



The UFO Rabbit Hole

MR. DELONGE GOES
TO WASHINGTON
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Episode 6

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00:00:16,130 --> 00:00:16,030

[Music]

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00:00:24,030 --> 00:00:16,140

[Applause]

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00:00:32,549 --> 00:00:24,040

[Music]

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00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:32,559
welcome back to the ufo rabbit hole

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00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:35,680
podcast i'm your host kelly chase we've

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00:00:39,830 --> 00:00:37,920
spent the past five episodes talking

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00:00:41,750 --> 00:00:39,840
through the possible answers to the most

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00:00:44,389 --> 00:00:41,760
obvious questions raised by the

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00:00:45,510 --> 00:00:44,399
pentagon's stunning admission that ufos

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00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:45,520
are real

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:48,000
which are who's making them

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00:00:52,229 --> 00:00:50,160
where are they from if these craft are

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00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:52,239

intelligently designed and controlled

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00:00:56,950 --> 00:00:54,160

what is the source of the intelligence

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:56,960

behind them and as we've seen there are

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00:01:01,349 --> 00:00:59,920

no easy answers the ufo phenomenon is

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00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:01,359

hard to grasp with our current

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:03,920

understanding the tighter we try to hold

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:06,000

on to it try to make it conform to our

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:08,479

preconceived notions and expectations

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00:01:11,190 --> 00:01:10,240

the more easily it slips through our

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00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:11,200

fingers

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00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:13,040

and as it smashes on the floor

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00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,720

glittering shards of possibility

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00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:16,640

skittering in all directions

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00:01:21,510 --> 00:01:19,119
we begin to see that this phenomenon has

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:21,520
much more profound implications than

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00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:23,360
just the potential of visitors from

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:24,880
another world

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00:01:29,190 --> 00:01:26,880
and to be honest

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00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:29,200
there has been no aspect of my trip down

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00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:31,840
the ufo rabbit hole that has surprised

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00:01:37,350 --> 00:01:35,200
confounded terrified but also frankly

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00:01:39,030 --> 00:01:37,360
delighted me quite like the story that

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:39,040
we're about to cover today

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00:01:44,310 --> 00:01:41,680
this story has everything twists and

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:44,320
turns rock stars clandestine meetings

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00:01:50,149 --> 00:01:46,560

government secrets good guys and bad

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00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:50,159

guys angels and demons ufos of course

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00:01:54,870 --> 00:01:52,640

and an unlikely hero who through sheer

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00:01:56,069 --> 00:01:54,880

grit and determination accomplishes the

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00:01:58,469 --> 00:01:56,079

impossible

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:58,479

and much like the ufo phenomenon this

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:02:01,200

story has been hidden in plain sight

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:02,240

which doesn't mean that it was

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00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:04,399

necessarily easy to find

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00:02:08,469 --> 00:02:06,320

as we dive into this story you might

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00:02:10,469 --> 00:02:08,479

find yourself wondering how the heck

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00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:10,479

have i never heard of all this

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00:02:14,949 --> 00:02:12,160

and you're not alone while the

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00:02:16,790 --> 00:02:14,959
mainstream media has taken sporadic and

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00:02:19,910 --> 00:02:16,800
frustratingly shallow interest in this

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story it's been largely overlooked but

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00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:22,160
behind the scenes at the highest levels

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00:02:26,550 --> 00:02:24,160
of our government the events that we're

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:26,560
going to discuss have forced a seismic

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00:02:31,910 --> 00:02:29,200
change in how the ufo phenomenon is

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:31,920
being addressed both internally and to

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00:02:37,350 --> 00:02:34,160
the public at large and right at the

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00:02:40,630 --> 00:02:37,360
center of this story is pop punk icon

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00:02:43,750 --> 00:02:40,640
and our unlikely hero tom delong

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00:02:45,270 --> 00:02:43,760
yes that tom delong from blink182 and

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00:02:47,589 --> 00:02:45,280

we'll get into that whole story in just

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:47,599

a minute but i think it's important to

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00:02:52,390 --> 00:02:50,640

get a sense of who tom delong is and not

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:52,400

just because i will forever go to the

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00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:54,959

mat for early 2000s pop punk is not just

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:57,120

an art form but a lifestyle

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00:03:01,430 --> 00:02:59,120

but because of the way that his life and

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00:03:04,149 --> 00:03:01,440

career brought him to a surprising

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00:03:06,790 --> 00:03:04,159

turning point making him one of the most

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00:03:09,509 --> 00:03:06,800

if not the most important figures in the

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00:03:11,030 --> 00:03:09,519

history of the ufo disclosure movement

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00:03:13,110 --> 00:03:11,040

so let's do this

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00:03:14,589 --> 00:03:13,120

thomas matthew delong was born on

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00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:14,599

december 13

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00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:18,560

1975 in poway california a small city of

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00:03:23,190 --> 00:03:20,800

about 50 000 people just north of san

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00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:23,200

diego the son of an oil company

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:25,760

executive and a mortgage broker de long

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00:03:30,390 --> 00:03:28,159

knew that he didn't want to in his words

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00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:30,400

grow up and get a job that he hates

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00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:32,560

school wasn't of much interest to him so

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00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:35,200

unsurprisingly he wasn't a great student

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00:03:40,070 --> 00:03:38,159

however he had an endless enthusiasm for

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00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:40,080

his passions outside the classroom

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00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:41,040

saying

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00:03:45,830 --> 00:03:43,440

i knew exactly how hard i had to work in

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00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:45,840

school as long as i got that c i

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00:03:50,229 --> 00:03:48,319

wouldn't try one minute extra to get a b

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00:03:51,190 --> 00:03:50,239

i just cared about skateboarding and

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00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:51,200

music

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00:03:54,470 --> 00:03:52,720

tom first picked up a skateboard in

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00:03:55,509 --> 00:03:54,480

third grade and it quickly became an

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00:03:57,030 --> 00:03:55,519

obsession

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00:03:59,350 --> 00:03:57,040

he describes this time of his life

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00:04:00,630 --> 00:03:59,360

saying i lived ate and breathed

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00:04:02,710 --> 00:04:00,640

skateboarding

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00:04:04,869 --> 00:04:02,720

all i did all day long was skateboard it

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00:04:06,550 --> 00:04:04,879

was all i cared about after receiving a

101
00:04:08,789 --> 00:04:06,560
beat up guitar as a gift from two

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00:04:11,190 --> 00:04:08,799
friends for christmas in the sixth grade

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00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:11,200
tom had dual obsessions to occupy his

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00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:12,080
time

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00:04:16,469 --> 00:04:13,920
but planted along these seeds of the

106
00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:16,479
cultural icon that he would become was

107
00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:19,120
another life-defining passion one that

108
00:04:21,830 --> 00:04:20,880
would eventually grow to eclipse them

109
00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:21,840
all

110
00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:23,600
in junior high while being forced to

111
00:04:27,350 --> 00:04:25,919
spend quiet time in the library he

112
00:04:29,189 --> 00:04:27,360
searched the stacks for something to

113
00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:29,199

read that didn't fall into the category

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00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:31,520

of what he called boring it was

115

00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:33,360

there that he found a book with pictures

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00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:35,520

of the loch ness monster and a ufo on

117

00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:36,560

the front

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00:04:41,030 --> 00:04:38,960

tom devoured the book utterly enthralled

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,040

by the strange ideas inside

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00:04:44,790 --> 00:04:43,120

sparking in him a lifelong obsession

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00:04:46,070 --> 00:04:44,800

with the topic of ufos and the

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00:04:49,270 --> 00:04:46,080

paranormal

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00:04:50,950 --> 00:04:49,280

in 1992 after being kicked out of poway

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00:04:52,469 --> 00:04:50,960

high school halfway through his junior

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00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:52,479

year for showing up drunk to a

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00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:54,000

basketball game

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00:04:58,150 --> 00:04:56,080

tom found himself as the new kid at

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00:04:59,510 --> 00:04:58,160

rancho bernardo high school

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00:05:01,749 --> 00:04:59,520

he signed up to play in the battle of

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00:05:03,909 --> 00:05:01,759

the bands organized by the school where

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00:05:05,590 --> 00:05:03,919

he played an original song poignantly

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00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:05,600

titled who's going to shave your back

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00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:08,320

tonight to a packed auditorium it was

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00:05:10,870 --> 00:05:09,520

there that he began to make the

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00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:10,880

connections that would lead to the

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00:05:16,870 --> 00:05:14,320

formation of blink 182 alongside bassist

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00:05:19,110 --> 00:05:16,880

and co-vocalist mark hoppus and drummer

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00:05:21,189 --> 00:05:19,120

scott raynor the three quickly became

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00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:21,199

inseparable spending hours in rainer's

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00:05:24,950 --> 00:05:23,280

bedroom writing and playing music

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00:05:27,189 --> 00:05:24,960

pausing only for punk concerts

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00:05:29,510 --> 00:05:27,199

skateboarding and practical jokes a

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00:05:31,909 --> 00:05:29,520

teenage boy's dream right but tom wanted

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00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:31,919

more they released their first album

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00:05:36,629 --> 00:05:34,000

flyswatter a combination of original

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00:05:38,950 --> 00:05:36,639

punk songs and covers and soon after de

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00:05:41,029 --> 00:05:38,960

long began calling around to venues all

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00:05:42,790 --> 00:05:41,039

around san diego trying to get stage

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:42,800

time for the fledgling band wherever he

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00:05:45,590 --> 00:05:43,919

could

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00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:45,600

showing an early tenacity that would

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00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:47,919

drive him throughout his career he even

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00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:49,600

called local high schools telling them

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00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:52,240

that blink 182 was a motivational band

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00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:54,800

with a strong anti-drug message in order

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00:05:59,830 --> 00:05:57,120

to book assemblies in school events

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00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:59,840

their persistence paid off and by 1995

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00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:01,440

the band was touring constantly

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00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:03,360

throughout the united states canada and

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00:06:08,230 --> 00:06:05,840

australia there was no wi-fi back then

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00:06:10,309 --> 00:06:08,240

if you can imagine such a thing and so

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00:06:13,029 --> 00:06:10,319

tom passed the endless hours on the tour

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00:06:14,950 --> 00:06:13,039

bus traveling between shows devouring

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00:06:16,309 --> 00:06:14,960

stacks of books on ufos and the

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00:06:18,150 --> 00:06:16,319

paranormal

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00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:18,160

it was during this time that he first

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00:06:22,230 --> 00:06:20,080

read the works of some of ufolagi's

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00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:22,240

greatest founding fathers including

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00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:24,960

jacques valle stanton friedman and john

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00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:25,840

keel

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00:06:30,390 --> 00:06:28,800

by 1996 the band had gained enough buzz

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00:06:33,350 --> 00:06:30,400

to spark a bidding war between

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00:06:35,270 --> 00:06:33,360

interscope mca and epitaph

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00:06:37,350 --> 00:06:35,280

the band ultimately signed a record deal

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00:06:40,309 --> 00:06:37,360

with mca who offered them the most

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00:06:42,150 --> 00:06:40,319
artistic freedom however disagreements

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00:06:44,230 --> 00:06:42,160
over this deal along with rainer's

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00:06:46,950 --> 00:06:44,240
substance abuse issues led to the band

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00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:46,960
parting ways with the drummer in 1998.

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00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:48,639
he was quickly replaced with travis

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00:06:53,350 --> 00:06:50,880
barker the drummer of another band they

182
00:06:55,270 --> 00:06:53,360
were touring with the aquabats after he

183
00:06:57,430 --> 00:06:55,280
filled in for raynor famously learning

184
00:07:00,790 --> 00:06:57,440
the band's entire set in the 20 minutes

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00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:00,800
before the show in 1999 blink 182

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00:07:04,950 --> 00:07:02,880
released their seminal album enema of

187
00:07:07,589 --> 00:07:04,960
the state which immediately rocketed

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00:07:09,430 --> 00:07:07,599

them to crossover stardom dominating not

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00:07:11,350 --> 00:07:09,440

just the rock charts but the billboard

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00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:11,360

hot 100 as well

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00:07:14,950 --> 00:07:12,960

the sound that the band had developed

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00:07:17,589 --> 00:07:14,960

while heavily influenced by their punk

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00:07:20,150 --> 00:07:17,599

rock idols like no fx the descendants

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00:07:22,469 --> 00:07:20,160

and bad religion was infused with the

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00:07:24,390 --> 00:07:22,479

sunny optimism of southern california

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00:07:26,790 --> 00:07:24,400

and radio friendly hooks

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00:07:28,950 --> 00:07:26,800

and unlike punk rockers of the past

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00:07:30,950 --> 00:07:28,960

blink 182 never shied away from their

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00:07:33,350 --> 00:07:30,960

commercial appeal they even had a

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00:07:35,749 --> 00:07:33,360

contract with billabong as literally any

201
00:07:37,670 --> 00:07:35,759
picture of the band from about 1998 to

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00:07:39,589 --> 00:07:37,680
2002 can attest

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00:07:41,670 --> 00:07:39,599
making them the first band ever to be

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00:07:43,670 --> 00:07:41,680
sponsored by a clothing brand

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00:07:46,150 --> 00:07:43,680
even as the stadiums began to fill and

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00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:46,160
blink 182 began its meteoric rise to

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00:07:50,070 --> 00:07:48,479
fame leading the charge in a new wave of

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00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:50,080
pop punk bands

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00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:52,800
de long's interest in in fixation on the

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00:07:57,270 --> 00:07:55,520
topic of ufos never wavered in

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00:07:59,510 --> 00:07:57,280
interviews his band mates recount

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00:08:01,110 --> 00:07:59,520
endless hours of listening to tom ramble

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00:08:03,350 --> 00:08:01,120

on about aliens and government

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00:08:05,430 --> 00:08:03,360

conspiracies things for which he had

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00:08:08,230 --> 00:08:05,440

both an encyclopedic knowledge and a

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00:08:10,070 --> 00:08:08,240

seemingly inexhaustible enthusiasm

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00:08:12,230 --> 00:08:10,080

on breaks in between cities he was known

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00:08:14,309 --> 00:08:12,240

to organize trips to remote locations to

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look for ufos bigfoot and other

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00:08:19,110 --> 00:08:17,039

manifestations of high strangeness

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00:08:20,790 --> 00:08:19,120

and through this time delong remained

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00:08:22,869 --> 00:08:20,800

remarkably grounded

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00:08:25,110 --> 00:08:22,879

he seemed well aware of the flash and

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00:08:27,350 --> 00:08:25,120

the pan nature of fame and despite

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:27,360

blank's meteoric rise he has had

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00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:29,520

multiple successful business ventures on

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the side throughout his time in the

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spotlight de long established a holding

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company really likable people in 1998

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under this holding company he developed

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multiple clothing brands a shoe brand

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00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:43,519

and even a technology and design firm

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00:08:47,350 --> 00:08:45,360

that has handled the official websites

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00:08:49,430 --> 00:08:47,360

and fan clubs for a range of popular

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00:08:52,550 --> 00:08:49,440

artists including the white stripes

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00:08:54,310 --> 00:08:52,560

pearl jam and kanye west however fame

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00:08:56,389 --> 00:08:54,320

was more than just a flash in the pan

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00:08:59,110 --> 00:08:56,399

for tom and his band mates with their

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2001 release and first album to debut at

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number one take off your pants and

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00:09:06,949 --> 00:09:04,160

jacket blink 182 solidified themselves

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as both billboard chart mainstays and

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00:09:11,829 --> 00:09:09,519

cultural icons de long at times seemed

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00:09:13,509 --> 00:09:11,839

to resent being boxed in artistically by

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00:09:15,430 --> 00:09:13,519

being part of one of the biggest and

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00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:15,440

most commercially successful bands on

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00:09:18,550 --> 00:09:16,800

the planet

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00:09:21,190 --> 00:09:18,560

feeling an itch to do something where he

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00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:21,200

didn't feel locked into what blink was

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00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:23,839

in 2002 he released a new album under a

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00:09:28,070 --> 00:09:26,240

new name boxcar racer

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00:09:30,070 --> 00:09:28,080

although he wrote the songs himself for

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00:09:32,389 --> 00:09:30,080

convenience he asked travis barker to

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00:09:34,710 --> 00:09:32,399

record the drum tracks for the album

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00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:34,720

this caused tension between tom and mark

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00:09:38,550 --> 00:09:36,560

hoppus who was not included on the

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00:09:40,790 --> 00:09:38,560

project and marked the beginning of a

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00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:40,800

rift between the two that only widened

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00:09:46,389 --> 00:09:43,760

throughout the coming years by 2004

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00:09:48,870 --> 00:09:46,399

tensions boiled over and blink 182 broke

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00:09:51,350 --> 00:09:48,880

up reeling from this turn of events de

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00:09:52,630 --> 00:09:51,360

long looked to reinvent himself he went

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on the road with john kerry's

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00:09:56,949 --> 00:09:54,560

presidential campaign and discovered a

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new side of himself one that was driven

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00:10:00,949 --> 00:09:58,880

by the desire to bring about positive

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00:10:03,269 --> 00:10:00,959

change in the world in the wake of this

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00:10:05,829 --> 00:10:03,279

sweeping internal change de long formed

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00:10:07,910 --> 00:10:05,839

the band angels and airwaves a project

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00:10:10,069 --> 00:10:07,920

that he saw as being much more than just

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00:10:11,990 --> 00:10:10,079

a band but an art project that

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00:10:14,389 --> 00:10:12,000

approaches larger human themes and

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00:10:16,230 --> 00:10:14,399

tackles them in different mediums

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00:10:18,069 --> 00:10:16,240

he started talking about films and

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00:10:19,750 --> 00:10:18,079

multimedia projects that he predicted

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00:10:22,069 --> 00:10:19,760

would change and influence the youth

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00:10:23,190 --> 00:10:22,079

culture creating a revolution through

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00:10:25,829 --> 00:10:23,200

art

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00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:25,839

so by the late 2000s we see this new

280

00:10:31,190 --> 00:10:28,800

version of tom delong begin to take form

281

00:10:33,670 --> 00:10:31,200

one who is equal parts businessman and

282

00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,680

artist and one who is passionate about

283

00:10:38,710 --> 00:10:35,760

finding ways to use his considerable

284

00:10:41,670 --> 00:10:38,720

talents and resources in both arenas as

285

00:10:44,150 --> 00:10:41,680

a catalyst for change blink 182 got back

286

00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:44,160

together in 2008 with more albums and

287

00:10:48,790 --> 00:10:46,560

tours to follow but the tensions between

288

00:10:49,990 --> 00:10:48,800

the band quickly resurfaced despite

289

00:10:52,870 --> 00:10:50,000

their success

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00:10:54,630 --> 00:10:52,880

particularly between happis and de long

291

00:10:56,949 --> 00:10:54,640

the duo had a bit of a lenin and

292

00:10:59,030 --> 00:10:56,959

mccartney vibe with tom despite his

293

00:11:01,269 --> 00:10:59,040

class clown public persona

294

00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:01,279

often playing the mercurial and restless

295

00:11:06,389 --> 00:11:03,440

lenin to mark sunshiny and commercial

296

00:11:08,949 --> 00:11:06,399

mccartney but in the end it was ufos

297

00:11:11,829 --> 00:11:08,959

that would be their yoko ono

298

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:11,839

in 2014 de long had an experience that

299

00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:13,200

would change the course of his life

300

00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:15,920

forever here is the story as he recounts

301
00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:16,800
it

302
00:11:22,710 --> 00:11:20,320
well-known ufologist who believed that

303
00:11:24,710 --> 00:11:22,720
ufos communicated through consciousness

304
00:11:26,470 --> 00:11:24,720
and who claimed to be able to make ufos

305
00:11:27,670 --> 00:11:26,480
appear through a set of meditation

306
00:11:29,430 --> 00:11:27,680
protocols

307
00:11:30,949 --> 00:11:29,440
i find it interesting that he's never

308
00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:30,959
come right out and identified this

309
00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:33,600
individual because to anyone who's even

310
00:11:39,350 --> 00:11:36,240
casually plugged into the ufo community

311
00:11:40,870 --> 00:11:39,360
this can really only be one person dr

312
00:11:42,470 --> 00:11:40,880
steven greer

313
00:11:44,389 --> 00:11:42,480

there are some theories as to why this

314

00:11:47,430 --> 00:11:44,399

might be and we'll get into that part in

315

00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:47,440

part two of this episode but for now you

316

00:11:52,310 --> 00:11:49,519

just need to know that dr greer has been

317

00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:52,320

a prominent albeit controversial member

318

00:11:58,069 --> 00:11:55,200

of the ufo community and vocal advocate

319

00:11:59,990 --> 00:11:58,079

for disclosure since the early 90s he's

320

00:12:02,949 --> 00:12:00,000

most well known for having developed the

321

00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:02,959

ce5 protocols which stands for close

322

00:12:06,310 --> 00:12:04,800

encounters of the fifth kind

323

00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:06,320

which is basically a series of

324

00:12:11,190 --> 00:12:08,160

meditations that you can do that he

325

00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:11,200

claims can be used to summon ufos

326

00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:14,480

so in 2014 de long and this unknown

327

00:12:18,550 --> 00:12:16,800

ufologist go camping in death valley

328

00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:18,560

with a few other people

329

00:12:22,150 --> 00:12:20,320

their plan is to do these meditation

330

00:12:23,269 --> 00:12:22,160

protocols and try to make contact with

331

00:12:24,710 --> 00:12:23,279

the ufo

332

00:12:26,870 --> 00:12:24,720

they do this for a couple of hours

333

00:12:29,030 --> 00:12:26,880

without success and eventually decide it

334

00:12:30,790 --> 00:12:29,040

was time to go to sleep delong claims

335

00:12:33,269 --> 00:12:30,800

that he was later woken up in the middle

336

00:12:35,430 --> 00:12:33,279

of the night by the sound of hundreds of

337

00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:35,440

voices outside of his tent

338

00:12:38,790 --> 00:12:36,880

he couldn't quite make out what they

339

00:12:40,949 --> 00:12:38,800

were saying but he wasn't able to make

340

00:12:42,710 --> 00:12:40,959

himself move to see what was going on

341

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:42,720

and eventually he ended up falling back

342

00:12:46,550 --> 00:12:45,120

asleep when he woke up he discovered

343

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:46,560

that one of the other members of his

344

00:12:49,829 --> 00:12:48,720

group had had the exact same bizarre

345

00:12:51,509 --> 00:12:49,839

experience

346

00:12:54,069 --> 00:12:51,519

leading de long to believe that his

347

00:12:56,150 --> 00:12:54,079

experience was real this baffling

348

00:12:57,509 --> 00:12:56,160

encounter with the phenomenon shook him

349

00:12:59,750 --> 00:12:57,519

to his core

350

00:13:01,590 --> 00:12:59,760

leading him to re-evaluate his purpose

351
00:13:05,910 --> 00:13:01,600
and direction in life

352
00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:05,920
in 2015 de long abruptly quit blink 182

353
00:13:09,509 --> 00:13:07,279
telling his bandmates through his

354
00:13:12,310 --> 00:13:09,519
manager that he wanted to focus on his

355
00:13:13,990 --> 00:13:12,320
non-musical endeavors delong later

356
00:13:15,910 --> 00:13:14,000
claimed that he never actually left the

357
00:13:18,150 --> 00:13:15,920
band saying that he never planned on

358
00:13:19,110 --> 00:13:18,160
quitting he just finds it hard as hell

359
00:13:21,590 --> 00:13:19,120
to commit

360
00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:21,600
whatever his intention the indefinite

361
00:13:26,069 --> 00:13:24,160
nature of his hiatus and deteriorating

362
00:13:28,470 --> 00:13:26,079
relationships within the band

363
00:13:31,269 --> 00:13:28,480

led happis and barker to replaced along

364

00:13:34,230 --> 00:13:31,279

with alkaline trios matt skibba with

365

00:13:35,910 --> 00:13:34,240

whom they continued to tour and record

366

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:35,920

despite any hard feelings that de long

367

00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:38,160

may have had over this turn of events

368

00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:40,000

it's clear that he had more than his

369

00:13:43,990 --> 00:13:42,399

hands full with his new endeavors it was

370

00:13:46,389 --> 00:13:44,000

more clear to him than ever that the

371

00:13:48,389 --> 00:13:46,399

phenomenon was real and he was

372

00:13:50,710 --> 00:13:48,399

determined to play a role in bringing

373

00:13:52,470 --> 00:13:50,720

this issue to the public awareness and

374

00:13:54,710 --> 00:13:52,480

always a man of action

375

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:54,720

tom de long had a plan

376

00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:58,560

in 2015 shortly after leaving blink 182

377

00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:00,639

tom de long founded an entertainment

378

00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:03,120

company called to the stars he said in

379

00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:04,720

later interviews that a major

380

00:14:10,470 --> 00:14:06,800

inspiration for this endeavor was the

381

00:14:13,030 --> 00:14:10,480

movie 13 days a 2000 film dramatizing

382

00:14:14,870 --> 00:14:13,040

the events of the cuban missile crisis

383

00:14:17,750 --> 00:14:14,880

de long recounts that after seeing the

384

00:14:19,750 --> 00:14:17,760

film he found himself suddenly intensely

385

00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:19,760

interested in the topic in a way that he

386

00:14:23,350 --> 00:14:21,600

had never been in school

387

00:14:24,870 --> 00:14:23,360

wanting to read everything he could get

388

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:24,880

his hands on

389

00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:26,720

seeing the potential that entertainment

390

00:14:30,629 --> 00:14:28,560

had to help people engage with and

391

00:14:32,310 --> 00:14:30,639

understand complex topics that they

392

00:14:34,710 --> 00:14:32,320

might otherwise ignore

393

00:14:35,750 --> 00:14:34,720

de long formed to the stars to do just

394

00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:35,760

that

395

00:14:40,150 --> 00:14:38,000

in his opinion ufos had never been

396

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:40,160

portrayed correctly in the media and

397

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:43,120

with tts he saw the opportunity to

398

00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:44,880

slowly disclose the nature of the

399

00:14:49,910 --> 00:14:47,279

phenomenon to the public through

400

00:14:53,430 --> 00:14:49,920

entertainment and media to include films

401
00:14:56,069 --> 00:14:53,440
documentaries tv shows books and more

402
00:14:58,150 --> 00:14:56,079
however de long also recognized that if

403
00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:58,160
he was going to be truly successful in

404
00:15:02,230 --> 00:14:59,920
helping people come to grips with the

405
00:15:04,069 --> 00:15:02,240
true nature of the phenomenon that he

406
00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:04,079
would need some help in understanding it

407
00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:06,560
himself he'd read about every book on

408
00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:08,399
the subject that existed and certainly

409
00:15:12,069 --> 00:15:10,000
had his own opinions

410
00:15:14,230 --> 00:15:12,079
but without some kind of privileged

411
00:15:16,550 --> 00:15:14,240
insider knowledge he had no way of

412
00:15:17,750 --> 00:15:16,560
knowing for sure exactly what was true

413
00:15:19,990 --> 00:15:17,760

and what wasn't

414

00:15:22,389 --> 00:15:20,000

if he was going to do this right tom

415

00:15:24,629 --> 00:15:22,399

delong needed advisors

416

00:15:26,790 --> 00:15:24,639

and according to delong a stunning and

417

00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:26,800

wildly unlikely series of events

418

00:15:30,629 --> 00:15:28,800

unfolded over the course of the next two

419

00:15:33,269 --> 00:15:30,639

years that would bring him those

420

00:15:35,670 --> 00:15:33,279

advisors from the very highest levels of

421

00:15:36,949 --> 00:15:35,680

our government military and intelligence

422

00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:36,959

agencies

423

00:15:40,389 --> 00:15:38,720

and this is where the story really

424

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:40,399

starts to get strange

425

00:15:46,069 --> 00:15:42,480

because over those next two years in

426

00:15:47,910 --> 00:15:46,079

2016 and 2017 de long proceeded to give

427

00:15:49,829 --> 00:15:47,920

a series of increasingly bizarre

428

00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:49,839

interviews in which he made shocking

429

00:15:54,470 --> 00:15:52,639

claims pointing to anonymous mysterious

430

00:15:56,150 --> 00:15:54,480

sources within the government whom he

431

00:15:58,470 --> 00:15:56,160

could not identify

432

00:16:00,790 --> 00:15:58,480

these interviews can be as frustrating

433

00:16:02,470 --> 00:16:00,800

to listen to as they are fascinating

434

00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:02,480

they're frustrating because although

435

00:16:05,990 --> 00:16:04,480

it's clear that de long wants to share

436

00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:06,000

every detail of what he's been

437

00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:08,720

experiencing he's trying to do so while

438

00:16:12,150 --> 00:16:10,560

not revealing any potentially

439

00:16:14,310 --> 00:16:12,160
identifying information about his

440

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:14,320
sources this leads to a lot of

441

00:16:18,629 --> 00:16:16,560
incomprehensible stories about going to

442

00:16:20,829 --> 00:16:18,639
a certain city and being taken to a

443

00:16:23,749 --> 00:16:20,839
certain location to speak with certain

444

00:16:26,550 --> 00:16:23,759
individuals it's not easy to parse and

445

00:16:28,629 --> 00:16:26,560
basically all of it at least at the time

446

00:16:29,670 --> 00:16:28,639
was impossible to verify

447

00:16:32,310 --> 00:16:29,680
however

448

00:16:34,629 --> 00:16:32,320
these interviews are also fascinating

449

00:16:37,430 --> 00:16:34,639
because in them you find a frenetic and

450

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:37,440
entirely unvarnished version of de long

451
00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:40,240
he talks too fast he says too much and

452
00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:42,639
you can almost hear his frustration at

453
00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:45,120
our inability to keep up and while he

454
00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:47,120
speaks cryptically about the sources of

455
00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:50,160
his information he speaks specifically

456
00:16:53,990 --> 00:16:52,000
and with the conviction of a man whose

457
00:16:56,470 --> 00:16:54,000
deepest beliefs have been proven to him

458
00:16:59,110 --> 00:16:56,480
beyond a shadow of a doubt about things

459
00:17:02,150 --> 00:16:59,120
that sound shocking bizarre

460
00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:02,160
and to be honest downright insane his

461
00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:04,480
claims fall into two main categories

462
00:17:09,189 --> 00:17:06,880
that we will address one at a time

463
00:17:11,029 --> 00:17:09,199

the first is how he assembled his group

464

00:17:12,789 --> 00:17:11,039

of high-level advisors

465

00:17:15,750 --> 00:17:12,799

and the second which we'll address in

466

00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:15,760

depth in part two is what those advisors

467

00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:17,760

have told him about the nature of the

468

00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:20,880

phenomenon what follows is an inevitably

469

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:23,439

imperfect accounting of what tom has

470

00:17:28,710 --> 00:17:26,400

said about how he assembled his advisors

471

00:17:31,350 --> 00:17:28,720

pieced together from dozens of hours of

472

00:17:34,870 --> 00:17:31,360

interviews from tom delong himself many

473

00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:34,880

of which occurred in 2016 and 2017 as

474

00:17:39,430 --> 00:17:36,960

these events were still unfolding

475

00:17:41,669 --> 00:17:39,440

so going back to 2015

476
00:17:43,909 --> 00:17:41,679
tom recognizes that for tts to be

477
00:17:46,070 --> 00:17:43,919
successful in its mission he's going to

478
00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:46,080
need advisors with insider knowledge of

479
00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:47,919
the nature of the phenomenon

480
00:17:52,630 --> 00:17:50,640
and almost as if by magic a surprising

481
00:17:53,669 --> 00:17:52,640
opportunity presents itself out of the

482
00:17:55,830 --> 00:17:53,679
blue

483
00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:55,840
leading to one of the most insane and

484
00:18:00,250 --> 00:17:59,039
unlikely series of events honestly maybe

485
00:18:21,190 --> 00:18:00,260
ever

486
00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:43,760
[Music]

487
00:18:48,960 --> 00:19:00,520
so

488
00:20:11,350 --> 00:19:28,520

[Music]

489

00:20:16,470 --> 00:20:13,990

as he tells it delong was asked to

490

00:20:18,789 --> 00:20:16,480

introduce the lead aerospace executive

491

00:20:21,669 --> 00:20:18,799

at an open house for families of a top

492

00:20:24,149 --> 00:20:21,679

defense aerospace contracting company

493

00:20:26,630 --> 00:20:24,159

fortuitously this was the first time

494

00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:26,640

that this organization had ever even had

495

00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:28,559

an open house of this kind where

496

00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:30,400

families and other members of the public

497

00:20:34,230 --> 00:20:32,320

were invited to attend

498

00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:34,240

there's no way to know for sure but many

499

00:20:38,870 --> 00:20:36,240

suspect that de long is referring to

500

00:20:41,110 --> 00:20:38,880

lockheed martin and more specifically to

501
00:20:43,750 --> 00:20:41,120
their notorious and secretive special

502
00:20:46,070 --> 00:20:43,760
projects division skunk works

503
00:20:48,310 --> 00:20:46,080
as you may recall from episode 2 the

504
00:20:51,590 --> 00:20:48,320
skunk works division of lockheed martin

505
00:20:53,190 --> 00:20:51,600
was founded in 1943 during world war ii

506
00:20:55,350 --> 00:20:53,200
when the u.s government needed to

507
00:20:57,510 --> 00:20:55,360
quickly develop the country's first jet

508
00:20:59,190 --> 00:20:57,520
fighter to compete with the new german

509
00:21:00,710 --> 00:20:59,200
jets that were appearing in the skies

510
00:21:03,350 --> 00:21:00,720
over europe

511
00:21:05,669 --> 00:21:03,360
since then skunk works has been a highly

512
00:21:07,510 --> 00:21:05,679
favored government contractor taking on

513
00:21:10,310 --> 00:21:07,520

the development of some of our most

514

00:21:12,230 --> 00:21:10,320

highly classified experimental aircraft

515

00:21:14,710 --> 00:21:12,240

which are tested and developed at area

516

00:21:17,270 --> 00:21:14,720

51 and at groom lake

517

00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:17,280

delong knowing exactly who this

518

00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:19,600

executive was and the nature of his work

519

00:21:23,990 --> 00:21:22,000

seized the opportunity and said that he

520

00:21:26,710 --> 00:21:24,000

would agree to introduce this aerospace

521

00:21:28,470 --> 00:21:26,720

executive if he could get five minutes

522

00:21:30,789 --> 00:21:28,480

alone with him afterward

523

00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:30,799

they agreed and soon after introducing

524

00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:33,280

this executive at the open house de long

525

00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:36,000

found himself alone in a room with him

526

00:21:39,909 --> 00:21:37,440

not knowing how his pitch would be

527

00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:39,919

received delong nevertheless dove right

528

00:21:49,750 --> 00:21:40,720

in

529

00:21:51,149 --> 00:21:49,760

the youth to become less cynical about

530

00:21:53,590 --> 00:21:51,159

government secrecy and the

531

00:21:55,510 --> 00:21:53,600

military-industrial complex the meeting

532

00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:55,520

was brief and the executive didn't say

533

00:21:59,909 --> 00:21:57,600

much but he set up a meeting with de

534

00:22:01,909 --> 00:21:59,919

long to discuss the matter further

535

00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:01,919

according to de long this meeting took

536

00:22:06,789 --> 00:22:04,480

place at an undisclosed highly secure

537

00:22:09,270 --> 00:22:06,799

location where he had to pass through

538

00:22:11,190 --> 00:22:09,280

four layers of security past heavily

539

00:22:12,950 --> 00:22:11,200

armed guards and through hallways

540

00:22:15,270 --> 00:22:12,960

flooded with white noise to prevent

541

00:22:18,070 --> 00:22:15,280

conversations from being overheard and

542

00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:18,080

into a small windowless room deep within

543

00:22:21,270 --> 00:22:19,280

the building

544

00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:21,280

in this room he met with the first

545

00:22:25,909 --> 00:22:23,200

aerospace executive that he had spoken

546

00:22:27,669 --> 00:22:25,919

to along with two other high-ranking

547

00:22:30,549 --> 00:22:27,679

aerospace engineers

548

00:22:32,789 --> 00:22:30,559

de long began his pitch again as before

549

00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:32,799

carefully avoiding the ufo angle and

550

00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:34,159

focusing on the benefit to the

551
00:22:37,430 --> 00:22:36,320
government and its contractors

552
00:22:39,510 --> 00:22:37,440
however

553
00:22:41,990 --> 00:22:39,520
one of the executives had been googling

554
00:22:44,230 --> 00:22:42,000
tom and was well aware of his beliefs in

555
00:22:47,110 --> 00:22:44,240
ufos and his penchant for conspiracy

556
00:22:48,950 --> 00:22:47,120
theories this person asked him outright

557
00:22:51,190 --> 00:22:48,960
so what do you plan to do with all this

558
00:22:53,110 --> 00:22:51,200
conspiracy stuff that you're into de

559
00:22:55,190 --> 00:22:53,120
long did his best to dodge the question

560
00:22:56,950 --> 00:22:55,200
but despite his attempts to gloss over

561
00:22:59,510 --> 00:22:56,960
it the executive steered the

562
00:23:00,950 --> 00:22:59,520
conversation back to the subject of ufos

563
00:23:01,830 --> 00:23:00,960

finally saying

564

00:23:04,549 --> 00:23:01,840

quote

565

00:23:06,630 --> 00:23:04,559

we cannot be associated whatsoever with

566

00:23:08,870 --> 00:23:06,640

anything that has this topic associated

567

00:23:11,190 --> 00:23:08,880

with it specifically because there has

568

00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:11,200

never been any evidence whatsoever that

569

00:23:14,549 --> 00:23:12,720

this even exists

570

00:23:15,990 --> 00:23:14,559

at this point de long thought that he

571

00:23:18,549 --> 00:23:16,000

had hit a brick wall

572

00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:18,559

but he dug in his heels and responded if

573

00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:20,799

edgar allen mitchell the sixth man to

574

00:23:25,350 --> 00:23:22,799

walk on the moon is out telling every

575

00:23:26,950 --> 00:23:25,360

kid in the world this topic is real

576

00:23:28,630 --> 00:23:26,960

then we have a problem

577

00:23:30,630 --> 00:23:28,640

this seemed to give them pause and

578

00:23:32,310 --> 00:23:30,640

delong jumped on the opportunity and

579

00:23:34,630 --> 00:23:32,320

boldly asked to speak to the lead

580

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:34,640

aerospace executive alone

581

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:36,480

sensing that this was his moment he said

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00:23:40,630 --> 00:23:38,400

to the executive i want you to

583

00:23:42,549 --> 00:23:40,640

understand something i understand the

584

00:23:43,909 --> 00:23:42,559

national security implications of what

585

00:23:46,390 --> 00:23:43,919

i'm about to say

586

00:23:47,990 --> 00:23:46,400

i'm not naive to the topic i think if

587

00:23:50,390 --> 00:23:48,000

you hear me out you'll see that there's

588

00:23:52,710 --> 00:23:50,400

merit in what i'm about to propose over

589

00:23:54,870 --> 00:23:52,720

the past 30 years there's been a program

590

00:23:57,430 --> 00:23:54,880

to indoctrinate people into the idea

591

00:23:58,950 --> 00:23:57,440

that this might be real but the problem

592

00:24:01,190 --> 00:23:58,960

is that all the young adults of the

593

00:24:03,110 --> 00:24:01,200

world they use the internet they have

594

00:24:05,110 --> 00:24:03,120

iphones they talk to each other much

595

00:24:06,950 --> 00:24:05,120

quicker than people ever have

596

00:24:09,430 --> 00:24:06,960

so this program that everyone's been

597

00:24:11,110 --> 00:24:09,440

following from the 50s is far outdated

598

00:24:12,950 --> 00:24:11,120

it's antiquated

599

00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:12,960

people have surpassed it and now they

600

00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:15,279

don't trust you guys now they don't like

601
00:24:18,390 --> 00:24:16,320

you guys

602
00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:18,400

now they graduate from mit and they want

603
00:24:21,750 --> 00:24:20,080

to work for elon musk and they don't

604
00:24:23,830 --> 00:24:21,760

want to work here at all

605
00:24:26,230 --> 00:24:23,840

help me help you guys

606
00:24:28,390 --> 00:24:26,240

the lead executive seemed swayed by this

607
00:24:30,390 --> 00:24:28,400

and after some more conversation he

608
00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:30,400

eventually admitted that yes

609
00:24:36,070 --> 00:24:33,679

ufos are real and that he thought tom's

610
00:24:38,230 --> 00:24:36,080

plan of slow disclosure could actually

611
00:24:40,310 --> 00:24:38,240

work in revealing the reality and nature

612
00:24:42,070 --> 00:24:40,320

of the phenomenon to the public

613
00:24:44,549 --> 00:24:42,080

following this conversation the

614

00:24:47,510 --> 00:24:44,559

executive then connected tom to someone

615

00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:47,520

whom he referred to as the general after

616

00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:49,520

this introduction de long begins to

617

00:24:53,990 --> 00:24:51,840

correspond with the general and after a

618

00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:54,000

lot of back and forth over email they

619

00:24:58,549 --> 00:24:56,640

eventually meet secretly in a random

620

00:25:01,029 --> 00:24:58,559

airport that they both flew into

621

00:25:03,110 --> 00:25:01,039

specifically for this meeting

622

00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:03,120

tom sits down at the table with the guy

623

00:25:07,110 --> 00:25:05,200

and without any prelude or small talk

624

00:25:09,430 --> 00:25:07,120

the general says to him

625

00:25:12,230 --> 00:25:09,440

it was the cold war and we found a life

626
00:25:15,029 --> 00:25:12,240
form and every single day we lived under

627
00:25:17,190 --> 00:25:15,039
the threat of nuclear war every single

628
00:25:19,029 --> 00:25:17,200
day we really believed that nuclear war

629
00:25:21,590 --> 00:25:19,039
could happen at any moment

630
00:25:24,390 --> 00:25:21,600
and somewhere in those years we found a

631
00:25:26,230 --> 00:25:24,400
life form and everything that we did and

632
00:25:27,990 --> 00:25:26,240
every decision that we made with that

633
00:25:29,909 --> 00:25:28,000
life form was because of the

634
00:25:32,070 --> 00:25:29,919
consciousness at the time

635
00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:32,080
he went on to tell delong that during

636
00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:34,960
the cold war ufos would routinely

637
00:25:40,070 --> 00:25:37,440
interfere with u.s and soviet nuclear

638
00:25:42,870 --> 00:25:40,080

weapons in what looked very much like an

639

00:25:44,149 --> 00:25:42,880

attempt to instigate nuclear war

640

00:25:46,710 --> 00:25:44,159

and that they were very nearly

641

00:25:49,510 --> 00:25:46,720

successful he said emphatically that

642

00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:49,520

there were heroes in russia who did not

643

00:25:54,470 --> 00:25:52,240

fire back when ufos manipulated radar

644

00:25:56,630 --> 00:25:54,480

systems to appear as though americans

645

00:25:58,870 --> 00:25:56,640

had launched a first strike as they

646

00:26:00,710 --> 00:25:58,880

concluded the conversation the general

647

00:26:02,789 --> 00:26:00,720

agreed that tom's idea of slow

648

00:26:04,870 --> 00:26:02,799

disclosure could work and that it was a

649

00:26:07,029 --> 00:26:04,880

great time for this to happen

650

00:26:09,190 --> 00:26:07,039

and by the way there's a lot of

651
00:26:11,190 --> 00:26:09,200
speculation about what he may have meant

652
00:26:13,350 --> 00:26:11,200
by that this was right around the same

653
00:26:15,830 --> 00:26:13,360
time that u.s navy pilots began to

654
00:26:18,789 --> 00:26:15,840
report hundreds of ufo sightings off the

655
00:26:20,950 --> 00:26:18,799
east coast so that could be it

656
00:26:23,269 --> 00:26:20,960
others argue that the proliferation of

657
00:26:25,029 --> 00:26:23,279
private companies in space makes it

658
00:26:26,789 --> 00:26:25,039
inevitable that someone will find

659
00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:26,799
something that makes disclosure a

660
00:26:30,070 --> 00:26:28,799
foregone conclusion and that there are

661
00:26:32,149 --> 00:26:30,080
those in the government who would like

662
00:26:34,470 --> 00:26:32,159
to get out in front of that narrative

663
00:26:36,950 --> 00:26:34,480

either way the general agreed to help

664

00:26:39,269 --> 00:26:36,960

tom find his advisors connecting him

665

00:26:41,669 --> 00:26:39,279

with top-level officials and experts in

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00:26:44,390 --> 00:26:41,679

the fields of space intelligence

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00:26:46,470 --> 00:26:44,400

biological warfare and even someone

668

00:26:47,510 --> 00:26:46,480

representing the president of the united

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00:26:50,149 --> 00:26:47,520

states

670

00:26:52,710 --> 00:26:50,159

during this time tom had also begun work

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00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:52,720

on two book series one fiction and one

672

00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:54,080

non-fiction

673

00:26:57,350 --> 00:26:55,679

he claimed that both of these book

674

00:26:59,029 --> 00:26:57,360

series were heavily informed and

675

00:27:01,510 --> 00:26:59,039

influenced by his mysterious

676
00:27:03,669 --> 00:27:01,520
high-ranking advisors who had privileged

677
00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:03,679
knowledge of the ufo phenomenon and who

678
00:27:07,269 --> 00:27:05,200
were giving him guidance and final

679
00:27:09,430 --> 00:27:07,279
approval as the books were being written

680
00:27:11,110 --> 00:27:09,440
de long managed to attach big names to

681
00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:11,120
these projects the first of the

682
00:27:15,669 --> 00:27:13,120
fictional series entitled secret

683
00:27:17,990 --> 00:27:15,679
machines chasing shadows was written by

684
00:27:19,830 --> 00:27:18,000
new york times best-selling author and

685
00:27:23,510 --> 00:27:19,840
robinson distinguished professor of

686
00:27:25,350 --> 00:27:23,520
shakespeare at unc charlotte aj hartley

687
00:27:28,470 --> 00:27:25,360
and the forward is written by former

688
00:27:30,630 --> 00:27:28,480

senior cia officer jim sumivan

689

00:27:33,750 --> 00:27:30,640

the first in the non-fictional series

690

00:27:36,230 --> 00:27:33,760

god's man in war entitled gods was

691

00:27:37,909 --> 00:27:36,240

written by author peter lavender who was

692

00:27:38,950 --> 00:27:37,919

well known for his books on occult

693

00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:38,960

history

694

00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:41,279

and in a stunning coup the foreword was

695

00:27:45,830 --> 00:27:43,520

written by the godfather of ufology

696

00:27:47,430 --> 00:27:45,840

himself jacques valet

697

00:27:50,389 --> 00:27:47,440

shortly after the books were published

698

00:27:52,789 --> 00:27:50,399

in february and march of 2017

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00:27:54,230 --> 00:27:52,799

de long said that he was interrogated by

700

00:27:58,310 --> 00:27:54,240

the cia

701
00:28:00,070 --> 00:27:58,320
wind of his books and that some of the

702
00:28:01,830 --> 00:28:00,080
things that he was describing

703
00:28:04,389 --> 00:28:01,840
particularly with regard to secret

704
00:28:06,549 --> 00:28:04,399
government programs and technology were

705
00:28:09,029 --> 00:28:06,559
so on the nose that it caught their

706
00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:09,039
attention concerned that he truly did

707
00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:10,880
have high level advisors who could be

708
00:28:15,830 --> 00:28:13,200
leaking classified information to him

709
00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:15,840
the cia sent agents to san diego to

710
00:28:19,110 --> 00:28:17,120
question de long

711
00:28:21,190 --> 00:28:19,120
tom claims that he was never officially

712
00:28:22,630 --> 00:28:21,200
detained but that these weren't the type

713
00:28:24,230 --> 00:28:22,640

of people that you say no to when they

714

00:28:26,789 --> 00:28:24,240

asked to talk to you

715

00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:26,799

over three days in a hotel de long

716

00:28:31,110 --> 00:28:29,120

claims that he was interrogated by cia

717

00:28:33,190 --> 00:28:31,120

agents about where he got the

718

00:28:34,950 --> 00:28:33,200

information from his books and in the

719

00:28:37,190 --> 00:28:34,960

end determined that he was telling the

720

00:28:39,590 --> 00:28:37,200

truth that his advisors had given him

721

00:28:41,590 --> 00:28:39,600

hints but nothing classified and that

722

00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:41,600

tom had arrived at the conclusions that

723

00:28:45,830 --> 00:28:43,760

so nearly mirrored reality by putting

724

00:28:46,549 --> 00:28:45,840

the pieces together himself

725

00:28:48,710 --> 00:28:46,559

so

726

00:28:50,710 --> 00:28:48,720

tom is going around telling all of these

727

00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:50,720

stories about clandestine meetings with

728

00:28:55,190 --> 00:28:52,960

senior intelligence agents high-ranking

729

00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:55,200

military brass and the leaders of some

730

00:28:58,870 --> 00:28:56,960

of the most clandestine aerospace

731

00:29:01,510 --> 00:28:58,880

programs within the military-industrial

732

00:29:03,990 --> 00:29:01,520

complex and these claims about who his

733

00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:04,000

advisors are and how he found them

734

00:29:07,990 --> 00:29:05,760

aren't even half as stunning and

735

00:29:09,909 --> 00:29:08,000

fantastical as what he says they've been

736

00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:09,919

telling him which we will get to i

737

00:29:13,830 --> 00:29:11,200

promise

738

00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:13,840

as one would expect the mainstream media

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00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:15,840

mostly snickered if they paid attention

740

00:29:18,549 --> 00:29:16,799

at all

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00:29:21,029 --> 00:29:18,559

there were a few articles that came out

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00:29:22,870 --> 00:29:21,039

in publications like rolling stone but

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00:29:25,029 --> 00:29:22,880

most seemed unwilling to print much more

744

00:29:26,710 --> 00:29:25,039

than the elevator pitch for to the stars

745

00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:26,720

and preferred to dwell on the recent

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00:29:31,830 --> 00:29:28,960

breakup of link 182 and the drama that

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00:29:34,389 --> 00:29:31,840

ensued so most of these interviews were

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00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:34,399

happening on far less mainstream outlets

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00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:36,240

including fade to black and coast to

750

00:29:38,389 --> 00:29:37,200

coast

751
00:29:40,230 --> 00:29:38,399
while both of these shows are

752
00:29:42,310 --> 00:29:40,240
institutions within the ufo and

753
00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:42,320
paranormal communities they don't have

754
00:29:46,710 --> 00:29:44,880
much credibility outside of those spaces

755
00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:46,720
so these interviews were happening

756
00:29:51,430 --> 00:29:49,520
mostly off the radar however

757
00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:51,440
even in front of what should have been a

758
00:29:55,990 --> 00:29:53,440
much more open-minded and sympathetic

759
00:29:58,470 --> 00:29:56,000
audience the zealous and at times almost

760
00:30:00,870 --> 00:29:58,480
messianic tone of these interviews

761
00:30:03,029 --> 00:30:00,880
coupled with his extreme claims led most

762
00:30:05,110 --> 00:30:03,039
people to believe that tom delonge had

763
00:30:06,789 --> 00:30:05,120

lost his mind but then something

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00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:06,799

extraordinary happened

765

00:30:12,389 --> 00:30:09,600

during the 2016 presidential campaign

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00:30:14,549 --> 00:30:12,399

wikileaks released over 20 000 emails

767

00:30:16,630 --> 00:30:14,559

from the dnc that had allegedly been

768

00:30:19,830 --> 00:30:16,640

obtained by russian hackers

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00:30:22,630 --> 00:30:19,840

and among these emails was proof that

770

00:30:23,909 --> 00:30:22,640

tom delonge had in fact been in touch

771

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:23,919

with high-level members of the

772

00:30:27,190 --> 00:30:26,000

government military and intelligence

773

00:30:29,590 --> 00:30:27,200

agencies

774

00:30:32,389 --> 00:30:29,600

and was being briefed on aspects of the

775

00:30:34,549 --> 00:30:32,399

phenomenon by these individuals the

776

00:30:37,269 --> 00:30:34,559

smoking gun can be found in the emails

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00:30:39,669 --> 00:30:37,279

between de long and john podesta

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00:30:41,830 --> 00:30:39,679

podesta has been an integral part of

779

00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:41,840

multiple presidential campaigns and

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00:30:46,470 --> 00:30:44,320

administrations having served as chief

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00:30:48,070 --> 00:30:46,480

of staff to president bill clinton

782

00:30:50,230 --> 00:30:48,080

senior counselor for the obama

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00:30:53,110 --> 00:30:50,240

administration as well as hillary

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00:30:55,110 --> 00:30:53,120

clinton's campaign manager in 2016.

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00:30:56,789 --> 00:30:55,120

basically this is a man who has spent

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00:30:59,430 --> 00:30:56,799

more time in the white house than just

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00:31:01,669 --> 00:30:59,440

about anyone including presidents

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00:31:03,509 --> 00:31:01,679

it would be hard to point to a person

789

00:31:06,630 --> 00:31:03,519
with more power influence and

790

00:31:08,710 --> 00:31:06,640
connections in dc than podesta

791

00:31:10,630 --> 00:31:08,720
but podesta was also known on the hill

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00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:10,640
for having a long-standing interest in

793

00:31:14,389 --> 00:31:12,000
ufos

794

00:31:16,950 --> 00:31:14,399
upon leaving the obama administration to

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00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:16,960
work on the clinton campaign he famously

796

00:31:21,269 --> 00:31:19,919
tweeted finally my biggest failure of

797

00:31:23,590 --> 00:31:21,279
2014

798

00:31:26,310 --> 00:31:23,600
once again not securing the disclosure

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00:31:27,909 --> 00:31:26,320
of the ufo files hashtag the truth is

800

00:31:29,990 --> 00:31:27,919
still out there

801
00:31:31,990 --> 00:31:30,000
when john podesta's emails were leaked

802
00:31:34,870 --> 00:31:32,000
it was revealed that he was one of the

803
00:31:36,630 --> 00:31:34,880
high level officials who was regularly

804
00:31:38,470 --> 00:31:36,640
in contact with de long

805
00:31:40,149 --> 00:31:38,480
confirming his claim that one of his

806
00:31:41,269 --> 00:31:40,159
advisors had a direct line to the

807
00:31:43,350 --> 00:31:41,279
president

808
00:31:45,190 --> 00:31:43,360
and it was clear the podesta had been

809
00:31:47,509 --> 00:31:45,200
briefed on de long's plan and was

810
00:31:49,590 --> 00:31:47,519
helping him to identify advisors and

811
00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:49,600
move his project forward

812
00:31:53,430 --> 00:31:51,600
i'd encourage everyone to take the time

813
00:31:55,590 --> 00:31:53,440

to read through these emails they'll be

814

00:31:58,549 --> 00:31:55,600

linked in the episode notes because

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00:32:00,230 --> 00:31:58,559

they're honestly fascinating and some of

816

00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:00,240

them can make you laugh out loud with

817

00:32:05,909 --> 00:32:02,480

the sheer absurdity of it all

818

00:32:07,830 --> 00:32:05,919

on february 13th 2016 de long sent the

819

00:32:11,350 --> 00:32:07,840

following message to podesta with the

820

00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:11,360

subject line a good read he writes here

821

00:32:15,430 --> 00:32:12,960

is the digital copy of the secret

822

00:32:17,909 --> 00:32:15,440

machine's novel i know you're so busy so

823

00:32:20,310 --> 00:32:17,919

i apologize in advance i ask that you

824

00:32:22,149 --> 00:32:20,320

consider reading my forward i wrote this

825

00:32:23,669 --> 00:32:22,159

as a personal letter to the youth so

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00:32:24,630 --> 00:32:23,679

that they can walk with me through all

827

00:32:26,470 --> 00:32:24,640

of this

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00:32:28,470 --> 00:32:26,480

when you read it you will get that same

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00:32:29,909 --> 00:32:28,480

sense a wide-eyed and respectful

830

00:32:31,990 --> 00:32:29,919

experience

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00:32:34,870 --> 00:32:32,000

also you make an invisible appearance

832

00:32:36,549 --> 00:32:34,880

within the text at the end smiley face

833

00:32:38,230 --> 00:32:36,559

my co-author is a distinguished

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00:32:39,669 --> 00:32:38,240

professor at the robertson school of

835

00:32:41,110 --> 00:32:39,679

shakespeare and new york times

836

00:32:43,190 --> 00:32:41,120

best-selling author

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00:32:45,430 --> 00:32:43,200

basically he's really good

838

00:32:48,070 --> 00:32:45,440

elevated writing and a word worthy if he

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00:32:49,750 --> 00:32:48,080

wasn't attached to my name too ha

840

00:32:52,070 --> 00:32:49,760

you may actually love the book if you

841

00:32:54,310 --> 00:32:52,080

like great stuff and have amazing taste

842

00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:54,320

but until then check out that forward if

843

00:32:59,669 --> 00:32:56,640

you find time in all the madness

844

00:33:01,990 --> 00:32:59,679

to which podesta replied a day later

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00:33:04,549 --> 00:33:02,000

in vegas for hillary just did a taped

846

00:33:06,310 --> 00:33:04,559

interview with local cbs affiliate got

847

00:33:08,870 --> 00:33:06,320

asked about the topic and gave an answer

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00:33:11,269 --> 00:33:08,880

i think you would like hope they use it

849

00:33:13,509 --> 00:33:11,279

wild right but there are more shocking

850

00:33:15,909 --> 00:33:13,519

revelations in these emails than just a

851
00:33:17,669 --> 00:33:15,919
casual email bro down between a man who

852
00:33:19,190 --> 00:33:17,679
has spent most of his adult career no

853
00:33:21,590 --> 00:33:19,200
more than a stone's throw away from the

854
00:33:23,350 --> 00:33:21,600
leader of the free world and a rock star

855
00:33:25,430 --> 00:33:23,360
that most people who are still paying

856
00:33:27,990 --> 00:33:25,440
attention thought had totally gone off

857
00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:28,000
the deep end because it turns out that

858
00:33:32,310 --> 00:33:30,559
basically all of what tom delong had

859
00:33:35,509 --> 00:33:32,320
been saying about meeting with

860
00:33:36,870 --> 00:33:35,519
high-level officials was actually true

861
00:33:39,029 --> 00:33:36,880
for example

862
00:33:42,230 --> 00:33:39,039
podesta's emails reveal that a meeting

863
00:33:44,710 --> 00:33:42,240

took place between tom podesta and three

864

00:33:47,269 --> 00:33:44,720

other high-ranking individuals and their

865

00:33:49,590 --> 00:33:47,279

identities give us some major clues to

866

00:33:51,669 --> 00:33:49,600

help fill in the blanks of his stories

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00:33:53,990 --> 00:33:51,679

the first was robert f weiss the

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00:33:56,389 --> 00:33:54,000

executive vp and general manager of

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00:33:58,630 --> 00:33:56,399

aeronautic advanced development programs

870

00:34:01,269 --> 00:33:58,640

for lockheed martin's skunk works sound

871

00:34:03,190 --> 00:34:01,279

familiar there's no way to know for sure

872

00:34:04,950 --> 00:34:03,200

but it seems likely that weiss was the

873

00:34:07,350 --> 00:34:04,960

aerospace executive with whom he

874

00:34:08,869 --> 00:34:07,360

originally spoke and who introduced him

875

00:34:11,270 --> 00:34:08,879

to the general

876

00:34:13,750 --> 00:34:11,280

and as for the general we actually have

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00:34:15,669 --> 00:34:13,760

multiple suspects both of whom were at

878

00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:15,679

this clandestine meeting

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00:34:19,990 --> 00:34:17,760

the first is major general michael j

880

00:34:22,310 --> 00:34:20,000

carey who is the special assistant to

881

00:34:25,190 --> 00:34:22,320

the commander of air force space command

882

00:34:27,669 --> 00:34:25,200

at peterson air force base in colorado

883

00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:27,679

interestingly peterson air force base is

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00:34:33,109 --> 00:34:30,399

also home to norad or the north american

885

00:34:35,190 --> 00:34:33,119

aerospace defense command as well as

886

00:34:38,310 --> 00:34:35,200

elements of the space forces space and

887

00:34:40,470 --> 00:34:38,320

missile systems center and finally major

888

00:34:41,669 --> 00:34:40,480

general neil mccaslin was also in

889

00:34:43,669 --> 00:34:41,679

attendance

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00:34:45,750 --> 00:34:43,679

mccasland is the former head of the

891

00:34:48,069 --> 00:34:45,760

foreign technology back engineering

892

00:34:49,669 --> 00:34:48,079

laboratory at wright-patterson air force

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00:34:51,990 --> 00:34:49,679

base in ohio

894

00:34:54,470 --> 00:34:52,000

mccasland also manages the air force's

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00:34:55,750 --> 00:34:54,480

2.2 billion science and technology

896

00:34:57,670 --> 00:34:55,760

program

897

00:34:59,589 --> 00:34:57,680

wright-patterson air force base has a

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00:35:01,109 --> 00:34:59,599

long history of being at the center of

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00:35:03,430 --> 00:35:01,119

speculation about the government's

900

00:35:05,670 --> 00:35:03,440

involvement with the ufo phenomenon

901
00:35:07,430 --> 00:35:05,680
most notoriously bright patterson is

902
00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:07,440
where the army initially claimed to have

903
00:35:11,670 --> 00:35:09,760
sent the wreckage from the roswell crash

904
00:35:13,430 --> 00:35:11,680
before changing their story and saying

905
00:35:15,349 --> 00:35:13,440
it was just a weather balloon

906
00:35:17,990 --> 00:35:15,359
it was also the home of project blue

907
00:35:19,750 --> 00:35:18,000
book it seems likely that one of these

908
00:35:22,630 --> 00:35:19,760
two men is the general from de long's

909
00:35:24,550 --> 00:35:22,640
story and regardless the fact that both

910
00:35:27,270 --> 00:35:24,560
of them agreed to meet secretly with the

911
00:35:29,190 --> 00:35:27,280
long gives clear and undeniable

912
00:35:31,670 --> 00:35:29,200
credibility to his claims of having high

913
00:35:33,430 --> 00:35:31,680

level advisors within the government

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00:35:36,390 --> 00:35:33,440

and it's important to note that these

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00:35:38,230 --> 00:35:36,400

weren't just any high level advisors in

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00:35:40,550 --> 00:35:38,240

each of their official positions they

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00:35:42,150 --> 00:35:40,560

are uniquely poised to have an insider's

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00:35:44,550 --> 00:35:42,160

perspective on secret government

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00:35:46,470 --> 00:35:44,560

programs involving ufos

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00:35:48,950 --> 00:35:46,480

basically if there's anyone on the

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00:35:50,870 --> 00:35:48,960

planet who might know the truth it's the

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00:35:53,109 --> 00:35:50,880

very people with whom tom delonge was

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00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:53,119

meeting and whatever reasonable doubt

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00:35:57,270 --> 00:35:55,599

remained was obliterated by what

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00:36:01,190 --> 00:35:57,280

happened next

926
00:36:03,510 --> 00:36:01,200
on october 11 2017 de long announced the

927
00:36:06,390 --> 00:36:03,520
launch of his new venture the to the

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00:36:09,270 --> 00:36:06,400
stars academy of arts and sciences

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00:36:11,750 --> 00:36:09,280
the mission of ttsa expanded upon the

930
00:36:13,190 --> 00:36:11,760
earlier mission of to the stars which

931
00:36:15,109 --> 00:36:13,200
sought to leverage media and

932
00:36:16,790 --> 00:36:15,119
entertainment to educate and prepare

933
00:36:18,950 --> 00:36:16,800
people for disclosure

934
00:36:21,109 --> 00:36:18,960
to include ambitious research and

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00:36:22,310 --> 00:36:21,119
innovation in the investigation of the

936
00:36:25,589 --> 00:36:22,320
phenomenon

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00:36:27,270 --> 00:36:25,599
the new ttsa had three divisions a

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00:36:29,349 --> 00:36:27,280

science division devoted to further

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00:36:31,589 --> 00:36:29,359

understanding of the phenomenon an

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00:36:33,910 --> 00:36:31,599

aerospace division devoted to developing

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00:36:35,750 --> 00:36:33,920

new technologies and propulsion

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00:36:37,750 --> 00:36:35,760

and finally the entertainment division

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00:36:38,870 --> 00:36:37,760

which would house all of de long's media

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00:36:40,950 --> 00:36:38,880

projects

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00:36:42,790 --> 00:36:40,960

sitting behind along at the launch press

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00:36:44,870 --> 00:36:42,800

conference was the team that he had

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00:36:46,230 --> 00:36:44,880

assembled and brought together to form

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00:36:49,829 --> 00:36:46,240

ttsa

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00:36:52,230 --> 00:36:49,839

and the lineup was frankly astonishing

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00:36:54,150 --> 00:36:52,240

among them were some of the top names in

951
00:36:56,630 --> 00:36:54,160
intelligence defense and aerospace

952
00:36:58,550 --> 00:36:56,640
engineering many of whom were going

953
00:37:00,310 --> 00:36:58,560
public for the first time

954
00:37:02,870 --> 00:37:00,320
so let's take a minute to meet some of

955
00:37:04,870 --> 00:37:02,880
the original members of the ttsa team

956
00:37:07,030 --> 00:37:04,880
who were on the stage that day

957
00:37:09,829 --> 00:37:07,040
first we have christopher mellon listed

958
00:37:12,150 --> 00:37:09,839
as the national security affairs advisor

959
00:37:14,230 --> 00:37:12,160
chris mellon served as deputy assistant

960
00:37:15,910 --> 00:37:14,240
secretary of defense for intelligence

961
00:37:17,349 --> 00:37:15,920
for both the clinton and the bush

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00:37:19,670 --> 00:37:17,359
administrations

963
00:37:21,990 --> 00:37:19,680

he also worked for many years on capitol

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00:37:24,390 --> 00:37:22,000

hill as the minority staff director for

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00:37:26,950 --> 00:37:24,400

senator john d rockefeller iv of the

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00:37:29,750 --> 00:37:26,960

senate select committee on intelligence

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00:37:31,589 --> 00:37:29,760

as an aide to senator william s cohen he

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00:37:34,150 --> 00:37:31,599

wrote the legislation that established

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00:37:35,829 --> 00:37:34,160

the u.s special operations command

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00:37:38,069 --> 00:37:35,839

he is a decorated member of the

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00:37:39,910 --> 00:37:38,079

intelligence community prolific author

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00:37:42,310 --> 00:37:39,920

of articles on topics of national

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00:37:44,950 --> 00:37:42,320

defense and security and a political

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00:37:48,630 --> 00:37:44,960

commentator he received his m.a in

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00:37:51,270 --> 00:37:48,640

international affairs from yale in 1984.

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00:37:53,670 --> 00:37:51,280

next we have steve justice listed as the

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00:37:56,710 --> 00:37:53,680

aerospace division director

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00:37:59,030 --> 00:37:56,720

for 31 years steve justice served as the

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00:38:01,109 --> 00:37:59,040

program director for advanced systems at

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00:38:03,430 --> 00:38:01,119

lockheed martin's skunk works where he

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00:38:05,670 --> 00:38:03,440

worked on projects that in his own words

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00:38:08,550 --> 00:38:05,680

defy the imagination

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00:38:10,710 --> 00:38:08,560

he left this position to join tsa and

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00:38:12,630 --> 00:38:10,720

pursue disclosure and to lead the

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00:38:14,870 --> 00:38:12,640

development of emerging technologies

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00:38:17,829 --> 00:38:14,880

associated with the phenomenon

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00:38:18,630 --> 00:38:17,839

also on stage that day was dr hal put

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00:38:20,790 --> 00:38:18,640

off

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00:38:23,190 --> 00:38:20,800

who is listed as co-founder and vice

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00:38:25,589 --> 00:38:23,200

president of science and technology

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00:38:27,589 --> 00:38:25,599

dr hal pudov is a physicist and the

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00:38:29,589 --> 00:38:27,599

director of the institute for advanced

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00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:29,599

studies at austin where he does

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00:38:33,270 --> 00:38:31,520

cutting-edge research on energy and

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00:38:35,750 --> 00:38:33,280

propulsion systems

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00:38:37,829 --> 00:38:35,760

since 1985 he has served as the

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00:38:39,270 --> 00:38:37,839

president and ceo of earth tech

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00:38:42,230 --> 00:38:39,280

international inc

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00:38:45,270 --> 00:38:42,240

and perhaps most interestingly he ran

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00:38:47,349 --> 00:38:45,280

the cia remote viewing program codenamed

1001

00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:47,359

project stargate

1002

00:38:53,030 --> 00:38:50,240

this now declassified program ran for 20

1003

00:38:55,270 --> 00:38:53,040

years during the cold war as the cia

1004

00:38:57,670 --> 00:38:55,280

allegedly used esp as part of its

1005

00:39:00,150 --> 00:38:57,680

intelligence gathering protocols

1006

00:39:01,589 --> 00:39:00,160

he is also a frequent advisor to nasa

1007

00:39:03,910 --> 00:39:01,599

the intelligence community and

1008

00:39:06,390 --> 00:39:03,920

corporations on leading-edge technology

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00:39:08,710 --> 00:39:06,400

and emerging technology trends he holds

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00:39:10,390 --> 00:39:08,720

a phd in electrical engineering from

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00:39:12,950 --> 00:39:10,400

stanford university

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00:39:15,910 --> 00:39:12,960

next we have jim simovin

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00:39:18,710 --> 00:39:15,920

co-founder and vp of operations

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00:39:21,270 --> 00:39:18,720

jim summervin is a retired cia officer

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00:39:23,990 --> 00:39:21,280

working as a spy for over 25 years in

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00:39:25,510 --> 00:39:24,000

the cia's clandestine service and a

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00:39:27,270 --> 00:39:25,520

former member for the senior

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00:39:29,750 --> 00:39:27,280

intelligence service

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00:39:31,589 --> 00:39:29,760

since retiring summervin has served as a

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00:39:33,829 --> 00:39:31,599

consultant to the intelligence community

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00:39:36,230 --> 00:39:33,839

on classified topics including

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00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:36,240

leadership training tradecraft training

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00:39:39,670 --> 00:39:38,160

and programs for countering weapons of

1024

00:39:42,710 --> 00:39:39,680

mass destruction

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00:39:44,630 --> 00:39:42,720

and finally we have luis elizondo

1026
00:39:45,829 --> 00:39:44,640
director of global security and special

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00:39:48,550 --> 00:39:45,839
programs

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00:39:50,630 --> 00:39:48,560
yes that lou elizondo the former

1029
00:39:53,990 --> 00:39:50,640
director of the pentagon's secret ufo

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00:39:56,230 --> 00:39:54,000
program atip and who only days before

1031
00:39:57,990 --> 00:39:56,240
the tsa press conference had resigned

1032
00:40:00,069 --> 00:39:58,000
from his position in protest of

1033
00:40:01,270 --> 00:40:00,079
government secrecy regarding the ufo

1034
00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:01,280
phenomenon

1035
00:40:05,990 --> 00:40:03,839
the exact timeline of events are unclear

1036
00:40:08,150 --> 00:40:06,000
but it seems likely that de long's

1037
00:40:10,470 --> 00:40:08,160
project was a motivating factor and

1038
00:40:13,829 --> 00:40:10,480

elizondo making the move to abandon his

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00:40:16,790 --> 00:40:13,839

career and pension to pursue disclosure

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00:40:19,109 --> 00:40:16,800

beyond his role at atip elizondo brings

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00:40:20,630 --> 00:40:19,119

his expertise as a career intelligence

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00:40:22,950 --> 00:40:20,640

officer who has worked with the

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00:40:25,190 --> 00:40:22,960

department of defense the army and the

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00:40:27,270 --> 00:40:25,200

director of national intelligence

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00:40:29,109 --> 00:40:27,280

in his role as a secret agent he

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00:40:31,190 --> 00:40:29,119

conducted and supervised highly

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00:40:32,630 --> 00:40:31,200

sensitive espionage and terrorism

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00:40:34,550 --> 00:40:32,640

investigations

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00:40:36,710 --> 00:40:34,560

he also served as the director of the

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00:40:37,589 --> 00:40:36,720

pentagon's special programs management

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00:40:39,750 --> 00:40:37,599
staff

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00:40:42,550 --> 00:40:39,760
overseeing some of their most sensitive

1053
00:40:46,230 --> 00:40:42,560
portfolios he also has a background in

1054
00:40:47,030 --> 00:40:46,240
microbiology immunology and parasitology

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00:40:49,510 --> 00:40:47,040
so

1056
00:40:50,390 --> 00:40:49,520
let's pause for a moment to take a

1057
00:40:53,109 --> 00:40:50,400
breath

1058
00:40:55,430 --> 00:40:53,119
and just take this in because this list

1059
00:40:57,510 --> 00:40:55,440
of names is pretty staggering in terms

1060
00:40:59,349 --> 00:40:57,520
of both their expertise

1061
00:41:01,829 --> 00:40:59,359
and their proximity to privileged

1062
00:41:04,230 --> 00:41:01,839
information about secret u.s programs

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00:41:05,910 --> 00:41:04,240

particularly in the domains of aerospace

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00:41:08,630 --> 00:41:05,920

and advanced technology

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00:41:10,950 --> 00:41:08,640

including the guy who ran the secret ufo

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00:41:13,270 --> 00:41:10,960

program in the pentagon for ten years

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00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:13,280

from that point forward i think it's

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00:41:17,910 --> 00:41:15,200

impossible to argue with any kind of

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00:41:19,430 --> 00:41:17,920

credibility that tom delonge was lying

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00:41:21,030 --> 00:41:19,440

about the high-ranking government and

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00:41:22,470 --> 00:41:21,040

intelligence officials who had become

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00:41:24,630 --> 00:41:22,480

his advisors

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00:41:27,750 --> 00:41:24,640

not only did those advisors clearly

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00:41:29,270 --> 00:41:27,760

exist but they believed in delong in his

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00:41:30,309 --> 00:41:29,280

mission enough to come out of the

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00:41:32,630 --> 00:41:30,319

shadows

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00:41:34,950 --> 00:41:32,640

many of them putting themselves at great

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00:41:36,150 --> 00:41:34,960

risk personally and professionally to do

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00:41:37,670 --> 00:41:36,160

so

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00:41:39,990 --> 00:41:37,680

simply put

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00:41:42,309 --> 00:41:40,000

tom delonge was telling the truth

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00:41:44,230 --> 00:41:42,319

but de long still had one more ace up

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00:41:48,710 --> 00:41:44,240

his sleeve and he played it two months

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00:41:50,630 --> 00:41:48,720

later on december 16 2017 the same day

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00:41:52,710 --> 00:41:50,640

that the infamous new york times article

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00:41:55,109 --> 00:41:52,720

went live exposing the secret government

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00:41:58,390 --> 00:41:55,119

ufo program in sharing some of the

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00:42:01,270 --> 00:41:58,400

leaked us navy footage of alleged ufos

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00:42:03,750 --> 00:42:01,280

ttsa went live with the full footage of

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00:42:05,670 --> 00:42:03,760

gimbal and fleur the first two of the

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00:42:07,910 --> 00:42:05,680

now famous videos

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00:42:10,470 --> 00:42:07,920

it was these videos along with the later

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00:42:12,230 --> 00:42:10,480

released go fast footage that began to

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00:42:14,950 --> 00:42:12,240

wake the media up to the fact that this

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00:42:16,470 --> 00:42:14,960

is a real issue brought ufos back into

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00:42:18,710 --> 00:42:16,480

the public consciousness

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00:42:22,309 --> 00:42:18,720

and spurred legislation that forced the

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00:42:23,990 --> 00:42:22,319

pentagon to admit in 2020 that ufos are

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00:42:26,230 --> 00:42:24,000

in fact real

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00:42:27,829 --> 00:42:26,240

and we have no idea what they are

1101
00:42:30,150 --> 00:42:27,839
the story of how the new york times

1102
00:42:32,470 --> 00:42:30,160
article came to be and who exactly

1103
00:42:33,510 --> 00:42:32,480
leaked those us navy videos is a little

1104
00:42:35,190 --> 00:42:33,520
cloudy

1105
00:42:36,870 --> 00:42:35,200
most likely to protect the guilty as

1106
00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:36,880
leaking classified information to the

1107
00:42:41,670 --> 00:42:38,960
press isn't exactly legal

1108
00:42:45,190 --> 00:42:41,680
but no matter the exact details or chain

1109
00:42:46,950 --> 00:42:45,200
of events it's hard to deny one thing

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00:42:49,190 --> 00:42:46,960
none of it would have happened without

1111
00:42:51,030 --> 00:42:49,200
tom delonge and so that's where we'll

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00:42:54,790 --> 00:42:51,040
leave it with part one

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00:42:57,109 --> 00:42:54,800

in part two we'll get into where tsa is

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00:42:59,270 --> 00:42:57,119

on all of this now we'll look at why it

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00:43:01,349 --> 00:42:59,280

is that tom delong has become such a

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00:43:04,470 --> 00:43:01,359

controversial figure within the ufo

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00:43:06,870 --> 00:43:04,480

community and finally will take a

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00:43:08,950 --> 00:43:06,880

frankly terrifying tour through what de

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00:43:11,270 --> 00:43:08,960

long claims his advisors have told him

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00:43:12,390 --> 00:43:11,280

about the phenomenon and how it shaped

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00:43:15,829 --> 00:43:12,400

his understanding

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00:43:17,510 --> 00:43:15,839

and beliefs about ufos but for now let's

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00:43:19,750 --> 00:43:17,520

just take a moment to enjoy and

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00:43:22,790 --> 00:43:19,760

appreciate the absurd beauty of this

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00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:22,800

story and how one man through sheer grit

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00:43:26,870 --> 00:43:24,720

and an abundance of passion

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00:43:28,950 --> 00:43:26,880

managed to turn the tide on the secrecy

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00:43:31,670 --> 00:43:28,960

surrounding the phenomenon forcing the

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00:43:33,829 --> 00:43:31,680

pentagon itself to admit a secret that

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00:43:36,390 --> 00:43:33,839

it has guarded more closely than any

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00:43:38,309 --> 00:43:36,400

other for the past 75 years

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00:43:48,010 --> 00:43:38,319

that ufos are real

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00:45:46,030 --> 00:43:58,130

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00:46:23,580 --> 00:45:46,040

[Applause]