



SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES

WITH RYAN SPRAGUE



FINDING MRS. MORELAND

HOW ONE WOMAN'S UFO
CLAIM EXPOSED PARANOIA
AND FEAR IN 1950S
NEW ZEALAND

1
00:00:08,780 --> 00:00:05,240
welcome to somewhere in the skies I'm

2
00:00:11,299 --> 00:00:08,790
your host Ryan Sprague sometimes you

3
00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:11,309
come across a case so well-documented

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00:00:17,599 --> 00:00:14,400
it's so detailed that it leaves you

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00:00:21,080 --> 00:00:17,609
wanting to learn more even if the truth

6
00:00:23,540 --> 00:00:21,090
isn't what you expected or wanted and

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00:00:25,099 --> 00:00:23,550
this is exactly what happened when I

8
00:00:27,529 --> 00:00:25,109
tripped upon a fascinating article

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00:00:31,009 --> 00:00:27,539
published on the New Zealand news site

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00:00:33,560 --> 00:00:31,019
stuff I contacted the editors over it's

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00:00:36,740 --> 00:00:33,570
stuff and immediately secured the rights

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00:00:39,380 --> 00:00:36,750
to the article today you're going to

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00:00:42,110 --> 00:00:39,390

hear the incredible story of one woman

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:42,120

who went to milk her cows on a farm in

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00:00:47,600 --> 00:00:45,120

blend I'm New Zealand what happened next

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:47,610

would alter her life and the lives of

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00:00:52,720 --> 00:00:50,399

many around her until her dying day

18

00:00:54,920 --> 00:00:52,730

the following episode presents the

19

00:00:57,770 --> 00:00:54,930

exceptionally well documented and

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00:01:00,260 --> 00:00:57,780

thoroughly detailed article in its

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00:01:03,709 --> 00:01:00,270

entirety researched and written by

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00:01:06,440 --> 00:01:03,719

Charlie Gates the episode features the

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00:01:10,340 --> 00:01:06,450

voice-over talents of Megan massacre

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00:01:12,170 --> 00:01:10,350

Steve massacre and Jim Reese my sincere

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00:01:14,480 --> 00:01:12,180

thanks goes out to Charlie gates and

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00:01:16,850 --> 00:01:14,490

these three actors for bringing this

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:16,860

case to my attention and then bringing

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00:01:23,480 --> 00:01:20,400

it to startling life it's my pleasure to

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00:01:26,630 --> 00:01:23,490

now present to you finding mrs. Moreland

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00:01:35,770 --> 00:01:26,640

how one woman's UFO claim exposed

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00:01:45,230 --> 00:01:42,430

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00:01:47,780 --> 00:01:45,240

ilene Moreland went out to milk the cows

33

00:01:51,620 --> 00:01:47,790

one morning in the South Island town of

34

00:01:53,960 --> 00:01:51,630

blend I'm in 1959 she returned home

35

00:01:55,760 --> 00:01:53,970

about 80 minutes later with an

36

00:01:59,870 --> 00:01:55,770

extraordinary story

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00:02:02,450 --> 00:01:59,880

she claimed a large craft descended from

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00:02:05,230 --> 00:02:02,460

the sky and hovered above her her

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00:02:08,570 --> 00:02:05,240

statement was full of astonishing detail

40

00:02:11,720 --> 00:02:08,580

she saw two men inside the craft wearing

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00:02:14,930 --> 00:02:11,730

silver spacesuits one of them was

42

00:02:18,230 --> 00:02:14,940

missing his left hand local Air Force

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00:02:20,750 --> 00:02:18,240

officials took her claims seriously they

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00:02:23,060 --> 00:02:20,760

assigned an investigator who interviewed

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00:02:25,820 --> 00:02:23,070

Moreland and found her to be credible

46

00:02:29,480 --> 00:02:25,830

and they found others in blend hime who

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00:02:32,480 --> 00:02:29,490

had seen similar lights her story felt

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00:02:34,730 --> 00:02:32,490

like a modern New Zealand myth and like

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00:02:38,000 --> 00:02:34,740

all myths it expressed the peculiar

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00:02:41,630 --> 00:02:38,010

anxieties of its time her story chimed

51
00:02:44,479 --> 00:02:41,640
with Cold War paranoia atomic fears and

52
00:02:48,290 --> 00:02:44,489
worries over the accelerating technology

53
00:02:50,210 --> 00:02:48,300
of 1950s New Zealand understanding her

54
00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:50,220
story could reveal something about a

55
00:02:55,970 --> 00:02:53,519
strange moment in New Zealand history it

56
00:02:59,210 --> 00:02:55,980
also exposed how the military would lie

57
00:03:02,180 --> 00:02:59,220
to keep her story secret in the decades

58
00:03:05,600 --> 00:03:02,190
that followed what had Moreland seen

59
00:03:08,539 --> 00:03:05,610
what had happened to her since was she

60
00:03:12,770 --> 00:03:08,549
still alive could she cast a new light

61
00:03:26,920 --> 00:03:12,780
on her incident after decades of secrecy

62
00:03:31,500 --> 00:03:30,290
this is somewhere in the skies with

63
00:03:39,660 --> 00:03:31,510

Ryan's Birds

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00:03:59,970 --> 00:03:56,809

[Music]

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00:04:02,610 --> 00:03:59,980

blend hime New Zealand was booming

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00:04:07,949 --> 00:04:02,620

the farming town had doubled from about

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00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:07,959

6,000 people in 1945 to 12,000 in 1961

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00:04:12,420 --> 00:04:10,959

the Moreland family was part of that

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00:04:14,850 --> 00:04:12,430

population boom

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00:04:17,520 --> 00:04:14,860

Eileen Moreland her husband Frederick

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00:04:21,330 --> 00:04:17,530

and their five children had moved to the

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00:04:23,760 --> 00:04:21,340

town by 1943 they purchased a nine acre

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00:04:26,580 --> 00:04:23,770

farm on the corner of old Renwick road

74

00:04:30,420 --> 00:04:26,590

in Coleman's Road in the western suburb

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00:04:32,460 --> 00:04:30,430

of spring winds in the mid-1950s they

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00:04:35,490 --> 00:04:32,470

lived in a modest white wooden house

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00:04:38,190 --> 00:04:35,500

with a red tin roof and a brick chimney

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00:04:40,530 --> 00:04:38,200

fruit trees were largely cleared to

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00:04:44,340 --> 00:04:40,540

create two paddocks for some a shire

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00:04:47,280 --> 00:04:44,350

dairy cows and a few sheep Moreland used

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00:04:51,090 --> 00:04:47,290

to show the cows and local events on the

82

00:04:55,080 --> 00:04:51,100

morning of July 13th 1959 Moreland was

83

00:04:57,690 --> 00:04:55,090

42 and had been married for 19 years our

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00:05:01,710 --> 00:04:57,700

children ranged in age from preschool to

85

00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:01,720

late teens she was tall and wiry with

86

00:05:07,440 --> 00:05:04,240

short brown curly hair and pronounced

87

00:05:11,159 --> 00:05:07,450

eyebrows she set out to milk the cows at

88

00:05:14,130 --> 00:05:11,169

5:30 a.m. it was normal for her to be up

89
00:05:17,159 --> 00:05:14,140
so early she was a hard-working woman as

90
00:05:19,830 --> 00:05:17,169
well as running dairy cows she also held

91
00:05:21,900 --> 00:05:19,840
down a few other jobs locals would turn

92
00:05:24,690 --> 00:05:21,910
to her for advice if their cows were

93
00:05:27,600 --> 00:05:24,700
unwell she was a nurse aid at the local

94
00:05:30,450 --> 00:05:27,610
Lister Hospital her husband worked as a

95
00:05:33,180 --> 00:05:30,460
patrolman and would learn air base about

96
00:05:35,940 --> 00:05:33,190
six kilometres from their home Moreland

97
00:05:37,710 --> 00:05:35,950
had also worked there occasionally the

98
00:05:40,260 --> 00:05:37,720
air base was one of the largest

99
00:05:43,529 --> 00:05:40,270
businesses in blende I'm by the end of

100
00:05:46,710 --> 00:05:43,539
the 1950's and was an integral part of

101
00:05:48,750 --> 00:05:46,720
the small community surplus planes were

102
00:05:52,170 --> 00:05:48,760
so cheaply to locals by the Air Force

103
00:05:54,840 --> 00:05:52,180
after World War two they were repurposed

104
00:05:57,140 --> 00:05:54,850
as children's play houses or the parts

105
00:06:00,600 --> 00:05:57,150
were used for washing line

106
00:06:03,059 --> 00:06:00,610
Moreland's hobby was reading Donald

107
00:06:06,179 --> 00:06:03,069
Parker remembered that when she wasn't

108
00:06:08,510 --> 00:06:06,189
working she was a great reader Parker

109
00:06:15,269 --> 00:06:08,520
married moorlands eldest daughter in

110
00:06:17,909 --> 00:06:15,279
1967 this chilly morning was routine

111
00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:17,919
more than reached the cowshed turned on

112
00:06:23,399 --> 00:06:20,080
the lights and radio grabbed her torch

113
00:06:25,230 --> 00:06:23,409

and set off across the paddock over the

114

00:06:27,390 --> 00:06:25,240

next few decades she would tell

115

00:06:30,059 --> 00:06:27,400

journalists researchers and Air Force

116

00:06:33,450 --> 00:06:30,069

official about what had happened in the

117

00:06:37,019 --> 00:06:33,460

next 80 minutes here is what Moreland

118

00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:37,029

claimed halfway across the paddock I saw

119

00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:38,560

strange green below through the little

120

00:06:43,350 --> 00:06:40,960

class the green glow broke through the

121

00:06:46,860 --> 00:06:43,360

cloud cover and became two lights like a

122

00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:46,870

eyes of a glance everything was bathed

123

00:06:53,159 --> 00:06:49,599

in an eerie light that overwhelms her

124

00:06:55,140 --> 00:06:53,169

torch it was a horizontal color my first

125

00:06:58,140 --> 00:06:55,150

thought was I shouldn't be here and I

126
00:07:00,689 --> 00:06:58,150
made a dye for the trace from her hiding

127
00:07:04,050 --> 00:07:00,699
place among a shelter belt of pine trees

128
00:07:08,309 --> 00:07:04,060
she looked up it was the most beautiful

129
00:07:10,529 --> 00:07:08,319
thing I have seen a circular craft about

130
00:07:14,059 --> 00:07:10,539
nine meters wide and with a curved glass

131
00:07:17,369 --> 00:07:14,069
cockpit silently descended towards her

132
00:07:20,760 --> 00:07:17,379
two shafts of green light beamed down

133
00:07:24,209 --> 00:07:20,770
from its underside two rows of small

134
00:07:27,059 --> 00:07:24,219
orange jets shot outwards like spokes

135
00:07:29,909 --> 00:07:27,069
from the rim of the disc the craft

136
00:07:32,159 --> 00:07:29,919
suddenly stopped descending and began to

137
00:07:32,790 --> 00:07:32,169
hover about four and a half meters from

138
00:07:35,939 --> 00:07:32,800

the ground

139

00:07:39,360 --> 00:07:35,949

the Jets disappeared and then reappeared

140

00:07:42,540 --> 00:07:39,370

pointing sideways in two rows the top

141

00:07:44,459 --> 00:07:42,550

bro spanned clockwise very fast while

142

00:07:48,329 --> 00:07:44,469

the bottom rope moved in the opposite

143

00:07:51,600 --> 00:07:48,339

direction trailing orange flames the air

144

00:07:54,710 --> 00:07:51,610

on this cold July morning became warm

145

00:07:58,550 --> 00:07:54,720

and she noticed a low hum

146

00:07:59,540 --> 00:07:58,560

Hoss get Steve but carries an enchanted

147

00:08:02,630 --> 00:07:59,550

by the lines

148

00:08:06,710 --> 00:08:02,640

it was just imprinted indelibly in my

149

00:08:10,130 --> 00:08:06,720

mind I just took it in I saw everything

150

00:08:13,220 --> 00:08:10,140

in those few minutes inside the curved

151
00:08:16,370 --> 00:08:13,230
glass cockpit she could see two figures

152
00:08:19,400 --> 00:08:16,380
wearing shiny silver suits in helmets

153
00:08:21,530 --> 00:08:19,410
the suits were tight like a wetsuit and

154
00:08:24,830 --> 00:08:21,540
looked like they were made of aluminum

155
00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:24,840
foil the men were seated one in front of

156
00:08:30,170 --> 00:08:27,570
the other both had their backs to her

157
00:08:32,620 --> 00:08:30,180
while flickering lights shone up from

158
00:08:35,420 --> 00:08:32,630
below them reflecting off their suits

159
00:08:38,029 --> 00:08:35,430
then one of the silver suited men

160
00:08:41,420 --> 00:08:38,039
emerged from the craft and walked

161
00:08:44,300 --> 00:08:41,430
towards her I could see his face through

162
00:08:46,040 --> 00:08:44,310
small eyes on the helmet he was wearing

163
00:08:48,800 --> 00:08:46,050

all the wife belt in the black adidas

164

00:08:51,230 --> 00:08:48,810

get the Santa he had harness on his

165

00:08:54,110 --> 00:08:51,240

chest and held small dial and a series

166

00:08:56,180 --> 00:08:54,120

of tubes coming out of his helmet his

167

00:08:58,210 --> 00:08:56,190

left hand was missing and was encased in

168

00:09:00,010 --> 00:08:58,220

the dog sheath

169

00:09:02,920 --> 00:09:00,020

then he shouted at me and a foreign

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00:09:05,170 --> 00:09:02,930

language I couldn't recognize the man

171

00:09:08,530 --> 00:09:05,180

retreated back to the craft and got back

172

00:09:10,210 --> 00:09:08,540

on board after a few moments the Jets

173

00:09:13,210 --> 00:09:10,220

started shooting out from the craft

174

00:09:16,630 --> 00:09:13,220

again it tilted at an angle and then

175

00:09:19,300 --> 00:09:16,640

shot up into the sky at great speed as

176
00:09:24,760 --> 00:09:19,310
it retreated behind the clouds it made a

177
00:09:29,110 --> 00:09:24,770
soft high-pitched whine then she was

178
00:09:33,220 --> 00:09:29,120
alone standing in a waft of hot peppery

179
00:09:35,650 --> 00:09:33,230
air she was relieved that the attracting

180
00:09:38,100 --> 00:09:35,660
power of the green lights had gone but

181
00:09:41,640 --> 00:09:38,110
didn't know what to do next

182
00:09:45,510 --> 00:09:41,650
eventually she finished milking the cows

183
00:09:48,820 --> 00:09:45,520
while I was milking I kept wandering

184
00:09:51,760 --> 00:09:48,830
felt a bit shaken and puzzled I didn't

185
00:09:53,530 --> 00:09:51,770
quite know what to do about it she

186
00:09:55,890 --> 00:09:53,540
returned to the house and woke her

187
00:09:59,350 --> 00:09:55,900
husband to tell him what she'd seen I

188
00:10:00,670 --> 00:09:59,360

feared he would laugh at me I took me

189

00:10:05,130 --> 00:10:00,680

seriously and asked if I called the

190

00:10:07,630 --> 00:10:05,140

place she rang the police at 7:00 a.m.

191

00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:07,640

Woodburn commanding officer Arthur

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00:10:11,440 --> 00:10:10,130

Gainsford visited the farm and

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00:10:14,290 --> 00:10:11,450

interviewed Moreland

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00:10:16,210 --> 00:10:14,300

later that day her husband Frederick had

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00:10:19,330 --> 00:10:16,220

told Gainsford about his wife's claims

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00:10:22,540 --> 00:10:19,340

that morning a gangster found Moreland

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00:10:24,760 --> 00:10:22,550

column and rational local police told

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00:10:26,920 --> 00:10:24,770

him she was a rational and stable person

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00:10:30,720 --> 00:10:26,930

from their personal knowledge of her

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00:10:33,970 --> 00:10:30,730

Gainsford also found a second witness a

201
00:10:36,550 --> 00:10:33,980
local farmer named Roy hauled away

202
00:10:39,730 --> 00:10:36,560
who lived about seven kilometers from

203
00:10:41,860 --> 00:10:39,740
Orleans house he'd seen a bright light

204
00:10:44,680 --> 00:10:41,870
in the sky about 30 minutes before

205
00:10:47,800 --> 00:10:44,690
Marlin sighting the claim attracted

206
00:10:50,170 --> 00:10:47,810
publicity Moreland give an extensive

207
00:10:53,530 --> 00:10:50,180
interview to the Nelson Evening Mail

208
00:10:55,900 --> 00:10:53,540
about her sighting on July 22nd the

209
00:10:59,740 --> 00:10:55,910
paper ran a story under the headline

210
00:11:02,530 --> 00:10:59,750
went to milk the cows this is what blend

211
00:11:04,210 --> 00:11:02,540
I'm woman said she saw but Moreland did

212
00:11:05,670 --> 00:11:04,220
not tell the journalist about the

213
00:11:09,300 --> 00:11:05,680

one-handed man

214

00:11:12,690 --> 00:11:09,310

emerging from the craft for now she kept

215

00:11:14,639 --> 00:11:12,700

that detail to herself Moreland was not

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00:11:18,269 --> 00:11:14,649

alone in claiming to see the lights in

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00:11:20,700 --> 00:11:18,279

the sky in 1950s New Zealand newspapers

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00:11:24,480 --> 00:11:20,710

were filled with people adamant they'd

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00:11:27,510 --> 00:11:24,490

seen unusual crafts each witness saw

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00:11:29,510 --> 00:11:27,520

different shaped objects in the sky one

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00:11:33,269 --> 00:11:29,520

was shaped like a rolled-up newspaper

222

00:11:36,300 --> 00:11:33,279

there was a lizard a stingray a

223

00:11:39,300 --> 00:11:36,310

horseshoe a silver cigar or a flying

224

00:11:41,300 --> 00:11:39,310

barrel even many claimed to see balls of

225

00:11:44,730 --> 00:11:41,310

light traveling through the night sky

226

00:11:48,329 --> 00:11:44,740

some were green others were orange and

227

00:11:50,820 --> 00:11:48,339

red some described their sightings with

228

00:11:53,910 --> 00:11:50,830

a new term recently imported from the

229

00:11:57,120 --> 00:11:53,920

United States they called them flying

230

00:12:00,120 --> 00:11:57,130

saucers I am here to discuss the

231

00:12:02,670 --> 00:12:00,130

so-called flying saucers their force

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00:12:05,940 --> 00:12:02,680

interest in this problem has been due to

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00:12:08,579 --> 00:12:05,950

our feeling of an obligation to identify

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00:12:11,519 --> 00:12:08,589

and analyze to the best of our ability

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00:12:14,220 --> 00:12:11,529

anything in the air that may have the

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00:12:16,230 --> 00:12:14,230

possibility of threat or menace to the

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00:12:20,010 --> 00:12:16,240

United States in pursuit of this

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00:12:22,079 --> 00:12:20,020

obligation since 1947 we have received

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00:12:24,120 --> 00:12:22,089

and analyzed between one and two

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00:12:27,090 --> 00:12:24,130

thousand reports that have come to us

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00:12:29,250 --> 00:12:27,100

from all kinds of sources however there

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00:12:31,769 --> 00:12:29,260

have been a certain percentage of this

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00:12:34,860 --> 00:12:31,779

volume of reports that have been made by

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00:12:37,740 --> 00:12:34,870

credible observers of relatively

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00:12:40,680 --> 00:12:37,750

incredible things it is this group of

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00:12:44,130 --> 00:12:40,690

observations that we now are attempting

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00:12:46,350 --> 00:12:44,140

to resolve the new zealand air force was

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00:12:48,390 --> 00:12:46,360

curious about the sightings and wanted

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00:12:52,290 --> 00:12:48,400

to find out what was happening in their

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00:12:55,350 --> 00:12:52,300

airspace in 1952 Air Force sergeant

251
00:12:58,470 --> 00:12:55,360
Harold Fulton established the civilian

252
00:13:01,760 --> 00:12:58,480
saucer investigation to prove or

253
00:13:06,960 --> 00:13:01,770
disprove the existence of flying saucers

254
00:13:11,810 --> 00:13:06,970
he claimed to have 350 members in 1956

255
00:13:15,440 --> 00:13:11,820
and had logged 700 sightings by 1957

256
00:13:18,080 --> 00:13:15,450
in 1953 the air force's director of

257
00:13:20,510 --> 00:13:18,090
intelligence paid five shillings to

258
00:13:23,330 --> 00:13:20,520
subscribe to Fulton's quarterly UFO

259
00:13:27,580 --> 00:13:23,340
newsletter he wrote that the reports of

260
00:13:31,100 --> 00:13:27,590
the society were read with interest in

261
00:13:33,470 --> 00:13:31,110
1956 civilian aviation minister Thomas

262
00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:33,480
SH and believed the subject of flying

263
00:13:40,640 --> 00:13:36,210

saucers always appears to present a new

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00:13:42,500 --> 00:13:40,650

aspect full of interest and mystery the

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00:13:44,660 --> 00:13:42,510

Air Force took moorlands claims

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00:13:47,570 --> 00:13:44,670

seriously enough to appoint Flight

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00:13:50,750 --> 00:13:47,580

Lieutenant Charles Milford Jennings to

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00:13:53,450 --> 00:13:50,760

investigate Jennings was a good choice

269

00:13:56,330 --> 00:13:53,460

the 34 year old had been in the Air

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00:13:59,870 --> 00:13:56,340

Force for 16 years and was a decorated

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00:14:03,740 --> 00:13:59,880

officer he was awarded a British Empire

272

00:14:04,220 --> 00:14:03,750

medal in 1953 for working 72 hours

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00:14:07,370 --> 00:14:04,230

straight

274

00:14:09,290 --> 00:14:07,380

repairing planes during World War two he

275

00:14:11,300 --> 00:14:09,300

went to England to personally receive

276

00:14:13,610 --> 00:14:11,310

his honour from the Queen

277

00:14:15,590 --> 00:14:13,620

Jennings began as an instrument fitter

278

00:14:18,020 --> 00:14:15,600

for the Air Force and was now in charge

279

00:14:20,990 --> 00:14:18,030

of instruments and electrics on all

280

00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:21,000

aircraft at Woodburn he was a North

281

00:14:25,850 --> 00:14:24,000

Island boy born in ratty he who had

282

00:14:28,330 --> 00:14:25,860

moved from Auckland to Woodburn with his

283

00:14:31,310 --> 00:14:28,340

wife and three children in May that year

284

00:14:32,020 --> 00:14:31,320

he had spent five months in Woodburn the

285

00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:32,030

year before

286

00:14:38,270 --> 00:14:34,800

Jennings looked like a classic airforce

287

00:14:41,390 --> 00:14:38,280

officer with his dashing looks slicked

288

00:14:43,820 --> 00:14:41,400

back hair and light brown eyes he was

289

00:14:46,010 --> 00:14:43,830

curious about a rash of sightings but

290

00:14:49,550 --> 00:14:46,020

wanted to apply scientific rigor to the

291

00:14:52,030 --> 00:14:49,560

subject his son Lee Jennings remembers

292

00:14:55,550 --> 00:14:52,040

his father as practical but open-minded

293

00:14:58,190 --> 00:14:55,560

he was a technical person and to do that

294

00:15:00,710 --> 00:14:58,200

you have to use logic to work things

295

00:15:03,830 --> 00:15:00,720

through at the same time he was

296

00:15:06,560 --> 00:15:03,840

particularly open-minded especially for

297

00:15:09,650 --> 00:15:06,570

his generation he did a bit of yoga in

298

00:15:12,920 --> 00:15:09,660

there cooked from time to time this was

299

00:15:15,680 --> 00:15:12,930

at a time when men didn't really go into

300

00:15:17,810 --> 00:15:15,690

the kitchen he was also a hobbyist

301

00:15:20,170 --> 00:15:17,820

writer and painted abstract oil

302

00:15:23,500 --> 00:15:20,180

paintings that still hang on

303

00:15:25,180 --> 00:15:23,510

children's walls his oldest son Dwayne

304

00:15:28,300 --> 00:15:25,190

Jennings remembers how his father

305

00:15:30,700 --> 00:15:28,310

approached problems agnostic was his

306

00:15:31,990 --> 00:15:30,710

basic stance on life give me the

307

00:15:34,810 --> 00:15:32,000

evidence and I will tell you what I

308

00:15:36,430 --> 00:15:34,820

think it'll real scientists mind he used

309

00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:36,440

to say that there's nothing more

310

00:15:41,530 --> 00:15:38,480

exciting in life than being on the

311

00:15:44,769 --> 00:15:41,540

cutting edge of knowledge something like

312

00:15:47,680 --> 00:15:44,779

a UFO wasn't going to completely and

313

00:15:49,960 --> 00:15:47,690

utterly bamboozle them but Jennings was

314

00:15:52,329 --> 00:15:49,970

skeptical about people who believed the

315

00:15:55,810 --> 00:15:52,339

rash of sightings were proof of alien

316

00:15:59,320 --> 00:15:55,820

life he dismissed the civilian saucer

317

00:16:01,389 --> 00:15:59,330

investigation group as unscientific its

318

00:16:04,090 --> 00:16:01,399

publications fell far short of

319

00:16:06,639 --> 00:16:04,100

scientific investigation because of far

320

00:16:09,280 --> 00:16:06,649

too much emotive language and potted

321

00:16:10,960 --> 00:16:09,290

thinking he would prove his objective

322

00:16:14,170 --> 00:16:10,970

approach two years later when he

323

00:16:17,560 --> 00:16:14,180

investigated another sighting in June of

324

00:16:20,590 --> 00:16:17,570

1961 a pilot at what Bern claimed have

325

00:16:22,810 --> 00:16:20,600

seen a bright opulent green disc in the

326

00:16:24,010 --> 00:16:22,820

sky and felt a pain in his eyes

327

00:16:28,150 --> 00:16:24,020

afterwards

328

00:16:31,810 --> 00:16:28,160

Jennings solved the puzzle the pilot had

329

00:16:35,260 --> 00:16:31,820

an eye infection but the Moreland case

330

00:16:37,500 --> 00:16:35,270

was tougher Gainsford later wrote that

331

00:16:40,030 --> 00:16:37,510

Jennings took the case seriously

332

00:16:41,890 --> 00:16:40,040

Jennings has spent considerable private

333

00:16:43,690 --> 00:16:41,900

time on this matter he is prepared to

334

00:16:45,850 --> 00:16:43,700

turn out at any hour day or night to

335

00:16:48,670 --> 00:16:45,860

personally investigate further incidents

336

00:16:51,699 --> 00:16:48,680

Wayne Jennings said his father spent a

337

00:16:53,949 --> 00:16:51,709

lot of time on the case he must have

338

00:16:56,079 --> 00:16:53,959

spent quite a long time interviewing

339

00:16:59,380 --> 00:16:56,089

Moreland because my mother was very

340

00:17:01,960 --> 00:16:59,390

suspicious of their relationship

341

00:17:05,770 --> 00:17:01,970

his investigation was colored by the

342

00:17:09,069 --> 00:17:05,780

anxieties of 1950s New Zealand Cold War

343

00:17:12,160 --> 00:17:09,079

paranoia nuclear fears and worries over

344

00:17:14,310 --> 00:17:12,170

new technology all played a role in his

345

00:17:15,960 --> 00:17:14,320

enquiries

346

00:17:17,580 --> 00:17:15,970

in the war the trucks of the New Zealand

347

00:17:19,110 --> 00:17:17,590

Army Service Corps have been a familiar

348

00:17:21,330 --> 00:17:19,120

sight on the roads of Korea

349

00:17:23,550 --> 00:17:21,340

wherever battle has carried them Kiwi

350

00:17:25,740 --> 00:17:23,560

guns have gone too but even when the

351

00:17:28,710 --> 00:17:25,750

guns aren't firing the work still going

352

00:17:31,080 --> 00:17:28,720

on every hour of 24 there are Kiwis

353

00:17:32,850 --> 00:17:31,090

working somewhere in Korea when the time

354

00:17:35,070 --> 00:17:32,860

comes to go back they know the

355

00:17:37,020 --> 00:17:35,080

importance of the job on him these men

356

00:17:40,250 --> 00:17:37,030

and those yet to replace them will be

357

00:17:43,530 --> 00:17:40,260

proud to have been Kiwis in Korea in

358

00:17:45,300 --> 00:17:43,540

1954 the director of Wellington's Carter

359

00:17:47,760 --> 00:17:45,310

observatory Ivan

360

00:17:50,550 --> 00:17:47,770

Thompson neatly summarized the way these

361

00:17:53,490 --> 00:17:50,560

fears affected thinking about flying

362

00:17:56,160 --> 00:17:53,500

saucers in a world frightened by atomic

363

00:17:58,140 --> 00:17:56,170

bombs amazed by phenomenal aircraft

364

00:18:00,320 --> 00:17:58,150

performances the kind used to thoughts

365

00:18:02,700 --> 00:18:00,330

of space travel in living in part in a

366

00:18:04,920 --> 00:18:02,710

atmosphere of comic strip and nonsense

367

00:18:07,020 --> 00:18:04,930

the alleged flying saucer phenomena has

368

00:18:10,560 --> 00:18:07,030

developed a form of mass hysteria a

369

00:18:14,070 --> 00:18:10,570

headline in the Auckland Star in 1954

370

00:18:17,370 --> 00:18:14,080

was more succinct it read simply as

371

00:18:19,440 --> 00:18:17,380

Russia got atomic saucers a Jennings

372

00:18:21,990 --> 00:18:19,450

first interviewed Moreland ten days

373

00:18:24,120 --> 00:18:22,000

after the sighting he took along an

374

00:18:26,400 --> 00:18:24,130

audio oscillator machine which could

375

00:18:29,220 --> 00:18:26,410

generate different musical tones in

376

00:18:32,040 --> 00:18:29,230

order to find out the exact tone of the

377

00:18:34,440 --> 00:18:32,050

aircraft's engine his summary of the

378

00:18:37,500 --> 00:18:34,450

interview is packed with details about

379

00:18:39,690 --> 00:18:37,510

the size and shape of the craft the

380

00:18:42,720 --> 00:18:39,700

report notes the craft tilted and an

381

00:18:46,650 --> 00:18:42,730

angle of 15 degrees before it shot away

382

00:18:51,600 --> 00:18:46,660

and that it hummed at a frequency of 250

383

00:18:53,670 --> 00:18:51,610

Hertz Moreland did not mention the

384

00:18:56,550 --> 00:18:53,680

one-handed man in her interview and

385

00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:56,560

Jennings since she was holding something

386

00:19:03,810 --> 00:19:00,640

back he simply wrote in his notes can I

387

00:19:06,750 --> 00:19:03,820

get more out of her but he believed her

388

00:19:08,580 --> 00:19:06,760

account mrs. Mullin did not convey to me

389

00:19:11,880 --> 00:19:08,590

any impression of being excitable by

390

00:19:13,560 --> 00:19:11,890

nature she was helpful and I believe was

391

00:19:16,350 --> 00:19:13,570

quite honestly convinced that she did in

392

00:19:19,010 --> 00:19:16,360

fact see a craft his statement stands up

393

00:19:22,080 --> 00:19:19,020

and all respects

394

00:19:24,660 --> 00:19:22,090

the craft Moreland described would have

395

00:19:27,540 --> 00:19:24,670

been familiar to people in the 1950s

396

00:19:28,830 --> 00:19:27,550

flying saucers were a vivid part of the

397

00:19:31,290 --> 00:19:28,840

popular imagination

398

00:19:34,860 --> 00:19:31,300

from countless sightings and science

399

00:19:37,320 --> 00:19:34,870

fiction movies Jennings even looked for

400

00:19:39,750 --> 00:19:37,330

possible new technologies similar to

401
00:19:42,690 --> 00:19:39,760
what Moreland had described he kept a

402
00:19:45,270 --> 00:19:42,700
newspaper clipping in his file about two

403
00:19:48,600 --> 00:19:45,280
flying saucers being developed in the US

404
00:19:51,210 --> 00:19:48,610
and Britain but the flying saucers were

405
00:19:54,330 --> 00:19:51,220
in fact early prototypes of the hover

406
00:19:57,720 --> 00:19:54,340
craft and only capable of very noisily

407
00:19:59,820 --> 00:19:57,730
hovering a few meters off the ground an

408
00:20:01,710 --> 00:19:59,830
extensive program of research and

409
00:20:05,310 --> 00:20:01,720
development in the field of this flight

410
00:20:07,830 --> 00:20:05,320
which was started in 1952 is being

411
00:20:09,890 --> 00:20:07,840
conducted by Avro aircraft limited at

412
00:20:12,530 --> 00:20:09,900
Moulton Ontario

413
00:20:14,630 --> 00:20:12,540

early Studies on behalf of the United

414

00:20:16,610 --> 00:20:14,640

States Air Force proved the feasibility

415

00:20:19,310 --> 00:20:16,620

of a circular planform

416

00:20:21,970 --> 00:20:19,320

vertical-takeoff aircraft utilizing a

417

00:20:25,280 --> 00:20:21,980

system of peripheral jets for propulsion

418

00:20:27,800 --> 00:20:25,290

stabilization and control the current

419

00:20:31,070 --> 00:20:27,810

phase of the program entails the design

420

00:20:33,200 --> 00:20:31,080

and construction of the avrocar an 18

421

00:20:36,110 --> 00:20:33,210

foot diameter test vehicle for the

422

00:20:37,900 --> 00:20:36,120

United States Army but the idea that

423

00:20:41,330 --> 00:20:37,910

Moreland had seen some kind of

424

00:20:44,480 --> 00:20:41,340

experimental military aircraft was not

425

00:20:48,080 --> 00:20:44,490

outrageous anything seemed to be

426
00:20:50,330 --> 00:20:48,090
possible in the 1950s the skies above

427
00:20:53,900 --> 00:20:50,340
New Zealand were filled for the first

428
00:20:56,710 --> 00:20:53,910
time with exotic new technology capable

429
00:21:00,620 --> 00:20:56,720
of unprecedented speed and performance

430
00:21:03,650 --> 00:21:00,630
in 1955 numerous people reported seeing

431
00:21:06,290 --> 00:21:03,660
strange flying pencils over the west

432
00:21:09,170 --> 00:21:06,300
coast of the South Island it turned out

433
00:21:11,840 --> 00:21:09,180
they were the air force's new vampire

434
00:21:15,260 --> 00:21:11,850
Jets screaming across the South Island

435
00:21:17,750 --> 00:21:15,270
sky Moreland referred to vampire Jets in

436
00:21:20,830 --> 00:21:17,760
her interview with Jennings the Jets

437
00:21:24,010 --> 00:21:20,840
first introduced in New Zealand in 1951

438
00:21:25,130 --> 00:21:24,020

sometimes used would burn air base

439

00:21:27,530 --> 00:21:25,140

Moreland

440

00:21:29,360 --> 00:21:27,540

would tell Jennings that the craft shot

441

00:21:32,240 --> 00:21:29,370

away at a speed that would make a

442

00:21:35,390 --> 00:21:32,250

vampire look like it was standing still

443

00:21:37,970 --> 00:21:35,400

in a further sign of his commitment to

444

00:21:40,610 --> 00:21:37,980

the case one day Jennings took a Geiger

445

00:21:43,880 --> 00:21:40,620

counter to Marlins paddock and 3:00 a.m.

446

00:21:47,030 --> 00:21:43,890

and waited there until dawn to see if he

447

00:21:49,280 --> 00:21:47,040

could detect anything he was clearly

448

00:21:51,560 --> 00:21:49,290

troubled by the prospect that Moreland

449

00:21:54,740 --> 00:21:51,570

may have been exposed to radiation from

450

00:21:57,140 --> 00:21:54,750

the craft especially since Moreland had

451
00:21:59,450 --> 00:21:57,150
developed physical symptoms after the

452
00:22:02,030 --> 00:21:59,460
sighting the backs of my hands were

453
00:22:05,230 --> 00:22:02,040
painful blisters popped up like a

454
00:22:08,139 --> 00:22:05,240
pimples on my hands lower lip in back

455
00:22:11,380 --> 00:22:08,149
if I scratched them what a residue came

456
00:22:14,080 --> 00:22:11,390
out then more would come up I had a

457
00:22:16,269 --> 00:22:14,090
painful swelling under my left eye and a

458
00:22:19,000 --> 00:22:16,279
small patch like a brown mole that

459
00:22:21,610 --> 00:22:19,010
appeared on my forehead I did not want

460
00:22:24,039 --> 00:22:21,620
to consult a civilian doctor and would

461
00:22:26,610 --> 00:22:24,049
only see what belongs medical officer if

462
00:22:29,799 --> 00:22:26,620
the matter was kept highly confidential

463
00:22:32,200 --> 00:22:29,809

Gainsford was skeptical however and

464

00:22:34,180 --> 00:22:32,210

would eventually state the symptoms

465

00:22:37,750 --> 00:22:34,190

shown could of course be self induced

466

00:22:42,039 --> 00:22:37,760

due to nervous rain the blisters and the

467

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:42,049

more faded after six months the

468

00:22:46,720 --> 00:22:44,720

consequences of radiation exposure were

469

00:22:49,659 --> 00:22:46,730

well known to the people living through

470

00:22:52,810 --> 00:22:49,669

the Cold War and the nuclear face-off

471

00:22:56,019 --> 00:22:52,820

between the US and Russia in Nevel

472

00:22:58,240 --> 00:22:56,029

shoots novel on the beach was a

473

00:23:00,880 --> 00:22:58,250

best-seller in New Zealand and had

474

00:23:04,330 --> 00:23:00,890

vividly popularized the deadly

475

00:23:06,669 --> 00:23:04,340

consequences of a nuclear conflict Kiwi

476

00:23:11,470 --> 00:23:06,679

soldiers had officially observed British

477

00:23:15,389 --> 00:23:11,480

and US nuclear tests from 1956 to 1958

478

00:23:18,190 --> 00:23:15,399

in Australia the Pacific and Nevada

479

00:23:20,470 --> 00:23:18,200

Jennings wrote a report on the sighting

480

00:23:24,370 --> 00:23:20,480

claim which was sent to Squadron Leader

481

00:23:27,310 --> 00:23:24,380

James McClement he replied within the

482

00:23:29,320 --> 00:23:27,320

day due to the absence of corroborating

483

00:23:32,110 --> 00:23:29,330

evidence the report does not appear to

484

00:23:35,019 --> 00:23:32,120

warrant further action it seemed like

485

00:23:38,169 --> 00:23:35,029

the case was dead but about a week later

486

00:23:40,510 --> 00:23:38,179

the Marla Baro Express ran two stories

487

00:23:44,139 --> 00:23:40,520

about locals seeing a green light in the

488

00:23:46,360 --> 00:23:44,149

sky at about 650 p.m. on August 7

489

00:23:48,490 --> 00:23:46,370

Jennings tracked down three of the

490

00:23:51,190 --> 00:23:48,500

witnesses and interviewed them

491

00:23:54,330 --> 00:23:51,200

a woman told him she was looking for her

492

00:23:56,620 --> 00:23:54,340

newspaper on the front lawn in the dark

493

00:23:59,470 --> 00:23:56,630

gradually I began to be able to see the

494

00:24:01,930 --> 00:23:59,480

details from them more clearly I noticed

495

00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:01,940

my paper big Tito and thought that's

496

00:24:06,520 --> 00:24:04,640

funny where's the light coming from so I

497

00:24:09,760 --> 00:24:06,530

looked up and saw up brought will richly

498

00:24:11,830 --> 00:24:09,770

and will green bowl alive how's the

499

00:24:13,420 --> 00:24:11,840

thing in view for several seconds and

500

00:24:15,580 --> 00:24:13,430

got the impression that it was tumbling

501
00:24:18,040 --> 00:24:15,590
over it was spinning but much faster

502
00:24:21,070 --> 00:24:18,050
than it was going along an Air Force

503
00:24:23,080 --> 00:24:21,080
officer also saw a vivid green sphere

504
00:24:25,930 --> 00:24:23,090
that lit up the grounds so that he could

505
00:24:28,300 --> 00:24:25,940
see all of the road the object it was

506
00:24:31,930 --> 00:24:28,310
rotating and it looked rather like a

507
00:24:33,580 --> 00:24:31,940
Catherine Wheel firecracker when lit he

508
00:24:35,500 --> 00:24:33,590
could not really describe the green

509
00:24:36,700 --> 00:24:35,510
color because it was unlike any other

510
00:24:40,330 --> 00:24:36,710
green he'd ever seen

511
00:24:43,720 --> 00:24:40,340
it was vivid indeed though it must have

512
00:24:45,970 --> 00:24:43,730
sounded familiar to Jennings then there

513
00:24:49,060 --> 00:24:45,980

was another break in the case

514

00:24:54,880 --> 00:24:49,070

Moreland finally told Jennings about the

515

00:24:56,950 --> 00:24:54,890

man in the silver suit with one hand the

516

00:24:59,790 --> 00:24:56,960

silver suit Moreland described was a

517

00:25:03,460 --> 00:24:59,800

familiar symbol of the Space Age in

518

00:25:06,430 --> 00:25:03,470

January of 1958 about 18 months before

519

00:25:08,950 --> 00:25:06,440

Moreland sighting u.s. test pilot Scott

520

00:25:11,620 --> 00:25:08,960

Crossfield appeared on the cover of Life

521

00:25:13,340 --> 00:25:11,630

magazine Edwards Air Force Base a b-52

522

00:25:15,889 --> 00:25:13,350

mother play

523

00:25:18,080 --> 00:25:15,899

the x-15 rocket plane for another in the

524

00:25:20,180 --> 00:25:18,090

painstaking series of development tests

525

00:25:21,230 --> 00:25:20,190

leading up to the epic mission for which

526

00:25:23,360 --> 00:25:21,240

it was designed

527

00:25:25,490 --> 00:25:23,370

carry a man beyond the fringes of the

528

00:25:28,669 --> 00:25:25,500

Earth's atmosphere and to return him to

529

00:25:30,950 --> 00:25:28,679

the ground in this powerless light Scott

530

00:25:32,690 --> 00:25:30,960

Crossfield brings the x-15 down through

531

00:25:34,879 --> 00:25:32,700

the pre-planned flight pattern without a

532

00:25:37,370 --> 00:25:34,889

hickey the space planes first free

533

00:25:40,490 --> 00:25:37,380

flight is a success wearing a shiny

534

00:25:44,120 --> 00:25:40,500

silver pressure suit helmet and black

535

00:25:47,149 --> 00:25:44,130

gloves the suit was almost exactly the

536

00:25:48,560 --> 00:25:47,159

same as the one she described Jenny's

537

00:25:52,460 --> 00:25:48,570

kept a clipping of the Life magazine

538

00:25:54,799 --> 00:25:52,470

cover in his file Moreland also told

539

00:25:56,210 --> 00:25:54,809

Jennings how the man shouted at her in a

540

00:25:59,299 --> 00:25:56,220

foreign language

541

00:26:02,960 --> 00:25:59,309

Jenny's thought it may have been Russian

542

00:26:04,940 --> 00:26:02,970

the new details were taken seriously the

543

00:26:08,149 --> 00:26:04,950

security classification on the sighting

544

00:26:10,600 --> 00:26:08,159

was raised from confidential to secret

545

00:26:13,879 --> 00:26:10,610

meaning they felt it could raise

546

00:26:16,100 --> 00:26:13,889

international tensions all communication

547

00:26:19,279 --> 00:26:16,110

about the sighting was handwritten to

548

00:26:21,649 --> 00:26:19,289

avoid typists reading the details Marlon

549

00:26:25,129 --> 00:26:21,659

was told to keep her information to

550

00:26:28,399 --> 00:26:25,139

herself only three people knew about the

551
00:26:31,879 --> 00:26:28,409
man in the suit Moreland Jennings and

552
00:26:33,919 --> 00:26:31,889
Gainsford the merest hint of Russian

553
00:26:36,980 --> 00:26:33,929
involvement was enough to prompt an

554
00:26:40,159 --> 00:26:36,990
urgent response the Cold War fight

555
00:26:43,220 --> 00:26:40,169
against Russia was very real in 1950s

556
00:26:45,019 --> 00:26:43,230
New Zealand Kiwi soldiers fought in the

557
00:26:49,549 --> 00:26:45,029
American war against communist

558
00:26:53,869 --> 00:26:49,559
insurgents in Malaya from 1956 to 1960

559
00:26:56,950 --> 00:26:53,879
with 15 losing their lives the chill of

560
00:27:00,680 --> 00:26:56,960
the Cold War was also felt in Blenheim

561
00:27:02,389 --> 00:27:00,690
long range Canberra bombers purchased to

562
00:27:04,909 --> 00:27:02,399
make sure New Zealand was ready to fight

563
00:27:08,240 --> 00:27:04,919

a possible war against communist China

564

00:27:11,090 --> 00:27:08,250

were serviced at what burned the CIA's

565

00:27:13,100 --> 00:27:11,100

secret airline had also operated from

566

00:27:16,070 --> 00:27:13,110

what burn in 1951

567

00:27:19,220 --> 00:27:16,080

Britain's long-range nuclear bomber the

568

00:27:22,400 --> 00:27:19,230

Avro Vulcan landed at what Bern airbase

569

00:27:26,450 --> 00:27:22,410

in 1956 for the locals to have a look

570

00:27:28,880 --> 00:27:26,460

the Marlboro Express ran a story just 10

571

00:27:32,570 --> 00:27:28,890

days after Russia launched its Sputnik

572

00:27:34,850 --> 00:27:32,580

satellite in October 1957 it was about a

573

00:27:37,790 --> 00:27:34,860

Russian satellite that had been left on

574

00:27:40,820 --> 00:27:37,800

their doorstep it turned out the item

575

00:27:43,340 --> 00:27:40,830

which bore a crudely painted hammer and

576
00:27:46,220 --> 00:27:43,350
sickle along with the words returned to

577
00:27:49,040 --> 00:27:46,230
Moscow was just a ventilator from a

578
00:27:52,220 --> 00:27:49,050
blend I'm building more limbs new claim

579
00:27:53,870 --> 00:27:52,230
along with annotated drawings were sent

580
00:27:57,350 --> 00:27:53,880
to Air Force Headquarters

581
00:27:59,870 --> 00:27:57,360
on August 20th Gainsford vouched for

582
00:28:02,720 --> 00:27:59,880
Jennings objectivity writing that he had

583
00:28:05,480 --> 00:28:02,730
no previous interest in matters of this

584
00:28:06,560 --> 00:28:05,490
nature and commenced his task with an

585
00:28:10,280 --> 00:28:06,570
open mind

586
00:28:12,650 --> 00:28:10,290
Wing Commander G s Martin's response was

587
00:28:15,500 --> 00:28:12,660
withering and brought the investigation

588
00:28:17,690 --> 00:28:15,510

to a close the only possible conclusion

589

00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:17,700

to be drawn from the evidence is that

590

00:28:22,550 --> 00:28:20,010

mrs. Moreland was hallucinating or that

591

00:28:24,620 --> 00:28:22,560

her story is an imaginative exaggeration

592

00:28:26,390 --> 00:28:24,630

of a normal subjective experience and

593

00:28:28,580 --> 00:28:26,400

that there was in fact no such

594

00:28:30,560 --> 00:28:28,590

visitation by an object as described in

595

00:28:32,180 --> 00:28:30,570

the report as for other sightings in

596

00:28:34,340 --> 00:28:32,190

August's they have no apparent

597

00:28:36,290 --> 00:28:34,350

relationship to the Mullen report but

598

00:28:38,450 --> 00:28:36,300

fit neatly with a description of Venus

599

00:28:41,150 --> 00:28:38,460

shining through a diffuse layer of high

600

00:28:43,220 --> 00:28:41,160

cloud or ice crystals and seen through a

601
00:28:45,110 --> 00:28:43,230
layer of lower broken cloud the latter

602
00:28:47,260 --> 00:28:45,120
being under the influence of a

603
00:28:50,030 --> 00:28:47,270
northwesterly Airstream

604
00:28:52,370 --> 00:28:50,040
records show that Venus would have

605
00:28:54,350 --> 00:28:52,380
appeared very bright and low in the sky

606
00:28:58,370 --> 00:28:54,360
on the night the witnesses saw the green

607
00:29:01,460 --> 00:28:58,380
light astronomer Marcel mini-art writes

608
00:29:03,800 --> 00:29:01,470
that Venus can turn from dough red to

609
00:29:05,570 --> 00:29:03,810
green as it meets the horizon and can

610
00:29:08,780 --> 00:29:05,580
appear to move as it is diffracted

611
00:29:11,540 --> 00:29:08,790
through the atmosphere the planet Venus

612
00:29:14,480 --> 00:29:11,550
seen against the purple Twilight sky can

613
00:29:17,570 --> 00:29:14,490

also appear emerald green the moorlands

614

00:29:20,930 --> 00:29:17,580

claims created a swirl of gossip in the

615

00:29:23,840 --> 00:29:20,940

small town of Glen high on July 28th the

616

00:29:25,789 --> 00:29:23,850

Marla burger Express ran an article

617

00:29:27,980 --> 00:29:25,799

spelling rumors that have spread rapidly

618

00:29:30,710 --> 00:29:27,990

to the effect that the flying object

619

00:29:33,289 --> 00:29:30,720

left behind it a patch of scorched

620

00:29:35,830 --> 00:29:33,299

ground and that the area has been

621

00:29:38,480 --> 00:29:35,840

cordoned off by the police and Air Force

622

00:29:39,830 --> 00:29:38,490

police were treating the matter with a

623

00:29:42,080 --> 00:29:39,840

certain amount of reserve

624

00:29:44,659 --> 00:29:42,090

although owing to the number of previous

625

00:29:46,430 --> 00:29:44,669

reports having been cited in various

626

00:29:49,250 --> 00:29:46,440

parts of the country they could not

627

00:29:51,560 --> 00:29:49,260

discount the matter entirely the ground

628

00:29:53,960 --> 00:29:51,570

may not have been scorched but Moreland

629

00:29:57,169 --> 00:29:53,970

later told reporters that a row of peach

630

00:29:59,539 --> 00:29:57,179

trees in the paddock had died when the

631

00:30:02,570 --> 00:29:59,549

trees were cut up for firewood the cores

632

00:30:05,480 --> 00:30:02,580

of the branches were black ash like soot

633

00:30:09,409 --> 00:30:05,490

the top branches of a walnut tree in the

634

00:30:12,890 --> 00:30:09,419

paddock had also died on August 26th

635

00:30:17,330 --> 00:30:12,900

Moreland received a poison pen letter it

636

00:30:19,370 --> 00:30:17,340

simply stated you have talked the

637

00:30:21,799 --> 00:30:19,380

fallout from the sightings affected

638

00:30:25,010 --> 00:30:21,809

moorlands children Moreland son-in-law

639

00:30:27,380 --> 00:30:25,020

Donald Parker said that years later his

640

00:30:31,010 --> 00:30:27,390

wife did not want to speak about the

641

00:30:35,270 --> 00:30:31,020

experience there is a strange epilogue

642

00:30:38,390 --> 00:30:35,280

to the 1959 sighting in March 1960

643

00:30:41,029 --> 00:30:38,400

Moreland made another claim this time

644

00:30:43,850 --> 00:30:41,039

she said she saw a distant light in the

645

00:30:46,370 --> 00:30:43,860

sky Jennings was given the case again

646

00:30:49,700 --> 00:30:46,380

and interviewed Moreland before filing a

647

00:30:52,520 --> 00:30:49,710

report to Gainsford Moreland demanded

648

00:30:54,770 --> 00:30:52,530

absolute privacy of the matter and was

649

00:30:57,380 --> 00:30:54,780

given assurance the Air Force would

650

00:31:00,440 --> 00:30:57,390

never release any files or speak

651
00:31:03,230 --> 00:31:00,450
publicly on the matter games Ferg wrote

652
00:31:06,110 --> 00:31:03,240
in a memo the previous incident was the

653
00:31:08,810 --> 00:31:06,120
cause of considerable publicity much of

654
00:31:10,669 --> 00:31:08,820
which was of a derogatory nature due in

655
00:31:12,019 --> 00:31:10,679
part to a press statement issued by

656
00:31:14,719 --> 00:31:12,029
Moreland

657
00:31:17,599 --> 00:31:14,729
senior air force officers and the

658
00:31:20,180 --> 00:31:17,609
Secretary of Defense would unfairly cast

659
00:31:23,749 --> 00:31:20,190
out on Moreland's credibility and paint

660
00:31:24,379 --> 00:31:23,759
Jenny's as a biased investigator Air

661
00:31:26,989 --> 00:31:24,389
Marshal

662
00:31:29,869 --> 00:31:26,999
Richard Bolt wrote to radio New Zealand

663
00:31:32,209 --> 00:31:29,879

in 1979 stating that the evidence

664

00:31:35,180 --> 00:31:32,219

suggests that Moreland was in an

665

00:31:37,759 --> 00:31:35,190

emotionally unstable condition at the

666

00:31:41,989 --> 00:31:37,769

time a letter from Secretary of Defense

667

00:31:44,180 --> 00:31:41,999

MacLean in 1979 claimed Jennings allowed

668

00:31:47,869 --> 00:31:44,190

his obvious interest to reflect and to

669

00:31:51,349 --> 00:31:47,879

strengthen moorlands convictions also in

670

00:31:54,680 --> 00:31:51,359

1979 a journalist requested the Moreland

671

00:31:56,810 --> 00:31:54,690

report the request was refused on the

672

00:31:59,539 --> 00:31:56,820

grounds that Moreland was given an

673

00:32:02,659 --> 00:31:59,549

assurance of confidentiality about the

674

00:32:05,629 --> 00:32:02,669

sighting internal minutes show they knew

675

00:32:09,799 --> 00:32:05,639

this response was not true it only

676
00:32:12,879 --> 00:32:09,809
applied to the 1960s sighting in regard

677
00:32:15,169 --> 00:32:12,889
to the original sighting in July of 1959

678
00:32:18,139 --> 00:32:15,179
Moreland was not given a personal

679
00:32:21,349 --> 00:32:18,149
assurance of confidentiality rather she

680
00:32:24,289 --> 00:32:21,359
was told by the RNZAF investigating

681
00:32:28,489 --> 00:32:24,299
officer to keep her information to

682
00:32:31,549 --> 00:32:28,499
herself a request for the report in 1983

683
00:32:34,039 --> 00:32:31,559
was also refused the decision was

684
00:32:37,129 --> 00:32:34,049
appealed to chief Ombudsman George

685
00:32:40,579 --> 00:32:37,139
Leakey the Secretary of Defense wrote to

686
00:32:42,709 --> 00:32:40,589
Lincoln in 1984 arguing the document

687
00:32:44,959 --> 00:32:42,719
should be withheld because otherwise the

688
00:32:47,719 --> 00:32:44,969

Defence Force would be overwhelmed with

689

00:32:49,639 --> 00:32:47,729

requests from the eccentric hobbyist and

690

00:32:52,219 --> 00:32:49,649

the more extreme believers in

691

00:32:54,529 --> 00:32:52,229

visitations from outer space and those

692

00:32:57,769 --> 00:32:54,539

for whom UFOs will explain all the

693

00:33:00,169 --> 00:32:57,779

mysteries of the universe the ministry

694

00:33:02,209 --> 00:33:00,179

should not in my view willingly get

695

00:33:04,539 --> 00:33:02,219

drawn into the pursuit of chimera and

696

00:33:08,479 --> 00:33:04,549

should avoid providing fuel for fevered

697

00:33:10,700 --> 00:33:08,489

imaginations the Ombudsman was swayed by

698

00:33:14,419 --> 00:33:10,710

the argument and the report was not

699

00:33:17,329 --> 00:33:14,429

released the majority of the Moreland

700

00:33:19,849 --> 00:33:17,339

files along with thousands of files on

701
00:33:22,190 --> 00:33:19,859
UFO sightings dating back to the 1940s

702
00:33:22,889 --> 00:33:22,200
were eventually released to the public

703
00:33:26,609 --> 00:33:22,899
in

704
00:33:30,299 --> 00:33:26,619
2010 after multiple official Information

705
00:33:32,399 --> 00:33:30,309
Act requests the year before a spokesman

706
00:33:35,249 --> 00:33:32,409
for the air force told a North and South

707
00:33:39,359 --> 00:33:35,259
journalists that it held no files on

708
00:33:44,519 --> 00:33:39,369
UFOs some files on the Moreland case

709
00:33:46,649 --> 00:33:44,529
will not be released until 2017 the

710
00:33:48,749 --> 00:33:46,659
sighting would haunt the man who

711
00:33:53,129 --> 00:33:48,759
investigated the claim Flight Lieutenant

712
00:33:57,209 --> 00:33:53,139
Charles Milford Jennings he retired from

713
00:33:59,489 --> 00:33:57,219

the Air Force in 1974 at the age of 50

714

00:34:03,690 --> 00:33:59,499

he had reached the rank of Wing

715

00:34:05,940 --> 00:34:03,700

Commander after 31 years of service he

716

00:34:08,069 --> 00:34:05,950

did not speak to his two sons about the

717

00:34:10,230 --> 00:34:08,079

sighting claim while he was still in the

718

00:34:12,210 --> 00:34:10,240

Air Force he later deflected their

719

00:34:15,029 --> 00:34:12,220

questions by saying that he was still

720

00:34:18,809 --> 00:34:15,039

bound by the Official Secrets Act which

721

00:34:20,970 --> 00:34:18,819

he signed upon retirement his son Lee

722

00:34:24,000 --> 00:34:20,980

Jennings said he talked about it very

723

00:34:25,829 --> 00:34:24,010

briefly all he could really say was that

724

00:34:27,690 --> 00:34:25,839

he was sure that the witness will he

725

00:34:29,519 --> 00:34:27,700

believed their story he was sure they

726

00:34:32,430 --> 00:34:29,529

were not bullshitting that was his take

727

00:34:34,409 --> 00:34:32,440

on it his other son Wayne Jennings said

728

00:34:37,069 --> 00:34:34,419

his father pondered on the case

729

00:34:40,740 --> 00:34:37,079

later in life he was fascinated by the

730

00:34:42,809 --> 00:34:40,750

1979 kaikoura lights case where a film

731

00:34:45,359 --> 00:34:42,819

crew flying from glenheim to

732

00:34:48,899 --> 00:34:45,369

christchurch filmed lights that tracked

733

00:34:52,109 --> 00:34:48,909

their plane for hours he also sought out

734

00:34:56,119 --> 00:34:52,119

a 1968 book by new zealand pilot Bruce

735

00:34:59,069 --> 00:34:56,129

Cathie called harmonic 33 in the book

736

00:35:01,859 --> 00:34:59,079

Cathy plots UFO sightings on a New

737

00:35:05,430 --> 00:35:01,869

Zealand map and concludes they conform

738

00:35:08,190 --> 00:35:05,440

to a systematic grid pattern Cathy

739

00:35:10,769 --> 00:35:08,200

concludes that interplanetary spaceships

740

00:35:12,569 --> 00:35:10,779

have constructed a world grid system

741

00:35:15,359 --> 00:35:12,579

from which they can draw power and

742

00:35:18,210 --> 00:35:15,369

navigate the globe he claimed his

743

00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:18,220

findings provided a key that may unlock

744

00:35:24,569 --> 00:35:22,480

the secrets of UFOs Jennings would have

745

00:35:27,680 --> 00:35:24,579

been interested discover that Blenheim

746

00:35:30,839 --> 00:35:27,690

played a key role in Kathy's world grid

747

00:35:34,140 --> 00:35:30,849

Cathy would state even before the advent

748

00:35:37,079 --> 00:35:34,150

of ordinary aircraft in New Zealand the

749

00:35:39,269 --> 00:35:37,089

area had been visited by saucers many

750

00:35:42,150 --> 00:35:39,279

recent sightings suggested a game that

751
00:35:44,490 --> 00:35:42,160
this area had something special about it

752
00:35:46,650 --> 00:35:44,500
Wayne Jennings said his father had

753
00:35:49,920 --> 00:35:46,660
thought deeply about the sighting I

754
00:35:52,140 --> 00:35:49,930
asked him if he believes in UFOs and he

755
00:35:55,200 --> 00:35:52,150
said he had an open mind it was an

756
00:35:58,049 --> 00:35:55,210
unexplained phenomenon at the end he

757
00:36:01,680 --> 00:35:58,059
leaned towards the idea that this was an

758
00:36:03,539 --> 00:36:01,690
alien presence of some sort he believed

759
00:36:06,450 --> 00:36:03,549
happen in later life

760
00:36:09,170 --> 00:36:06,460
Jennings took up writing his children

761
00:36:13,140 --> 00:36:09,180
never got a chance to read his work

762
00:36:17,130 --> 00:36:13,150
shortly before his death in 1999 he

763
00:36:19,170 --> 00:36:17,140

destroyed all of it Moreland never spoke

764

00:36:21,660 --> 00:36:19,180

publicly about the one-handed man

765

00:36:24,390 --> 00:36:21,670

emerging from the craft and how the

766

00:36:29,130 --> 00:36:24,400

sighting had impacted the rest of her

767

00:36:33,990 --> 00:36:29,140

life and she never would she died in a

768

00:36:37,680 --> 00:36:34,000

rest home in oamaru in 2016 she was 99

769

00:36:40,319 --> 00:36:37,690

years old her family were also reluctant

770

00:36:42,359 --> 00:36:40,329

to talk one of her daughters did not

771

00:36:44,970 --> 00:36:42,369

want to talk about the sighting she

772

00:36:49,019 --> 00:36:44,980

wanted her mother remembered as a kind

773

00:36:51,059 --> 00:36:49,029

and hard-working woman only moorlands

774

00:36:53,490 --> 00:36:51,069

name at the time of the sighting had

775

00:36:56,490 --> 00:36:53,500

been used in this story to respect the

776

00:36:58,829 --> 00:36:56,500

family's wishes this story has been

777

00:37:01,099 --> 00:36:58,839

constructed using interviews more than

778

00:37:05,059 --> 00:37:01,109

gave to UFO investigators and

779

00:37:07,440 --> 00:37:05,069

journalists from the 1970s to the 1990s

780

00:37:12,750 --> 00:37:07,450

interviews with family members and

781

00:37:14,430 --> 00:37:12,760

historic Air Force files in 1979 the

782

00:37:16,740 --> 00:37:14,440

government asked Moreland about the

783

00:37:20,579 --> 00:37:16,750

possibility of releasing its files on

784

00:37:23,400 --> 00:37:20,589

her sighting claim after 20 years a new

785

00:37:26,549 --> 00:37:23,410

name had new place of abode I was hoping

786

00:37:29,279 --> 00:37:26,559

to sink into oblivion but somehow I've

787

00:37:31,730 --> 00:37:29,289

been found if you have knowledge of the

788

00:37:34,430 --> 00:37:31,740

full events of that awful morning

789

00:37:36,320 --> 00:37:34,440

you will realize that to suggest that

790

00:37:39,800 --> 00:37:36,330

the you before people are friendly is

791

00:37:43,160 --> 00:37:39,810

left as I know for well I'm 20 years

792

00:37:46,040 --> 00:37:43,170

older have a full life and I'm enjoying

793

00:37:48,290 --> 00:37:46,050

life in general and I just couldn't bear

794

00:37:51,770 --> 00:37:48,300

to be put through the meal again

795

00:37:54,140 --> 00:37:51,780

her desire to be left alone stands in

796

00:37:58,130 --> 00:37:54,150

strange contrast to a decision just a

797

00:38:00,440 --> 00:37:58,140

few months earlier in July 1978 to grant

798

00:38:04,400 --> 00:38:00,450

a television interview about her claims

799

00:38:09,590 --> 00:38:04,410

at about this time Morland story became

800

00:38:13,220 --> 00:38:09,600

part of UFO folklore in November 1975 a

801
00:38:16,040 --> 00:38:13,230
u.s. comic book titled UFOs flying

802
00:38:19,690 --> 00:38:16,050
saucers ran a strange comic strip

803
00:38:22,160 --> 00:38:19,700
version of the incident a very glamorous

804
00:38:24,920 --> 00:38:22,170
moorland encounters two men in

805
00:38:28,160 --> 00:38:24,930
spacesuits when setting out to milk the

806
00:38:31,130 --> 00:38:28,170
cows she fears for her cow Bessie as the

807
00:38:34,130 --> 00:38:31,140
green late stalks her farm when the

808
00:38:36,530 --> 00:38:34,140
spacecraft departs mrs. Moreland is left

809
00:38:40,070 --> 00:38:36,540
with the memory of an experience she can

810
00:38:42,440 --> 00:38:40,080
never fully explain to anyone the

811
00:38:44,840 --> 00:38:42,450
Moreland family kept quiet about the

812
00:38:47,030 --> 00:38:44,850
sighting claims some of her children

813
00:38:49,340 --> 00:38:47,040

kept the sighting secret from even her

814

00:38:52,400 --> 00:38:49,350

grandchildren they didn't want them to

815

00:38:54,980 --> 00:38:52,410

think less of their grandmother Donald

816

00:38:58,280 --> 00:38:54,990

Parker visited Moreland in the restone

817

00:39:00,830 --> 00:38:58,290

in 2015 I brought up the sighting when I

818

00:39:03,800 --> 00:39:00,840

saw I mentioned it and her daughter was

819

00:39:05,359 --> 00:39:03,810

behind it out of sight of her mother and

820

00:39:07,880 --> 00:39:05,369

she shook her head in a way that said

821

00:39:11,029 --> 00:39:07,890

don't talk about that

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00:39:14,120 --> 00:39:11,039

I didn't say any more about it in the

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00:39:16,519 --> 00:39:14,130

years since the 1959 sighting the

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00:39:19,099 --> 00:39:16,529

Moreland family farm in blend Heim was

825

00:39:22,640 --> 00:39:19,109

slowly carved into smaller pieces and

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00:39:24,920 --> 00:39:22,650

lost to development the family had sold

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00:39:28,339 --> 00:39:24,930

the farm and moved away by the early

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00:39:30,140 --> 00:39:28,349

1970s the paddock were Moreland claim to

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00:39:34,750 --> 00:39:30,150

have seen the craft has since been

830

00:39:37,730 --> 00:39:34,760

carved into small suburban plots in 2017

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00:39:40,210 --> 00:39:37,740

houses had not yet been built on the

832

00:39:45,440 --> 00:39:40,220

exact spot or this strange story

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00:39:48,019 --> 00:39:45,450

unfolded that spot remained empty just

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00:39:52,099 --> 00:39:48,029

like the Moreland family farm the past

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00:39:55,309 --> 00:39:52,109

has been gradually lost it gets harder

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00:39:58,849 --> 00:39:55,319

to make out the details there was only

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00:40:01,190 --> 00:39:58,859

one person who knew the truth the full

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00:40:20,340 --> 00:40:01,200

story of the lights and the shadows they

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00:40:25,380 --> 00:40:22,910

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00:40:27,150 --> 00:40:25,390

somewhere in the skies is produced by

841

00:40:29,340 --> 00:40:27,160

Third Kind productions in association

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00:40:30,870 --> 00:40:29,350

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