

T H A T

U F O

P O D C A S T

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:16,310

it was basically a cube with inside of

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sphere where the points of the cube

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were touching outside of a sphere

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so this isn't anything that just is

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00:00:45,830 --> 00:00:40,960

limited to the united states it's a

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:48,150

i am george knapp listening to that ufo

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00:00:57,990 --> 00:00:50,480

podcast and having one hell of a good

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00:01:03,029 --> 00:01:00,229

hi everyone and welcome back to that ufo

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00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:03,039

podcast my name is andy and very excited

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00:01:06,950 --> 00:01:04,720

to be speaking with the guest i have on

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00:01:09,830 --> 00:01:06,960

the podcast with me this week he's been

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00:01:11,910 --> 00:01:09,840

a big name in the field of ufos or uaps

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over the last couple of years since an

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00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,760

article he co-published with leslie

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,439

keane and helen cooper came out in

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00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:18,159

december 2017. i've got distinguished

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lecturer award-winning journalist and

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author of many books including the most

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:24,159

recent the believer alien encounters

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00:01:27,749 --> 00:01:25,759

hard science and the passion of john

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00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:27,759

mack joining me now is ralph blumenthal

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:29,600

ralph welcome to the podcast thank you

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00:01:32,789 --> 00:01:31,520

andy pleasure to be here it's great to

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00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:32,799  
finally speak to you you're someone i've

27  
00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:34,079  
been kind of keeping an eye on for a

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:35,759  
while like many of us have that i've got

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00:01:40,789 --> 00:01:38,880  
an interest in in uf4 uaps and obviously

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:40,799  
your work you've just told me on our

31  
00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:42,720  
previous chat that you were with the new

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:45,040  
york times for was it over 40 years you

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00:01:49,590 --> 00:01:47,040  
said yes 45 years

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00:01:52,469 --> 00:01:49,600  
and that's a huge reputable

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00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:52,479  
media juggernaut especially outside the

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00:01:56,550 --> 00:01:54,399  
us it's really well known as well

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:56,560  
so for you to be publishing what you've

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00:02:01,270 --> 00:01:59,280

done with your colleagues on the subject

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00:02:03,190 --> 00:02:01,280

at that level has been you know greatly

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00:02:05,270 --> 00:02:03,200

appreciated by people like myself and

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:05,280

and so many others as well so thank you

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for uh for a kick off um

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ralph so you your name came onto the

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scene for me and so many other people in

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december 2017 when you co-published the

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article in the new york times with

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helene cooper and leslie kane like i

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said did you expect that article to have

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the lasting impact that it has had

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no we really didn't uh it came at the

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00:02:30,550 --> 00:02:28,400  
right time i think the public was ready

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00:02:31,910 --> 00:02:30,560  
for a breakthrough the government i

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believe was also ready for a

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breakthrough and it gave them some

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confidence to start you know coming

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00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:40,959  
clean or cleaner on the subject um but

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00:02:44,470 --> 00:02:42,959  
uh we knew it was a good story we didn't

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00:02:46,229 --> 00:02:44,480  
really know how it would change the

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00:02:48,630 --> 00:02:46,239  
paradigm

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00:02:50,229 --> 00:02:48,640  
had you ever tried to publish an article

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00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:50,239  
like this in the past whether it was

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00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:52,560  
with leslie and helen or other others

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00:02:56,309 --> 00:02:53,680

before that

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00:02:58,149 --> 00:02:56,319

no and not on ufos i mean i've you know

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in 45 years at the new york times i

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:59,519

published a lot of articles

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investigative articles some

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controversial articles

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um all kinds of subjects uh

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but mostly on

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you know very well-grounded earthly

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subjects like

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the mafia nazi war criminals

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corruption

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politicians uh

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government etc uh the arts so i i hadn't

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ventured into this field before but we

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uh helene i mean leslie got a tip that

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something was going on in washington and

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she went down there and found that

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there had been this

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secret pentagon office investigating

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ufos which no one knew about called atip

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the advanced aerospace threat

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identification program

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um and um

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so

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you know we talked about it we brought

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it to the new york times they loved the

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story everything was on the record

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00:03:57,589 --> 00:03:55,920

we had the head of the program who was

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resigning because he wasn't getting

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enough support from the defense

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department

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uh so we we knew we had a good story and

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the times put it on the front page that

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sunday so it got a huge reaction

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you've made that sound really easy but

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given the nature of the subject and it's

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obviously been reported on very

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seriously very well you're still

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ultimately talking about something that

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has the stigma of decades of aliens

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00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:23,840

little green men flying saucers was

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there much pushback at all even though

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they did like the story in getting that

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00:04:33,189 --> 00:04:30,320

over the line well we weren't talking

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00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:33,199

about aliens uh that's a whole other

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00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:35,759

uh issue that would take a lot you know

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more proof and more proof than we really

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have to to get it into the new york

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times but the ufo issue was was much

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simpler because there were navy videos

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that we got for the first time that

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showed these objects were real the navy

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had recorded them on

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um on radar and there were

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thermal imaging pictures of them they

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were even these objects were eyeballed

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by various uh fighter pilots who talked

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about it so

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this was really the first time we got

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confirmation that these objects were

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physically real we don't know anything

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about them where they come from who's in

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charge

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how they you know perform their

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extraordinary aerodynamics but at least

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we knew for the first time that they

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were

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physical and real and

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as i said we had everything on the

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record we had documents um we had the

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navy videos so given all that it was not

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a hard sell to the new york times

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00:05:37,830 --> 00:05:35,600

was there anything that you almost

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managed to get into the article that you

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00:05:41,670 --> 00:05:39,840

any of the three of you really wanted to

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00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:41,680

but it just didn't quite make it for any

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sort of reason or was that the full body

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of work

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well we published a number of articles

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00:05:52,310 --> 00:05:50,240

we went on from there to talk about

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00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:52,320

um

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00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:54,080

some of the pilots who had the sightings

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we interviewed them and then we did a

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third article on briefings of uh um

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congressional committees um

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on possible materials that have been

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recovered

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00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:06,800  
so um

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00:06:11,830 --> 00:06:08,880  
you know there's always stuff you you

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00:06:14,230 --> 00:06:11,840  
gather as a journalist that um you try

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00:06:15,430 --> 00:06:14,240  
to get into a story but that editors

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00:06:19,189 --> 00:06:15,440  
think is not

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00:06:20,950 --> 00:06:19,199  
um you know sufficiently um documented

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00:06:22,550 --> 00:06:20,960  
so there's the usual give and take we're

158  
00:06:23,590 --> 00:06:22,560  
used to that you know we're professional

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00:06:25,670 --> 00:06:23,600  
journalists

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00:06:27,430 --> 00:06:25,680  
so but there was nothing that you know

161  
00:06:29,670 --> 00:06:27,440  
we were dying to get into the paper that

162  
00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:29,680  
they wouldn't let us print uh it was

163  
00:06:33,430 --> 00:06:31,520

just a question of deciding you know

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00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:33,440

what was sufficiently backed up and as i

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00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:36,479

said we always had on the record sources

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um we always came with documents we knew

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what was required so um i can't say that

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00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:43,280

um

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00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:44,960

as i said we didn't get everything in

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the paper that we we gathered but we

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never do

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that's really good to hear now you

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mentioned those follow-up articles as

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well which are equally as important

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because you're you're adding to that

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original piece of work now the first

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article in december 2017 arrived with a

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lot of surprise and a huge huge fanfare

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and especially to people who follow ufos

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the follow-up articles particularly the

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one in july 2020 um got a little bit of

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hype online as the the idea that the

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story was coming seemed to break and

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00:07:21,510 --> 00:07:19,280

there was a lot of hype from a few

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00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:21,520

people online that talked about

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00:07:26,550 --> 00:07:24,560

potential crash retrieval programs and

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00:07:29,670 --> 00:07:26,560

what may or may not be included in the

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article do you feel that hype preceding

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the article

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hampered what eventually came out or did

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it have any impact at all it did have an

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impact and it did impede us because

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all that chatter on the internet about

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what the article would say

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and the people we were talking to

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um was a major distraction um

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uh it raised expectations uh beyond what

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you know we were

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prepared to fulfill in terms of you know

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documentation so it was it was very

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difficult operating in that environment

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i mean the internet is a huge

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echo chamber and people pick up things

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00:08:07,350 --> 00:08:06,319  
and there's rumors and

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um

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00:08:11,510 --> 00:08:09,680  
it was very difficult to contact sources

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00:08:13,990 --> 00:08:11,520  
and and get their

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00:08:15,110 --> 00:08:14,000  
you know candid responses knowing that

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00:08:17,589 --> 00:08:15,120  
everything

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00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:17,599  
you know was going to be uh scrutinized

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00:08:24,230 --> 00:08:22,000  
and and and uh exaggerated and you know

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00:08:27,510 --> 00:08:24,240  
it made it made it very difficult but we

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00:08:30,230 --> 00:08:27,520

stuck to what we were there to do we we

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kept our eye on the ball and um the

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article was fine um

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you know

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as i say there's always more material

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you gather that you you can't get in uh

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because of space or because you don't

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have the the backup that you really want

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but um

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it did not help that everything was

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being picked apart

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00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:52,000

what would your advice be to people

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online and it was particularly twitter

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that's what we're talking about here and

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that's something i i'm on constantly as

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well what would your advice be to those

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that are looking forward to people like

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yourself producing this work

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about not getting too excited or too

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hyped up before an article comes out

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well

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you know

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what you can say as a blogger and what

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you can say in the new york times is not

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necessarily the same thing um the

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you know the new york times has the

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reputation it has because uh it is

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conservative it only you know covers

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things that can be verified there's no

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room for speculation there's no room for

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anonymous sources

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if it's not you know national security

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reporting is somewhat different you

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always have to take information

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you know um

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uh anonymously in

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cases like that people don't talk on the

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record but in other stories you reduce

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the

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you've got to

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you know give

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understand that the new york times is a

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special kind of paper and the washington

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post and wall street journal and uh they

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they stick to you know very hard

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reporting and and hard facts that can be

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verified so um

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00:10:13,990 --> 00:10:11,680  
it doesn't help them to be uh you know

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00:10:15,670 --> 00:10:14,000  
throwing out ideas and speculation of

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00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:15,680  
what they should be covering and why

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00:10:20,790 --> 00:10:17,440

don't they do it this way and why didn't

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they talk about it say this or that

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it's a different standard of

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proof for the new york times and

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people should understand that

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now the the hype surrounded the

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potential disclosure of a crash

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retrieval or crash retrieval programs

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that may or may not have existed

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particularly within the us government

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did that of our and i'm asking was there

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any smoke where there was fire was that

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something that was ever a possibility

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00:10:52,949 --> 00:10:51,279

well the truth is that though that um

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00:10:56,150 --> 00:10:52,959

that's one of the areas that remains

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00:10:58,870 --> 00:10:56,160

highly classified rightly or wrongly

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00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:58,880

the government does not discuss has not

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00:11:03,030 --> 00:11:01,120

put out documents about any materials

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00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:03,040

that may or may not have been recovered

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00:11:07,590 --> 00:11:05,360

any crashes that may have been you know

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00:11:09,829 --> 00:11:07,600

documented so you're dealing with an

284

00:11:12,069 --> 00:11:09,839

area here that is still largely

285

00:11:15,030 --> 00:11:12,079

classified and we can't

286

00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:15,040

you know get into the business of uh of

287

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:15,920

uh

288

00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:18,000

publicizing um

289

00:11:21,910 --> 00:11:20,320

uh classified documents we don't do that

290

00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:21,920

in the new york times unless there's

291

00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:24,079

some kind of overriding compelling you

292

00:11:29,190 --> 00:11:27,279

know public interest reason to do it uh

293

00:11:32,550 --> 00:11:29,200

we don't just put out things that are

294

00:11:34,630 --> 00:11:32,560

classified for the fun of doing it um

295

00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:34,640

so we're very restricted in what we what

296

00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:36,959

we're able to get uh

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00:11:41,190 --> 00:11:38,560

what we're able to find in the first

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00:11:43,829 --> 00:11:41,200

place and once we find it maybe talking

299

00:11:45,269 --> 00:11:43,839

to people uh what we're able to

300

00:11:47,190 --> 00:11:45,279

you know to publish

301  
00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:47,200  
so um

302  
00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:49,519  
you know yeah there's a lot of smoke uh

303  
00:11:53,190 --> 00:11:50,399  
but

304  
00:11:55,910 --> 00:11:53,200  
how much fire there is is very difficult

305  
00:11:58,310 --> 00:11:55,920  
to to determine considering how much of

306  
00:12:00,629 --> 00:11:58,320  
that area is classified

307  
00:12:03,190 --> 00:12:00,639  
do you think that as an amount of

308  
00:12:05,030 --> 00:12:03,200  
source material or evidence you could

309  
00:12:07,350 --> 00:12:05,040  
take to the new york times or an editor

310  
00:12:09,509 --> 00:12:07,360  
there that they would run a headline

311  
00:12:12,069 --> 00:12:09,519  
that said something like crash retrieval

312  
00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:12,079  
programs or is that still too

313  
00:12:16,230 --> 00:12:14,320

out there a subject

314

00:12:17,829 --> 00:12:16,240

well i mean theoretically they would but

315

00:12:20,629 --> 00:12:17,839

it you know it depends on what you can

316

00:12:22,389 --> 00:12:20,639

get on the on the record and uh in this

317

00:12:24,949 --> 00:12:22,399

field as you probably know a lot of

318

00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:24,959

documents are dubious even things that

319

00:12:30,310 --> 00:12:27,600

look authentic have been tampered with

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00:12:31,910 --> 00:12:30,320

the government has a long history of

321

00:12:34,470 --> 00:12:31,920

disinformation

322

00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:34,480

um in this field they put out things

323

00:12:39,350 --> 00:12:36,880

that are not accurate in order to maybe

324

00:12:42,389 --> 00:12:39,360

mislead adversaries

325

00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:42,399

to put the best face on it

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00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:43,279

so

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00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:46,800

it's a very difficult you know area and

328

00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:48,480

even a document when you think you have

329

00:12:53,350 --> 00:12:50,639

documentation

330

00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:53,360

it may not be accurate so um

331

00:12:56,470 --> 00:12:54,800

you know i don't know what when we'll

332

00:12:58,790 --> 00:12:56,480

see a headline like you said in the new

333

00:13:01,269 --> 00:12:58,800

york times but it's got to depend on on

334

00:13:03,269 --> 00:13:01,279

what we can confirm and maybe someday

335

00:13:05,509 --> 00:13:03,279

you know we can do that

336

00:13:07,590 --> 00:13:05,519

and one more question on that subject

337

00:13:09,670 --> 00:13:07,600

before we get into your book are we any

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00:13:11,350 --> 00:13:09,680

closer to having another article

339

00:13:13,350 --> 00:13:11,360

published by yourself or others on the

340

00:13:15,030 --> 00:13:13,360

subject in the new york times well i

341

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:15,040

can't talk about you know what we're

342

00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:17,120

doing now but we we're always on the

343

00:13:20,710 --> 00:13:19,040

lookout for more news to report it's a

344

00:13:22,389 --> 00:13:20,720

field obviously that interests us it

345

00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:22,399

interests the new york times

346

00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:23,680

and um

347

00:13:27,670 --> 00:13:25,680

so people just have to be patient we're

348

00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:27,680

doing reporting all the time

349

00:13:31,030 --> 00:13:29,600

and uh we'll see

350

00:13:32,790 --> 00:13:31,040

well listen the work you're doing and

351

00:13:34,550 --> 00:13:32,800

leslie and helen and others is really

352

00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:34,560

appreciated by myself and and many

353

00:13:39,189 --> 00:13:36,480

others in the community as well so so

354

00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:39,199

don't let up is greatly appreciated

355

00:13:42,710 --> 00:13:41,199

that leads me on to your book ralph so

356

00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:42,720

your recent book as i mentioned at the

357

00:13:47,269 --> 00:13:44,880

start the believer alien encounters hard

358

00:13:48,629 --> 00:13:47,279

science and the passion of john mack can

359

00:13:50,870 --> 00:13:48,639

you tell the listeners a little bit

360

00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:50,880

about the book and how it came about and

361

00:13:55,829 --> 00:13:53,600

just for those unaware who was john mack

362

00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:55,839

okay so john mack was a harvard

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00:14:02,150 --> 00:13:59,680

psychiatrist very esteemed

364

00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:02,160

he had written a pulitzer prize-winning

365

00:14:06,230 --> 00:14:03,920

biography of

366

00:14:07,990 --> 00:14:06,240

lawrence of arabia he had written books

367

00:14:10,949 --> 00:14:08,000

on nightmares he had written books on

368

00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:10,959

childhood development on a teenage

369

00:14:16,629 --> 00:14:14,560

suicide very accomplished and through a

370

00:14:21,430 --> 00:14:16,639

series of circumstances that i outline

371

00:14:23,590 --> 00:14:21,440

in the book um he became aware in 1990

372

00:14:26,069 --> 00:14:23,600

that people of all different backgrounds

373

00:14:29,110 --> 00:14:26,079

and ages were coming forward with

374

00:14:32,629 --> 00:14:29,120

stories of interactions with alien alien

375

00:14:33,910 --> 00:14:32,639

beings being taken onto spacecraft

376

00:14:36,230 --> 00:14:33,920

often for

377

00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:36,240

bizarre pseudomedical experiments

378

00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:39,279

sometimes with a reproductive purpose to

379

00:14:44,710 --> 00:14:42,000

produce a hybrid race

380

00:14:47,110 --> 00:14:44,720

women were harvested and getting their

381

00:14:48,310 --> 00:14:47,120

eggs harvested and men had their sperm

382

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:48,320

taken

383

00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:50,320

for the production of these hybrid

384

00:14:52,949 --> 00:14:51,760

beings

385

00:14:54,870 --> 00:14:52,959

these were the stories people were

386

00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:54,880

telling and he was

387

00:14:58,949 --> 00:14:56,959

fascinated as a psychiatrist and the

388

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:58,959

first thing he wanted to know were these

389

00:15:02,150 --> 00:15:00,480

people saying

390

00:15:05,509 --> 00:15:02,160

and once he concluded that they were

391

00:15:08,230 --> 00:15:05,519

absolutely sane and that they were not

392

00:15:10,230 --> 00:15:08,240

fabricating these stories they were not

393

00:15:12,710 --> 00:15:10,240

you know making them up they were not

394

00:15:14,949 --> 00:15:12,720

hoaxing the public they were in fact

395

00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:14,959

quite shy about what had happened and

396

00:15:19,829 --> 00:15:17,279

and quite fearful

397

00:15:22,150 --> 00:15:19,839

um he decided to investigate it so

398

00:15:25,110 --> 00:15:22,160

that's the basic premise of the book how

399

00:15:27,670 --> 00:15:25,120

this eminent scientist got uh captivated

400

00:15:30,870 --> 00:15:27,680

i like to say not captured

401

00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:30,880

uh but captivated by this subject uh

402

00:15:33,910 --> 00:15:32,240

which was a

403

00:15:37,670 --> 00:15:33,920

you know subject that provoked a lot of

404

00:15:39,670 --> 00:15:37,680

ridicule at harvard and and elsewhere

405

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:39,680

but he was courageous enough to pursue

406

00:15:45,030 --> 00:15:42,480

it because it really demands answers

407

00:15:46,710 --> 00:15:45,040

we to this day it's a mystery

408

00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:46,720

and um

409

00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:48,480

so that's what got me interested i came

410

00:15:51,670 --> 00:15:50,240

across one of his books

411

00:15:54,150 --> 00:15:51,680

and

412

00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:54,160

i was also enthralled by the idea that

413

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:55,839

this eminent uh

414

00:15:59,990 --> 00:15:57,600  
psychiatrist harvard pillar of the

415

00:16:02,069 --> 00:16:00,000  
harvard establishment would get involved

416

00:16:04,150 --> 00:16:02,079  
in a subject like this so i i was

417

00:16:05,990 --> 00:16:04,160  
captivated like he was

418

00:16:08,310 --> 00:16:06,000  
and and followed his career and i got

419

00:16:11,269 --> 00:16:08,320  
access to all his private papers and his

420

00:16:15,670 --> 00:16:11,279  
archives and his articles and his videos

421

00:16:18,629 --> 00:16:15,680  
and um worked for 16 years on this book

422

00:16:20,470 --> 00:16:18,639  
why now is it just it's taken you the 16

423

00:16:22,870 --> 00:16:20,480  
years to be happy with the work to

424

00:16:24,550 --> 00:16:22,880  
release it or do you think the timing

425

00:16:26,470 --> 00:16:24,560  
has played a part in that as to what's

426

00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:26,480

going on just now in the world no i

427

00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:28,079

didn't time it for any particular

428

00:16:34,069 --> 00:16:31,040

purpose i i started writing it after

429

00:16:35,430 --> 00:16:34,079

john mack was run down in london he was

430

00:16:37,910 --> 00:16:35,440

killed in a

431

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:37,920

car accident by a man who had too much

432

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:40,240

to drink there was no conspiracy it was

433

00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:43,680

not an assassination as the rumor mill

434

00:16:46,870 --> 00:16:45,120

initially had it

435

00:16:48,150 --> 00:16:46,880

um

436

00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:48,160

he was just

437

00:16:51,189 --> 00:16:50,160

looked the wrong way as americans do in

438

00:16:54,949 --> 00:16:51,199

london

439

00:16:56,470 --> 00:16:54,959

and uh that's when i decided i was gonna

440

00:16:58,629 --> 00:16:56,480

you know spend more time looking into

441

00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:58,639

his his life and it took me a while to

442

00:17:02,310 --> 00:17:00,320

get the family to

443

00:17:04,309 --> 00:17:02,320

give me access to all his papers which

444

00:17:06,069 --> 00:17:04,319

they did exclusively

445

00:17:07,510 --> 00:17:06,079

and um

446

00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:07,520

and it just took you know it was a

447

00:17:12,069 --> 00:17:09,280

complicated story i went through many

448

00:17:14,150 --> 00:17:12,079

many drafts because i had to decide you

449

00:17:17,029 --> 00:17:14,160

know what was uh what was real in the

450

00:17:19,829 --> 00:17:17,039

story what was worth publishing uh how

451  
00:17:21,909 --> 00:17:19,839  
much to credit his research how much to

452  
00:17:23,829 --> 00:17:21,919  
be independent and it was a difficult

453  
00:17:26,309 --> 00:17:23,839  
balancing act

454  
00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:26,319  
and it's just the time it took

455  
00:17:30,549 --> 00:17:28,960  
books take a lot of time and

456  
00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:30,559  
i think it came out at a good time

457  
00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:31,520  
because

458  
00:17:34,230 --> 00:17:32,960  
there is great interest now in the whole

459  
00:17:36,390 --> 00:17:34,240  
subject

460  
00:17:38,310 --> 00:17:36,400  
what was your perception of the alien

461  
00:17:39,750 --> 00:17:38,320  
abduction phenomenon before you wrote

462  
00:17:41,909 --> 00:17:39,760  
the book

463  
00:17:44,230 --> 00:17:41,919

well like most people i guess i thought

464

00:17:46,710 --> 00:17:44,240

it was kind of crazy um supermarket

465

00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:46,720

tabloid stuff um

466

00:17:52,150 --> 00:17:50,400

and i didn't pay much attention to it

467

00:17:53,909 --> 00:17:52,160

but i mean i had read science fiction

468

00:17:56,310 --> 00:17:53,919

when i was growing up like you know a

469

00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:56,320

lot of people in my generation did but i

470

00:18:01,350 --> 00:17:59,039

didn't think about it much

471

00:18:03,190 --> 00:18:01,360

and uh i i think everyone's first

472

00:18:05,029 --> 00:18:03,200

reaction when hearing this as it was

473

00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:05,039

john mack's first reaction is this can't

474

00:18:10,710 --> 00:18:08,240

possibly be happening but um there's an

475

00:18:13,669 --> 00:18:10,720

epigram to my book that i use at the

476  
00:18:16,549 --> 00:18:13,679  
very beginning where a british scientist

477  
00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:16,559  
in the 1870s was sent to

478  
00:18:21,270 --> 00:18:18,080  
investigate some of these strange

479  
00:18:23,430 --> 00:18:21,280  
paranormal events levitation and musical

480  
00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:23,440  
instruments that played themselves and

481  
00:18:27,750 --> 00:18:25,440  
he was sent to debunk that

482  
00:18:29,909 --> 00:18:27,760  
and he came back and he saw it with his

483  
00:18:32,789 --> 00:18:29,919  
own eyes that you know it was real it

484  
00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:32,799  
was happening and he wrote i never said

485  
00:18:38,470 --> 00:18:36,080  
it was possible i only said it was real

486  
00:18:40,950 --> 00:18:38,480  
and um i guess that's the best way to

487  
00:18:43,669 --> 00:18:40,960  
describe this whole phenomenon there's

488  
00:18:45,830 --> 00:18:43,679

nothing about it that seems possible

489

00:18:47,750 --> 00:18:45,840

and yet you listen to the accounts and

490

00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:47,760

you do the research and you hear what

491

00:18:52,549 --> 00:18:50,160

people say and how authentic the

492

00:18:55,350 --> 00:18:52,559

experience is to them and in some cases

493

00:18:58,150 --> 00:18:55,360

is fragmentary you know

494

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:58,160

independent evidence other witnesses or

495

00:19:01,430 --> 00:19:00,080

marks on the body afterwards that can't

496

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:01,440

be explained

497

00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:03,760

things like that um

498

00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:04,960

um

499

00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:07,280

that you you know you do you

500

00:19:11,110 --> 00:19:09,360

come to understand that these things

501  
00:19:13,669 --> 00:19:11,120  
have happened on some

502  
00:19:15,029 --> 00:19:13,679  
on some level of reality not everyday

503  
00:19:17,909 --> 00:19:15,039  
reality but

504  
00:19:20,710 --> 00:19:17,919  
um and in some dimension these things

505  
00:19:22,870 --> 00:19:20,720  
actually physically happen

506  
00:19:24,390 --> 00:19:22,880  
was there any particular account you

507  
00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:24,400  
heard from one of the witnesses or

508  
00:19:28,630 --> 00:19:26,720  
within your research that you

509  
00:19:30,070 --> 00:19:28,640  
particularly stood out to you as being

510  
00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:30,080  
very powerful

511  
00:19:35,750 --> 00:19:33,840  
well i interviewed a lot of experiencers

512  
00:19:36,549 --> 00:19:35,760  
for my research

513  
00:19:38,789 --> 00:19:36,559

and

514

00:19:42,390 --> 00:19:38,799

it was interesting that all the stories

515

00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:42,400

uh were basically consistent in in the

516

00:19:45,909 --> 00:19:44,960

in the broad outlines but they were all

517

00:19:48,549 --> 00:19:45,919

different

518

00:19:49,270 --> 00:19:48,559

uh in detail so it was not as if they're

519

00:19:51,029 --> 00:19:49,280

all

520

00:19:53,190 --> 00:19:51,039

you know reading off the same playbook

521

00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:53,200

or reciting some script you know that

522

00:19:58,310 --> 00:19:56,160

they're all told to to follow um the

523

00:20:00,310 --> 00:19:58,320

stories had an authenticity to them the

524

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:00,320

people i that i interviewed and that

525

00:20:04,390 --> 00:20:02,720

john mack interviewed were also very

526

00:20:05,990 --> 00:20:04,400

credible people from all walks of life

527

00:20:07,430 --> 00:20:06,000

just the other day i interviewed a

528

00:20:10,630 --> 00:20:07,440

paralegal

529

00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:10,640

um with you know a very solid grounding

530

00:20:14,950 --> 00:20:12,880

in research and

531

00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:14,960

you know professional life and she told

532

00:20:21,110 --> 00:20:18,640

me the most fantastic story about being

533

00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:21,120

you know abducted with a girlfriend from

534

00:20:26,789 --> 00:20:23,760

their van in in arizona

535

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:26,799

and um it was witnessed to some extent

536

00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:30,720

by her friend and stories like this each

537

00:20:33,830 --> 00:20:31,840

one

538

00:20:36,630 --> 00:20:33,840

somewhat different but again basically

539

00:20:40,070 --> 00:20:36,640

consistent uh so powerful

540

00:20:41,909 --> 00:20:40,080

um that um

541

00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:41,919

yes i'm convinced that that there's

542

00:20:48,230 --> 00:20:44,240

something to it i i i don't solve the

543

00:20:50,310 --> 00:20:48,240

mystery but i don't write it off as as a

544

00:20:52,310 --> 00:20:50,320

as an illusion

545

00:20:54,310 --> 00:20:52,320

was was there anything you didn't manage

546

00:20:56,710 --> 00:20:54,320

to fit into the final draft of the book

547

00:20:58,390 --> 00:20:56,720

that you you wish you had or just for

548

00:21:01,029 --> 00:20:58,400

for editing reasons you didn't manage to

549

00:21:03,750 --> 00:21:01,039

get it in there well you know book

550

00:21:05,430 --> 00:21:03,760

editors don't edit anymore so i put in

551  
00:21:07,270 --> 00:21:05,440  
the book everything i wanted to put in

552  
00:21:07,909 --> 00:21:07,280  
nobody told me i couldn't put something

553  
00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:07,919  
in

554  
00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:10,240  
uh there's always a limitation on space

555  
00:21:14,630 --> 00:21:12,480  
and you know after a while you can't

556  
00:21:17,029 --> 00:21:14,640  
keep telling you know different stories

557  
00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:17,039  
endlessly because rita would be put to

558  
00:21:21,909 --> 00:21:18,960  
sleep and not by

559  
00:21:23,830 --> 00:21:21,919  
by alien beings but just by

560  
00:21:26,310 --> 00:21:23,840  
the you know boredom of the same story

561  
00:21:29,430 --> 00:21:26,320  
so you try to keep it lively by

562  
00:21:30,710 --> 00:21:29,440  
you know boiling down the stories um

563  
00:21:32,390 --> 00:21:30,720

so uh

564

00:21:34,230 --> 00:21:32,400

you know i can't say that there's

565

00:21:36,230 --> 00:21:34,240

something that i wished i'd put into the

566

00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:36,240

book that i didn't get a chance to put

567

00:21:40,149 --> 00:21:38,159

in i put in everything i wanted but

568

00:21:42,789 --> 00:21:40,159

there's so much more to tell

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00:21:45,590 --> 00:21:42,799

um and that's why

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00:21:47,909 --> 00:21:45,600

anybody who professes to be a skeptic or

571

00:21:50,149 --> 00:21:47,919

a debunker has to do the research it's

572

00:21:52,310 --> 00:21:50,159

not enough to say oh this is crazy this

573

00:21:54,789 --> 00:21:52,320

can't be true of course it can't be true

574

00:21:57,510 --> 00:21:54,799

um and yet these stories are so

575

00:22:00,549 --> 00:21:57,520

compelling um and the fragmentary

576

00:22:02,710 --> 00:22:00,559

evidence is so convincing

577

00:22:03,669 --> 00:22:02,720

that you come away thinking you know

578

00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:03,679

there's

579

00:22:07,110 --> 00:22:05,760

something here that's penetrating our

580

00:22:08,149 --> 00:22:07,120

our reality

581

00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,159

um

582

00:22:13,190 --> 00:22:10,799

you know

583

00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:13,200

you can't tell the whole the whole story

584

00:22:17,430 --> 00:22:16,080

of abduction in one book there's

585

00:22:19,510 --> 00:22:17,440

you have to do a lot of research but i

586

00:22:24,390 --> 00:22:19,520

think i i got the highlights and i got

587

00:22:28,390 --> 00:22:25,590

do you

588

00:22:30,310 --> 00:22:28,400

believe that there is an alien

589

00:22:31,990 --> 00:22:30,320

phenomenon at play when it comes to

590

00:22:33,909 --> 00:22:32,000

abductions or do you think it could be

591

00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:33,919

something else

592

00:22:37,430 --> 00:22:35,520

well i um

593

00:22:40,149 --> 00:22:37,440

you know i i take the position that john

594

00:22:41,830 --> 00:22:40,159

mack took uh i thought he was very wise

595

00:22:44,390 --> 00:22:41,840

in this he said listen if there's

596

00:22:46,310 --> 00:22:44,400

another explanation i'm happy to hear it

597

00:22:48,870 --> 00:22:46,320

um but he went through the whole

598

00:22:50,310 --> 00:22:48,880

phenomenon he said the stories were

599

00:22:51,909 --> 00:22:50,320

consistent

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00:22:53,350 --> 00:22:51,919

and yet different enough to be

601  
00:22:55,110 --> 00:22:53,360  
individual

602  
00:22:56,789 --> 00:22:55,120  
that they were told by all kinds of

603  
00:22:59,270 --> 00:22:56,799  
different people including children as

604  
00:23:01,190 --> 00:22:59,280  
young as two years old uh who said

605  
00:23:03,590 --> 00:23:01,200  
things like a little man take me up in

606  
00:23:05,510 --> 00:23:03,600  
the sky i fly in the sky

607  
00:23:07,990 --> 00:23:05,520  
um so these

608  
00:23:09,750 --> 00:23:08,000  
you can you couldn't say these kids were

609  
00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:09,760  
influenced by the books they had read or

610  
00:23:15,190 --> 00:23:11,600  
the movies they had seen they were two

611  
00:23:19,110 --> 00:23:16,870  
some of them came back with scars that

612  
00:23:21,110 --> 00:23:19,120  
they didn't remember having beforehand

613  
00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:21,120

there were areas outside their home that

614

00:23:24,710 --> 00:23:22,559

seemed to be

615

00:23:25,750 --> 00:23:24,720

show signs of something heavy landing

616

00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:25,760

there the

617

00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:28,480

foliage was disturbed

618

00:23:34,149 --> 00:23:31,919

they were in some cases witnesses

619

00:23:34,950 --> 00:23:34,159

reporting people missing at a time when

620

00:23:37,590 --> 00:23:34,960

they

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00:23:39,990 --> 00:23:37,600

felt themselves abducted so putting all

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00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:40,000

this um together

623

00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:41,200

um

624

00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:45,200

it it does present the picture that

625

00:23:49,430 --> 00:23:47,039

these people are telling the truth as

626  
00:23:51,190 --> 00:23:49,440  
they experienced it and as john mack

627  
00:23:53,430 --> 00:23:51,200  
said um

628  
00:23:54,470 --> 00:23:53,440  
he's never found an explanation better

629  
00:23:56,470 --> 00:23:54,480  
than that

630  
00:23:59,590 --> 00:23:56,480  
than the obvious one that they were

631  
00:24:01,750 --> 00:23:59,600  
telling the truth on some level now

632  
00:24:03,510 --> 00:24:01,760  
again it's not in

633  
00:24:05,110 --> 00:24:03,520  
happening in everyday reality you don't

634  
00:24:07,029 --> 00:24:05,120  
look outside the window and see people

635  
00:24:09,990 --> 00:24:07,039  
being abducted and spaceships landing

636  
00:24:10,710 --> 00:24:10,000  
it's happening in some liminal reality

637  
00:24:13,909 --> 00:24:10,720  
but

638  
00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:13,919

that doesn't mean it's not happening um

639

00:24:18,950 --> 00:24:16,320

and it's it's penetrating our reality in

640

00:24:21,350 --> 00:24:18,960

some ways we don't understand but no

641

00:24:24,149 --> 00:24:21,360

other explanation has has come come

642

00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:24,159

forth to be as convincing as the ones

643

00:24:29,029 --> 00:24:27,120

that these people offered themselves

644

00:24:30,789 --> 00:24:29,039

have you ever had an experience or a

645

00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:30,799

citing yourself of anything you couldn't

646

00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:33,360

explain i have not and neither did john

647

00:24:38,789 --> 00:24:36,480

mack and in a way he said it helped him

648

00:24:39,909 --> 00:24:38,799

uh he was disappointed of course he's he

649

00:24:41,029 --> 00:24:39,919

wished that

650

00:24:42,470 --> 00:24:41,039

he could

651  
00:24:45,350 --> 00:24:42,480  
have an experience i guess he was

652  
00:24:48,390 --> 00:24:45,360  
curious but uh or at least a sighting

653  
00:24:50,549 --> 00:24:48,400  
which he never had um but then he

654  
00:24:52,390 --> 00:24:50,559  
reflected that you know he was then pure

655  
00:24:54,310 --> 00:24:52,400  
to

656  
00:24:56,789 --> 00:24:54,320  
pursue it as a researcher and no one

657  
00:24:58,870 --> 00:24:56,799  
could accuse him of you know

658  
00:25:00,230 --> 00:24:58,880  
having an agenda because he himself you

659  
00:25:02,630 --> 00:25:00,240  
know wanted to validate his own

660  
00:25:04,870 --> 00:25:02,640  
experience he came to it completely as

661  
00:25:06,710 --> 00:25:04,880  
an outsider and i did too my whole

662  
00:25:08,789 --> 00:25:06,720  
career was as a new york times

663  
00:25:11,110 --> 00:25:08,799

investigative reporter

664

00:25:13,669 --> 00:25:11,120

i've never had an abduction encounter

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00:25:15,750 --> 00:25:13,679

i've never spotted a ufo

666

00:25:18,230 --> 00:25:15,760

maybe i'd like to i'd like to think i

667

00:25:19,750 --> 00:25:18,240

would like to see it but um

668

00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:19,760

it doesn't happen to everybody and

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00:25:23,110 --> 00:25:21,760

that's part of the mystery who are these

670

00:25:25,110 --> 00:25:23,120

people who are

671

00:25:27,190 --> 00:25:25,120

you know singled out

672

00:25:29,269 --> 00:25:27,200

and why are some people

673

00:25:31,190 --> 00:25:29,279

uh you know part of this mystery and

674

00:25:32,070 --> 00:25:31,200

others not that's worth investigating

675

00:25:33,909 --> 00:25:32,080

too

676  
00:25:35,830 --> 00:25:33,919  
you know researchers said not just the

677  
00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:35,840  
people who are you know who see

678  
00:25:39,510 --> 00:25:37,679  
themselves as abductees but what about

679  
00:25:42,789 --> 00:25:39,520  
all the others why aren't they

680  
00:25:45,510 --> 00:25:42,799  
part of that so um but to answer your

681  
00:25:46,710 --> 00:25:45,520  
question no i i'm pure like john mac is

682  
00:25:47,990 --> 00:25:46,720  
pure

683  
00:25:49,350 --> 00:25:48,000  
know that that's good to hear and like

684  
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:49,360  
you say it gives you that fresh

685  
00:25:52,630 --> 00:25:51,200  
perspective and unbiased look at the

686  
00:25:55,190 --> 00:25:52,640  
subject as well

687  
00:25:56,710 --> 00:25:55,200  
now we i at the podcast received a lot

688  
00:25:58,149 --> 00:25:56,720

of questions for you but just given the

689

00:25:59,430 --> 00:25:58,159

time i've got ralph i've just picked a

690

00:26:01,750 --> 00:25:59,440

couple of them out

691

00:26:03,590 --> 00:26:01,760

the first one was from jake and he has

692

00:26:04,789 --> 00:26:03,600

read the book and he said he loved it

693

00:26:06,870 --> 00:26:04,799

and he wants to know if you could

694

00:26:08,950 --> 00:26:06,880

elaborate on john mack's meeting with

695

00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:08,960

the dalai lama at all he found that

696

00:26:13,909 --> 00:26:11,120

chapter particularly fascinating and he

697

00:26:15,830 --> 00:26:13,919

was a bit miffed it ended so soon

698

00:26:17,750 --> 00:26:15,840

yes i had a lot of it you asked me what

699

00:26:19,750 --> 00:26:17,760

i didn't put in the book i had a lot

700

00:26:23,110 --> 00:26:19,760

more on that meeting with the dalai lama

701  
00:26:26,230 --> 00:26:23,120  
because um in 1992 john mack had the

702  
00:26:29,830 --> 00:26:26,240  
opportunity to join a few

703  
00:26:32,549 --> 00:26:29,840  
fellow psychiatrists and researchers um

704  
00:26:34,710 --> 00:26:32,559  
high-level professional people

705  
00:26:37,350 --> 00:26:34,720  
on a on a visit to the dalai lama in

706  
00:26:38,470 --> 00:26:37,360  
india a dalai lama you know being a very

707  
00:26:41,190 --> 00:26:38,480  
spiritual

708  
00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,200  
leader was interested in this phenomenon

709  
00:26:47,029 --> 00:26:44,240  
and um he invited these people quite uh

710  
00:26:49,029 --> 00:26:47,039  
confidentially secretly to meet with him

711  
00:26:50,950 --> 00:26:49,039  
so john mack went and he had a

712  
00:26:53,830 --> 00:26:50,960  
transcript made of the

713  
00:26:54,549 --> 00:26:53,840

weeks or the week of discussions and i

714

00:26:56,789 --> 00:26:54,559

put

715

00:26:59,269 --> 00:26:56,799

as much of that in my book as i could

716

00:27:01,190 --> 00:26:59,279

but not not everything some of it was

717

00:27:02,710 --> 00:27:01,200

repetitious but

718

00:27:05,669 --> 00:27:02,720

what was interesting

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00:27:09,590 --> 00:27:05,679

is that um

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00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:09,600

the the group of uh visitors included uh

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00:27:12,549 --> 00:27:10,960

you know people from somewhat different

722

00:27:15,110 --> 00:27:12,559

academic backgrounds and they were

723

00:27:16,950 --> 00:27:15,120

examining the phenomenon and answering

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00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:16,960

the dalai lama's questions from from

725

00:27:20,710 --> 00:27:18,559

different points of view and they're

726

00:27:22,789 --> 00:27:20,720

trying to figure out uh

727

00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:22,799

you know how how this phenomenon came to

728

00:27:25,990 --> 00:27:24,640

be was it real

729

00:27:28,630 --> 00:27:26,000

um

730

00:27:30,230 --> 00:27:28,640

can it be proven all these questions and

731

00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:30,240

and what were the things that the dalai

732

00:27:33,350 --> 00:27:31,919

lama had experienced

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00:27:36,230 --> 00:27:33,360

in his culture

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00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:36,240

and and in his life that you know would

735

00:27:39,269 --> 00:27:37,440

would um

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00:27:41,510 --> 00:27:39,279

parallel what these researchers had

737

00:27:43,269 --> 00:27:41,520

found and it turned out the dalai lama

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00:27:45,909 --> 00:27:43,279

was um

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00:27:48,389 --> 00:27:45,919

very familiar with these encounters they

740

00:27:51,190 --> 00:27:48,399

had somewhat different terminology

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00:27:52,870 --> 00:27:51,200

in you know in buddhism um

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00:27:55,350 --> 00:27:52,880

but um

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00:27:57,029 --> 00:27:55,360

there were these there was a spiritual

744

00:28:01,269 --> 00:27:57,039

realm that they recognized that

745

00:28:03,669 --> 00:28:01,279

penetrated uh our reality and that he

746

00:28:06,870 --> 00:28:03,679

the dalai lama was quite familiar with

747

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:06,880

the whole concept of small beings uh

748

00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:10,480

and um he was he was very um sympathetic

749

00:28:12,789 --> 00:28:11,840

to the accounts

750

00:28:14,149 --> 00:28:12,799

um

751

00:28:16,630 --> 00:28:14,159

and it was just interesting he spoke

752

00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:16,640

some english the dalai lama became a

753

00:28:20,230 --> 00:28:18,559

broken english and his questions were

754

00:28:22,310 --> 00:28:20,240

very good and

755

00:28:24,549 --> 00:28:22,320

and the efforts to come to you know

756

00:28:27,269 --> 00:28:24,559

agreement on what this phenomenon was

757

00:28:29,029 --> 00:28:27,279

was really quite fascinating so

758

00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:29,039

uh and i'm i think i'm the only one who

759

00:28:32,230 --> 00:28:30,720

ever reported on that meeting because it

760

00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:32,240

was never publicly

761

00:28:36,870 --> 00:28:34,720

uh you know announced

762

00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:36,880

do you think there's something to that

763

00:28:41,590 --> 00:28:39,440

religious aspect of the the phenomenon

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00:28:43,590 --> 00:28:41,600

or whatever's going on we hear that in

765

00:28:45,430 --> 00:28:43,600

the halls of the the us government there

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00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:45,440

are people who push back against this

767

00:28:48,710 --> 00:28:47,520

subject and the upcoming task force

768

00:28:50,549 --> 00:28:48,720

report that i will ask you about in a

769

00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:50,559

little while um

770

00:28:54,789 --> 00:28:52,960

because they believe it to be angelic or

771

00:28:56,230 --> 00:28:54,799

demonic in nature and it's something

772

00:28:57,669 --> 00:28:56,240

that we shouldn't be discussing do you

773

00:29:00,950 --> 00:28:57,679

think through different religions this

774

00:29:02,549 --> 00:29:00,960

phenomenon is reported on in its own way

775

00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:02,559

yeah i think i mean there are people in

776

00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:04,240

the government who don't like the

777

00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:08,480

subject um we know you know that lou uh

778

00:29:14,789 --> 00:29:11,279

luis elizondo who was the head of the

779

00:29:19,669 --> 00:29:16,710

atip

780

00:29:21,190 --> 00:29:19,679

aerospace threat identification program

781

00:29:23,110 --> 00:29:21,200

resigned because he wasn't getting

782

00:29:25,830 --> 00:29:23,120

enough support from the from his

783

00:29:29,110 --> 00:29:25,840

superiors at dod to continue it defense

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00:29:30,549 --> 00:29:29,120

department so yes there's a push back

785

00:29:32,789 --> 00:29:30,559

from the government

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00:29:35,029 --> 00:29:32,799

which is why it's taken so long to

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00:29:37,990 --> 00:29:35,039

acknowledge uh i mean

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00:29:39,350 --> 00:29:38,000

project blue book was shut down in 1970

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00:29:40,789 --> 00:29:39,360

the government said you know nothing to

790

00:29:42,070 --> 00:29:40,799

see here folks

791

00:29:43,750 --> 00:29:42,080

just move on

792

00:29:45,750 --> 00:29:43,760

and we know that the government has

793

00:29:47,430 --> 00:29:45,760

secretly been continuing its research

794

00:29:49,029 --> 00:29:47,440

but never acknowledged it and now

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00:29:50,470 --> 00:29:49,039

they're acknowledging it

796

00:29:52,389 --> 00:29:50,480

so um

797

00:29:53,590 --> 00:29:52,399

yes we we

798

00:29:55,110 --> 00:29:53,600

hear the same thing that there are

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00:29:56,870 --> 00:29:55,120

people in the government who who are

800

00:29:58,710 --> 00:29:56,880

opposed to this

801  
00:30:01,190 --> 00:29:58,720  
and just to dig into that a little bit

802  
00:30:02,950 --> 00:30:01,200  
more ralph there's a difference between

803  
00:30:05,590 --> 00:30:02,960  
not liking the subject from a point of

804  
00:30:07,830 --> 00:30:05,600  
view of it's it's the stigma and they

805  
00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:07,840  
don't want to talk about ufos and what

806  
00:30:11,350 --> 00:30:09,600  
that may entail because they don't want

807  
00:30:13,110 --> 00:30:11,360  
to entertain the subject yeah i mean as

808  
00:30:15,190 --> 00:30:13,120  
opposed to they don't like it for those

809  
00:30:17,190 --> 00:30:15,200  
religious beliefs do you think that it's

810  
00:30:19,590 --> 00:30:17,200  
that that really causes the issue or is

811  
00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:19,600  
it a mixture of both

812  
00:30:22,149 --> 00:30:20,480  
um

813  
00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:22,159

you know it's hard to know the these

814

00:30:26,389 --> 00:30:24,000

things are never on the record but we

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00:30:28,549 --> 00:30:26,399

know from our sources that then kelty

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00:30:31,029 --> 00:30:28,559

and efforts to investigate this to

817

00:30:32,549 --> 00:30:31,039

pursue this uh that has changed now

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00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:32,559

maybe partly because of the new york

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00:30:36,950 --> 00:30:35,200

times article in 2017 the government

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00:30:39,590 --> 00:30:36,960

sees that people are hungry for

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00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:39,600

information that there's really not a

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00:30:44,549 --> 00:30:42,720

downside to uh coming forward with

823

00:30:46,230 --> 00:30:44,559

acknowledgement at least that there's

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00:30:48,230 --> 00:30:46,240

something worth investigating here so

825

00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:48,240

there's now new directives

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00:30:53,909 --> 00:30:50,399

to navy pilots uh

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00:30:55,990 --> 00:30:53,919

to uh to report these uh encounters

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00:30:58,470 --> 00:30:56,000

which they do now and which are part of

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00:31:00,389 --> 00:30:58,480

the record and this task force report uh

830

00:31:02,789 --> 00:31:00,399

to the public is supposed to come out

831

00:31:05,590 --> 00:31:02,799

you know later this week later this year

832

00:31:07,669 --> 00:31:05,600

and maybe delayed but um

833

00:31:09,029 --> 00:31:07,679

so um

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00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:09,039

i think things are moving in the right

835

00:31:13,909 --> 00:31:12,000

direction maybe maybe too slowly for you

836

00:31:16,389 --> 00:31:13,919

know my taste other people's taste but

837

00:31:18,710 --> 00:31:16,399

it's moving

838

00:31:20,789 --> 00:31:18,720

graham has the question do you feel as

839

00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:20,799

though you've taken the subject of uaps

840

00:31:24,149 --> 00:31:22,640

as far as it will go for the moment or

841

00:31:25,269 --> 00:31:24,159

do you have unfinished business you

842

00:31:27,350 --> 00:31:25,279

would like to write about and have

843

00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:27,360

published well i i would never say i've

844

00:31:31,430 --> 00:31:29,679

taken it as far as it can go is there's

845

00:31:32,389 --> 00:31:31,440

still more but again everything has to

846

00:31:36,389 --> 00:31:32,399

be

847

00:31:38,710 --> 00:31:36,399

um carefully vetted and and

848

00:31:40,389 --> 00:31:38,720

documented and we only you know we only

849

00:31:42,070 --> 00:31:40,399

want to deal with on the record sources

850

00:31:45,669 --> 00:31:42,080

which makes it very difficult it's too

851

00:31:47,590 --> 00:31:45,679

easy to use you know anonymous sources

852

00:31:49,110 --> 00:31:47,600

which i think reduce the credibility of

853

00:31:51,269 --> 00:31:49,120

an article you can say you know a

854

00:31:53,669 --> 00:31:51,279

high-level government official said

855

00:31:56,149 --> 00:31:53,679

something and it doesn't carry the same

856

00:31:58,070 --> 00:31:56,159

weight as putting a name onto it so

857

00:32:00,630 --> 00:31:58,080

until we can do that until we can get

858

00:32:02,870 --> 00:32:00,640

people on the record um we're not going

859

00:32:05,669 --> 00:32:02,880

to report on on certain things

860

00:32:08,230 --> 00:32:05,679

but um you know we're we're working all

861

00:32:10,230 --> 00:32:08,240

the time and you know we've got our

862

00:32:13,990 --> 00:32:10,240

sources of information and

863

00:32:17,269 --> 00:32:14,000

there's developments all the time

864

00:32:21,590 --> 00:32:19,430

peter has a question that given the

865

00:32:23,350 --> 00:32:21,600

knowledge of the subject that ralph has

866

00:32:25,750 --> 00:32:23,360

and the so far unpublished source

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00:32:27,750 --> 00:32:25,760

material what is ralph's personal view

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00:32:30,149 --> 00:32:27,760

on the possibility of off-world

869

00:32:31,029 --> 00:32:30,159

technology being present here

870

00:32:33,190 --> 00:32:31,039

well

871

00:32:34,870 --> 00:32:33,200

you know that's the uh that that's the

872

00:32:37,950 --> 00:32:34,880

big question if

873

00:32:39,590 --> 00:32:37,960

um if these objects are do are acting

874

00:32:42,710 --> 00:32:39,600

aerodynamically

875

00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:42,720

like not not like no technology we have

876

00:32:48,310 --> 00:32:45,120

the us has and probably

877

00:32:50,389 --> 00:32:48,320

no technology that our adversaries have

878

00:32:51,750 --> 00:32:50,399

say the russians are chinese

879

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:51,760

um

880

00:32:55,750 --> 00:32:53,440

then you say well what are we left with

881

00:32:57,669 --> 00:32:55,760

if they're not ours and they're not our

882

00:32:59,909 --> 00:32:57,679

adversaries what are they

883

00:33:02,230 --> 00:32:59,919

so far the government won't answer that

884

00:33:03,990 --> 00:33:02,240

question the obvious answer

885

00:33:06,630 --> 00:33:04,000

logically would seem to be well if it's

886

00:33:09,110 --> 00:33:06,640

not earthly it's got to be off-earthly

887

00:33:12,149 --> 00:33:09,120

but it's very hard to get a government

888

00:33:13,909 --> 00:33:12,159

um official to say that on the record

889

00:33:16,470 --> 00:33:13,919

privately they say that

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00:33:17,990 --> 00:33:16,480

um yes that's the natural conclusion

891

00:33:19,269 --> 00:33:18,000

that if they don't you know if they're

892

00:33:21,509 --> 00:33:19,279

not from the earth they've got to be

893

00:33:23,830 --> 00:33:21,519

from nada not on the earth

894

00:33:25,669 --> 00:33:23,840

but everyone's very afraid to say that

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00:33:27,350 --> 00:33:25,679

officially they want to just say it one

896

00:33:29,590 --> 00:33:27,360

step at a time they don't they don't

897

00:33:31,029 --> 00:33:29,600

think it's ours it's not ours

898

00:33:33,669 --> 00:33:31,039

by all accounts

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00:33:35,590 --> 00:33:33,679

um and it'd be very unlikely that it

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00:33:36,710 --> 00:33:35,600

would be our adversaries and that's how

901  
00:33:37,590 --> 00:33:36,720  
they leave it

902  
00:33:39,110 --> 00:33:37,600  
um

903  
00:33:40,710 --> 00:33:39,120  
so you know as i say there's a

904  
00:33:42,549 --> 00:33:40,720  
difference between what you hear from

905  
00:33:44,630 --> 00:33:42,559  
people and what you're able to report

906  
00:33:46,389 --> 00:33:44,640  
and what people will stand behind and we

907  
00:33:49,830 --> 00:33:46,399  
have to take it one step at a time and

908  
00:33:53,750 --> 00:33:49,840  
only report what we can document with uh

909  
00:33:55,350 --> 00:33:53,760  
with you know with names on the record

910  
00:33:56,950 --> 00:33:55,360  
just before i let you go ralph it's been

911  
00:33:58,870 --> 00:33:56,960  
great speaking with you i've got a bit

912  
00:34:00,149 --> 00:33:58,880  
of a quick fire round uh i'd like to get

913  
00:34:01,750 --> 00:34:00,159

your thoughts on just a couple of

914

00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:01,760

subjects that we've not quite touched on

915

00:34:05,350 --> 00:34:03,600

yet within the body of the podcast and

916

00:34:07,029 --> 00:34:05,360

you can see as little or as much as you

917

00:34:09,589 --> 00:34:07,039

want about each of them

918

00:34:12,310 --> 00:34:09,599

um so the first one is your thoughts on

919

00:34:15,109 --> 00:34:12,320

last week's leaked photos and video

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00:34:17,430 --> 00:34:15,119

footage of the pyramid ufos uh i'm aware

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00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:17,440

of it will you i'm looking into it like

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00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:19,040

a lot of other people looking into it

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00:34:22,470 --> 00:34:20,720

you know not ready to pronounce on it

924

00:34:24,629 --> 00:34:22,480

yet but i'm very aware of it it's

925

00:34:27,190 --> 00:34:24,639

interesting but it's going to take some

926  
00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:27,200  
more reporting

927  
00:34:31,669 --> 00:34:30,000  
the next one is bob lazar and his story

928  
00:34:33,750 --> 00:34:31,679  
i don't know i haven't investigated that

929  
00:34:35,829 --> 00:34:33,760  
myself i know incredible people like

930  
00:34:37,990 --> 00:34:35,839  
robert bigelow have invested you know a

931  
00:34:40,069 --> 00:34:38,000  
lot of credibility their own credibility

932  
00:34:42,790 --> 00:34:40,079  
in bob lazor he told a very

933  
00:34:45,589 --> 00:34:42,800  
uh provocative sensational astonishing

934  
00:34:48,389 --> 00:34:45,599  
story about you know working on

935  
00:34:50,310 --> 00:34:48,399  
reverse engineered technology

936  
00:34:52,629 --> 00:34:50,320  
i i haven't done enough of my own

937  
00:34:55,669 --> 00:34:52,639  
research to know but i know it's it's

938  
00:34:58,950 --> 00:34:55,679

not a settled question

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00:35:02,470 --> 00:34:58,960

do you prefer the term ufo or uap

940

00:35:05,510 --> 00:35:02,480

you know i think it's silly that the

941

00:35:08,470 --> 00:35:05,520

government has shifted from ufo to uap

942

00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:08,480

um i think ua ufo has a kind of a stigma

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00:35:12,069 --> 00:35:10,400

to it just like you know flying saucers

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00:35:14,829 --> 00:35:12,079

had

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00:35:16,710 --> 00:35:14,839

but ufo is a perfectly good description

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00:35:18,870 --> 00:35:16,720

unidentified we don't know what they are

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00:35:20,069 --> 00:35:18,880

they fly and we don't know what they are

948

00:35:23,190 --> 00:35:20,079

um

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00:35:25,190 --> 00:35:23,200

unidentified aerial phenomena not much

950

00:35:27,670 --> 00:35:25,200

different it's it's a new word maybe the

951  
00:35:30,150 --> 00:35:27,680  
government feels you know more secure

952  
00:35:32,710 --> 00:35:30,160  
saying that than ufo which has maybe

953  
00:35:35,030 --> 00:35:32,720  
been tainted by popular entertainment

954  
00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:35,040  
but i think it's kind of silly i i stick

955  
00:35:40,550 --> 00:35:36,560  
with ufo it's a perfectly good

956  
00:35:43,109 --> 00:35:40,560  
description because it says unidentified

957  
00:35:44,870 --> 00:35:43,119  
any thoughts on skinwalker ranch yeah i

958  
00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:44,880  
was very taken with what i read about

959  
00:35:49,430 --> 00:35:47,520  
skinwalker ranch i did a story on robert

960  
00:35:52,230 --> 00:35:49,440  
bigelow for the new york times i got

961  
00:35:54,550 --> 00:35:52,240  
into the whole skinwalker question

962  
00:35:56,870 --> 00:35:54,560  
because he he operated it free bought it

963  
00:35:59,670 --> 00:35:56,880

and operated it for a while they found a

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00:36:01,670 --> 00:35:59,680

lot of strange phenomenon there

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00:36:03,910 --> 00:36:01,680

uh phenomena

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00:36:06,230 --> 00:36:03,920

uh which you know astounded me when i

967

00:36:08,310 --> 00:36:06,240

read about it it was written about by

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00:36:11,109 --> 00:36:08,320

credible people like george knapp

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00:36:13,910 --> 00:36:11,119

um there was footage made

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00:36:15,670 --> 00:36:13,920

um i think there's

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00:36:19,349 --> 00:36:15,680

it's it's an open question i would not

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00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:19,359

debunk it at all as as impossible i

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00:36:24,550 --> 00:36:20,720

think it's uh

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00:36:26,230 --> 00:36:24,560

uh intriguing i i i you know give weight

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00:36:28,550 --> 00:36:26,240

to the people who've come out with these

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00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:28,560

stories that calm kelleher

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00:36:33,510 --> 00:36:30,880

robert bigelow's you know right-hand man

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00:36:35,589 --> 00:36:33,520

and bigelow himself um and people who

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00:36:37,750 --> 00:36:35,599

investigated it you know gave very

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00:36:41,030 --> 00:36:37,760

credible accounts of very strange things

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00:36:42,870 --> 00:36:41,040

that happened there so um

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00:36:47,109 --> 00:36:42,880

i would like to know more but i

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00:36:52,069 --> 00:36:48,790

two more things ralph the first one

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00:36:53,190 --> 00:36:52,079

being the upcoming uap task force report

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00:36:55,349 --> 00:36:53,200

yeah it's

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00:36:56,790 --> 00:36:55,359

we hear you know as has been reported

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00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:56,800

it's going to be delayed it's not going

988

00:37:01,510 --> 00:36:59,520

to come out 180 days after the passage

989

00:37:03,030 --> 00:37:01,520

of the defense authorization act there's

990

00:37:04,470 --> 00:37:03,040

too much yet to do

991

00:37:05,990 --> 00:37:04,480

so it'll be delayed we don't know how

992

00:37:07,349 --> 00:37:06,000

much will be public how much will be

993

00:37:09,910 --> 00:37:07,359

classified

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00:37:11,829 --> 00:37:09,920

i think a lot of questions about it but

995

00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:11,839

i think at some point we'll see it and i

996

00:37:17,670 --> 00:37:14,480

i'm hoping it'll be interesting uh but

997

00:37:19,910 --> 00:37:17,680

we don't know too much at this point

998

00:37:21,829 --> 00:37:19,920

can i just ask you to elaborate on one

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00:37:24,870 --> 00:37:21,839

thing what would you like to see one

1000

00:37:28,310 --> 00:37:24,880

thing realistically within that report

1001  
00:37:30,470 --> 00:37:28,320  
well i'd like to see the government um

1002  
00:37:31,910 --> 00:37:30,480  
you know reveal more about what it knows

1003  
00:37:34,230 --> 00:37:31,920  
of these objects

1004  
00:37:36,710 --> 00:37:34,240  
which it's been tracking and navy

1005  
00:37:40,150 --> 00:37:36,720  
you know pilots and ships have been

1006  
00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:40,160  
recording on you know various media

1007  
00:37:43,910 --> 00:37:41,280  
um

1008  
00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:43,920  
you know their presence they they

1009  
00:37:46,630 --> 00:37:44,880  
flier

1010  
00:37:48,630 --> 00:37:46,640  
images there are

1011  
00:37:49,990 --> 00:37:48,640  
radar tracks um

1012  
00:37:52,390 --> 00:37:50,000  
and i would like to hear from the

1013  
00:37:53,349 --> 00:37:52,400

government what what they've uh we've

1014

00:37:54,870 --> 00:37:53,359

you know

1015

00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:54,880

documented about this particularly

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00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:57,119

underwater stuff the so-called usos i

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00:38:00,390 --> 00:37:58,560

mean these things seem to operate

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00:38:02,390 --> 00:38:00,400

underwater as well that's astounding

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00:38:03,750 --> 00:38:02,400

they're multimedia

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00:38:07,109 --> 00:38:03,760

um

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00:38:08,230 --> 00:38:07,119

objects so it's not just the skies so

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00:38:09,910 --> 00:38:08,240

um

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00:38:12,390 --> 00:38:09,920

i would like to you know to know more

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about what what the government uh has

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00:38:17,030 --> 00:38:15,200

has documented

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and the last one ralph is what does

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00:38:21,109 --> 00:38:19,200

disclosure mean to you well it has you

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00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:21,119

know it's kind of a squishy term i think

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00:38:24,550 --> 00:38:22,960

most people take it to mean the full

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00:38:25,349 --> 00:38:24,560

opening of

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00:38:32,950 --> 00:38:25,359

uh

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00:38:34,310 --> 00:38:32,960

you know ufos uap possibly alien

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00:38:36,630 --> 00:38:34,320

intelligence

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00:38:39,190 --> 00:38:36,640

um i think it's unlikely given the

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00:38:40,710 --> 00:38:39,200

government's record so far i think

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00:38:43,589 --> 00:38:40,720

certain things the government wants to

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keep uh hidden in terms of you know

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00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:44,560

giving

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00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:45,680

um

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00:38:49,349 --> 00:38:48,000

you know information to uh earthly

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00:38:50,710 --> 00:38:49,359

adversaries

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00:38:55,829 --> 00:38:50,720

um

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00:38:57,990 --> 00:38:55,839

it's unlikely that the governor just

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throw open its books and say we're gonna

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00:39:03,190 --> 00:39:01,280

tell you everything we know um so that's

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what disclosure means to some people i

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00:39:07,510 --> 00:39:05,359

think that's unrealistic i think

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more disclosure probably is a better way

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00:39:11,270 --> 00:39:09,760

to describe it and i think that that is

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more realistic

1051  
00:39:14,550 --> 00:39:12,960  
ralph just before you go can you remind

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00:39:16,150 --> 00:39:14,560  
the listeners how they can follow you

1053  
00:39:21,109 --> 00:39:16,160  
follow your work and also obviously by

1054  
00:39:26,230 --> 00:39:21,119  
the way yeah um my website is www ralph

1055  
00:39:31,190 --> 00:39:29,270  
dot com um and there are links to the

1056  
00:39:33,270 --> 00:39:31,200  
book there there's uh

1057  
00:39:34,310 --> 00:39:33,280  
uh appearances i've made talks i've

1058  
00:39:37,109 --> 00:39:34,320  
given

1059  
00:39:39,109 --> 00:39:37,119  
my biography the book is available on

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00:39:40,870 --> 00:39:39,119  
amazon

1061  
00:39:42,150 --> 00:39:40,880  
independent bookstores i love it if

1062  
00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:42,160  
you'd buy it from an independent

1063  
00:39:45,510 --> 00:39:43,680

bookstore because they're struggling

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00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:45,520

they need the business

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00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:48,240

it's also on kindle

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00:39:53,190 --> 00:39:50,720

so you can get it instantly download it

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00:39:54,150 --> 00:39:53,200

for your iphone or ipad

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00:39:55,670 --> 00:39:54,160

and

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00:39:57,910 --> 00:39:55,680

i hope soon i think it'll be on

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00:39:59,990 --> 00:39:57,920

audiobook so if you were writing in your

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00:40:03,430 --> 00:40:00,000

car and you want to listen uh at some

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point it'll be available there so um

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00:40:05,589 --> 00:40:04,960

should be no problem getting a hold of

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00:40:08,470 --> 00:40:05,599

it

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you and i would love to have you back on

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00:40:12,790 --> 00:40:10,319

down the line to discuss the topic a

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00:40:14,870 --> 00:40:12,800

little bit thanks andy a real pleasure

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00:40:16,870 --> 00:40:14,880

that is all for this week's show thank

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you very much for listening please

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remember to leave the podcaster review

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on your chosen platform you can like

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retweet and subscribe that would all be

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very much appreciated the shows are

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being uploaded onto youtube as we speak

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twitter ufo uap am and again folks as

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00:40:48,180 --> 00:40:45,680

always keep looking up you never know

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what you might see

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was

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but i'd had some champagne

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i can't imagine how it could have been

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any better i got to the top of the

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and everything was red i helped my boys

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00:41:59,250 --> 00:41:50,800

they thought this was nice they thought

1100

00:41:59,260 --> 00:42:13,349

[Music]

1101  
00:42:13,359 --> 00:42:19,410  
and what's that

1102  
00:42:29,109 --> 00:42:23,349  
[Music]

1103  
00:42:29,119 --> 00:42:32,680  
your serious

1104  
00:42:56,180 --> 00:42:44,120  
[Music]

1105  
00:43:02,440 --> 00:42:56,190  
it wasn't

1106  
00:43:33,470 --> 00:43:27,300  
[Music]