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The Soviet Union. The 20th century's other superpower. It was the biggest nation the world has ever known.

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And its vast skies continue to bear witness to thousands of UFO sightings.

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But the Soviet regime was notorious for its secrecy.

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Many of these alien encounters had potentially deadly consequences for the entire world.

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Tonight, we go behind the Iron Curtain to investigate 50 years of Soviet UFO encounters on unsealed alien files.

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A global effort has begun. Secret files hidden from the public for decades detailing every UFO account are now available to the public.

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We are about to uncover the truth behind these classified documents.

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Find out what the government doesn't want you to know. Unsealed alien files.

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Exposing the biggest secret on planet Earth.

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Donya Gorsk. January 29th, 1986.

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Thousands of miles east of Moscow, this tiny mining town is about to witness an event that will send shock waves through the UFO community.

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Hundreds watch in disbelief as a fireball streaks across the sky and crashes into a nearby mountain.

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News of this mass sighting will quickly spread beyond the nation's borders,

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opening the world's eyes to decades of previously unknown UFO encounters.

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Unsealed case file. The Russian Roswell.

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Crowds quickly gather at the crash site where they discover a scorched crater three meters in diameter surrounded by a debris field of small metallic beads.

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Government authorities arrive on the scene and collect samples of the strange material,

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which is immediately sent to the Soviet Union's top scientific mines for testing.

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They are dumbfounded by their findings. The beads are unlike anything ever observed before in the history of science.

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The three Soviet academic centers and 11 research institutes analyze the objects from this UFO crash.

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The distance between atoms is different from ordinary iron in this material.

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Radar cannot be reflected from the material.

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Elements in the material may disappear and new ones appear after heating.

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One piece apparently disappeared completely in front of four witnesses.

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But one characteristic above all leaves the Soviets in disbelief.

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The beads exhibit anti-gravitational properties. They are left with only one possible answer.

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A declassified 1989 CIA report on Soviet UFO states that scientists have concluded that the object that crashed was an extraterrestrial space vehicle constructed by highly intelligent beings.

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An American journalist claims to have smuggled samples of the material back to the United States.

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American journalist George Knapp, he was the only broadcast journalist to go to Russia to get some of the materials of the down-the-gourts crash.

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It's now what some people are referring to after all these years as the Russian Roswell.

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It's a nod to the infamous story of a UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 that was at first confirmed by the American military,

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but only to be later denied in a stunning about face.

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It's the event that brought UFOs and government conspiracies into the public consciousness in the West.

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In the East, the Soviets would attempt a more open policy on UFOs.

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In 1967, the first UFO study group was formed.

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Its leaders went on state television to appeal to the public to submit their stories of UFO sightings and alien encounters.

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Their response was overwhelming.

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But like the United States, the Soviet Union would perform an abrupt about face on the issue,

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dissolving the study group after less than a year with no explanation.

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In the years that followed, the Soviets would maintain a strict code of silence on the subject of UFOs.

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What did the Soviet study group discover that forced the Kremlin to bring a swift end to the project?

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What were they hiding?

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Like the American cover-up after Roswell, Soviet officials are quick to downplay the Danyagorsk event.

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But in the late 1980s, the Soviet Union isn't the same hard-line state of decades past.

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New Communist Party Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev has ushered in an era of glasnost or openness.

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People are no longer as afraid to speak out on taboo subjects like UFOs.

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In the wake of the Danyagorsk incident, word of decades of Soviet UFO reports begins to spread.

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And many of these had deadly consequences.

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The Soviet Union paid witness to thousands of UFO sightings during its existence.

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But virtually all of these reports have been destroyed or lost to history.

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One of the few that did survive continues to haunt the region today.

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Unsealed case file. The Dyatlov Pass incident.

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The Ural Mountains, 1959.

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Nine friends embark on a cross-country skiing trip through a valley known today as the Dyatlov Pass.

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All are experienced in surviving extreme weather conditions.

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Not long into their journey, the Urals are hit by a powerful snowstorm.

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When the skiers fail to arrive at their destination, a search party sets out to locate them.

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What they find is the stuff of nightmares.

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The rescuers discover a badly damaged tent, but no one is within.

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The group's belongings, however, are there, including the group's cameras and diaries.

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Further examination reveals the tent had been cut open from the inside.

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The rescuers follow a trail of footprints to the edge of a nearby forest, where they make a grisly discovery.

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Five bodies clad in only their underwear, frozen in the snow.

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Evidence suggests they were trying to return to the tent.

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Forensic examination suggests that all expired from hypothermia.

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It seems the party embarked on a bizarre misadventure disoriented by the intense cold.

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That is, until the remaining four bodies are discovered months later.

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Their causes of death will cast a sinister new light on the case.

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Two of the newly discovered bodies have major skull fractures, and the others, chest fractures.

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One female has had her tongue cut out.

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The final report on the Dyatlov Pass incident is sent to a secret archive, where it will remain until the 1990s.

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When the file is finally released, crucial documents are missing.

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Those that survived state that the fatal injuries could not have been caused by another human being.

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And that high doses of radioactive contamination were present in some articles of clothing.

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What compelled nine skiers to burst from their tent and run naked into a raging snowstorm?

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What caused the radioactivity in their clothing?

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And what inflicted the gruesome injuries, including the severed tongue?

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Many theories are considered.

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From madness brought on by the onset of hypothermia, to an attack by the indigenous, mancy people.

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During the investigation, another group of skiers comes forward claiming to have seen strange glowing spheres in the sky during the time of the incident.

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Nonetheless, Soviet authorities dismissed the incident as death by misadventure, citing the absence of any guilty party.

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But many UFO experts now point to a glaring government cover-up of a deadly alien abduction.

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From that point forward, the truth embargo starts to develop.

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Soviet Union had their own reasons why they didn't want to be telling their people about extraterrestrials.

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Why would the Soviets censor the Dyatlov Pass report?

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Why did the government not warn the nation of a potentially deadly UFO threat?

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What did the Kremlin have to hide?

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The Dyatlov Pass incident occurs at a moment when secrecy might decide the fate of the world.

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In the late 1940s, the Cold War begins between the Soviet Union and its rival superpower, the United States.

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The two nations begin a dangerous nuclear arms race.

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In the early 1950s, American B-52 bomber squadrons armed with atomic weapons begin flying continuous sorties toward the Soviet homeland, only to be called back at the last second.

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To counter this threat, the Soviets expand their network of radar stations to detect any incursion into its massive airspace.

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But it isn't long before these stations begin picking up more than just American bombers.

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UFOs begin appearing with increasing regularity near the nation's military installations.

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It's an alarming trend that will reach a peak at the end of the decade.

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Unsealed case file.

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The Sferdlovsk Incident.

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Sferdlovsk, Ukraine, June 1959.

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Soviet radar detects a UFO approaching a nearby nuclear test facility.

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Military personnel make visual contact with a saucer-shaped UFO that begins hovering over the base.

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A fighter jet scrambles to meet the mysterious threat.

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But as it approaches, the saucer takes evasive action, zigzagging out of harm's way with lightning speed, and then returning to loom overhead.

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The standoff continues for 24-10 hours before the UFO flies off without warning or explanation.

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The Sferdlovsk Incident underscores the danger posed by UFOs at a critical time in history.

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Rival superpowers are making their first steps into a vast new realm.

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But behind the scenes, the endeavor will leave both faced with a troubling new question.

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Is someone already out there?

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Like the United States, the Soviet Union suppressed decades of UFO reports.

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Many of these files contained deadly secrets.

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But according to some experts, in the 1960s, the world's two most prominent men made an unprecedented attempt to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding UFOs.

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In the end, it may have been their undoing.

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We choose to go to the moon.

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We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other thing.

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Not because they are easy, but because they are hard.

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Because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills.

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1961. President John F. Kennedy announces America's intention to land a man on the moon.

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Politically, it is an attempt to keep pace with the Soviet Union in the space race.

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But many experts believe that behind the scenes, the moon mission was about much more than national

pride.

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The real reason why President Kennedy wanted to get men to the moon was that he was aware that this was a way in which the National Security Apparatus in the United States could share information about UFOs.

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From the early 1950s, national security people in the United States were aware that there were alien bases on the moon.

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The President believes the Soviets have their own secret alien files and suspects they are working with recovered UFO technology in their top secret base at Kapustin Yar.

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But the CIA keeps the most sensitive UFO intelligence hidden from the President.

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Kennedy realizes that the future of the human race hangs in the balance.

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Immediate action is needed to prevent the moon from falling into enemy hands, human or otherwise.

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He decides to use the moon mission as means to force the CIA to begin sharing vital UFO information.

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Unknown to Kennedy, Khrushchev-2 is concerned about alien activity, leading to an unprecedented show of trust between the two global rivals.

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November 12, 1963, Soviet Premier Nikolay Khrushchev had agreed with President Kennedy that the Soviet Union and the United States would jointly launch missions to the moon.

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And that part of this agreement required the intelligence divisions of both the Soviet Union and the United States to share all information concerning UFOs.

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But just 10 days after the two leaders come to terms, the unthinkable happens.

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Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas.

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And less than a year later, Khrushchev is removed from office.

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Was this a coincidence or was this sequence of events somehow tied to the two leaders' secret agreement to share UFO intelligence?

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Did someone, or some thing, orchestrate their fall from power?

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In the years that follow, the two competing superpowers will find themselves the targets of dangerous alien interference.

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But not in space.

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In March 1967, a UFO appears over the American Nuclear Weapons Facility at Malstrom Air Force Base

in Montana, rendering its warheads inoperable.

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It's the first in a string of incidents that see UFOs targeting nuclear weapons facilities.

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One event will push the world to the brink of all-out nuclear war.

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Unsealed case file.

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The Osovo Incident.

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Osovo, October 4, 1982.

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Witnesses report strange lights in the sky over the nearby nuclear missile base.

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They dart back and forth in a series of dazzling moves.

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Suddenly, the base control panel springs to life.

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Complex launch codes are being entered by unseen hands. The missiles are preparing to fire.

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For 15 heart-stopping seconds, base personnel watch helplessly as the world teeters on the brink of Armageddon.

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But then, just as suddenly as the launch sequence began, the system shuts down and the lights outside disappear.

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The incident raises perhaps the most important question of our time.

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Why would alien beings toy with the ultimate weapon?

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According to reports, in 1982, UFOs tampered with a Soviet nuclear facility, pushing the world to the brink of Armageddon.

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But this wasn't the first incident of its kind.

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In 1967, a UFO reportedly disarmed an entire missile silo at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

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The question is, why were aliens tampering with the world's most powerful nuclear arsenals during the Cold War?

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Ufologist John Greenwald believes there are no easy answers.

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Let's say extraterrestrials truly are appearing over our military installations.

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We have to ask ourselves why. Is there a message to that?

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But I think when it comes down to them trying to disarm our nuclear weapons or to instill fear that our military technology will pale compared to what they have, I don't think they need to do that.

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Greenwald believes that if aliens are here, they aren't here to teach us a lesson or offer easy answers.

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But that their presence alone might force us to start questioning our petty differences.

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And if aliens are monitoring our progress, it could mean the difference between peaceful contact with humanity and the obliteration of planet Earth.

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This is Unsealed Alien Files, exposing the biggest secret on planet Earth.

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