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Oh my God.

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Tonight on Unidentified.

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What is that?

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Nothing took off as fast as a tracer.

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In 2019, the skies over the U.S. were teeming with unknown objects.

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No way.

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What the f\*\*\*?

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More than twice the number of UFO sightings than the year before.

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Just out of nowhere, an orange light just kind of appears in the sky.

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Where the extraterrestrial.

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Wow.

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Or a hoax.

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Where did I go?

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I have no idea.

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Now, as millions point smartphones at the sky.

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They just start filming and they're right up there.

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Can the team get to the bottom of this historic surge in sightings?

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What is that?

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Everything we know about UFOs is changing.

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Thanks to a team led by former Pentagon UFO investigator, Llew Elizondo.

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That is real, whatever that is.

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And former top intelligence official Chris Mellon.

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That is a burning and continuing phenomenon.

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It's happening.

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It continues to happen.

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They discovered five unique characteristics that UFOs have in common called the five observables.

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They also released groundbreaking videos that forced the Navy to admit its pilots were coming face to face with unidentified objects.

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The U.S. Navy made a shocking admission today.

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Flying objects caught on tape by their own fighter pilots are in fact UFOs.

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Now a new wave of military witnesses is coming out of the shadows.

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I've never seen anything move like that.

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Shape, size, speed, it's clearly unidentified.

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The team is united on a new mission.

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Connect the dots to reveal the truth about UFOs.

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This thing had no capability, like anything on Earth.

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And warned the world about the dangers they might represent.

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Carl Sagan once famously said, extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.

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He was absolutely right.

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But now we have the proof.

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Authorities say they don't know what they are, but there are peers.

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They're trying to be a growing problem of unidentified objects flying through the sky.

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All across America in 2019, civilians and military personnel were witnessing bizarre craft.

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In Texas, 13 reported sightings of flying discs.

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In Florida, 27 fireballs.

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40 sightings of floating triangles over California.

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What the f\*\*\* is that, homie?

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But in North Carolina, there were over 50 sightings of something else.

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Glowing orbs.

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Howdy there, Sean. Good to see you.

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Oh yeah, you too, man. What a gorgeous day.

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This is beautiful, man.

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Lou Elizondo is meeting with a former Marine who wants to be known simply as Sean.

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In his over 10 years of military service, he never saw anything like what he witnessed one night off the Carolina coast.

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So Sean, I know a little bit about your background, but do you mind giving me just a brief picture of your life in the military?

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Yeah, I joined the Marines in 1991.

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I became a reconnaissance Marine in 1996.

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It's a Marine that's a board observer behind enemy lines, surveillance, information collection.

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In September 2019, Sean was heading home after a fishing trip.

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Coming in, instead of going to the boat ramp, I just went on in to Carolina Beach, kind of tooling around this beautiful evening.

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I noticed an orb over my head.

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Like, not directly over, but maybe 150 feet in the air.

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Kind of following me, I was traveling about five knots.

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Like, oh, okay, somebody's got a drone.

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Then I first thought, I was like, oh, I couldn't hear it, and obviously my motor's super quiet.

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So if a drone was buzzing, you know, 150 feet, I'd be able to hear it.

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It was a round circular orb, reddish orange.

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It had a haze glow around it, it wasn't sharp edges at all.

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Man, maybe five feet in diameter.

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So it had a color to it?

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Yeah, well, yeah.

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Orangeish red?

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So I took note of it.

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It was, you know, I'm a reconnaissance Marine as well, so a stop, look, listen, smell, you know, the basic instincts are, follow me forever.

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I felt it was following me.

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I was traveling about five knots, 20, 30 seconds.

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Yeah, that's deliberate.

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I mean, usually if it started to go in front of you or behind you, then you said it matched your speed.

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Yeah, and I think it took off faster than anything I've ever seen.

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Like, it traveled as fast as, you know, a tracer room.

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That's fast.

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Thousands of feet per second.

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Even bullets, when they break the sound barrier, they had that crowd, that minitrasonic boom.

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That was no sound, yeah.

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That's what I wanted to ask you.

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Absolutely no sound at all.

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Or thrust.

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Right.

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Like power thrust or something.

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Sean is a trained observer.

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He's just wired differently.

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He sees this really weird strange light.

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The way he described this object really fell neatly within several of those observables.

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Elizondo immediately recognizes two of the five observables, instantaneous acceleration and hypersonic velocity.

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Instantaneous acceleration, because he said within a blink of an eye, it went from a hover directly over his boat to disappearing over the horizon.

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And of course, hypersonic velocity.

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He actually used the term a tracer bullet, just taking off but without any type of trail.

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I don't think anything of it until it left.

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You know, the whole question is what did I see?

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Is it possible that these things have a very rational explanation, i.e. flares?

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Every flare I've launched has a trail.

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And it left.

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Flares come.

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They don't go.

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You don't expect a flare to simply hover.

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It falls with gravity because it abides by the laws of physics.

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And flares don't just take off at breakneck speeds in one direction and disappear.

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To Elizondo, Sean's sighting is eerily familiar.

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Oh, god!

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Previously, US Navy Lieutenant Ryan Graves told Elizondo he and other fighter pilots repeatedly witnessed orb-like UFOs off the east coast in 2015.

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This is more like I was looking at a flashlight.

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So just like a singular point of our energy.

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I'm literally just seeing a flash, a constant flash of flashlight shine out there.

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The biggest connection, the orb-like objects were spotted near the same waters where Sean was fishing.

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Here we are right off the coast of the Atlantic.

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And in 2015, the US aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, there were several pilots who encountered something very, very interesting.

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They just fried these orbs, these little round things that they couldn't explain.

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This area is also home to some of the largest military installations in the US.

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Could these mysterious orbs be targeting nearby military assets?

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I did think it could be, you know, maybe some type of foreign government surveillance.

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One troubling theory is that these objects could be advanced Russian drones.

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If it's some red threat, that'd be enormous.

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If it was someone operating drones out there, that'd be a normal suit.

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A Russian spy ship known as the Victor Leonov was patrolling international waters off the east coast of the US,

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both in 2015 and near the time of Sean's sighting.

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Could the Leonov have launched such drones or be coordinating with them to spy on the US?

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That's something we need to be cognizant of.

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If the Russians, let's say, develop this new secret technology that they could launch a probe over our US cities

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and at the drop of a hat take off at supersonic speeds without any signature,

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would that be something you would want to know that this technology exists?

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Oh, yeah, for sure. Everybody should understand what possible threats are out there from foreign governments.

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Elizondo's teammate, Chris Mellon, is concerned with the ability of a foreign power to penetrate

American airspace.

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We're already, you know, in thin ice in terms of having any clear idea what these things are, where they're from,

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who's operating, what their intent is.

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Have we been technologically leaped-fraud? Could it be the Russians or someone else?

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In either case, they don't seem to be ours, and that's the alarming, concerning issue.

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But can Russian spy drones be the source of the dozens of mysterious orbs reported last year over the Carolinas?

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Can they account for the strange videos of objects that seem to travel in groups of two, or four,

or even fourteen?

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Louis Elizondo has just met with a former Marine, who's sighting of a reddish orb could be a Russian spy drone.

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But his sighting was only one of over fifty in the state.

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There's been video and photographs of these things. They seem to be fairly pervasive here in the local area.

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There's enough eyewitnesses here, both on the civilian side and the military side, that there may be a pattern.

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Now what that pattern is, I don't know yet.

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Now Elizondo's on his way to meet Cooper Booth, a restaurant worker who also saw strange reddish orbs near Wilmington, North Carolina.

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His were captured on video.

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Nice to see you. Thanks for taking the time to talk with me. Appreciate it very much.

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Yes, sir. Absolutely.

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You know, I came here a few days ago to see if I can determine if there's really something weird going on here.

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Here I am at this marina and as serendipity would have it, lo and behold, someone says, hey listen, you gotta talk to this guy because you're not gonna believe this.

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Literally like just the last few days, he saw something.

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Ten, ten thirty on Saturday night, I saw a group of red orb looking things in the sky and they were in somewhat of a formation.

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An octagon kind of shape.

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They were just solid red orbs and I was just like, you know, and all of what I saw was like, oh that was crazy.

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Like they were right above me and that's what I was like.

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Really?

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Yeah, it freaked me out. It freaked me out completely.

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I have to get something to show that like I did see something.

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Do you mind if you share that video, may I see it?

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That's fine.

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Whoa, yeah. Okay.

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It shows red orbs in the sky. They're kind of flickering a little bit and it didn't look like they faded out.

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I think they was just closed in, gone.

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The objects appear to be moving without any signs of propulsion or lift.

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It's one of the five observables, a lasando calls anti-gravity.

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Would you be okay with showing me specifically where you saw them?

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I started seeing the lights right around once I got past this little tree line up here.

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I'm just staring at through my window and driving back and forth,

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having my head back under the things, what is going on, what is that?

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This is a young man who's been working all day, just wants to get home.

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These lights in the sky are so unusual that he actually tries to chase these things so he could take a picture so people would believe him.

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And I would pull up right up here past that mailbox, hopped out of my car and just start filming and they were right up there.

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No way, what the f\*\*\*?

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So I was there right there and they were right up there in the sky.

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We're facing right now southeast.

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For Elizondo, the fact the orbs were seen near a US Navy exercise zone raises the possibility they

could be military in origin.

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They don't appear to be aircraft or helicopters, no sound and these are these little glowing orbs.

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The same orangeish, yellowish, reddish glow that Sean had described,

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what he witnessed is consistent with what other people are reporting as well.

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One of those people is Chris Larkin, who also captured a video of reddish orange orbs while fishing off the Carolina coast.

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Wife and kids went to bed, it was like 9 o'clock.

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I just had a couple of lines in, I'm just sitting in a chair, had some music on,

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and just out of nowhere, an orange light just kind of appears in the sky.

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No noise, no movement, it was just very stationary, very silent, and it was very unexpected to say the least.

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At first I thought maybe it was a helicopter because it wasn't moving.

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Because there are a lot of military installations out there, you do see helicopters out there all the time and you hear them.

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I mean it's clear.

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And then realizing there was no sound, that made it kind of strange.

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Okay, now there are four, now that it happened, I don't know.

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Describe for me if you can at the time the atmospheric conditions.

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Sure it was very clear, I don't think there were really any clouds, and I could see the reflection of it on the ocean, so that's how I knew it wasn't that far out.

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When I met Chris I was struck by his sincerity, he didn't seem to have any type of agenda at all.

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Frankly when I asked him what he thought it was he didn't know, he just wants some answers.

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Now whether these things are anything from balloons, military flares, drones, and the whole everything in between, we simply don't know.

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Are these advanced technologies from the US? Is it possible? Sure.

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Very doubtful. Are these technologies from a foreign adversary? It's certainly possible.

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Are these technologies from somewhere or someone else? Yeah, it's possible.

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The objects described by Sean and captured on video share some similarities, but Elizondo wants to know are they the same and what are they?

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He contacts retired Marine Lieutenant Colonel Chris Cook, an aviation consultant and former Top Gun pilot to analyze these sightings.

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Hey Lou, how are you?

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Mr. Cook, I'm doing better than I deserve, I appreciate it.

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Mr. Cook, what I'm going to do is if it's okay with you, I'd like to send you some videos to take a look at.

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I'm not going to give you too much information and see what you think you're seeing.

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Okay. All right, let's go and watch that.

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They begin with the one shot by Chris Larkin.

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Okay, now there are four again.

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So, you know, I don't know the orientation of where with this video was shot, but you can see them flickering, dropping down towards a possible undercast or could be smoke.

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It looks to me like illumination flares. Two of them are descending.

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There's no instantaneous acceleration or crazy velocities or they are falling relative to what you would expect some sort of illumination round or flare.

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Both Elizondo and Cook believe these objects could be explained by military flares, but what about those in Cooper Booth's video?

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These things are moving through the sky and disappearing. There's a third one right there.

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I don't know if they could be planets. I don't know if it could be, you know, part of the space station, you know, moving across the sky.

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And the opportunity to speak in person with the person who actually shot the video.

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You saw these red light orbs off in the distance.

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No other stars in the sky, no aircraft, no blinking.

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And they were moving. I'm pretty convinced what he filmed is the same thing that continues to be reported over and over again.

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Did he have any perception of distance of how far these things were away?

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I asked over and over again how far away, you know, the problem is so hard to tell when you're looking at a point of light on a black screen, right?

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If it was just him reporting this, I would say, eh, but there were a lot of people I personally spoke with who swear up and down. They saw it.

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I honestly can't, I can't tell what it is.

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Elizondo also wants Cook's thoughts on whether the object seemed by Sean could be a Russian spy drone.

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He felt this thing was intelligently controlled, that it was actually following him.

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And then after a short while, took off like a bat out of hell. Now that is unusual.

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That is unusual.

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Curious if you've ever heard of anything at all like that.

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I certainly have not.

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Lou Elizondo and Chris Cook are unable to determine whether the objects seen by Sean and Cooper Booth are advanced drones.

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And if they are, could that explain another rash of sightings 1500 miles away?

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Local authorities are investigating the growing mystery of unidentified objects flying at night over Colorado.

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The media has recently reported a lot of interesting sightings to the Colorado skies.

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What has been described by local law enforcement and other eyewitnesses as being some strange lights flying in formation.

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After traveling to the Carolina coast to investigate a rash of sightings of reddish orbs,

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Lou Elizondo is turning his attention to a new hotspot 1500 miles away.

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In late 2019, hundreds of witnesses reported seeing unknown objects in the skies over Colorado.

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The drones were seen as far as Nebraska.

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Federal aviation administration says they don't know what they are.

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Dozens of these UFOs were captured on video.

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One of the things I want to do is determine are these things really man-made objects or is there something else to this?

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Colt Baker and Joel Wagner are farmers in northeastern Colorado.

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We first started hearing about people in the northeast part of the state that had seen drones and then one night my neighbor said,

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well there's drones up in the sky so I went out and looked.

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I'd go out every night and look through my binoculars to try and find them.

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We started seeing them about 7 o'clock.

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They'd come about an hour after the sun went down.

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They started flying and we'd see them from there for about two hours.

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The most I ever saw together was about 10 but anytime I'd see like two or three or four up to five or six.

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Night after night, residents and local law enforcement reported seeing up to 30 lights at once.

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A lot of people started saying, oh everybody just got a drone for Christmas and they're flying them and we just kind of laughed.

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We said, no there's no way.

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We could tell they were much larger than a drone.

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You could tell they were pretty massive just by the space between the lights.

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We know what we saw in the sky was not normal and I can't say with certainty what it was but we know that there was something up there that we hadn't ever seen before.

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Baker and Wagner use drones daily in their work and are very familiar with their capabilities.

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These objects did not act like normal drones.

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Some were going east and west, some would go north and south and some would be really close to the ground and hovering.

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And then they would get close and they'd go up and take off.

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A few people reported that they turned their lights off whenever they got close.

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Some nights it seemed like they were on a grid just going straight some direction and then some nights you'd see them bounce around.

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We thought it sounded like a small jet engine but the way they moved they would have had to have had some sort of propeller also to change directions.

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Are these private drones that are being flown by hobbyists? Are they commercial drones being flown by professionals?

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Are we talking about some sort of secret military operation or are we talking about no-kitting UFOs?

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I'm not sure right now there's really any way to know.

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Nobody had any real hard evidence. A lot of people's videos were just a white dot, you know, super zoomed in and all grainy and it could have been anything.

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It's hard to determine what a ball of light is when you're looking at the night sky. It's very hard to get perspective.

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It's very hard to get altitude and speed because there's no way to relate what you're looking at to anything else that's static.

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I have a night vision scope on my rifle and I actually use that to film the drone in the sky and it took a picture of the screen with my phone and that's how I got the best look at it.

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As the number of credible sightings increased, concerned authorities opened an official investigation in early January 2020.

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It included over 70 different government entities.

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The FAA convenes a meeting and they bring together a lot of the local counties, some federal agencies, they brought some people from the state, you know, the feds were involved.

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Sam Tabachnik is a reporter who covered the mysterious sightings for the Denver Post.

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He says investigators use the sophisticated surveillance plane outfitted with thermal cameras capable of detecting a heat signature from 28,000 feet.

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Sending a plane up there certainly showed that the state was taking it very seriously, the federal agencies were taking it very seriously.

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Despite the exhaustive investigation, the objects were never identified.

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The Colorado Department of Public Safety plane saw a lot of things and none of them were drones.

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With no official explanation, locals were forced to speculate.

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Residents had a whole bunch of different theories about what was going on.

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Some people who thought, you know, it was a big brother sort of situation where they were spying or they were mapping their houses for some sort of nefarious reason.

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People thought it was aliens.

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Could the objects be doing some kind of reconnaissance, but for whom and what purpose?

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We were talking to the FBI, we were talking to Homeland Security, we called the Air Force, we called DOD.

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We called Air Force bases.

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We called Google.

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We called Amazon.

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We called drone companies.

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We called oil and gas companies.

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What did they say?

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They said it wasn't us.

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You had this huge amalgamation, this alphabet soup of federal, state, local agencies all trying to figure out what this is.

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And at the end of the day, we came up empty handed.

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Whatever is flying over the continental United States, we better know what that thing is.

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The fact that we still don't know what these were, that's problematic.

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Lou Elizondo and Chris Mellon are also concerned that some sightings show the objects flying less than 50 miles from the F.E. Warren Air Force Base, home to an arsenal of nuclear missiles.

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That area is very interesting because that occurred in close proximity to some of our strategic ballistic missile forces.

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It's a very curious area for these sightings to be occurring.

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There are sensitive facilities in Colorado.

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You have NORAD and Cheyenne Mountain, Stratcom and all these organizations that have been involved in national security.

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So anytime you have a report of some sort of activity that's not ours involving some sort of sensitive U.S. military installation, that always piques my interest.

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One theory is that the objects were a classified test of military drones.

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Across the field of conflict, there is an increasing reliance on drones to fill gaps and to do things that couldn't be done before, either to help you understand the enemy or to destroy him.

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Tom Rogan is a journalist who covers foreign policy for the Washington Examiner.

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The ability of drones to move against an enemy force to overwhelm it, to create mass destruction upon it and to do so without any human cost on your side is highly significant.

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But Chris Mellon doesn't believe these objects were being tested by the military.

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There's no clear reason why you would test it over farms and ranches when we have very large test ranges throughout the West, provided exactly for that reason.

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And if it had been a military test, they should have promptly informed the FBI and others who were investigating.

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Something wouldn't arrive if it was a military program.

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But the team still has questions. If these objects don't have a commercial or military explanation, then what are they and where did they come from?

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Louis Elizondo has come to New Jersey looking for an explanation for the increase in strange objects seen over the U.S. from North Carolina to Colorado.

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One theory is that these objects could be highly advanced drones, but can drones move in the ways reported?

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We are heading to the engineering department of Rowan University to talk to some of the experts who are on the cutting edge of drone technology.

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From military perspective, we call it swarm technology, and they can coordinate with each other in real time.

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Elizondo has been invited by the founders of Verge Aero, a startup company at the forefront of drone swarm technology, to check out one of their test flights.

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Hi there, sir. How are you?

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That's pretty impressive. You know, I'll tell you, from the road looking at those lights, I thought it was a runway, and it turns out those are all drones. That's unbelievable.

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Let's do it. Alright. Executing in five seconds.

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So you're looking at 130 individually lit drones. Each one performs their own flight operation, but they actually work together as a fleet, as a swarm.

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They create objects and shapes in the sky.

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Wow.

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Can you imagine waking up in a tent in the middle of the forest and having this over your head?  
Wow.

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And they go right back to their prearranged location, huh? Yep.

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Drone swarm technology was first introduced by the U.S. military in 2015. It allows for hundreds of drones to work in coordinated ways and conduct precise maneuvers.

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For the record, this technology, at least from a commercial perspective, has only really been around now for how long?

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Probably the past two and a half years.

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It's possible, but quite plausible, that people have seen drones like this and confused them for unidentified flying objects.

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And unless you are up close and personal and see it's a drone, it's really hard to tell what the hell it is.

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100%. 100%. I couldn't imagine not knowing that this technology exists and then just seeing something like this in the distance. Of course, what is that?

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It's an unidentified flying object. Like with that mothership, the negative space, it looks like a physical flying object.

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That negative space, it appears that there's a solid object behind it. Yeah.

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This is pretty crazy to watch this final maneuver.

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Wow.

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You know, in recent headlines, Colorado has been experiencing a rash, if you will, of drone sightings.

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Now, the Cone Drone, we don't know what they really are, but FAA has looked into it. The military has looked into it.

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Local law enforcement, they can't find the people who are driving or flying these things.

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They seem to be flying in a very regimented flight path and pattern, doing some sort of either survey or reconnaissance.

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What are your thoughts on what's going on in Colorado?

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It could be a system like this, maybe some prototype system that some tinkers are working with and they're just getting pretty good at it.

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So it would not be out of the realm of possibility that really these are drones being tested by either some large corporation or unique military activity that people don't, they want to remain either anonymous or secretive.

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Exactly, yeah.

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Elizondo notices a line of spectators, which could provide real-time data on how these objects are perceived.

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We're just driving down the street with no idea what's happening and we definitely, you know, kids are playing their little iPads, I'm listening to music talking and I'm like, what is it?

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What the heck is that?

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Yeah, I mean, I was like, that's not supposed to be there.

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You know, if you couldn't figure out exactly where it was coming from, is it?

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When it disappeared, I said, down, that's weird. That's what I really thought. We got to be seeing something that's not normal, you know, and it had me going.

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Because it was spinning.

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Yeah, it was spinning.

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It was changing shape, doing everything that when you hear people say the report is seeing a UFO, it was doing all the characteristics of that.

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If you didn't know better, it looked like a solid object.

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Obviously, you got your attention.

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Is the car important?

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I know, there's a parade of cars coming in here.

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These things are maneuvering so precise in the air that the eye actually believes there's a solid object that is holding these points of light together.

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And as we saw with just average American citizens on the road, they actually pulled their vehicles over and looked at it and the first thing they thought was, my God, that's a UFO.

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Advanced drone swarm technology could account for some of the thousands of new UFO sightings in

2019, but can it explain them all?

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And can artificial intelligence help identify the ones that can?

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Llew Elizondo has just witnessed drone swarm technology fool onlookers into believing they saw a UFO.

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But can this technology explain all of the strange orbs and lights seen in 2019?

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And what about those captured on video by some of the 250 million Americans with smartphones pointed at the skies?

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Those shaped like triangles or tic-tacs or fireballs?

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This year we had a lot of people providing us hard video data and pictures of what they believed to

be UFOs slash UAPs.

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And a lot of these were actually very compelling to me.

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However, equally frustrating is the fact that cell phones are very specific.

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They are designed to, in essence, take a picture of myself, what we call selfies.

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They're not designed to have a telephoto lens to take pictures of aircraft that may be miles away.

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At some point when you are zooming into an object, it's going to get blurry.

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Plus you have autofocus issues.

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They were good for what they're designed to do, but not necessarily for what we need them to do involving UAPs.

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Elizondo is hoping new technology can help separate the mysterious from the mundane.

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Hey Joe.

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Today he's meeting with Joe Sherman, whose artificial intelligence program is a potential breakthrough in examining videos of unexplained sightings.

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He calls it the vault.

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So one of the things that's very, very interesting for me is that, you know, up to this point we've been really focusing on the military individuals.

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But there's a lot of average Joe Americans capturing images on their cell phones and their personal devices.

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And I think now more than ever it's really important that we have the ability to differentiate between those videos that are clearly fake and then those that are authentic.

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The vault uses artificial intelligence to look for layering issues and pixel irregularities in UFO videos to see if they have been altered or faked.

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It can also determine if the UFOs match known objects.

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We can create libraries of known object types.

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So that will, you know, kind of discount some scenarios where you have misreportings of drones or, you know, low hanging flights and bad weather pattern type scenarios.

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We would be looking for frame irregularity and color pixelation issues at the same time.

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Interesting.

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They begin with a video taken in Salt Lake City that shows three lights hovering and moving in bizarre ways.

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Basically you can see in this video they're clearly behind those power lines, right?

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And you'll see here that the object below here then appears ahead of the actual, it blocks right there.

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It actually blocks out the power line itself.

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What the system did detect was an appearance issue.

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It shows a positive trend towards layering.

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So what that means is this video could have been taken separately and then superimposed on top of a separate video.

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Another video shows a triangular UFO.

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What the f\*\*\* is that?

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Look straight up dude.

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Watch the spotlights.

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I'll tell you when to look.

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Yeah, actually this one did not pass.

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The pixelation is different between the surrounding lights versus the light that is pulsating the bright.

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The vault flags issues with the focus on the outermost lights and pixelation differences on the pulsating light in the middle that could mean the video was doctored.

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If you notice on the screen there's a clear difference between the surrounding pattern, the pixelation of that object and the pixelation of the background in the environment.

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These issues could also be caused by low quality video.

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Not having access to the raw data and spending more time matching this up against another marker.

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I'd say it might have a 20 to 30% likelihood of being real.

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Elizondo and Joe Sherman evaluate several more videos using the vault, like this one showing a tic-tac-like object.

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So labeling picked up as aircraft.

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There were no issues related to pixelation, no issues related to file manipulation.

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It passed the gate checks.

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I don't know what it is, to be honest with you.

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Fascinating.

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Fascinating.

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This one appears to show several fireballs over Milwaukee.

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Vault has come back from an AI analysis perspective and stated aircraft, debris, weather, comet, night sky, stars.

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The video is not altered at all.

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There's no audio issues, no frame, no layering.

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I would say that out of all the videos I've seen so far, that's one you might want to investigate a little further.

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At the end of the day, we're trying to solve a puzzle and get to the truth.

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Even if you can get five really interesting videos from a thousand, then that's great because now those five are the ones you're going to pay attention to.

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A lot.

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For us to have the ability, technologically speaking, to determine whether or not something is legitimate.

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Is it real?

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Is it truly an unidentified aerial phenomena?

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I think it's tremendous.

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But journalist Tom Rogan believes it may be impossible to capture UFOs on video because they don't want to be seen.

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Why in the era of cheap, portable recording devices do we not see more evidence?

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Is that in a lot of the most compelling cases, whatever these things are, are either willing to be seen at certain times or unwilling.

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So the expectation there would be some effort at concealment.

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was a witness to the UFOs.

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There was almost a doubling of reporting of UFO sightings, and I think that's significant.

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Some of these objects appear to be flares.

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Others, drones, and some seem to defy the laws of nature.

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Now Elizondo and Chris Mellon are meeting with the rest of the team to help understand what's behind this surge in sightings.

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Alrighty, gents.

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Appreciate everybody's time.

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Hal Putoff was a research scientist for the CIA and advises the Department of Defense on cutting-edge technology.

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Steve Justice helped run Lockheed, a research institute that was designed to help the U.S.

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Steve Justice helped run Lockheed Martin Skunkworks, which built some of America's most advanced warplanes.

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You gentlemen will definitely know more than me when it comes to whether or not some of these technologies are being fielded right now,

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and if they are being fielded, who's fielding them, and could this be, you know, causing some of the confusion,

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and at least some of the sightings that people are reporting to us.

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One possibility for the confusion is conventional technology like satellites.

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In 2019, a SpaceX launch of 60 Starlink satellites created a line of mysterious lights that spread across the sky.

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It's always been the case that the great majority of sightings have had conventional explanations.

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It is true that some UFO reports are the result of increased satellite activity, either launch or deployment.

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So now we have all these things in the sky that weren't there before, and they're strange shapes,

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and at a distance, you know, they can trigger all kinds of reports.

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I wanted to get your thoughts on whether what some of these people are reporting really are nothing more than new technology

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that's either being secretly developed by the U.S. government or some private industries out there,

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and people are confusing those capabilities with UFOs.

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We now know that many of the UFO reports of decades past were in fact classified U.S. platforms being flown out of desert test ranges,

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F-117s, B-2 bombers, and the like.

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U-2s.

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We can expect that to continue. However, there are a residual number of cases that are not explained by any of this technology,

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and so we're still in a quandary, and we still have work to do.

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To the team, certain objects, like the one witnessed by Sean over North Carolina,

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exhibiting some of the five observables, remain unidentified.

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In given cases, you could take each one of these and say,

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okay, I can see a case there where someone would mistake something that was, you know, one or the other,

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but at the level that our pilots have been seeing, I don't think there's a way to match that into a series of false alarms.

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So when we see saucer-shaped things that are flying at hyperspeeds or tic-tac-shaped objects,

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and then they're making radical maneuvers and shooting up to 80,000 feet,

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I think things that fall into that category, we can pretty safely assume are not something that was not made by our government.

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The team also cautions against assuming unknown objects, like those seen over Colorado, are drones.

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You have a lot of people reporting some strange lights in the sky, strange activities.

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A lot of folks are saying, no, they're just drones.

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I mean, people assign drones to this phenomenon because you had these giant stage shows

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where drones flew in formation and made patterns in the sky.

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And so when people would see a bunch of lights in the sky in a pattern, it becomes drones.

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I always hesitate to label something because instantly you stop looking elsewhere for what the answer is.

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Whether the objects are drones or not, the team agrees that if they are adversarial technology, terrestrial or otherwise, it represents a significant threat.

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I would say right now we are defenseless in terms of our border areas.

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The attack that the Iranians undertook against Saudi Arabia using a drone is an attack that could be undertaken against the continental United States today if they had sufficient range.

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So this trend is certainly greatly exacerbating the security challenge, particularly when it's combined with other trends in technology that we're seeing.

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Whether you want to ascribe this as being some sort of drone technology or super secret U.S. technology or Russian or advanced Chinese technology, great.

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Maybe you're right. Maybe you're wrong.

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I would be very wary of anybody telling you we know exactly what these are because we studied these in the government, at least in my group, for 10 years and we don't know exactly what they are.

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Thank you.