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It's been over 75 years since the United States Night Fighter Squadron observed the so-called

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Foo Fighters high over the Franco-German border during World War II.

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But the fact is that it was just a prelude to the UFO phenomenon, the start of which

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coincided with the most deadly period in human history.

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The Second World War in Europe ended in May 1945, but it was to be several months later

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before the most horrific conflict in human history reached a conclusion.

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In August the U.S. military dropped nuclear bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima

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and Nagasaki.

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The Soviets tested their first atomic bomb on the steps in what is now Kazakhstan on

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August 29, 1949, triggering the onset of the tense 40-year nuclear standoff between Russia

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and the United States.

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The Cold War.

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At some point, perhaps when this problem with the Soviet Union was resolved and we got on

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the same page and was like, oh, okay, great.

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You're communists, we're capitalists, but that's fine.

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00:01:25,400 --> 00:01:26,840

You help win the war.

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Let's work together.

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That didn't happen.

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What happened was trillions and trillions of modern dollars were spent on building 70,000

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00:01:37,860 --> 00:01:43,300

nuclear warheads, then nuclear submarines, putting them on tracks, putting them on launch

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00:01:43,300 --> 00:01:48,380

pads, putting them on underwater so that they could, you could be dead 12 seconds after the

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00:01:48,380 --> 00:01:52,500

war began.

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00:01:52,660 --> 00:01:56,500

We'd be on the verge of another deadly conflict.

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These series of nuclear tests were preceded by astonishing events, events that raised

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a completely different kind of concern and helped precipitate the creation of many top

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secret projects, projects which have remained top secret until now.

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00:02:22,500 --> 00:02:49,180

Top secret UFO projects.

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00:02:49,180 --> 00:02:50,740

Declassified.

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00:02:50,740 --> 00:02:54,460

Private Blue Book, unknown.

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June, 1947, in the skies above Washington State, close to Mount Rainier.

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Private pilot Kenneth Arnold reported citing a formation of unidentified flying crafts.

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Arnold's account led to the press quickly coining the terms, flying saucer and flying

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disc as popular descriptions for unidentified flying objects.

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One month later, the most notorious UFO sighting in history occurred.

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July, 1947, Roswell, New Mexico.

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Major Jesse A. Marcel, Air Force Intelligence Officer, arrived home to his house in Roswell.

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He walked into his 10-year-old son's bedroom and woke him up, saying that he would probably

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00:03:44,540 --> 00:03:48,340

never again see what he was about to show him.

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00:03:48,340 --> 00:03:53,180

Times recovered from inside a UFO.

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00:03:53,180 --> 00:04:01,860

There was a lot of rather thick foil-like material, kind of a, not a shiny aluminum,

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00:04:01,860 --> 00:04:07,020

but a burnished or a slate-gray type of aluminum metal.

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00:04:07,020 --> 00:04:11,460

There was a black plastic type debris, like bake-like, which was shattered.

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00:04:11,460 --> 00:04:12,980

It was very brittle.

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00:04:12,980 --> 00:04:19,140

Perhaps at its core, what, why it has really resonated throughout the years, is that it

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00:04:19,140 --> 00:04:23,540

was the first time, and perhaps only time, where the United States Air Force, and maybe

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it was still called Army Air Force at the time, authorized a newspaper article that said,

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we have captured a flying saucer.

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00:04:30,620 --> 00:04:34,620

In Washington, that newspaper report created turmoil.

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And say that you're the president of the United States, you're Harry Truman.

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What do you do with that information?

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00:04:40,540 --> 00:04:44,900

If you tell the world that it's real, first of all, you don't know are they hostile or

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00:04:44,900 --> 00:04:45,900

friendly.

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00:04:45,900 --> 00:04:52,340

Basically, it's, if informally, the moment that Truman sent the authorization to Roger

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Ramey, then in Dallas, Fort Worth, that press release out of the Roswell Air Force base,

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that has got to be reversed immediately.

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Because if the press get to Roswell in time to start interviewing people all over town,

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00:05:06,940 --> 00:05:08,580

this is out.

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00:05:08,620 --> 00:05:10,340

This is done.

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The White House ordered a complete lockdown of all information and personnel connected

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00:05:14,620 --> 00:05:16,620

with the Roswell incident.

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00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:21,140

Major Jesse Marcell was ordered to return to base immediately.

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The information about the crash of an extraterrestrial vessel that had been prematurely released

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00:05:26,060 --> 00:05:29,180

to the public had to be played down.

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The UFO Genie had to be put back at the bottle at all costs.

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00:05:38,580 --> 00:05:42,860

The very same day they hold the late press conference, later in the day they get Jesse

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00:05:42,860 --> 00:05:44,820

Marcell Sr. back there.

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00:05:44,820 --> 00:05:50,020

They get him in a room to hold up some Reynolds wrap that might have been wrapping Roger Ramey's

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00:05:50,020 --> 00:05:55,300

fish in the freezer and say, weather balloon, it was just a weather balloon.

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00:05:55,300 --> 00:05:59,180

And the press goes, oh, oh, okay, right, no problem.

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00:05:59,180 --> 00:06:03,700

They debunked the whole thing and said, oops, it was a mistake, we just saw a balloon.

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00:06:03,700 --> 00:06:05,060

And it was completely forgotten.

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I think initially they might have thought it was even a Russian weapon or something.

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That was the reason for it.

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The very same story, but later, it was not a Russian weapon.

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So that left one out of possibility.

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00:06:22,260 --> 00:06:24,260

Something from out of our atmosphere.

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00:06:35,060 --> 00:06:39,700

And then the next day, we had a new scenario that we're going to have laser ships destroying

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00:06:39,700 --> 00:06:40,700

society.

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That means the Air Force has failed in creating this sense of safety amongst the populace.

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00:06:47,700 --> 00:06:52,740

Given the circumstances of the time, it's not surprising that an initiative emerged

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within the Pentagon to establish a program to investigate the UFO phenomenon.

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The foundations were laid for the creation of the longest and most wide spanning government

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Project Blue Book.

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Project Blue Book was run by the United States Air Force.

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And it was the best known of the three UFO research and investigation programs that the

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US government had had in the early days.

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Starting in 1947 with Project Sine and then evolving into Project Grudge.

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Project Blue Book was, I think, a genuine attempt to investigate UFO sightings and come

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to some sort of assessment of the phenomenon.

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00:07:44,420 --> 00:07:49,340

They really needed to get as much information as they could from private citizens who saw

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00:07:49,340 --> 00:07:55,580

the craft, who could report if the craft had landed, who was inside of the craft, whether

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00:07:55,580 --> 00:07:58,660

people were being taken inside of the craft and being shown things.

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00:07:58,660 --> 00:08:03,220

So all of this information they needed and the best way for them to get it was to have

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00:08:03,220 --> 00:08:09,620

this Project Blue Book set up so that it could act as a kind of veneer for people to report

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UFO sightings.

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00:08:11,780 --> 00:08:15,860

Project Sine was sort of like this high water mark of, hey, there's something going on.

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00:08:15,860 --> 00:08:17,660

No, there's not.

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00:08:17,660 --> 00:08:19,140

We've got a grudge against this.

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00:08:19,140 --> 00:08:20,140

There's nothing going on.

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00:08:20,140 --> 00:08:24,100

And then that was disbanded and led to the creation of Project Blue Book.

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The newly formed team is about to face a truly spectacular warm-up round with an incident

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00:08:29,220 --> 00:08:36,060

directly above the nation's capital, observed by countless numbers of people.

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00:08:36,060 --> 00:08:41,980

I do believe, probably, the most significant case in Blue Book was 1952.

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Because we have a case here, a lot of people say, I'm not going to believe in UFOs unless

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00:08:46,660 --> 00:08:50,420

they land on the lawn in Washington, D.C.

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00:08:50,420 --> 00:08:51,700

Well, they practically did.

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00:08:51,700 --> 00:08:52,700

They buzzed.

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00:08:52,700 --> 00:08:53,700

They flew over.

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00:08:53,700 --> 00:09:10,260

July, 1952, Washington, D.C.

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We'll bring you the dramatic story of what happened over our nation's capital just one

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week ago tonight.

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Air traffic controller Edward Nugent noticed seven unidentified flying objects on his radar

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00:09:21,020 --> 00:09:24,340

screen outside of authorized airspace.

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00:09:24,340 --> 00:09:27,460

He reported them to his superior.

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00:09:27,460 --> 00:09:32,100

It was also confirmed by two other controllers.

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00:09:32,100 --> 00:09:38,900

At nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Airman William Brady also reported sightings of objects resembling

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00:09:38,900 --> 00:09:45,740

fireballs whose speed and maneuverability were unlike anything he'd ever seen.

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00:09:45,740 --> 00:09:46,740

He asked him to describe it.

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00:09:46,740 --> 00:09:47,740

He said he couldn't describe it.

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00:09:47,740 --> 00:09:51,540

It was just a small white light.

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So did S.C.

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Peerman, a pilot waiting for takeoff clearance at Washington National.

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Inexplicably, Project Blue Book Commander Edward J. Ruppelt was only made aware of this

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00:10:08,540 --> 00:10:12,500

incident much later.

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00:10:12,500 --> 00:10:16,900

The unknown object passed over the White House and the Capitol Building.

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00:10:16,900 --> 00:10:39,300

F-94 Starfire jet fighters were scrambled from Andrews, but the objects vanish.

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00:10:39,300 --> 00:10:44,620

A week later, the incident occurred again, with the same unidentified craft appearing

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in the skies above the Capitol.

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Project Blue Book spokesman Albert M. Chalk denied reporters requests to photograph the

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00:10:52,200 --> 00:10:59,500

radar screens.

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During this second incident, Lieutenant William Patterson locked onto one of the objects,

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attempting to pursue it.

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His efforts were futile.

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That was far too fast.

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The unknown objects tracked on the radar were moving at unbelievable speeds, ranging from

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00:11:15,620 --> 00:11:24,300

1150 to over 7,000 miles per hour.

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Project Blue Book investigators were ready, and when this started happening again, they

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00:11:29,180 --> 00:11:35,620

went to the National Airport, they took over the control panel, they took over the control

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00:11:35,620 --> 00:11:39,980

tower, and they witnessed this UFO encounter themselves.

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00:11:39,980 --> 00:11:45,780

They saw the jets being scrambled, they saw the radars, they were right there at the time,

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00:11:45,780 --> 00:11:50,700

and they weren't able to determine what it was.

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It's an amazing episode of history that a president who was very calm and controlled

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00:11:58,780 --> 00:12:06,180

like Truman, who's not prone to flights of fancy or, you know, panicking, got angry enough

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about the situation, he actually called the director of Project Blue Book, and he said,

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00:12:09,460 --> 00:12:10,980

what the hell is going on?

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And he scrambled fighter jets to shoot these things down.

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00:12:17,300 --> 00:12:20,940

Was these jet fighters were chasing and that were outrunning them?

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00:12:20,940 --> 00:12:26,220

A very similar incident to what we see in the Nimitz that's making the news right now,

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00:12:26,220 --> 00:12:28,980

or the Roosevelt, which is also making news.

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00:12:28,980 --> 00:12:33,980

So it's a repeat of what keeps happening, where these things show up, we chase them,

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00:12:33,980 --> 00:12:41,060

they outmaneuver our best technology, and we have no idea what the heck they are.

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00:12:41,060 --> 00:12:45,700

The country was in the midst of a cold war and people feared global conflict.

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00:12:45,700 --> 00:12:50,300

When unknown craft flew in formation over the nation's capital, something had to be

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00:12:50,300 --> 00:12:51,420

done.

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00:12:51,420 --> 00:12:58,900

On July 29, 1952, an extraordinary press conference was held at the Pentagon.

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00:12:58,900 --> 00:13:04,900

The largest press conference since World War II was held at the Pentagon, and Major General

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John Alexander Samford spoke to the public along with other military officers about the

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sightings.

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00:13:14,700 --> 00:13:21,660

We can say that the recent sightings are in no way connected with any secret development

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00:13:21,660 --> 00:13:25,780

by any agency of the United States.

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General Samford stated that these things have been seen in the sky, dating back to biblical

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00:13:32,020 --> 00:13:41,140

times, that there are credible people who are seeing incredible things, that you can't

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00:13:41,140 --> 00:13:45,060

explain any of this except for phenomena.

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00:13:45,060 --> 00:13:51,020

However, there have been a certain percentage of this volume of reports that have been made

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00:13:51,020 --> 00:13:56,460

by credible observers of relatively incredible things.

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00:13:56,460 --> 00:14:02,620

It is this group of observations that we now are attempting to resolve.

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00:14:02,620 --> 00:14:07,340

This was perhaps the one and only time in history when the military command of a global

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00:14:07,340 --> 00:14:12,620

superpower issued a public response to documented UFO sightings and admitted that it was at

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00:14:12,620 --> 00:14:14,580

a loss to explain them.

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00:14:14,580 --> 00:14:20,180

It was the first official admission that extraterrestrial graph of superior speed and maneuverability

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00:14:20,180 --> 00:14:31,020

had been observed in the Earth's atmosphere.

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00:14:31,020 --> 00:14:36,020

The flights over Washington seem to announce to the world, we are here.

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00:14:36,020 --> 00:14:38,620

You can count on our involvement.

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00:14:38,620 --> 00:14:44,340

Nuclear weapons can endanger not only you, but the entire planet and as yet undiscovered

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00:14:44,340 --> 00:14:48,260

worlds beyond it.

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00:14:48,260 --> 00:14:52,900

To this day, UFOs are sighted near bases with nuclear arsenals.

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00:14:52,900 --> 00:14:58,180

And in at least two documented cases, the coded activation system was inexplicably tampered

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00:14:58,180 --> 00:14:59,180

with.

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00:14:59,180 --> 00:15:06,300

In 2010, UFO expert Robert Hastings states, declassified US government documents and

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00:15:06,300 --> 00:15:11,460

witnessed testimony from former or retired US military personnel confirmed beyond any

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00:15:11,460 --> 00:15:16,260

doubt ongoing UFO incursions close to nuclear weapons facilities.

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00:15:16,260 --> 00:15:22,100

But information about this is kept under wraps and denied.

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00:15:22,100 --> 00:15:26,740

And so how do you keep that under wraps?

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00:15:26,740 --> 00:15:33,540

Well, you use all of the spy craft tool and disinformation tools and stuff that we developed

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00:15:33,540 --> 00:15:35,660

during the war.

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00:15:35,660 --> 00:15:38,940

You formalize the CIA out of the OSS.

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00:15:38,940 --> 00:15:40,980

You create the NSA.

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00:15:40,980 --> 00:15:42,980

You use your technology.

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00:15:42,980 --> 00:15:45,020

You get in touch with publishers and key papers.

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00:15:45,020 --> 00:15:49,500

You talk to the three networks and you say, look, this, you got to play ball with us.

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00:15:49,500 --> 00:15:50,500

And they did.

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00:15:50,500 --> 00:15:54,940

Is there anything in the files, either classified or unclassified that would indicate that there

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00:15:54,940 --> 00:15:59,060

may be extraterrestrial visitors or the head?

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First of all, the project is completely unclassified.

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00:16:03,220 --> 00:16:07,300

And there's nothing in the records that would indicate that we have been visited by any

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00:16:07,300 --> 00:16:10,300

fan civilization.

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00:16:10,300 --> 00:16:15,180

Despite the authorities best efforts, these sightings would keep on coming, confounding

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00:16:15,180 --> 00:16:21,460

attempts to play down the whole notion of UFO phenomena.

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00:16:21,460 --> 00:16:26,900

One of the cases that really impressed me in Project Blue Book was that in 1952 there

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00:16:26,900 --> 00:16:34,140

was this sighting of a flying saucer in the vicinity of Desert Springs.

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00:16:34,140 --> 00:16:40,420

And this was the place where Georgia Damksky says that he actually had his first encounter

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00:16:40,420 --> 00:16:43,900

with a extraterrestrial from Venus.

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00:16:43,900 --> 00:16:49,860

And a Damksky had six people that witnessed him having this encounter.

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00:16:50,340 --> 00:17:02,060

November 1952 Desert Center, California.

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00:17:02,060 --> 00:17:05,740

Georgia Damksky returns home from stargazing with friends.

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00:17:05,740 --> 00:17:09,820

He was about to experience an encounter that would change his life.

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00:17:20,860 --> 00:17:26,860

First, he recalls a cigar-shaped object appearing in the sky.

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00:17:29,860 --> 00:17:34,860

Others in the group were shocked, but Georgia Damksky was not so easily phased.

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00:17:34,860 --> 00:17:39,860

He left the group and walks towards where the craft had apparently landed.

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00:17:40,860 --> 00:17:46,860

Adamsky disappeared over the horizon just as the vessel appeared to land, but from

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00:17:46,860 --> 00:17:49,860

a distance it is too hard to tell.

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00:17:49,860 --> 00:17:57,860

Adamsky returned just moments later with an alarming message.

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00:17:59,860 --> 00:18:06,860

He said that he was warned by a being from Venus called Orthon about the threat of imminent

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00:18:06,860 --> 00:18:08,860

nuclear war.

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00:18:08,860 --> 00:18:16,860

He tells them the Venusian communicated with him non-verbally.

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00:18:20,860 --> 00:18:26,860

I have more or less on gestures and mental therapy as if there's no one taught transfer.

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00:18:26,860 --> 00:18:27,860

He does not speak.

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00:18:27,860 --> 00:18:30,860

I mean, he doesn't at the time, but I have made him sense and he does speak very well

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00:18:30,860 --> 00:18:33,860

English as well as in the other language.

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00:18:33,860 --> 00:18:35,860

They saw the UFO.

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00:18:35,860 --> 00:18:40,860

They actually even saw a cigar-shaped craft in the vicinity.

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00:18:40,860 --> 00:18:46,860

So these witnesses, they gave their testimony to a local newspaper.

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00:18:46,860 --> 00:18:51,860

They took some soil samples to support what Adamsky said that he had a real-life meeting.

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00:18:51,860 --> 00:18:54,860

And in the project, Blue Book files, they said,

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00:18:54,860 --> 00:19:01,860

there was another person independent of Adamsky and his six witnesses who said that they reported

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00:19:01,860 --> 00:19:07,860

a UFO sighting in the precise area where Adamsky had his encounter.

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00:19:07,860 --> 00:19:14,860

On December 13, 1952, George Adamsky claims to have photographed a UFO.

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00:19:14,860 --> 00:19:19,860

The image was depicting a man who was in a car accident.

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00:19:19,860 --> 00:19:23,860

George Adamsky claims to have photographed a UFO.

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00:19:23,860 --> 00:19:26,860

The image was debunked and compared to a surgical lamp.

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00:19:26,860 --> 00:19:30,860

Which of George Adamsky's claims were true?

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00:19:30,860 --> 00:19:37,860

Project Blue Book Commander Edward J. Ruppelt and his scientific adviser, Joseph Allen Heineck,

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00:19:37,860 --> 00:19:39,860

took an interest in Adamsky.

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00:19:39,860 --> 00:19:42,860

In his 1956 memoirs, Ruppelt writes,

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00:19:42,860 --> 00:19:51,860

To look at the man and to listen to his story, you immediately felt an urge to believe him.

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Decades later, it is clear, not only from Ruppelt's memoirs,

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but also from the testimony of other direct participants in Project Blue Book,

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that the project manipulated facts, especially in its later phase.

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Some cases were filed with a blatant effort to avoid any unexplainable or unidentified phenomena.

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There was a policy instituted at that time.

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In 1953 and in 1954, there were two new Air Force regulations put into effect

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that essentially any information that was not explained by the Air Force

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was to go through a different process, a different system,

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that only the information that could be identified as conventional craft

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could be told to the public and to the media.

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And the whole idea was to say, we're taking this seriously when they weren't taking it seriously.

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They just wanted information, but they would interpret it one way for the public,

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they'd interpreted it another way for themselves, because they knew this was real.

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And you're a publisher and they come in and say, this is national security.

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We cannot have significant investigations of this.

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You can write some articles, but do not challenge our position on this.

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It's for the benefit of the nation.

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And what is the publisher going to do?

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Ask Ruppelt.

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Project Blue Book's most famous commander was Captain Edward J. Ruppelt,

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a decorated World War II pilot who incidentally coined the term unidentified flying object.

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After resigning from his post, Ruppelt wrote the book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*,

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which to this day provides readers with a very solid picture of what happened behind the scenes

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of military investigations into the phenomenon between 1947 and 1955.

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Ruppelt and his people were very strongly looking at the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

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But in later years, Blue Book was explicitly given orders by the Air Force, by the military,

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to explain all of these unexplained cases and just to give them explanations,

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whether balloon, hoax or media or whatever.

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And they got their percentage of unknowns down very, very low,

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but that doesn't mean that these were legitimate investigations.

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The most significant civilian figure associated with Project Blue Book was Joseph Allen Heineck,

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a scientist hired by the Pentagon to advise on three consecutive UFO studies.

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Project Sine, Project Grudge and Project Blue Book.

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Heineck's observations became a case study of how empirical findings on the UFO question

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brought about radical change of opinion.

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If you put it in the word, use the word possibility and not probability,

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then I would have to say I think if any scientist were allowed to say it is certainly possible, yes.

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So my father got involved with Project Blue Book and the predecessors.

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There are two theories.

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One is that because of his classified work with the Air Force or the Army during World War II

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and the proximity fuse, he had a security clearance.

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And there are people, and you can see websites where they say it was a CIA plan to get Heineck involved again.

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The alternative view is that they just needed a respectable astronomer to come in and say,

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don't worry folks, there's nothing going on.

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Among the tremendous noise or static or crud or whatever you want to call it,

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a tremendous number of unreliable reports that I easily explain,

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there is this residue of most interesting cases that intrigued me in the same way that a good mystery story intrigued me.

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And I'd like to get the solution.

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Now we knew J. Ellen Heineck quite well.

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We were with him both privately and at public conferences in the 70s and 80s.

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And he was a man who was paid literally by the Project Blue Book to cover up the extraterrestials.

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But he was a man who had an inquisitive mind.

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He starts looking behind the scenes and spitting out there's something real going on here.

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What it is, we don't know, but it's worthy of study.

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Big, big cases which they never gave to Heineck.

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So that's when Heineck discovered that they were using him.

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Project Blue Book was basically an attempt to put under the table this phenomenon to discredit it.

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We have not been hiding anything.

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The investigations have been made public.

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The explanations of those where there is a clear explanation have been made public.

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The hearing this morning was public for just that reason.

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Then later on in his life, he totally switched.

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He understood that the phenomenon was both physical and psychic.

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So it was both physical and paranormal.

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What was initially surprising for my father was the sort of cavalier attitude that the Air Force had to not really learn the truth.

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Whether or not they need to learn the truth for a different military point of view than my father's scientific inquiry,

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but they just weren't interested in the truth.

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But what the U.S. military couldn't control were reports of sightings of UFOs coming from outside the United States.

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The peace and quiet of the Boe and I Anglican mission was unexpectedly disrupted.

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Reverend William Booth Gill was the first to observe intense light around unoccupied Mount Pudi.

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He and his assistant thought it was an atmospheric phenomenon,

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hardly realizing that they would soon witness something much more extraordinary.

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On June 26, Father Gill, along with 38 other eyewitnesses,

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saw a large disc in the sky emitting blue light he later went public with what he had seen.

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What it's like to look up in the sky and see a totally foreign looking object.

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They're just hovering, not very far high up, maybe 200, 300 feet up in the air.

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Observers saw what appeared to be beings inside the craft.

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They looked like people, but something told Father Gill he was witnessing an encounter of an entirely different kind.

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The visitation was repeated again the following night and was observed by yet another 25 witnesses.

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Figures walking about on top and not the slightest noise whatsoever.

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And so we waved. They waved back.

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Was it possible? Did these beings come from another world or from a parallel universe?

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How did it have such an event been witnessed by so many?

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The question is no longer whether there is intelligent life in the universe, but how many different forms might it take?

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And then suddenly it did go.

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And there was this amazingly incredible speed that the whole craft disappeared to nothing.

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And then Father Gill came to our house for dinner one night for an ecumenical religious conference.

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And this was not a guy who went on the UFO lecture circuit. He did not write a book.

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He was a man in his 70s who was very comfortable in his own skin, as we say.

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And I saw him with my own eyes. And I'm looking at him thinking, I don't think this guy is lying.

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I don't think this guy is crazy. So he didn't really understand why they didn't want to just thoroughly investigate.

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And they didn't know they would do something very different than he would do.

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So I think that was surprising to him.

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In the 1950s, at the behest of the CIA, the Robertson panel was established.

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The scientific committee that precisely shaped strategies and tactics of dealing with the media.

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Even if UFOs did not pose a direct threat to the United States, a threat could arise from the mismanagement of classified information and public interest.

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Therefore, a massive disinformation plan was created and put into action,

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gradually integrating their talking points into public life.

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The Air Force always wanted to get rid of Project Blue Book.

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They weren't really able to without a proper pretext, a proper explanation, reason.

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That's where the so-called Condon Committee investigation came in.

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In the late 1960s, the University of Colorado was contracted by the Air Force to do a supposedly scientific study of UFOs.

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Well, that was a whole rigged game as well.

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Dr. Edward Condon made statements such as,

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we do not expect extraterrestrial life from outside our solar system to reach our planet in the next 10,000 years.

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If you actually look at the Condon Project reports, the scientific study,

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you'll find that much of that information indicates that UFOs are real and that there was a serious interest in this.

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Sort of signal low points would be 1953 and 1969.

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1953 was the Robertson panel, which is the first of sort of two scientist-led symposiums to discuss UFOs and write a report and come up with a conclusion.

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Basically, they had a report whose conclusion said, there's nothing to the UFO phenomena. Let's close the doors and go home.

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The fact that the contents of the program remained classified until 1975, five years after Project Blue Book was terminated,

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demonstrates without a doubt that the Robertson panel report wasn't just a temporary program.

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It was a sustained, long-term effort to make the subject of UFOs scientifically unrespectable.

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Pinex saw this essentially as a smoke screen to keep critical information about UFOs out of the public domain.

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Project Blue Book was officially shut down in 1969, with the archive made available to the public in 2015.

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As it turns out, the archive is far from complete.

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Following a discovery by UFO investigator Rob Mercer, who lived close to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio,

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many previously undisclosed cases recorded by the U.S. military and collated by Project Blue Book came to light.

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Thanks to a classified advertisement, offering official military files related to UFOs, Mercer took possession of a cache of boxes.

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These boxes were filled with documents stored in a garage by a former military base officer.

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Thanks in large part to Mercer, a much clearer picture of the history of the project and the sheer volume of information in its possession came to light.

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April 1964, Socorro, New Mexico

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It was hot at the end of April that year, especially for patrolman Lonnie Zamora at around 5.45 in the afternoon while in pursuit of a speeding driver.

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He witnesses a flash of fire on the horizon about a half a mile away.

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Suspecting that a dynamite store in the area exploded, he decided to drop the pursuit in order to check out the scene.

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I went up that little road for about half a mile again.

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Came up to this little parking deal there on the side of an old knife.

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For a glance out the window, slept in my slab, something with white objects on the ground.

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Saw a part of my deer, caught it, turned over.

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Saw a river, a real big harrow going out there to investigate, thought maybe somebody would be hurt.

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Astonished, the objects spotted by Zamora slowly began to rise into the air.

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There was no smoke, just a blue and orange flame beneath the object.

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Frightened, the policeman fled, stumbling, losing his glasses as he fell on the dusty ground, he tries to take cover in anticipation of an explosion above him.

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Suddenly, everything went quiet.

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He looked up to see the object slowly departing, but not through rocket propulsion, simply floating silently away.

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Jay Hynek met with Lonnie Zamora to discuss what he had seen and evaluate his credibility.

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He was favorably impressed.

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My father thought he was a very credible witness who exhibited signs of trauma immediately after the event and was very consistent in his recounting of the event after that.

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And this is sort of part of a flurry or a flap of cases in New Mexico in the 40s, 50s and 60s.

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So that was a very convincing case. That was one of the cases that led my father to finally jump in with both feet to the deep end of the UFO pool.

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Testimonies gathered over the years refute perhaps the most important official conclusion of Project Blue Book, which states,

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there has been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as unidentified represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

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There has been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles.

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You know, when you investigate cases and they're obviously extraterrestrial, at some point you just have to say, this is not able to be covered up any longer.

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This is why Project Blue Book was diminished because it did not have answers that were sufficient really to other areas of science.

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The largest study ever done by the U.S. Air Force was done in 1954, 1955 at the prestigious Battelle Memorial Institute.

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3,201 cases were categorized by the scientists who did this study.

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In the end, 21.5% were labeled as true unknowns.

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They could not identify them as anything conventional on this planet.

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However, the Secretary of the Air Force made a statement that it was only 3%.

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When you say that it's only 3%, it can be easily dismissed.

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21.5% deserves further scientific investigation.

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By the time Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969, it had accumulated a total of 12,618 UFO sightings,

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categorizing the majority of the cases as natural phenomena.

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Anomalies are conventional aircraft.

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Roughly 6% of the cases, 701 to be exact, are labeled as unexplainable.

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One of the most intriguing of these was reported just three years before Blue Book was shut down.

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March 1966, Shepard Air Force Base, Texas.

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Shortly before sunrise, 56-year-old electrician Eddie Laxen was driving over the state line between Texas and Oklahoma, little suspecting what he was about to encounter.

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The beams of a car's headlights on this dark road, there wasn't a living soul in sight, and yet, a moment later Eddie sharply had to stop on his brakes.

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Dumbfounded, he stared ahead while the car radio suddenly died.

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As did the vehicle's engine.

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He got out of his car and stood transfixed at a 75-foot-long, 8-foot-high, and 12-foot-wide craft.

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It was unlike anything he had ever seen.

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Here's his dimensions.

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It's 75 feet in length.

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It has a 3-foot diameter porthole here.

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It has a bubble canopy here.

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There's four landing gear legs, and then there's a door right here.

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There were figures standing alongside the vessel, dressed in uniforms bearing unfamiliar emblems.

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The ship, as he recalled, was marked with the numbers TL-4768.

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The vessel had no wings, as you might see on a conventional man-made aircraft of the period.

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There was a man shining a flashlight on the bottom of this craft with a porthole here,

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and when he saw that he was being viewed by the eyewitness, he went up the ladder, he closed the door.

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Shortly after, it rose noiselessly and vanishes at a speed of perhaps 700 miles per hour,

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faster than the speed of sound, but without a sonic boom.

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Eddie was at a complete loss to explain what he had just seen.

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Were these humanoid extraterrestrials, time travelers?

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Even with today's technologies, human science is incapable of building such a vessel.

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And, as this thing was departing, truckers who were going down the same road, they saw it too.

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So we've got multiple independent confirmation of this craft actually being seen.

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Shepherd Air Force Base, back in 1966.

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And yet, despite the weight of evidence, Project Blue Book filed a way discompelling eyewitness testimony,

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continuing its policy of suppressing any accounts of UFO sightings,

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or information which might contradict the official government line on the existence of UFOs.

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To explain away all UFO sightings as quickly as possible when they become public,

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I do not have it. UFOs really exist.

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This theory that Project Blue Book was just a public relations exercise

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has been given some new credibility, because of course we now know that the Pentagon

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had, at least from 2007 to 2012, but maybe still existing,

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a program called ATIP, Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.

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So the idea of having a public program like Blue Book, but having as well a secret program

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that the people, the media and the public don't know about, does now have more credibility.

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The stigma was manufactured. We as scientists were used in this divide and conquer tactic

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that we were meant to come out and get people not to be talking about this

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or dismiss any sort of encounter that somebody had.

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What are you doing there, Mo? Displaying sources.

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And what we see today, the stigma that still exists and the separation between the UFO community

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and the scientific community, is a hangover of this period.

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It's a legacy of this divide and conquer strategy that was used by the military and the government

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in the 1940s, 50s and throughout, and that's not conspiracy theory.

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When you keep encountering these objects that are over sensitive airspace that are not supposed to be there,

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you have to do something about it. And the thing is they try to do it as quietly as they can,

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but this has never stopped being a problem for the United States military.

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Although the results of many years of observation have been downplayed and censored,

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with UFOs having been successfully relegated to the sphere of pop culture,

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this doesn't mean that the U.S. military has lost interest in the phenomenon

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or has stopped being active in monitoring any activity which could be associated with UFOs.

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It put the United States government in a very difficult position because for years they had said

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in response to any questions about this, we don't investigate UFOs anymore.

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We haven't done this since Project Blue Book, so of course this story proved that they had.

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So it was embarrassing.

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The philosophical drive of Project Blue Book was that UFOs did not exist.

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So they're always looking for explanations like a weather balloon, the planet Saturn,

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or a hoax to explain them away.

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I don't think it is based on people, although I would be delighted if it turned out that way.

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Because as an astronomer, I think it would make astronomy even more interesting than it is.

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And as far as the Air Force is concerned, I can't speak for them, of course,

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but I should imagine that if the existence of spacecraft were really established,

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it would really increase the appropriations of the Air Force.

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Project Blue Book was sort of the front man out there saying,

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hey, don't worry, nothing going on here, don't look behind the curtain.

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They've been researching whatever they can research about the extraterrestrial presence,

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particularly the technology, 24-7, month after month, year after year,

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all the way back into the 50s.

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And so this idea that, oh, they just did Blue Book and then they didn't do anything,

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and then they came up with the ATIP program, believe me, they've been studying it all this time.

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The idea that we have to classify and keep things secret and safe.

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And you know, we don't have the same level of existential threat we used to have.

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We don't.

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It's time to move on and say, look, I'd rather have some of these secrets get out

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and have a more open world, a lot stronger understanding than what we currently have.