --> 00:15:10,650

situation because the guy the guy on the

351
00:15:14,660 --> 00:15:12,750
ground in Georgia sees this wingless

352
00:15:17,570 --> 00:15:14,670
rocket with a giant flame shooting out

353
00:15:20,390 --> 00:15:17,580
at them flying away to the northwest an

354
00:15:23,180 --> 00:15:20,400
hour later it's seen by these airline

355
00:15:25,580 --> 00:15:23,190
pilots over Mississippi but that means

356
00:15:29,480 --> 00:15:25,590
that the flying object is it was only

357
00:15:32,060 --> 00:15:29,490
one object crossed from the eastern time

358
00:15:33,560 --> 00:15:32,070
zone into the central time zone and so

359
00:15:35,240 --> 00:15:33,570
all of a sudden the timing of these

360
00:15:37,250 --> 00:15:35,250
events becomes very hard to trace

361
00:15:39,140 --> 00:15:37,260
because Hynek and the Air Force

362
00:15:41,240 --> 00:15:39,150
investigators weren't really we're never

363
00:15:44,450 --> 00:15:41,250

really sure if everyone was recording

364

00:15:46,220 --> 00:15:44,460

the time in their own time zone or if

365

00:15:48,650 --> 00:15:46,230

they were all reporting in in central

366

00:15:51,560 --> 00:15:48,660

time zone and if they were figuring in

367

00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:51,570

daylight savings time which was still a

368

00:15:55,520 --> 00:15:54,000

fairly new thing at the time so all of a

369

00:15:57,830 --> 00:15:55,530

sudden you've got this situation where

370

00:16:00,770 --> 00:15:57,840

you have not just the witnesses on the

371

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:00,780

airplane but a witness on the ground who

372

00:16:05,390 --> 00:16:03,360

saw this apparently the same thing and

373

00:16:07,730 --> 00:16:05,400

depending on how you look at the timing

374

00:16:09,760 --> 00:16:07,740

the sightings either took place an hour

375

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:09,770

apart or two hours apart or

376

00:16:14,300 --> 00:16:12,480

instantaneously and you could never

377

00:16:17,240 --> 00:16:14,310

really figure out which of those it was

378

00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:17,250

it completely vexed him throughout this

379

00:16:20,960 --> 00:16:19,680

research another another monkey wrench

380

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:20,970

was that there was one

381

00:16:25,340 --> 00:16:24,000

passenger in the airliner who you may

382

00:16:26,720 --> 00:16:25,350

not have been the only one to see it but

383

00:16:29,660 --> 00:16:26,730

he was the only one who spoke up about

384

00:16:31,280 --> 00:16:29,670

it who saw this thing zoom past the

385

00:16:33,559 --> 00:16:31,290

plane in the middle of the night and

386

00:16:36,259 --> 00:16:33,569

then fly up into the cloud he turned out

387

00:16:38,780 --> 00:16:36,269

to be a personal friend of dr. Hynek so

388

00:16:40,699 --> 00:16:38,790

Hynek had some very very reliable

389

00:16:42,400 --> 00:16:40,709

witnesses in this case he had the two

390

00:16:45,139 --> 00:16:42,410

eastern airline pilots who were

391

00:16:48,559 --> 00:16:45,149

decorated military pilots very high

392

00:16:52,249 --> 00:16:48,569

credibility yet his friend who was and

393

00:16:54,949 --> 00:16:52,259

then he had another very credible Air

394

00:16:56,869 --> 00:16:54,959

Force professional immigrant in the the

395

00:16:59,179 --> 00:16:56,879

sighting from the ground so put it all

396

00:17:01,309 --> 00:16:59,189

together you've got you've got you know

397

00:17:03,530 --> 00:17:01,319

concurrent sightings of the same object

398

00:17:05,899 --> 00:17:03,540

apparently you've got several witnesses

399

00:17:09,110 --> 00:17:05,909

that are very very qualified observers

400

00:17:10,909 --> 00:17:09,120

and very credible and you've got a real

401
00:17:13,309 --> 00:17:10,919
mystery on your hand this was a really

402
00:17:15,529 --> 00:17:13,319
really tough case for a project planning

403
00:17:17,539 --> 00:17:15,539
to take on and like we mentioned earlier

404
00:17:20,960 --> 00:17:17,549
you know the whole idea of project sign

405
00:17:22,760 --> 00:17:20,970
essentially was to to debunk these cases

406
00:17:24,799 --> 00:17:22,770
to give a conventional reasoning for

407
00:17:27,169 --> 00:17:24,809
them and this is why they brought in

408
00:17:29,149 --> 00:17:27,179
Hynek when he left Project signmark and

409
00:17:31,010 --> 00:17:29,159
he went back to teaching it was clear

410
00:17:33,590 --> 00:17:31,020
that he wasn't quite done with the Air

411
00:17:36,529 --> 00:17:33,600
Force and he was brought back again to

412
00:17:38,390 --> 00:17:36,539
do a discrete study I had no idea about

413
00:17:40,430 --> 00:17:38,400

this this was really interesting when I

414

00:17:42,740 --> 00:17:40,440

read this in your book and this involved

415

00:17:44,600 --> 00:17:42,750

interviewing fellow astronomers could

416

00:17:47,299 --> 00:17:44,610

you tell us a bit about this project

417

00:17:49,850 --> 00:17:47,309

well by this time project sign had

418

00:17:52,430 --> 00:17:49,860

evolved into project rugs which in turn

419

00:17:54,049 --> 00:17:52,440

evolved into project Bluebook which is

420

00:17:56,830 --> 00:17:54,059

probably the one most people are

421

00:17:59,870 --> 00:17:56,840

familiar with and so project Bluebook

422

00:18:03,049 --> 00:17:59,880

contracted with the cell Memorial

423

00:18:06,380 --> 00:18:03,059

Institute a technology consulting firm

424

00:18:10,190 --> 00:18:06,390

in Ohio to help continue with their

425

00:18:14,419 --> 00:18:10,200

study of UFO sightings the till ended up

426

00:18:17,330 --> 00:18:14,429

hiring Hynek to go out and do us do a

427

00:18:19,039 --> 00:18:17,340

sort of a a Slough thing do some

428

00:18:21,230 --> 00:18:19,049

sleuthing among his profession his

429

00:18:22,899 --> 00:18:21,240

fellow professional astronomers they

430

00:18:25,520 --> 00:18:22,909

just send him out to do sort of a

431

00:18:27,620 --> 00:18:25,530

informal anonymous poll of his

432

00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:27,630

colleagues and try to find out how many

433

00:18:33,350 --> 00:18:30,960

of them a had ever seen a UFO and and be

434

00:18:34,430 --> 00:18:33,360

we're willing to talk about it so

435

00:18:37,369 --> 00:18:34,440

there's two levels

436

00:18:39,440 --> 00:18:37,379

here is not just who has seen one it's

437

00:18:40,820 --> 00:18:39,450

who has seen one and is willing to go

438

00:18:43,190 --> 00:18:40,830

out on a limb and speak about it

439

00:18:46,610 --> 00:18:43,200

publicly and what he found out after

440

00:18:49,009 --> 00:18:46,620

interviewing about 45 or 50 astronomers

441

00:18:51,320 --> 00:18:49,019

over the course of a few months what he

442

00:18:53,899 --> 00:18:51,330

found was that about 11% of the

443

00:18:56,240 --> 00:18:53,909

astronomers had seen something that they

444

00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:56,250

would they would classify as a UFO

445

00:19:02,119 --> 00:19:00,240

something that was very real to them but

446

00:19:04,909 --> 00:19:02,129

they could not explain in any sort of

447

00:19:08,210 --> 00:19:04,919

normal physical or astronomical terms so

448

00:19:10,159 --> 00:19:08,220

that's about 11% is a pretty high

449

00:19:13,190 --> 00:19:10,169

percentage Hynek was very surprised to

450

00:19:14,779 --> 00:19:13,200

find that that many scientists had seen

451
00:19:17,299 --> 00:19:14,789
something and we're willing to admit it

452
00:19:19,039 --> 00:19:17,309
to him and you know it in a way it makes

453
00:19:21,499 --> 00:19:19,049
sense because of course astronomers are

454
00:19:23,960 --> 00:19:21,509
always looking up at the sky and when

455
00:19:27,080 --> 00:19:23,970
they are laid over the sky they know

456
00:19:30,139 --> 00:19:27,090
instantly when something does not belong

457
00:19:31,999 --> 00:19:30,149
in the sky so you know that sort of

458
00:19:34,159 --> 00:19:32,009
makes them the world's most perfect UFO

459
00:19:35,779 --> 00:19:34,169
witnesses so it was kind of a big deal

460
00:19:38,930 --> 00:19:35,789
for hunting to discover that so many of

461
00:19:40,999 --> 00:19:38,940
them and seen UFOs another element of

462
00:19:43,580 --> 00:19:41,009
that though was that he also found it I

463
00:19:45,769 --> 00:19:43,590

think that percentage was around a third

464

00:19:48,289 --> 00:19:45,779

around a third of the astronomers he

465

00:19:50,360 --> 00:19:48,299

told even if they wouldn't admit to

466

00:19:53,960 --> 00:19:50,370

having seen UFOs there never had seen

467

00:19:56,659 --> 00:19:53,970

UFOs were willing to say that they would

468

00:19:58,460 --> 00:19:56,669

be willing to study the problem if the

469

00:20:00,019 --> 00:19:58,470

right opportunity presented itself so

470

00:20:01,639 --> 00:20:00,029

that was another big thing too just the

471

00:20:04,100 --> 00:20:01,649

fact that there were other scientists

472

00:20:06,529 --> 00:20:04,110

whose curiosity even had been piqued

473

00:20:08,779 --> 00:20:06,539

just enough that they would say sure I

474

00:20:11,149 --> 00:20:08,789

would take a look at this you mentioned

475

00:20:14,269 --> 00:20:11,159

project grudge mark and this eventually

476

00:20:17,180 --> 00:20:14,279

began to dwindle into sort of a one-man

477

00:20:21,049 --> 00:20:17,190

show when Edward group elf picked up the

478

00:20:24,680 --> 00:20:21,059

pieces and again grudge seemed to be you

479

00:20:26,720 --> 00:20:24,690

know the real stamp down of we are going

480

00:20:28,460 --> 00:20:26,730

to find conventional reason for every

481

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:28,470

single one of these cases that are being

482

00:20:32,360 --> 00:20:30,720

reported but without really caught my

483

00:20:35,060 --> 00:20:32,370

attention in terms of your book he

484

00:20:37,490 --> 00:20:35,070

seemed to sort of rise from the ashes to

485

00:20:40,430 --> 00:20:37,500

revive this entire government-funded

486

00:20:41,899 --> 00:20:40,440

project on studying UFOs involving Hynek

487

00:20:44,480 --> 00:20:41,909

so can you give us a little background

488

00:20:46,700 --> 00:20:44,490

on who repelled was and how he he

489

00:20:47,100 --> 00:20:46,710

ultimately began what we all know the

490

00:20:48,960 --> 00:20:47,110

most

491

00:20:51,180 --> 00:20:48,970

famous government-funded project in that

492

00:20:53,640 --> 00:20:51,190

was project Bluebook yeah he's kind of a

493

00:20:56,370 --> 00:20:53,650

hero to me actually after after writing

494

00:21:00,270 --> 00:20:56,380

this book and it was so many moments in

495

00:21:03,120 --> 00:21:00,280

the story of UFOs sort of rely on this

496

00:21:04,560 --> 00:21:03,130

sort of weird mystical chance that sort

497

00:21:06,210 --> 00:21:04,570

of brings different people or different

498

00:21:08,160 --> 00:21:06,220

elements together it's just the right

499

00:21:10,200 --> 00:21:08,170

time to create some sort of new

500

00:21:12,210 --> 00:21:10,210

understanding and I think that's what

501
00:21:14,669 --> 00:21:12,220
happened with the fruit health and Hynek

502
00:21:16,760 --> 00:21:14,679
Hynek had already been involved with the

503
00:21:20,010 --> 00:21:16,770
Air Force with project sign which

504
00:21:22,039 --> 00:21:20,020
towards the end was here leaning very

505
00:21:24,780 --> 00:21:22,049
heavily towards the extra-terrestrial

506
00:21:27,810 --> 00:21:24,790
hypothesis right before it was quickly

507
00:21:31,200 --> 00:21:27,820
disbanded before they went too far down

508
00:21:33,510 --> 00:21:31,210
that road with budget grudge and grudges

509
00:21:35,340 --> 00:21:33,520
mandate was basically to make the UFOs

510
00:21:38,549 --> 00:21:35,350
go away for good

511
00:21:41,340 --> 00:21:38,559
so repel comes in at the tail end of

512
00:21:43,169 --> 00:21:41,350
project grudge and takes a new approach

513
00:21:46,200 --> 00:21:43,179

he says you know what we're not going to

514

00:21:48,150 --> 00:21:46,210

lean in any direction we are going to be

515

00:21:49,710 --> 00:21:48,160

as unbiased as we possibly can

516

00:21:52,409 --> 00:21:49,720

we're going to be as scientific as we

517

00:21:54,720 --> 00:21:52,419

possibly can and if anybody on my staff

518

00:21:56,460 --> 00:21:54,730

starts talking about how they believe in

519

00:21:59,010 --> 00:21:56,470

aliens they're going to get transferred

520

00:22:00,480 --> 00:21:59,020

and if anybody on my staff alternately

521

00:22:02,460 --> 00:22:00,490

starts saying that they think you

522

00:22:04,620 --> 00:22:02,470

opposed our mass hallucination they are

523

00:22:06,840 --> 00:22:04,630

also going to get transferred I don't he

524

00:22:10,140 --> 00:22:06,850

did not want any of any of that sort of

525

00:22:13,440 --> 00:22:10,150

thinking on his team which no first time

526
00:22:14,940 --> 00:22:13,450
was kind of revolutionary so and it was

527
00:22:16,320 --> 00:22:14,950
about that time that he started working

528
00:22:18,630 --> 00:22:16,330
with Hynek because Hynek had been

529
00:22:20,549 --> 00:22:18,640
brought back in at the in the early days

530
00:22:23,340 --> 00:22:20,559
of blue book by Revell by the way who

531
00:22:25,020 --> 00:22:23,350
was very impressed with Hynek so the two

532
00:22:27,180 --> 00:22:25,030
of them developed they worked closely

533
00:22:30,030 --> 00:22:27,190
for several years and they did they

534
00:22:32,510 --> 00:22:30,040
developed a sort of uh I would say a

535
00:22:35,010 --> 00:22:32,520
grudging mutual respect they never

536
00:22:37,409 --> 00:22:35,020
completely trusted each other because

537
00:22:40,260 --> 00:22:37,419
there was always a recognition that they

538
00:22:41,580 --> 00:22:40,270

were serving different masters rappelled

539

00:22:44,669 --> 00:22:41,590

was serving the Air Force and the

540

00:22:48,360 --> 00:22:44,679

Pentagon Hynek was serving science and

541

00:22:52,020 --> 00:22:48,370

public opinion so you know they never

542

00:22:55,260 --> 00:22:52,030

quite completely bonded but there was

543

00:22:57,240 --> 00:22:55,270

enough mutual respect there that they

544

00:22:58,169 --> 00:22:57,250

actually were able to do quite a bit of

545

00:23:00,169 --> 00:22:58,179

good work

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00:23:03,029 --> 00:23:00,179

do some really really interesting

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00:23:05,789 --> 00:23:03,039

investigations and it was repelled in

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00:23:07,950 --> 00:23:05,799

the end whoo this is business a major

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00:23:10,320 --> 00:23:07,960

point I want to bring up in the early

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00:23:11,850 --> 00:23:10,330

days all Hynek ever did was he would sit

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00:23:15,570 --> 00:23:11,860

at a desk and he would look at these

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00:23:17,580 --> 00:23:15,580

printouts of UFO reports and he would

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00:23:19,889 --> 00:23:17,590

read the narratives and he would say oh

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00:23:22,499 --> 00:23:19,899

well that was obviously Venus that was

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00:23:25,289 --> 00:23:22,509

obviously a comment that was obviously a

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00:23:27,930 --> 00:23:25,299

meteor and that was all he did under

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00:23:30,539 --> 00:23:27,940

root cults leadership Hynek was actually

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00:23:33,419 --> 00:23:30,549

sent out in the field to do his own

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00:23:36,060 --> 00:23:33,429

first field investigation this was a

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00:23:40,590 --> 00:23:36,070

mass sighting in South Dakota in North

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00:23:42,239 --> 00:23:40,600

Dakota and and and Hynek did I think did

562

00:23:44,820 --> 00:23:42,249

a really good job investigating a very

563

00:23:47,970 --> 00:23:44,830

puzzling case and it only happened

564

00:23:49,499 --> 00:23:47,980

because rappelled said repel is actually

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00:23:51,960 --> 00:23:49,509

on his way out at that time he was

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00:23:54,180 --> 00:23:51,970

retiring from the military and this was

567

00:23:56,310 --> 00:23:54,190

the last case that he investigated but

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00:23:58,529 --> 00:23:56,320

in his in the conclusion of his

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00:24:00,359 --> 00:23:58,539

investigation he said I think dr. Hynek

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00:24:01,919 --> 00:24:00,369

should be sent out to South Dakota in

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00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:01,929

North Dakota I think he should look into

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00:24:06,570 --> 00:24:04,720

this as well so that moment started this

573

00:24:08,190 --> 00:24:06,580

whole new chapter in hynek's career

574

00:24:10,609 --> 00:24:08,200

where he was not just sitting behind a

575

00:24:13,320 --> 00:24:10,619

desk but going out in the field

576

00:24:16,409 --> 00:24:13,330

investigating these UFO incidents on the

577

00:24:19,080 --> 00:24:16,419

scene meeting face to face with the

578

00:24:21,419 --> 00:24:19,090

witnesses which is a huge huge deal and

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00:24:23,789 --> 00:24:21,429

it was a gigantic step in his

580

00:24:26,220 --> 00:24:23,799

transformation as a UFO researcher

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00:24:27,149 --> 00:24:26,230

absolutely and you know and then we see

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00:24:29,100 --> 00:24:27,159

hynix

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00:24:32,279 --> 00:24:29,110

sort of feelings on the entire topic

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00:24:33,690 --> 00:24:32,289

start to sway start to ebb and flow when

585

00:24:36,090 --> 00:24:33,700

speaking face-to-face with these people

586

00:24:38,609 --> 00:24:36,100

I mean it's one thing to see it on paper

587

00:24:40,529 --> 00:24:38,619

but then to go and actually boots on the

588

00:24:42,720 --> 00:24:40,539

ground do it more come I'm sure you know

589

00:24:44,820 --> 00:24:42,730

as a as a MUFON investigator like that

590

00:24:46,680 --> 00:24:44,830

that that's when you really start to

591

00:24:49,710 --> 00:24:46,690

think there's something to all this and

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00:24:51,899 --> 00:24:49,720

the same could be said for Hynek and I

593

00:24:53,279 --> 00:24:51,909

mean one of those cases where he was out

594

00:24:55,350 --> 00:24:53,289

there in the field actually

595

00:24:59,700 --> 00:24:55,360

investigating was the Socorro New Mexico

596

00:25:01,470 --> 00:24:59,710

case now this is a pivotal case for UFO

597

00:25:03,149 --> 00:25:01,480

buffs out there but for those who may

598

00:25:05,039 --> 00:25:03,159

not know about it could he tell us a

599

00:25:07,680 --> 00:25:05,049

little about this case and how Hynek

600

00:25:10,769 --> 00:25:07,690

considered it the rosetta stone as it

601
00:25:11,320 --> 00:25:10,779
were sure another one of my favorite

602
00:25:14,080 --> 00:25:11,330
cases

603
00:25:18,400 --> 00:25:14,090
involves a traffic cop named Lonnie

604
00:25:21,850 --> 00:25:18,410
Zamora in the town of Socorro New Mexico

605
00:25:24,880 --> 00:25:21,860
which just happens to be pretty much a

606
00:25:27,190 --> 00:25:24,890
stone's throw away from Holloman Air

607
00:25:27,970 --> 00:25:27,200
Force Base and the White Sands Missile

608
00:25:30,250 --> 00:25:27,980
Grounds

609
00:25:32,710 --> 00:25:30,260
okay two places places where a lot of

610
00:25:35,260 --> 00:25:32,720
experimental military hardware is

611
00:25:37,900 --> 00:25:35,270
developed and tested so with that as a

612
00:25:40,180 --> 00:25:37,910
background Lonnie Zamora was just

613
00:25:42,760 --> 00:25:40,190

finishing up his shift when he spotted

614

00:25:44,620 --> 00:25:42,770

the speeder going through town so he

615

00:25:46,600 --> 00:25:44,630

takes off after the speeder it's just

616

00:25:49,600 --> 00:25:46,610

about to catch up with the car and he

617

00:25:51,490 --> 00:25:49,610

hears a loud boom coming off from the

618

00:25:55,330 --> 00:25:51,500

side of the highway and you see the

619

00:25:57,640 --> 00:25:55,340

cloud of cloud of smoke coming from from

620

00:26:00,010 --> 00:25:57,650

where the boom is and he he knows that

621

00:26:02,080 --> 00:26:00,020

there is a dynamite check over in these

622

00:26:05,590 --> 00:26:02,090

hills in this print and he's afraid that

623

00:26:07,480 --> 00:26:05,600

the dynamite check blown itself up so he

624

00:26:09,400 --> 00:26:07,490

veers off the highway drives up drives

625

00:26:13,510 --> 00:26:09,410

off on a gravel road into this rocky

626
00:26:16,180 --> 00:26:13,520
rocky hilly area and he spots what he

627
00:26:19,570 --> 00:26:16,190
first thinks is an overturned car he

628
00:26:24,010 --> 00:26:19,580
thinks some people drove their car off

629
00:26:25,960 --> 00:26:24,020
the ridge of this hill and rolled it

630
00:26:28,330 --> 00:26:25,970
down into this Arroyo down beneath and

631
00:26:31,120 --> 00:26:28,340
he sees two people outside this vehicle

632
00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:31,130
and they're both kind of short because

633
00:26:34,900 --> 00:26:32,480
he can compare them to the nearby

634
00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:34,910
shrubby they appear to be either large

635
00:26:40,240 --> 00:26:37,760
children or small adult men and they're

636
00:26:41,590 --> 00:26:40,250
wearing white coveralls well he loses

637
00:26:43,300 --> 00:26:41,600
sight of them for a minute while he

638
00:26:46,870 --> 00:26:43,310

drives his car closer and then he sees

639

00:26:49,630 --> 00:26:46,880

him again and at this point the two the

640

00:26:51,190 --> 00:26:49,640

two people in the white coveralls one of

641

00:26:53,740 --> 00:26:51,200

them turns and notices and Loras

642

00:26:56,500 --> 00:26:53,750

approaching patrol car and sort of jumps

643

00:26:58,480 --> 00:26:56,510

as it's startled and then Zamora Parkes

644

00:27:00,610 --> 00:26:58,490

and he gets out of his car and see these

645

00:27:03,340 --> 00:27:00,620

guys anymore the men in white cover off

646

00:27:05,830 --> 00:27:03,350

he scrambled down the hill towards this

647

00:27:07,870 --> 00:27:05,840

object and he realizes that it is not an

648

00:27:10,420 --> 00:27:07,880

overturned car it's actually a gigantic

649

00:27:12,310 --> 00:27:10,430

egg-shaped thing it appears to be made

650

00:27:15,040 --> 00:27:12,320

of metal like aluminum possibly and

651
00:27:17,500 --> 00:27:15,050
expanding on landing struts and it has a

652
00:27:19,510 --> 00:27:17,510
strange symbol painted on the side well

653
00:27:21,340 --> 00:27:19,520
as he's approaching this thing it starts

654
00:27:23,620 --> 00:27:21,350
to roar and flames shoot out of the

655
00:27:24,700 --> 00:27:23,630
bottom well the more goes running back

656
00:27:28,409 --> 00:27:24,710
up to his SWAT

657
00:27:32,950 --> 00:27:28,419
how to hide as this thing takes off and

658
00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:32,960
zooms across the the sky and disappears

659
00:27:38,889 --> 00:27:36,320
against the horizon and Zamora gets on

660
00:27:41,049 --> 00:27:38,899
the radio and calls in for help and when

661
00:27:43,480 --> 00:27:41,059
the next when a state policeman Sam

662
00:27:44,529 --> 00:27:43,490
Chavez shows up he says Zamora is just

663
00:27:46,600 --> 00:27:44,539

white as a sheet

664

00:27:49,299 --> 00:27:46,610

looks like he's just seen the devil

665

00:27:51,549 --> 00:27:49,309

seems to be in shock he's just been seen

666

00:27:54,610 --> 00:27:51,559

something that has absolutely unnerved

667

00:27:58,060 --> 00:27:54,620

him it also turns out that a family of

668

00:28:02,649 --> 00:27:58,070

tourists driving through town had seen

669

00:28:04,450 --> 00:28:02,659

the same thing they pulled into a gas

670

00:28:06,159 --> 00:28:04,460

station in Socorro and they said hey

671

00:28:08,019 --> 00:28:06,169

what if you got flying around here and

672

00:28:09,279 --> 00:28:08,029

the gas station guy says well what do

673

00:28:10,810 --> 00:28:09,289

you mean you know we're close to a

674

00:28:13,690 --> 00:28:10,820

military bases so there are always a lot

675

00:28:15,399 --> 00:28:13,700

of helicopters around and the guy says

676

00:28:17,080 --> 00:28:15,409

no this wasn't a helicopter this was

677

00:28:18,490 --> 00:28:17,090

some weird thing that buzzed our station

678

00:28:21,250 --> 00:28:18,500

wagon just a minute ago as we were

679

00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:21,260

driving into town and he says then just

680

00:28:24,940 --> 00:28:23,120

after we saw it we saw one of your local

681

00:28:26,740 --> 00:28:24,950

police cars go drivin off the highway

682

00:28:29,200 --> 00:28:26,750

onto this gravel road so they saw the

683

00:28:32,830 --> 00:28:29,210

Mora actually responding to the blast

684

00:28:34,180 --> 00:28:32,840

that he had heard so um so you've got

685

00:28:36,490 --> 00:28:34,190

this really interesting case where you

686

00:28:40,120 --> 00:28:36,500

got this no-nonsense policeman who

687

00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:40,130

according to Hynek was was a very solid

688

00:28:44,440 --> 00:28:43,039

citizen not a really imaginative person

689

00:28:48,340 --> 00:28:44,450

not the kind of person you would expect

690

00:28:50,529 --> 00:28:48,350

to fabricate a crazy story about a UFO

691

00:28:52,029 --> 00:28:50,539

and there are these independent

692

00:28:53,919 --> 00:28:52,039

witnesses there are these tourists who

693

00:28:55,360 --> 00:28:53,929

who told the gas station attendant that

694

00:28:59,039 --> 00:28:55,370

they had seen the very same thing at the

695

00:29:01,180 --> 00:28:59,049

very same time in the very same place

696

00:29:02,830 --> 00:29:01,190

unfortunately they paid cash for their

697

00:29:06,100 --> 00:29:02,840

gas when they fill up their car so

698

00:29:07,720 --> 00:29:06,110

here's nothing new so so I mean there

699

00:29:10,360 --> 00:29:07,730

have been searches for these people and

700

00:29:11,680 --> 00:29:10,370

I stayed away from that part of the

701
00:29:15,220 --> 00:29:11,690
story because it wasn't really relevant

702
00:29:17,320 --> 00:29:15,230
to my narrative but what you got is a

703
00:29:19,899 --> 00:29:17,330
really puzzling account and it attracted

704
00:29:23,680 --> 00:29:19,909
a lot of attention and project Bluebook

705
00:29:25,299 --> 00:29:23,690
sent Hynek to Socorro very quickly he

706
00:29:28,060 --> 00:29:25,309
said he needed to sort of squash it down

707
00:29:29,980 --> 00:29:28,070
before it became a legend and he met

708
00:29:35,049 --> 00:29:29,990
with some morons very impressed with

709
00:29:37,240 --> 00:29:35,059
again how how very matter-of-fact Zamora

710
00:29:38,230 --> 00:29:37,250
was he did not embellish his story his

711
00:29:40,180 --> 00:29:38,240
story remained

712
00:29:43,690 --> 00:29:40,190
actly the same with every telling he was

713
00:29:45,970 --> 00:29:43,700

he was clearly confused and disturbed by

714

00:29:48,310 --> 00:29:45,980

what he had seen but he was also really

715

00:29:50,530 --> 00:29:48,320

upset because he wasn't going to hand

716

00:29:53,500 --> 00:29:50,540

out his quota of speeding ticket because

717

00:29:55,000 --> 00:29:53,510

that was where Titanic took us an

718

00:29:57,250 --> 00:29:55,010

interesting clue that this guy's

719

00:30:00,460 --> 00:29:57,260

personality is like why would he be

720

00:30:01,510 --> 00:30:00,470

making this thing up if he really just

721

00:30:03,520 --> 00:30:01,520

wants to be out there handing out

722

00:30:05,500 --> 00:30:03,530

speeding tickets just cotton and rose to

723

00:30:08,530 --> 00:30:05,510

that I thought was kind of funny so this

724

00:30:10,510 --> 00:30:08,540

case has been studied and analyzed a lot

725

00:30:14,169 --> 00:30:10,520

of people suggested that this object

726

00:30:17,350 --> 00:30:14,179

that Samara saw was maybe a prototype of

727

00:30:18,940 --> 00:30:17,360

NASA's lunar excursion module which was

728

00:30:20,320 --> 00:30:18,950

being tested for the moon flex the

729

00:30:22,900 --> 00:30:20,330

Apollo moon flights later on in the

730

00:30:24,580 --> 00:30:22,910

1960s so that was a possibility that a

731

00:30:26,380 --> 00:30:24,590

lot of people pointed out - it's never

732

00:30:28,390 --> 00:30:26,390

been proven the Air Force has always

733

00:30:29,799 --> 00:30:28,400

denied that that was the case but

734

00:30:31,600 --> 00:30:29,809

nobody's ever come up with an

735

00:30:35,169 --> 00:30:31,610

explanation for the case it remains a

736

00:30:36,340 --> 00:30:35,179

really intriguing unknown and like Hynek

737

00:30:38,260 --> 00:30:36,350

said it's kind of the rosetta stone

738

00:30:40,240 --> 00:30:38,270

because they've had all the perfect

739

00:30:44,080 --> 00:30:40,250

elements all the elements of a perfect

740

00:30:47,290 --> 00:30:44,090

UFO situation right and I mean you know

741

00:30:49,680 --> 00:30:47,300

human occupants are non-human it also

742

00:30:52,830 --> 00:30:49,690

sort of ushered in this whole new

743

00:30:56,440 --> 00:30:52,840

classification system that Hynek himself

744

00:30:58,720 --> 00:30:56,450

created and this bleeds sort of into the

745

00:31:01,510 --> 00:30:58,730

title of your book and his involvement

746

00:31:02,980 --> 00:31:01,520

with another big project but could you

747

00:31:04,870 --> 00:31:02,990

tell us a little mark about this

748

00:31:07,030 --> 00:31:04,880

classification system that Hynek

749

00:31:11,650 --> 00:31:07,040

ultimately came up with while working on

750

00:31:13,990 --> 00:31:11,660

blue book sure he his classification

751
00:31:17,380 --> 00:31:14,000
system actually went through several

752
00:31:19,060 --> 00:31:17,390
different permutations over time because

753
00:31:22,000 --> 00:31:19,070
he was constantly trying to think

754
00:31:24,190 --> 00:31:22,010
through the UFO problem and think of the

755
00:31:26,470 --> 00:31:24,200
best approach and of course he's a

756
00:31:29,080 --> 00:31:26,480
scientist scientist elected categorized

757
00:31:31,180 --> 00:31:29,090
things so it made sense to him if he

758
00:31:33,460 --> 00:31:31,190
should try to categorize UFO sightings

759
00:31:35,169 --> 00:31:33,470
in the first system he came up with and

760
00:31:36,190 --> 00:31:35,179
he actually described it first in an

761
00:31:39,790 --> 00:31:36,200
article that appeared in Playboy

762
00:31:41,440 --> 00:31:39,800
magazine of all fighting ring label

763
00:31:44,950 --> 00:31:41,450

the readers of playboy loved reading

764

00:31:48,250 --> 00:31:44,960

about flying saucers I don't know why

765

00:31:50,650 --> 00:31:48,260

but so idak does this story for Playboy

766

00:31:51,820 --> 00:31:50,660

magazine in the late 60s and he starts

767

00:31:54,730 --> 00:31:51,830

talking about

768

00:31:59,289 --> 00:31:54,740

he sees that you could categorize UFO

769

00:32:02,649 --> 00:31:59,299

sightings according to the strangeness

770

00:32:04,769 --> 00:32:02,659

of a situation in other words is a visit

771

00:32:09,070 --> 00:32:04,779

an event that can be explained by

772

00:32:13,269 --> 00:32:09,080

physical laws and the number two factor

773

00:32:15,730 --> 00:32:13,279

is the credibility of the witness is the

774

00:32:18,850 --> 00:32:15,740

witness someone who is a solid citizen

775

00:32:20,649 --> 00:32:18,860

good observer someone who can be counted

776

00:32:23,409 --> 00:32:20,659

on to give an honest telling of their

777

00:32:24,789 --> 00:32:23,419

experience and he thought that he

778

00:32:26,529 --> 00:32:24,799

thought that if you could group together

779

00:32:28,210 --> 00:32:26,539

if you could if you could group together

780

00:32:30,789 --> 00:32:28,220

some sightings that had a high

781

00:32:33,820 --> 00:32:30,799

strangeness factor and a high

782

00:32:35,649 --> 00:32:33,830

credibility factor for the witness that

783

00:32:37,899 --> 00:32:35,659

those were the cases that you should

784

00:32:40,389 --> 00:32:37,909

focus on that so that became his first

785

00:32:43,869 --> 00:32:40,399

approach over time he sort of developed

786

00:32:46,450 --> 00:32:43,879

that he expanded that into three very

787

00:32:49,769 --> 00:32:46,460

simple categories of UFOs and those were

788

00:32:51,489 --> 00:32:49,779

number one the day like discs which

789

00:32:53,830 --> 00:32:51,499

determines fairly obvious

790

00:32:56,859 --> 00:32:53,840

self-explanatory mean the second

791

00:33:00,220 --> 00:32:56,869

category was meandering nocturnal lights

792

00:33:02,230 --> 00:33:00,230

and if you've been sending UFOs for a

793

00:33:05,529 --> 00:33:02,240

while you know that the vast majority of

794

00:33:08,169 --> 00:33:05,539

sightings are meandering nocturnal light

795

00:33:10,560 --> 00:33:08,179

his third category was visual and radar

796

00:33:13,419 --> 00:33:10,570

sightings and those were sightings where

797

00:33:15,850 --> 00:33:13,429

you know obviously a visual sighting of

798

00:33:19,899 --> 00:33:15,860

the UFO was backed up and confirmed by a

799

00:33:21,999 --> 00:33:19,909

radar reading confirming that the

800

00:33:24,700 --> 00:33:22,009

presence of a solid object and its

801
00:33:27,039 --> 00:33:24,710
movement and those were very very

802
00:33:29,399 --> 00:33:27,049
intriguing cases behind me so so that

803
00:33:32,710 --> 00:33:29,409
was his first group of three categories

804
00:33:34,629 --> 00:33:32,720
later on he expanded that and he added

805
00:33:35,919 --> 00:33:34,639
the close encounter categories that's

806
00:33:38,769 --> 00:33:35,929
what people are most familiar with

807
00:33:40,960 --> 00:33:38,779
obviously from from the movie and from

808
00:33:44,649 --> 00:33:40,970
that that terms used in common parlance

809
00:33:48,269 --> 00:33:44,659
in our language today the close

810
00:33:51,489 --> 00:33:48,279
encounter of the first kind involve

811
00:33:55,779 --> 00:33:51,499
visual contact with an unusual object in

812
00:33:58,570 --> 00:33:55,789
the sky that was within 500 yards he

813
00:34:00,190 --> 00:33:58,580

figured that was a close enough that was

814

00:34:03,200 --> 00:34:00,200

a close enough measure that you could

815

00:34:05,600 --> 00:34:03,210

make out a visual detail on the US

816

00:34:08,810 --> 00:34:05,610

a close encounter of the second kind

817

00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:08,820

involved the UFO leaving behind physical

818

00:34:14,180 --> 00:34:11,040

traces and that could be anything from

819

00:34:16,329 --> 00:34:14,190

scorch marks which the UFO and Lonnie

820

00:34:20,329 --> 00:34:16,339

Zamora skates left behind

821

00:34:23,359 --> 00:34:20,339

scorched burned brush landing landing

822

00:34:25,460 --> 00:34:23,369

gear imprints in the ground that could

823

00:34:27,680 --> 00:34:25,470

also include ultraviolet burns to the

824

00:34:30,530 --> 00:34:27,690

witness's eyes it could involve the

825

00:34:32,149 --> 00:34:30,540

witness's car engines shutting off and

826

00:34:33,109 --> 00:34:32,159

it's like shutting off in the presence

827

00:34:35,000 --> 00:34:33,119

of the UFO

828

00:34:37,070 --> 00:34:35,010

so that was a close encounter the second

829

00:34:38,540 --> 00:34:37,080

time those those cases most intrigue

830

00:34:40,609 --> 00:34:38,550

Hynek because he thought that they had

831

00:34:42,020 --> 00:34:40,619

the most scientific value and except

832

00:34:44,300 --> 00:34:42,030

that they had the highest chance of

833

00:34:46,070 --> 00:34:44,310

actually proving something about the UFO

834

00:34:48,760 --> 00:34:46,080

phenomena and then of course the Close

835

00:34:51,859 --> 00:34:48,770

Encounters of the Third Kind involves

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00:34:56,359 --> 00:34:51,869

sighting and possible interaction with a

837

00:34:59,120 --> 00:34:56,369

being that emerges from the UFO or is

838

00:35:01,520 --> 00:34:59,130

seen in close proximity with the UFO so

839

00:35:04,030 --> 00:35:01,530

those are the three iconic categories

840

00:35:08,150 --> 00:35:04,040

that that everyone knows so well today

841

00:35:10,760 --> 00:35:08,160

right and I mean it we couldn't know it

842

00:35:13,450 --> 00:35:10,770

any better than when it came to us in

843

00:35:16,010 --> 00:35:13,460

the form of Steven Spielberg's film and

844

00:35:18,020 --> 00:35:16,020

obviously Hynek had to be involved with

845

00:35:20,260 --> 00:35:18,030

this somehow so this is a really

846

00:35:23,810 --> 00:35:20,270

interesting part of the book one of the

847

00:35:25,910 --> 00:35:23,820

more pop culture ask aspects of hynek's

848

00:35:27,620 --> 00:35:25,920

entire career so Kiki tell us a little

849

00:35:31,520 --> 00:35:27,630

about how Hynek got involved with

850

00:35:33,770 --> 00:35:31,530

Spielberg's film arc sure this is my

851
00:35:36,500 --> 00:35:33,780
discovery of this story came about while

852
00:35:39,770 --> 00:35:36,510
I was rooting through those decrepit

853
00:35:42,230 --> 00:35:39,780
things those decrepit file cabinets we

854
00:35:45,230 --> 00:35:42,240
mark erotic escapes mean even at the

855
00:35:48,109 --> 00:35:45,240
Center for UFO studies I found a manila

856
00:35:51,320 --> 00:35:48,119
folder labeled Spielberg and I'm a

857
00:35:53,750 --> 00:35:51,330
screenwriter and film buff and a huge

858
00:35:55,910 --> 00:35:53,760
admirer Steven Spielberg so course I

859
00:35:57,140 --> 00:35:55,920
grabbed that envelope and flipped it

860
00:35:59,540 --> 00:35:57,150
open to see what was in it it was a

861
00:36:01,220 --> 00:35:59,550
fairly thin envelope as I recall

862
00:36:02,500 --> 00:36:01,230
compared to some of the other envelopes

863
00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:02,510

in those files

864

00:36:07,040 --> 00:36:05,040

but there was one letter in particular

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00:36:10,579 --> 00:36:07,050

that really jumped out at me and it was

866

00:36:12,290 --> 00:36:10,589

this painfully awkward letter that J

867

00:36:15,530 --> 00:36:12,300

Allen Hynek had written to Steven

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00:36:17,220 --> 00:36:15,540

Spielberg to very politely point out

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00:36:20,720 --> 00:36:17,230

that his new movie

870

00:36:26,400 --> 00:36:20,730

founders of the third kind had actually

871

00:36:28,920 --> 00:36:26,410

stolen its title kinda sorta from a book

872

00:36:30,359 --> 00:36:28,930

that Hynek had written in 1972 called

873

00:36:33,030 --> 00:36:30,369

the UFO experience

874

00:36:36,660 --> 00:36:33,040

so in this letter hiding very gently and

875

00:36:39,030 --> 00:36:36,670

politely coincidence Tilburg that hey

876

00:36:41,250 --> 00:36:39,040

the term Close Encounters of the Third

877

00:36:45,060 --> 00:36:41,260

Kind is actually my intellectual

878

00:36:46,950 --> 00:36:45,070

property so and then he mentioned that

879

00:36:48,690 --> 00:36:46,960

he's going to be in Los Angeles soon and

880

00:36:50,430 --> 00:36:48,700

he says you know maybe the two of us can

881

00:36:53,099 --> 00:36:50,440

get together and talk while I'm in town

882

00:36:55,290 --> 00:36:53,109

so I'm staring at this letter that Hynek

883

00:36:58,710 --> 00:36:55,300

has written to Steven Spielberg and my

884

00:37:01,290 --> 00:36:58,720

jaw is on the floor because I feel like

885

00:37:04,349 --> 00:37:01,300

this is a this is such a fascinating

886

00:37:06,240 --> 00:37:04,359

little moment in history that I'm

887

00:37:08,130 --> 00:37:06,250

holding in my hands and it's real

888

00:37:10,140 --> 00:37:08,140

because I'm holding it in my hands and

889

00:37:12,180 --> 00:37:10,150

that's those are the kind of amazing

890

00:37:14,370 --> 00:37:12,190

discoveries I've made over and over here

891

00:37:16,220 --> 00:37:14,380

and researching this book but so I

892

00:37:19,620 --> 00:37:16,230

started digging into that story and

893

00:37:21,330 --> 00:37:19,630

discovered that when heineken Spielberg

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00:37:25,230 --> 00:37:21,340

did actually meet they were able to sort

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00:37:27,810 --> 00:37:25,240

things out very chemically as a fan of

896

00:37:29,849 --> 00:37:27,820

the book both men got what they wanted

897

00:37:31,500 --> 00:37:29,859

Spielberg was able to use the set of

898

00:37:33,830 --> 00:37:31,510

Close Encounters of the Third Kind in

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00:37:38,910 --> 00:37:33,840

his movie he hired Hynek to be his

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00:37:41,220 --> 00:37:38,920

technical adviser a lot of the incidents

901
00:37:43,440 --> 00:37:41,230
in the movie were inspired by stories

902
00:37:45,540 --> 00:37:43,450
that Hynek had told in that book mobile

903
00:37:47,490 --> 00:37:45,550
experience so hynix

904
00:37:50,700 --> 00:37:47,500
my next fingerprints are actually all

905
00:37:52,800 --> 00:37:50,710
over that movie and in fact it towards

906
00:37:55,590 --> 00:37:52,810
the climax of the movie at the Dark Side

907
00:37:57,620 --> 00:37:55,600
of the Moon UFO landing base at the

908
00:38:00,240 --> 00:37:57,630
bottom of Devil's Tower

909
00:38:02,790 --> 00:38:00,250
Hynek has a cameo appearance in the

910
00:38:05,550 --> 00:38:02,800
movie he has a using a shot that lasts

911
00:38:07,650 --> 00:38:05,560
about six seconds the alien mothership

912
00:38:09,870 --> 00:38:07,660
has appeared everyone is just an awe

913
00:38:12,210 --> 00:38:09,880

they're all phases in this glowing light

914

00:38:13,859 --> 00:38:12,220

coming from the mothership and they cut

915

00:38:16,050 --> 00:38:13,869

to a quick shot of this

916

00:38:17,520 --> 00:38:16,060

scientist he's like the only person in

917

00:38:21,120 --> 00:38:17,530

the scene who wasn't wearing a white

918

00:38:23,160 --> 00:38:21,130

white overall mm-hmm so he's just he's

919

00:38:26,250 --> 00:38:23,170

this very proper Soria looking guy with

920

00:38:28,890 --> 00:38:26,260

a goatee and glasses and a pipe attendee

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00:38:30,780 --> 00:38:28,900

while all these scientists are sort of

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00:38:32,820 --> 00:38:30,790

hanging back and staying away from

923

00:38:35,970 --> 00:38:32,830

the mothership Hynek is actually

924

00:38:38,040 --> 00:38:35,980

stepping towards it fiddling with his

925

00:38:40,320 --> 00:38:38,050

pipe and sticking it in his mouth and so

926
00:38:42,780 --> 00:38:40,330
he he has this moment in the film where

927
00:38:45,480 --> 00:38:42,790
he alone is approaching the mothership

928
00:38:47,040 --> 00:38:45,490
which to me was fairly significant it

929
00:38:49,380 --> 00:38:47,050
was kind of an acknowledgment I think

930
00:38:52,230 --> 00:38:49,390
I'm Steven Spielberg's part that Hynek

931
00:38:53,910 --> 00:38:52,240
really was a leader maybe the leader in

932
00:38:56,190 --> 00:38:53,920
this field and he had really shown the

933
00:38:57,990 --> 00:38:56,200
way so I think it's a pretty neat moment

934
00:39:00,000 --> 00:38:58,000
in the movie even though it's only six

935
00:39:02,850 --> 00:39:00,010
seconds and in the book of course I tell

936
00:39:05,400 --> 00:39:02,860
the story of hi Nick tells the story of

937
00:39:08,970 --> 00:39:05,410
how they actually filmed a lot of scenes

938
00:39:11,880 --> 00:39:08,980

that day where the little humanoid

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00:39:13,830 --> 00:39:11,890

aliens sort of clustered around Hynek

940

00:39:18,300 --> 00:39:13,840

and started fiddling with his pipe and

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00:39:20,190 --> 00:39:18,310

like hugging his goatee and it sounds

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00:39:22,380 --> 00:39:20,200

very steep behind it I Nick says it was

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00:39:24,510 --> 00:39:22,390

all very corny and he's really glad it

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00:39:27,540 --> 00:39:24,520

didn't get used in the movie but man

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00:39:31,140 --> 00:39:27,550

someday I would love oh my god yeah give

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00:39:33,450 --> 00:39:31,150

us the deleted scene that's incredible

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00:39:35,820 --> 00:39:33,460

well I mean still mark at that point I

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00:39:37,770 --> 00:39:35,830

mean hi Nick was now you know he was

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00:39:40,800 --> 00:39:37,780

mainstream he was in a Hollywood movie

950

00:39:43,860 --> 00:39:40,810

he was doing interviews all over the

951
00:39:44,310 --> 00:39:43,870
place late-night talk shows he was

952
00:39:47,430 --> 00:39:44,320
everywhere

953
00:39:50,130 --> 00:39:47,440
he was very visible and he was the UFO

954
00:39:52,500 --> 00:39:50,140
guy you know and we know Jacques de la

955
00:39:54,690 --> 00:39:52,510
as well had worked with Spielberg in the

956
00:39:58,110 --> 00:39:54,700
film talked with him consulted with him

957
00:40:00,150 --> 00:39:58,120
and while these two are sort of visible

958
00:40:02,940 --> 00:40:00,160
there were a lot of scientists working

959
00:40:04,650 --> 00:40:02,950
behind the scenes still studying UFOs

960
00:40:06,510 --> 00:40:04,660
and this was something that is sort of

961
00:40:08,880 --> 00:40:06,520
been coined is the invisible college

962
00:40:11,460 --> 00:40:08,890
could you could you describe this a

963
00:40:13,680 --> 00:40:11,470

little bit for us and what you make of

964

00:40:16,140 --> 00:40:13,690

this entire aspect of scientific

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00:40:16,950 --> 00:40:16,150

research of UFOs yeah it's a fascinating

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00:40:20,880 --> 00:40:16,960

story

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00:40:24,000 --> 00:40:20,890

it's kind of interesting taste in a case

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00:40:26,880 --> 00:40:24,010

of of beware unintended consequences

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00:40:31,220 --> 00:40:26,890

because the invisible College came about

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00:40:35,310 --> 00:40:31,230

at a time when institutional science was

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00:40:37,620 --> 00:40:35,320

essentially killing ufology once and for

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00:40:39,600 --> 00:40:37,630

all and while they were doing that the

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00:40:43,680 --> 00:40:39,610

invisible College sprung up and kept

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00:40:44,470 --> 00:40:43,690

ufology alive and in spite of Sciences

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00:40:46,599 --> 00:40:44,480

best

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00:40:49,779 --> 00:40:46,609

so it's a very curious story what

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00:40:52,930 --> 00:40:49,789

happened was long series of events that

978

00:40:58,420 --> 00:40:52,940

started out with the 1966 Michigan swamp

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00:41:01,750 --> 00:40:58,430

gas case eventually that case led to the

980

00:41:04,269 --> 00:41:01,760

Colorado project which refers to the US

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00:41:08,309 --> 00:41:04,279

Air Force hired the University of

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00:41:13,079 --> 00:41:08,319

Colorado gave them a \$300,000 grant in

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00:41:17,200 --> 00:41:13,089

1967 to do the final ultimate

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00:41:22,390 --> 00:41:17,210

authoritative analysis of the UFO

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00:41:25,839 --> 00:41:22,400

problem and decide number one - UFOs

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00:41:30,579 --> 00:41:25,849

posed a threat to our country and number

987

00:41:32,559 --> 00:41:30,589

two do they represent any sort of do

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00:41:34,539 --> 00:41:32,569

they actually represent any sort of

989

00:41:36,010 --> 00:41:34,549

interesting alien technology that we're

990

00:41:37,720 --> 00:41:36,020

not aware of so those were the kinds of

991

00:41:41,769 --> 00:41:37,730

things in Colorado project was looking

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00:41:45,640 --> 00:41:41,779

at and what they did basically was after

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00:41:49,809 --> 00:41:45,650

after a couple years of very public

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00:41:53,470 --> 00:41:49,819

infighting and scandal and ferrocene

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00:41:56,019 --> 00:41:53,480

news leaks the Colorado project finally

996

00:41:58,299 --> 00:41:56,029

came out with a final report that said

997

00:42:00,010 --> 00:41:58,309

no there's nothing to this we all just

998

00:42:02,200 --> 00:42:00,020

need to forget about UFOs and move on

999

00:42:05,309 --> 00:42:02,210

and by the way Project Blue Book should

1000

00:42:08,049 --> 00:42:05,319

be tilled as quickly as possible so

1001
00:42:10,450 --> 00:42:08,059
that's exactly what happened under the

1002
00:42:12,940 --> 00:42:10,460
cover of the Colorado projects final

1003
00:42:16,019 --> 00:42:12,950
report the universe was able to

1004
00:42:18,700 --> 00:42:16,029
legitimately shut down Project Blue Book

1005
00:42:20,799 --> 00:42:18,710
because they said well now now we know

1006
00:42:22,000 --> 00:42:20,809
that there's no value to this anymore so

1007
00:42:25,390 --> 00:42:22,010
we're just going to kill it

1008
00:42:27,279 --> 00:42:25,400
so Hynek found himself free free of the

1009
00:42:31,839 --> 00:42:27,289
air force's constraints for the first

1010
00:42:33,940 --> 00:42:31,849
time in many many many years and when

1011
00:42:35,859 --> 00:42:33,950
the University of Colorado was picked to

1012
00:42:37,000 --> 00:42:35,869
to run this study what happened was

1013
00:42:39,849 --> 00:42:37,010

there were a whole lot of other

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00:42:43,359 --> 00:42:39,859

universities that turned down the chance

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00:42:45,579 --> 00:42:43,369

to participate in this study but they

1016

00:42:48,000 --> 00:42:45,589

had they had faculty they had professors

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00:42:51,760 --> 00:42:48,010

on their staff they had scientists

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00:42:55,019 --> 00:42:51,770

astronomers physicists psychologists

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00:42:57,510 --> 00:42:55,029

psychiatrists biologists who were

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00:43:00,450 --> 00:42:57,520

secretly interested in

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00:43:02,400 --> 00:43:00,460

UFO problem but when their universities

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00:43:06,720 --> 00:43:02,410

didn't get the grant they were all

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00:43:08,730 --> 00:43:06,730

looking for a way to sort of pursue

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00:43:11,370 --> 00:43:08,740

these interests in a safe and anonymous

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00:43:14,010 --> 00:43:11,380

manner while Hynek gave them that

1026
00:43:16,140 --> 00:43:14,020
opportunity because he said look you

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00:43:18,360 --> 00:43:16,150
know what Project Blue Book may be dead

1028
00:43:21,320 --> 00:43:18,370
but I'm still interested in this topic

1029
00:43:23,610 --> 00:43:21,330
and me and my buddies here in Chicago

1030
00:43:25,620 --> 00:43:23,620
are going to keep moving ahead with our

1031
00:43:28,230 --> 00:43:25,630
own studies and anybody who wants to

1032
00:43:30,830 --> 00:43:28,240
join us is welcome and so what happened

1033
00:43:35,030 --> 00:43:30,840
was a whole lot of these scientists from

1034
00:43:38,040 --> 00:43:35,040
universities and scientific research

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00:43:40,050 --> 00:43:38,050
research centers not just in the US but

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00:43:41,880 --> 00:43:40,060
around the world started contacting

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00:43:43,620 --> 00:43:41,890
anything I want to be part of this and

1038
00:43:45,300 --> 00:43:43,630

they didn't have any formal structure

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00:43:49,020 --> 00:43:45,310

that's why they're the invisible college

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00:43:51,090 --> 00:43:49,030

they they would get together when two or

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00:43:53,370 --> 00:43:51,100

three of them happen to be attending the

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00:43:55,560 --> 00:43:53,380

same scientific conference somewhere in

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00:43:57,330 --> 00:43:55,570

the world or if two or three of them

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00:43:58,830 --> 00:43:57,340

happened to be in Chicago at the same

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00:44:01,740 --> 00:43:58,840

time they would all meet at hynek's

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00:44:03,570 --> 00:44:01,750

house and talk about talk about their

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00:44:05,850 --> 00:44:03,580

research and put their heads together

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00:44:07,680 --> 00:44:05,860

and try to try to make some progress in

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00:44:10,170 --> 00:44:07,690

their research so that's how the

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00:44:12,750 --> 00:44:10,180

invisible college came about it was sort

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00:44:14,760 --> 00:44:12,760
of a retreat for all these establishment

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00:44:16,830 --> 00:44:14,770
scientists who were interested in the

1053
00:44:18,860 --> 00:44:16,840
problem but weren't being given the

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00:44:21,810 --> 00:44:18,870
opportunity to pursue their interest in

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00:44:23,850 --> 00:44:21,820
the within the confines of you know

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00:44:26,910 --> 00:44:23,860
traditional scientific establishment and

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00:44:27,630 --> 00:44:26,920
academia right and then I mean

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00:44:29,910 --> 00:44:27,640
eventually

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00:44:32,490 --> 00:44:29,920
Hynek would then form koukos which was

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00:44:35,280 --> 00:44:32,500
an organization that he started and had

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00:44:37,260 --> 00:44:35,290
you know some sort of structure to it so

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00:44:39,840 --> 00:44:37,270
could you could you tell us where q post

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00:44:41,610 --> 00:44:39,850

stands right now mark where it seems

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00:44:43,230 --> 00:44:41,620

right now boy that's that's tricky

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00:44:46,830 --> 00:44:43,240

because as I've already described you've

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00:44:52,260 --> 00:44:46,840

got you've got mark Roger and Mary

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00:44:54,960 --> 00:44:52,270

Kastner and several really dedicated

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00:44:58,380 --> 00:44:54,970

people who are doing whatever they can

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00:45:02,520 --> 00:44:58,390

to keep hynix legacy alive and to keep

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00:45:05,160 --> 00:45:02,530

his records and his archives safe and

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00:45:08,790 --> 00:45:05,170

intact and preserve for future

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00:45:10,110 --> 00:45:08,800

researchers but they don't it always

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00:45:10,589 --> 00:45:10,120

kind of been the money they don't have

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00:45:14,190 --> 00:45:10,599

money

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00:45:16,829 --> 00:45:14,200

um you know there when Koufos first

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00:45:19,170 --> 00:45:16,839

began when Hynek first formed this group

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00:45:21,690 --> 00:45:19,180

which was essentially he just basically

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00:45:23,039 --> 00:45:21,700

took the invisible college and said hey

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00:45:24,749 --> 00:45:23,049

we're coming out in the open now and

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00:45:27,210 --> 00:45:24,759

they hung up a shingle and said okay

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00:45:32,640 --> 00:45:27,220

where we are your friendly neighborhood

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00:45:34,739 --> 00:45:32,650

UFO research art music so um but at that

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00:45:36,509 --> 00:45:34,749

time the plans were they were budgeted

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00:45:38,130 --> 00:45:36,519

for about a to two hundred thousand

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00:45:40,829 --> 00:45:38,140

dollars a year this is in the early

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00:45:43,920 --> 00:45:40,839

1970s to run kuvasz and for a couple

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00:45:45,630 --> 00:45:43,930

years they were operating very nicely

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00:45:47,430 --> 00:45:45,640

they were bringing in a lot of money

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00:45:49,349 --> 00:45:47,440

they had celebrities involved like

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00:45:51,420 --> 00:45:49,359

Jackie Gleason and Stan Freberg

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00:45:53,670 --> 00:45:51,430

and they had the movie Close Encounters

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00:45:57,450 --> 00:45:53,680

which brought a lot of attention to

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00:46:00,630 --> 00:45:57,460

convulse and a lot of support but over

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00:46:02,519 --> 00:46:00,640

time the financial constraints became

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00:46:05,779 --> 00:46:02,529

very very difficult to deal with

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00:46:07,950 --> 00:46:05,789

especially after he passed away in 1986

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00:46:10,440 --> 00:46:07,960

Koufos just went through a period of

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00:46:13,289 --> 00:46:10,450

constant downsizing to the point where

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00:46:15,390 --> 00:46:13,299

as I mentioned their files are

1100

00:46:18,359 --> 00:46:15,400

essentially stored in people's basements

1101
00:46:20,579 --> 00:46:18,369
and attics throughout Chicago which to

1102
00:46:22,999 --> 00:46:20,589
me is kind of a disgrace I wish there

1103
00:46:25,440 --> 00:46:23,009
was a way to come up with the money to

1104
00:46:28,229 --> 00:46:25,450
get all these records in the safe place

1105
00:46:32,670 --> 00:46:28,239
in one place where people like me and

1106
00:46:36,029 --> 00:46:32,680
you can go instead absolutely yeah and I

1107
00:46:38,609 --> 00:46:36,039
mean I think things like your book like

1108
00:46:40,709 --> 00:46:38,619
shining a light on this man's career it

1109
00:46:43,079 --> 00:46:40,719
will invigorate some people be like oh

1110
00:46:45,509 --> 00:46:43,089
my god we are sitting on a wealth of

1111
00:46:47,819 --> 00:46:45,519
information from credible astronomer

1112
00:46:49,469 --> 00:46:47,829
scientists philosophers psychiatrists

1113
00:46:51,569 --> 00:46:49,479

everything you mentioned earlier and

1114

00:46:54,930 --> 00:46:51,579

know that there was something to this so

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00:46:57,089 --> 00:46:54,940

let's it's 2017 people what's digitize

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00:46:59,759 --> 00:46:57,099

this stuff you know in terms of the

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00:47:00,599 --> 00:46:59,769

legacy of Jo and Hynek work you did such

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00:47:03,150 --> 00:47:00,609

a good job

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00:47:05,969 --> 00:47:03,160

like I said weaving his story in with

1120

00:47:08,489 --> 00:47:05,979

UFO history it was complex it was

1121

00:47:10,170 --> 00:47:08,499

controversial I'm sure it was messy to

1122

00:47:12,719 --> 00:47:10,180

sort of create a narrative around this

1123

00:47:15,569 --> 00:47:12,729

entire thing but he has found his place

1124

00:47:18,029 --> 00:47:15,579

in UFO history mister Hayek as what do

1125

00:47:20,459 --> 00:47:18,039

you take from the life of Hynek after

1126
00:47:22,529 --> 00:47:20,469
digging so deep into his life and career

1127
00:47:23,990 --> 00:47:22,539
well this just came up this morning

1128
00:47:26,420 --> 00:47:24,000
somebody asked me

1129
00:47:29,690 --> 00:47:26,430
question on my blog high strangeness UFO

1130
00:47:32,080 --> 00:47:29,700
calm about the future of ethology and

1131
00:47:35,600 --> 00:47:32,090
this person asked me if you had

1132
00:47:38,510 --> 00:47:35,610
unlimited money to pursue UFO research

1133
00:47:39,590 --> 00:47:38,520
and you because I had mentioned in my

1134
00:47:41,780 --> 00:47:39,600
blog and I've mentioned this several

1135
00:47:44,600 --> 00:47:41,790
times but I think maybe we need to sort

1136
00:47:46,640 --> 00:47:44,610
of throw out the way you follow G has

1137
00:47:48,890 --> 00:47:46,650
been pursued so far and come up with a

1138
00:47:52,010 --> 00:47:48,900

whole new approach so this person asked

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00:47:53,690 --> 00:47:52,020

me okay you had unlimited money to come

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00:47:55,760 --> 00:47:53,700

up with the whole new approach what

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00:47:57,740 --> 00:47:55,770

would you do first and I thought wow

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00:48:02,150 --> 00:47:57,750

that that's a really really fascinating

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00:48:04,160 --> 00:48:02,160

question and I realized that I would go

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00:48:07,310 --> 00:48:04,170

back Mike my thoughts immediately go

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00:48:08,930 --> 00:48:07,320

back to something that dr. Hynek said to

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00:48:12,200 --> 00:48:08,940

his friend and colleague Jacques Vallee

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00:48:15,770 --> 00:48:12,210

back when they had flown out to Colorado

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00:48:20,690 --> 00:48:15,780

to give testimony to the scientists on

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00:48:23,660 --> 00:48:20,700

the Colorado project and they floated

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00:48:25,460 --> 00:48:23,670

Denver and they were they were driving

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00:48:28,040 --> 00:48:25,470

to their hotel and they started talking

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00:48:29,840 --> 00:48:28,050

about their scientific philosophies and

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00:48:32,720 --> 00:48:29,850

they actually started sharing some of

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00:48:34,880 --> 00:48:32,730

their spiritual and mystical feelings

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00:48:38,270 --> 00:48:34,890

which scientists don't always do

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00:48:40,430 --> 00:48:38,280

especially not with fellow scientists

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00:48:42,800 --> 00:48:40,440

mm-hmm but during this conversation

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00:48:45,290 --> 00:48:42,810

Jacques Vallee said well what caused you

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00:48:47,000 --> 00:48:45,300

to get into science Alan you know

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00:48:49,310 --> 00:48:47,010

because there's the story around that

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00:48:50,930 --> 00:48:49,320

when you were 8 you were sick in bed in

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00:48:53,450 --> 00:48:50,940

your mom review in astronomy textbook

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00:48:55,970 --> 00:48:53,460

and that's what that's what did it and

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00:48:58,730 --> 00:48:55,980

I'm except well the real reason ionica

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00:49:00,890 --> 00:48:58,740

science is that I wanted to explore the

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00:49:03,620 --> 00:49:00,900

things that science couldn't explain I

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00:49:06,200 --> 00:49:03,630

wanted to study the fringes the ragged

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00:49:08,300 --> 00:49:06,210

edges of science and try to figure out

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00:49:12,080 --> 00:49:08,310

the things that we haven't that have

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00:49:14,390 --> 00:49:12,090

defied explanation up till now and I

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00:49:16,610 --> 00:49:14,400

think that's a really good starting

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00:49:18,020 --> 00:49:16,620

point but I think that if you're going

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00:49:19,520 --> 00:49:18,030

to start there if you're going to start

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00:49:23,510 --> 00:49:19,530

looking at the things science can't

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00:49:25,700 --> 00:49:23,520

explain it seems to me as as a non

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00:49:28,070 --> 00:49:25,710

scientists it seems to me that if you're

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00:49:29,870 --> 00:49:28,080

going to start there then you shouldn't

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00:49:32,600 --> 00:49:29,880

block yourself into the scientific

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00:49:35,360 --> 00:49:32,610

method because as we all know over

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00:49:37,740 --> 00:49:35,370

decades and decades and decades 70 70

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00:49:40,620 --> 00:49:37,750

years now of UFO study and

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00:49:43,100 --> 00:49:40,630

search the scientific method has not

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00:49:46,020 --> 00:49:43,110

exactly been our friend

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00:49:48,810 --> 00:49:46,030

it hasn't really gotten us anywhere

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00:49:51,390 --> 00:49:48,820

you know but but the general consensus

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00:49:54,690 --> 00:49:51,400

is well if you can't prove it using the

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00:49:57,240 --> 00:49:54,700

scientific method then it's not true it

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00:49:59,190 --> 00:49:57,250

doesn't exist well I think we need to

1189

00:50:00,660 --> 00:49:59,200

get beyond that kind of rigid thinking I

1190

00:50:03,420 --> 00:50:00,670

think this is where Hynek would have

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00:50:05,670 --> 00:50:03,430

wanted to go I think he would have been

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00:50:07,680 --> 00:50:05,680

shinned at some point in the book I said

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00:50:10,320 --> 00:50:07,690

actually I think this was in my original

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00:50:12,600 --> 00:50:10,330

book proposal one of my lines was that

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00:50:13,890 --> 00:50:12,610

as more and more Americans start to

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00:50:16,530 --> 00:50:13,900

wonder what's out there

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00:50:18,840 --> 00:50:16,540

Hynek starts to wonder what out there

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00:50:21,270 --> 00:50:18,850

really means mmm

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00:50:23,250 --> 00:50:21,280

in life he was repeating his he had

1200

00:50:25,530 --> 00:50:23,260

become very expensive he was thinking in

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00:50:28,440 --> 00:50:25,540

terms of alternate dimensions he was

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00:50:30,960 --> 00:50:28,450

thinking that there was very probably a

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00:50:34,260 --> 00:50:30,970

psychic dimensions of the UFO phenomenon

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00:50:36,390 --> 00:50:34,270

and not getting into talks about ESP or

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00:50:38,730 --> 00:50:36,400

telekinesis but just saying that the

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00:50:41,850 --> 00:50:38,740

that someone who has undergone someone

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00:50:45,660 --> 00:50:41,860

who has gone through a UFO event a close

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00:50:49,380 --> 00:50:45,670

encounter and abduction but part of what

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00:50:51,510 --> 00:50:49,390

they have experienced may have been in

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00:50:53,880 --> 00:50:51,520

their minds that doesn't mean it's not

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00:50:56,490 --> 00:50:53,890

real it just means that there's no way

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00:50:58,680 --> 00:50:56,500

in hell we can study that it especially

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00:51:00,690 --> 00:50:58,690

if we stick to the scientific method so

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00:51:02,070 --> 00:51:00,700

I was really glad that this person

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00:51:03,930 --> 00:51:02,080

brought it up on my block today because

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00:51:05,610 --> 00:51:03,940

it kind of triggered be stalked in me

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00:51:07,260 --> 00:51:05,620

and there but as you can tell they

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00:51:09,960 --> 00:51:07,270

haven't fully gelled I know I'm kind of

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00:51:11,880 --> 00:51:09,970

talking in circles here yeah but again I

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00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:11,890

just go back to hynek's quote about I

1221

00:51:16,320 --> 00:51:13,930

wanted to study the things that science

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00:51:18,930 --> 00:51:16,330

couldn't explain so okay we all want to

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00:51:21,240 --> 00:51:18,940

study that so why do we rely on science

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00:51:23,130 --> 00:51:21,250

to give us the mode of studying that the

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00:51:27,050 --> 00:51:23,140

scientific method I think we need to be

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00:51:29,370 --> 00:51:27,060

more I think we need to be more open to

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00:51:32,160 --> 00:51:29,380

abandoning the traditional scientific

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00:51:34,290 --> 00:51:32,170

method when it doesn't when it doesn't

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00:51:36,000 --> 00:51:34,300

fit the bill and as we all know there

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00:51:38,160 --> 00:51:36,010

are a lot of instances when it when it

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00:51:40,620 --> 00:51:38,170

just doesn't fit the bill this person

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00:51:42,330 --> 00:51:40,630

also asks me well again laughing this

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00:51:43,710 --> 00:51:42,340

isn't in addition this was the main

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00:51:45,180 --> 00:51:43,720

question what would you do if you had

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00:51:48,780 --> 00:51:45,190

unlimited funds and I thought you know

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00:51:51,090 --> 00:51:48,790

what I would go back to what to me is I

1237

00:51:51,660 --> 00:51:51,100

think the most intriguing on the solved

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00:51:54,710 --> 00:51:51,670

UFO

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00:51:59,099 --> 00:51:54,720

of all time it's the term Mountain Utah

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00:52:01,289 --> 00:51:59,109

movie film and maybe photographer

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00:52:03,990 --> 00:52:01,299

Dilbert Newhouse was on vacation driving

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00:52:06,170 --> 00:52:04,000

through Utah with his family beautiful

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00:52:08,670 --> 00:52:06,180

sunny day not a cloud in the sky and

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00:52:10,470 --> 00:52:08,680

mrs. Newhouse looks out the car window

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00:52:13,260 --> 00:52:10,480

and says hey what's that up in the sky

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00:52:16,319 --> 00:52:13,270

well there are 15 or 20 bright white

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00:52:18,390 --> 00:52:16,329

lights sort of cavorting about in the

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00:52:21,240 --> 00:52:18,400

blue sky well

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00:52:23,069 --> 00:52:21,250

Newhouse pulls the car over goes to the

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00:52:25,490 --> 00:52:23,079

trunk of the car he just happens to have

1251
00:52:28,650 --> 00:52:25,500
a 16 millimeter movie camera with him

1252
00:52:31,109 --> 00:52:28,660
and he shoots about 40 seconds of film

1253
00:52:34,980 --> 00:52:31,119
excuse me he shoots about 40 seconds of

1254
00:52:38,250 --> 00:52:34,990
film of these bright objects flying

1255
00:52:41,940 --> 00:52:38,260
about in the sky and he sends the film

1256
00:52:45,480 --> 00:52:41,950
to his his higher-ups in the military

1257
00:52:48,210 --> 00:52:45,490
the film ends up going to - most

1258
00:52:51,349 --> 00:52:48,220
technically advanced at the time photo

1259
00:52:54,359 --> 00:52:51,359
research labs run by our government and

1260
00:52:57,240 --> 00:52:54,369
the film is subject to frame by frame

1261
00:53:00,240 --> 00:52:57,250
analysis and after thousands of

1262
00:53:02,789 --> 00:53:00,250
man-hours our country's best photo

1263
00:53:06,900 --> 00:53:02,799

analysts these are people who work for

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00:53:09,480 --> 00:53:06,910

the CIA and military they cannot explain

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00:53:11,339 --> 00:53:09,490

what these objects are they are

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00:53:13,410 --> 00:53:11,349

absolutely certain that these objects

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00:53:16,109 --> 00:53:13,420

are not Birds they're not balloons

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00:53:19,020 --> 00:53:16,119

they're not astronomical phenomenon they

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00:53:21,200 --> 00:53:19,030

are something solid and manufactures

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00:53:25,230 --> 00:53:21,210

that are either emitting light or

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00:53:28,020 --> 00:53:25,240

reflecting light so to me that case is

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00:53:29,670 --> 00:53:28,030

kind of a jaw-dropper and it seems to me

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00:53:31,349 --> 00:53:29,680

it just just occurred to me again just

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00:53:33,750 --> 00:53:31,359

this morning writing writing this out on

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00:53:38,069 --> 00:53:33,760

my blog that if I had those unlimited

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00:53:40,980 --> 00:53:38,079

resources I would find the closest to

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00:53:43,799 --> 00:53:40,990

original copy of that film in existence

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00:53:46,740 --> 00:53:43,809

and I would hire the best special

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00:53:48,809 --> 00:53:46,750

effects people in the movie industry to

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00:53:51,690 --> 00:53:48,819

analyze it not just analyze it frame by

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00:53:54,180 --> 00:53:51,700

frame to analyze it pixel by pixel if

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00:53:56,339 --> 00:53:54,190

you think about how much imaging

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00:53:58,980 --> 00:53:56,349

technology has advanced just over the

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00:54:01,849 --> 00:53:58,990

last 10 or 20 years or so if we can

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00:54:04,329 --> 00:54:01,859

apply the latest state-of-the-art photo

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00:54:07,209 --> 00:54:04,339

analysis science

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00:54:10,089 --> 00:54:07,219

to that film I wonder what we would find

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00:54:13,299 --> 00:54:10,099

out about it I can only imagine man you

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00:54:16,289 --> 00:54:13,309

have a fascinating case and where do you

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00:54:18,099 --> 00:54:16,299

got my money where do I send it I

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00:54:21,940 --> 00:54:18,109

couldn't agree more

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00:54:24,489 --> 00:54:21,950

let's start this now yes okay we'll talk

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00:54:28,239 --> 00:54:24,499

after this we'll start a Kickstarter or

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00:54:30,309 --> 00:54:28,249

something well uh mark what's next for

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00:54:31,930 --> 00:54:30,319

you what I know you know the book is

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00:54:34,390 --> 00:54:31,940

just coming out this is an exciting time

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00:54:36,969 --> 00:54:34,400

for you as a researcher and an author

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00:54:40,599 --> 00:54:36,979

do you have any other upcoming projects

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00:54:43,749 --> 00:54:40,609

coming out soon well I have I have three

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00:54:45,640 --> 00:54:43,759

or four ideas for book projects that I'm

1301
00:54:47,229 --> 00:54:45,650
going to be kicking around over the next

1302
00:54:50,920 --> 00:54:47,239
couple of months it's too early to go

1303
00:54:52,599 --> 00:54:50,930
into them publicly but but I have I have

1304
00:54:55,029 --> 00:54:52,609
some fun intriguing ideas they're not

1305
00:54:57,069 --> 00:54:55,039
all well some of them are UFO related

1306
00:54:58,839 --> 00:54:57,079
but not all of them are ufo-related so

1307
00:55:01,089 --> 00:54:58,849
it's possible that my next book may go

1308
00:55:03,519 --> 00:55:01,099
off in completely different direction in

1309
00:55:05,950 --> 00:55:03,529
the meantime I will continue to blog at

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00:55:09,700 --> 00:55:05,960
high stringency fo com that will not

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00:55:12,390 --> 00:55:09,710
change and you know continue to continue

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00:55:15,700 --> 00:55:12,400
to air commentary an opinion on

1313
00:55:18,099 --> 00:55:15,710

happenings in UFO world whenever I can

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00:55:20,769 --> 00:55:18,109

on Facebook or Instagram or Twitter or

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00:55:23,200 --> 00:55:20,779

my woman so that's that's that's what

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00:55:25,509 --> 00:55:23,210

I'll be up to Nick perfect sounds great

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00:55:27,640 --> 00:55:25,519

man and again guys the book is the Close

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00:55:30,640 --> 00:55:27,650

Encounters Man how one man made the

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00:55:32,200 --> 00:55:30,650

world believe in UFOs mark I can't thank

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00:55:34,509 --> 00:55:32,210

you enough for joining me and again

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00:55:36,309 --> 00:55:34,519

congratulations on the book I think this

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00:55:39,459 --> 00:55:36,319

will be one of the seminal books when it

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00:55:41,890 --> 00:55:39,469

comes to UFO research and who we can

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00:55:44,079 --> 00:55:41,900

truly learn from and that is mr. J Allen

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00:55:45,700 --> 00:55:44,089

Hynek and yourself included so again

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00:55:47,739 --> 00:55:45,710
thank you for joining me and somewhere

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00:55:49,420 --> 00:55:47,749
in the skies well I really appreciate it

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00:55:50,589 --> 00:55:49,430
Ryan it's been a blast talking with you

1329
00:55:53,140 --> 00:55:50,599
let's do it again sometime

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00:55:55,420 --> 00:55:53,150
sounds great that is it for this week's

1331
00:55:57,549 --> 00:55:55,430
episode for any new listeners out there

1332
00:56:00,370 --> 00:55:57,559
thank you for giving the show a chance

1333
00:56:01,809 --> 00:56:00,380
please share the show and if you have a

1334
00:56:04,209 --> 00:56:01,819
moment rate and review the show on

1335
00:56:05,620 --> 00:56:04,219
iTunes I'd certainly appreciate it

1336
00:56:07,749 --> 00:56:05,630
email me with topic and guest

1337
00:56:10,479 --> 00:56:07,759
suggestions spread at somewhere in the

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00:56:12,009 --> 00:56:10,489

skies calm all past shows and exclusive

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00:56:15,309 --> 00:56:12,019

content can be found on the website

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00:56:16,970 --> 00:56:15,319

somewhere in the skies calm next week we

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00:56:20,150 --> 00:56:16,980

are joined by Erica

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00:56:22,280 --> 00:56:20,160

a UFO researcher out of Utah will dig

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00:56:24,530 --> 00:56:22,290

deep into some of our most intriguing

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00:56:26,660 --> 00:56:24,540

cases it's sure to be an interesting

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00:56:29,030 --> 00:56:26,670

interview I'll see you next Monday and

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00:56:47,120 --> 00:56:29,040

remember keep your feet on the ground

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00:56:50,359 --> 00:56:47,130

but never stop searching this has been