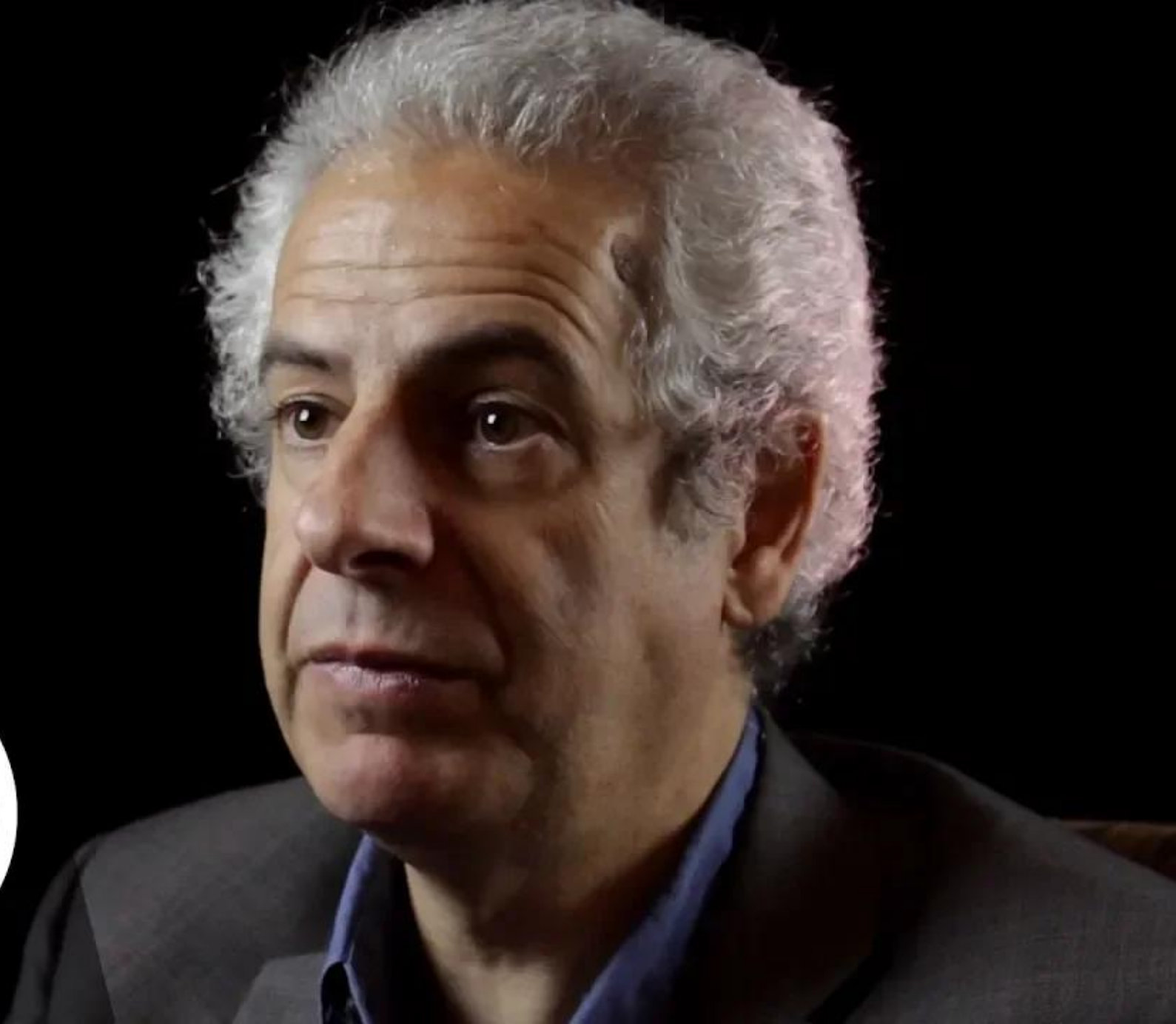


UFO  **HUB**



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00:00:23,250 --> 00:00:14,330

[Music]

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00:00:23,260 --> 00:00:26,390

you

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00:00:31,730 --> 00:00:28,940

I'm Nick Pope I worked for the British

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00:00:34,430 --> 00:00:31,740

government for 21 years at the Ministry

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00:00:39,320 --> 00:00:34,440

of Defence and for much of the early 90s

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00:00:41,570 --> 00:00:39,330

I ran the UK's UFO program my job was to

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00:00:43,490 --> 00:00:41,580

research and investigate the phenomenon

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00:00:46,340 --> 00:00:43,500

and to determine if there was anything

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00:00:50,990 --> 00:00:46,350

of any defense significance or anything

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00:00:55,640 --> 00:00:51,000

of more general scientific interest now

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00:00:58,640 --> 00:00:55,650

the biggest story in recent years in the

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00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:58,650

UFO field has undoubtedly been the

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00:01:01,939 --> 00:01:00,960

revelations concerning the existence of

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00:01:06,560 --> 00:01:01,949

the Pentagon's

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00:01:10,990 --> 00:01:06,570

a tip program this was front-page news

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00:01:15,020 --> 00:01:11,000

in The New York Times on December 16th

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00:01:17,570 --> 00:01:15,030

2017 and really in terms of the

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:17,580

historian where it is it is still a

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00:01:24,590 --> 00:01:20,880

story that continues to unfold there are

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00:01:27,230 --> 00:01:24,600

fresh revelations it seems every few

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00:01:30,710 --> 00:01:27,240

weeks and this is clearly the biggest

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00:01:33,560 --> 00:01:30,720

thing to have hit the UFO community for

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00:01:37,460 --> 00:01:33,570

some time now there is controversy even

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00:01:41,050 --> 00:01:37,470

about the name of the program a tip has

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00:01:44,870 --> 00:01:41,060

been variously suggested to be either

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00:01:48,490 --> 00:01:44,880
advanced aerospace threat identification

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00:01:50,780 --> 00:01:48,500
program or advanced aviation threat

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00:01:54,820 --> 00:01:50,790
identification program there are even

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00:01:58,370 --> 00:01:54,830
versions with an extra and in there and

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00:02:01,720 --> 00:01:58,380
also suggestions that it either evolved

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00:02:05,960 --> 00:02:01,730
from or is essentially the same thing as

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00:02:09,190 --> 00:02:05,970
another program called or SAP advanced

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00:02:12,440 --> 00:02:09,200
weapons system application program so

34
00:02:14,210 --> 00:02:12,450
when you can't even be certain or win

35
00:02:16,729 --> 00:02:14,220
this certainly controversy and

36
00:02:19,610 --> 00:02:16,739
disagreement about the exact nature and

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00:02:21,440 --> 00:02:19,620
name of a program you know that you're

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00:02:24,610 --> 00:02:21,450

dealing with some fairly shadowy

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00:02:29,009 --> 00:02:26,289

relation to the nature of the program

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00:02:33,100 --> 00:02:29,019

that continues to be debate about this

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00:02:35,339 --> 00:02:33,110

was this as the Department of Defense

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00:02:40,110 --> 00:02:35,349

and the Defense Intelligence Agency

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00:02:44,890 --> 00:02:40,120

usually try to characterize it was it an

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00:02:46,949 --> 00:02:44,900

advanced aerospace threat program in

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00:02:49,420 --> 00:02:46,959

other words that there are some

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00:02:51,160 --> 00:02:49,430

statements from the press office and

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00:02:54,759 --> 00:02:51,170

some documents where they talk about

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00:03:00,059 --> 00:02:54,769

this in terms of it being a program to

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00:03:03,309 --> 00:03:00,069

assess far term aerospace threats now

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00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:03,319

conventionally and I speak as someone

51
00:03:06,190 --> 00:03:04,640
who's done this whole thing within

52
00:03:09,670 --> 00:03:06,200
government conventionally when you talk

53
00:03:11,410 --> 00:03:09,680
about foreign advanced aerospace threats

54
00:03:14,610 --> 00:03:11,420
you're talking about Russia and China

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00:03:17,589 --> 00:03:14,620
and maybe some other nations such as

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00:03:22,149 --> 00:03:17,599
Iran and North Korea as well as

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00:03:24,099 --> 00:03:22,159
non-state actors such as Isis but if you

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00:03:26,559 --> 00:03:24,109
look at the paperwork that has been

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00:03:28,059 --> 00:03:26,569
Declassified in relation to the

60
00:03:30,330 --> 00:03:28,069
Pentagon's a tip program and if you

61
00:03:33,539 --> 00:03:30,340
listen to the statements for the people

62
00:03:35,979 --> 00:03:33,549
involved in this Senate majority leader

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00:03:38,199 --> 00:03:35,989

former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid

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00:03:42,119 --> 00:03:38,209

who was instrumental in setting it up

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00:03:45,309 --> 00:03:42,129

Luis Elizondo the DIA career

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00:03:47,710 --> 00:03:45,319

intelligence officer who ran this and

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00:03:50,949 --> 00:03:47,720

some of the other people it's clear that

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00:03:54,250 --> 00:03:50,959

part of this work at least part of it if

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00:03:56,920 --> 00:03:54,260

not the whole of it was concerned not

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00:04:00,879 --> 00:03:56,930

with Russia and China but but with

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00:04:05,020 --> 00:04:00,889

anomalous phenomena the UFO mystery

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00:04:08,589 --> 00:04:05,030

whatever you want to term it so here we

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00:04:11,020 --> 00:04:08,599

have this program that made front-page

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00:04:16,479 --> 00:04:11,030

news and New York Times was also in the

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00:04:18,000 --> 00:04:16,489

Washington Post Politico CNN Fox CBS NBC

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00:06:19,970 --> 00:04:18,010

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00:06:23,640 --> 00:06:19,980

pilots involved who's gone on the record

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00:06:26,520 --> 00:06:23,650

david flavor has say i don't know what

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00:06:29,370 --> 00:06:26,530

it was but i want to fly one now when

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00:06:31,860 --> 00:06:29,380

navy pilots are getting excited about

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00:06:33,600 --> 00:06:31,870

speeds and maneuvers of something

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00:06:38,190 --> 00:06:33,610

you know that you're in pretty

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00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:38,200

interesting territory so the videos have

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00:06:44,490 --> 00:06:40,960

been an important strand of this story

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00:06:48,720 --> 00:06:44,500

and there is some dispute and

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00:06:52,230 --> 00:06:48,730

disagreement about exactly how and when

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00:06:55,560 --> 00:06:52,240

and under whose authority these videos

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00:06:58,740 --> 00:06:55,570

which absolutely seemed to be the real

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00:07:00,600 --> 00:06:58,750

thing and and the Pentagon of course

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00:07:03,690 --> 00:07:00,610

before the New York Times would run this

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00:07:06,360 --> 00:07:03,700

story the Pentagon through the press

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00:07:08,700 --> 00:07:06,370

office had to confirm that yes there was

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00:07:11,780 --> 00:07:08,710

an a tip program so so there has been

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00:07:16,560 --> 00:07:11,790

confirmation of all this but exactly

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00:07:19,190 --> 00:07:16,570

when and who and how the release of

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00:07:22,070 --> 00:07:19,200

these videos came about that's still

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00:07:25,219 --> 00:07:22,080

being debated but there are other

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00:07:29,989 --> 00:07:25,229

strands of the story too for example the

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00:07:34,039 --> 00:07:29,999

suggestion that they had meta materials

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00:07:35,949 --> 00:07:34,049

now these are supposedly they've been

101
00:07:40,369 --> 00:07:35,959
called mystery metals that's not a

102
00:07:43,609 --> 00:07:40,379
helpful term everything sits somewhere

103
00:07:44,569 --> 00:07:43,619
on the periodic table and is made of the

104
00:07:47,949 --> 00:07:44,579
same stuff

105
00:07:51,519 --> 00:07:47,959
however there are differences in

106
00:07:55,279 --> 00:07:51,529
isotopes and what this means in terms of

107
00:07:58,459 --> 00:07:55,289
analysis is that just as you can analyze

108
00:08:00,439 --> 00:07:58,469
for example a meteorite and you can be

109
00:08:02,209 --> 00:08:00,449
certain that it came from space as

110
00:08:03,829 --> 00:08:02,219
opposed to it's just someone's trying to

111
00:08:07,009 --> 00:08:03,839
sell you a rock that they picked out of

112
00:08:09,499 --> 00:08:07,019
their backyard because the isotopic

113
00:08:13,789 --> 00:08:09,509

ratios are different and that's because

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00:08:17,779 --> 00:08:13,799

the elements out of which you know the

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00:08:22,729 --> 00:08:17,789

elements and compounds have been exposed

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00:08:27,709 --> 00:08:22,739

to cosmic rays cosmic radiation in other

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00:08:29,329 --> 00:08:27,719

words that we are protected from on on

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00:08:32,240 --> 00:08:29,339

the surface of planet Earth

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00:08:34,519 --> 00:08:32,250

so so you can tell if something's been

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00:08:37,189 --> 00:08:34,529

in space and apparently these meta

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00:08:40,689 --> 00:08:37,199

materials that were looked at as part of

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00:08:44,209 --> 00:08:40,699

the work of the 88 program have

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00:08:46,460 --> 00:08:44,219

undergone isotopic ratio analysis and

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00:08:49,519 --> 00:08:46,470

the conclusion is that they have been in

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00:08:52,670 --> 00:08:49,529

space so that needless to say is

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00:08:55,730 --> 00:08:52,680

extremely interesting part of the eight

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00:08:58,100 --> 00:08:55,740

hit work in fact an awful lot if not all

128

00:09:00,559 --> 00:08:58,110

of the a tip contract seems to have been

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00:09:03,980 --> 00:09:00,569

put out into the private sector what the

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00:09:06,470 --> 00:09:03,990

DoD and the Defense Intelligence Agency

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00:09:11,139 --> 00:09:06,480

seem to have done with this is put it

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00:09:13,610 --> 00:09:11,149

out supposedly for competitive tender

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00:09:15,920 --> 00:09:13,620

one report suggests there were two

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00:09:18,049 --> 00:09:15,930

bidders another report suggests there

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00:09:21,049 --> 00:09:18,059

was only one but whatever the truth of

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00:09:23,329 --> 00:09:21,059

that the contract went to Bigelow

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00:09:27,769 --> 00:09:23,339

Aerospace now Robert Bigelow has a

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00:09:31,160 --> 00:09:27,779

long-standing interest in UFOs dating

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00:09:34,220 --> 00:09:31,170

back to a childhood sighting but has

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00:09:37,189 --> 00:09:34,230

made some very forthright statements

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00:09:39,530 --> 00:09:37,199

about the reality of this and has said I

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00:09:41,419 --> 00:09:39,540

don't just believe this to be true I

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00:09:42,199 --> 00:09:41,429

know this to be true

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00:09:44,269 --> 00:09:42,209

now if

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00:09:46,519 --> 00:09:44,279

the person who did the a tip contract

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00:09:49,519 --> 00:09:46,529

for the Pentagon maybe that's the answer

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00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:49,529

to the question how does he know this to

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00:09:54,769 --> 00:09:51,600

be true why is this not just a belief

149

00:09:56,889 --> 00:09:54,779

why is Robert Bigelow in interviews

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00:09:59,919 --> 00:09:56,899

talking about this in terms of

151
00:10:03,530 --> 00:09:59,929
definitive you can take it to the bank

152
00:10:05,780 --> 00:10:03,540
knowledge that this is true so that's

153
00:10:09,460 --> 00:10:05,790
another aspect of this and of course

154
00:10:13,970 --> 00:10:09,470
putting a program like this into the

155
00:10:17,019 --> 00:10:13,980
into the private sector has two

156
00:10:19,720 --> 00:10:17,029
advantages firstly it makes

157
00:10:23,030 --> 00:10:19,730
congressional oversight more difficult

158
00:10:25,129 --> 00:10:23,040
but secondly it takes a large part of

159
00:10:27,499 --> 00:10:25,139
the information outside the scope of the

160
00:10:30,980 --> 00:10:27,509
Freedom of Information Act now could

161
00:10:33,049 --> 00:10:30,990
argue that's already largely exempt

162
00:10:37,639 --> 00:10:33,059
because of defense and national security

163
00:10:39,889 --> 00:10:37,649

and intelligence exemption but having it

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00:10:42,889 --> 00:10:39,899

in the private sector gives you an extra

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00:10:46,689 --> 00:10:42,899

layer of protection because you can also

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00:10:49,749 --> 00:10:46,699

in parallel with those other foi

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00:10:52,699 --> 00:10:49,759

exemptions you can deploy the exemption

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00:10:54,769 --> 00:10:52,709

that relates to privileged commercial

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00:10:58,400 --> 00:10:54,779

privilege when something is done and is

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00:11:02,629 --> 00:10:58,410

the propriety information of a private

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00:11:05,660 --> 00:11:02,639

sector entity so that again is a way

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00:11:08,150 --> 00:11:05,670

often and I've come across similar

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00:11:10,280 --> 00:11:08,160

things and indeed done similar things in

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00:11:13,369 --> 00:11:10,290

the UK where you run a program out of

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00:11:15,530 --> 00:11:13,379

the private sector and it's sounds

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00:11:18,739 --> 00:11:15,540

counterintuitive but it actually makes

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00:11:23,299 --> 00:11:18,749

it harder not easier to to get that

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00:11:28,100 --> 00:11:23,309

information out so we have this program

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00:11:30,259 --> 00:11:28,110

and but that continues to be divergence

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00:11:37,910 --> 00:11:30,269

of view about the true nature of the

181

00:11:40,689 --> 00:11:37,920

program just in January 2019 I acquired

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00:11:45,109 --> 00:11:40,699

from the DA's office of corporate

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00:11:48,169 --> 00:11:45,119

communications a letter that the DIA

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00:11:51,470 --> 00:11:48,179

sent to Congress about the a tip program

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00:11:54,680 --> 00:11:51,480

and they said you have asked about this

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00:11:57,830 --> 00:11:54,690

this program here is

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00:12:01,340 --> 00:11:57,840

a list of the products produced under

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00:12:03,800 --> 00:12:01,350

the atyp contract they went on in their

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00:12:08,210 --> 00:12:03,810

cover letter to Congress to talk about

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00:12:11,570 --> 00:12:08,220

this in terms of it being a program

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00:12:17,090 --> 00:12:11,580

designed to assess far term aviation

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00:12:20,270 --> 00:12:17,100

threats to the US but then they listed

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00:12:22,640 --> 00:12:20,280

as an attachment to that better 38

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00:12:25,700 --> 00:12:22,650

studies that they've done papers that

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00:12:27,800 --> 00:12:25,710

had been written under the 88 program

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00:12:31,430 --> 00:12:27,810

and it was nothing to do with Russia or

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00:12:35,600 --> 00:12:31,440

China or Iran or North Korea it was to

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00:12:40,010 --> 00:12:35,610

do with theoretical physics relating to

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00:12:42,740 --> 00:12:40,020

exotic propulsion systems that would not

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00:12:46,280 --> 00:12:42,750

go basically not not to build a faster

201
00:12:50,720 --> 00:12:46,290
aircraft but to build a spacecraft

202
00:12:54,350 --> 00:12:50,730
capable of viable interstellar travel

203
00:12:57,980 --> 00:12:54,360
and there was another paper in there

204
00:13:03,380 --> 00:12:57,990
about the Drake Equation the Drake

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00:13:05,990 --> 00:13:03,390
Equation is a construct designed to make

206
00:13:08,360 --> 00:13:06,000
an assessment of how many communicable

207
00:13:12,080 --> 00:13:08,370
civilizations there are in our Milky Way

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00:13:16,130 --> 00:13:12,090
galaxy if this was a program looking at

209
00:13:19,460 --> 00:13:16,140
Russian and Chinese aviation over the

210
00:13:21,020 --> 00:13:19,470
next 40 years which is the way that some

211
00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:21,030
skeptics have tried to portray this

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00:13:26,990 --> 00:13:23,760
program clearly they wouldn't be looking

213
00:13:29,630 --> 00:13:27,000

at the Drake Equation why if you're

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00:13:32,000 --> 00:13:29,640

studying Russian aircraft or Chinese

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00:13:34,130 --> 00:13:32,010

missiles would you need to know how many

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00:13:36,950 --> 00:13:34,140

intelligent civilizations there are in

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00:13:40,520 --> 00:13:36,960

the galaxy clearly it's a nonsense so we

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00:13:44,840 --> 00:13:40,530

have a fundamental disconnect between

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00:13:48,250 --> 00:13:44,850

what the DIA said to Congress in their

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00:13:52,760 --> 00:13:48,260

letter and what they actually revealed

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00:13:54,800 --> 00:13:52,770

by virtue of the list at attachment

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00:13:57,960 --> 00:13:54,810

where clearly they were looking at

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00:14:01,710 --> 00:13:57,970

something entirely different

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00:14:04,349 --> 00:14:01,720

the whole story of how this got out into

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00:14:13,619 --> 00:14:04,359

the public domain is is very interesting

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00:14:17,849 --> 00:14:13,629
in October of 2017 Louis says Ando who

227
00:14:23,609 --> 00:14:17,859
had run this program for the DIA here

228
00:14:25,889 --> 00:14:23,619
left the DIA and turned up in a private

229
00:14:29,389 --> 00:14:25,899
organization called the to the Stars

230
00:14:34,139 --> 00:14:29,399
Academy of Arts and Sciences this was a

231
00:14:39,029 --> 00:14:34,149
think-tank to put together by the former

232
00:14:41,329 --> 00:14:39,039
blink-182 frontman Tom DeLonge and he

233
00:14:42,569 --> 00:14:41,339
had formed this organization as part

234
00:14:47,460 --> 00:14:42,579
think-tank

235
00:14:52,469 --> 00:14:47,470
part research organization part lobby

236
00:14:54,960 --> 00:14:52,479
group to try to raise awareness of this

237
00:14:56,969 --> 00:14:54,970
subject and to try to kick-start a

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00:15:01,349 --> 00:14:56,979

conversation with the American people

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00:15:04,829 --> 00:15:01,359

about the reality of this phenomenon and

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00:15:08,159 --> 00:15:04,839

maybe to try to get more done about it I

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00:15:10,229 --> 00:15:08,169

think the way I characterize what Tom

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00:15:13,049 --> 00:15:10,239

DeLonge him and what the to the Stars

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00:15:15,629 --> 00:15:13,059

Academy seem to be doing is that they

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00:15:19,889 --> 00:15:15,639

seem to be continuing some of the work

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00:15:24,349 --> 00:15:19,899

that was done within government or at

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00:15:27,780 --> 00:15:24,359

government's behest continuing a tip but

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00:15:31,920 --> 00:15:27,790

outside of

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00:15:35,640 --> 00:15:31,930

the DoD in the DIA and in a way that is

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00:15:40,380 --> 00:15:35,650

more public so what happened was that

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00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:40,390

they in October 2017 that to the Stars

251
00:15:47,130 --> 00:15:44,320
Academy did a a launch which was filmed

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00:15:51,690 --> 00:15:47,140
and they basically revealed who they

253
00:15:56,400 --> 00:15:51,700
were what their strategic aims were and

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00:16:02,310 --> 00:15:56,410
that generated some media coverage now

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00:16:05,010 --> 00:16:02,320
between that time clearly they were

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00:16:08,610 --> 00:16:05,020
having discussions with a number of

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00:16:13,110 --> 00:16:08,620
media entities and some people were

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00:16:14,790 --> 00:16:13,120
acting as go-betweeners here and and one

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00:16:18,180 --> 00:16:14,800
of the people involved in this story who

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00:16:20,000 --> 00:16:18,190
knew about it was George Knapp who who

261
00:16:23,040 --> 00:16:20,010
was a journalist based out of Las Vegas

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00:16:27,270 --> 00:16:23,050
who has links with Robert Bigelow and

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00:16:29,250 --> 00:16:27,280

who has run series of favorable UFO

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00:16:33,300 --> 00:16:29,260

stories over the years but another

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00:16:36,260 --> 00:16:33,310

person who was brought into this this

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00:16:40,700 --> 00:16:36,270

media handling strategy was the

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00:16:45,960 --> 00:16:40,710

investigative journalist Lesley Kane and

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00:16:48,240 --> 00:16:45,970

Lesley clearly found out about this was

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00:16:51,470 --> 00:16:48,250

briefed on certain aspects of it

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00:16:56,450 --> 00:16:51,480

then met some of the people involved

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00:16:59,730 --> 00:16:56,460

teamed up with Ralph Blumenthal another

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00:17:04,950 --> 00:16:59,740

journalist who worked for the New York

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00:17:09,690 --> 00:17:04,960

Times and Helene Cooper another New York

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00:17:11,850 --> 00:17:09,700

Times journalist and when so what

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00:17:14,040 --> 00:17:11,860

happened was that and then they were

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00:17:16,980 --> 00:17:14,050

also obviously in parallel talking to

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00:17:20,670 --> 00:17:16,990

other media outlets but it was the Times

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00:17:23,160 --> 00:17:20,680

who published first very closely

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00:17:26,240 --> 00:17:23,170

followed by the Washington Post and

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00:17:28,610 --> 00:17:26,250

Politico so clearly

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00:17:32,000 --> 00:17:28,620

there was some coordination here but the

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00:17:35,330 --> 00:17:32,010

times got the scoop and when the story

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00:17:38,810 --> 00:17:35,340

was published it went out jointly under

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00:17:41,360 --> 00:17:38,820

the buy lines of Ralph Blumenthal Leslie

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00:17:44,270 --> 00:17:41,370

Kane and Helene Cooper

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00:17:45,740 --> 00:17:44,280

so the three of them had gotten the

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00:17:48,620 --> 00:17:45,750

story out but clearly they had been

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00:17:52,190 --> 00:17:48,630

talking to people like Lewis Elizondo

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00:17:56,390 --> 00:17:52,200

who went on the record Senator Harry

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00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:56,400

Reid who went on the record but a number

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00:18:00,770 --> 00:17:58,080

of other people associated with the

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00:18:03,260 --> 00:18:00,780

program who did not go on the record and

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00:18:04,940 --> 00:18:03,270

also as part of the fact-checking for

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00:18:07,970 --> 00:18:04,950

the story the New York Times and

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00:18:10,070 --> 00:18:07,980

presumably the other media outlets had

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00:18:12,860 --> 00:18:10,080

to satisfy themselves that this was real

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00:18:15,350 --> 00:18:12,870

and they did that by for example not

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00:18:18,049 --> 00:18:15,360

just talking to Harry Reid and Lewis

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Elizondo but talking to the pilot David

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00:18:25,159 --> 00:18:20,490

flavour who had been involved in one of

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00:18:28,640 --> 00:18:25,169
those military jet chases and of course

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00:18:30,820 --> 00:18:28,650
they saw some documentation relating to

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00:18:35,090 --> 00:18:30,830
the a tip program they saw for example

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00:18:37,320 --> 00:18:35,100
contractual solicitation documentation

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00:18:38,860 --> 00:18:37,330
showing how this had been put out and

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00:18:42,799 --> 00:18:38,870
[Music]

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00:18:46,700 --> 00:18:42,809
what the contractual requirements were

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00:18:48,590 --> 00:18:46,710
but the final confirmation of course had

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00:18:51,680 --> 00:18:48,600
to come from the government itself all

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00:18:54,529 --> 00:18:51,690
this was very impressive but ultimately

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00:18:57,020 --> 00:18:54,539
a pentagon spokesperson through the

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00:19:00,020 --> 00:18:57,030
press office confirmed to The Times and

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00:19:04,789 --> 00:19:00,030

others that yes there was an a tip

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00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:04,799

program and at some stages press

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00:19:09,620 --> 00:19:07,200

officers have used phrases along the

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00:19:11,560 --> 00:19:09,630

lines of confirming that in parallel

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00:19:14,930 --> 00:19:11,570

with this work part of this work

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00:19:16,820 --> 00:19:14,940

included looking at anomalous phenomena

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00:19:18,950 --> 00:19:16,830

now they've been a couple of occasions

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00:19:23,860 --> 00:19:18,960

where that's I won't say it's been

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00:19:26,120 --> 00:19:23,870

walked back but it's been omitted from

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00:19:30,200 --> 00:19:26,130

some of the statements that have come

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00:19:33,490 --> 00:19:30,210

out of of public affairs at DoD and dia

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00:19:35,380 --> 00:19:33,500

but there are other

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00:19:39,750 --> 00:19:35,390

occasions where that statement has been

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00:19:42,610 --> 00:19:39,760

made so I don't regard it as being

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00:19:44,470 --> 00:19:42,620

disputed that they looked at anomalous

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00:19:47,200 --> 00:19:44,480

phenomena and my goodness when you look

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00:19:50,110 --> 00:19:47,210

at the attachment the letter dia sent to

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00:19:52,840 --> 00:19:50,120

Congress it makes it abundantly clear

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00:19:54,480 --> 00:19:52,850

we're not talking about Russian and

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00:19:57,460 --> 00:19:54,490

Chinese aircraft we're talking about

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00:20:00,010 --> 00:19:57,470

more exotic things that some people

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00:20:02,110 --> 00:20:00,020

would say fringe science

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00:20:07,800 --> 00:20:02,120

some would almost say literally science

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00:20:12,210 --> 00:20:07,810

fiction but clearly scientists with

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00:20:15,670 --> 00:20:12,220

papers published in in prestigious

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00:20:18,130 --> 00:20:15,680

peer-reviewed journals have have been

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00:20:21,130 --> 00:20:18,140

involved in this and have have published

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00:20:25,720 --> 00:20:21,140

on this and have contributed to the atyp

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00:20:31,810 --> 00:20:25,730

work on subject such as wormholes warp

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drive anti-gravity Stargate etc I think

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00:20:38,680 --> 00:20:35,090

in conclusion I would say that this is

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00:20:42,460 --> 00:20:38,690

not a a done deal this there is still

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00:20:45,340 --> 00:20:42,470

discussion and debate about a tip there

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00:20:47,230 --> 00:20:45,350

will continue to be revelations about

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00:20:49,660 --> 00:20:47,240

this program we have very little

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00:20:52,660 --> 00:20:49,670

paperwork still we I mentioned the

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00:20:58,330 --> 00:20:52,670

contractual solicitation document we

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00:21:00,490 --> 00:20:58,340

also have a January 24 2009 letter from

351
00:21:03,130 --> 00:21:00,500
Harry Reid to the deputy defense

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00:21:07,690 --> 00:21:03,140
secretary we have and I've mentioned

353
00:21:11,930 --> 00:21:07,700
this the letter that the DIA sent to

354
00:21:16,720 --> 00:21:13,190
we still don't really have much

355
00:21:22,180 --> 00:21:16,730
paperwork out of the 38 papers

356
00:21:26,330 --> 00:21:22,190
they're called dirt's defense

357
00:21:30,289 --> 00:21:26,340
intelligence research documents out of

358
00:21:32,389 --> 00:21:30,299
the 38 listed in the attachment to the

359
00:21:34,399 --> 00:21:32,399
letter that went to Congress only around

360
00:21:37,539 --> 00:21:34,409
half a dozen have been published so the

361
00:21:40,779 --> 00:21:37,549
still material to come out there and

362
00:21:45,259 --> 00:21:40,789
there's still of course an awful lot of

363
00:21:49,399 --> 00:21:45,269

internal DoD and dia and maybe other

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00:21:54,649 --> 00:21:49,409

agency documents that I would expect to

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00:21:57,549 --> 00:21:54,659

exist on the a tip program that have not

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00:22:00,080 --> 00:21:57,559

yet been Declassified and released now

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00:22:02,509 --> 00:22:00,090

clearly some of this must still be

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00:22:04,129 --> 00:22:02,519

classified and it's not necessarily easy

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00:22:07,159 --> 00:22:04,139

to get it out into the public domain

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00:22:08,810 --> 00:22:07,169

people say where are the American people

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00:22:10,549 --> 00:22:08,820

have a right to know but once you put

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00:22:12,529 --> 00:22:10,559

the information out of course it goes

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00:22:15,019 --> 00:22:12,539

not just the American people through the

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00:22:18,230 --> 00:22:15,029

media but once it's out there goes to

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00:22:19,879 --> 00:22:18,240

Russia China Iran North Korea anyone who

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00:22:21,799 --> 00:22:19,889

wants to read it it's once it's out its

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00:22:24,980 --> 00:22:21,809

out you can't get genie back into the

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00:22:27,980 --> 00:22:24,990

bottle so it's not necessarily as simple

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00:22:31,060 --> 00:22:27,990

as it sounds and I know from my own

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00:22:33,860 --> 00:22:31,070

experience that sometimes

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00:22:35,600 --> 00:22:33,870

declassification is is very tricky you

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00:22:38,919 --> 00:22:35,610

have to decide which bits can be

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00:22:43,460 --> 00:22:38,929

released to the public and which

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00:22:46,159 --> 00:22:43,470

information needs to still be classified

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00:22:47,619 --> 00:22:46,169

because I mean look none of us have been

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00:22:51,139 --> 00:22:47,629

involved in these sorts of programs

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00:22:54,259 --> 00:22:51,149

classify things for fun it's a darn

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00:22:57,110 --> 00:22:54,269

nuisance it's it takes it takes time and

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00:22:59,419 --> 00:22:57,120

it's it's an administrative burden we

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00:23:02,869 --> 00:22:59,429

don't do these things because they're

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00:23:06,019 --> 00:23:02,879

fine we do these things because it's the

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00:23:09,999 --> 00:23:06,029

proper thing to do the definition for

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00:23:14,090 --> 00:23:10,009

example of something like top secret is

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00:23:16,159 --> 00:23:14,100

and this is not a direct quote but the

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00:23:18,830 --> 00:23:16,169

sense of it is the top secret

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00:23:21,230 --> 00:23:18,840

information is information the

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00:23:24,019 --> 00:23:21,240

compromise of which would cause

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00:23:26,720 --> 00:23:24,029

catastrophic damage to the national

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00:23:31,609 --> 00:23:26,730

interest and catastrophic damage might

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00:23:33,440 --> 00:23:31,619

be defined as strategic damage or it

401
00:23:37,549 --> 00:23:33,450
might be loss of life or it might be

402
00:23:40,159 --> 00:23:37,559
both so none of us do these these things

403
00:23:47,899 --> 00:23:40,169
for fun or because they're easy they're

404
00:23:50,960 --> 00:23:47,909
not easy then they're hard so it's it's

405
00:23:53,450 --> 00:23:50,970
a sensitive topic or all of this and and

406
00:23:56,389 --> 00:23:53,460
I hope that more information on this

407
00:24:00,409 --> 00:23:56,399
program will come out Oh

408
00:24:02,749 --> 00:24:00,419
over the next few months however long it

409
00:24:06,859 --> 00:24:02,759
takes but I can't guarantee that we'll

410
00:24:08,210 --> 00:24:06,869
be involved and I of course worked on a

411
00:24:10,639 --> 00:24:08,220
similar program for the British

412
00:24:13,549 --> 00:24:10,649
government but I was not involved in any

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00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:13,559

way with the a tip program and although

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00:24:20,539 --> 00:24:17,340

I've met and had discussions with some

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00:24:23,299 --> 00:24:20,549

of the people involved I I have no

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00:24:25,159 --> 00:24:23,309

official involvement in that program so

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00:24:28,070 --> 00:24:25,169

I can't speak with any authority about

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00:24:30,560 --> 00:24:28,080

what might be out there still to be

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00:24:34,999 --> 00:24:30,570

released and whether it will be released

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00:24:38,930 --> 00:24:35,009

or not I know from talking to Lois

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00:24:44,450 --> 00:24:38,940

Elizondo that sometimes with this

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00:24:47,509 --> 00:24:44,460

subject in the Pentagon at high level he

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00:24:52,009 --> 00:24:47,519

and others hit roadblocks there was

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00:24:54,289 --> 00:24:52,019

pushback from some senior military and

425

00:24:57,769 --> 00:24:54,299

and civilian people I don't know exactly

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00:25:00,249 --> 00:24:57,779

who and where but one one reason for

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00:25:02,690 --> 00:25:00,259

that pushback apparently was religious

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00:25:05,279 --> 00:25:02,700

there are

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00:25:07,799 --> 00:25:05,289

apparently some people in the Pentagon

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00:25:10,590 --> 00:25:07,809

and I've come across a similar thing in

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00:25:13,649 --> 00:25:10,600

the British government some people have

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00:25:16,920 --> 00:25:13,659

convinced themselves that the UFO

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00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:16,930

phenomenon is do not demonic

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00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:21,760

there is a phrase in the Bible I think

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00:25:30,930 --> 00:25:25,840

in in the book of Ephesians and it talks

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00:25:34,760 --> 00:25:30,940

about Satan in terms of I think quote is

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00:25:38,880 --> 00:25:34,770

the Prince of the power of the air and

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00:25:41,160 --> 00:25:38,890

that quote seems to be the reason why a

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00:25:43,320 --> 00:25:41,170

number of people within government have

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00:25:45,780 --> 00:25:43,330

convinced themselves that this is

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00:25:47,880 --> 00:25:45,790

demonic and therefore if it's demonic

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00:25:50,010 --> 00:25:47,890

we shouldn't be studying with it

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00:25:56,040 --> 00:25:50,020

shouldn't be engaging with it because it

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00:25:58,890 --> 00:25:56,050

feeds it I think this is it's very

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00:26:01,530 --> 00:25:58,900

difficult and sensitive area of course

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00:26:06,240 --> 00:26:01,540

and I don't want to disparage people's

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00:26:11,640 --> 00:26:06,250

beliefs but it's frustrating to me to

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00:26:13,320 --> 00:26:11,650

find that UFO skepticism is not as some

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00:26:16,140 --> 00:26:13,330

people might think within government

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00:26:17,990 --> 00:26:16,150

necessarily rooted in a belief that this

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00:26:21,640 --> 00:26:18,000

isn't a real phenomenon

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00:26:24,399 --> 00:26:21,650

these people are seemingly quite

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00:26:26,769 --> 00:26:24,409

you know happy to admit it is a real

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00:26:28,180 --> 00:26:26,779

phenomenon but the skepticism comes from

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00:26:31,000 --> 00:26:28,190

the fact that they believe it to be a

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00:26:33,510 --> 00:26:31,010

demonic phenomenon that therefore we

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00:26:38,769 --> 00:26:33,520

shouldn't study I would like to see

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00:26:41,470 --> 00:26:38,779

people like Louis Elizondo would like to

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00:26:43,390 --> 00:26:41,480

see people like Christopher Mellon would

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00:26:46,000 --> 00:26:43,400

like to see other people who've been

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00:26:48,610 --> 00:26:46,010

involved in these sorts of subjects at

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00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:48,620

senior level within the system within

463

00:26:58,210 --> 00:26:55,279

government we'd like to see more proper

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00:27:00,850 --> 00:26:58,220

serious scientific research and

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00:27:02,919 --> 00:27:00,860

investigation of this phenomenon it's in

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00:27:05,799 --> 00:27:02,929

our airspace it's real it's undeniable

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00:27:08,139 --> 00:27:05,809

now this thing there's no longer a

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00:27:10,539 --> 00:27:08,149

debate to be had about is this real or

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00:27:13,690 --> 00:27:10,549

not I mean my goodness we've seen it's

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00:27:17,409 --> 00:27:13,700

real we've seen the videos of the Navy

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00:27:21,990 --> 00:27:17,419

Jets chasing these things we've heard

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00:27:25,570 --> 00:27:22,000

the pilots talking about this we've had

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00:27:27,880 --> 00:27:25,580

former Senate Majority Reeder Leader

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00:27:30,370 --> 00:27:27,890

Harry Reid talking about how and why the

475

00:27:32,500 --> 00:27:30,380

program was set up and help more needs

476
00:27:35,590 --> 00:27:32,510
to be done on on this I mean yeah there

477
00:27:38,080 --> 00:27:35,600
is no longer a debate about is this real

478
00:27:41,760 --> 00:27:38,090
or not it's real that we need now to get

479
00:27:45,010 --> 00:27:41,770
to the next questions what is this

480
00:27:49,539 --> 00:27:47,409
what are the threats what are the

481
00:27:51,519 --> 00:27:49,549
opportunities and when I talk about

482
00:27:54,940 --> 00:27:51,529
opportunities I'm talking primarily

483
00:27:57,039 --> 00:27:54,950
about technology acquisition if there's

484
00:28:00,460 --> 00:27:57,049
a an intelligence here if there's a

485
00:28:03,760 --> 00:28:00,470
technology can we acquire that

486
00:28:05,320 --> 00:28:03,770
technology the u.s. the UK can we stop

487
00:28:09,190 --> 00:28:05,330
the Russians or the Chinese or someone

488
00:28:11,980 --> 00:28:09,200

else getting it first and then we get to

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00:28:15,399 --> 00:28:11,990

the next questions what's what's this

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00:28:18,130 --> 00:28:15,409

all about what is we have some idea of

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00:28:20,289 --> 00:28:18,140

the capability we're dealing with here

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00:28:24,549 --> 00:28:20,299

and its capability that seems to run

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00:28:25,419 --> 00:28:24,559

rings around us our Jets chase them but

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00:28:29,560 --> 00:28:25,429

can't catch them

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00:28:32,590 --> 00:28:29,570

our radar systems track them but never

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00:28:36,750 --> 00:28:32,600

seen anything like it so we know or we

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00:28:38,860 --> 00:28:36,760

know part of we have a broad idea of the

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00:28:42,580 --> 00:28:38,870

capability what we really have no idea

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00:28:45,039 --> 00:28:42,590

of is the intention what's the intent

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00:28:47,350 --> 00:28:45,049

and you can't say whether there is or is

501
00:28:55,860 --> 00:28:47,360
not a threat if you don't know the

502
00:29:01,720 --> 00:28:55,870
intent so the story is is huge it has

503
00:29:06,920 --> 00:29:01,730
taken the whole subject of UFOs out of

504
00:29:12,680 --> 00:29:09,500
is no longer a sort of

505
00:29:14,690 --> 00:29:12,690
are they or aren't they debates I mean

506
00:29:17,180 --> 00:29:14,700
oh yeah I know it's in one sense it's a

507
00:29:19,880 --> 00:29:17,190
UFO simply means something in our

508
00:29:24,070 --> 00:29:19,890
airspace that we can't identify but the

509
00:29:26,470 --> 00:29:24,080
question is there a phenomenon as

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00:29:28,510 --> 00:29:26,480
opposed to is it all just

511
00:29:31,580 --> 00:29:28,520
misidentifications and hoaxes and

512
00:29:34,010 --> 00:29:31,590
psychological delusions that question I

513
00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:34,020

think and people who've been involved in

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00:29:39,230 --> 00:29:36,240

programs like this for government I

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00:29:42,110 --> 00:29:39,240

think now is beyond debate that clearly

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00:29:45,190 --> 00:29:42,120

the answer to that question is yes there

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00:29:49,130 --> 00:29:45,200

is something above and beyond

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00:29:50,540 --> 00:29:49,140

misidentification hoaxes and delusion so

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00:29:53,090 --> 00:29:50,550

that debate is gone

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00:29:56,420 --> 00:29:53,100

it's it's it's yesterday's UFO story

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00:29:59,360 --> 00:29:56,430

today and tomorrow's UFO story is what

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00:30:00,950 --> 00:29:59,370

are we going to do about it what is it

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00:30:06,440 --> 00:30:00,960

and what are we going to do about it

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00:30:09,320 --> 00:30:06,450

so we are in interesting times I can't

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00:30:12,950 --> 00:30:09,330

recall an occasion where this subject

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00:30:17,990 --> 00:30:12,960

has at the highest level been taken so

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00:30:20,360 --> 00:30:18,000

seriously ie now go on to mainstream TV

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00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:20,370

news media for example and talk about

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00:30:28,670 --> 00:30:24,120

this quite openly no longer is this the

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00:30:32,660 --> 00:30:28,680

little subject that that people whistle

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00:30:37,180 --> 00:30:32,670

that the x-files theme tune to and make

532

00:30:41,150 --> 00:30:37,190

funny jokes about it now now politicians

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00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:41,160

intelligence officers pilots these are

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00:30:45,590 --> 00:30:42,720

the sorts of people having a discussion

535

00:30:48,290 --> 00:30:45,600

about this phenomenon so we are in the

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00:30:51,050 --> 00:30:48,300

process of taking this to the next level

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00:30:53,630 --> 00:30:51,060

the to the Stars Academy are going to

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00:30:57,530 --> 00:30:53,640

continue clearly what what they are

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00:30:59,060 --> 00:30:57,540

doing I'm doing similar things in

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00:31:01,160 --> 00:30:59,070

relation for example to the

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00:31:03,860 --> 00:31:01,170

declassification and release of the

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00:31:06,440 --> 00:31:03,870

British government's UFO FILES

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00:31:09,830 --> 00:31:06,450

many of which I wrote I'm involved in

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00:31:12,380 --> 00:31:09,840

that release processes as a spokesperson

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00:31:17,270 --> 00:31:12,390

and really the public face of it and

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00:31:19,220 --> 00:31:17,280

continuing to have a conversation I

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00:31:22,820 --> 00:31:19,230

suppose to have

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00:31:24,560 --> 00:31:22,830

zatia with with politicians with the

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00:31:28,430 --> 00:31:24,570

media with the public about what to do

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00:31:33,560 --> 00:31:28,440

about this and perhaps I'll finish on

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00:31:40,100 --> 00:31:33,570
one important aspect of of this

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00:31:46,040 --> 00:31:40,110
as I speak ongoing active congressional

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00:31:50,060 --> 00:31:46,050
interest in the a tip program and in the

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00:31:53,090 --> 00:31:50,070
phenomenon more generally the Senate

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00:31:55,550 --> 00:31:53,100
Armed Services Committee has taken

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00:31:57,770 --> 00:31:55,560
evidence they've interviewed some of the

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00:32:00,700 --> 00:31:57,780
people involved with with all of this

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00:32:03,890 --> 00:32:00,710
the House Armed Services Committee is

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00:32:06,800 --> 00:32:03,900
involved too there is I think a debate

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00:32:11,750 --> 00:32:06,810
about where within Congress this best

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00:32:14,990 --> 00:32:11,760
sets but what happens next I don't know

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00:32:16,250 --> 00:32:15,000
but clearly the Senate Armed Services

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00:32:18,700 --> 00:32:16,260

Committee the House Armed Services

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00:32:23,410 --> 00:32:18,710

Committee you're gonna take this forward

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00:32:27,490 --> 00:32:23,420

whether this results in open public

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00:32:31,000 --> 00:32:27,500

hearings or whether it remains an

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00:32:34,610 --> 00:32:31,010

internal subject of inquiry I don't know

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00:32:37,790 --> 00:32:34,620

but the fact that there's congressional

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00:32:43,430 --> 00:32:37,800

interest in this is is I think an

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00:32:46,130 --> 00:32:43,440

indicator of now the level at which this

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00:32:48,200 --> 00:32:46,140

is being continued so when I say that

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00:32:50,060 --> 00:32:48,210

this subject has been taken out of the

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00:32:53,660 --> 00:32:50,070

fringe and into the mainstream I don't

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00:32:56,300 --> 00:32:53,670

make that statement likely this is now a

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00:32:59,090 --> 00:32:56,310

subject that is not just in the tabloids

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00:33:01,970 --> 00:32:59,100

it's in the New York Times and The

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00:33:05,180 --> 00:33:01,980

Washington Post this is a subject that

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00:33:07,820 --> 00:33:05,190

is now not just being discussed at UFO

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00:33:11,000 --> 00:33:07,830

conferences but it's now being talked

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00:33:16,810 --> 00:33:11,010

about in congressional hearings and and

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00:33:19,330 --> 00:33:16,820

committees so watch this space

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00:33:22,900 --> 00:33:19,340

there is more to come on this this is an

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00:33:25,480 --> 00:33:22,910

important and interesting story and a

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00:33:29,980 --> 00:33:25,490

lot of it still lies in the future is

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00:33:32,110 --> 00:33:29,990

this disclosure well it's not it's not

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00:33:35,140 --> 00:33:32,120

conventional disclosure the UFO

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00:33:37,930 --> 00:33:35,150

community to talk about disclosure to

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00:33:40,450 --> 00:33:37,940

the UFO community is disclosure with a

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00:33:44,050 --> 00:33:40,460

capital D my fellow Americans people of

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00:33:47,140 --> 00:33:44,060

the world we are not alone I don't think

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00:33:51,840 --> 00:33:47,150

you're going to get that I think

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00:33:55,530 --> 00:33:51,850

disclosure is a more subtle process

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00:33:59,460 --> 00:33:55,540

disclosure is

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00:34:03,450 --> 00:33:59,470

this subject favorably discussed and

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00:34:06,230 --> 00:34:03,460

confirmed in the New York Times The

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00:34:11,310 --> 00:34:06,240

Washington Post and Politico

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00:34:15,180 --> 00:34:11,320

disclosure is this subject acknowledged

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00:34:17,760 --> 00:34:15,190

and discussed in Congress when people

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00:34:20,520 --> 00:34:17,770

say when are we going to get disclosure