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July 1947, Roswell, New Mexico.

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Reckich found in the desert outside this small town

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is believed by many to be a UFO.

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The question is, are UFOs real?

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The answer is yes.

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For years, controversy has grown about what really happened

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here that summer night.

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Now, a decorated ex-US Army intelligence officer

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has made a remarkable claim.

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He says that not only are UFOs real,

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but that the US military harvested advanced technology from them.

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He knows this, he says, because he held the technology in his hands

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and saw alien bodies from the Roswell crash.

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The humanoid type body came from the Roswell area

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where there was a crash in 1947.

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Why should we believe him?

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Because of the man that he was,

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the years of service that he dedicated to the United States of America

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and the fact that he was considered one of the top military men in his field.

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Who is this person? What did he do in the past?

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What were the things that he has said in the past that have come to fruition?

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According to Lieutenant Colonel Philip Corso,

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he was responsible for bringing alien technology to military labs

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and civilian scientists.

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And they used it to make lasers,

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fiber optics, integrated circuits,

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night vision image goggles,

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and bulletproof vests.

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We are looking at crashed flying saucers,

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or ones that are shot down,

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and we're trying to figure out how they work.

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Others are skeptical that alien technology

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jump-started the military industrial complex.

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That's a peculiar kind of lack of self-confidence and human ingenuity.

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I found that Philip Corso wasn't telling the whole truth about a number of things.

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Is Philip Corso's story the fantasy of one ambitious intelligence officer?

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Or does he confirm that a UFO did crash at Roswell in 1947

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and that it launched a secret military program to push alien technology

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into mainstream development?

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Summer, 1947.

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Major Philip J. Corso is on patrol at the Army Base at Fort Riley, Kansas

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when he encounters something that will challenge everything he knows

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about heaven and earth.

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Corso was a career military man,

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a respected intelligence officer,

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and an artillery commander with his finger on the nuclear button.

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But inside a crate in a deserted building,

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Corso swore was a being from another planet.

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Corso would publish an account of this and other revelations

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in a book called The Day After Roswell,

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a New York Times bestseller when it came out in 1997.

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One of his book signings, five colonels came to him

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and verified that my father was right on with everything that was written in the book.

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Corso died in 1998.

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But the material he presented in his book is still controversial.

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Now, for the first time, the full story of his military career

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and his startling UFO allegations are being told on television.

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1942, the year after the Pearl Harbor attack.

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Philip Corso, a small town boy from Pennsylvania, is drafted into the Army.

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During World War II, he trains as an intelligence officer,

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and afterward at the age of only 29, Corso becomes a spy hunter in Rome.

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His mission? To seek out and terminate Soviet agents.

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When the United States Army occupied Rome,

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what they wanted was to make sure that they were able to get the military

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and the United States Army occupied Rome.

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What they wanted was to make sure that the post-war government

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would be a friendly government, not a communist government.

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A position with a lot of authority behind it.

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The man was regarded as an up and comer.

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By April of 1947, Corso returns to the United States

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for additional training at the U.S. Army's intelligence school at Fort Riley.

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Three months later, in July 1947, comes that fateful night

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when he claims he has the encounter that shakes him to his core.

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32-year-old Corso is the post-duty officer,

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an assignment that puts him in charge of security at the base.

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That evening, Fort Riley is buzzing with rumors.

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Five trucks containing debris from a mysterious aircraft accident

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in Roswell, New Mexico have arrived at the base in Kansas.

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Corso, with his training as an intelligence officer,

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is intrigued by the shipment.

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At about 11 p.m., Corso says he enters the building

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where the Roswell shipment is stored.

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A guard on duty tells Corso that he has already looked

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into one of the crates making up the shipment

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and cannot comprehend what he's just seen.

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Corso then says he has a look for himself.

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And he sees these, they look like coffins.

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They're little, they're like kid coffins.

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Can't figure out what that is.

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So he goes and he picks up the tarp.

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It looked like a sin body and a humanoid

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was sort of a big head on it and eyes, but not too long.

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And not the shape of it was not as wide,

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as I say, as our bodies are.

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Corso says this was his first encounter with extraterrestrials,

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but it would not be his last nor his most significant.

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Later, he would be given top secret files

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and alien artifacts that he claims would generate

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a new technological world order.

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But in 1947, that day was still a decade away.

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The outbreak of the Korean War in 1950

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puts a hold on Philip Corso's ruminations

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on extraterrestrial beings.

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Corso joins General Douglas MacArthur's staff

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as an artillery targeting specialist for UN forces.

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After the 1953 armistice, he remains in Asia,

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serving as an intelligence officer

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repatriating American and Allied prisoners of war.

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I came to know Philip Corso because he had been

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a special projects officer in the Far East command

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for prisoners of war under MacArthur,

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and the later held the same role and capacity

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for the National Security Council

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as a staffer in the Eisenhower White House.

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According to his military records,

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in July of 1953, Corso is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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He says he is a trusted advisor to President Dwight D. Eisenhower,

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informing him of what Corso asserts

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is rampant KGB infiltration within the CIA.

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And Corso was screaming about this

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in the National Security Council, the Eisenhower.

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Corso states that Eisenhower rewards him

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with his own combat command.

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In 1957, military records confirm Corso is placed

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in charge of an artillery battalion

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at Red Canyon Missile Range.

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By October of that year, Corso commands the battalion

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in West Germany, where he develops

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new targeting strategies for nuclear strikes.

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He's shown he can do the one thing,

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he'll follow orders, but he's shown initiative.

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He had sole command of a nuclear weapons battery.

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Now, in the event that war would have broken out

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with the Soviet Union in the 50s,

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when Corso was in Germany,

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he would have had sole authority

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to release his nuclear weapons.

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But after Corso returns from Germany,

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his career dramatically changes direction.

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The gifted intelligence officer, fearless spy hunter,

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and artillery commander who controlled

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the world's most powerful weapon

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now becomes a reservist in the National Guard.

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In October of 1960, Corso is virtually in retirement,

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a part-time unit advisor to a National Guard base in Maryland.

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You could say it meant that some people were displeased with him,

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but it's just as easy to say, he didn't have what it takes.

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But Corso's supporters believe Corso is being groomed

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for his most important and most secret assignment.

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Now there is a big green hand running his career.

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That big green hand is the hand of Arthur Trudeau.

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Philip Corso has a powerful mentor

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in Lieutenant General Arthur Trudeau.

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A West Point graduate class of 1924,

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Trudeau quickly gains a reputation

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as a forward-thinking officer,

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comfortable with high technology.

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In the Cold War era,

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he pioneers technological training for intelligence officers.

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And by 1958, he's named director of Army Research and Development.

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When Trudeau gets a chance to appoint a deputy,

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he brings Corso over and thus begins Corso's stint in Army R&D.

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General, call me and say,

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I'm the Stafford's Foreign Technology Division,

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and you're the chief of it.

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And you got an office down next floor under me.

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Through this point in his career,

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Corso's Army job history is easily verified

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by examining military records.

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Look, he did work in the Pentagon.

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His office was there.

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I have the roster.

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And he worked for General Trudeau,

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and he certainly knew him well.

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There's no question about that.

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But after his Pentagon appointment,

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the paper trail of his career is harder to follow,

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and his assertions more difficult to confirm.

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Corso wrote that his Pentagon job entailed

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analyzing foreign military hardware,

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such as helicopter armament developed by the French,

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or the British military's vertical takeoff and landing fighter.

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Then the technology would be reverse engineered.

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The military has had over the years a number of projects

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where enemy technological devices

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have been recovered by American forces.

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So one of Corso's jobs was to get this foreign technology,

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this French technology, and reverse engineer it.

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And then if they had something good,

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fed into our own technological timeline.

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Reverse engineering plays a significant role

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in the spy craft of the Cold War era.

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The Soviets used captured American saber jets

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to reverse engineer U.S. technology.

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And the U.S. captured Soviet MiGs

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to reverse engineer Soviet technology.

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But if Corso's routine job

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involves examining technology from abroad,

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his task would soon change.

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Sometime after July 20, 1961,

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Corso claims that General Trudeau calls him into his office

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and gives him an astounding directive.

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Examined technology captured from the 1947

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alien spaceship crash in Roswell, New Mexico.

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Trudeau has a filing cabinet delivered to Corso's Pentagon office.

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Inside Corso says is proof positive of aliens visiting Earth.

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And alien technology that Corso insists he will use

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to change the world.

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In 1947, Philip Corso claimed to have seen

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alien bodies from the infamous UFO crash

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near Roswell, New Mexico.

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Corso's description is consistent with those

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who claim to be eyewitnesses to the crash.

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The aliens, according to these witnesses,

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were four small human-like beings.

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With four fingered hands,

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thin legs and feet,

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an oversized head and large almond-shaped eyes.

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These descriptions purportedly appear

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in these classified documents prepared by government investigators.

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To this day, the documents have not been authenticated.

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Corso insists that he told no one about what he saw at Fort Riley.

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But in the summer of 1961,

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the 46-year-old Lieutenant Colonel is assigned to a Pentagon project

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that will force him to recall his eerie experiences.

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He was assigned to the Army's research development at the Pentagon.

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Once again, a position with a lot of authority.

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His goal?

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To advance U.S. military superiority by a factor of decades.

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We had enough sense to push it.

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We had the organization and we had the money

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and we had the brains to do it and we did it.

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During the Cold War era, Corso says,

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there was great government concern that the Russians would gain access

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to the alien materials.

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Or worse, the aliens would use their superior technology to invade Earth.

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According to Corso, an ordinary filing cabinet

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contains the extraordinary artifacts of the Roswell crash.

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A piece of super-strong metallic cloth.

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Corso contends it may have protected the alien pilots in their spacecraft.

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A tube that appears to shoot a searing red light.

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Corso thinks it might be a surgical instrument or a weapon.

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An alien-made headband that, according to his military reports,

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might have been used to transmit thoughts or control the alien craft.

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An imprinted set of miniature arms.

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An imprinted set of miniaturized circuits.

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Perhaps a prefabricated microcircuit.

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A flexible wire that might have transmitted light through its interior.

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And a lens that could allow anyone to see in the dark,

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supposedly taken from the eye of an alien being.

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To better understand the puzzling contents of the filing cabinet,

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Corso claims to immerse himself in classified government documents

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reporting on alien technology supposedly found at Roswell.

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According to the reports that Corso claims to have read,

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some of the world's foremost scientists,

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men like Werner von Braun and J. Robert Oppenheimer,

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have access to the Roswell crash site.

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Corso says that Lieutenant General Trudeau

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greenlights him to assemble his own A-list team.

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You will put on that team anybody you want.

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Engineers, scientists, and even, I told the Germans.

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I'll take a couple of Germans too,

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in addition to the US scientists.

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Corso claims that based upon his close readings of the Roswell reports,

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he developed his own theories about how the alien craft may have functioned.

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What Corso said was that the spacecraft had a way to jump.

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It didn't fly from wherever it came from to here.

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It jumped.

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And he said that's all they knew,

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that there was a wave around the spacecraft

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that allowed it somehow not to be a spacecraft,

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but a time machine.

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And the reason is that to travel the kinds of vast distances it had to travel,

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it had to leave what we understand in physics as a space-time continuum,

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drop out of that, and suddenly reappear in a new spot.

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In Corso's personal notes are sketches detailing his concepts.

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Corso speculates that the alien craft is navigated by a mind-control interface

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fitting the alien cranium.

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It seemed as though by revolving the headband around the alien brain drawings,

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you would match up the pickups on the headband with various parts of the alien brain.

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His background research complete.

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Corso maintains he is ready to move on to the next phase.

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Distribution.

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He will hand off the alien technology he says comes from Roswell

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to appropriate defense contractors for development.

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Try to imagine what would happen if a spaceship crashed on Earth

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and there was a fabulous piece of technology

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and somebody like Corso pulled it out and gave it to research labs

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and said here guys figure out how this works.

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The result Corso maintains will lead to a complete reconfiguring

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of the world's most advanced technologies.

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In the early 1960s, America's military might is directed toward fighting the Cold War.

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Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Corso wants to bring alien technology from Roswell into the fray.

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By the end of the summer of 1961,

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he maintains that he begins to contact military weapons labs about his alien artifacts.

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Now the Army laboratories also had civilian scientists there

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and they developed this relationship of handling classified material.

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Phil Corso felt very comfortable working through the Army laboratories

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to the civilian scientists because the clearances were all taken care of by the laboratory.

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America is dotted with top secret high-tech labs

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where civilian scientists work on sensitive military projects.

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Los Alamos, home of the Manhattan Project, is perhaps the most famous.

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But in 1961, Fort Belvoir in Virginia is quietly working on a decade-long project

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to develop night vision engineering.

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Corso claims he makes this lab the first he approaches with alien technology.

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In order to get these things reverse engineered properly,

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you couldn't just take this to a radio shack.

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I mean, it had to go to a place where some of the things were not in place.

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Somebody would understand the technology.

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According to Corso, Roswell eyewitnesses report that the alien craft has image-intensifying technology.

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If one went inside the ship and looked out,

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the world outside would look as bright as day, even at night.

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There is also, according to Corso,

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a lens taken out of an alien's eye that has light-enhancing properties.

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No one knows how the two are related, says Corso,

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but he knows their potential value.

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Corso maintains that by the late summer of 1961,

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he helps researchers at Fort Belvoir by showing them the alien light-enhancing lens

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and possibly other light-enhancing technology from the Roswell craft.

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Corso says he wasn't able to further develop the alien-mind-control interface.

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His theory was that it would only function with an alien brain.

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But this momentary setback, he claims,

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didn't forestall development of another Roswell artifact,

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an imprinted circuit of mysterious design.

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We also had a little charred ship,

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small ship,

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maybe a 3-8-7-inch square, two threads coming out,

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and a little wind in the center within wires.

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These came from Roswell.

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We didn't know exactly the function of the integrated circuits,

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but we suspected that these were circuits, electrical circuits.

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Corso asserts that he brings the object to Bell Labs,

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which had developed a new technology

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called Roswell Micros, which had developed the transistor 14 years earlier.

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He says scientists there were able to analyze and later recreate the alien microchip.

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Corso claims the Roswell microchip was supposedly damaged from the crash,

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but that in his possession is another alien object,

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this one apparently fully functioning.

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He knows from reports that when people were shining this thing around,

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it caused burning on the surfaces that it was aimed at.

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Corso says he reads classified military reports speculating that the artifact from Roswell,

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apparently capable of burning holes in walls,

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is some kind of cutting tool perhaps used for surgery.

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At Hughes Aircraft from the late 1950s into the early 1960s,

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researchers have been working on what would become the first laser tracking

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and targeting devices for military aircraft.

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But engineers have run into a snag in their efforts to create a practical device.

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That is Corso asserts until he shows them the alien cutting tool.

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It did accelerate after 1960-61 because people figured out new ways to make lasers.

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And as the science advanced, the engineering advanced.

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Corso's filing cabinet reportedly contains another treasure from the Roswell trove.

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It was glass tubes.

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And they emitted different color lights.

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And those were sent to Bell laboratories.

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From that was one of the greatest advancements I think we have today came out.

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And fiber optics.

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Many UFO researchers theorize that the spacecraft had no wiring

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because it was fitted instead with fiber optic cable.

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Transmitting information with light happens to be an old technology.

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It dates back to one of the pioneers of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell,

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who experimented with a device he called the Photophone in 1880.

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Most people have never heard of it, but back in his day,

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serious scientists thought that the Photophone was a more impressive invention than the telephone.

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The Photophone was a way that you could transmit a voice signal over a beam of light.

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Corso's research tells him that data transmission via light had failed

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because scientists could not direct a beam of light around corners.

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But Corso contends that the Roswell artifacts might hold the answer.

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They were looking at this glass fibers and say,

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wow, the light actually turns a corner.

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How can light go in curves?

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And then they concluded the reason for that was because it had a cladding wrap on it.

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The cladding was the key discovery you had to make in order to make fiber optics work.

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Although it would not be until the 1970s that fiber optics were in general use,

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UFO researchers believed that the cladding wrap on the alien artifact,

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an outer covering on the fiber that guided the light,

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made it possible for earthly fiber optics to advance.

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Corso also says he examined some curious super strong fibers

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that his military reports claim come from the aliens' flight suits.

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The first thing of the fabric that amazed me was a thread that I couldn't cut with a razor blade.

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Just a thread.

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In his book, Corso offers a theory about the fibers composing the alien flight suits.

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The alien bodies, probably the more vulnerable aspects,

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were protected from what had to be incredible energies

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by the super tenacity of the fabric which somehow formed a shield.

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And Corso said they didn't put these on, they were woven around them.

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In other words, they spun them like a cocoon.

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According to Corso, he wonders if these super strong fibers

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could be developed into super strong bulletproof shields for law enforcement and military use.

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Corso said that the army tried to bring it to the University of Colorado

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to try and fabricate this technology.

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The mid-1960s saw great advances in super strong fabrics that used polymer technology,

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the type of molecules that Corso claimed were present in his alien fabric.

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In 1965, Kevlar was invented, a fabric that would be used in bulletproof vests,

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more proof according to Corso of the impact of alien technology.

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There's no denying that the period Corso works in the Pentagon

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coincides with a period of rapid technological growth in the United States.

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Corso's supporters say alien technology played a role,

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but others see things very differently.

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In his best-selling book *The Day After Roswell*,

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Lieutenant Colonel Philip Corso claimed to introduce alien technology

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from the 1947 Roswell crash to the American military's technological agenda.

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But others say that the scientific leaps of the 1960s

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were not made by one human being.

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And others say that the scientific leaps of the 1960s

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were not made by one hero and not with the help of aliens.

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It's nice to think in terms of one heroic person

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leading us into the new world of far-out technology learned from saucers.

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That sounds great.

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But having worked on a whole host of big research and development programs,

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that isn't the way it works.

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Look, on the aircraft nuclear propulsion program,

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there were 500 people, 1100 of them were engineers and scientists,

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we were spending \$100 million a year.

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That's the kind of effort it takes to develop new technology,

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and that was in 1958 dollars at that.

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Corso claims that the laser jumped from theory to practice

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after scientists examined the device found in the Roswell crash debris.

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But to science historians, that's science fiction.

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The laser is a good example of an invention

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that doesn't really have a single eureka moment

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where somebody gets a brilliant inspiration

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and then they go down into their basement workshop

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and 15 minutes later they've hammered together a laser.

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The laser really began back in 1951

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when a physicist from Columbia University was taking a walk in Washington.

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That physicist was Charles Townes.

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And I woke up early in the morning worrying about

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why hadn't we been able to get anywhere before breakfast

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so I would walk down in the park, sit down in the park.

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Suddenly I said, hey, wait a minute.

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We can get a whole collection of molecules all in excited states with excess energy.

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I wrote down the numbers to see now could I make it oscillate.

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The first laser device used microwaves rather than light.

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The light emitting version wasn't functional until 1960,

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nine years after Professor Townes jotted down his notes.

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While the laser's development was slow and steady,

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the integrated circuit advanced rapidly.

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But the greatest progress was made by scientists well after Corso retired.

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The real breakthrough happened in 1971

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when a guy named Ted Hoff conceived of the idea

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of putting an entire microprocessor on one piece of silicon,

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a computer on a chip.

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Basically what happens in an integrated circuit

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is that you are controlling the flow of electrons

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or actually in some cases the absence of electrons.

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Ted Hoff, known as the architect of the microprocessor,

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started working on integrated circuits in 1968.

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Hoff disputes Corso's claim that an alien chip

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captured from the Roswell crash made an earthly version conceivable.

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If you have a crash scenario, there's presumably damage done

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and that damage may make the device even harder to analyze.

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And even if you had the device, you'd really want a context.

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If you had seen this device in those days

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and had no context to put it in, in other words, what's it used for?

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You'd even have less chance of understanding it.

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Hoff also says that to reverse engineer an integrated circuit

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as Corso claimed happened in 1961,

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you would need a scanning electron microscope,

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which was not invented until 1966.

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Philip Corso also claimed that his alien fiber optics cable

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inspired scientists.

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But science historians don't support his assertion

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because fiber optics required a convergence of technologies

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occurring over decades of development.

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The idea really became interesting in 1965

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when lasers were available and people suddenly realized

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there was commercial use for fiber optics.

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So shortly after that, the project was tackled by a trio of inventors

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at Corning and they came up with a successful fiber optic in 1970.

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The highly directional light of a laser improved signal strength.

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The team of researchers at Corning Glass created a form of fused silica.

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This super pure glass material was capable of carrying

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65,000 times more information than copper wire.

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This made fiber optics commercially practical

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10 years after Corso claimed to have accelerated the technology.

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Corso also stated that he inspired a quantum leap

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in image enhancement technology.

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But science historians say the technology of turning night into day

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was also decades in the making.

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Progress increased so incrementally,

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it goes all the way back to the 1940s when image intensifying radar scopes

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were issued to allied troops in the Pacific theater.

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The first night vision gear employed thermal imaging.

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Developed by the Germans during World War II,

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it brought heat energy into the visible spectrum using an infrared light and a receiver.

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Then by the early 1960s,

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William Spicer, a Defense Department researcher,

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had created image intensification technology.

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Fort Belvoir scientists built upon his work.

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Image intensification requires no additional light.

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Functioning like a radio receiver for light waves, it amplifies existing light.

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Today's image intensifiers are small enough to be worn as goggles

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and are capable of amplifying light by a factor of 35,000.

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Scientists suggest that if Corso really had an alien image enhancer,

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showing it to researchers in the 1960s did little to advance the technology's measured progress.

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The engineering that was required just progressed at a very slow rate.

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Making night vision work was largely the result of really brilliant engineering.

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Finally, according to technology experts,

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Corso's super tenacity fibers came not from alien spacesuits,

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but from years of research by a scientist named Stephanie Qualick,

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who worked at the DuPont Company.

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She learned how to organize super strong chains of atoms in 1965,

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and by 1971 Kevlar was on the market.

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The theory that something like Kevlar came off a flying saucer

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strikes me as being insulting to someone like Stephanie Qualick,

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who poured enormous amounts of effort, years of her life,

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tremendous dedication and brain power, went into cracking the secrets of nature.

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Furthermore, some skeptics insist Lieutenant Colonel Corso

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simply didn't have the technical background to run a reverse engineering program.

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I read something he'd written years ago and found that it was not high tech.

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I worked for General Electric, Westinghouse, General Motors,

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TRW Systems, McDonald Douglas, with lots of technical people.

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I'm a physicist myself.

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And I saw nothing in what Corso had written

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that gave any indication of his having the knowledge, the skills, the talent, the background

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to handle stuff like this and get it into industry.

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Corso had an answer to this objection, claiming that his team of A-list scientists

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helped him interpret the Roswell cache.

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I didn't have the training or the background for something.

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That got highly technical.

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But fortunately the German scientists were there.

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I knew von Braun, and I knew Herman Obert.

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Obert was a man who said we'd been helped,

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but we had to keep it quiet to protect our budget, to protect our organization.

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For doubters, there is also the issue of Corso's rank.

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A Lieutenant Colonel, some argue, wouldn't be running things as Corso claimed he was.

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I think an indication of his value to the military would have been given by the fact

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that he was not a full Colonel, despite all his years in service.

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But others stand by Corso's assertions,

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particularly those who say they're familiar with the way the U.S. military functions.

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Back in those days, Lieutenant Colonel had a lot more authority and position

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than a Lieutenant Colonel today has.

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And even today, you've got Lieutenant Colonel's doing quite a bit of the important tactical

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and even strategic planning and operation.

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The History Channel contacted the military contractors Corso claims to have worked with,

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and all say there was no alien involvement in the technology Corso says he jump-started.

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No memos, directives, or paperwork of any kind exist to directly support Corso's assertions

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about reverse engineering alien technology.

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But Corso's supporters say there is no paper trail for a very good reason.

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Among those who believe there was an alien crash near Roswell, there is consensus on one concept.

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The U.S. government systematically suppressed the truth.

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The government of the United States and other governments around the world have gone out of their way

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to keep that wrapped up inside a riddle that's smothered by an enigma.

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Philip Corso says he also had to keep his reverse engineering program under wraps.

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We couldn't discuss it. We made a decision. It cannot be discussed outside of us.

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We're doing good. We have the authority. We have the money for R&D projects.

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Well, that's fine. Let's keep it that way. Let's not get mixed up in the murky area of whether they exist or not.

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As for Corso's contributions to the advancement of science, skeptics say that the technology he claimed

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to have pushed forward was ready to emerge anyway.

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As proof, they offer up the Mind Control Headband, one alien technology that Corso did not claim to develop.

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Today, it's well on its way to becoming a reality without his help.

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Since the 1970s, scientists have been experimenting with using EEG readouts of brain waves

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to provide feedback and change behavior.

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It's now possible to use EEG feedback games like this one to learn how to manage brain states.

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But Mind Control technology has advanced even further than that.

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In 2004, researchers received FDA approval to test tiny brain implants

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designed to allow disabled people to control computers using their thoughts.

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Next, I'm going to paint a circle.

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UFO researchers say the government's supposed cover-up may forever obscure the facts of Roswell.

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And therefore, also obscure the truth about whether alien technology played a supporting role in the development of fiber optics,

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super strong fabrics, lasers, integrated circuits, or battle-ready image enhancement.

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Some people think that, for example, aliens intervened in 3500 BC in Egypt to help the Egyptians build pyramids.

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You know, well, talk on it. The Egyptians of 3500 BC were fully capable of putting big blocks on top of other big blocks, right?

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If the Egyptians had suddenly developed cell phones or something,

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then I would say, OK, there's intervention there. But that's not what they did.

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But while Lieutenant Colonel Philip Corso might be questioned, his ideas deemed controversial,

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and his predictions dismissed as the stuff of science fiction,

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his impact on UFO legend and lore can never be minimized.

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The military, the Pentagon, the government of the United States does not give that type of authority to a loose cannon.

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This man was highly regarded, highly respected.

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At my age, what do I have to lose? I have to let my grandchildren and my children know this because how long will I be around yet?

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And when I go, it goes with me.

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There must have been many days, many days that Philip Corso said to himself, why me? Why do I have this information?

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And again, I think that's one of the things that probably plagued him for so many years.

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It's pretty difficult to keep a secret like that within yourself.

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Even today, only 10% of the story is told, my father says. The rest is classified.