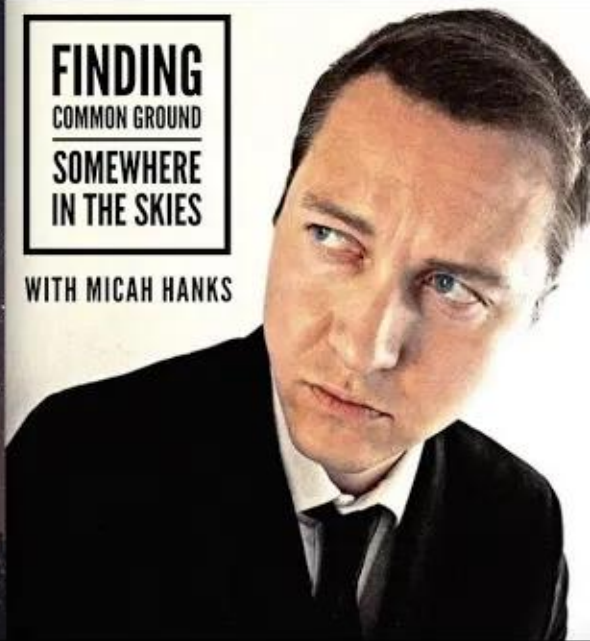


SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES

WITH RYAN SPRAGUE

FINDING
COMMON GROUND
SOMEWHERE
IN THE SKIES

WITH MICAH HANKS



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00:00:07,880 --> 00:00:05,210
welcome to somewhere in the skies I'm

2
00:00:09,320 --> 00:00:07,890
your host Ryan Sprague this week we

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00:00:12,080 --> 00:00:09,330
flashback to an interview I conducted

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00:00:16,010 --> 00:00:12,090
with fellow co-hosts of the original

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00:00:17,930 --> 00:00:16,020
rogue planet podcast UFO bod pod hosted

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00:00:20,689 --> 00:00:17,940
by Jason McClellan and Maureen Elsberry

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00:00:23,990 --> 00:00:20,699
we dove deep into the UFO topic from a

8
00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:24,000
fresh and objective perspective UFO mod

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00:00:29,300 --> 00:00:26,160
pod grew and evolved into what is now

10
00:00:30,919 --> 00:00:29,310
known simply as unknown in this early

11
00:00:33,650 --> 00:00:30,929
episode the three of us invite the

12
00:00:35,389 --> 00:00:33,660
mouths from the South Myka Hanks on to

13
00:00:38,060 --> 00:00:35,399

the show to discuss several cases

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00:00:39,830 --> 00:00:38,070

pertaining to his own UFO research and

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00:00:43,850 --> 00:00:39,840

then we dive into his thoughts and

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00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:43,860

theories on UFOs and philosophy is as

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00:00:49,549 --> 00:00:45,920

the late Stephen Hawking once stated

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00:00:51,979 --> 00:00:49,559

philosophy truly dead or can it find a

19

00:00:55,580 --> 00:00:51,989

place in the ever-evolving UFO

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00:01:08,330 --> 00:00:55,590

phenomenon and the study of it tune in

21

00:01:11,010 --> 00:01:08,340

right now to find out this is somewhere

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00:01:28,020 --> 00:01:11,020

in the skies the Branzburg

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00:01:30,820 --> 00:01:28,030

[Music]

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00:01:32,650 --> 00:01:30,830

we're talking about UFOs and aliens

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00:01:35,860 --> 00:01:32,660

today and I know you make your rounds at

26
00:01:38,140 --> 00:01:35,870
some conferences now and again lecturing

27
00:01:40,750 --> 00:01:38,150
on the topic as well and recently you

28
00:01:42,310 --> 00:01:40,760
are at this interesting sounding

29
00:01:45,220 --> 00:01:42,320
conference called the space and alien

30
00:01:47,560 --> 00:01:45,230
snow fest so love to hear about that

31
00:01:49,570 --> 00:01:47,570
event and your experience there yeah

32
00:01:52,000 --> 00:01:49,580
well first of all I wish all three of

33
00:01:54,880 --> 00:01:52,010
you had been there and for the listeners

34
00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:54,890
you know we've all the three of us or

35
00:01:57,640 --> 00:01:56,000
I'm sure the four of us you're these

36
00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:57,650
three guys and myself we've we've all

37
00:02:00,490 --> 00:01:58,880
been to a lot of conferences together

38
00:02:01,780 --> 00:02:00,500

that was the very first thing I was

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00:02:04,270 --> 00:02:01,790

thinking while was at this one I kid you

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00:02:07,120 --> 00:02:04,280

not it was a lot of fun part of what

41

00:02:09,430 --> 00:02:07,130

made this fun out was the fact that it

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00:02:10,600 --> 00:02:09,440

was kind of a smaller crowd and so it

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00:02:12,610 --> 00:02:10,610

was a little more intimate it wasn't in

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00:02:14,830 --> 00:02:12,620

you know insanely large and it wasn't

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00:02:16,900 --> 00:02:14,840

this into this social movement kind of

46

00:02:20,170 --> 00:02:16,910

thing there was a very interesting

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:20,180

variety of people that my day arriving

48

00:02:23,080 --> 00:02:20,959

in California

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00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:23,090

was very interesting because I arrived

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00:02:27,340 --> 00:02:25,280

at the airport the twin brother of the

51
00:02:30,250 --> 00:02:27,350
conference organizer picks me up in a

52
00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:30,260
Dodge Challenger and he says I'm here on

53
00:02:34,720 --> 00:02:32,239
strict orders from my bro to pick you

54
00:02:36,190 --> 00:02:34,730
and Stanton Friedman up so I told him I

55
00:02:37,810 --> 00:02:36,200
said give me five minutes hug one side

56
00:02:39,400 --> 00:02:37,820
this Airport I betcha I can find Stan

57
00:02:40,479 --> 00:02:39,410
and I went in the door turned left and

58
00:02:42,670 --> 00:02:40,489
there he was he was he was standing

59
00:02:45,340 --> 00:02:42,680
right there so I went up and I thought

60
00:02:46,840 --> 00:02:45,350
you know I haven't seen him since I

61
00:02:49,240 --> 00:02:46,850
actually I think the last time I saw him

62
00:02:52,449 --> 00:02:49,250
was the 2013 International UFO Congress

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00:02:54,100 --> 00:02:52,459

I walked up to us Stanton Myka Hanks

64
00:02:56,259 --> 00:02:54,110
here and he looked at me he looked me up

65
00:02:58,360 --> 00:02:56,269
and down he goes mica you look you look

66
00:03:05,140 --> 00:02:58,370
so much better than last time and I'm

67
00:03:06,670 --> 00:03:05,150
like thanks but we had such a great time

68
00:03:08,949 --> 00:03:06,680
we get in the car and we're driving out

69
00:03:11,229 --> 00:03:08,959
through California and headed up toward

70
00:03:13,000 --> 00:03:11,239
the mountains we're talking about you

71
00:03:14,680 --> 00:03:13,010
know hi Nick and Henry and the Center

72
00:03:17,860 --> 00:03:14,690
for UFO studies we're talking about

73
00:03:19,750 --> 00:03:17,870
really got deeply into Philip J class we

74
00:03:21,220 --> 00:03:19,760
began talking about the possible NSA oh

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00:03:22,479 --> 00:03:21,230
there's one of those code words they're

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00:03:24,190 --> 00:03:22,489

listening they were listening before it

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00:03:27,070 --> 00:03:24,200

didn't matter but talking about that

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00:03:29,320 --> 00:03:27,080

talked about the NSA UFO FILES and I

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00:03:31,449 --> 00:03:29,330

just say this was a unique opportunity

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00:03:34,089 --> 00:03:31,459

because I've met Stan many times you

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00:03:37,000 --> 00:03:34,099

guys have too but I had never been in a

82

00:03:38,530 --> 00:03:37,010

car with him for five hours and this was

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00:03:40,630 --> 00:03:38,540

such a treat we

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00:03:41,979 --> 00:03:40,640

sure that's a different experience five

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00:03:44,170 --> 00:03:41,989

hours in the car with anyone is a

86

00:03:45,759 --> 00:03:44,180

different experience yeah well it was

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00:03:48,339 --> 00:03:45,769

just fascinating because we stopped in

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00:03:50,709 --> 00:03:48,349

Riverside California for lunch and the

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00:03:54,009 --> 00:03:50,719

weather was like spring here in the

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00:03:55,899 --> 00:03:54,019

mountains of Asheville and it just felt

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00:03:57,039 --> 00:03:55,909

so nice it was this outdoor little kind

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00:03:59,410 --> 00:03:57,049

of dining area there were these little

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00:04:00,819 --> 00:03:59,420

fountains we started talking about the

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00:04:02,380 --> 00:04:00,829

Belinda CH disappearance which he had

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00:04:03,789 --> 00:04:02,390

looked into he'd been one of the very

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00:04:05,819 --> 00:04:03,799

first people incidentally to bring that

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00:04:07,990 --> 00:04:05,829

to my attention about six years ago and

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00:04:09,580 --> 00:04:08,000

of course I've done a lot of research

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00:04:11,770 --> 00:04:09,590

into that particular case including

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00:04:14,410 --> 00:04:11,780

having gotten to know Frederick Valenta

101
00:04:15,640 --> 00:04:14,420
ch's well it wasn't his widow it had

102
00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:15,650
been his girlfriend at the time Rhonda

103
00:04:19,089 --> 00:04:16,639
rushed and who I've spoken with

104
00:04:21,009 --> 00:04:19,099
personally and still working on that

105
00:04:22,420 --> 00:04:21,019
case you know it was fascinating to be

106
00:04:24,879 --> 00:04:22,430
able to share these thoughts

107
00:04:27,700 --> 00:04:24,889
Stanton's feelings that maybe there was

108
00:04:30,310 --> 00:04:27,710
if not a direct operative or a clearance

109
00:04:32,200 --> 00:04:30,320
kind of capacity that it very least in

110
00:04:33,580 --> 00:04:32,210
an informative capacity that class may

111
00:04:35,620 --> 00:04:33,590
have worked more closely with Central

112
00:04:37,540 --> 00:04:35,630
Intelligence and other kinds of agencies

113
00:04:39,460 --> 00:04:37,550

and so to have this experience yeah it

114

00:04:41,469 --> 00:04:39,470

was surreal to say the least and we got

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00:04:43,000 --> 00:04:41,479

to Big Bear great time at the conference

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00:04:45,040 --> 00:04:43,010

you know Dolan was there at Linda

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00:04:46,480 --> 00:04:45,050

Moulton Howe who also got to spend a lot

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00:04:48,670 --> 00:04:46,490

of time with and had a very interesting

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00:04:50,469 --> 00:04:48,680

several discussions and plus the

120

00:04:51,850 --> 00:04:50,479

attendees were really great I could even

121

00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:51,860

tell you guys I felt like I almost

122

00:04:56,770 --> 00:04:54,080

connected very spiritually with a lot of

123

00:04:58,659 --> 00:04:56,780

the people there and it was just a

124

00:05:00,820 --> 00:04:58,669

really great time awesome what was uh

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00:05:02,680 --> 00:05:00,830

what was your talk about mica I was

126

00:05:04,750 --> 00:05:02,690

scheduled to give two lectures and

127

00:05:07,180 --> 00:05:04,760

because Super Bowl Sunday fell on the

128

00:05:09,339 --> 00:05:07,190

last day I only actually ended up having

129

00:05:11,800 --> 00:05:09,349

time for one though the lecture I gave

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00:05:13,839 --> 00:05:11,810

was called the UFO and nigma and where I

131

00:05:17,379 --> 00:05:13,849

went with this was you know although

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00:05:18,820 --> 00:05:17,389

this was a UFO friendly conference I was

133

00:05:20,350 --> 00:05:18,830

doing the opening lecture and by de

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00:05:21,990 --> 00:05:20,360

facto interestingly I was doing a lot of

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00:05:23,890 --> 00:05:22,000

emceeding I try not to do too much

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00:05:26,200 --> 00:05:23,900

emceeding and things that these events

137

00:05:27,460 --> 00:05:26,210

Believe It or Not anymore at least I

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00:05:29,680 --> 00:05:27,470

used to and the reason why is because

139

00:05:31,300 --> 00:05:29,690

you know you start doing one thing and

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00:05:33,550 --> 00:05:31,310

people recognize that one thing as being

141

00:05:35,439 --> 00:05:33,560

what should you what you do I was

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00:05:37,360 --> 00:05:35,449

backstage George Noory comes up Micah

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00:05:39,399 --> 00:05:37,370

great to see you puts his arms around me

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00:05:41,170 --> 00:05:39,409

have you got your guitar he wanted to

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00:05:42,730 --> 00:05:41,180

know if I had my guitar you know and if

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00:05:45,279 --> 00:05:42,740

we could do some songs and stuff you

147

00:05:46,600 --> 00:05:45,289

know and and I've always told you guys

148

00:05:48,490 --> 00:05:46,610

this you know that typically when I go

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00:05:50,740 --> 00:05:48,500

to these events I want to go there to be

150

00:05:52,540 --> 00:05:50,750

able to speak and this lecture Ryan was

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00:05:54,460 --> 00:05:52,550

primarily about up

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00:05:56,200 --> 00:05:54,470

science to ufology I actually brought

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00:05:57,659 --> 00:05:56,210

out some of the very best photographs

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00:06:01,059 --> 00:05:57,669

that I've acquired over the years of

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00:06:04,300 --> 00:06:01,069

various different kinds of UAP is it

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00:06:05,499 --> 00:06:04,310

were one involving the alleged Brown

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00:06:07,749 --> 00:06:05,509

Mountain lights I think this is a

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00:06:09,070 --> 00:06:07,759

natural plasma and there's a skeptical

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00:06:11,890 --> 00:06:09,080

group including an astronomy professor

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00:06:14,499 --> 00:06:11,900

here at ASU University in Boone North

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00:06:16,210 --> 00:06:14,509

Carolina dan Katyn very skeptical guy

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00:06:18,610 --> 00:06:16,220

someone else a respect an awful lot

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00:06:20,200 --> 00:06:18,620

because of his interest in the Brown

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00:06:22,270 --> 00:06:20,210

Mountain phenomena for a number of years

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00:06:24,189 --> 00:06:22,280

and a couple of really good friends of

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00:06:25,689 --> 00:06:24,199

mine from Bell Laboratories managed to

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00:06:27,820 --> 00:06:25,699

capture what I feel is one of the best

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00:06:28,870 --> 00:06:27,830

sequences a photographs that shows one

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00:06:31,149 --> 00:06:28,880

of the purported Brown Mountain lights

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00:06:33,969 --> 00:06:31,159

over Table Rock which I think the photo

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00:06:36,790 --> 00:06:33,979

was taken in 2010 so that was one of the

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00:06:38,439 --> 00:06:36,800

slides also a unique photograph that was

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00:06:40,749 --> 00:06:38,449

sent to me by a gentleman who is a

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00:06:43,390 --> 00:06:40,759

digital archivist he believed it was a

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00:06:44,830 --> 00:06:43,400

classic daylight disc photographed near

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00:06:47,649 --> 00:06:44,840

Edwards Air Force Base sometime in the

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00:06:49,749 --> 00:06:47,659

1950s this photograph as it turns out

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00:06:51,490 --> 00:06:49,759

I'm convinced was a lenticular cloud but

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00:06:52,809 --> 00:06:51,500

I nonetheless was able to you know

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00:06:54,159 --> 00:06:52,819

incorporate that into the lecture

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00:06:56,589 --> 00:06:54,169

because the whole point is to be able to

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00:06:57,999 --> 00:06:56,599

like the Center for UFO studies many

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00:07:01,600 --> 00:06:58,009

other groups have done over the years to

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00:07:03,159 --> 00:07:01,610

try and really learn scientifically if

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00:07:06,760 --> 00:07:03,169

scientific ufology is what we're after

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00:07:08,680 --> 00:07:06,770

here to identify UFOs you know the IFOS

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00:07:11,260 --> 00:07:08,690

are important to understand so that the

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00:07:13,240 --> 00:07:11,270

genuine UFOs can be better studied and

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00:07:14,950 --> 00:07:13,250

so looking at plasmas looking at you

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00:07:16,360 --> 00:07:14,960

know different kind of atmospheric

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00:07:18,490 --> 00:07:16,370

phenomena like the lenticular cloud

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00:07:19,719 --> 00:07:18,500

formations looking at a lot of different

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00:07:21,309 --> 00:07:19,729

things then finally bringing out a

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00:07:23,589 --> 00:07:21,319

photograph sent to me by a Texas police

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00:07:25,300 --> 00:07:23,599

officer this occurred in conjunction

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00:07:26,980 --> 00:07:25,310

with the famous Stephenville UFO

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00:07:28,600 --> 00:07:26,990

incident many people always talk about

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00:07:29,920 --> 00:07:28,610

oh you know had been a bunch of flares

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00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:29,930

that were dropped and it was just that

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00:07:35,320 --> 00:07:31,370

one series of lights and that was the

201
00:07:37,959 --> 00:07:35,330
whole incident well that may be true in

202
00:07:39,279 --> 00:07:37,969
part that there was a series of probably

203
00:07:40,809 --> 00:07:39,289
what were flares that were dropped in

204
00:07:42,129 --> 00:07:40,819
that people saw these and probably

205
00:07:43,240 --> 00:07:42,139
thought that they were a UFO but around

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00:07:45,879 --> 00:07:43,250
that time a lot of people were

207
00:07:47,439 --> 00:07:45,889
describing aerial phenomena around Texas

208
00:07:49,269 --> 00:07:47,449
particularly in the Stephenville area

209
00:07:50,589 --> 00:07:49,279
and this particular police officer had

210
00:07:53,320 --> 00:07:50,599
sent this photo to a friend of mine

211
00:07:55,540 --> 00:07:53,330
years ago I'm no longer in touch with

212
00:07:57,339 --> 00:07:55,550
this individual which which is a bit

213
00:08:00,070 --> 00:07:57,349

frustrating because the photograph

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00:08:01,779 --> 00:08:00,080

although it's maybe not the most Wow

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00:08:03,850 --> 00:08:01,789

in-your-face UFO photograph it's

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00:08:05,230 --> 00:08:03,860

interesting nonetheless it does appear

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00:08:07,870 --> 00:08:05,240

to show two

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00:08:09,850 --> 00:08:07,880

orange amorphous illuminations that as

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00:08:10,839 --> 00:08:09,860

the police officer described had been

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00:08:13,360 --> 00:08:10,849

hovering over the ground

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00:08:15,070 --> 00:08:13,370

he and his partner who was in the

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00:08:17,290 --> 00:08:15,080

passenger seat of the patrol car they

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00:08:18,550 --> 00:08:17,300

pull up onto this field they see these

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00:08:20,170 --> 00:08:18,560

two lights hovering and as they begin

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00:08:21,939 --> 00:08:20,180

ascending he gets out of the car and

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00:08:23,950 --> 00:08:21,949

grabs of all things he had a film camera

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00:08:25,450 --> 00:08:23,960

in the car with him which sounds kind of

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00:08:27,580 --> 00:08:25,460

funny for this day and age but I'll

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00:08:29,140 --> 00:08:27,590

point out that in 2001 the January

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00:08:31,360 --> 00:08:29,150

incident that occurred there in southern

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00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:31,370

Illinois which is known by some as the

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00:08:36,420 --> 00:08:34,010

st. Clair County UFO incident where many

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00:08:38,620 --> 00:08:36,430

police officers across many different

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00:08:40,659 --> 00:08:38,630

municipal police departments observed

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00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:40,669

one of these large triangular objects

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00:08:45,220 --> 00:08:42,800

the police officer that managed to get a

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00:08:48,160 --> 00:08:45,230

photograph had a Polaroid camera in his

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00:08:50,170 --> 00:08:48,170

car so it's strange in retro as that

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00:08:52,150 --> 00:08:50,180

sounds it seems that law enforcement

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00:08:54,490 --> 00:08:52,160

agencies you know until within maybe the

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00:08:56,079 --> 00:08:54,500

last 15 years or so it's been standard

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00:08:57,579 --> 00:08:56,089

practice to keep film cameras in the car

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00:08:58,960 --> 00:08:57,589

with them I hope maybe by now many of

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00:09:01,480 --> 00:08:58,970

them are using digital cameras or better

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00:09:02,980 --> 00:09:01,490

yet phones now but I digress this

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00:09:04,900 --> 00:09:02,990

photograph not only shows these two

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00:09:08,170 --> 00:09:04,910

globes that were spotted by the officers

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00:09:09,970 --> 00:09:08,180

ascending toward a craft is this craft

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00:09:11,980 --> 00:09:09,980

that's illuminated by three points of

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00:09:13,930 --> 00:09:11,990

greenish light and what's even more

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:13,940

interesting to me this is the the

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00:09:18,490 --> 00:09:16,250

optical physicist physicist in me Bruce

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00:09:19,690 --> 00:09:18,500

Maccabee might be pleased when he if you

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00:09:21,280 --> 00:09:19,700

heard that I spotted this but in this

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00:09:24,250 --> 00:09:21,290

photograph while people are generally

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00:09:26,079 --> 00:09:24,260

looking at the the blatant objects there

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00:09:28,269 --> 00:09:26,089

are three smaller points of illumination

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00:09:30,400 --> 00:09:28,279

that are in the lower right hand area of

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00:09:31,780 --> 00:09:30,410

the photograph which is mostly dark and

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00:09:32,590 --> 00:09:31,790

it was you know at night and the

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00:09:34,269 --> 00:09:32,600

photograph was taken

262

00:09:36,460 --> 00:09:34,279

aiming upward looking up into the sky

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00:09:38,769 --> 00:09:36,470

and it seems evident to me that the

264

00:09:40,569 --> 00:09:38,779

three points of visible light and then

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00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:40,579

the apparent craft they were ascending

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00:09:46,569 --> 00:09:43,760

toward I think are represented although

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00:09:47,680 --> 00:09:46,579

in reverse positioning by three points

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00:09:49,269 --> 00:09:47,690

of light which are obviously the

269

00:09:50,680 --> 00:09:49,279

reflection of the lights off of the lens

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00:09:52,480 --> 00:09:50,690

of the camera itself and I know this

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00:09:56,230 --> 00:09:52,490

because I've actually observe this in

272

00:09:59,019 --> 00:09:56,240

similar photographs we've managed to in

273

00:10:01,750 --> 00:09:59,029

in the non antagonistic sense of the

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00:10:03,610 --> 00:10:01,760

term we have managed to debunk certain

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00:10:05,620 --> 00:10:03,620

UFO photographs by observing this same

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00:10:08,410 --> 00:10:05,630

phenomena the reflection of lights off

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00:10:10,420 --> 00:10:08,420

of the lens of a camera so long story

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

short this same sort of reflective

279

00:10:14,170 --> 00:10:12,440

pattern in Reverse and upside down

280

00:10:16,150 --> 00:10:14,180

appears in this photograph which I do

281

00:10:18,670 --> 00:10:16,160

think lends credibility to the objects

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00:10:19,120 --> 00:10:18,680

and maybe a good optical physicist would

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00:10:20,620 --> 00:10:19,130

be able to look

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00:10:22,930 --> 00:10:20,630

that even be able to determine something

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00:10:25,030 --> 00:10:22,940

about the distance either between the

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00:10:27,250 --> 00:10:25,040

objects or possibly their distance from

287

00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:27,260

the camera based on measurements that

288

00:10:31,360 --> 00:10:29,120

can be made and the known curvature and

289

00:10:32,440 --> 00:10:31,370

size of the camera lens so you know it's

290

00:10:33,760 --> 00:10:32,450

interesting because these kind of things

291

00:10:35,440 --> 00:10:33,770

when you start digging deeply enough

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00:10:37,720 --> 00:10:35,450

into it it's not just a UFO photograph

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00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:37,730

it's a photo that tells a story and so

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00:10:41,530 --> 00:10:39,920

all of these things Ryan were really

295

00:10:43,420 --> 00:10:41,540

what I incorporated into this this

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00:10:45,370 --> 00:10:43,430

lecture which was well-received

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00:10:47,770 --> 00:10:45,380

considering that a lot of people kind of

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00:10:51,010 --> 00:10:47,780

these days say why are you worried with

299

00:10:52,750 --> 00:10:51,020

UFO research we know they're here you

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00:10:55,240 --> 00:10:52,760

know Steve ambassadors even said we're

301
00:10:57,640 --> 00:10:55,250
beyond the period of having to do you

302
00:10:59,350 --> 00:10:57,650
follow gee we're in the disclosure era

303
00:11:01,390 --> 00:10:59,360
no more need for you if ology we know

304
00:11:02,740 --> 00:11:01,400
they're here I differ and and that we

305
00:11:04,420 --> 00:11:02,750
have social movements that are now

306
00:11:06,820 --> 00:11:04,430
saying we don't need to do UFO research

307
00:11:09,100 --> 00:11:06,830
is a real problem to me yeah no that's

308
00:11:10,810 --> 00:11:09,110
that's really irritating and Jason and I

309
00:11:13,750 --> 00:11:10,820
say this all the time - it drives us

310
00:11:15,940 --> 00:11:13,760
crazy when we're posting about stuff and

311
00:11:16,630 --> 00:11:15,950
people comment why are you even

312
00:11:19,300 --> 00:11:16,640
bothering

313
00:11:21,970 --> 00:11:19,310

we already already oh it's such a common

314

00:11:24,910 --> 00:11:21,980

phrase to people in the UFO a sort of

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00:11:27,070 --> 00:11:24,920

field that this happens and people don't

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00:11:28,840 --> 00:11:27,080

get it that yes you may believe that

317

00:11:31,170 --> 00:11:28,850

they're already here but there are a ton

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00:11:33,820 --> 00:11:31,180

of people who don't a-and we don't have

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00:11:36,730 --> 00:11:33,830

really concrete proof that's going to

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00:11:39,120 --> 00:11:36,740

prove to everyone that extraterrestrial

321

00:11:43,090 --> 00:11:39,130

life is visiting art and that's why the

322

00:11:46,300 --> 00:11:43,100

over generalization - like they are here

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00:11:50,380 --> 00:11:46,310

so we don't need to probe any further

324

00:11:53,710 --> 00:11:50,390

like okay they just because you are

325

00:11:55,180 --> 00:11:53,720

convinced that's some sort of

326

00:11:58,690 --> 00:11:55,190

extraterrestrial is here that means

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00:12:01,330 --> 00:11:58,700

every UFO we see is that particular race

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00:12:03,670 --> 00:12:01,340

of extraterrestrial like let's give up

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00:12:05,710 --> 00:12:03,680

we already know all of the aliens are

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00:12:08,890 --> 00:12:05,720

here yay we know everything about all of

331

00:12:11,290 --> 00:12:08,900

the aliens it's frustrating we just

332

00:12:13,270 --> 00:12:11,300

throw throw research and curiosity and

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00:12:15,850 --> 00:12:13,280

exploration out the window because we

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00:12:18,940 --> 00:12:15,860

may have discovered one thing no not at

335

00:12:23,170 --> 00:12:18,950

all the phenomena is huge there's so

336

00:12:25,420 --> 00:12:23,180

many related phenomena to UFOs and we

337

00:12:26,920 --> 00:12:25,430

know nothing even if we know a little

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00:12:29,470 --> 00:12:26,930

bit we still know nothing there's so

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00:12:31,329 --> 00:12:29,480

much out there to learn so you know I

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00:12:32,900 --> 00:12:31,339

get really frustrated with people who

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00:12:35,360 --> 00:12:32,910

even you know

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00:12:37,879 --> 00:12:35,370

what is considered the most basic level

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00:12:40,340 --> 00:12:37,889

the lights in the sky they think that

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00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:40,350

there's no point in researching that

345

00:12:43,670 --> 00:12:42,240

looking into that investigating possible

346

00:12:45,470 --> 00:12:43,680

sources for that I think that's

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00:12:48,829 --> 00:12:45,480

absolutely ridiculous and irresponsible

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00:12:50,210 --> 00:12:48,839

yeah oh it certainly is you know as a

349

00:12:51,410 --> 00:12:50,220

result of the very sorts of things you

350

00:12:53,660 --> 00:12:51,420

guys are all just pointing out right

351
00:12:55,999 --> 00:12:53,670
there and you know I have over the last

352
00:12:58,639 --> 00:12:56,009
few years but got to kind of ask you

353
00:13:00,350 --> 00:12:58,649
know what am I actually trying to do as

354
00:13:02,749 --> 00:13:00,360
far as UFO research goes now I mean I've

355
00:13:04,699 --> 00:13:02,759
already I've always known that I've

356
00:13:06,590 --> 00:13:04,709
wanted to be a person who tries to look

357
00:13:08,120 --> 00:13:06,600
scientifically at actual phenomena you

358
00:13:10,490 --> 00:13:08,130
know I've spent a lot of time at

359
00:13:12,949 --> 00:13:10,500
locations like Brown Mountain and in

360
00:13:15,259 --> 00:13:12,959
other places where purported sightings

361
00:13:16,460 --> 00:13:15,269
are are you know alleged to occur that

362
00:13:17,900 --> 00:13:16,470
is one of the problems and always has

363
00:13:20,240 --> 00:13:17,910

been with UFOs is that this is a

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00:13:23,990 --> 00:13:20,250

phenomena that can tend to kind of occur

365

00:13:25,879 --> 00:13:24,000

randomly you you never really know when

366

00:13:28,100 --> 00:13:25,889

or where you might need to be at any

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00:13:29,509 --> 00:13:28,110

given time with you know with the the

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00:13:31,999 --> 00:13:29,519

likeliest potential that the UFO is

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00:13:33,259 --> 00:13:32,009

going to show up so and while I believe

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00:13:35,480 --> 00:13:33,269

that for instance the Brown Mountain

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00:13:37,970 --> 00:13:35,490

lights phenomena is clearly some form of

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00:13:39,949 --> 00:13:37,980

natural phenomena it is I think a

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00:13:42,290 --> 00:13:39,959

nonetheless a way that we can learn and

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00:13:44,269 --> 00:13:42,300

observe and study what appears to be a

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00:13:46,129 --> 00:13:44,279

form of aerial phenomena that's

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00:13:48,379 --> 00:13:46,139

illuminative and very much like and

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00:13:50,300 --> 00:13:48,389

probably constitutes you know a similar

378

00:13:52,129 --> 00:13:50,310

phenomena to what is reported in a lot

379

00:13:54,019 --> 00:13:52,139

of these UFO reports but the thing is is

380

00:13:55,189 --> 00:13:54,029

by the same token I'll look at you know

381

00:13:57,170 --> 00:13:55,199

not to attack someone like Stephen

382

00:13:58,579 --> 00:13:57,180

Bassett I've interviewed him and you

383

00:14:01,519 --> 00:13:58,589

know hung out with him a good bit you

384

00:14:03,079 --> 00:14:01,529

guys have I think Steve's a nice guy I I

385

00:14:05,030 --> 00:14:03,089

really think I actually appreciate the

386

00:14:07,819 --> 00:14:05,040

work that he does but it's interesting

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00:14:11,620 --> 00:14:07,829

that suddenly for many UFO research as

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00:14:13,939 --> 00:14:11,630

it is has become a a political movement

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00:14:15,559 --> 00:14:13,949

when you go to these events and you see

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00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:15,569

people showing up we know with antennas

391

00:14:18,650 --> 00:14:17,279

and tinfoil hats you know and go in the

392

00:14:20,269 --> 00:14:18,660

dark you know trinkets all over them I

393

00:14:22,129 --> 00:14:20,279

mean you can kind of see that it's a

394

00:14:23,480 --> 00:14:22,139

social movement they feel like they're a

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00:14:25,189 --> 00:14:23,490

part of something bigger than they are

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00:14:27,949 --> 00:14:25,199

by themselves I think that's what we all

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00:14:29,929 --> 00:14:27,959

really want I would argue and equal

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00:14:32,240 --> 00:14:29,939

measure that the skeptical movement of

399

00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:32,250

today is just as much a social movement

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00:14:38,090 --> 00:14:35,040

as replete with the same dogmatism the

401
00:14:39,920 --> 00:14:38,100
belief oriented UFO research tends to be

402
00:14:41,870 --> 00:14:39,930
associated with which really to me often

403
00:14:44,360 --> 00:14:41,880
isn't even research it's merely advocacy

404
00:14:45,799 --> 00:14:44,370
and so as things have come down and this

405
00:14:46,730 --> 00:14:45,809
really is really I think just happened

406
00:14:48,139 --> 00:14:46,740
in the last few months

407
00:14:49,460 --> 00:14:48,149
kind of gotten to a point when we

408
00:14:51,949 --> 00:14:49,470
entered the winter months I got back

409
00:14:53,780 --> 00:14:51,959
from England last year speaking at a UFO

410
00:14:56,269 --> 00:14:53,790
conference there in Leeds which was

411
00:14:57,530 --> 00:14:56,279
remarkable in fact I went down to London

412
00:14:59,150 --> 00:14:57,540
afterward and spent a couple of days

413
00:15:01,639 --> 00:14:59,160

with Mark Pilkington director of the

414

00:15:03,740 --> 00:15:01,649

film Mirage man I bring his name up off

415

00:15:05,600 --> 00:15:03,750

and then people are like oh wow you're

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00:15:07,820 --> 00:15:05,610

friends with mark he's one of them well

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00:15:09,949 --> 00:15:07,830

actually Mark's probably more in line

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00:15:11,600 --> 00:15:09,959

with me in terms of my own thoughts

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00:15:13,340 --> 00:15:11,610

about the UFO phenomena than many people

420

00:15:15,380 --> 00:15:13,350

I've met maybe with the exception of you

421

00:15:17,449 --> 00:15:15,390

guys he said he's a very warm generous

422

00:15:19,760 --> 00:15:17,459

person I think he did a great job with

423

00:15:21,290 --> 00:15:19,770

his book and his documentary at the core

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00:15:24,170 --> 00:15:21,300

there is something that they want to

425

00:15:26,240 --> 00:15:24,180

keep people away from a real truth back

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00:15:29,300 --> 00:15:26,250

in the early eighties it was my job to

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00:15:31,280 --> 00:15:29,310

confuse the UFO community it was very

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00:15:34,010 --> 00:15:31,290

easy to convince Paul Paul was a world

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00:15:36,139 --> 00:15:34,020

war two veteran he's very patriotic

430

00:15:38,329 --> 00:15:36,149

he always flew his flag those type of

431

00:15:39,500 --> 00:15:38,339

people you can convince that listen you

432

00:15:41,090 --> 00:15:39,510

can't tell anybody else about this

433

00:15:45,530 --> 00:15:41,100

because it's you know they begin in the

434

00:15:48,100 --> 00:15:45,540

wrong hands would we use perception to

435

00:15:50,540 --> 00:15:48,110

help shroud what we're trying to protect

436

00:15:53,329 --> 00:15:50,550

absolutely if you've got an aerial

437

00:15:55,370 --> 00:15:53,339

platform that is highly advanced and the

438

00:15:56,960 --> 00:15:55,380

public who happens to get a glimpse of

439

00:15:58,699 --> 00:15:56,970

the thing if they're convinced that it's

440

00:16:00,650 --> 00:15:58,709

from Venus and there's no way it could

441

00:16:03,260 --> 00:16:00,660

be our military will hey you know that's

442

00:16:06,260 --> 00:16:03,270

that's awesome I guess it's been a cover

443

00:16:09,170 --> 00:16:06,270

story in the US for a long time tell the

444

00:16:13,090 --> 00:16:09,180

media tell anybody who will listen that

445

00:16:16,699 --> 00:16:13,100

they're using UFOs to cover up advanced

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00:16:19,069 --> 00:16:16,709

technology when the truth is exactly the

447

00:16:21,350 --> 00:16:19,079

opposite of the words we're really a

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00:16:23,780 --> 00:16:21,360

byproduct of extraterrestrial

449

00:16:26,630 --> 00:16:23,790

intervention what if we're there farm

450

00:16:28,250 --> 00:16:26,640

animals what if they eat us psychically

451

00:16:31,220 --> 00:16:28,260

I don't know there's a lot of

452

00:16:35,130 --> 00:16:31,230

possibilities there that are not

453

00:16:37,860 --> 00:16:35,140

Dody had this wonderful way to sell it

454

00:16:40,860 --> 00:16:37,870

I'm with the government you cooperate

455

00:16:43,610 --> 00:16:40,870

with us and I'm going to tell you what

456

00:16:46,240 --> 00:16:43,620

the government really knows about UFOs

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00:16:52,680 --> 00:16:46,250

deep down in those faults

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00:16:55,510 --> 00:16:52,690

[Music]

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00:16:57,340 --> 00:16:55,520

whatever is going on that's happening at

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00:17:04,609 --> 00:16:57,350

a government level everything that I do

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00:17:04,619 --> 00:17:08,940

[Music]

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00:17:13,290 --> 00:17:11,040

let's take one step at a time you're

463

00:17:20,010 --> 00:17:13,300

looking at Richard Doty the professional

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00:17:21,870 --> 00:17:20,020

dis informant trained to LA I think that

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00:17:24,720 --> 00:17:21,880

he employs the necessary skepticism

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00:17:25,890 --> 00:17:24,730

without ruling out possibilities and I'm

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00:17:27,930 --> 00:17:25,900

certain that he thinks that there are

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00:17:30,750 --> 00:17:27,940

strange phenomena and actual quote

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00:17:33,060 --> 00:17:30,760

unquote UFOs but he doesn't jump to

470

00:17:34,890 --> 00:17:33,070

conclusions without you know facts and

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00:17:37,020 --> 00:17:34,900

data that merit those kinds of

472

00:17:38,280 --> 00:17:37,030

conclusions and so you know for me ever

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00:17:39,900 --> 00:17:38,290

since coming back from England and the

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00:17:41,580 --> 00:17:39,910

very positive experience I had with the

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00:17:43,020 --> 00:17:41,590

English UFO researchers and I have to

476
00:17:45,210 --> 00:17:43,030
say that community does approach this

477
00:17:47,190 --> 00:17:45,220
subject very differently from the

478
00:17:49,380 --> 00:17:47,200
American audiences it's it's a very

479
00:17:51,120 --> 00:17:49,390
different at times I think even slightly

480
00:17:52,980 --> 00:17:51,130
more intellectual approach that they

481
00:17:54,660 --> 00:17:52,990
employ talk about that a little bit I'm

482
00:17:56,160 --> 00:17:54,670
curious to hear about that I'll give you

483
00:17:57,990 --> 00:17:56,170
an example here's kind of what of what I

484
00:17:59,730 --> 00:17:58,000
mean when we do research in the United

485
00:18:01,290 --> 00:17:59,740
States most UFO researchers are

486
00:18:03,360 --> 00:18:01,300
journalists and historians you know

487
00:18:05,160 --> 00:18:03,370
Richard Dolan who is probably I would

488
00:18:07,320 --> 00:18:05,170

say contributed with his to and

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00:18:09,240 --> 00:18:07,330

three-volume set with UFOs in the

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00:18:11,070 --> 00:18:09,250

national security state he's contributed

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00:18:12,960 --> 00:18:11,080

some of the most meaningful historical

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00:18:14,490 --> 00:18:12,970

commentary to the UFO phenomena now

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00:18:16,440 --> 00:18:14,500

where I differ with rich and he knows

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00:18:17,730 --> 00:18:16,450

this when we get along great I have a

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00:18:19,380 --> 00:18:17,740

rule and I told this to Linda Moulton

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00:18:20,850 --> 00:18:19,390

Howe at breakfast while we were out in

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00:18:22,710 --> 00:18:20,860

California together I said I can love

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00:18:24,570 --> 00:18:22,720

someone dearly and be friends with them

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00:18:26,010 --> 00:18:24,580

and cherish that friendship for life and

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00:18:27,720 --> 00:18:26,020

I may not agree with a word they say

501

00:18:29,670 --> 00:18:27,730

that's kind of how I feel with a lot of

502

00:18:32,940 --> 00:18:29,680

people in the UFO community I don't

503

00:18:34,980 --> 00:18:32,950

agree 100% with probably anybody but

504

00:18:36,810 --> 00:18:34,990

that doesn't make them an enemy you know

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00:18:39,930 --> 00:18:36,820

I find that I have more common ground

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00:18:41,970 --> 00:18:39,940

with people then well of course you know

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00:18:43,080 --> 00:18:41,980

folks I guess on the debunkers side of a

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00:18:45,480 --> 00:18:43,090

skeptic thing and we'll come back around

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00:18:47,250 --> 00:18:45,490

to that in America though it is

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00:18:49,650 --> 00:18:47,260

primarily kind of investigative

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00:18:51,120 --> 00:18:49,660

journalism and historical research part

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00:18:52,710 --> 00:18:51,130

of the reason I think that is is because

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00:18:55,260 --> 00:18:52,720

of the difficult in being able to get to

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00:18:57,420 --> 00:18:55,270

a site and spot a UFO and know when

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00:18:59,280 --> 00:18:57,430

one's going to show up so the research

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00:19:01,050 --> 00:18:59,290

that ends up going on although it can be

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00:19:03,420 --> 00:19:01,060

scientific is often done after the fact

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00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:03,430

which usually is reporting on the case

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00:19:06,870 --> 00:19:04,960

and what the witnesses said that they

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00:19:09,270 --> 00:19:06,880

saw much like I'm a journalist would do

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00:19:11,340 --> 00:19:09,280

or collection and interpretation of a

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00:19:12,510 --> 00:19:11,350

broader you know swath of data collected

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00:19:14,190 --> 00:19:12,520

over the years which is really kind of

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00:19:16,380 --> 00:19:14,200

what the historian does scientists often

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00:19:17,940 --> 00:19:16,390

do this but even if you look at Stanton

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00:19:19,920 --> 00:19:17,950

Friedman when I spoke with him on our

527

00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:19,930

way up there to Big Bear in the car I

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00:19:22,680 --> 00:19:22,000

said you know you're a nuclear physicist

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00:19:24,810 --> 00:19:22,690

and a person who

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00:19:26,400 --> 00:19:24,820

is almost really played the role of an

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00:19:27,480 --> 00:19:26,410

investigative historian and journalist

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00:19:29,430 --> 00:19:27,490

by going to the National Archives

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00:19:30,540 --> 00:19:29,440

digging up files and things like this

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00:19:32,790 --> 00:19:30,550

you know that's not necessarily

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00:19:34,380 --> 00:19:32,800

scientific work he is a journalist and a

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00:19:37,140 --> 00:19:34,390

researcher and a writer who is informed

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00:19:38,940 --> 00:19:37,150

by his you know extensive background in

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00:19:40,710 --> 00:19:38,950

nuclear physics as a scientist which has

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00:19:43,260 --> 00:19:40,720

made him unique among researchers in

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00:19:44,760 --> 00:19:43,270

England and I think many people here in

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00:19:46,320 --> 00:19:44,770

the United States would kind of look at

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00:19:48,870 --> 00:19:46,330

English researchers as being more

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00:19:50,730 --> 00:19:48,880

skeptical but I find that those

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00:19:53,730 --> 00:19:50,740

researchers yes they are somewhat more

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00:19:55,950 --> 00:19:53,740

skeptical rather than leaping toward the

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00:19:57,420 --> 00:19:55,960

quote unquote UFO equals alien

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00:19:59,820 --> 00:19:57,430

convention of extraterrestrial

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00:20:02,810 --> 00:19:59,830

hypotheses English researchers as I find

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00:20:04,860 --> 00:20:02,820

have gravitated largely toward

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00:20:06,810 --> 00:20:04,870

attempting to look for natural and

551
00:20:09,240 --> 00:20:06,820
man-made causes that may constitute you

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00:20:11,100 --> 00:20:09,250
falah djegal phenomenon the Official

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00:20:12,450 --> 00:20:11,110
Secrets Act I guess has also been more

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00:20:14,760 --> 00:20:12,460
conducive to the release of UFO

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00:20:16,350 --> 00:20:14,770
documents from the mod as our friend

556
00:20:17,820 --> 00:20:16,360
Nick Pope will tell us about it's first

557
00:20:20,940 --> 00:20:17,830
of all find out where you stand on the

558
00:20:22,500 --> 00:20:20,950
issues of UFOs you were you were

559
00:20:24,330 --> 00:20:22,510
skeptical when you first took the job

560
00:20:27,110 --> 00:20:24,340
are you still skeptical I'm less

561
00:20:29,610 --> 00:20:27,120
skeptical than I was I think you know

562
00:20:31,770 --> 00:20:29,620
looking at the sorts of interesting

563
00:20:33,780 --> 00:20:31,780

reports in these files the the ones from

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00:20:36,690 --> 00:20:33,790

police officers pilots military

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00:20:38,670 --> 00:20:36,700

personnel the ones tracked on radar you

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00:20:40,410 --> 00:20:38,680

know there's this material there that

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00:20:42,570 --> 00:20:40,420

certainly makes me think twice it's not

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00:20:44,610 --> 00:20:42,580

all misidentifications of aircraft

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00:20:46,410 --> 00:20:44,620

lights and weather balloons if any one

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00:20:49,320 --> 00:20:46,420

report that stands out as extraordinary

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00:20:51,390 --> 00:20:49,330

or perhaps most convincing one the new

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00:20:54,210 --> 00:20:51,400

files that I particularly like is a

573

00:20:57,180 --> 00:20:54,220

radar sighting where an object traveled

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00:20:59,070 --> 00:20:57,190

12 10 nautical miles in 12 seconds about

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00:21:02,970 --> 00:20:59,080

three and a half thousand miles an hour

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00:21:05,370 --> 00:21:02,980

and that's on a military radar so you

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00:21:07,350 --> 00:21:05,380

know it takes the evidence to a whole

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00:21:08,790 --> 00:21:07,360

level over and above just eyewitness

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00:21:10,170 --> 00:21:08,800

testimony it could that be explained

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00:21:12,270 --> 00:21:10,180

away or by something that ball lightning

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00:21:14,490 --> 00:21:12,280

with that sharp on on a radar it really

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00:21:16,620 --> 00:21:14,500

shouldn't I mean the assessment given at

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00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:16,630

the time and of course science actually

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00:21:20,370 --> 00:21:18,880

isn't quite sure about ball lightning so

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00:21:22,590 --> 00:21:20,380

that's almost explaining one mystery

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00:21:24,870 --> 00:21:22,600

with another but the military radar

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00:21:27,060 --> 00:21:24,880

operators said well you know it looks

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00:21:29,730 --> 00:21:27,070

like a real solid return what about this

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00:21:31,290 --> 00:21:29,740

case in in Suffolk Rd at the mid US

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00:21:33,440 --> 00:21:31,300

military airbase which people talk about

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00:21:36,440 --> 00:21:33,450

as being Britain's Roswell yeah

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00:21:39,049 --> 00:21:36,450

Rendlesham forest from december 1980 but

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00:21:40,879 --> 00:21:39,059

there are a few new papers on this in

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00:21:43,220 --> 00:21:40,889

the files this was extraordinary because

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00:21:45,740 --> 00:21:43,230

a UFO landed and was seen by dozens of

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00:21:47,810 --> 00:21:45,750

military witnesses and critically they

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00:21:51,139 --> 00:21:47,820

took a Geiger counter to the landing

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00:21:54,649 --> 00:21:51,149

site after this thing had gone and the

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00:21:57,440 --> 00:21:54,659

radiation levels that they discovered

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00:21:59,330 --> 00:21:57,450

the mo DS Defense Intelligence staff

601
00:22:00,830 --> 00:21:59,340
said that they seemed significantly

602
00:22:01,879 --> 00:22:00,840
higher than background but the other

603
00:22:03,649 --> 00:22:01,889
thing too that's interesting is that

604
00:22:05,060 --> 00:22:03,659
this conference I spoke out that my

605
00:22:07,519 --> 00:22:05,070
friend Anthony Beckett put on he's a

606
00:22:09,950 --> 00:22:07,529
chemist by trade I got to his house and

607
00:22:12,169 --> 00:22:09,960
he had Harvey Rutledge's book what was

608
00:22:13,789 --> 00:22:12,179
the the book it's called up project

609
00:22:15,860 --> 00:22:13,799
identification the first scientific fuel

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00:22:18,529 --> 00:22:15,870
study of UFO phenomena again a

611
00:22:20,690 --> 00:22:18,539
physicists aims at trying to study UFOs

612
00:22:22,940 --> 00:22:20,700
he had tragedy and hope by professor

613
00:22:24,649 --> 00:22:22,950

carroll quigley you know these are the

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00:22:26,570 --> 00:22:24,659

kind of books in his UFO library that

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00:22:28,460 --> 00:22:26,580

was immediately a great experience and

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00:22:29,750 --> 00:22:28,470

his focus was much like mine he was

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00:22:31,460 --> 00:22:29,760

trying to understand earth lights and

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00:22:32,620 --> 00:22:31,470

her flight phenomena but he's putting on

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00:22:36,169 --> 00:22:32,630

a conference called the british

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00:22:38,060 --> 00:22:36,179

Exopolitics summit of all things despite

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00:22:40,250 --> 00:22:38,070

the term XO politics being in the name

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00:22:41,659 --> 00:22:40,260

of all the subjects that repeatedly came

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00:22:44,029 --> 00:22:41,669

up throughout the course of the weekend

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00:22:46,360 --> 00:22:44,039

the one pre-eminently was the secret

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00:22:49,370 --> 00:22:46,370

space program this idea about some

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00:22:51,049 --> 00:22:49,380
technology whether or not influenced by

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00:22:53,810 --> 00:22:51,059
something from someplace else but a

628
00:22:56,000 --> 00:22:53,820
technology that is from here primarily

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00:22:58,009 --> 00:22:56,010
and which is built by us so it's

630
00:22:59,690 --> 00:22:58,019
interesting that in england they do tend

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00:23:01,700 --> 00:22:59,700
to kind of have a little more of a

632
00:23:03,320 --> 00:23:01,710
down-to-earth I think perspective on

633
00:23:05,389 --> 00:23:03,330
what UFOs may be whereas here in the

634
00:23:07,399 --> 00:23:05,399
United States we do have social

635
00:23:09,200 --> 00:23:07,409
movements political movements even which

636
00:23:11,299 --> 00:23:09,210
are aiming to get the release of the

637
00:23:12,379 --> 00:23:11,309
extra-terrestrial data which I think

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00:23:13,909 --> 00:23:12,389

really we need a little bit more

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00:23:15,110 --> 00:23:13,919

information to be able to assume that

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00:23:16,639 --> 00:23:15,120

that is indeed with the government's

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00:23:19,370 --> 00:23:16,649

hiding I'm sure they're hiding something

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00:23:22,519 --> 00:23:19,380

I'm not sure it's alien well Mike aui

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00:23:25,250 --> 00:23:22,529

speaking of Exopolitics I I read a

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00:23:27,860 --> 00:23:25,260

recent article of yours I don't know

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00:23:30,919 --> 00:23:27,870

exactly how recent about you know sort

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00:23:33,019 --> 00:23:30,929

of science in the UFO phenomenon and how

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00:23:35,389 --> 00:23:33,029

that can be pitted against philosophy

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00:23:37,720 --> 00:23:35,399

would you care to elaborate on how you

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00:23:40,580 --> 00:23:37,730

feel philosophy could help solve some

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00:23:42,619 --> 00:23:40,590

possibly some of these mysteries or your

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00:23:46,730 --> 00:23:42,629
thoughts in general on philosophy either

652
00:23:47,090 --> 00:23:46,740
being dead or or a way to look further

653
00:23:48,919 --> 00:23:47,100
into

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00:23:50,570 --> 00:23:48,929
these phenomenon yeah that's a good

655
00:23:53,180 --> 00:23:50,580
question Ryan let me tell you this okay

656
00:23:54,710 --> 00:23:53,190
so we know sir Stephen Hawking physicist

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00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:54,720
who I admire greatly and I've read a

658
00:23:57,799 --> 00:23:56,400
number of his books even though a lot of

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00:23:59,390 --> 00:23:57,809
them he refers to them as being

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00:24:00,529 --> 00:23:59,400
unreadable because the technical matter

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:00,539
and I'm not talking about a brief

662
00:24:03,289 --> 00:24:02,010
history of time it's his other stuff

663
00:24:05,570 --> 00:24:03,299

that he wrote before that that is indeed

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00:24:06,860 --> 00:24:05,580

very much more technically oriented and

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00:24:08,000 --> 00:24:06,870

one has to push themselves through it

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00:24:10,940 --> 00:24:08,010

and often be able to have reference

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00:24:12,590 --> 00:24:10,950

materials on hand to do so but and I

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00:24:15,289 --> 00:24:12,600

don't claim to be able to understand all

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00:24:17,299 --> 00:24:15,299

of it but I am a student of the sciences

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00:24:18,470 --> 00:24:17,309

self-taught by the way largely you know

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00:24:21,289 --> 00:24:18,480

I've got a little a little chemistry

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00:24:23,270 --> 00:24:21,299

hobby you know lab here at the graylien

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00:24:25,430 --> 00:24:23,280

bunker in fact and I am very serious

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00:24:28,310 --> 00:24:25,440

about my scientific pursuits as a hobby

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00:24:30,110 --> 00:24:28,320

and and is a supplement to my research

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00:24:31,940 --> 00:24:30,120

now that said you know Hawking is

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00:24:34,010 --> 00:24:31,950

someone who by virtue of being a

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00:24:36,320 --> 00:24:34,020

brilliant physic you know a physical

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00:24:38,240 --> 00:24:36,330

scientist he will say that philosophy is

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00:24:41,419 --> 00:24:38,250

dead right he specifically said on the

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00:24:43,399 --> 00:24:41,429

last couple of pages in a brief history

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00:24:45,620 --> 00:24:43,409

of time but the most well-known and

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00:24:48,169 --> 00:24:45,630

eminent philosopher of his day Ludwig

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00:24:49,640 --> 00:24:48,179

Wittgenstein said that all that was left

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00:24:52,070 --> 00:24:49,650

for philosophers to study was language

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00:24:53,930 --> 00:24:52,080

that I don't know is I don't know if

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00:24:55,399 --> 00:24:53,940

that's really a fair statement for him

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00:24:56,930 --> 00:24:55,409

to say that language is dead and reason

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00:24:58,580 --> 00:24:56,940

why is because of Vick interesting well

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00:25:00,200 --> 00:24:58,590

let's just point out that Vick enstein

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00:25:03,289 --> 00:25:00,210

was a professor of course at Cambridge

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Hawking of course may not have taken

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00:25:07,760 --> 00:25:05,010

into consideration that victims team was

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00:25:09,980 --> 00:25:07,770

the most visible philosopher to him by

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00:25:12,289 --> 00:25:09,990

virtue of where he was and maybe also in

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00:25:14,330 --> 00:25:12,299

part due to his disabilities but I've

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00:25:16,909 --> 00:25:14,340

also point out that Vick enstein was no

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00:25:18,799 --> 00:25:16,919

less influential his tract Tata was a

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00:25:20,210 --> 00:25:18,809

treatise all on language and what he was

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00:25:22,100 --> 00:25:20,220

really saying was not that philosophers

701
00:25:24,409 --> 00:25:22,110
only need to study language he was

702
00:25:25,850 --> 00:25:24,419
saying that behind every word if we

703
00:25:28,610 --> 00:25:25,860
break down or even remove language

704
00:25:30,409 --> 00:25:28,620
concepts exist and that look words are

705
00:25:32,240 --> 00:25:30,419
our feeble attempts at trying to express

706
00:25:35,120 --> 00:25:32,250
concepts which remain that are deeper

707
00:25:36,289 --> 00:25:35,130
and in that sense we can also see that

708
00:25:37,970 --> 00:25:36,299
when someone says something like

709
00:25:39,350 --> 00:25:37,980
philosophy is dead well let's think what

710
00:25:41,659 --> 00:25:39,360
do you mean by philosophy do you mean

711
00:25:44,210 --> 00:25:41,669
philosophy in total give me in classical

712
00:25:45,740 --> 00:25:44,220
philosophy epistemology and ethics or

713
00:25:47,779 --> 00:25:45,750

morals I would not like to think that

714

00:25:49,880 --> 00:25:47,789

that's dead I think the proper question

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00:25:51,470 --> 00:25:49,890

to ask is if one says philosophy is dead

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00:25:54,169 --> 00:25:51,480

have we asked a philosopher what he

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00:25:56,060 --> 00:25:54,179

thinks about that or mr. Steven most

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00:25:57,740 --> 00:25:56,070

qualified to make a statement along

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00:26:01,250 --> 00:25:57,750

those lines let's get more to the point

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00:26:02,900 --> 00:26:01,260

he also says about UFOs that you

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00:26:05,030 --> 00:26:02,910

he discounts in the search for alien

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00:26:06,410 --> 00:26:05,040

life because why if they existed where

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00:26:08,360 --> 00:26:06,420

they only showed themselves to cranks

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00:26:10,100 --> 00:26:08,370

and weirdos now of course we know from

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00:26:12,560 --> 00:26:10,110

the work of journalists the likes of

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00:26:14,900 --> 00:26:12,570

Leslie Kane and many others over the

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00:26:16,880 --> 00:26:14,910

years that only cranks and weirdos see

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00:26:18,860 --> 00:26:16,890

UFOs we know of course that going back

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00:26:20,570 --> 00:26:18,870

to the Bluebook era that only cranks and

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00:26:21,980 --> 00:26:20,580

weirdos we're seeing UFOs when we

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00:26:23,510 --> 00:26:21,990

actually had government officials

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00:26:25,490 --> 00:26:23,520

you know Captain Jack pocket of

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00:26:27,680 --> 00:26:25,500

Strategic Air Command 1946 prior to

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00:26:29,030 --> 00:26:27,690

Kenneth Arnold reported a near mid-air

735

00:26:31,100 --> 00:26:29,040

collision on his way to MacDill Air

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00:26:33,050 --> 00:26:31,110

Force Base in the summer of that year he

737

00:26:35,270 --> 00:26:33,060

said it was a large rocket like fuselage

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00:26:37,340 --> 00:26:35,280

with no wings two illuminated rows of

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00:26:39,200 --> 00:26:37,350

Windows the the size roughly doubled the

740

00:26:41,330 --> 00:26:39,210

size of the fuselage of a b-17 bomber

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00:26:43,040 --> 00:26:41,340

and that it was producing a thick red

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00:26:45,230 --> 00:26:43,050

plume of smoke as it passed by his

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00:26:47,150 --> 00:26:45,240

aircraft nearly colliding with him going

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00:26:50,150 --> 00:26:47,160

a thousand miles an hour he estimated he

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00:26:51,860 --> 00:26:50,160

signed a sworn affidavit about this

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00:26:53,210 --> 00:26:51,870

which of course a breath after the

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00:26:55,460 --> 00:26:53,220

Second World War this would have been of

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00:26:57,380 --> 00:26:55,470

highest national security interest that

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00:26:58,820 --> 00:26:57,390

there might be what was at that time and

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00:27:01,040 --> 00:26:58,830

could have only been interpreted as

751
00:27:02,360 --> 00:27:01,050
being possibly an enemy craft this would

752
00:27:04,580 --> 00:27:02,370
have been a horrible thing for him to

753
00:27:07,580 --> 00:27:04,590
hoax or to live out or to make up crank

754
00:27:09,880 --> 00:27:07,590
weirdo I think not the reason that we

755
00:27:14,120 --> 00:27:09,890
need philosophy when it comes to UFOs is

756
00:27:16,240 --> 00:27:14,130
because science is really what we use it

757
00:27:19,490 --> 00:27:16,250
is the our best attempt today at

758
00:27:21,770 --> 00:27:19,500
gathering data and interpreting the

759
00:27:24,200 --> 00:27:21,780
natural world around us but it began

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00:27:27,560 --> 00:27:24,210
with philosophy philosophy and logical

761
00:27:29,330 --> 00:27:27,570
inquiry was the the primordial pool from

762
00:27:31,940 --> 00:27:29,340
which the slime eventually crawled that

763
00:27:34,820 --> 00:27:31,950

became modern science there are still

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00:27:36,500 --> 00:27:34,830

questions which for instance if the

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00:27:38,300 --> 00:27:36,510

universe had a beginning what came

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00:27:40,520 --> 00:27:38,310

before that now Hawking will be quick to

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00:27:42,590 --> 00:27:40,530

tell you that since that is not

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00:27:44,720 --> 00:27:42,600

something that science can probably

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00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:44,730

determine that thus is not a question

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00:27:49,400 --> 00:27:47,010

that science seeks to explain

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00:27:51,530 --> 00:27:49,410

thus you know all such things is you

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00:27:53,770 --> 00:27:51,540

know and after life death God you know

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00:27:56,420 --> 00:27:53,780

all of these kinds of concepts are are

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00:27:59,330 --> 00:27:56,430

likened to being questions that science

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00:28:00,590 --> 00:27:59,340

does not seek to address now if science

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00:28:02,210 --> 00:28:00,600

does not seek to address these questions

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00:28:05,180 --> 00:28:02,220

but they are nonetheless relevant and

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00:28:08,210 --> 00:28:05,190

meaningful to us as thinking creatures

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00:28:09,800 --> 00:28:08,220

well it is it fair to say that no one

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00:28:12,020 --> 00:28:09,810

should address those questions or merely

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00:28:14,120 --> 00:28:12,030

that if science doesn't perhaps someone

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00:28:15,920 --> 00:28:14,130

else should hence the philosopher

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00:28:17,800 --> 00:28:15,930

I think there's very easily a case to be

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00:28:19,760 --> 00:28:17,810

made that philosophy is still important

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00:28:22,010 --> 00:28:19,770

philosophy working in conjunction with

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00:28:24,380 --> 00:28:22,020

science and mathematics can help kind of

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00:28:26,780 --> 00:28:24,390

temper science and move it in a

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00:28:29,450 --> 00:28:26,790

productive direction and I think that an

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00:28:32,080 --> 00:28:29,460

equal measure science at times can order

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00:28:36,440 --> 00:28:32,090

other scientists can tend to get so

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00:28:38,360 --> 00:28:36,450

dogmatic and also so skeptical that the

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00:28:39,890 --> 00:28:38,370

spirit of innovation potentially might

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00:28:41,480 --> 00:28:39,900

be hindered by a scientist who is not

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00:28:43,820 --> 00:28:41,490

willing to think enough outside the box

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00:28:45,320 --> 00:28:43,830

so we do need philosophy and as it

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00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:45,330

applies to UFOs when a scientist

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00:28:50,930 --> 00:28:47,670

probably like they'd say about creation

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00:28:53,450 --> 00:28:50,940

you know God death whatever you know

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00:28:55,550 --> 00:28:53,460

that well UFOs on us a subject that

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00:28:57,080 --> 00:28:55,560

science seeks to address well perhaps a

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00:28:58,370 --> 00:28:57,090
philosopher should ask a scientist why

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00:29:00,530 --> 00:28:58,380
do you think that you know if it's a

803
00:29:02,270 --> 00:29:00,540
physical tangible apparent phenomenon in

804
00:29:04,460 --> 00:29:02,280
our world what about that should science

805
00:29:06,590 --> 00:29:04,470
not seek to address hence I have

806
00:29:08,300 --> 00:29:06,600
fundamentally come back to the point of

807
00:29:10,940 --> 00:29:08,310
thinking that philosophy is important in

808
00:29:11,960 --> 00:29:10,950
relation to UFOs so you know whether or

809
00:29:13,790 --> 00:29:11,970
not you want to call me a UFO

810
00:29:14,990 --> 00:29:13,800
philosopher

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00:29:16,660 --> 00:29:15,000
it's a good point though I mean I think

812
00:29:18,950 --> 00:29:16,670
it was Hynek who said you know

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00:29:21,800 --> 00:29:18,960

scientists often forget that there will

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00:29:24,200 --> 00:29:21,810

be a 22nd century there'll be a 30th

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00:29:26,960 --> 00:29:24,210

century they'll be so on and so on and

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that you know there's there are things

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yet to be discovered and sometimes

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science can hinder that soon and Ronal

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cells are really quickly that I saw a

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psycarticles well SC I now but you know

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formally the committee for scientific

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investigation of claims to paranormal

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and the article was was called the

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secret life of J Allen Hynek in it the

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first day issue took with him was the

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fact that when he was a young teenager

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and rather than going out and playing

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sports and stuff like everybody else he

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had saved up money and bought a copy of

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Manley Palmer halls the secret teaching

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of all ages I want to copy that book and

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in in terms of being a book on

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Hermeticism and philosophy and as it

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relates to occult traditions worldwide I

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mean I think it's one of the most

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valuable books that's been written if

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you're interested in that kind of thing

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then a skeptical organization would use

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that as a point against an astronomer a

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man who after of course purchasing this

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book and trying to further himself

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intellectually at a young age then of

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course he enters the sciences with hopes

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of trying to better understand the

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unknown mysteries of the world you know

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that this would be a point of criticism

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is just it's just ridiculous to me the

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modern skeptic

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atheist movement also a social movement

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which is informed by the ideology of the

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mass not by the individual in my opinion

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00:30:39,470 --> 00:30:37,140
it's just a shameful that skeptics have

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00:30:41,690 --> 00:30:39,480
become so skeptical that they won't even

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00:30:43,070 --> 00:30:41,700
allow for an astronomer to read about

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00:30:44,750 --> 00:30:43,080
such things as the occult and

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00:30:46,520 --> 00:30:44,760
hermeticism these things they may not be

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00:30:48,020 --> 00:30:46,530
directly relevant to a physicist or an

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00:30:50,030 --> 00:30:48,030
astronomer but that doesn't mean that

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00:30:52,160 --> 00:30:50,040
these subjects are irrelevant altogether

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00:30:53,660 --> 00:30:52,170
I think it's just disgraceful the way

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that the so-called skeptic movement

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today has become one that says if 90% of

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all UFOs can be explained as many would

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agree by the way then why not 100%

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that's their whole modus operandi when

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it comes to this subject if we can

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explain Nonnie

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we can explain 100 percent I think

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therefore it is not it's like reverse

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cartesianism and frankly it's bad

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science well said well Mike I know that

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philosophy is something that occupies a

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pretty large chunk of your mind and some

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that you talk about a lot and you're a

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thinker you'd like to think probably as

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much as you like to talk and that's

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probably a good thing that's right so

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talk about our audience know where they

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can go to listen to more of your

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philosophizing as well as your other

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content that you're putting out on a

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regular basis yeah well for those who

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haven't gotten enough as it is this

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00:31:45,380 --> 00:31:44,280

might be enough to last anybody a year

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just the short time we spent together

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today and thank you for that but if

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people would like to learn more about me

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my podcast is the graylien report the

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website is Gral ien report calm and then

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there's my website micah hanks common

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and you know as far as podcasts go

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there's also the maverick podcasting

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website yeah let me think your maverick

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podcasting org so those are the ways to

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find me and of course people can always

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email me info at Micah Hanks comm or

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follow me on Twitter at Micah Hanks I've

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got my own name isn't that cool

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alright Micah it's been fun thanks for

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hanging out with this buddy that's it

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for this week's episode again you could

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find Micah Hanks hosting his weekly show

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the graylien report available on the kgr

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a radio network and in podcast form as

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well be sure to visit kg are a radio

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rogue planet TV my thanks as always to

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information can all be found at the

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official web site somewhere in the skies

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dot-com thank you for joining me this

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week and remember keep your feet on the

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ground but never stop searching

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