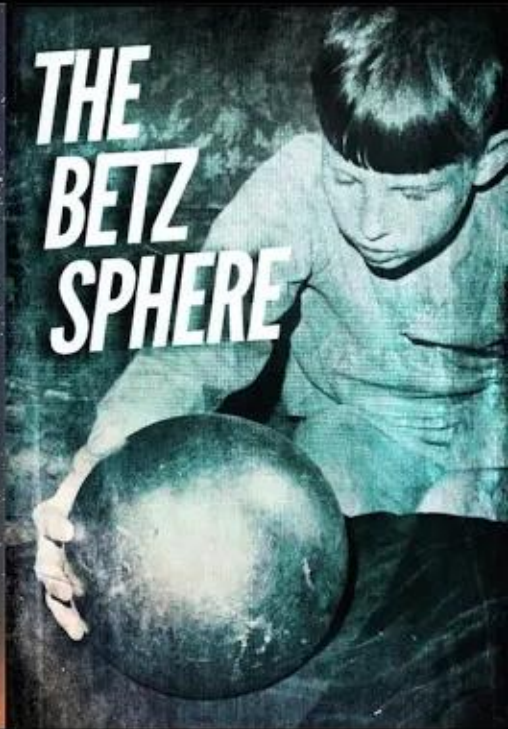


# SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES

WITH RYAN SPRAGUE

# THE BETZ SPHERE



1  
00:00:04,160 --> 00:00:02,180  
hey y'all Ryan Sprague here as you all

2  
00:00:06,920 --> 00:00:04,170  
know this summer in the skies podcast is

3  
00:00:09,500 --> 00:00:06,930  
always free to consume but it isn't free

4  
00:00:11,570 --> 00:00:09,510  
to create that's why I've started this

5  
00:00:14,089 --> 00:00:11,580  
somewhere in the skies patreon can pay

6  
00:00:15,919 --> 00:00:14,099  
you on a monthly basis you give what you

7  
00:00:18,740 --> 00:00:15,929  
think the show is worth you'll be

8  
00:00:21,260 --> 00:00:18,750  
helping the show continue grow and to be

9  
00:00:23,480 --> 00:00:21,270  
something truly communal and remember

10  
00:00:25,609 --> 00:00:23,490  
there are rewards for each level of

11  
00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:25,619  
contribution and the list is only

12  
00:00:30,650 --> 00:00:28,080  
growing so please help somewhere in the

13  
00:00:37,450 --> 00:00:30,660

skies now by becoming a patron to

14

00:00:37,460 --> 00:01:05,470

[www.personalfitnesstrainerstlouis.com](http://www.personalfitnesstrainerstlouis.com)

15

00:01:05,480 --> 00:01:10,270

[Music]

16

00:01:10,280 --> 00:01:16,080

[Applause]

17

00:01:50,020 --> 00:01:26,950

[Music]

18

00:01:52,000 --> 00:01:50,030

on May 26 1974 Terry Matthew bets a 21

19

00:01:54,160 --> 00:01:52,010

year old pre-med student along with his

20

00:01:57,160 --> 00:01:54,170

mother Jerry and his marine engineer

21

00:01:59,650 --> 00:01:57,170

father Antoine or inspecting the damage

22

00:02:02,020 --> 00:01:59,660

caused by a brush fire that had raged

23

00:02:04,330 --> 00:02:02,030

across an 88 acres swath of woodland

24

00:02:07,060 --> 00:02:04,340

that they had recently acquired on Fort

25

00:02:10,330 --> 00:02:07,070

George Island which is nestled just east

26  
00:02:12,030 --> 00:02:10,340  
of Jacksonville Florida at first the

27  
00:02:14,740 --> 00:02:12,040  
trio found nothing out of the ordinary

28  
00:02:17,290 --> 00:02:14,750  
but before their expedition was over

29  
00:02:20,050 --> 00:02:17,300  
they stumbled across a peculiar highly

30  
00:02:21,660 --> 00:02:20,060  
polished metal order that was just under

31  
00:02:24,760 --> 00:02:21,670  
8 inches in diameter

32  
00:02:27,610 --> 00:02:24,770  
the only delineating mark that the three

33  
00:02:30,270 --> 00:02:27,620  
could find was an elongated triangle

34  
00:02:33,340 --> 00:02:30,280  
shape stamped into its surface

35  
00:02:35,020 --> 00:02:33,350  
stunned Terry and his parents wondered

36  
00:02:37,540 --> 00:02:35,030  
whether or not they might have stumbled

37  
00:02:41,890 --> 00:02:37,550  
across some kind of down to NASA or

38  
00:02:43,840 --> 00:02:41,900

maybe even Soviet satellite perhaps they

39

00:02:45,850 --> 00:02:43,850  
even speculated that the friction

40

00:02:47,440 --> 00:02:45,860  
induced heat of this object plummeting

41

00:02:49,870 --> 00:02:47,450  
from its orbit might have had something

42

00:02:52,449 --> 00:02:49,880  
to do with a fire that had ravaged the

43

00:02:54,970 --> 00:02:52,459  
property but none of them could find any

44

00:02:57,550 --> 00:02:54,980  
science of an impact crater or any

45

00:03:01,120 --> 00:02:57,560  
indication of collision or heat damage

46

00:03:02,979 --> 00:03:01,130  
on the gleaming metal globe the trio

47

00:03:06,010 --> 00:03:02,989  
then surmised that it might be an old

48

00:03:08,340 --> 00:03:06,020  
fashioned cannonball which someone had

49

00:03:11,380 --> 00:03:08,350  
silver-plated as a souvenir

50

00:03:14,080 --> 00:03:11,390  
intrigued by this extraordinary find

51  
00:03:16,840 --> 00:03:14,090  
Terry decided to leave that 22 pound

52  
00:03:19,210 --> 00:03:16,850  
bowling ball-sized sphere into their car

53  
00:03:21,640 --> 00:03:19,220  
and take it back to their home where he

54  
00:03:25,210 --> 00:03:21,650  
showed the unusual object to a 12 year

55  
00:03:27,430 --> 00:03:25,220  
old relative named Wayne he was just as

56  
00:03:30,400 --> 00:03:27,440  
perplexed by the mysterious object as

57  
00:03:32,860 --> 00:03:30,410  
the rest of the family had been Terry

58  
00:03:35,530 --> 00:03:32,870  
placed the strange prize on a window

59  
00:03:37,810 --> 00:03:35,540  
seat in his bedroom in there the

60  
00:03:40,479 --> 00:03:37,820  
anomalous object remained virtually

61  
00:03:41,700 --> 00:03:40,489  
forgotten until approximately two weeks

62  
00:03:44,100 --> 00:03:41,710  
later when

63  
00:03:46,920 --> 00:03:44,110

decided to entertain his friend Teresa

64

00:03:50,280 --> 00:03:46,930

Fraser with an impromptu guitar recital

65

00:03:53,100 --> 00:03:50,290

in his room eliciting some decidedly

66

00:03:55,500 --> 00:03:53,110

unusual reactions from the sphere

67

00:03:57,240 --> 00:03:55,510

according to Terry moments after he

68

00:04:00,330 --> 00:03:57,250

began strumming his guitar

69

00:04:03,660 --> 00:04:00,340

the metallic ball started to vibrate

70

00:04:05,970 --> 00:04:03,670

like a tuning fork and begin emitting a

71

00:04:09,180 --> 00:04:05,980

curious throbbing sound in response to

72

00:04:11,430 --> 00:04:09,190

certain notes this sound was accompanied

73

00:04:14,640 --> 00:04:11,440

by what seemed to be an inaudible at

74

00:04:17,870 --> 00:04:14,650

least to hear mayor's residence that

75

00:04:22,170 --> 00:04:17,880

deeply disturbed the Betts family's dog

76

00:04:25,560 --> 00:04:22,180

days later in the April 15 1974 edition

77

00:04:27,780 --> 00:04:25,570

of the Palm Beach Post Gerry Betts was

78

00:04:30,150 --> 00:04:27,790

quoted as saying there must be high

79

00:04:32,790 --> 00:04:30,160

frequency waves from it when we put our

80

00:04:35,700 --> 00:04:32,800

poodle beside the ball she whimpers and

81

00:04:38,190 --> 00:04:35,710

puts her paws over her ears in the days

82

00:04:40,290 --> 00:04:38,200

that followed the strange performance

83

00:04:42,900 --> 00:04:40,300

the Betts family began to notice some of

84

00:04:45,330 --> 00:04:42,910

the spheres other peculiar attributes

85

00:04:47,480 --> 00:04:45,340

they observed that when the orb was

86

00:04:50,580 --> 00:04:47,490

pushed against the floor it would stop

87

00:04:53,700 --> 00:04:50,590

vibrate for a moment change direction

88

00:04:57,600 --> 00:04:53,710

and invariably return to whoever first

89  
00:05:01,170 --> 00:04:57,610  
folded in one unprecedented circumstance

90  
00:05:04,500 --> 00:05:01,180  
it rolled for 12 minutes straight the

91  
00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:04,510  
single pause as if this wasn't

92  
00:05:09,840 --> 00:05:07,210  
astounding enough Terry and his family

93  
00:05:12,570 --> 00:05:09,850  
soon realized that they sphere in

94  
00:05:14,900 --> 00:05:12,580  
defiance of all logic appeared to be

95  
00:05:17,610 --> 00:05:14,910  
responsive to weather conditions

96  
00:05:20,430 --> 00:05:17,620  
becoming noticeably more active on

97  
00:05:23,370 --> 00:05:20,440  
bright days as opposed to overcast days

98  
00:05:26,850 --> 00:05:23,380  
as if it were being directly affected by

99  
00:05:29,370 --> 00:05:26,860  
the solar energy although it was clearly

100  
00:05:31,920 --> 00:05:29,380  
influenced by sunlight the sphere did

101  
00:05:35,660 --> 00:05:31,930  
not register any obvious changes when

102  
00:05:38,400 --> 00:05:35,670  
exposed to direct heat or infrared light

103  
00:05:41,490 --> 00:05:38,410  
the sphere would also sporadically

104  
00:05:44,130 --> 00:05:41,500  
vibrate at low frequency as if a motor

105  
00:05:44,820 --> 00:05:44,140  
were running excited and just as

106  
00:05:48,240 --> 00:05:44,830  
intriguingly

107  
00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:48,250  
had just one relatively small intensely

108  
00:05:53,700 --> 00:05:50,880  
magnetic spot on its surface

109  
00:05:55,620 --> 00:05:53,710  
Terry displaying the kind of inquisitive

110  
00:05:57,810 --> 00:05:55,630  
instincts that all science students

111  
00:06:01,530 --> 00:05:57,820  
should begin to conduct a series of

112  
00:06:04,260 --> 00:06:01,540  
homespun experiments on the object his

113  
00:06:07,320 --> 00:06:04,270

initial efforts were rudimentary and

114

00:06:10,170 --> 00:06:07,330

consisted of tapping the sphere gently

115

00:06:11,460 --> 00:06:10,180

with a hammer which resulted in a

116

00:06:14,100 --> 00:06:11,470

distinctly bell-like

117

00:06:16,050 --> 00:06:14,110

ringing sound but it wouldn't be until

118

00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:16,060

Terry placed the object on the flat

119

00:06:21,450 --> 00:06:18,400

glass surface of his mother's coffee

120

00:06:24,870 --> 00:06:21,460

table in order to display as unique find

121

00:06:27,810 --> 00:06:24,880

that things would get really interesting

122

00:06:30,930 --> 00:06:27,820

in one attempt after another the smooth

123

00:06:33,120 --> 00:06:30,940

sphere would consistently roll right to

124

00:06:36,180 --> 00:06:33,130

the precipice of the glass surface

125

00:06:39,150 --> 00:06:36,190

pause and then reverse its direction

126  
00:06:41,820 --> 00:06:39,160  
only to stop again at the opposite edge

127  
00:06:44,279 --> 00:06:41,830  
and repeat the maneuver

128  
00:06:45,960 --> 00:06:44,289  
the BET's family began considering the

129  
00:06:48,600 --> 00:06:45,970  
possibility that this object was

130  
00:06:51,930 --> 00:06:48,610  
equipped with a sophisticated guidance

131  
00:06:55,159 --> 00:06:51,940  
system or perhaps being intelligently

132  
00:06:58,830 --> 00:06:55,169  
controlled either from within or by some

133  
00:07:01,529 --> 00:06:58,840  
animatic external force the family

134  
00:07:03,659 --> 00:07:01,539  
decided that the sphere almost certainly

135  
00:07:06,930 --> 00:07:03,669  
appeared to be striving to get safely to

136  
00:07:08,820 --> 00:07:06,940  
the ground without falling an even more

137  
00:07:11,070 --> 00:07:08,830  
bizarre event occurred when one of the

138  
00:07:13,680 --> 00:07:11,080

family members decided to slant the

139

00:07:16,800 --> 00:07:13,690

table at an upwards angle and the sphere

140

00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:16,810

began to spin up the incline utilizing

141

00:07:22,080 --> 00:07:20,080

its own momentum this seemingly

142

00:07:24,450 --> 00:07:22,090

impossible defiance of the laws of

143

00:07:27,450 --> 00:07:24,460

gravity left the BET's tribe

144

00:07:29,490 --> 00:07:27,460

thoroughly baffled as if to further

145

00:07:32,339 --> 00:07:29,500

indicate that the sphere may have been

146

00:07:34,709 --> 00:07:32,349

harboring something sensitive within it

147

00:07:38,010 --> 00:07:34,719

seemed to resist all attempts at being

148

00:07:41,159 --> 00:07:38,020

shaken by its human handlers in the

149

00:07:44,700 --> 00:07:41,169

April edition of the 1974 Lodi

150

00:07:46,379 --> 00:07:44,710

California News Sentinel Jerry stated if

151  
00:07:48,059 --> 00:07:46,389  
you shake the ball vigorously and then

152  
00:07:51,360 --> 00:07:48,069  
place it on the ground it feels just

153  
00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:51,370  
like a huge Mexican jumping bean which

154  
00:07:55,920 --> 00:07:53,680  
is trying to get away from you the Betts

155  
00:07:58,189 --> 00:07:55,930  
family became so concerned about the

156  
00:08:00,779 --> 00:07:58,199  
spheres clear ability to independently

157  
00:08:03,330 --> 00:08:00,789  
navigate its way around their home that

158  
00:08:05,850 --> 00:08:03,340  
they took to placing it in a sealed bag

159  
00:08:08,279 --> 00:08:05,860  
at night so that the object could have

160  
00:08:10,619 --> 00:08:08,289  
escaped after days of watching the

161  
00:08:12,869 --> 00:08:10,629  
sphere perform these incredible feats

162  
00:08:15,540 --> 00:08:12,879  
the Betts family decided that it was

163  
00:08:17,519 --> 00:08:15,550

time to go to the public and try to find

164

00:08:20,140 --> 00:08:17,529

out just what it was that they actually

165

00:08:22,719 --> 00:08:20,150

had in their possession

166

00:08:25,090 --> 00:08:22,729

the first call that Jerry Betts made was

167

00:08:27,939 --> 00:08:25,100

to the local Jackson folk journal the

168

00:08:30,310 --> 00:08:27,949

journal was intrigued by the story they

169

00:08:32,890 --> 00:08:30,320

sent out a seasoned photographer blond

170

00:08:35,920 --> 00:08:32,900

anger to get to the story and snap a few

171

00:08:38,320 --> 00:08:35,930

pictures discussed ago anger dutifully

172

00:08:40,690 --> 00:08:38,330

accepted the assignment but secretly

173

00:08:43,659 --> 00:08:40,700

feared he might be stepping into a den

174

00:08:46,240 --> 00:08:43,669

of crackpots but he would have Anton

175

00:08:48,250 --> 00:08:46,250

that theory soon enough when anger

176

00:08:50,829 --> 00:08:48,260

arrived at the Betts home he was eagerly

177

00:08:53,200 --> 00:08:50,839

greeted by Jerry who wasted no time and

178

00:08:55,170 --> 00:08:53,210

presented him with this fear anger

179

00:08:58,300 --> 00:08:55,180

described the moment for the April 12

180

00:09:00,519 --> 00:08:58,310

1974 edition of the st. Petersburg Times

181

00:09:03,490 --> 00:09:00,529

that was when the matriarch of the Betts

182

00:09:06,040 --> 00:09:03,500

clan instructed the still dubious anger

183

00:09:08,920 --> 00:09:06,050

to give the ball a little shove across

184

00:09:11,200 --> 00:09:08,930

the floor here's the event in Angers own

185

00:09:13,510 --> 00:09:11,210

words I'm leery of this kind of thing

186

00:09:14,920 --> 00:09:13,520

when I got there mrs. Betts said you

187

00:09:16,390 --> 00:09:14,930

won't believe this if you don't see it

188

00:09:18,100 --> 00:09:16,400

she told me to put it on the floor and

189

00:09:20,290 --> 00:09:18,110

give it a push and roll the ways and

190

00:09:22,300 --> 00:09:20,300

stopped it turned by itself and rolled

191

00:09:24,040 --> 00:09:22,310

to the right about four feet it stopped

192

00:09:25,960 --> 00:09:24,050

then it turned again and rolled to the

193

00:09:27,550 --> 00:09:25,970

left about eight feet made a big arc and

194

00:09:29,920 --> 00:09:27,560

came right back to my feet

195

00:09:32,320 --> 00:09:29,930

anger examined the steel ball intently

196

00:09:35,680 --> 00:09:32,330

and like the Betts family before he

197

00:09:38,710 --> 00:09:35,690

could find no seams and no indication of

198

00:09:40,960 --> 00:09:38,720

a manufacturer on the surface safe for

199

00:09:43,960 --> 00:09:40,970

the inscrutable triangular symbol

200

00:09:46,030 --> 00:09:43,970

stepped outside as soon as the now

201  
00:09:48,490 --> 00:09:46,040  
converted photographer relate his

202  
00:09:51,400 --> 00:09:48,500  
fantastic story to his editor the paper

203  
00:09:54,730 --> 00:09:51,410  
wasted no time in publishing his account

204  
00:10:07,750 --> 00:09:54,740  
and within days a worldwide media

205  
00:10:10,150 --> 00:10:07,760  
firestorm before signing a receipt in

206  
00:10:13,070 --> 00:10:10,160  
fact mrs. Betts is so concerned she's

207  
00:10:15,270 --> 00:10:13,080  
considering insuring the ball

208  
00:10:17,730 --> 00:10:15,280  
reporters from such prestigious

209  
00:10:20,220 --> 00:10:17,740  
publications as the New York Times the

210  
00:10:22,770 --> 00:10:20,230  
London Daily and dozens of other papers

211  
00:10:25,620 --> 00:10:22,780  
from as far away as Japan called or

212  
00:10:28,490 --> 00:10:25,630  
traveled down to sate Georgia to see

213  
00:10:31,200 --> 00:10:28,500

this mystery sphere with their own eyes

214

00:10:33,600 --> 00:10:31,210

but it wasn't just journalists whose

215

00:10:36,570 --> 00:10:33,610

curiosity was piqued by the strange case

216

00:10:39,450 --> 00:10:36,580

the scientific and military communities

217

00:10:42,840 --> 00:10:39,460

were also clamoring for a good look at

218

00:10:44,870 --> 00:10:42,850

this unusual sphere representatives of

219

00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:44,880

both the US Marine corps and NASA

220

00:10:49,980 --> 00:10:48,160

contacted the Betts family as did UFO

221

00:10:53,130 --> 00:10:49,990

investigators representing the aerial

222

00:10:56,100 --> 00:10:53,140

phenomenon research organization or APRA

223

00:10:59,100 --> 00:10:56,110

the visitors often arrived skeptical but

224

00:11:02,130 --> 00:10:59,110

almost universally left both impressed

225

00:11:05,940 --> 00:11:02,140

and perplexed by the spheres bizarre

226  
00:11:08,370 --> 00:11:05,950  
abilities a US Marine spokesman even

227  
00:11:10,890 --> 00:11:08,380  
went so far as to admit on television

228  
00:11:13,200 --> 00:11:10,900  
that the ball had behaved strangely in

229  
00:11:16,110 --> 00:11:13,210  
his presence and conceded that he was

230  
00:11:18,420 --> 00:11:16,120  
unable to explain its origin an official

231  
00:11:20,460 --> 00:11:18,430  
press release issued by Marines publicly

232  
00:11:22,730 --> 00:11:20,470  
stated that the ball was not the

233  
00:11:26,160 --> 00:11:22,740  
property of the United States government

234  
00:11:28,020 --> 00:11:26,170  
by this point Antwone Betts had been

235  
00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:28,030  
forced to return to the seat on a

236  
00:11:32,640 --> 00:11:30,160  
freighter and Jerry and her children

237  
00:11:35,700 --> 00:11:32,650  
were swept up in a medium Maelstrom from

238  
00:11:38,460 --> 00:11:35,710

which there seemed to be no reprieve the

239

00:11:40,320 --> 00:11:38,470

family who had intentionally chosen an

240

00:11:43,230 --> 00:11:40,330

isolated place to live have become

241

00:11:46,620 --> 00:11:43,240

overwhelmed by the press feeding frenzy

242

00:11:49,470 --> 00:11:46,630

and in the April 14th 1974 edition of

243

00:11:52,110 --> 00:11:49,480

the Palm Beach Post Jerry was quoted as

244

00:11:55,200 --> 00:11:52,120

saying we came to Fort George Island to

245

00:11:57,510 --> 00:11:55,210

get away to a serene atmosphere now I

246

00:11:59,220 --> 00:11:57,520

can't get away from the telephone it

247

00:12:01,170 --> 00:11:59,230

means nothing to people in the West that

248

00:12:03,090 --> 00:12:01,180

it's midnight here and when they quit

249

00:12:05,550 --> 00:12:03,100

calling those on the east wake up and

250

00:12:08,550 --> 00:12:05,560

start at the peak of this frenzy

251  
00:12:09,780 --> 00:12:08,560  
renowned astronomer and ufologists dr.

252  
00:12:12,810 --> 00:12:09,790  
Jay Allen

253  
00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:12,820  
got involved for those who may not be

254  
00:12:17,040 --> 00:12:14,560  
familiar with the work of J Allen Hynek

255  
00:12:19,440 --> 00:12:17,050  
there's little crash course in his own

256  
00:12:21,600 --> 00:12:19,450  
words please welcome from the Center for

257  
00:12:25,950 --> 00:12:21,610  
UFO studies in Evanston Illinois dr. J

258  
00:12:28,770 --> 00:12:25,960  
Allen Hynek dr. honey when you first get

259  
00:12:30,750 --> 00:12:28,780  
a report of a sighting is your job to

260  
00:12:32,880 --> 00:12:30,760  
assemble evidence that will prove it to

261  
00:12:34,290 --> 00:12:32,890  
be so or to assemble evidence to prove

262  
00:12:36,090 --> 00:12:34,300  
that it did not happen you know there

263  
00:12:37,710 --> 00:12:36,100

are two ways to go on any investigation

264

00:12:40,400 --> 00:12:37,720

the first thing we do is to try to

265

00:12:43,410 --> 00:12:40,410

disprove it because what is the point of

266

00:12:45,840 --> 00:12:43,420

establishing of perpetuating a myth or

267

00:12:49,040 --> 00:12:45,850

that isn't so and it turns out that some

268

00:12:52,470 --> 00:12:49,050

90% of the reports if we have a

269

00:12:55,500 --> 00:12:52,480

nationwide police network an 800 number

270

00:12:57,690 --> 00:12:55,510

that the police use and we get reports

271

00:12:59,550 --> 00:12:57,700

every night from police departments or

272

00:13:02,300 --> 00:12:59,560

different parts of the country most of

273

00:13:05,370 --> 00:13:02,310

them are planets twinkling stars

274

00:13:06,960 --> 00:13:05,380

explainable or I get excited IFOS become

275

00:13:09,060 --> 00:13:06,970

identifiable flying objects but that

276

00:13:11,640 --> 00:13:09,070

remaining 10% those are the ones we go

277

00:13:12,990 --> 00:13:11,650

after now a UFO the UN UFO course simply

278

00:13:15,060 --> 00:13:13,000

means unidentified it does not

279

00:13:17,700 --> 00:13:15,070

necessarily mean visitors from outer

280

00:13:20,010 --> 00:13:17,710

space but it must be unidentified not

281

00:13:22,890 --> 00:13:20,020

just to the person who is puzzled by it

282

00:13:24,720 --> 00:13:22,900

but it must remain unidentified after

283

00:13:27,450 --> 00:13:24,730

considerable study then and only then is

284

00:13:29,850 --> 00:13:27,460

it a UFO in relation to the Betts

285

00:13:31,890 --> 00:13:29,860

mystery jail and hi Nick requested that

286

00:13:34,380 --> 00:13:31,900

the Betts family send the sphere to his

287

00:13:36,960 --> 00:13:34,390

office at Northwestern University in

288

00:13:37,350 --> 00:13:36,970

Chicago so he could personally inspect

289

00:13:40,200 --> 00:13:37,360

it

290

00:13:42,120 --> 00:13:40,210

but Jerry refused because she was warned

291

00:13:45,630 --> 00:13:42,130

that the one-of-a-kind object might be

292

00:13:47,520 --> 00:13:45,640

seized or misplaced to the chagrin of

293

00:13:50,070 --> 00:13:47,530

scores of scientists and military

294

00:13:52,680 --> 00:13:50,080

officers the sphere remained firmly

295

00:13:54,870 --> 00:13:52,690

entrenched in the Betts home and that's

296

00:13:57,660 --> 00:13:54,880

where it remained until a bizarre series

297

00:13:59,600 --> 00:13:57,670

of unexplainable events forced the

298

00:14:02,340 --> 00:13:59,610

family to wonder whether or not this

299

00:14:03,650 --> 00:14:02,350

otherworldly innocuous sphere was

300

00:14:06,890 --> 00:14:03,660

capable of

301  
00:14:09,890 --> 00:14:06,900  
and perhaps unleashing supernatural

302  
00:14:11,690 --> 00:14:09,900  
forces just when the almost unbearably

303  
00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:11,700  
hectic scene that sounded the BET's

304  
00:14:16,430 --> 00:14:13,440  
house started to become almost routine

305  
00:14:19,640 --> 00:14:16,440  
things suddenly took an undecided term

306  
00:14:21,190 --> 00:14:19,650  
for the weird Gerry Betts reported that

307  
00:14:24,260 --> 00:14:21,200  
she and her family began to hear strange

308  
00:14:26,540 --> 00:14:24,270  
organ like music wafting through their

309  
00:14:29,000 --> 00:14:26,550  
cavernous abode in the dead of night

310  
00:14:30,980 --> 00:14:29,010  
even though there was no such instrument

311  
00:14:33,620 --> 00:14:30,990  
in the home and as if that weren't

312  
00:14:36,140 --> 00:14:33,630  
creepy enough doors begin slamming

313  
00:14:38,240 --> 00:14:36,150

seemingly on their own volition at all

314

00:14:39,560 --> 00:14:38,250

hours of the day and night while the

315

00:14:42,350 --> 00:14:39,570

Betts family claimed that they weren't

316

00:14:44,450 --> 00:14:42,360

afraid of this activity this new

317

00:14:47,090 --> 00:14:44,460

development did cause concern for

318

00:14:49,130 --> 00:14:47,100

Antoine and Gerry who decided that it

319

00:14:51,770 --> 00:14:49,140

was high time they got to the bottom of

320

00:14:55,610 --> 00:14:51,780

the mystery to help them achieve that

321

00:14:58,610 --> 00:14:55,620

goal they went to the Navy the Becks

322

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:58,620

family finally relinquished this fear to

323

00:15:03,680 --> 00:15:00,480

scientists posted at the Jacksonville

324

00:15:05,660 --> 00:15:03,690

Naval Air Station the initial efforts of

325

00:15:08,540 --> 00:15:05,670

the Navy metallurgists were met with

326

00:15:11,120 --> 00:15:08,550

dead ends as their x-ray machines were

327

00:15:12,130 --> 00:15:11,130

not strong enough to penetrate the

328

00:15:15,230 --> 00:15:12,140

sphere

329

00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:15,240

according to navy spokesman Chris Byrne

330

00:15:19,760 --> 00:15:18,000

eager he said the following our first

331

00:15:21,110 --> 00:15:19,770

x-ray attempts got us nowhere

332

00:15:23,930 --> 00:15:21,120

we're going to use a more powerful

333

00:15:25,790 --> 00:15:23,940

machine on it and also run spectrograph

334

00:15:27,800 --> 00:15:25,800

tests to determine what metal it's made

335

00:15:30,920 --> 00:15:27,810

of there's certainly something odd about

336

00:15:33,200 --> 00:15:30,930

it I don't know who manufactured it but

337

00:15:35,450 --> 00:15:33,210

I say it came from Earth we do know that

338

00:15:38,240 --> 00:15:35,460

it's not explosive and presents no

339

00:15:40,010 --> 00:15:38,250

hazard eventually the scientists at the

340

00:15:42,490 --> 00:15:40,020

station were able to determine that the

341

00:15:45,800 --> 00:15:42,500

exact size of the sphere was seven point

342

00:15:48,950 --> 00:15:45,810

96 inches in diameter and that it

343

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:48,960

weighed precisely 21 point 34 pounds

344

00:15:53,840 --> 00:15:51,600

they also concluded that the shell of

345

00:15:56,540 --> 00:15:53,850

the sphere was approximately 1/2 inch

346

00:16:01,550 --> 00:15:56,550

thick which according to the report

347

00:16:04,190 --> 00:16:01,560

could withstand a pressure of 120.000

348

00:16:05,420 --> 00:16:04,200

pounds per square inch and made of

349

00:16:07,250 --> 00:16:05,430

stainless steel

350

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:07,260

specifically Megan

351

00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:12,480

faris le number 431 this Ally is a

352

00:16:17,300 --> 00:16:14,880

magnetic nickel bearings stainless steel

353

00:16:19,070 --> 00:16:17,310

designed for heat treatment to the

354

00:16:20,660 --> 00:16:19,080

highest mechanical properties and

355

00:16:24,470 --> 00:16:20,670

corrosion resistance

356

00:16:27,710 --> 00:16:24,480

the Navy teams powerful 300 kV x-ray

357

00:16:30,380 --> 00:16:27,720

also discovered two round objects inside

358

00:16:33,020 --> 00:16:30,390

the sphere surrounded by a quote halo

359

00:16:35,780 --> 00:16:33,030

made of a material with an unusual

360

00:16:38,120 --> 00:16:35,790

density they also noted that the sphere

361

00:16:41,390 --> 00:16:38,130

displayed four different magnetic poles

362

00:16:44,570 --> 00:16:41,400

two positive and two negative which were

363

00:16:46,490 --> 00:16:44,580

not concentric the Navy also concluded

364

00:16:49,040 --> 00:16:46,500

that while the sphere was intensely

365

00:16:51,230 --> 00:16:49,050

magnetic it did not show signs of

366

00:16:54,200 --> 00:16:51,240

radioactivity it did not appear to be an

367

00:16:56,900 --> 00:16:54,210

explosive at this point the Navy

368

00:16:59,530 --> 00:16:56,910

scientists wanted to cut into the object

369

00:17:02,810 --> 00:16:59,540

to get a better look but Gerry Betts

370

00:17:05,540 --> 00:17:02,820

steadfastly refused stating to the press

371

00:17:07,850 --> 00:17:05,550

I told them we expect a comprehensive

372

00:17:10,069 --> 00:17:07,860

report in two weeks and if it can't be

373

00:17:13,280 --> 00:17:10,079

identified as government property it is

374

00:17:15,410 --> 00:17:13,290

to be returned to us the Navy made good

375

00:17:18,770 --> 00:17:15,420

on their promise and returned the sphere

376

00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:18,780

but lingering questions remain as to the

377

00:17:39,890 --> 00:17:21,760

origin and identity of the object

378

00:17:45,170 --> 00:17:41,690

that there is quite a lot of magnetism

379

00:17:47,630 --> 00:17:45,180

in it this indicator would indicate that

380

00:17:50,350 --> 00:17:47,640

the fall is some sort of Steel you have

381

00:17:54,580 --> 00:17:50,360

any theories as to what couple might be

382

00:17:58,060 --> 00:17:54,590

not really to me if this appears to be a

383

00:17:59,710 --> 00:17:58,070

real what the balance is at this point

384

00:18:02,049 --> 00:17:59,720

the Betts family began to seriously

385

00:18:03,990 --> 00:18:02,059

consider the possibility that they were

386

00:18:07,419 --> 00:18:04,000

in possession of the genuine

387

00:18:09,940 --> 00:18:07,429

extraterrestrial technology or an alien

388

00:18:13,419 --> 00:18:09,950

buggy device as some of the neighbors

389

00:18:15,280 --> 00:18:13,429

had dubbed it according to Jerry if no

390

00:18:17,320 --> 00:18:15,290

other explanation can be found that's as

391

00:18:19,750 --> 00:18:17,330

logical as any who could say what's on

392

00:18:22,750 --> 00:18:19,760

another planet even speculations have

393

00:18:26,380 --> 00:18:22,760

been proven wrong the Navy says what it

394

00:18:27,810 --> 00:18:26,390

isn't they say it isn't an explosive so

395

00:18:30,940 --> 00:18:27,820

we still want to know what it is

396

00:18:33,130 --> 00:18:30,950

Berninger of course was hesitant to even

397

00:18:37,510 --> 00:18:33,140

entertaining the extraterrestrial origin

398

00:18:39,730 --> 00:18:37,520

hypothesis stating on April 15th 1974 in

399

00:18:42,340 --> 00:18:39,740

an edition of the Palm Beach Post as

400

00:18:44,650 --> 00:18:42,350

assured as burn occurs words seemed to

401  
00:18:46,990 --> 00:18:44,660  
be this opinion regarding the suppose

402  
00:18:49,450 --> 00:18:47,000  
its safety as well as the terrestrial

403  
00:18:52,000 --> 00:18:49,460  
origin of the sphere would not be shared

404  
00:18:55,840 --> 00:18:52,010  
by other scientists who tested the

405  
00:18:59,620 --> 00:18:55,850  
anomalous steel ball on April 13th 1974

406  
00:19:02,470 --> 00:18:59,630  
dr. Carl Wilson representing a Louisiana

407  
00:19:04,770 --> 00:19:02,480  
research firm known as the Omega minus

408  
00:19:07,030 --> 00:19:04,780  
one Institute in Baton Rouge Louisiana

409  
00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:07,040  
showed up on the scene

410  
00:19:13,090 --> 00:19:10,010  
dr. Wilson examined the sphere for over

411  
00:19:16,090 --> 00:19:13,100  
six hours and discovered that the sphere

412  
00:19:18,580 --> 00:19:16,100  
supposedly had radio waves coming from

413  
00:19:20,860 --> 00:19:18,590

it and a magnetic field around it

414

00:19:23,200 --> 00:19:20,870

dr. Wilson confirmed the Navy's

415

00:19:25,270 --> 00:19:23,210

discovery of multiple poles within the

416

00:19:28,659 --> 00:19:25,280

sphere and claimed that the phenomenon

417

00:19:30,400 --> 00:19:28,669

was a mind bender as the flux density of

418

00:19:33,480 --> 00:19:30,410

the field appeared to fluctuate in

419

00:19:36,850 --> 00:19:33,490

potency based on as-yet-unidentified

420

00:19:40,450 --> 00:19:36,860

patterns this he claimed defied all

421

00:19:42,549 --> 00:19:40,460

known laws of physics dr. Wilson

422

00:19:44,409 --> 00:19:42,559

evidently went on to suggest that the

423

00:19:46,690 --> 00:19:44,419

metal that made up the shell of the

424

00:19:47,289 --> 00:19:46,700

sphere while comparable to stainless

425

00:19:49,450 --> 00:19:47,299

steel

426

00:19:52,390 --> 00:19:49,460

contained an unknown element making it

427

00:19:54,520 --> 00:19:52,400

slightly different from steel the doctor

428

00:19:57,640 --> 00:19:54,530

also apparently witnessed the spheres

429

00:20:01,180 --> 00:19:57,650

ability to propel itself across surfaces

430

00:20:03,190 --> 00:20:01,190

and abruptly change directions but was

431

00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:03,200

unable to determine a pattern in

432

00:20:08,620 --> 00:20:05,600

movement or explain how that was even

433

00:20:09,990 --> 00:20:08,630

possible one of the theories posited was

434

00:20:13,120 --> 00:20:10,000

that it might be a damaged

435

00:20:15,370 --> 00:20:13,130

extraterrestrial probe or perhaps saving

436

00:20:18,909 --> 00:20:15,380

some sort of anti-gravitational device

437

00:20:21,159 --> 00:20:18,919

in the end the Omega minus one Institute

438

00:20:23,110 --> 00:20:21,169

findings regarding the identity of the

439

00:20:26,260 --> 00:20:23,120

mysterious sphere were just as

440

00:20:29,350 --> 00:20:26,270

inconclusive as the Navy's and the Betts

441

00:20:31,570 --> 00:20:29,360

family were no closer to the truth it

442

00:20:33,760 --> 00:20:31,580

was then that members of the avro

443

00:20:35,590 --> 00:20:33,770

organization managed to convince the

444

00:20:37,930 --> 00:20:35,600

family that they might be in possession

445

00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:37,940

of evidence of the existence of

446

00:20:43,630 --> 00:20:40,880

extraterrestrial intelligence and as

447

00:20:47,760 --> 00:20:43,640

such with legitimacy eligible to win the

448

00:20:51,760 --> 00:20:47,770

national Enquirer's then \$50,000 reward

449

00:20:54,159 --> 00:20:51,770

in the early 1970s the editorial staff

450

00:20:56,049 --> 00:20:54,169

of the National Enquirer and most other

451  
00:20:58,750 --> 00:20:56,059  
popular publications for that matter

452  
00:21:01,860 --> 00:20:58,760  
took a serious interest at least in

453  
00:21:04,450 --> 00:21:01,870  
terms of profit margins in subjects Lake

454  
00:21:07,990 --> 00:21:04,460  
cryptozoology ufology and the

455  
00:21:10,180 --> 00:21:08,000  
supernatural on March 12 1972 the

456  
00:21:13,030 --> 00:21:10,190  
publication offered an award of ten

457  
00:21:15,870 --> 00:21:13,040  
thousand dollars for the best scientific

458  
00:21:18,970 --> 00:21:15,880  
evidence of the reality of UFOs and

459  
00:21:21,970 --> 00:21:18,980  
fifty thousand to the first person who

460  
00:21:25,149 --> 00:21:21,980  
could prove that UFOs came from outer

461  
00:21:27,820 --> 00:21:25,159  
space and is not a natural phenomena

462  
00:21:32,560 --> 00:21:27,830  
this already bountiful zone was raised

463  
00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:32,570

to 1 million by 1976 while The Enquirer

464

00:21:37,120 --> 00:21:34,640

was considered by most be a little more

465

00:21:39,490 --> 00:21:37,130

than a supermarket tabloid the

466

00:21:41,919 --> 00:21:39,500

publication took great pains to assemble

467

00:21:44,409 --> 00:21:41,929

what they refer to as a blue-ribbon

468

00:21:47,070 --> 00:21:44,419

panel which consisted of noted

469

00:21:50,560 --> 00:21:47,080

scientists including dr. J Allen Hynek

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00:21:53,289 --> 00:21:50,570

dr. James Albert harder dr. R Leo

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00:21:56,169 --> 00:21:53,299

sprinkle the group also consisted of

472

00:21:57,850 --> 00:21:56,179

biologist Frank B Salzburg and State

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00:22:01,390 --> 00:21:57,860

University of New York professor of

474

00:22:03,640 --> 00:22:01,400

philosophy dr. Robert F creakin besides

475

00:22:05,530 --> 00:22:03,650

the PhD holders the panel was rounded

476

00:22:08,140 --> 00:22:05,540

out by such esteemed men

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00:22:10,330 --> 00:22:08,150

as a former Supreme Court justice a

478

00:22:12,700 --> 00:22:10,340

former attorney general of the United

479

00:22:15,580 --> 00:22:12,710

States and a former New York Court of

480

00:22:18,790 --> 00:22:15,590

Appeals judge the heads of a borough

481

00:22:21,190 --> 00:22:18,800

MUFON and NICAP were also on hand to

482

00:22:23,500 --> 00:22:21,200

form a sort of mini panel those in

483

00:22:26,260 --> 00:22:23,510

charge of deciding which cases would go

484

00:22:28,180 --> 00:22:26,270

before the primary panel the team came

485

00:22:30,970 --> 00:22:28,190

together once a year and was charged

486

00:22:33,910 --> 00:22:30,980

with the daunting task of designating

487

00:22:36,040 --> 00:22:33,920

the most legitimate UFO cases reported

488

00:22:38,590 --> 00:22:36,050

in the past year as well as examining

489

00:22:41,350 --> 00:22:38,600

any physical evidence of Seti counters

490

00:22:42,640 --> 00:22:41,360

it would be at the panel's discretion to

491

00:22:45,280 --> 00:22:42,650

decide if any of the evidence

492

00:22:48,340 --> 00:22:45,290

represented incontrovertible proof of

493

00:22:51,280 --> 00:22:48,350

alien life and thus award its presenter

494

00:22:53,350 --> 00:22:51,290

the prize money up until this point the

495

00:22:55,360 --> 00:22:53,360

only winner was Darrell Johnson and

496

00:22:58,750 --> 00:22:55,370

family who are involved in the renowned

497

00:23:01,390 --> 00:22:58,760

Delphis Kansas UFO encounter resulting

498

00:23:04,270 --> 00:23:01,400

in an intriguing series of photos which

499

00:23:08,830 --> 00:23:04,280

one than \$5,000 for scientifically

500

00:23:10,930 --> 00:23:08,840

valuable evidence of UFOs in 1974 the

501  
00:23:12,640 --> 00:23:10,940  
panel convened in New Orleans and the

502  
00:23:15,160 --> 00:23:12,650  
Betts family decided to send the

503  
00:23:16,690 --> 00:23:15,170  
mysterious sphere to the event while

504  
00:23:19,780 --> 00:23:16,700  
they no doubt hope to become the

505  
00:23:22,150 --> 00:23:19,790  
recipients of the substantial reward the

506  
00:23:24,880 --> 00:23:22,160  
family's primary objective was to expose

507  
00:23:26,800 --> 00:23:24,890  
the sphere to these esteemed scientists

508  
00:23:28,900 --> 00:23:26,810  
who might be able to suggest what

509  
00:23:31,930 --> 00:23:28,910  
further analysis might be performed to

510  
00:23:34,300 --> 00:23:31,940  
identify the anomalous sphere Terry

511  
00:23:36,850 --> 00:23:34,310  
Betts was designated as the personal

512  
00:23:39,460 --> 00:23:36,860  
carrier of the object that was sent to

513  
00:23:41,320 --> 00:23:39,470

New Orleans with his sphere into I have

514

00:23:43,030 --> 00:23:41,330

no knowledge of how the sphere itself

515

00:23:45,460 --> 00:23:43,040

happened to be in the place where I

516

00:23:46,960 --> 00:23:45,470

found it as I've stated previously when

517

00:23:49,660 --> 00:23:46,970

I found it there was on top of the

518

00:23:51,640 --> 00:23:49,670

ground it was not embedded I saw no

519

00:23:54,100 --> 00:23:51,650

charred marks no you know

520

00:23:55,750 --> 00:23:54,110

no big indentations in the ground in

521

00:23:59,140 --> 00:23:55,760

fact it looks as if someone had taken

522

00:24:02,680 --> 00:23:59,150

and set at the spot but as to how it got

523

00:24:05,380 --> 00:24:02,690

there ah nor anyone else I know has any

524

00:24:07,419 --> 00:24:05,390

knowledge of this needless to say the

525

00:24:11,080 --> 00:24:07,429

sphere became the center of attention

526  
00:24:13,930 --> 00:24:11,090  
between April 20th and 21st the device

527  
00:24:22,659 --> 00:24:13,940  
was subjected to yet another battery of

528  
00:24:25,360 --> 00:24:22,669  
tests while the panel confirmed much of

529  
00:24:27,480 --> 00:24:25,370  
what the Omega minus 1 Institute and the

530  
00:24:29,950 --> 00:24:27,490  
Navy's researchers had already revealed

531  
00:24:32,260 --> 00:24:29,960  
including the fact that the object acted

532  
00:24:35,470 --> 00:24:32,270  
like an audio transponder it could not

533  
00:24:37,630 --> 00:24:35,480  
discern the origin of the sphere but as

534  
00:24:39,850 --> 00:24:37,640  
intrigued as the panel members were by

535  
00:24:42,580 --> 00:24:39,860  
the object the fact that it had no

536  
00:24:44,919 --> 00:24:42,590  
direct connection to any UFO sighting

537  
00:24:49,269 --> 00:24:44,929  
negated any possibility of the bets

538  
00:24:52,389 --> 00:24:49,279

family winning the \$50,000 reward in the

539

00:24:59,950 --> 00:24:52,399

end dr. J Allen Hynek surmised that the

540

00:25:02,070 --> 00:24:59,960

object was likely made colleagues

541

00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:02,080

regarding the so-called mystery sphere

542

00:25:09,279 --> 00:25:05,600

let me ask your precious professor Hynek

543

00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:09,289

about your latest evaluation of the

544

00:25:45,760 --> 00:25:40,159

sphere seems like a perfectly normal

545

00:25:48,909 --> 00:25:45,770

there I see if that if that is true then

546

00:25:49,240 --> 00:25:48,919

why hasn't someone stepped forward to to

547

00:25:51,880 --> 00:25:49,250

make

548

00:25:53,529 --> 00:25:51,890

well I wanted that very same thing and

549

00:25:56,710 --> 00:25:53,539

uh do you have any theories about that

550

00:26:00,310 --> 00:25:56,720

well no I'm very much wondering why the

551

00:26:02,320 --> 00:26:00,320

me that if if we're to be normal and

552

00:26:03,880 --> 00:26:02,330

natural if somebody surely would have

553

00:26:06,279 --> 00:26:03,890

with it well I've got one like that my

554

00:26:08,620 --> 00:26:06,289

garage or our company maker who with

555

00:26:10,779 --> 00:26:08,630

over the week or something like that but

556

00:26:12,940 --> 00:26:10,789

the sphere also caught the attention of

557

00:26:15,640 --> 00:26:12,950

one of his blue ribbon panel colleagues

558

00:26:17,760 --> 00:26:15,650

and this noted scientists investigation

559

00:26:21,340 --> 00:26:17,770

into the sphere will take a potentially

560

00:26:25,870 --> 00:26:21,350

terrifying turn forcing enter to ask is

561

00:26:28,779 --> 00:26:25,880

the sphere a doomsday device dr. James

562

00:26:31,149 --> 00:26:28,789

Albert Carter the professor emeritus of

563

00:26:33,100 --> 00:26:31,159

civil and hydraulic engineer at the

564

00:26:35,680 --> 00:26:33,110

University of California at Berkeley

565

00:26:37,870 --> 00:26:35,690

became increasingly intrigued by the

566

00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:37,880

reports he was reading regarding the

567

00:26:42,460 --> 00:26:40,400

bets fear and he was no doubt delighted

568

00:26:45,490 --> 00:26:42,470

by his opportunity to examine the object

569

00:26:48,010 --> 00:26:45,500

firsthand following the National

570

00:26:50,680 --> 00:26:48,020

Enquirer competition the bets allowed

571

00:26:53,590 --> 00:26:50,690

dr. harder to examine the sphere the

572

00:26:54,490 --> 00:26:53,600

results of which were disconcerting to

573

00:26:57,159 --> 00:26:54,500

say the least

574

00:26:59,070 --> 00:26:57,169

dr. James a hardier the a prose

575

00:27:01,210 --> 00:26:59,080

consultant in civil engineering

576

00:27:03,430 --> 00:27:01,220

commented that an x-ray of the sphere

577

00:27:06,909 --> 00:27:03,440

should result in a doughnut-shaped

578

00:27:10,029 --> 00:27:06,919

presentation however the navy x-ray show

579

00:27:12,570 --> 00:27:10,039

to internal spheres after the 300 kV

580

00:27:15,640 --> 00:27:12,580

x-ray bombardment rendered the shell

581

00:27:18,070 --> 00:27:15,650

invisible this indicates that the

582

00:27:21,279 --> 00:27:18,080

internal material is more dense than the

583

00:27:23,380 --> 00:27:21,289

stainless steel shell thus a substantial

584

00:27:25,720 --> 00:27:23,390

portion of the weight in the internal

585

00:27:27,770 --> 00:27:25,730

material and the shell could be much

586

00:27:29,270 --> 00:27:27,780

thinner than half an egg

587

00:27:31,730 --> 00:27:29,280

the father that seems a little

588

00:27:33,980 --> 00:27:31,740

anticlimactic then all one needs to

589

00:27:36,830 --> 00:27:33,990

really do is read the final conclusions

590

00:27:38,930 --> 00:27:36,840

that dr. harder came to regarding the

591

00:27:42,050 --> 00:27:38,940

nature of the sphere and its internal

592

00:27:44,720 --> 00:27:42,060

contents in an announcement made at the

593

00:27:48,650 --> 00:27:44,730

International UFO Congress in Chicago on

594

00:27:52,450 --> 00:27:48,660

June 24th 1977 dr. harder presented his

595

00:27:56,210 --> 00:27:52,460

truly astonishing and utterly terrifying

596

00:27:58,880 --> 00:27:56,220

findings regarding the Betts fear based

597

00:28:00,980 --> 00:27:58,890

on my x-ray studies the two internal

598

00:28:04,010 --> 00:28:00,990

spheres are made of elements far heavier

599

00:28:05,750 --> 00:28:04,020

than anything known to science while the

600

00:28:07,940 --> 00:28:05,760

heaviest element yet produced in any

601  
00:28:10,790 --> 00:28:07,950  
atomic reactor here on earth has an

602  
00:28:12,590 --> 00:28:10,800  
atomic number of 105 and the heaviest

603  
00:28:15,430 --> 00:28:12,600  
element occurring naturally on earth is

604  
00:28:17,870 --> 00:28:15,440  
uranium with an atomic number of 92 I

605  
00:28:22,700 --> 00:28:17,880  
have determined that the Betts fear has

606  
00:28:24,890 --> 00:28:22,710  
atomic numbers higher than 140 if one

607  
00:28:26,510 --> 00:28:24,900  
were to drill into the sphere it is

608  
00:28:28,820 --> 00:28:26,520  
possible that the masses could go

609  
00:28:32,030 --> 00:28:28,830  
critical and explode like an atomic bomb

610  
00:28:33,830 --> 00:28:32,040  
and because of this danger and because

611  
00:28:35,450 --> 00:28:33,840  
the object is still presumably under

612  
00:28:38,780 --> 00:28:35,460  
surveillance by its supposed alien

613  
00:28:40,340 --> 00:28:38,790

makers I'd warn anyone against to any

614

00:28:43,340 --> 00:28:40,350

attempts to go to Florida to investigate

615

00:28:45,950 --> 00:28:43,350

the Betts fear as if this weren't

616

00:28:47,800 --> 00:28:45,960

potentially dire enough harder went on

617

00:28:50,930 --> 00:28:47,810

to warn the assembled audience of

618

00:28:53,600 --> 00:28:50,940

scientists and UFO investigators that

619

00:28:56,330 --> 00:28:53,610

any attempt to discern the contents of

620

00:29:00,850 --> 00:28:56,340

the sphere might unintentionally set it

621

00:29:04,250 --> 00:29:00,860

off or worse yet offend its ostensibly

622

00:29:06,260 --> 00:29:04,260

extraterrestrial creators it went

623

00:29:08,210 --> 00:29:06,270

unreported whether or not the Betts

624

00:29:11,660 --> 00:29:08,220

family concurred with dr. Harding's

625

00:29:13,280 --> 00:29:11,670

potentially apocalyptic conclusions but

626

00:29:15,920 --> 00:29:13,290

it is difficult to believe that they

627

00:29:18,500 --> 00:29:15,930

were not at least a little anxious about

628

00:29:21,830 --> 00:29:18,510

the potentially devastating effects that

629

00:29:23,990 --> 00:29:21,840

tampering with the sphere may cause was

630

00:29:26,300 --> 00:29:24,000

about at this time that the stories

631

00:29:28,470 --> 00:29:26,310

surrounding the sphere seemed to vanish

632

00:29:31,770 --> 00:29:28,480

without a trace

633

00:29:33,390 --> 00:29:31,780

the sphere itself that is to say at

634

00:29:36,419 --> 00:29:33,400

least from the public eye

635

00:29:38,730 --> 00:29:36,429

this is baffling considering the fact

636

00:29:41,430 --> 00:29:38,740

that it was at just this moment that the

637

00:29:44,970 --> 00:29:41,440

tale became truly fascinating

638

00:29:47,490 --> 00:29:44,980

not to mention possibly dangerous as the

639

00:29:49,520 --> 00:29:47,500

years have slipped into decades two

640

00:29:52,409 --> 00:29:49,530

primary questions have haunted

641

00:29:55,980 --> 00:29:52,419

investigators the first son answer

642

00:29:58,919 --> 00:29:55,990

question is what the hell was the BET's

643

00:30:01,020 --> 00:29:58,929

fear the million-dollar question is of

644

00:30:03,510 --> 00:30:01,030

course Dee Terry Betts and his parents

645

00:30:07,070 --> 00:30:03,520

actually stumble across an alien

646

00:30:10,680 --> 00:30:07,080

artifact or is there a more prosaic

647

00:30:13,080 --> 00:30:10,690

explanation for the whole affair some of

648

00:30:15,180 --> 00:30:13,090

the more mundane hypotheses proposed

649

00:30:18,390 --> 00:30:15,190

have ranged from the sphere being an

650

00:30:21,570 --> 00:30:18,400

extra large ball bearing to a paper mill

651  
00:30:24,900 --> 00:30:21,580  
valve or maybe it was a cryogenic

652  
00:30:27,510 --> 00:30:24,910  
storage device known as a Dewar flask or

653  
00:30:30,150 --> 00:30:27,520  
maybe it was a check valve used in a

654  
00:30:31,830 --> 00:30:30,160  
phosphate pumping line but it seems

655  
00:30:34,320 --> 00:30:31,840  
likely that any of the number of

656  
00:30:36,539 --> 00:30:34,330  
scientists and engineers who examine the

657  
00:30:39,750 --> 00:30:36,549  
sphere were likely to have ruled out any

658  
00:30:42,390 --> 00:30:39,760  
commonplace industrial tool nevertheless

659  
00:30:45,060 --> 00:30:42,400  
there is one mechanism that numerous

660  
00:30:48,570 --> 00:30:45,070  
researchers have clamped onto as the

661  
00:30:51,240 --> 00:30:48,580  
true identity of the sphere and that is

662  
00:30:54,630 --> 00:30:51,250  
that the sphere was nothing more than a

663  
00:30:57,000 --> 00:30:54,640

sea bottom marker the fact that both the

664

00:30:59,820 --> 00:30:57,010

Marines and the Navy denied ownership of

665

00:31:01,560 --> 00:30:59,830

the device is noteworthy especially in

666

00:31:03,180 --> 00:31:01,570

light of the fact that in the years that

667

00:31:06,150 --> 00:31:03,190

would follow there'd be numerous

668

00:31:08,250 --> 00:31:06,160

investigators including UFO author role

669

00:31:10,680 --> 00:31:08,260

in Dee's story who would suggest that

670

00:31:13,260 --> 00:31:10,690

the object was indeed a sea bottom

671

00:31:15,390 --> 00:31:13,270

marker which was used to assist missile

672

00:31:17,880 --> 00:31:15,400

launching submarines by giving them

673

00:31:21,360 --> 00:31:17,890

stable points of reference for ballistic

674

00:31:23,669 --> 00:31:21,370

calculations according to story he said

675

00:31:26,749 --> 00:31:23,679

that the Navy's failure to identify the

676  
00:31:29,959 --> 00:31:26,759  
sphere could be due to a need-to-know

677  
00:31:31,789 --> 00:31:29,969  
related to classified devices the

678  
00:31:33,739 --> 00:31:31,799  
inherent flaw in this theory however

679  
00:31:34,549 --> 00:31:33,749  
resides in the fact that even if

680  
00:31:36,199 --> 00:31:34,559  
Berninger

681  
00:31:38,869 --> 00:31:36,209  
and his team did not have top-secret

682  
00:31:40,729 --> 00:31:38,879  
clearance the hoopla surrounding the

683  
00:31:43,069 --> 00:31:40,739  
discovery of the sphere not to mention

684  
00:31:44,779 --> 00:31:43,079  
the reams of paperwork that would have

685  
00:31:47,119 --> 00:31:44,789  
been necessary to conduct these

686  
00:31:49,719 --> 00:31:47,129  
experiments with Navy personnel would

687  
00:31:53,659 --> 00:31:49,729  
have surely set off some kind of alarm

688  
00:31:55,669 --> 00:31:53,669

even in clandestine circles the Betts

689

00:31:57,379 --> 00:31:55,679

family had already agreed to give up on

690

00:31:59,869 --> 00:31:57,389

the device if it proved to be military

691

00:32:02,089 --> 00:31:59,879

property and it would have taken very

692

00:32:04,459 --> 00:32:02,099

little effort on the Navy's or the

693

00:32:06,349 --> 00:32:04,469

Marines before them for that matter to

694

00:32:08,989 --> 00:32:06,359

keep the sphere in their possession of

695

00:32:10,430 --> 00:32:08,999

the technology were that sensitive even

696

00:32:13,849 --> 00:32:10,440

if they wanted to keep the devices

697

00:32:16,549 --> 00:32:13,859

purposes a secret the flipside however

698

00:32:19,269 --> 00:32:16,559

is that the Betts fear might have been a

699

00:32:22,249 --> 00:32:19,279

piece of top-secret or maybe even

700

00:32:25,759 --> 00:32:22,259

extraterrestrial technology and that the

701  
00:32:29,119 --> 00:32:25,769  
Navy replaced it with a replica but this

702  
00:32:31,039 --> 00:32:29,129  
is of course pure speculation one should

703  
00:32:34,279 --> 00:32:31,049  
also consider the fact that Antoine

704  
00:32:36,469 --> 00:32:34,289  
Betts was a marine engineer while he's

705  
00:32:39,680 --> 00:32:36,479  
not likely to be an expert on military

706  
00:32:41,359 --> 00:32:39,690  
tech we'd seem improbable that he would

707  
00:32:44,869 --> 00:32:41,369  
not have at least recognized that

708  
00:32:46,729 --> 00:32:44,879  
devices merits of the origin so assuming

709  
00:32:48,829 --> 00:32:46,739  
that this was not a ballistic reference

710  
00:32:51,079 --> 00:32:48,839  
marker perhaps we ought to consider the

711  
00:32:55,519 --> 00:32:51,089  
possibility that the Betts family came

712  
00:32:59,149 --> 00:32:55,529  
across a stolen steel ball according to

713  
00:33:01,849 --> 00:32:59,159

the April 23rd 1974 edition of the Ocala

714

00:33:04,039 --> 00:33:01,859

star banner a sculptor by the name of

715

00:33:06,169 --> 00:33:04,049

James sterling Jones claimed to have

716

00:33:08,089 --> 00:33:06,179

lost the sphere when a cluster of them

717

00:33:10,369 --> 00:33:08,099

fell off the luggage rack of his

718

00:33:12,379 --> 00:33:10,379

Volkswagen bus while he was driving

719

00:33:14,680 --> 00:33:12,389

through the Jacksonville area on his way

720

00:33:17,020 --> 00:33:14,690

home to Taos New Mexico

721

00:33:19,480 --> 00:33:17,030

Durling jones asserted that he'd gotten

722

00:33:21,760 --> 00:33:19,490

the industrial valves spheres from an

723

00:33:24,340 --> 00:33:21,770

anonymous friend who had procured the

724

00:33:26,530 --> 00:33:24,350

objects illegally he further asserted

725

00:33:28,480 --> 00:33:26,540

that the rattling that the Betts is

726

00:33:30,100 --> 00:33:28,490

claimed to hear within the sphere was

727

00:33:32,920 --> 00:33:30,110

due to the fact that the company that

728

00:33:35,710 --> 00:33:32,930

manufactured it had drilled holes into

729

00:33:39,580 --> 00:33:35,720

the object allowing metal chips to fall

730

00:33:41,470 --> 00:33:39,590

inside before reweld in them shut this

731

00:33:44,140 --> 00:33:41,480

seems to fly in the face of the fact

732

00:33:46,990 --> 00:33:44,150

that none of the experts who examine the

733

00:33:49,600 --> 00:33:47,000

sphere noticed any weld marks and that

734

00:33:52,210 --> 00:33:49,610

the x-rays seemed to reveal distinct

735

00:33:55,210 --> 00:33:52,220

structures within the object his

736

00:33:57,490 --> 00:33:55,220

testimony is further cast into doubt due

737

00:33:59,170 --> 00:33:57,500

to the fact that the artist ostensibly

738

00:34:02,020 --> 00:33:59,180

in an effort to protect his friend and

739

00:34:04,030 --> 00:34:02,030

his illicit activities refused to name

740

00:34:06,610 --> 00:34:04,040

the company that manufactured his

741

00:34:10,090 --> 00:34:06,620

spheres which might have put the whole

742

00:34:12,280 --> 00:34:10,100

business to rest once and for all

743

00:34:14,920 --> 00:34:12,290

Paulette seems as if the industrial

744

00:34:17,380 --> 00:34:14,930

angle may rest on shaky ground there's

745

00:34:20,230 --> 00:34:17,390

the distinct possibility that the sphere

746

00:34:22,600 --> 00:34:20,240

was another kind of artificial object

747

00:34:24,670 --> 00:34:22,610

which may have plummeted from the

748

00:34:29,110 --> 00:34:24,680

loftiest of heights to the earth below

749

00:34:30,460 --> 00:34:29,120

in the form of a Down satellite it's

750

00:34:32,890 --> 00:34:30,470

difficult to claim that the Betts

751  
00:34:36,310 --> 00:34:32,900  
mystery sphere does not resemble a

752  
00:34:38,890 --> 00:34:36,320  
Sputnik style Soviet satellite with its

753  
00:34:41,650 --> 00:34:38,900  
antennas ripped off or perhaps even a

754  
00:34:44,020 --> 00:34:41,660  
simplified version of China's she shot

755  
00:34:48,010 --> 00:34:44,030  
one experimental satellite which was

756  
00:34:51,190 --> 00:34:48,020  
launched in 1971 as tempting as it is to

757  
00:34:53,080 --> 00:34:51,200  
suppose that the sphere was man-made the

758  
00:34:55,660 --> 00:34:53,090  
fact remains that there was absolutely

759  
00:34:58,510 --> 00:34:55,670  
no indication of a crash on the Betts

760  
00:35:01,240 --> 00:34:58,520  
property saved the brush fire and no

761  
00:35:04,930 --> 00:35:01,250  
sign of any re-entry burns on the object

762  
00:35:07,270 --> 00:35:04,940  
itself these two facts alone would seem

763  
00:35:10,180 --> 00:35:07,280

to entirely disqualify the notion that

764

00:35:13,780 --> 00:35:10,190

the mystery sphere was a to rest early

765

00:35:16,480 --> 00:35:13,790

constructed object so leaving behind

766

00:35:18,460 --> 00:35:16,490

both industrial and satellite theories

767

00:35:20,980 --> 00:35:18,470

let's look at some of the less ordinary

768

00:35:22,690 --> 00:35:20,990

options including the fact that the

769

00:35:25,210 --> 00:35:22,700

sphere seemed to have an eerie

770

00:35:28,450 --> 00:35:25,220

resemblance to the oft reported World

771

00:35:31,360 --> 00:35:28,460

War two aerial Marauders known as the

772

00:35:35,440 --> 00:35:31,370

Foo Fighters beginning in November of

773

00:35:38,050 --> 00:35:35,450

1944 world war ii allied aircraft pilots

774

00:35:40,690 --> 00:35:38,060

begin to describe frightening encounters

775

00:35:43,470 --> 00:35:40,700

with small glowing silver colored

776  
00:35:46,720 --> 00:35:43,480  
spheres in the skies over Germany and

777  
00:35:49,270 --> 00:35:46,730  
eventually the Pacific Theater these

778  
00:35:51,850 --> 00:35:49,280  
strange airborne anomalies appear to

779  
00:35:54,940 --> 00:35:51,860  
follow the Allied planes both

780  
00:35:57,480 --> 00:35:54,950  
individually and in clusters they were

781  
00:36:00,610 --> 00:35:57,490  
able to maneuver around the planes at

782  
00:36:04,480 --> 00:36:00,620  
tremendous rates of speed and displayed

783  
00:36:06,370 --> 00:36:04,490  
astonishing dexterity even stranger was

784  
00:36:08,950 --> 00:36:06,380  
the fact that these peculiar machines

785  
00:36:11,380 --> 00:36:08,960  
seemed to toy with the crew of these

786  
00:36:13,960 --> 00:36:11,390  
aircraft causing a great deal of

787  
00:36:16,910 --> 00:36:13,970  
consternation among those on board but

788  
00:36:20,300 --> 00:36:16,920

exhibit few if any overtly hostile

789

00:36:23,000 --> 00:36:20,310

actions these sightings were taken very

790

00:36:25,850 --> 00:36:23,010

seriously by the military brass who

791

00:36:28,490 --> 00:36:25,860

assumed that these Foo Fighters were yet

792

00:36:31,660 --> 00:36:28,500

another new weapon conceived by Nazi

793

00:36:34,730 --> 00:36:31,670

scientists to turn the tide of the war

794

00:36:37,640 --> 00:36:34,740

but soon it became evident that these

795

00:36:39,940 --> 00:36:37,650

bizarre aerial acrobats were also

796

00:36:42,350 --> 00:36:39,950

accosting axis pilots

797

00:36:45,200 --> 00:36:42,360

according to UFO researcher and

798

00:36:46,730 --> 00:36:45,210

professor of Natural Sciences at Western

799

00:36:50,090 --> 00:36:46,740

Michigan University

800

00:36:52,400 --> 00:36:50,100

Michael D swords he stated that during

801  
00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:52,410  
World War 2 the Foo Fighter experiences

802  
00:36:56,480 --> 00:36:54,000  
of Allied pilots were taken very

803  
00:36:58,370 --> 00:36:56,490  
seriously accounts of these cases were

804  
00:37:00,770 --> 00:36:58,380  
presented to heavyweight scientists such

805  
00:37:03,350 --> 00:37:00,780  
as David Griggs Luis Alvarez in HP

806  
00:37:06,140 --> 00:37:03,360  
Robertson the phenomenon was never

807  
00:37:07,760 --> 00:37:06,150  
explained most of the information about

808  
00:37:11,090 --> 00:37:07,770  
the issue has never been released by

809  
00:37:13,310 --> 00:37:11,100  
military intelligence while Foo Fighter

810  
00:37:15,950 --> 00:37:13,320  
Runyon's continued to be reported by

811  
00:37:17,960 --> 00:37:15,960  
pilots following world war ii reports

812  
00:37:21,170 --> 00:37:17,970  
had to window down in the latter half of

813  
00:37:23,330 --> 00:37:21,180

the 20th century still it's hard to turn

814

00:37:26,600 --> 00:37:23,340

a blind eye to the fact that the best

815

00:37:29,030 --> 00:37:26,610

fear at least on the surface seems to be

816

00:37:32,090 --> 00:37:29,040

very similar to eyewitness descriptions

817

00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:32,100

of Foo Fighters but if these round

818

00:37:37,910 --> 00:37:35,040

glowing hummingbird like objects are not

819

00:37:41,960 --> 00:37:37,920

to blame then like this be some sort of

820

00:37:43,970 --> 00:37:41,970

alien atomic bomb in his highly

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00:37:47,330 --> 00:37:43,980

acclaimed book Chariots of the Gods

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00:37:50,390 --> 00:37:47,340

author Erich von Daniken introduced the

823

00:37:52,370 --> 00:37:50,400

world at large to robert Seroes theory

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00:37:55,310 --> 00:37:52,380

that it might have been extraterrestrial

825

00:37:57,740 --> 00:37:55,320

atomic weapons that were responsible for

826

00:38:01,040 --> 00:37:57,750

the total destruction of the biblical

827

00:38:04,460 --> 00:38:01,050

cities of sodom and gomorrah as well as

828

00:38:07,040 --> 00:38:04,470

other ancient disasters supporters of

829

00:38:08,890 --> 00:38:07,050

the alien atomic bomb theory maintain

830

00:38:11,720 --> 00:38:08,900

that in the ancient past

831

00:38:14,930 --> 00:38:11,730

extraterrestrials or possibly a lost

832

00:38:18,080 --> 00:38:14,940

civilizations such as Atlantis managed

833

00:38:20,720 --> 00:38:18,090

to detonate nuclear weapons on earth the

834

00:38:21,750 --> 00:38:20,730

venerated Hindu epic known as the

835

00:38:23,900 --> 00:38:21,760

Mahabharata

836

00:38:26,460 --> 00:38:23,910

even describes a single projectile

837

00:38:30,090 --> 00:38:26,470

charged with all the power of the

838

00:38:33,660 --> 00:38:30,100

universe an incandescent column of smoke

839

00:38:36,810 --> 00:38:33,670

and flame as bright as ten thousand suns

840

00:38:39,180 --> 00:38:36,820

in all its splendor this one must admit

841

00:38:42,359 --> 00:38:39,190

sounds suspiciously like an atomic

842

00:38:45,660 --> 00:38:42,369

explosion and its resulting mushroom

843

00:38:47,940 --> 00:38:45,670

cloud the Mahabharata also refers to

844

00:38:50,760 --> 00:38:47,950

great battles that were fought with the

845

00:38:53,730 --> 00:38:50,770

ancient past with airships and beam

846

00:38:56,540 --> 00:38:53,740

weapons which resembles some modern

847

00:38:59,580 --> 00:38:56,550

reports of UFO technology

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00:39:02,910 --> 00:38:59,590

needless to say mainstream academics

849

00:39:05,250 --> 00:39:02,920

dismiss this theory out of hand but if

850

00:39:07,080 --> 00:39:05,260

for the sake of argument we entertain

851  
00:39:09,349 --> 00:39:07,090  
the notion that aliens were visiting

852  
00:39:11,550 --> 00:39:09,359  
earth in the ancient past and

853  
00:39:14,790 --> 00:39:11,560  
occasionally waging war with our

854  
00:39:17,010 --> 00:39:14,800  
ancestors then could it be possible that

855  
00:39:19,800 --> 00:39:17,020  
the potential doomsday device described

856  
00:39:22,620 --> 00:39:19,810  
by dr. hardy might not be a more modern

857  
00:39:25,530 --> 00:39:22,630  
alien weapon that accidentally or

858  
00:39:29,480 --> 00:39:25,540  
intentionally fell into the hands of

859  
00:39:32,609 --> 00:39:29,490  
human beings the premise is thin but

860  
00:39:33,720 --> 00:39:32,619  
still intriguing in a science fiction

861  
00:39:37,320 --> 00:39:33,730  
sort of way

862  
00:39:40,920 --> 00:39:37,330  
the truth is we may never know what the

863  
00:39:43,890 --> 00:39:40,930

best fear was but one surefire way to

864

00:39:46,349 --> 00:39:43,900

try and end this enigma is to solve the

865

00:39:51,930 --> 00:39:46,359

second biggest mystery surrounding the

866

00:39:54,780 --> 00:39:51,940

sphere where the hell is it when all the

867

00:39:57,630 --> 00:39:54,790

routine theories and wild speculations

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00:39:59,609 --> 00:39:57,640

are put finally aside the single biggest

869

00:40:02,460 --> 00:39:59,619

mystery that remains is what ever

870

00:40:04,500 --> 00:40:02,470

happened to the best fear in the years

871

00:40:07,230 --> 00:40:04,510

that followed this strange series of

872

00:40:09,300 --> 00:40:07,240

events numerous other unfathomable

873

00:40:12,599 --> 00:40:09,310

spheres have plummeted to the earth in

874

00:40:17,790 --> 00:40:12,609

such diverse places as Russia Australia

875

00:40:20,190 --> 00:40:17,800

Iraq and Alabama of all places but none

876  
00:40:23,430 --> 00:40:20,200  
have ever managed to capture the world's

877  
00:40:24,970 --> 00:40:23,440  
attention quite like the BET's fear is

878  
00:40:27,670 --> 00:40:24,980  
Terri Betts

879  
00:40:31,030 --> 00:40:27,680  
one of his relatives still in possession

880  
00:40:33,849 --> 00:40:31,040  
of the sphere have its allegedly alien

881  
00:40:36,310 --> 00:40:33,859  
creators reclaimed it or has a long

882  
00:40:39,700 --> 00:40:36,320  
since been confiscated by the United

883  
00:40:42,640 --> 00:40:39,710  
States military the latter would make

884  
00:40:45,730 --> 00:40:42,650  
sense if dr. Harding's warning about the

885  
00:40:46,410 --> 00:40:45,740  
object's destructive potential proved to

886  
00:40:49,780 --> 00:40:46,420  
be true

887  
00:40:52,900 --> 00:40:49,790  
sadly following dr. Harding's dire for

888  
00:40:55,690 --> 00:40:52,910

warning in 1974 there's been very little

889

00:40:57,870 --> 00:40:55,700

mention of the sphere in the media and

890

00:41:01,359 --> 00:40:57,880

like many flash-in-the-pan

891

00:41:03,490 --> 00:41:01,369

curiosity stories this one likely ran

892

00:41:06,130 --> 00:41:03,500

its course and the public's interest was

893

00:41:08,920 --> 00:41:06,140

captured by some other passing fad

894

00:41:12,730 --> 00:41:08,930

before wrapping this puzzle up in any

895

00:41:15,579 --> 00:41:12,740

satisfied fashion but that doesn't mean

896

00:41:17,800 --> 00:41:15,589

there haven't been developments in an

897

00:41:20,079 --> 00:41:17,810

exclusive interview with Scott Philbrook

898

00:41:23,050 --> 00:41:20,089

and Forrest Burgess of the astonishing

899

00:41:25,440 --> 00:41:23,060

legends podcast a close friend of the

900

00:41:28,660 --> 00:41:25,450

Betts family claimed that J Allen Hynek

901  
00:41:31,569 --> 00:41:28,670  
the Project Blue Book astronomer turned

902  
00:41:34,150 --> 00:41:31,579  
to UFO investigator started spending a

903  
00:41:36,670 --> 00:41:34,160  
lot of time at the Betts home when they

904  
00:41:39,280 --> 00:41:36,680  
had the sphere eventually becoming a

905  
00:41:41,950 --> 00:41:39,290  
very close friend and even spending

906  
00:41:44,920 --> 00:41:41,960  
nights at the house doing all types of

907  
00:41:47,200 --> 00:41:44,930  
experiments on the sphere this friend

908  
00:41:48,880 --> 00:41:47,210  
who was there at the time would go on to

909  
00:41:52,359 --> 00:41:48,890  
say that Jerry Betts

910  
00:41:56,410 --> 00:41:52,369  
began to form a whole new opinion of

911  
00:41:59,260 --> 00:41:56,420  
Hynek and his motives dr. Hynek had come

912  
00:42:01,510 --> 00:41:59,270  
and he friended himself to the family to

913  
00:42:04,870 --> 00:42:01,520

where he came back a couple of times and

914

00:42:06,760 --> 00:42:04,880

and correspondent with her for years but

915

00:42:08,950 --> 00:42:06,770

there was something about him that she

916

00:42:11,230 --> 00:42:08,960

did not trust and she felt very

917

00:42:13,990 --> 00:42:11,240

uncomfortable with and she felt like in

918

00:42:15,670 --> 00:42:14,000

the end when the ball was taken and

919

00:42:17,829 --> 00:42:15,680

everything done to it she felt like he

920

00:42:19,270 --> 00:42:17,839

had a lot to do with it and that he knew

921

00:42:20,950 --> 00:42:19,280

more than he was telling and he would

922

00:42:23,410 --> 00:42:20,960

tell us one thing but if you go when you

923

00:42:24,819 --> 00:42:23,420

read things on lie about well he said

924

00:42:26,200 --> 00:42:24,829

that it was nothing and and people

925

00:42:28,809 --> 00:42:26,210

speculate that he's trying to save his

926

00:42:31,089 --> 00:42:28,819

career his career is UFOs it's not like

927

00:42:32,710 --> 00:42:31,099

you're a neurosurgeon and you're doing

928

00:42:33,930 --> 00:42:32,720

something squirrely or you're someone

929

00:42:35,700 --> 00:42:33,940

researching UFOs

930

00:42:38,579 --> 00:42:35,710

he would tell us something and tell a

931

00:42:40,410 --> 00:42:38,589

stories of things that I'm sure he

932

00:42:42,059 --> 00:42:40,420

probably shouldn't have been telling and

933

00:42:45,180 --> 00:42:42,069

maybe that was to ingratiate himself to

934

00:42:47,250 --> 00:42:45,190

us but I think he had serious ulterior

935

00:42:50,040 --> 00:42:47,260

motives and I was young then but hearing

936

00:42:53,370 --> 00:42:50,050

her Howard and express her concern of

937

00:42:55,950 --> 00:42:53,380

him even being in the house of course

938

00:42:58,819 --> 00:42:55,960

there's a chance that in the years

939

00:43:01,440 --> 00:42:58,829

following these bizarre events some

940

00:43:04,440 --> 00:43:01,450

accredited scientific institution

941

00:43:07,200 --> 00:43:04,450

inspected the sphere and made a formal

942

00:43:10,650 --> 00:43:07,210

announcement regarding its origin thus

943

00:43:13,319 --> 00:43:10,660

solving this enigma once and for all but

944

00:43:17,069 --> 00:43:13,329

if that is the case there's no public

945

00:43:20,099 --> 00:43:17,079

record of it anywhere but in a strange

946

00:43:23,339 --> 00:43:20,109

twist to the entire affair Paul Hynek

947

00:43:25,950 --> 00:43:23,349

one of J Allen Hynek sons admitted that

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00:43:28,530 --> 00:43:25,960

in his childhood his father had a

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00:43:31,109 --> 00:43:28,540

strange metallic ball hidden in the

950

00:43:33,690 --> 00:43:31,119

basement that he and his brother ceased

951  
00:43:36,329 --> 00:43:33,700  
to play with they never knew where it

952  
00:43:39,380 --> 00:43:36,339  
came from or why their father had it

953  
00:43:42,750 --> 00:43:39,390  
could this have been the best fear and

954  
00:43:46,109 --> 00:43:42,760  
Hynek either stole it or eventually

955  
00:43:49,380 --> 00:43:46,119  
acquired it from the Betts family it all

956  
00:43:53,220 --> 00:43:49,390  
seems just a bit too coincidental if you

957  
00:43:55,559 --> 00:43:53,230  
ask me in the end there's a good chance

958  
00:43:58,890 --> 00:43:55,569  
that we will never know definitive

959  
00:44:02,130 --> 00:43:58,900  
origins of the sphere but there is the

960  
00:44:05,250 --> 00:44:02,140  
frankly my new chance that as you listen

961  
00:44:06,589 --> 00:44:05,260  
to this episode the irrefutable proof of

962  
00:44:08,250 --> 00:44:06,599  
the existence of extraterrestrial

963  
00:44:10,820 --> 00:44:08,260

intelligence

964

00:44:14,370 --> 00:44:10,830

might be sitting in a cardboard box

965

00:44:17,310 --> 00:44:14,380

collecting dust in someone's dingy

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00:44:22,480 --> 00:44:17,320

basement just waiting for a curious

967

00:44:34,890 --> 00:44:32,420

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00:44:36,630 --> 00:44:34,900

somewhere in the skies is produced by

969

00:44:38,580 --> 00:44:36,640

Third Kind productions in association

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00:44:40,380 --> 00:44:38,590

with the entertainment one podcast