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It's the most secret military base on the planet.

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You want it Area 51? There it is.

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But no one's ever been this close until now.

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This is the place to be at the right time.

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What is the government hiding inside?

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Is it secret weapons or extraterrestrial technology?

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We're taking it apart to figure out how it works.

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And what happens when people venture too far?

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We actually had to jump into the car to protect ourselves.

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Now, declassified information.

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Inside accounts, revelations from former CIA pilots.

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I saw a flying saucer.

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And a groundbreaking look at the base with state-of-the-art equipment.

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We're getting images of Area 51 in high definition.

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The likes of which people have never seen before.

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This is Case Number 55101 Area 51 revealed.

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It's huge.

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October 2008.

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Pat Uskert is in the remote Nevada desert.

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15 miles from Area 51.

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Is that them?

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It's definitely them.

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What are they doing?

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They're watching us.

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There's two guys in there.

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You want to see?

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00:01:40,903 --> 00:01:42,902

You see, there are two guys actually in the vehicle?

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00:01:42,902 --> 00:01:43,902

Yes.

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Did their lights just turn on?

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Yes, it did.

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August 1955.

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The same Nevada desert.

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On a desolate dry lakebed.

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A plane unlike any scene before blast.

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This test of the U-2 spy plane

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ushers in the modern age of top secret aircraft.

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And the center of it all is Groom Lake.

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Also known as Area 51.

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Chosen by the U.S. government for its remote,

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almost impossible to reach location.

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No public road comes closer than 15 miles.

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The U-2 spy plane is a very large,

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00:02:27,893 --> 00:02:31,892

no public road comes closer than 15 miles.

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The nearest town, Rachel, isn't established until 1973.

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And its population is rarely more than 2 to 300 people.

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For over 30 years, this isolated base

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in the middle of the desert is shrouded in mystery.

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Reports of strange lights hovering over the base

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become regular.

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And radar captures impossibly fast objects

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moving in the vicinity.

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But secrecy remains.

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Then in 1989, everything changes.

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The time where I entered the hangar,

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I witnessed a recovered alien spacecraft

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that the Department of Naval Intelligence

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in the United States was back engineering.

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00:03:19,881 --> 00:03:22,881

Alleged U.S. government physicist Bob Lazar

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00:03:22,881 --> 00:03:26,880

goes public and claims he is reverse engineering

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00:03:26,880 --> 00:03:30,879

alien spacecraft at Area 51.

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00:03:30,879 --> 00:03:34,878

UFO sightings in the airspace above Groom Lake skyrocket.

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But the base remains closed off.

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An outer perimeter of at least 15 miles

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prevents anyone from seeing the installation.

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00:03:47,875 --> 00:03:51,875

People who try to cross the perimeter are chased off,

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00:03:51,875 --> 00:03:54,874

face arrest, and are warned that deadly force

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for trespassers is authorized.

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But now, using new high-definition cameras,

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there may be a way in.

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We're only a few miles away from the beating heart

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central of Area 51.

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00:04:12,870 --> 00:04:14,870

It's almost a nation unto itself

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with its own staff, personnel, its own resources.

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Programs are actually ongoing today with new vehicles

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00:04:21,868 --> 00:04:24,867

that we don't even know about yet.

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00:04:25,867 --> 00:04:28,867

Today, the U.S. government has not officially acknowledged

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the existence of a base called Area 51,

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let alone admitted to extraterrestrial experimentation.

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The investigation now comes to the remote desert of Nevada

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00:04:42,864 --> 00:04:44,863

for answers.

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Dr. Ted Ackworth will explore the official military history

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of the base.

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There has been a progression of the most advanced,

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the most clandestine vehicles developed here

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over the last 40 years.

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Bill Burns will look into the allegations

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of reverse engineering.

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The more we get into the story,

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the bigger and the deeper it gets.

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And Pat Uskert will attempt to see the base itself.

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Here's a chance to have a look into one of the most secret

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places in the world.

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Area 51 gets its name from 1950s-era maps.

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They show the Nevada Test Site complex

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divided into a grid with a different number

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assigned for each separate quadrant.

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The land around Groom Lake just happens

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to be assigned the number 51.

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00:05:38,852 --> 00:05:40,851

With little to no important details

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00:05:40,851 --> 00:05:42,851

from these historical records,

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00:05:42,851 --> 00:05:45,850

only a select number of people have gotten closer

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00:05:45,850 --> 00:05:48,849

to the truth about what's happening inside.

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I'm about to meet with Peter Merlin.

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He's an aeronautical historian and something of an expert

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on Area 51.

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Peter Merlin is a member of the Nevada Test Site

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Historical Foundation.

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He has interviewed dozens of Area 51 employees

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and has studied some of the top secret bases

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declassified documents and formerly illegal satellite images.

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Now the base was first opened around 1955, is that right?

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It was established in 1955 by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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The U-2 spy plan was highly classified

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and they needed a place to test it outside of the public eye.

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Engineers initially choose Groom Lake,

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an enormous dry lake bed because of the possibility

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for a 20,000-foot natural runway.

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But when it becomes apparent,

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the U-2 would be vulnerable to Soviet missile attack.

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00:06:42,838 --> 00:06:47,837

The U.S. military begins ramping up other secret projects.

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00:06:47,837 --> 00:06:50,836

Well, the base at Groom Lake just wasn't ready for that.

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00:06:50,836 --> 00:06:54,835

It didn't have the facilities, the infrastructure, or the runway.

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So they built it up and that's how it became

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a full-scale Air Force base that we know today.

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By the 1960s, the base becomes ground zero

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for the development and testing of many top secret military aircraft.

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The RB-69A, the F-117, and the B-2.

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00:07:16,831 --> 00:07:19,830

What do you think they're working on in Area 51 now?

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00:07:19,830 --> 00:07:23,829

We're going to probably see a lot more testing of unmanned vehicles now

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because there's been a big push in the Air Force in that direction.

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But seeing a test in this highly restricted area is almost unheard of.

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00:07:34,827 --> 00:07:38,826

Yet this is precisely what Pat is about to attend.

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00:07:45,824 --> 00:07:51,823

Pat is meeting with Mark Farmer, an aerial combat cameraman and Area 51 expert.

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00:07:51,823 --> 00:07:57,822

He is taking Pat to view an undisclosed flight path that few have ever been to.

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00:07:58,822 --> 00:08:03,821

We're about 20 miles to the north of Area 51.

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00:08:03,821 --> 00:08:06,820

This whole place is contaminated with plutonium.

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00:08:06,820 --> 00:08:09,819

They had done a weapons dispersal test where they blew up a nuclear weapon.

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00:08:09,819 --> 00:08:12,819

So are we in a plutonium-enriched area right now?

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00:08:12,819 --> 00:08:14,818

There's plutonium around.

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00:08:14,818 --> 00:08:15,818

Okay, great.

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00:08:18,817 --> 00:08:22,817

According to Farmer, many years have passed since the last weapons test.

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But this area has become a prime location for something else, observing flight tests.

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00:08:29,815 --> 00:08:31,815

I hear something right now.

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Sounds like we've got something coming in.

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00:08:36,814 --> 00:08:41,812

In the distance, an F-15 moves through the skies over Area 51.

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00:08:41,812 --> 00:08:44,812

Not long after, it's joined by another.

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00:08:45,812 --> 00:08:49,811

The military may have been alerted to the investigation's presence.

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Do you think we are being watched?

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We're certainly electronically surveilled.

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00:08:58,809 --> 00:09:05,807

An unknown number of sensors that collect visual and audio data are scattered all across this area of the desert.

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How would they be monitoring us?

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School of Techniques, Culver.

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We've been blasting out all sorts of stuff, so it's very easy for them to pick up.

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00:09:17,805 --> 00:09:23,803

The F-15s make a couple of passes, but soon disappear from sight.

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00:09:23,803 --> 00:09:25,803

No further activity takes place.

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00:09:25,803 --> 00:09:27,803

The F-15s are now in the air.

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The F-15s are now in the air.

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The F-15s are now in the air.

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00:09:31,802 --> 00:09:33,801

The F-15s are now in the air.

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00:09:33,801 --> 00:09:35,801

The F-15s are now in the air.

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00:09:35,801 --> 00:09:37,800

They soon disappear from sight.

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00:09:37,800 --> 00:09:40,800

No further activity takes place.

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00:09:40,800 --> 00:09:47,798

With the base most likely aware of their presence, Mark and Pat realize they're not going to see any further flights.

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00:09:47,798 --> 00:09:52,797

It's their job to keep that place secret, so of course they're going to do what they've got to do.

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00:09:54,797 --> 00:10:01,795

No one knows this better than Bob Lazar, who after years of ridicule, drops out of the public eye.

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But the man who originally broke the story, George Knapp, is still pursuing the facts.

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Knapp currently works for KLASTV, the CBS affiliate in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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George Knapp broke the Bob Lazar story.

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George Knapp broke the Area 51 story.

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In Knapp's report from November 1989, Lazar claims to be reverse engineering extraterrestrial flying saucers at a place called S-4

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00:10:30,789 --> 00:10:33,788

in the Area 51 complex.

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00:10:34,788 --> 00:10:40,787

But proof of Lazar's employment at S-4 and at Los Alamos National Laboratory,

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00:10:40,787 --> 00:10:46,786

where he reportedly worked prior to Area 51, seems to disappear.

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He claims his identity is being erased.

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And many dismiss him as a fraud.

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But Knapp finds something shocking in the Los Alamos lab records.

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He called the lab, they said, no, he wasn't here. We don't have any record of him.

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00:11:00,783 --> 00:11:03,782

And then we found the lab phone book with his name in it.

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00:11:03,782 --> 00:11:06,781

I call him back, I said, well, there it is. Well, we still don't have any records.

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Was the government trying to hide that Lazar had ever been working at Area 51?

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So then I got the newspaper article, Los Alamos Monitor, there he is on the front page,

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a picture of him with his jet car, and it lists him as a physicist.

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00:11:23,778 --> 00:11:25,777

I went back to the lab, nah, we don't have anything from him.

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And I know he was there, not only because of the phone book and the newspaper article,

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but because I've interviewed four or five people who worked with him there

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00:11:33,776 --> 00:11:36,775

who said he was there working on classified projects.

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With strong proof that Lazar worked at Los Alamos, Knapp believes there's credence to his claims.

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But one of the most bizarre is yet to come.

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Lazar also divulged to Knapp that while working at Area 51,

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he came into contact with a powerful alien energy source he called Element 115.

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He speculated that it came from some other planet or some other solar system

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00:12:11,767 --> 00:12:13,767

and we're taking it apart to figure out how it works.

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00:12:14,767 --> 00:12:19,766

Lazar claims Element 115 is used to power flying saucers.

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The key for me was always did he work at Los Alamos lab

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because if he wasn't working there in a classified position in scientific and technical job capabilities,

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then it's at least conceivable he could have worked at a place called Area 51.

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Do you believe Bob Lazar's story?

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I do.

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Now, a former CIA pilot is about to confirm Lazar's story

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00:12:44,760 --> 00:12:48,760

and steps forward with a shocking sighting of his own.

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Just a few minutes ago, we saw one of the government extraterrestrial you opposed.

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In 1989, alleged government physicist Bob Lazar tells the world

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00:13:02,757 --> 00:13:08,755

he's been reverse engineering extraterrestrial flying saucers at Area 51.

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Lazar also claims the flying saucers he worked on

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00:13:12,754 --> 00:13:18,753

are powered by a strange alien energy source called Element 115.

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But the secrecy surrounding the base keeps anyone from verifying these claims.

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Stories of elite security forces keeping the curious away begin to surface

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and Pat is about to see just how intimidating these defenses really are.

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I'm about to meet with author Susan Wright, who wrote a book about Area 51.

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Now, she had a very scary experience just outside the perimeter of Area 51.

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Pat and Susan are driving 125 miles north from Las Vegas.

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They're now at the intersection of Highway 375 and a dirt road

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00:13:57,745 --> 00:14:00,744

that leads directly into the base at Groom Lake.

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00:14:03,744 --> 00:14:04,743

So what road are we on?

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00:14:04,743 --> 00:14:09,742

This is the Groom Lake Road and this actually goes to the front entrance of Area 51.

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00:14:11,742 --> 00:14:15,741

The last time Susan was at the perimeter was in 1997.

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00:14:16,741 --> 00:14:19,740

It was an experience she won't soon forget.

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00:14:22,739 --> 00:14:27,738

The military really controls this area and they try to be very intimidating to scare people away.

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So what did you experience?

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Well, when we went down this road, we went all the way to the border of Area 51

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and we saw the Camo dudes.

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Camo dudes is the nickname given to Area 51 roving security guards

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00:14:39,736 --> 00:14:41,735

who wear camouflaged uniforms.

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00:14:42,735 --> 00:14:45,735

They were blocking the road so we couldn't get in any further

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00:14:45,735 --> 00:14:48,734

and we pulled back to the next series of buttes.

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00:14:48,734 --> 00:14:52,733

We got out of the car and a helicopter just rose out of nowhere.

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00:14:54,733 --> 00:14:57,732

It was like no sound, no warning.

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00:14:57,732 --> 00:15:00,731

Suddenly the helicopter was boom right there in front of us.

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00:15:00,731 --> 00:15:01,731

Like how close?

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00:15:01,731 --> 00:15:02,731

Like 40 feet away.

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00:15:04,730 --> 00:15:06,730

We actually had to jump into the car to protect ourselves.

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00:15:06,730 --> 00:15:08,730

It's very frightening, it's very intimidating

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00:15:08,730 --> 00:15:09,729

and obviously that's what they meant to do.

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They wanted to scare us away from the area.

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Why would a military base be engaging in scare tactics towards curious civilians?

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The answer could lie in what they're testing.

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As Susan and Pat continue driving toward Area 51,

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00:15:28,725 --> 00:15:33,724

Bill is uncovering new information about the purported function of Element 115

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00:15:34,724 --> 00:15:36,724

from a man who Bob Lazar confided in.

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00:15:38,723 --> 00:15:40,723

His name is John Lear.

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John's father invented the Lear jet.

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John himself is an accomplished pilot.

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He worked for the CIA, had a very high security clearance.

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Lear retired with more than 19,000 hours of flight time.

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He holds the most FAA airman certificates ever earned by a single pilot.

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But his entire life changed when he developed a close personal friendship with Bob Lazar

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back in the late 1980s.

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According to Lear, Lazar used to take him on late night excursions

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to the outskirts of Area 51 to watch flying saucer tests.

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You saw a flying saucer at Area 51.

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No doubt about it.

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00:16:23,714 --> 00:16:25,713

I saw a flying saucer.

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00:16:25,713 --> 00:16:28,712

It was radiating yellow and gold.

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00:16:28,712 --> 00:16:31,712

Bob Lazar told me when it was going to be there and it was there.

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00:16:35,711 --> 00:16:40,710

It never before seen home video from March 22, 1989

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John Lear is shown here on the perimeter of Area 51, also referred to as Groom Lake.

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The voice of the man holding the camera is Bob Lazar.

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We're standing just about eight miles due east of Groom Lake, Nevada,

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the super government secret test site.

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And just a few minutes ago we saw one of the government extra-terrestrial UFOs fly over there.

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We all watched it for a couple of minutes.

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Mission was organized tonight by Bob Lazar, who is a theoretical physicist who works at Groom Lake.

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And he's also a dead man at this point.

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Lear also claims Lazar gave him detailed accounts of the work he was doing.

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He was trying to back engineer the exact actual engine.

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The propelled this craft hundreds of thousands of light years away.

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Lear references a model of a reactor, which he claims is the key to the flying saucer's energy source.

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00:17:45,696 --> 00:17:53,694

You take the cap off here and the fuel that propels this thing is a piece of element 115.

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Bob said that we're going to be able to do it.

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00:17:56,694 --> 00:18:00,693

The propelled this thing is a piece of element 115.

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00:18:00,693 --> 00:18:04,692

Bob said that we have 500 pounds of this stuff at Los Alamos.

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00:18:04,692 --> 00:18:10,691

They shoot protons into the tip of that element 115 right there.

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00:18:10,691 --> 00:18:17,689

And what it does is it bumps it up to 116 and it instantaneously decays.

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00:18:18,689 --> 00:18:24,688

The number 115 represents how many protons are in the element's atomic nucleus.

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Lazar claims bombarding element 115 with additional protons raises the number to 116.

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But the new creation is unstable and quickly breaks apart, releasing enormous amounts of energy.

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00:18:38,685 --> 00:18:48,682

The entire process, according to Lazar, enables flying saucers to break conventional laws of gravity and travel at incredible speeds.

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00:18:49,682 --> 00:18:52,682

Here is our saucer, here is space.

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00:18:52,682 --> 00:18:57,681

What they can do is pull space towards them and wrap it around the craft.

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00:18:57,681 --> 00:19:02,679

That's what enables them to travel through space at, you know, hundreds of light years.

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00:19:05,679 --> 00:19:10,678

While most scientists dispute Lazar's claims about the physics of element 115,

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00:19:10,678 --> 00:19:16,677

John Lear and Bob Lazar contend that it's only beginning to be understood.

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For anybody who thinks that flying saucers are a myth, a delusion, a hoax,

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John confirmed everything John was deeper inside than anybody has ever been except for Bob Lazar.

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00:19:33,673 --> 00:19:37,672

The activities inside Area 51 may be out of view,

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00:19:37,672 --> 00:19:41,671

but at the perimeter, the operation is all too public.

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00:19:42,671 --> 00:19:47,670

Pat and Susan are now at the northeast corner of the restricted area.

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00:19:47,670 --> 00:19:50,669

When they notice, they are not alone.

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There you go, right there.

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00:19:52,669 --> 00:19:53,669

What? What? What?

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00:19:53,669 --> 00:19:54,668

Camo dudes on that hill.

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00:20:04,666 --> 00:20:05,666

Is that them?

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00:20:06,666 --> 00:20:07,666

It's definitely them.

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What are they doing?

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They're watching us.

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Two guys in there.

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You want to see?

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You see, they're two guys actually in the vehicle?

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00:20:13,664 --> 00:20:14,664

Did their lights just turn on?

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Yes, it did.

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I was wondering if there was anyone in the car.

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Right.

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And they sort of turned on their lights to respond to that.

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00:20:21,663 --> 00:20:26,662

In the distance, surveillance units are monitoring both video and audio in the area.

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00:20:28,661 --> 00:20:32,660

And see, you can see the sensors right there, right there, keeping an eye on us.

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00:20:32,660 --> 00:20:37,659

Despite being tracked, Pat and Susan continue on to the perimeter.

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00:20:40,659 --> 00:20:43,658

You can see there's a new sign they've put over the old one.

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The old signs had, violators will be shot, which was a little intense.

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00:20:48,657 --> 00:20:49,657

Wow.

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00:20:49,657 --> 00:20:51,656

So now they've got these signs.

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Well, what's this one say?

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Warning, U.S. Air Force installation.

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It is unlawful to enter the perimeter.

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All personnel and the property under their control are subject to search.

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00:21:02,654 --> 00:21:03,654

Wow.

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00:21:08,653 --> 00:21:13,651

As Pat and Susan begin walking along the orange posts outlining the border,

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security always maintains a constant line of sight.

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While they reposition the area, they're also being monitored.

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00:21:22,650 --> 00:21:25,649

Security always maintains a constant line of sight.

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00:21:27,648 --> 00:21:32,647

While they reposition themselves so they can see better exactly what we're doing,

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00:21:32,647 --> 00:21:36,647

they want to see where we're going to go and what exactly we're going to do.

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00:21:38,646 --> 00:21:39,646

They're watching us right now.

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00:21:39,646 --> 00:21:42,645

Yeah, they probably have an ocular strain on us right now.

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00:21:42,645 --> 00:21:43,645

I'd like to get out of here.

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00:21:43,645 --> 00:21:44,645

Okay.

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00:21:44,645 --> 00:21:45,645

Want to go?

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00:21:45,645 --> 00:21:46,644

We can go.

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00:21:52,643 --> 00:21:58,642

After seeing the tight security up close, Pat tackles a new vantage point.

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But this one involves a treacherous hike up a steep 8,000-foot peak

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00:22:03,641 --> 00:22:07,640

that will finally reveal Area 51.

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We're getting images of Area 51 in high definition of the likes of which people have never seen before.

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For years, the secrets of Area 51 have mystified UFO and military researchers alike.

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On common satellite images, the details aren't clear.

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There are several runways, numerous large buildings, and several other nondescript structures.

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These images don't capture the base fully operational.

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22 miles off-road from the nearest town,

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Pat is meeting with experienced Area 51 guide Glenn Campbell,

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and the two will hike up to a vantage point named Tikaboo Peak.

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From the top, they'll be able to see the base with their own eyes.

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00:23:07,627 --> 00:23:09,627

We're about to set up our day camp

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00:23:09,627 --> 00:23:13,626

because we're here a little early, the sun is still out, and we want to do this hike at night.

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00:23:13,626 --> 00:23:15,625

We want to be there at sunrise.

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00:23:15,625 --> 00:23:19,624

That's the prime time to see Area 51 in the morning when the sun is coming up.

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00:23:21,624 --> 00:23:24,623

While Pat and Glenn Campbell set up a base camp for the night,

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00:23:25,623 --> 00:23:30,622

20 miles away, Dr. Ted Ackworth is surveying the skies over Groom Lake.

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Midway between the Nevada towns of Rachel and Alamo sits a stretch of road

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00:23:36,621 --> 00:23:41,620

where UFOs are frequently reported in the airspace above Area 51.

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These actual images from over-the-clan Destin base were captured here by amateur videographers.

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To put this to the test, we've actually contracted with a surveillance company

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out of Las Vegas, Southwest Surveillance.

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They're bringing in three high-resolution video cameras,

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which we will orient towards Area 51,

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00:24:03,615 --> 00:24:06,614

and see if we capture anything on tape.

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00:24:07,614 --> 00:24:10,614

The three cameras are set up 100 feet apart

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and will continuously record a panoramic portion of the skies above Area 51 for the next three days.

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00:24:18,612 --> 00:24:21,611

If there's any strange aerial activity over the base,

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00:24:21,611 --> 00:24:25,610

day or night, these cameras will capture it.

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00:24:27,610 --> 00:24:32,609

As nightfall comes, Pat and Glenn Campbell will be able to see the sky.

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00:24:33,609 --> 00:24:37,608

They're preparing for the long hike to the top of Ticaboo Peak.

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00:24:38,608 --> 00:24:42,607

Ticaboo Peak is 26 miles away from Area 51

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00:24:42,607 --> 00:24:46,606

and is the only current location to legally view the base.

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00:24:47,606 --> 00:24:51,605

We had to come across 22 miles of dirt road to get here.

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00:24:51,605 --> 00:24:56,604

We have to hike this very difficult hike up to the top of the peak,

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00:24:56,604 --> 00:25:00,603

so it's not something that people are going to do every day.

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00:25:04,602 --> 00:25:07,601

It's half past midnight.

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00:25:07,601 --> 00:25:13,600

I'm here at the base of Ticaboo Peak at about 6,900 feet.

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00:25:13,600 --> 00:25:18,599

The air is very dry, and I'm already feeling the altitude a little bit.

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Though the hike is only a mile in distance,

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00:25:24,598 --> 00:25:29,597

it requires a 1,000-foot ascent over steep and treacherous terrain.

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Pat and Glenn must often crawl on their hands and knees through scree,

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00:25:33,596 --> 00:25:36,595

a combination of loose rock and dirt.

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We've been hiking for a while now.

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The incline is steep at a certain point, so this is not easy.

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00:25:41,594 --> 00:25:45,593

For those who are attempting this, you know, you have to be an experienced climber.

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This is not for beginners.

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00:25:47,593 --> 00:25:50,592

You can easily fall to your death here.

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The night hike takes place at the top of the peak.

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00:25:58,590 --> 00:26:02,590

The night hike takes Pat and Glenn nearly three hours.

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00:26:03,589 --> 00:26:05,589

Are we almost there?

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00:26:05,589 --> 00:26:09,588

We're just about there, over the next ridge here.

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00:26:09,588 --> 00:26:15,587

As they cross the ridge, the most elusive base in the world comes into view.

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00:26:15,587 --> 00:26:18,586

You want it area 51? There it is.

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00:26:23,585 --> 00:26:25,585

Oh my gosh.

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00:26:26,584 --> 00:26:28,584

It's huge.

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00:26:32,583 --> 00:26:35,583

The base is still 26 miles away,

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00:26:35,583 --> 00:26:41,581

but the stillness of the Nevada desert air and the lack of humidity gives a clear view.

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00:26:45,580 --> 00:26:48,580

As the sun comes up, we'll begin to see more detail,

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00:26:48,580 --> 00:26:51,579

but each of those lights generally corresponds to a hanger.

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It's a pretty spread out area.

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The base itself is several miles long.

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What exactly is seven miles long?

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The lights we're looking at there?

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00:27:00,577 --> 00:27:03,577

Well, it all depends upon how you measure it.

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00:27:03,577 --> 00:27:10,575

The actual block of land that we know of is area 51 is about 10 miles by six miles.

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00:27:10,575 --> 00:27:13,574

So that block isn't terribly big,

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00:27:13,574 --> 00:27:17,574

but it's surrounded by all this buffer of military land.

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So it's really a vast area.

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00:27:19,573 --> 00:27:23,572

This whole military complex is about the size of the state of Connecticut

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00:27:23,572 --> 00:27:26,572

and the state of Rhode Island combined, so it's huge.

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As the sun begins to rise,

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00:27:31,571 --> 00:27:38,569

these close-up high-definition views of the most secret base in U.S. history are at television first.

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But as Pat peers into the base, another mystery appears overhead.

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00:27:58,565 --> 00:28:00,564

Unmarked jets.

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00:28:00,564 --> 00:28:04,563

These flights are rumored to transport workers into area 51,

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00:28:04,563 --> 00:28:08,563

and their jobs at area 51 are unknown.

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00:28:10,562 --> 00:28:12,562

I see a plane coming in.

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00:28:12,562 --> 00:28:14,561

Does it have that red stripe down the side?

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00:28:14,561 --> 00:28:16,561

It looks like it.

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00:28:16,561 --> 00:28:18,560

White with a red stripe down the windows?

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00:28:18,560 --> 00:28:21,560

That's the one that's bringing the workers in.

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00:28:21,560 --> 00:28:25,559

The workers all come up from Las Vegas and fly on those 737 jets.

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00:28:25,559 --> 00:28:28,558

It's like a scheduled airline. They come in on a regular basis.

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00:28:28,558 --> 00:28:32,557

This early in the morning, they're going to be coming in every half hour.

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00:28:39,556 --> 00:28:43,555

But the light of daybreak is now giving extremely clear views,

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00:28:43,555 --> 00:28:47,554

the best look at area 51 ever possible.

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00:28:48,554 --> 00:28:53,553

Taking these images requires equipment beyond the scope of a normal film shoot.

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As you can see, we have a very special camera here.

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Your normal average camera has a 50-millimeter lens,

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but we've acquired a camera here that has a lens that's 1140 millimeters,

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00:29:07,550 --> 00:29:10,549

allowing us to get unprecedented images of area 51.

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This camera's high-definition,

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and Glenn Campbell tells me that there's never been a camera up here of this quality

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00:29:16,548 --> 00:29:18,548

and of this magnification.

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So we're getting images of area 51 in high definition,

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00:29:21,547 --> 00:29:23,547

the likes of which people have never seen before.

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00:29:33,544 --> 00:29:35,544

The camera reveals a giant runway

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00:29:35,544 --> 00:29:39,543

and a string of buildings that make up the bulk of area 51.

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00:29:40,543 --> 00:29:43,542

These inconspicuously positioned hangars,

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00:29:43,542 --> 00:29:48,541

offices and airstrips in the middle of the Nevada desert are an enigma.

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00:29:50,541 --> 00:29:54,540

But the biggest mystery of all is this giant hanger,

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00:29:54,540 --> 00:29:57,539

which has only recently been constructed.

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00:29:58,539 --> 00:30:00,539

I've run out of adjectives.

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00:30:00,539 --> 00:30:03,538

I can say amazing, fantastic, incredible,

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00:30:03,538 --> 00:30:06,537

but they all don't seem to encapsulate the experience.

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00:30:06,537 --> 00:30:09,537

I mean, for someone investigating UFOs,

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00:30:09,537 --> 00:30:12,536

this is the place to be at the right time.

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00:30:17,535 --> 00:30:20,534

What is happening inside the massive hanger,

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00:30:20,534 --> 00:30:23,534

clearly visible from the top of Tikaboo Peak?

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The most current satellite imagery of the base reveals the cutting edge possibilities.

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And this big one is really unusual.

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A drive near the borders of area 51 has revealed extraordinary security measures.

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Discussions with a former CIA pilot

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have explained a theoretical alien technology being tested.

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And now, a trek to the only legal vantage point of area 51

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00:30:57,526 --> 00:31:02,525

has brought back astounding high definition images of a giant hanger

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00:31:02,525 --> 00:31:06,524

that have raised more questions about what's happening inside.

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Ted turns to the most current satellite imagery of the base

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with aeronautical historian Peter Merlin.

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This is the most recent picture we have taken by a satellite of area 51.

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It looks like a really, really high quality photo.

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Today, area 51 consists of 24 hangars,

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four runways, numerous dormitories, a radar tower,

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and even an explosion-proof building.

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But it didn't start out this expansive.

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This is how it looked in the 1950s when it was called Watertown Airstrip.

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It was just a simple 5,000-foot asphalt runway, several little hangars,

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a couple warehouses, some trailers for people to live in, pretty spartan conditions.

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The base keeps this modest profile for the next 25 years.

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Then, it explodes.

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In the 1980s, there were some dramatic changes.

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We see a storage area for munitions.

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The runway has been extended 5,000 feet.

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They added a new taxiway.

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These changes during the 80s happened just before Bob Lazar goes public,

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claiming the government is testing top-secret aircraft based on alien technology.

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And now, the most recent satellite images are confirming what Pat saw at the top of Ticaboo Peak.

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There are some new hangars down on the south end,

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and you kind of wonder why they needed a new hanger, because they already had 23 hangars just about,

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00:32:48,503 --> 00:32:54,501

I mean, these others must not be sitting empty, and this big one is really unusual.

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What would require a hanger this large?

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Previous investigations have seen alleged UFOs of many shapes and sizes,

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but only one type fits this description.

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The sightings of giant triangles.

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In 1997, in Phoenix, Arizona,

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00:33:22,495 --> 00:33:25,495

I saw a large, a delta-shaped dark object.

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00:33:27,494 --> 00:33:30,494

In 2004, in Timley Park, Illinois,

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00:33:31,493 --> 00:33:34,493

I got it on tape! I got it!

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00:33:35,493 --> 00:33:40,492

and as recently as 2008, in Wales, in the United Kingdom.

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I looked straight into the sky and I saw these stringed triangular formations.

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A possible military explanation.

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The stealth blimp has been raised,

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but the government denies its existence,

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and many experts ask how it could be hidden from the public.

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Disinformation, misinformation program, that's how we keep things secret.

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They may never be revealed.

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But the investigation may have just found its answer.

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Inside, Area 51.

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Is this hanger proof of an emerging top secret technology

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responsible for UFO sightings over the past decade?

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The only way to get this answer is to speak with Area 51 employees.

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As Glen Campbell pointed out at the top of Ticaboo Peak,

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most Area 51 employees are transported to the base in white unmarked areas.

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They are on the same airplanes, bearing a red stripe down the side.

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Research by Campbell and others has revealed they are called Janet flights,

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and they depart daily from McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.

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Pat and Glen are attempting to track these anonymous Janet flights from the ground.

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While Bill and Mark Farmer are observing the Janet flights from the 18th floor of the Tropicana Hotel,

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one of the only locations in Las Vegas that provides an actual view of the Janet flight terminal.

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Mark is going to track the numbers of the flights that we think are Janet flights.

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Then we're going to run them on the FAA database and see who owns these planes.

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Circling the perimeter of McCarran International Airport, Pat and Glen search for a line of sight.

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Now what does Janet actually stand for?

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There's various acronyms that could be joint, army, navy, transport is one possible acronym,

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but no one knows for sure what Janet means. It's just a call sign.

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These actual tower tapes from McCarran Airport confirm the use of the Janet call sign.

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Las Vegas first, Janet, 721.

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First, Janet, 210, 15.

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So these are the same jets we saw from Ticaboo Peak.

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The same ones. They left Las Vegas 20 minutes before and then they're up at Area 51.

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So this is their daily commute. We're seeing the planes take off here. They land in Area 51.

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Every secret base has to have some connections to the outside world and this is a major connection

right here.

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Back in the hotel, Bill and Mark are tracking departing Janet flights and noting each plane's tail number.

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Okay, the one that's loading right now is November 5177 Charlie.

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Running Janet flight tail numbers on the Federal Aviation Administration's flight database website confirms the government's investment in the airline.

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6-6-2 Bravo Alpha.

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It is registered to the United States government.

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So what's going on here?

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You were just driving around the airport and you looked over there, you wouldn't think anything of this facility.

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If you look a little closer, you see the barbed wire. You see the guard shack.

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You see that there's no markings on the building.

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It's hiding in plain sight.

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Getting Area 51 employees to speak publicly is nearly impossible.

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But Bill Burns has managed to track one down.

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The time we were out there, we were non-existent.

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The 1980s drew intense attention to the

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Area 51, which physicist Bob Lazar claimed was reverse engineering alien technology for advanced military capabilities.

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Lazar has fallen out of the public eye in recent years and rarely speaks about his experiences.

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But new looks at the base have revealed that the

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area 51 is the most important area in the world.

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The area 51 is the most important area in the world.

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He's been in the field for years and rarely speaks about his experiences.

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But new looks at the base have revealed the potential for something massive in development.

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And now, Bill has managed to track down a former employee of the top secret base.

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I'm meeting with T.D. Barnes, a former engineer at Area 51.

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T.D. Barnes is employed at Area 51 from 1968 to 1972 as an electrical engineer.

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He's crucial in the development of numerous top secret aircraft that have since been declassified,

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like the A-12 and the F-117.

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According to him, the true identity of each and every Area 51 engineer is kept secret while working at the base.

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We did have pseudo names, I had code names.

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So the time we were out there, there's no really record. We were non-existent.

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Barnes' description may have validated the claims of Bob Lazar,

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who was never able to produce any form of proof he was ever employed at Area 51.

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And according to Barnes, security was so tight,

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individual engineers weren't allowed access to projects other than their own.

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There was times when something was going on outdoors that none of us needed to see.

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And we would go to the mess hall and it pulled blackout curtains and would sit there for three hours.

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If any strange technology was being tested, if you weren't a part of the program, you didn't see it.

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What do you know about UFOs and reverse engineering taking place?

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None of us ever knew the opinion that was going on. I'm not saying it didn't happen.

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So it might have been feasible for some kind of reverse engineering project to be going on there,

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is that of course you wouldn't know about.

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I wouldn't know about it. Anything like that would be possible.

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The possibility exists that they could have been flying some extraterrestrial spacecraft over the base.

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Everybody's held in the mess hall. All the shades were drawn. You'd never see it.

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That's how compartmentalized and secret life was at Area 51.

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But are Lazar's claims of UFO test flights true?

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On the outskirts of Area 51, the three high-resolution surveillance cameras Ted set up

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are capturing some unexplained aerial phenomenon.

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The cameras were recording continuously for three days.

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And now, Ted and image analyst Terence Masson are taking a closer look at the footage.

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On the first night at 10.39 p.m., this strange light is seen appearing in the middle of the night sky over Area 51

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and descending quickly behind the mountains.

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For it to be that bright, I don't think it's lighting. I think it's got to be some sort of propulsion system or jet.

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Can we overlay the daylight shot that has the terrain and the mountains with the nighttime shot?

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Terence combines the two images and is surprised by what he finds.

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We can crossfade between the two of these and we can see that as this thing approaches the horizon just before it blinks out,

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it's actually a good bit above the horizon line, above the mountain line.

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So it's not getting cut off exactly as it falls behind the ridge line.

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Whatever was captured on camera seems to be blinking off.

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Where it ends up there is pretty close to the beginning of the approach for the runway to Area 51.

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Let's see if we can get an estimate of the speed of that.

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Ted uses the known distance between the camera and Area 51, about 15 miles,

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as well as the height and distance to the mountains in the foreground to estimate the speed of the object.

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How much distance on the frame is the object falling compared to the height of the mountain range?

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It's roughly about twice the relative height of the mountain range off the ground.

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If it's dropping over Area 51, we're seeing it travel about 10,000 feet in about 2.2 seconds.

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That's about 3,600 miles per hour. That's pretty fast.

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That's pretty fast.

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3,600 miles per hour. This is faster than any of our aircraft.

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If it's further away than that, if it's beyond Area 51, say 20 or 30 more miles away,

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it's going at extremely high speeds that would only be consistent with a meteorite.

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This wouldn't be consistent in my experience with a meteorite, with this kind of visual data, right?

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Because it would be going way too slow. Everybody's seen shooting stars meteorites.

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It was just a straight, right across from the second.

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The only manned aircraft to travel at speeds of this magnitude was the X-15,

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which was able to break speeds over 4,500 miles per hour.

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But that aircraft's final flight was October 24, 1968.

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No publicly known aircraft has reported speeds like that since.

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It stumps us, so we're kind of left with a mystery.

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Something descended at high speed down into Area 51, and we're just not sure what it is.

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We've driven around this place, we've tried to look inside.

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What we have here is ultimate secrecy.

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Area 51 is fact. It's not fiction. It's been here since 1955.

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While the facility itself has never been secret, what happens in the facility has always been extremely top secret.

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After everything else is eliminated, what is the big secret of Area 51?

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Are the saucers still out there in those mountains?

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What are they hiding? What's there?

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The closest looks at Area 51 prove that the base is still active.

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And with massive hangers, impossibly fast objects, and recent sightings of large triangles all across the globe,

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Area 51 may be the source of a worldwide UFO phenomenon.

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Thank you for watching.