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JGHT MCGAHN'S TESTIMONY SINCE SOON AFTER MUELLER'S PROBE ENDED DON LEMON TONIGHT

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00:00:05,430 --> 00:00:03,590  
so new tonight

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00:00:07,510 --> 00:00:05,440  
sources tell cnn that an upcoming

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00:00:08,310 --> 00:00:07,520  
government report says u.s intelligence

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00:00:10,950 --> 00:00:08,320  
officials

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00:00:13,190 --> 00:00:10,960  
have found no evidence confirming ufos

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00:00:14,470 --> 00:00:13,200  
that were seen by u.s navy pilots in

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00:00:17,670 --> 00:00:14,480  
recent years

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00:00:18,230 --> 00:00:17,680  
were in fact alien spacecraft but that

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00:00:20,870 --> 00:00:18,240  
report

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00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:20,880  
making no definitive assessment as to

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00:00:25,830 --> 00:00:22,640  
what the objects might actually

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00:00:27,589 --> 00:00:25,840  
be are there now even more questions

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00:00:30,310 --> 00:00:27,599

about what's flying in our skies

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00:00:32,229 --> 00:00:30,320

here to discuss luis elizondo former

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00:00:34,709 --> 00:00:32,239

director of the pentagon's advanced

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00:00:35,910 --> 00:00:34,719

aerospace threat identification program

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00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:35,920

that was the right person

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:37,440

for this conversation welcome to the

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00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:39,040

show i'm glad that you're here

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:40,399

luis you know thank you so much for

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:42,480

having me thank you and tourists are

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00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:44,000

telling cnn that the upcoming

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00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:46,239

defense department report does not

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:47,680

actually determine

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00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:50,480

what these unidentified flying objects

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00:00:53,110 --> 00:00:50,960

actually

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:53,120

are it doesn't say it doesn't say that

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00:00:56,229 --> 00:00:55,360

they are alien spacecraft but it doesn't

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00:00:57,990 --> 00:00:56,239

say that they're not

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00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:58,000

doesn't rule it out it's going to add

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00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:59,760

some fuel to the debate that's already

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00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:01,920

going on isn't it

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00:01:05,910 --> 00:01:04,080

well indeed it is you know the the us

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00:01:06,789 --> 00:01:05,920

government has already stated now for

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:06,799

the record

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:08,159

according to some of these inside

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00:01:12,950 --> 00:01:10,240

sources that this is definitely not

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00:01:14,789 --> 00:01:12,960

some sort of secret u.s technology so so

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,799

that argument now is finally

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00:01:17,990 --> 00:01:16,560

uh for many for many decades now is

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:18,000

finally off the table so that really

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00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:18,960

only leaves

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00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:21,280

two options doesn't it and that is one

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,600

it's some sort of foreign technology

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00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:25,759

that has somehow managed to leapfrog us

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00:01:29,910 --> 00:01:28,159

or it's something completely and totally

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00:01:31,350 --> 00:01:29,920

different and i think it's important

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00:01:33,590 --> 00:01:31,360

that when we look at this we also look

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:33,600

at the context of the us government's

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:35,360

involvement in this topic

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00:01:38,630 --> 00:01:37,280  
historically and so there is truly

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00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:38,640  
documentation now

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00:01:42,870 --> 00:01:40,880  
that is coming forward some of my team

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:42,880  
members have have been able to uncover

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:44,159  
through the foia process

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00:01:47,190 --> 00:01:45,360  
and that also by the way has been

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00:01:48,950 --> 00:01:47,200  
available for quite some time that

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00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:48,960  
demonstrates that the us government has

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00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:50,720  
actually indeed been dealing with this

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00:01:54,630 --> 00:01:53,040  
issue for over 70 years

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00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:54,640  
and that's a little bit problematic

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,920  
because if we say this is foreign

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00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:57,600

adversarial technology

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00:02:01,350 --> 00:02:00,000

we know that the russians after the

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:01,360

berlin wall came down

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00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:03,600

had shared a lot of their ufo files with

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00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:05,040

us and so we know they had the same

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00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,240

problem we did

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00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:08,000

furthermore if that leaves let's say a

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00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:09,599

country like china

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00:02:13,350 --> 00:02:12,080

that would then in essence we would have

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:13,360

to consider the fact that

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00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:15,760

china or another country now has had

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00:02:19,350 --> 00:02:16,640

some sort of

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00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:19,360

beyond next generation technology for

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00:02:23,990 --> 00:02:20,800

the last 70 years

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00:02:25,670 --> 00:02:24,000

and as we know that's a really hard

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00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:25,680

secret to keep and furthermore that

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00:02:30,070 --> 00:02:28,000

these technologies have been deployed

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:30,080

over controlled u.s airspace so i think

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00:02:32,309 --> 00:02:31,200

you're right there's a lot more

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00:02:33,830 --> 00:02:32,319

questions now

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00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:33,840

we have to ask ourselves and let's be

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00:02:37,750 --> 00:02:35,360

clear too that the report

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00:02:39,589 --> 00:02:37,760

did not say this wasn't some sort of

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00:02:41,030 --> 00:02:39,599

alien type or extraterrestrial

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00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:41,040

technology it simply said

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00:02:44,309 --> 00:02:42,640

it could not rule it out and i think

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00:02:45,750 --> 00:02:44,319

that's that's an important caveat

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00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:45,760

i want to go to that data you're talking

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00:02:49,589 --> 00:02:47,440

about about that history to give people

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00:02:52,070 --> 00:02:49,599

the context you're speaking of because

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:52,080

you actually did share new declassified

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00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:53,920

reports with our team and they detail

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00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:55,920

they detail intelligence on ufos

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00:02:58,949 --> 00:02:56,640

resembling

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00:03:02,470 --> 00:02:58,959

something like a tic tac going all the

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00:03:04,309 --> 00:03:02,480

way back to 1947. you had a cia report

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00:03:06,949 --> 00:03:04,319

from 1953

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00:03:07,509 --> 00:03:06,959

says swedish airline pilots encountered

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:07,519

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102  
00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,720  
silver or white flying lozenge

103  
00:03:13,990 --> 00:03:12,800  
traveling at high speeds you got an an

104  
00:03:17,030 --> 00:03:14,000  
fbi report

105  
00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:17,040  
from 1964 that details a ufo they

106  
00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:19,120  
typically like a butane tank

107  
00:03:22,470 --> 00:03:20,720  
and then some navy pilots say they have

108  
00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:22,480  
seen something like a flying tic tac

109  
00:03:26,710 --> 00:03:24,640  
in recent years as well so i mean what

110  
00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:26,720  
do you think of this pattern the similar

111  
00:03:30,869 --> 00:03:28,480  
characteristics over time

112  
00:03:31,990 --> 00:03:30,879  
what's your thought well first of all

113  
00:03:34,869 --> 00:03:32,000

thank you for doing your homework

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00:03:36,149 --> 00:03:34,879

i think a lot of media has been lazy

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00:03:37,670 --> 00:03:36,159

about this topic and

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00:03:39,430 --> 00:03:37,680

i also want to want to thank you for

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:39,440

your courage for reporting this topic i

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00:03:42,869 --> 00:03:40,480

do know that there's

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00:03:44,550 --> 00:03:42,879

still some stigma and taboo associated

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00:03:46,390 --> 00:03:44,560

with it i think the fact that you have

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00:03:47,430 --> 00:03:46,400

pilots separated by decades if not

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00:03:50,309 --> 00:03:47,440

generations

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00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:50,319

reporting the same type of observations

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uh describing the same what is essence

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00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:54,480

the same object a 40 foot long whether

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00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,120

it's a

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00:03:59,990 --> 00:03:57,280

white flying butane tank or a white

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flying tic tac or a white flying lozenge

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:01,360

at the end of the day they're describing

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00:04:03,750 --> 00:04:02,799

the same thing they're just describing

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00:04:05,350 --> 00:04:03,760

it from the context

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00:04:07,190 --> 00:04:05,360

of of the generation that they're

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00:04:08,470 --> 00:04:07,200

growing up in so we're definitely i

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00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:08,480

think it's it's safe to presume that

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00:04:12,789 --> 00:04:10,959

we're seeing the same objects in the sky

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00:04:14,070 --> 00:04:12,799

time and time and time again and and

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00:04:16,150 --> 00:04:14,080

obviously that's that's

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00:04:17,189 --> 00:04:16,160

a concern because if the argument is

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00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:17,199

that there is some sort of foreign

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00:04:20,789 --> 00:04:18,320

technology that has

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00:04:22,310 --> 00:04:20,799

somehow mastered this and is a thousand

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years ahead of the united states and oh

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00:04:25,189 --> 00:04:24,160

by the way has been demonstrating this

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00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:25,199

technology

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00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:28,240

for the last 70 years

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00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:30,080

i think we've got bigger problems on our

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00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:32,240

hands well speaking of that i mean

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00:04:35,670 --> 00:04:33,840

because of the pattern because of the

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00:04:37,350 --> 00:04:35,680

overtime you're talking about i mean if

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00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:37,360

we don't have an answer soon

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00:04:41,430 --> 00:04:39,520  
on what exactly these flying phenomena

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:41,440  
are is is that a failure for our

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00:04:46,390 --> 00:04:43,280  
national security

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00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:46,400  
well it is certainly a it would be a a

155  
00:04:51,189 --> 00:04:48,320  
it would be a failure an intelligence

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00:04:53,189 --> 00:04:51,199  
failure that would eclipse 911

157  
00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:53,199  
by orders of magnitude if it turns out

158  
00:04:56,469 --> 00:04:54,560  
that this is some sort of foreign

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00:04:57,909 --> 00:04:56,479  
adversarial technology but i think

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00:04:59,510 --> 00:04:57,919  
it's important we have to keep all

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00:05:01,430 --> 00:04:59,520  
options on the table there's a lot of

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00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:01,440  
information right now that suggests

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00:05:04,629 --> 00:05:04,080

it's not and i know as as hard as that

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00:05:07,110 --> 00:05:04,639

may be

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00:05:08,790 --> 00:05:07,120

to to digest for some people as an

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00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:08,800

intelligence officer it is important

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00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:09,199

that we

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00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:12,000

we we approach this topic objectively we

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:13,759

have to really try to keep our emotions

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00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:14,560

out of this

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00:05:17,909 --> 00:05:16,000

uh there's a lot of preconceived

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00:05:20,070 --> 00:05:17,919

narratives we as americans have

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00:05:21,909 --> 00:05:20,080

about this topic part of that is because

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00:05:22,390 --> 00:05:21,919

of the socialization of this topic over

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00:05:24,790 --> 00:05:22,400

the last

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00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:24,800

well last 70 years i think we have to

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00:05:28,469 --> 00:05:26,320

really keep an open mind keep all

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00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:28,479

options on the table and if it turns out

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if it turns out that this technology is

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not

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for an adversarial well then we need to

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00:05:35,990 --> 00:05:35,280

prepare to have that conversation as

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00:05:39,670 --> 00:05:36,000

well

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00:05:41,270 --> 00:05:39,680

does that

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00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:41,280

does there need to be a whole of

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00:05:44,230 --> 00:05:42,720

government approach to figure out what

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these things are i mean especially

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00:05:47,590 --> 00:05:46,080

if they could be intelligence gathering

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tools for other countries

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00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:48,880

is whole of government approach the

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00:05:52,629 --> 00:05:50,639

right way to go

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00:05:53,830 --> 00:05:52,639

right well look from a from a department

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00:05:55,510 --> 00:05:53,840

of defense perspective and an

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:55,520

intelligence perspective our government

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should be looking at this from a

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00:05:59,670 --> 00:05:58,000

national security perspective but

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00:06:02,230 --> 00:05:59,680

there's a whole lot of other

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if you will facets to this to this issue

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and i do think we need a whole of

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00:06:06,710 --> 00:06:04,800

government approach i think we need to

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00:06:09,110 --> 00:06:06,720  
have the faa and nasa

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00:06:11,110 --> 00:06:09,120  
and noaa i think we need to have also

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00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:11,120  
our our academic institutions and our

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00:06:14,550 --> 00:06:12,639  
scientific community

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00:06:16,629 --> 00:06:14,560  
all involved in this and then maybe we

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00:06:18,230 --> 00:06:16,639  
can start finding some answers i

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00:06:20,150 --> 00:06:18,240  
i don't think it is the purview of our

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00:06:22,070 --> 00:06:20,160  
national security apparatus to

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00:06:23,830 --> 00:06:22,080  
to give us answers on things that aren't

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00:06:24,629 --> 00:06:23,840  
necessarily national security related

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00:06:25,990 --> 00:06:24,639  
frankly i

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00:06:27,430 --> 00:06:26,000  
i don't want my government telling me

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00:06:28,469 --> 00:06:27,440

what i should think about something i

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00:06:30,469 --> 00:06:28,479

want my government

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00:06:32,390 --> 00:06:30,479

to provide the facts and then then allow

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00:06:34,390 --> 00:06:32,400

us as as the people to

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00:06:36,150 --> 00:06:34,400

to make our own determination on on what

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00:06:36,710 --> 00:06:36,160

this means ultimately this is a topic

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00:06:38,870 --> 00:06:36,720

that

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00:06:40,309 --> 00:06:38,880

impacts everybody equally and yet

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differently depending on

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00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:42,160

on perhaps our the way we were raised

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00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:43,680

and some of our philosophical and

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00:06:46,629 --> 00:06:44,960

theological views so

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00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:46,639

i do think a whole of government frankly

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00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:48,880

maybe a whole a society conversation

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00:06:51,909 --> 00:06:50,160

about this

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00:06:54,309 --> 00:06:51,919

luis elizondo thank you for your time i

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appreciate it so much well stay tuned