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NEW THIS MORNING

# RARE UFO HEARING

PENTAGON'S UFO CHIEF TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS

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1  
00:00:06,349 --> 00:00:03,889  
an American military drone conducting

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00:00:08,810 --> 00:00:06,359  
surveillance in the Middle East suddenly

3  
00:00:09,770 --> 00:00:08,820  
an unidentified object Zips in and out

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00:00:11,990 --> 00:00:09,780  
of frame

5  
00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,000  
slow it down and it appears to be a

6  
00:00:16,430 --> 00:00:14,400  
metallic sphere but where it came from

7  
00:00:19,189 --> 00:00:16,440  
and what it was doing remained a mystery

8  
00:00:23,570 --> 00:00:19,199  
to the Pentagon one of many

9  
00:00:25,970 --> 00:00:23,580  
we are tracking over a total of 650

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00:00:28,670 --> 00:00:25,980  
cases the head of the Pentagon office

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00:00:30,109 --> 00:00:28,680  
investigating UFOs told a senate

12  
00:00:32,450 --> 00:00:30,119  
subcommittee the sightings are

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00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:32,460

concentrated off the east and west coast

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00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:35,040

of the U.S in the Middle East and the

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00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:37,680

South China Sea here's a second video

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00:00:43,310 --> 00:00:40,020

the camera is watching another drone

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00:00:45,350 --> 00:00:43,320

when an oblong object flies past this

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00:00:47,810 --> 00:00:45,360

time an infrared sensor was able to get

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00:00:50,290 --> 00:00:47,820

a different View and identify it as a

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00:00:52,910 --> 00:00:50,300

commuter airliner

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:52,920

Pentagon says there is still no credible

22

00:00:57,410 --> 00:00:55,440

evidence any of the unidentified objects

23

00:00:59,869 --> 00:00:57,420

Came From Outer Space

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00:01:02,330 --> 00:00:59,879

David Martin CBS News the Pentagon

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,340

whatever they are there's a whole Fleet

26  
00:01:06,770 --> 00:01:04,559  
of them they seem to defy the rules of

27  
00:01:10,250 --> 00:01:06,780  
physics hovering stopping on a dime

28  
00:01:12,649 --> 00:01:10,260  
moving at Hypersonic speeds flash

29  
00:01:15,109 --> 00:01:12,659  
splashed today the man in charge of

30  
00:01:18,830 --> 00:01:15,119  
investigating uaps said his office now

31  
00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:18,840  
has 650 reports more than half have a

32  
00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:21,360  
round or sphere shape possibly balloons

33  
00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:24,240  
typically white translucent or metallic

34  
00:01:30,770 --> 00:01:28,200  
observed at 10 to 30 000 feet so far no

35  
00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:30,780  
sign of alien involvement no credible

36  
00:01:35,690 --> 00:01:33,119  
evidence thus far of extraterrestrial

37  
00:01:38,149 --> 00:01:35,700  
activity Sean Kirkpatrick says this case

38  
00:01:40,609 --> 00:01:38,159

remains unresolved a cylinder object

39

00:01:42,649 --> 00:01:40,619

spotted somewhere in the Middle East but

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00:01:45,230 --> 00:01:42,659

this flying object with a tail he says

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00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:45,240

turns out to be a plane this is the Heat

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00:01:49,609 --> 00:01:47,280

Signature off of the

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00:01:51,950 --> 00:01:49,619

engines of a commuter aircraft that

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00:01:54,109 --> 00:01:51,960

happen to be flying in the vicinity more

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00:01:56,870 --> 00:01:54,119

concerning Russia or China could have

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00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:56,880

advanced capabilities the U.S doesn't

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00:02:02,649 --> 00:02:00,000

have could you describe Potential Threat

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00:02:05,389 --> 00:02:02,659

that might exist out there if they are

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00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:05,399

foreign are there capabilities that

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00:02:10,130 --> 00:02:07,439

could be employed against us absolutely

51  
00:02:12,650 --> 00:02:10,140  
two months after U.S Fighters shot a

52  
00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:12,660  
Chinese spy balloon out of the sky The

53  
00:02:16,850 --> 00:02:14,400  
Washington Post reports leaked

54  
00:02:19,970 --> 00:02:16,860  
intelligence documents not verified by

55  
00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:19,980  
NBC News suggest China could soon deploy

56  
00:02:26,210 --> 00:02:23,280  
a high altitude spy drone able to travel

57  
00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:26,220  
at three times the speed of sound and

58  
00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:28,319  
able to surveil and attack American

59  
00:02:34,369 --> 00:02:32,480  
targets the adversary is not

60  
00:02:36,530 --> 00:02:34,379  
waiting

61  
00:02:39,170 --> 00:02:36,540  
they are advancing and they're advancing

62  
00:02:43,369 --> 00:02:39,180  
quickly the pentagons

63  
00:02:48,410 --> 00:02:46,490

in threat and what's not as an F-18

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00:02:53,150 --> 00:02:48,420

pilot you personally saw one of these

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:55,009

well initially we first saw these on our

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00:02:59,089 --> 00:02:57,599

radar systems we upgraded to a new radar

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00:03:01,250 --> 00:02:59,099

and we started noticing many more

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00:03:03,650 --> 00:03:01,260

objects out in our working years that we

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00:03:06,170 --> 00:03:03,660

weren't expecting we eventually were

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00:03:09,110 --> 00:03:06,180

able to uh correlate those on our

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00:03:10,670 --> 00:03:09,120

infrared sensor our at flear and

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00:03:11,809 --> 00:03:10,680

eventually we got close enough to these

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00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:11,819

objects to see them with their own

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00:03:15,470 --> 00:03:13,680

eyeballs and the first time that

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00:03:17,449 --> 00:03:15,480

happened to our crew from my Squadron

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00:03:19,490 --> 00:03:17,459

vfa 11 were proceeding out to our

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00:03:21,890 --> 00:03:19,500

working areas at the very entrance to

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00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:21,900

the area was one of these objects that

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:24,480

went right between the two aircraft the

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00:03:29,690 --> 00:03:27,120

object was described as a dark gray or

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00:03:31,670 --> 00:03:29,700

Black Cube inside of a clear sphere and

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00:03:34,190 --> 00:03:31,680

it was estimated to be about 5 to 15

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00:03:36,589 --> 00:03:34,200

feet in diameter which is similar to the

84

00:03:38,750 --> 00:03:36,599

uh the orbital objects that were

85

00:03:40,550 --> 00:03:38,760

described today in the hearing you're a

86

00:03:42,830 --> 00:03:40,560

trained engineer you say that the

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00:03:44,390 --> 00:03:42,840

aircraft you've seen did things that are

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00:03:47,210 --> 00:03:44,400

Impossible by our current human

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00:03:51,229 --> 00:03:47,220

abilities that they can fly 13 000 miles

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00:03:53,750 --> 00:03:51,239

per hour evade radar fly through air and

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00:03:56,270 --> 00:03:53,760

underwater they have no wings no sign of

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00:03:58,729 --> 00:03:56,280

propulsion

93

00:04:00,530 --> 00:03:58,739

well I can't claim uh seeing all those

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00:04:01,850 --> 00:04:00,540

behaviors myself personally but those

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00:04:03,470 --> 00:04:01,860

are the behaviors that have been

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00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:03,480

described as we've gone to look at this

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00:04:07,309 --> 00:04:05,760

topic more completely we'd often see

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00:04:09,710 --> 00:04:07,319

these objects uh actually being

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00:04:11,809 --> 00:04:09,720

completely stationary Which is less

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00:04:13,970 --> 00:04:11,819

exciting perhaps than 13 000 miles an

101  
00:04:15,830 --> 00:04:13,980  
hour but for fighter pilots who operate

102  
00:04:17,390 --> 00:04:15,840  
in the these areas every day having

103  
00:04:19,729 --> 00:04:17,400  
something completely stationary in

104  
00:04:22,250 --> 00:04:19,739  
Hurricane force winds is very peculiar

105  
00:04:24,650 --> 00:04:22,260  
and so we'd see a plethora of behaviors

106  
00:04:26,930 --> 00:04:24,660  
that we can't describe what we need to

107  
00:04:28,490 --> 00:04:26,940  
do is get more data and as we get more

108  
00:04:30,469 --> 00:04:28,500  
data through Aero and through other

109  
00:04:32,330 --> 00:04:30,479  
organizations I think we're going to see

110  
00:04:35,090 --> 00:04:32,340  
the range of behaviors exhibited

111  
00:04:36,710 --> 00:04:35,100  
increase the recent speculation there

112  
00:04:38,210 --> 00:04:36,720  
just in the last month or so there was a

113  
00:04:40,010 --> 00:04:38,220

paper written by someone who was

114

00:04:41,570 --> 00:04:40,020

speculating that perhaps these objects

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00:04:43,969 --> 00:04:41,580

whatever they are were attracted to

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00:04:45,770 --> 00:04:43,979

Earth's water as a source of fuel

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00:04:47,930 --> 00:04:45,780

because so many of these sightings

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00:04:49,310 --> 00:04:47,940

appear over in the Atlantic or the

119

00:04:52,570 --> 00:04:49,320

Pacific Ocean do you think there's any

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00:04:58,010 --> 00:04:55,249

it's not really my area of expertise to

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00:05:00,290 --> 00:04:58,020

delve into as Dr Kirkpatrick said today

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00:05:02,810 --> 00:05:00,300

he's engaging Academia with some of the

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00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:02,820

more low probability uh highly

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00:05:07,969 --> 00:05:04,560

speculative and yet more technically

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00:05:09,710 --> 00:05:07,979

challenging uh postulations

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00:05:12,170 --> 00:05:09,720

um what we really need to focus on is

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00:05:14,270 --> 00:05:12,180

ensuring that we can get more data from

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00:05:16,010 --> 00:05:14,280

our Frontline operators such as the

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00:05:17,810 --> 00:05:16,020

pilots not only in the military but on

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00:05:19,730 --> 00:05:17,820

the commercial side as well right

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00:05:21,650 --> 00:05:19,740

because it was acknowledged today in

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00:05:24,350 --> 00:05:21,660

hearing I just wanted before you move on

133

00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:24,360

to that there it has been an incident

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00:05:28,909 --> 00:05:26,820

with a commercial air airplane a

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00:05:31,249 --> 00:05:28,919

commercial flight a plane flying over

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00:05:33,529 --> 00:05:31,259

West Virginia last May experienced the

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00:05:35,930 --> 00:05:33,539

failure of two major systems on board

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00:05:38,270 --> 00:05:35,940

after it flew underneath one of those

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00:05:42,110 --> 00:05:38,280

mysterious objects very similar to what

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00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:44,510

that's correct it did have a loss of its

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00:05:49,129 --> 00:05:47,520

autopilot function as well as its uh its

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00:05:52,010 --> 00:05:49,139

detected warning system for

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00:05:53,990 --> 00:05:52,020

approximately other aircraft

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00:05:56,090 --> 00:05:54,000

mishap with aircraft never happened due

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00:05:57,770 --> 00:05:56,100

to one uh big issue it's always a

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00:05:59,749 --> 00:05:57,780

culmination of small issues that gather

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00:06:02,450 --> 00:05:59,759

up and we mitigate that in our Aviation

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00:06:04,129 --> 00:06:02,460

safety framework by mitigating those

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00:06:05,749 --> 00:06:04,139

individual smaller problems so they

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00:06:07,370 --> 00:06:05,759

don't build into a much larger problem

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00:06:09,529 --> 00:06:07,380

what we've strangely done with this

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00:06:11,210 --> 00:06:09,539

issue is we've said that we're not going

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00:06:13,129 --> 00:06:11,220

to address we're not going to mitigate

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00:06:15,469 --> 00:06:13,139

this safety issue even though we've had

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00:06:17,330 --> 00:06:15,479

a continuing number of safety hazard

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00:06:19,550 --> 00:06:17,340

reports come in now from our Navy

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00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:19,560

personnel and I would expect from our

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00:06:23,270 --> 00:06:21,360

other forces as well however we just

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00:06:25,129 --> 00:06:23,280

haven't had any reports coming in from

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00:06:27,469 --> 00:06:25,139

the Air Force or Coast Guard or any of

161

00:06:29,809 --> 00:06:27,479

the other branches so far as the public

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00:06:31,850 --> 00:06:29,819

is aware well one big headline from the

163

00:06:34,129 --> 00:06:31,860

hearing today is that military Pilots

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00:06:36,650 --> 00:06:34,139

are finally being taken seriously

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00:06:39,110 --> 00:06:36,660

Senator Rubio had also you've talked

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00:06:41,629 --> 00:06:39,120

about it several lawmakers have talked

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00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:41,639

about it about the stigma of the eye

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00:06:45,409 --> 00:06:43,680

rolling and the snickering that come

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00:06:48,409 --> 00:06:45,419

with hey I think I just saw something

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00:06:49,969 --> 00:06:48,419

that was a UFO do you see this changing

171

00:06:52,010 --> 00:06:49,979

because I know there was a culture for a

172

00:06:54,469 --> 00:06:52,020

long time of these Pilots being on

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00:06:57,969 --> 00:06:54,479

honestly afraid to say oh my God I can't

174

00:07:02,029 --> 00:07:00,469

absolutely and I I see that change

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00:07:04,490 --> 00:07:02,039

occurring and it's certainly not

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00:07:06,469 --> 00:07:04,500

occurring evenly uh it's occurring about

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00:07:08,029 --> 00:07:06,479

a wave and some people are on one side

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00:07:09,469 --> 00:07:08,039

of the wave and they're you know they're

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00:07:10,730 --> 00:07:09,479

fully into it and they're engaged and

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00:07:12,409 --> 00:07:10,740

they're reporting it and they want to

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00:07:14,029 --> 00:07:12,419

learn more and I think some people are

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00:07:16,249 --> 00:07:14,039

on the other side of that wave as well

183

00:07:19,070 --> 00:07:16,259

where they're still uh not really

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00:07:20,510 --> 00:07:19,080

accepting that this problem exists and I

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00:07:22,189 --> 00:07:20,520

just want to encourage people this isn't

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00:07:23,570 --> 00:07:22,199

about drawing conclusions about what

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00:07:26,350 --> 00:07:23,580

these objects are where they're from

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00:07:28,670 --> 00:07:26,360

there's really no reason to have any uh

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00:07:30,529 --> 00:07:28,680

disregard for what these are because we

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00:07:32,689 --> 00:07:30,539

just simply don't know at this point and

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00:07:35,089 --> 00:07:32,699

in that uncertainty potentially is going

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00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:35,099

to be national security problems and if

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00:07:38,570 --> 00:07:36,720

not we still need to be scientifically

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00:07:40,070 --> 00:07:38,580

curious about what those could be we

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00:07:42,650 --> 00:07:40,080

know that there is tremendous public

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00:07:45,890 --> 00:07:42,660

interest in UAP and a desire for answers

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00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:45,900

from Arrow by its very nature the UAP

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00:07:50,990 --> 00:07:48,479

challenge has for decades lent itself to

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00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:51,000

mystery sensationalism and even

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00:07:55,430 --> 00:07:52,800

conspiracy

201  
00:07:57,529 --> 00:07:55,440  
well a bipartisan group of lawmakers are

202  
00:08:00,290 --> 00:07:57,539  
digging into solving a decades-old

203  
00:08:01,670 --> 00:08:00,300  
mystery UFOs is the Senate armed

204  
00:08:03,650 --> 00:08:01,680  
services subcommittee on emerging

205  
00:08:05,510 --> 00:08:03,660  
threats and capabilities second hearing

206  
00:08:08,930 --> 00:08:05,520  
on the phenomenon in over 50 years

207  
00:08:11,390 --> 00:08:08,940  
interest in UFOs surge following a 2017

208  
00:08:14,089 --> 00:08:11,400  
publication of videos recorded by Navy

209  
00:08:16,909 --> 00:08:14,099  
fighter jets that saw unknown objects

210  
00:08:18,890 --> 00:08:16,919  
flying in unique and extraordinary ways

211  
00:08:21,110 --> 00:08:18,900  
the Department of Defense established a

212  
00:08:24,469 --> 00:08:21,120  
special office in response to heightened

213  
00:08:26,270 --> 00:08:24,479

interest in UFOs or uaps as they're now

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00:08:28,550 --> 00:08:26,280

known for more on this I'd like to

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00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:28,560

welcome Harvard University professor of

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00:08:34,610 --> 00:08:31,199

science avilo thank you so much for

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00:08:39,529 --> 00:08:34,620

being here so this office now tracking

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00:08:42,889 --> 00:08:39,539

over 650 cases a huge jump from 366 back

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00:08:44,810 --> 00:08:42,899

in January so does that surprise you

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00:08:46,070 --> 00:08:44,820

it doesn't surprise me thanks for having

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00:08:51,410 --> 00:08:46,080

me

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00:08:53,090 --> 00:08:51,420

receives as part of their day job people

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00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:53,100

monitoring the sky and military

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00:08:59,030 --> 00:08:56,160

personnel or sensors that the government

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00:09:01,670 --> 00:08:59,040

owns and they want to figure it out

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00:09:04,250 --> 00:09:01,680

because we cannot afford the luxury of

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00:09:07,610 --> 00:09:04,260

not knowing about technologies that our

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00:09:11,150 --> 00:09:07,620

adversaries May possess and I address

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00:09:14,150 --> 00:09:11,160

this uh phenomena from a different

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00:09:17,630 --> 00:09:14,160

perspective as a scientist we cannot

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00:09:20,990 --> 00:09:17,640

allow for an extraterrestrial object to

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00:09:24,470 --> 00:09:21,000

be in our sky that we haven't known

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00:09:26,810 --> 00:09:24,480

about and so I see science complementing

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00:09:29,509 --> 00:09:26,820

the government interest but of course

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00:09:31,570 --> 00:09:29,519

our approach is different as a scientist

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00:09:35,150 --> 00:09:31,580

I want the data to be open to the public

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00:09:38,449 --> 00:09:35,160

and follow the scientific method

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00:09:40,670 --> 00:09:38,459

now of the 366 reported in January

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00:09:42,970 --> 00:09:40,680

analysts said that over half were

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00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:42,980

unremarkable but that implies that over

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00:09:48,290 --> 00:09:46,080

150 were not easily categorized as

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00:09:50,509 --> 00:09:48,300

balloons or drones so how is this

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00:09:52,850 --> 00:09:50,519

determined and do you think those

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00:09:55,610 --> 00:09:52,860

numbers are accurate

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00:09:58,790 --> 00:09:55,620

I think the government has limited data

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00:10:01,730 --> 00:09:58,800

because it's collected by chance by all

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00:10:03,490 --> 00:10:01,740

these sensors that are on fighter jets

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00:10:09,410 --> 00:10:03,500

or perhaps

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00:10:11,630 --> 00:10:09,420

the Navy has on on ships and so forth uh

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00:10:13,190 --> 00:10:11,640

what we are doing in the scientific

251  
00:10:15,290 --> 00:10:13,200  
Community I have the Galileo project

252  
00:10:18,470 --> 00:10:15,300  
that I'm leading and we built already an

253  
00:10:21,350 --> 00:10:18,480  
observatory monitoring the sky 24 7. in

254  
00:10:23,449 --> 00:10:21,360  
the infrared Optical radio and audio and

255  
00:10:25,670 --> 00:10:23,459  
we're analyzing the data with artificial

256  
00:10:27,590 --> 00:10:25,680  
intelligence and we plan to make many

257  
00:10:30,530 --> 00:10:27,600  
more copies of this observatory in place

258  
00:10:33,410 --> 00:10:30,540  
them in various locations and the sky is

259  
00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:33,420  
not classified but the government needs

260  
00:10:39,170 --> 00:10:36,720  
to know what these objects are in order

261  
00:10:41,630 --> 00:10:39,180  
to figure out whether they pose any

262  
00:10:44,930 --> 00:10:41,640  
national security threat and

263  
00:10:47,449 --> 00:10:44,940

um Dr Sean Kirkpatrick did mention he's

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00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:47,459

concern that some of them do some of

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00:10:52,910 --> 00:10:50,399

them may represent technologies that go

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00:10:56,690 --> 00:10:52,920

beyond what we imagined that the chain

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00:10:58,730 --> 00:10:56,700

these are developing really interesting

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00:11:01,850 --> 00:10:58,740

um so what big questions do you believe

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00:11:05,930 --> 00:11:01,860

are still being left unanswered

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00:11:08,269 --> 00:11:05,940

oh um whether even one or more of these

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00:11:09,710 --> 00:11:08,279

objects may have originated from an

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00:11:11,690 --> 00:11:09,720

extraterrestrial technological

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00:11:14,210 --> 00:11:11,700

civilization and

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00:11:16,009 --> 00:11:14,220

um and to figure this out we really need

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00:11:20,030 --> 00:11:16,019

the much better data than the government

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00:11:22,990 --> 00:11:20,040

was able to collect anecdotally so we

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00:11:27,769 --> 00:11:23,000

need to build new observatories that

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00:11:30,829 --> 00:11:27,779

bring us better data than the past data

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00:11:33,470 --> 00:11:30,839

we own and what we heard about today is

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00:11:35,690 --> 00:11:33,480

past data mostly classified the public

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00:11:37,550 --> 00:11:35,700

cannot access it what the Galileo

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00:11:40,190 --> 00:11:37,560

project that I'm leading is doing is

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00:11:42,170 --> 00:11:40,200

collecting new data with an operating

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00:11:44,810 --> 00:11:42,180

Observatory at Harvard University right

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00:11:47,150 --> 00:11:44,820

now that will make copies of and stay

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00:11:49,310 --> 00:11:47,160

tuned because in the coming year we will

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00:11:51,470 --> 00:11:49,320

collect more data than was ever reported

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00:11:53,990 --> 00:11:51,480

by government and let's see what it

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00:11:56,449 --> 00:11:54,000

shows all right well we have about 40

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00:11:58,550 --> 00:11:56,459

seconds left I have to ask you this do

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00:12:01,009 --> 00:11:58,560

you think we are alone in the universe

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00:12:03,410 --> 00:12:01,019

what are your observations no I think

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00:12:05,569 --> 00:12:03,420

it's arrogant of us to think that we are

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00:12:06,889 --> 00:12:05,579

unique and special and the smartest kid

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00:12:09,410 --> 00:12:06,899

in the class of intelligent

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00:12:12,290 --> 00:12:09,420

civilizations that ever existed since

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00:12:14,090 --> 00:12:12,300

the Big Bang Albert Einstein was not the

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00:12:17,030 --> 00:12:14,100

smartest scientist who ever lived over

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00:12:19,190 --> 00:12:17,040

the past 13.8 billion years and we can

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00:12:20,810 --> 00:12:19,200

learn from them and so let's just look

301  
00:12:22,490 --> 00:12:20,820  
out through our telescopes and figure

302  
00:12:24,769 --> 00:12:22,500  
out what we are missing

303  
00:12:28,009 --> 00:12:24,779  
all right Harvard University professor

304  
00:12:30,230 --> 00:12:28,019  
of science Avi lope thank you hear the

305  
00:12:32,269 --> 00:12:30,240  
music a rare open hearing has taken

306  
00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,279  
place in the U.S this morning with the

307  
00:12:37,610 --> 00:12:35,279  
pentagon's UFO Chief testifying before

308  
00:12:40,610 --> 00:12:37,620  
Congress 7 News U.S correspondent Tim

309  
00:12:42,070 --> 00:12:40,620  
Lester is in Washington D.C Tim uh

310  
00:12:43,850 --> 00:12:42,080  
what's he had to say

311  
00:12:46,190 --> 00:12:43,860  
[Music]

312  
00:12:48,290 --> 00:12:46,200  
well morning that he interestingly has

313  
00:12:50,710 --> 00:12:48,300

had to say some fascinating things about

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00:12:52,970 --> 00:12:50,720

case numbers the Pentagon the military

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00:12:54,829 --> 00:12:52,980

headquarters and Congress behind me

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00:12:57,350 --> 00:12:54,839

wouldn't touch the question of

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00:12:59,269 --> 00:12:57,360

unidentified flying objects for about 50

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00:13:01,670 --> 00:12:59,279

years there was a hearing way back in

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00:13:03,530 --> 00:13:01,680

the 60s eventually though case numbers

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00:13:05,629 --> 00:13:03,540

became such and they were credible

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00:13:08,329 --> 00:13:05,639

enough that last year they really did

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00:13:11,750 --> 00:13:08,339

have to grasp the issue and politicians

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00:13:14,569 --> 00:13:11,760

formed a congressional inquiry into the

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00:13:17,329 --> 00:13:14,579

issue and formed also a committee to

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00:13:19,550 --> 00:13:17,339

investigate them within the Pentagon in

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00:13:21,829 --> 00:13:19,560

America's military Heartland now that

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00:13:24,230 --> 00:13:21,839

committee's Chief has gone back to

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00:13:26,750 --> 00:13:24,240

Congress here today to report to

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00:13:30,110 --> 00:13:26,760

politicians on where things are up to he

330

00:13:33,230 --> 00:13:30,120

says case numbers have grown from at

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00:13:36,650 --> 00:13:33,240

last report just above 500 to now more

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00:13:38,090 --> 00:13:36,660

than 650 Active cases on the committee's

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00:13:41,569 --> 00:13:38,100

books

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00:13:43,610 --> 00:13:41,579

of those over 650 you know we've

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00:13:49,129 --> 00:13:43,620

prioritized

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00:13:52,550 --> 00:13:49,139

about uh half of them to be of of

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00:13:54,110 --> 00:13:52,560

um anomalous interesting value

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00:13:56,710 --> 00:13:54,120

and now we have to go through those and

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00:13:59,629 --> 00:13:56,720

go how much do I have actual data for

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00:14:01,850 --> 00:13:59,639

Sean Kirkpatrick there talking about how

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00:14:04,670 --> 00:14:01,860

he's had this rise in workload he does

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00:14:06,829 --> 00:14:04,680

admit that he's reluctant to close cases

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00:14:09,050 --> 00:14:06,839

and often doesn't have the evidence to

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00:14:11,210 --> 00:14:09,060

so there will be a bit of a tendency for

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00:14:13,269 --> 00:14:11,220

case numbers to climb but the whole

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00:14:15,829 --> 00:14:13,279

issue is getting more currency here

347

00:14:18,949 --> 00:14:15,839

partly because of the shooting down of

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00:14:20,930 --> 00:14:18,959

that Chinese balloon which was spurred

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00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:20,940

on a bit by the work of this committee

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00:14:25,610 --> 00:14:23,519

and also because Jets of course over the

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00:14:28,190 --> 00:14:25,620

U.S and Canada shot down three

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00:14:30,650 --> 00:14:28,200

unidentified flying objects earlier in

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00:14:32,810 --> 00:14:30,660

the year still no explanation for those

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00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:32,820

one thing though the chief does tell us

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00:14:38,210 --> 00:14:35,040

Nat he says we still don't have firm

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00:14:40,850 --> 00:14:38,220

evidence of extraterrestrial life so

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00:14:42,769 --> 00:14:40,860

those uh so the ultimate quest of the

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00:14:45,050 --> 00:14:42,779

committee perhaps not yet satisfied now

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00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:45,060

right so they're unidentified just that

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00:14:48,550 --> 00:14:46,320

we just don't know what they are yet

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00:14:52,250 --> 00:14:48,560

it's interesting because for Years Tim

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00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:52,260

people who thought UFOs were up there

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00:14:57,230 --> 00:14:54,720

was sort of classed as a bit nutty but

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00:14:59,329 --> 00:14:57,240

now the Pentagon has formed a new

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00:15:02,210 --> 00:14:59,339

department and they're taking it

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00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:04,310

completely and in fact part of their

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00:15:08,870 --> 00:15:06,240

problem is that a lot of these sightings

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00:15:12,590 --> 00:15:08,880

were being made by highly trained Naval

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00:15:14,629 --> 00:15:12,600

and Air Force pilots between 15 and 25

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00:15:17,150 --> 00:15:14,639

000 feet in altitude where military jets

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00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:17,160

spend a lot of time and they couldn't be

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00:15:21,410 --> 00:15:18,720

dismissed they're simply too well

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00:15:24,170 --> 00:15:21,420

trained in their craft so ultimately

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00:15:27,170 --> 00:15:24,180

Washington had to go okay we'll take a

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00:15:29,090 --> 00:15:27,180

serious look at this and they are but no

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00:15:32,650 --> 00:15:29,100

sign any Are from Mars or any other

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00:15:37,310 --> 00:15:35,629

no extraterrestrial life yet but we'll

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00:15:39,230 --> 00:15:37,320

tell you the moment we hear about it

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00:15:41,389 --> 00:15:39,240

Matt well you're in Washington so you're

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00:15:42,590 --> 00:15:41,399

in a very important place so we'll cross