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That is insane.

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The Phoenix Lights event of 1997 is the largest mass UFO sighting in our nation's history.

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I saw six lights over the airport that absolute uniform in a V-shape.

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It's unidentified, it's flying and it's six objects.

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But it's not the first time this has happened.

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I see the light on either side.

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The government claims these UFOs were not extraterrestrial

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and have come up with countless dubious explanations for the lights.

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Swamp gas, insulting to anybody's intelligence.

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Why is the government covering up these sightings?

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Do visitors from outer space pose a threat to our national security?

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There's the government you see and there's the shadow government.

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Whoa!

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I'm Ben Hansen, a former federal agent.

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My grandfather worked at a highly classified air force base and convinced me

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we are not alone in the universe.

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Then I had my own encounter that changed my life forever.

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Welcome to UFO Country.

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Now I've gained access to a top secret archive from Project Bluebook.

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This planet has been under surveillance for centuries.

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Containing reports of over 10,000 UFO sightings investigated by the US government.

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We could very well be standing on the exact place where a UFO crashed.

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My mission is to uncover the truth.

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I'm in Phoenix, Arizona on my way to meet a woman who recently took some video

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of some extraordinary UFO lights in the skies.

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This sighting happened in 2019 but there's been strange activity here for over 60 years.

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And eyewitnesses are convinced these lights are not of this world.

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Dr. Lynn.

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So good to see you.

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I hear that you had a really impressive sighting.

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I was right in this area.

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I was home.

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This is before 7 o'clock and it was dark.

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I'm sitting in front of the TV.

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The lights started to flicker.

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And when those lights went out, then the TV went off.

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Music

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I saw huge balls of amber light.

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Like nothing you've ever seen before.

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So I grabbed my camera and I started photographing them.

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Can I see the photos that you took?

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Absolutely.

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First one and then another pop up so there were four all together.

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Yeah, I see there's four.

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The lights all appeared in a line, a formation, as if they were connected to a singular craft.

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They were so unusual.

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Technology-wise, it seemed that there was an intelligence behind them.

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And I noticed an eerie silence as if time had stopped.

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It felt like something was watching me.

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Wow.

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It was extraordinary.

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Were you seeing any lights from aircraft in the area?

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There were planes coming in to the airport, Sky Harbor International Airport at the same time.

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So we compare this, which we know is a plane.

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Look how bright these are.

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Quite different from any plane.

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So you have video of this as well?

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I know. This is a video.

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Oh, wow.

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The video also shows the bright lights in formation, hovering in place.

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They are too close to each other to be helicopters and too bright to be drones.

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You got something really impressive, like just hovering out there.

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Exactly.

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But there's more.

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This is not the first time Dr. Katai has seen UFOs in the Arizona skies.

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Almost 25 years ago, Dr. Katai filmed what has become known as the Phoenix Lights.

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I've been seeing these phenomena since March 13, 1997.

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Among ufologists, the Phoenix Lights have become one of the most iconic UFO videos ever filmed.

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20,000 citizens reported seeing the strange object pictured in Dr. Katai's video.

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They described it as a mile-wide, triangle-shaped craft with six distinct lights.

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It crossed roughly 300 miles of airspace, with reports coming in from Phoenix to Tucson.

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And one of the witnesses turned out to be a famous actor.

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One of the private pilots happened to be Kurt Russell.

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I saw six lights over the airport and absolute uniform in a V-shape, and I reported it.

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And they said, we're not painting anything. We don't show anything.

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I said, well, okay, I'm going to declare it's unidentified. It's flying, and it's six objects.

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That was the most viewed UFO event. Over 20,000 people saw that.

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Thousands of people? What's going on?

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It could possibly be, I think, the greatest mass sighting in our country's history.

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And you had a front row seat.

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I did.

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With so many witnesses to this event, the government was forced to investigate,

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bringing about what is believed to be one of the greatest UFO cover-ups in history.

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They claim the lights were not attached to an alien aircraft,

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but were simply flares set off during a military exercise.

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When they had to come out with something, they came out with the flare theory.

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Flares. Drift haphazardly with the wind. Have you smoked trails?

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It was bizarre. The next morning, headlines.

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That's really disappointing.

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Phoenix lights are flares.

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It's like they bit at hook, line, sinker, and said,

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this is what the military says. That's what we're going with.

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Military flares leave behind prominent smoke trails as they fall,

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which rules them out as a suspect.

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But others saw the static hovering lights.

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Dr. Kitai has assembled a group of witnesses to the 1997 Phoenix Lights event.

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Fearing retaliation, a few have asked to remain anonymous.

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Wow.

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Thank you guys for coming here.

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I understand you're all witnesses to the Phoenix Lights.

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What did you feel like when they come out with this official explanation

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in the newspapers? Flares.

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That's typically the comeback, I'll tell you if I say, I saw the Phoenix Lights.

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People say, oh, those were flares. They weren't flares.

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They just slapped in the face.

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It was a fire pilot near the force of Spina D'Ono.

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One of our missions was dropping aerial flares.

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So I've actually dropped those aerial flares and been on the ground

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while we're being attacked, having the flares overhead.

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It's interesting you say that.

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My father fought in the I-Corps area in Vietnam in 68 and 69.

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He concurred the same thing you said, aviation flares.

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They drop slowly.

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The flares aren't going to stay in a perfect B-short formation

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and fly for miles because they're actually suspended by parachute.

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Well, do you think we could all agree then what it was not?

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These were not flares, right?

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Right, they were not lanterns either.

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They were not lanterns. They were not conventional craft.

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They were silent.

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So if it wasn't that, the alternative is...

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it's from somewhere else.

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Two of the eyewitnesses claim they had close encounters with the 1997 UFO.

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The Phoenix likes food right over my wife and I.

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We were just returning from a restaurant and she called out,

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What are those lights?

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And I just sort of looked over and went,

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Oh, it's just a flight of light.

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And that's just what immediately came to mind.

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Then as soon as I said that, I looked at it again.

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I went to tell the firefighters because it's not really moving to describe her best.

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Right.

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I saw the same thing.

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Where did you witness it?

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I was on I-16.

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I was driving home from work.

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And I saw this huge boomerang shaped craft flying towards me.

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I slammed on the brakes.

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I jumped out of my truck as it came up over me.

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It was about 30 feet over my head.

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And I remember thinking I could hit this with a rock.

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30 feet.

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David was paralyzed in fear as the large imposing UFO flew right above his head.

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It was a gunmetal gray and there was like a thousand of them.

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And I remember thinking,

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It was a gunmetal gray and there was like thousands and thousands of thumb prints in it.

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It just meandered this huge craft that took up 70% of the horizon.

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So from you being 30 feet under, how wide would it make it?

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My guess was a mile to a mile and a half.

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Whoa.

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From tip to tip.

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But there was no one else around.

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I looked because I wanted to have some validation for what I saw.

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But the nearest light I could easily see right into.

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And out of that poured what looked like lava.

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And as it poured down about four to six feet, it stopped.

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And then it went right back up in.

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And then more would come down.

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And I remember thinking, I'm going to get burned because I was that close to it.

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But there was no heat and there was no sound.

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And I stood there and as it passed by and I watched it till it went out of sight, I just started crying.

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It was overwhelming and that has stuck with me from that day, from that moment.

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Wow.

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Got over 700 people calling.

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We went out and tried to disinform people.

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From there it was chaos.

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Whoa.

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To find out about any other mass UFO sightings in American history, Ben is headed to the center for

UFO studies to talk with historian Marco Connell.

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So Ben.

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I have talked to so many witnesses who saw the Phoenix lights.

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You know, as 1997 there were thousands of people who saw the triangle.

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I talked to people who saw this thing as close as 30 feet above their head.

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And as it passed by and I watched it till it went out of sight, I just started crying.

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Oh.

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None of it made sense.

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All I know for certain is I believe that there was the disinformation campaign.

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I'm baffled and I want to know is this type of thing have precedence?

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Has there been other cases where there's been a mass UFO sighting and the government is so adeptly able to come in and just take over and silence them?

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Let me show you a file that I've been looking at.

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All right.

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This is the official Michigan 66 flap.

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Swamp gas flap.

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Dr. J. Allen Heineck was the lead scientific advisor to Project Blue Book, a government funded investigation of the nation's UFO sightings from 1952 to 1969.

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According to Mark, in 1966 the Air Force sent Dr. Heineck to Dexter, Michigan, a small town outside of Ann Arbor.

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There he investigated reports of a UFO seen by a farmer, Frank Manor, and his son Ron.

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There are a lot of parallels between the Phoenix lights and the infamous Dexter, Michigan swamp gas sightings.

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Dozens of witnesses.

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The government getting involved in strange and misleading ways.

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So here's a recording of an interview with Frank Manor, who was one of the witnesses.

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We were watching television and we have six dogs here and they started raising the fuzz.

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I went outside on the porch.

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I looked north and they looked like a fallen star coming down.

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I looked at it and I thought I was seeing things in a blue and a white light come on it.

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Frank and Ron weren't the only ones to witness the lights hovering above the swamp near his farm in Dexter.

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In the neighboring town of Hillsdale, college students also reported seeing a flying saucer with three lights in a row, much like the Phoenix lights of 1997.

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When I saw it, I just wanted to stay there and keep my eyes glued to it. I couldn't leave.

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I couldn't leave.

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Well, when I was looking out the window, I saw it look to be shaped like a pie.

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Now I can see the lights on either side and then the red light was sort of casting a glow over the whole thing.

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It becomes a huge, huge national headline, much like the Phoenix lights did, right?

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Yeah, yeah.

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I mean, Air Force hates it when a UFO story becomes too big.

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Yeah.

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So what does the Air Force do?

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They send Heineck to Michigan.

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He interviews the Manor family, but get this, he's getting pressure from his boss to make this case go away quickly.

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Everybody wants Heineck to say, spaceships, little green men.

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And instead he says, what these witnesses describe could have been swamp gas.

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The official explanation, swamp gas, flares, caused by the burning of gases bubbling up from the area swamp.

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Mr. Manor, the farmer, the lights they saw were localized to the swamp area.

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And it's when a spring thaw comes and the gases can bubble up from below and get released, the gases can ignite spontaneously.

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And they flicker all over other places.

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They'll flicker at one place and then go out and suddenly appear someplace else, which gives the illusion of motion.

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Everybody just went crazy when he said swamp gas.

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But none of it really adds up.

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The country's leading UFO expert just said everybody in Michigan is an idiot who can't tell swamp gas from a flying saucer.

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So that's kind of along the lines of Phoenix.

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Right.

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It was really the defining moment in Dr. Heineck's career.

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So the government's going to say it was swamp gas.

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Can we prove that it wasn't?

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There's a lot of witness testimony.

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I'd actually like to see if any of these people are still alive.

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I think the more you dig, the more you'll find evidence that the Air Force, of course, during the Blue Book days, but even beyond that, that the Air Force has really been up to no good.

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It's a little bit disturbing.

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I'm in Dexter, Michigan, on my way to see Sheriff Harvey now.

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Sheriff Harvey is long since retired, but in 1966, he was the sheriff in charge when Dr. Heineck was sent to investigate the Dexter UFO.

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Sheriff Harvey, pleasure to meet you.

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I'm so excited to talk to you about this case because it's been one of those iconic cases I read about as a kid, and I hope that you can kind of fill in some blanks for me to get to the bottom of this.

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I will do my utmost.

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Some of the original documents that might help jog your memory.

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First of all, if I could take you back now to 1966.

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I was a young sheriff, the second youngest sheriff in the state of Michigan.

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At that time, there was one sighting after another in Dexter.

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I understand you spent a lot of time with Dr. Heineck when he came into town.

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I never heard of Professor Heineck. You know who he was.

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But I knew that, you know, it had to be somebody important.

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My curiosity got the best of me, and I said, Dr. Heineck, what have we got?

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And I remember him saying to me, I don't know.

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I found that very strange, you know.

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When we got back to my office, he said, I got a call Washington.

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It stuck with me so much, I got a call Washington.

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He was in there for quite a while.

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And he came out, Professor, what have we got?

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He said, it's swamp gas.

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I'd like to die, swamp gas.

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So he was pretty definitive about this.

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Oh boy, yes. You know, it didn't take an idiot to figure it out.

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I get a call from Washington and Washington saying, you better say it's swamp gas.

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Get your butt out of there and come on back to Washington.

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You think about that for a minute.

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He had no idea, but then when he makes a call to Washington,

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all of a sudden he comes out with, it's swamp gas.

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How frustrating.

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Yes, I was disgusted. What is swamp gas?

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I've never seen it.

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Yeah, it's something to anybody's intelligence.

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I think we could have cut him up with something better than that.

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But there's more.

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Sheriff Harvey has never before revealed information,

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something that doesn't appear in any of Dr. Heineck's project Blue Book reports,

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hours before the news conference, and Heineck's call to Washington.

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Sheriff Harvey and Dr. Heineck visited the Swamp on Frank Manners Farm and found something.

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We got to the Manners Farm.

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Dr. Heineck got out of the car.

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And in the backfield, the grass was down.

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You know, like a circle, it was matted, matted down, you know, like something just laid on it.

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That's not in any of the reports.

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Is it possible that Heineck purposely left that out?

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In 1966, dozens of citizens reported seeing the same strange lights fly through Dexter, Michigan,

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only for authorities to dismiss the mass UFO sighting as swamp gas.

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Did the government cover up the truth? And why?

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Ben Hanson is meeting with a former Dexter sheriff who, with Dr. Heineck,

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saw what looked like the landing spot of a UFO at a local farm.

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Dr. Heineck walked right up to it.

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It's not in any of the reports.

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I don't see any mention of it, so is it possible that Heineck purposely left that out?

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He left out what you had seen with him, the depression.

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I know that I seen it, and so did Heineck. He went up to it.

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To Sheriff Harvey, the possibility that a UFO landed here is real.

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Sheriff Harvey, the college students, Frank Manor, and his son Ron,

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all either saw the UFO or direct evidence of its presence,

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and Ron Manor is still alive and willing to talk about it.

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I'm on my way to talk to Ron Manor.

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Now, Ron and his dad Frank are the family that witnessed the object hovering over the swamp.

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Ron was 18 at the time.

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I don't think he's actually talked about it since 1966.

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He must be Ben.

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Nice to meet you. Thank you so much.

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After all these years, this is still one of the most iconic cases.

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You have so many witnesses, an incredible event, and then the government steps in

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and says, you know, that wasn't what it was. It wasn't what you guys experienced.

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So could you kind of just take me back to that evening?

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It was in the back porch.

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Looking at the lights down in the swamp.

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So we sat there and watched it for a while.

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I told my dad, it shouldn't be there, but let's go see what it is.

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So we walked down there, and you could see lights.

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There were three lights, an amber one, a red one, and a blue one.

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Did they move independently?

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No. I would have thought if it was three different lights, it would probably have moved.

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Something would have...

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Changed out a position.

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Yeah, you would have thought.

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So it's possible that it was part of one structure.

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Ron thinks it's possible the lights were attached to one UFO, just like the Phoenix lights.

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And so we couldn't get a real good look at it, so I suggested we get up on this big hill

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so we could look down in the swamp.

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So we got over there, and when we looked back, the lights were gone from there.

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And then they send out Dr. Heineck.

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You spoke with your father.

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So then Dr. Heineck makes this press release, and he says that it's swamp gas.

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What did your dad feel like when Heineck came out and said that?

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I think he felt a little betrayed, you know, if they were just making them look bad.

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Well, I know it's a real phenomenon, but do you think it's at all possible that what you and your father saw was swamp gas?

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Not possible. Not with three distinct different lights. Not a chance.

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Not a chance.

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No.

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With Heineck's burning swamp gas story looking unlikely, Ben comes up with an idea.

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With Ron's permission to access the property, he heads to the swamp to conduct an experiment.

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Does methane gas rising from the swamp burn and give off different colors?

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And if so, will the flames rise up high enough to be mistaken for bright lights on a flying object?

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This is really cool to be here. You can see it's a little bit frozen over.

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To think that UFO could have been here back in 1966.

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Joining him at the site is a pyrotechnics expert who will help Ben recreate the swamp gas that Dr. Heineck alleged in his report.

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Can't say that I've ever tried to make swamp gas before.

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I've seen it once down in Louisiana.

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Oh, really?

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Yeah, no, it's a pure accident.

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All right, so the water here, it's a little bit iced over.

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I need to get far enough in to submerge this whole thing.

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Okay, well now we know how deep it is.

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And it stinks.

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Yeah, oh yeah, we definitely will have some methane.

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See the bubbles are already flowing.

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Look at the bubbles are already flowing.

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There it goes, there it goes.

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I can feel the pressure building up against my thumb.

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Methane is flammable.

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Any ideas of how it spontaneously combusts?

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It would have to be like an arc from an ember.

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It would be lightning.

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Lightning hitting a tree.

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Almost there.

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Here we go.

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All right, I feel the pressure building up.

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Thinking maybe we should just give it a try.

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Okay, ready?

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So you go ahead and light it.

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Three, two, one.

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Take a step back.

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Whoa!

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In 1966, witnesses claimed they saw a UFO with three bright lights flying over Dexter, Michigan.

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Dr. J. Allen Heineck, the UFO investigator for the Air Force's top secret project blue book,

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claimed the lights came from burning swamp gas fires.

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Ben Hansen is conducting an experiment to prove Dr. Heineck wrong.

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So you go ahead and light it.

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Three, two, one.

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Whoa!

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That would freak me out if I was in the swamp.

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Yeah.

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I would never report that as a UFO, but I would be hightailing it out of there, that's for sure.

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This is exactly what would happen with swamp gas.

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And see, that's the problem I have with the official explanation of this incident.

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A lot of witnesses were reporting this up to 500 feet above, or maybe a thousand feet.

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That's ridiculous.

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The Manners, the Hillsdale College students, and numerous other Dexter residents all stated

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they saw three fixed distinct lights of different colors.

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There's three lights, a amber one, a red one, and a blue one.

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In fact, Sheriff Harvey's deputies claimed to have chased the craft down a country road.

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It moved very rapidly, in any direction it wanted to go.

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None of their descriptions comes close to the claims Ben has created in this swamp.

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This is really intense.

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We've reached the max capacity of this effect, and yet we're still so far beneath what the witnesses were saying as far as height, as far as different colors.

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Oh yeah.

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What we've just done is debunk the idea that this could be swamp gas.

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Nature could not have created what these witnesses saw.

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I'm firmly convinced that is not what took place in 1966.

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Ben feels confident this proves the government covered up the existence of the Dexter UFO in 1966.

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But what about the Phoenix Lights UFO of 1997?

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Can Ben prove the government tried to cover that up as well?

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That the lights were attached to a UFO and not caused by flares set off during a military exercise?

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One local Arizona politician claims to have valuable information.

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Francis Barwood was a councilwoman at the time of the incident.

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Hi, you must be Francis.

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I am.

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I'm Ben.

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Hi Ben, nice to meet you.

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Thank you for agreeing to meet with me.

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So I talked to Dr. Katai, and I was in a room filled with people who have seen strange objects and lights just recently,

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and then also back in 1997 when the event took place.

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Can you tell me your journey through what happened in your exploration trying to find the truth?

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Well, I was approached by a reporter, and he said he wanted to talk to me about this object that went over Phoenix.

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Can you find out if anybody's investigating?

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Well, his article appeared in Saturday's paper, and then I get into the office on Monday, and my voicemail was filled.

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Oh, wow.

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And it was like, this was overwhelming.

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I got like over 700 people calling, and I started calling them all back.

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And what was amazing to me, they were all the same description.

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How many people that you know can describe the same thing unless it's they actually saw it?

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Yeah.

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Each one of those people I talked to was with many others.

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When you add it all up, it's thousands.

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And so I asked for an investigation.

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Okay.

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Councilwoman Barwood took the formal steps to initiate a government-backed investigation into the Phoenix lights.

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But she was stonewalled by the state's governor at the time, Fife Simington.

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I got this memo, and it said, this is a non-issue.

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They didn't want to touch it.

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It's so odd. I don't know why they would do that.

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After hitting a dead end with the local politicians, Francis appealed to the public to apply pressure to the government.

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I told everybody to call the governor's office because, you know, he's the head of the state, he could maybe help.

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The flood of calls couldn't be ignored, and the governor had to make an announcement at an emergency press conference.

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In response, I suggested that it was time to end months of speculation on the question.

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And he said, and we caught one of the perpetrators.

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I scored the accused into the room so that we may all look upon the guilty parties.

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This just goes to show that you guys are entirely too serious.

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It was shocking to me. It's like they're making a joke of this.

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I imagine this was not funny at all to the people who actually witnessed.

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I've talked to people who were then 30 feet of it and could see the details of the craft.

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That is not funny.

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No, it's not. And it was not like him at all.

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Fife has no sense of humor.

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There is no way that he put that all together.

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I think he did it because they put pressure on him.

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Like Dr. Heineck in 1966, it seems Governor Simington was pressed to deny the existence of UFOs.

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Councilwoman Barwood was more convinced of the cover-up than ever, and days later, she was contacted by a local veteran who claimed to possess irrefutable evidence.

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I got a phone call from a man named Richard Curtis, and he said he got this all on video.

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Unlike the video shot by Dr. Lynn Kattay, which shows a group of lights with no visible craft,

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Richard Curtis claimed he recorded a detailed video that showed the lights were part of one spacecraft.

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Richard promised to send a copy of his video evidence to Francis' office, but when he called back a week later,

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it was clear someone in the shadows had other plans.

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He goes, what did you think of the video?

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I didn't get a video.

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He says, oh, they came from your office.

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Two men claiming to be from Francis' office convinced Richard to hand over the only copy of the video.

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I don't have a man working in my office. I have three women.

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Oh my gosh.

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So I said, okay, what did they look like in three-piece suits with hats?

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Now mind you, this is July. It's 110 degrees out.

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And so it was like, oh my goodness.

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Well then, Richard Curtis got really sick and they took him out by ambulance and nobody's ever seen him again.

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Nobody knows where he is.

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No.

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Investigator Ben Hansen is on a mission to prove that the government covered up the existence of the 1966 Dexter, Michigan UFO and the 1997 Phoenix, Arizona lights.

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In 1997, a man named Richard Curtis claimed he recorded a detailed video that showed the outline of the Phoenix UFO.

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But he and the video mysteriously disappeared.

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Nobody knows where he is.

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No.

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Neighbors of his said they changed his medication. He had a bad reaction. They had to take him to the hospital and he never came back.

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Do we know if he's in the obituaries? If he's passed?

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Nothing. No more information. And I'm thinking, how did they know he called me? It was kind of creepy.

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According to Francis, a private investigator checked her home phone line and made a shocking discovery.

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He said, you have a tap on your line. It's coming from the government, federal government.

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Are you serious? Somebody was tapping your phone, intercepted a conversation you had with a witness, and then showed up saying that they were coming in your behalf to get possibly the only clear video of the event that's out there.

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Right.

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Do you have any idea who these people might be that tapping your phone?

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Well, I was told a long time ago that there's the government you see and there's the shadow government.

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It's not elected officials. It's not the hired officials. It's beyond that.

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But the question remains, why is the government covering up the existence of UFOs? Francis believes they are afraid.

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Why do you harass and wire tap and take away the evidence from people who saw it?

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Because the government knows that it's not them. That's my only theory. And so they're afraid of losing power.

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I believe that the Phoenix Lights event was not only a massive government cover-up, but a smear campaign.

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Francis Barwood led this whole crusade and the phone was wire tapped.

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The government and whoever the secret keepers are did a very effective job in covering this up.

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To uncover how the conspirators deploy and enact their disinformation campaign, Ben arranges a sit-down with a man who recently identified himself as a shadow government pawn,

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who was consistently deployed to cover up government secrets.

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Rick, thank you for meeting me here. If someone had a legit sighting, they wanted to dissuade or distract the public.

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The person that they would call to do that is you.

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It would be us, special agents with Air Force Officers, special investigations, counterintelligence division.

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Wow. Okay.

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I was stationed in Area 51 in the 80s.

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You were?

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I have a badge to prove it.

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Wow. You don't think it still works, do you?

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No, I don't think it still works.

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The civilian sightings were done by Project Blue Book investigators, but the real mysterious cases were handled by the Air Force Office Special Investigations.

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If someone has a legitimate UFO sighting and the government comes in to discredit them, how do they go about doing that?

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That was part of our job. We went out and tried to disinform people who had a UFO sighting.

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And there's manuals that governs exactly how we do that.

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There's actually written policy, like how to go about doing this.

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And I have some information here that will astound you.

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Wow. Wow. Because I've always suspected, but I didn't know that there was a playbook.

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There's a playbook.

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That manual particularly dictates some other thing that the Air Force can blame it on, and exactly how we try to discredit people.

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Oh my gosh.

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There were incidents where the sighting was in fact a UFO.

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We knew it was not from this Earth.

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Exit the restroom.

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Those particular sightings, we had to disinform the public.

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We got to make those people make them think that what they saw was something other than a UFO, such as Mars or Earth.

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We got to make those people make them think that what they saw was something other than a UFO, such as Mars or Venus or a swamp gas.

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That is incredible.

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I've been investigating the case from 1966 in Dexter, Michigan.

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And a lot of people there were made to believe that this incident was nothing more than swamp gas.

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Do you think the government was involved?

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Yes. It sounds like the government was involved in that.

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For example, the Phoenix lights more recently, 1997.

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They come out and say, flares, do you see the same pattern repeating here?

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There's a special unit, and they're now classified as a men in black.

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These people are trained to go out and collect intelligence in a very mysterious manner.

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They were the master of disguises, and they'll come in more secretly.

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They won't come in spreading out their badges and credentials.

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Are you familiar with a lot of the details of the Dexter case?

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Yeah, I saw it in a classified report. Yes.

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Because I talked to Ron Manor, who's the son of Frank Manor, and both father-son saw this object.

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Is it possible that someone came to his dad and kind of helped him change his story?

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That sounds like something OSI would do.

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Over time, Frank Manor's account of the Dexter UFO incident changed, and the public lost faith in his story.

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But is it possible he was one of the victims of a government campaign to hide the truth?

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I investigated a lot of incidents where I disinformed people or disinformed the public.

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I believed that we had a mission and we were doing what we were supposed to do, and we were protecting society, and we were protecting the national defense.

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But the reason I come and speak now is because I don't believe that we did it right.

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There's this thread of disinformation that is making it very difficult for us to know what is true and what is not.

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Why is the government covering up these UFO sightings?

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They're not going to go to the public and say, you know what? We just had an incident in Dexter and it was an unknown.

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Imagine what the American people, especially people around Dexter would think, oh my God, are we being invaded?

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That a covered up is an unknown. It's about time the public knows. They need to know. They deserve to know.

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I thank you so much for filling me in and giving me these insights. This is amazing.

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After hearing Rick's disclosure, Ben decides to call Francis Barwood and update her with what he's uncovered.

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Francis, hi, it's Ben Hansen. How you doing?

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I'm doing good, man.

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I have some very interesting information for you. Somebody who actually worked for the Air Force, his name is Rick Doty.

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Rick tells me that his job was to actually contact witnesses who believed they had seen UFO sightings and to discredit them.

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To the degree that they even had them believing that they themselves were crazy.

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I was just blown away by his disclosure. How does that make you feel?

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No doubt that he's risking his life by coming out. He's got a lot of courage. I would like to see him tell more if he's found out who really is controlling all of this.

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And then the question is why? Why? What are they afraid of? What are they hiding? Are they afraid of losing power? So many questions.

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And that's what I want to ask you. What are they afraid of? You think the government believes that UFOs are a national security threat?

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If they meant to harm, we would have been harmed already. No, I think the only threat that they have is that they're going to lose power.

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Well, we're not going to be attacked, but their biggest worry is that they're going to be losing their power to control things.

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Thank you so much for your courage and your efforts in this and taking these witnesses seriously and bringing their statements forward.

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Thank you.

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All right. Talking with Frances Barwood and telling her what Rick Doty said, it really brings everything full circle.

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I fully believe that what she experienced with these men in black and the video being taken and her phone being tapped could possibly be exactly the type of thing that Rick Doty was working on with the Air Force and his special duties.

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This is what the government does to cover up the UFO story.

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We have seen this decade after decade. If you go back from 1966 in Dexter, Michigan to the 97 Phoenix lights, tell now.

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We've confirmed that the government has provided disinformation, swamp gas, interfered with the UFO investigations, tampered with the witnesses, and they're controlling the media.

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The government comes out with such a ridiculous explanation.

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Whoa! It insults the intelligence of these very credible witnesses.

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There was a sense of kind of a betrayal. And after all of this, for what?

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It's absolutely shocking. It's disheartening. And to think that it still might be going on today.

