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In 1969, the United States government officially announces it will stop investigating UFOs.

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But trust in the government is about to hit rock bottom.

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The 1972 Watergate scandal opens the door for a 1974 amendment to the Freedom of Information

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Act, granting the public unprecedented access to secret government files.

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They reveal that while the U.S. Department of Defense may have closed its public investigation

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into UFOs, hundreds of well-documented sightings still defy explanation.

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The declassified documents also reveal that multiple government agencies have been hiding

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important UFO sightings for decades.

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Join us as we investigate why top secret government agencies still study UFOs, but keep their findings

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classified.

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A global effort has begun.

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Secret files hidden from the public for decades, detailing every UFO account, are now available

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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.

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Unsealed.

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Alien files.

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Exposing the biggest secret on planet Earth.

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In 1975, UFO sightings spike in all corners of North America, many near military installations.

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It's documented that unidentified craft were getting into restricted air zones, even above

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nuclear installations.

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Who or what is entering restricted airspace?

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And what is the U.S. military doing to stop it?

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The Wortsmith Incident.

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Oscota, Michigan, October 30th, 1975.

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On the shores of Lake Huron, civilian and military personnel witness strange lights

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in the sky.

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In 1975, in Wurtsmith Air Force Base, there was an incident that was described as unidentified

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craft being seen outside of this military installation that shouldn't have been there.

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And so they had a tanker in the air that went to go check it out to try and see and determine

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what this craft was.

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But as the tanker approaches the unidentified craft, something extraordinary happens.

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There were very bright lights, but when the military tried to fly towards them, they switched

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off in sync.

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As the tanker apparently approached these objects, they did confirm it, not only visually,

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but they confirmed it by radar.

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So whatever was there was actually there.

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Despite visual and radar confirmation, the Wortsmith Incidents, like many of its kind,

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would have remained hidden from the public without the Freedom of Information Act.

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Officials dismissed the incident as lights from an Apache helicopter, but the report

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leaves more questions than answers.

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Was it truly a helicopter or was that just simply the label and the best definition that

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they could put on the craft?

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Cases like the Wortsmith Incidents mark an important change in the way UFOs are studied

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and reported inside the government.

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But to understand why, we must go back nearly a decade.

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Unsealed Case File, The Condon Report.

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In 1966, Edward Condon led what has now become known as the Condon Committee.

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And what they were doing was analyzing what the cases were that were still unidentified

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in the Blue Book System.

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And in 22 years, they investigated 12,768 sightings.

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Only 701 of those remained unidentified.

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But many critics argue the Condon Committee's findings are a foregone conclusion.

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His final conclusions in that report were that UFOs were nothing to be bothered with,

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nothing to be...and his other conclusion was that from 1947 till 1968, when it was released,

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no scientific information, nothing of importance, could be gleaned from the subject of UFOs.

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In 1969, the US government terminated Project Blue Book and said, we are no longer interested

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in investigating UFO sightings.

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There's something to this phenomenon that the intelligence community knows is important,

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but doesn't want us to know about.

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In 1969, the US government shut down their official Air Force investigation called Project

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Blue Book, claiming that studying UFOs has added nothing to scientific advancement.

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But by the mid-1970s, public interest in UFOs is only getting stronger.

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And one incident in 1976 shocked civilians and the military to their core.

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The old case file, the Tehran Incident.

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Tehran Iran, September 19, 1976.

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In September of 1976, in the middle of Tehran, Iran, an air base there was receiving quite

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a few phone calls about a mysterious object that was seen hovering over the city.

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Iranian Air Force Generals scrambled two American-made F-4 Phantom fighter jets to intercept.

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But just as the first pilot realizes that the object is unlike anything he has ever

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00:05:41,040 --> 00:05:45,160

seen before, his controls mysteriously shut down.

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He is called back to base, and the second F-4 takes a closer look.

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As it got the same amount of distance as the first plane, something different happened.

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A second UFO appeared from the first one.

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All of a sudden, the second UFO jetted forward towards the incoming F-4 Phantom jet.

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So the next thing that he does is he arms his A4 missile, flips the switch, and he's

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00:06:13,520 --> 00:06:15,480

going to fire back.

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00:06:15,480 --> 00:06:19,240

He goes to fire in three, two, one.

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00:06:19,240 --> 00:06:20,240

Everything shuts off.

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He has no control over the fire.

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He sees an incoming object, and he can't do a thing.

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The pilot fears for his life and takes evasive action, throwing his plane into a dive.

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As he's seeing this object come towards him, again assuming it was a missile, before it

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impacts his craft it makes a dip, it loops around his aircraft, and rejoins the original

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UFO.

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As pretty much to say, I don't think so, don't even try it.

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The UFOs maneuver in a way that defy any known aircraft capabilities of the time.

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There was actually a third UFO that appeared as the pilot saw it come out of the side of

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the original craft.

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Then goes towards Earth and actually lands on the ground.

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It says to have cast a large light about a third of a kilometer in diameter on the ground.

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American officers are secretly dispatched to Tehran, where they conduct a lengthy interview

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with the Iranian pilots, officers, and air control personnel.

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The report is sent to top level agencies within the U.S. government.

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I've never seen a UFO document be forwarded that widely.

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The CIA, the NSA, the FBI, and again even the White House received a copy of this report.

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Why does the U.S. government take such an intense interest in the Tehran incident?

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Seven years after the Air Force said that studying UFOs does not further scientific knowledge.

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Obviously if a UFO can disable a fighter jet, and Tehran can do it in the United States,

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does the government take it seriously?

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Absolutely.

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This proves beyond a doubt that the UFO phenomena was real.

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This proves beyond a doubt that they were still interested in it.

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And this proves beyond any doubt that this was technology that we don't even have today

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decades later.

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Experts today still cannot explain the Tehran incident.

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But the most fascinating part to me is not necessarily the case itself, but it's the

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fact that we can read it.

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If you couple this case and you put it next to the hundreds and hundreds of blacked out

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cases on UFOs that are blacked out from top to bottom, if you can read this one, what

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in the heck is under the black in this one?

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Encounters such as the Tehran incident raise questions about how much the government may

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be hiding from the public.

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In 1977, a leading independent UFO researcher named William Spaulding files a lawsuit against

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the CIA for violating the Freedom of Information Act.

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Spaulding, like a lot of people in the UFO community, was fairly suspicious of the government

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and he didn't believe it.

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So he pushed and pushed until finally it went to a lawsuit and the CIA was forced by order

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of a judge to look for records.

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The court forces the CIA to release thousands of pages of UFO files.

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Files they officially claimed did not exist.

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William Spaulding's 1977 lawsuit marked a fundamental change in how the UFO community

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used the Freedom of Information Act to go after this issue aggressively.

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This was such a huge embarrassment that the then director of the CIA asked his own officials

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in a panicked memo, are we in UFOs?

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CIA, Department of Defense and United States Air Force documents reveal that in 1975, reliable

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military personnel repeatedly witnessed UFOs over weapons storage areas and nuclear missile

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facilities.

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Among the UFO incidents listed in the declassified files is the Wortsmith citing.

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Why is it that military personnel are always told don't talk about what you saw to anybody?

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And the answer is obvious.

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If you're trying to deliver a message to the public that these things are nothing to worry

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about, you don't want your employees going around talking about it like they're real.

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Declassified documents made available by the U.S. Freedom of Information Act of 1974 reveal

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that despite claims to the contrary, the U.S. government is still actively investigating

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UFOs.

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But one case involving high-ranking United States Air Force personnel stationed in England

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becomes a watershed sighting in the history of ufology.

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Unsealed case file, the Rendlesham Forest Incident.

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December 1980.

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Rendlesham Forest UFO incident took place in December 1980 in the United Kingdom but

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involved two United States Air Force bases.

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These were actually two of the most important and sensitive bases in the entire NATO military

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alliance.

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And this was a time of great tension in the Cold War.

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For three nights at the Twin Air Force bases, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge witnesses

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investigate a remarkable close encounter.

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On the first night of what was actually three nights of consecutive activity, this UFO landed,

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security police and law enforcement personnel in the military went out and encountered a

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small triangular craft which had landed in a clearing.

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One of the airmen gets close enough to report seeing strange symbols on the side of the

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UFO and even claims to touch the craft.

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After a while it rose slowly up above the ground, it cleared the tops of the trees and

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it accelerated away at immense speed.

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On the third night, Deputy Base Commander Colonel Charles Halt joins the investigation.

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He threw together a small team of military and he went out into the forest in his own

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words to debunk this UFO nonsense and to put this whole ridiculous story to bed for once

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and for all.

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But nothing could prepare Colonel Halt for what he was about to see.

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Over a period of some hours saw extraordinary activity in the sky including an object which

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fired a pencil-thin beam of light down at his feet.

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During his own sighting it was his habit to carry with him a small handheld cassette recorder

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on which he documented his observations.

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This we have on audio tape and that tape has survived.

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The tape, recorded by Colonel Halt during the encounter, is considered one of the most

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compelling pieces of UFO evidence in history.

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Here he comes from the south, he's coming towards us now.

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It appears to be a beam coming down to the ground.

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Taken collectively, the Rendlesham Forest incident is the most compelling, best evidenced

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and I think significant UFO incident in the world.

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But the significance goes far beyond eyewitness accounts.

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There was indeed both a Royal Air Force and a NATO report that the radar establishments

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did indeed have an uncorrelated target.

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And they measured the radiation at this site and the radiation in spite.

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There's radiation where it shouldn't be.

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At the edge of a forest.

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Why?

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After the incident Halt makes an official report to the UK Ministry of Defence, a seminal

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document now known as the Halt Memo.

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It's an extraordinary document, it's got this very low key title, unexplained lights.

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When you actually read the thing it talks quite clearly about a landed metallic craft

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and about the physical evidence in terms particularly of the radioactivity levels.

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There is absolutely no doubt that these documents are the government's own investigation of

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this.

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So did the Rendlesham incident actually occur?

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Yes, it absolutely did occur.

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Multiple witnesses, we had an object on the ground, we had radiation, we had the deputy

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commander of the base involved who actually saw it.

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With the compelling evidence, the UK military concludes that the Rendlesham Forest sightings

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are an optical illusion.

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But 20 years later, under mounting public pressure, the UK government commissions an

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in-depth study of many UFO sightings across the country.

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Unsealed case file, the Kondine report.

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The Kondine was a UK government intelligence study into the UFO phenomenon.

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The final report was stamped secret UKIs only.

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The Kondine report tries to answer questions that have lingered since the Cold War.

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Could UFO sightings be Soviet technology?

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Are they our own top secret black projects?

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Or is it really just atmospheric anomalies?

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One of the other fascinating things is that it actually dropped the term UFO and replaced

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it with UAP, an unidentified aerial phenomenon.

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So when we use phrases like UAP, it steers people almost away from a nuts and bolts interpretation

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that we're dealing with solid, structured craft.

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And it focuses the debate on, for example, exotic atmospheric plazbas, which was one

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of the project Kondine conclusions.

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Declassified documents prove that government agencies have been investigating UFOs long

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after they claim to no longer be interested in the phenomenon.

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But when it comes to disclosure, the National Security Agency looks like it has come to

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the end of the line.

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The National Security Agency has really shifted towards kind of more of the spying role.

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They're the ones that go out and try and figure out what the other enemies of the United

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States of America are actually doing.

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According to John Greenwald, the NSA has admitted it hasn't been keeping its records in good

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order.

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Under the Freedom of Information Act, you can request what's called a mandatory declassification

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review.

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Greenwald sends a request to review 100% of all UFO records that the NSA has released.

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After waiting a considerable amount of time, the National Security Agency told me under

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the Freedom of Information Act that they lost 100% of those files.

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What kind of secret is so compelling that even the documents pertaining to its existence

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have been erased?

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Having done this job from the inside, I've met a number of people, politicians, military

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officers, intelligence, community personnel, who are absolutely convinced that some UFOs

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do indeed involve visitation of extraterrestrial spacecraft and indeed entities.

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If it takes 30, 40, 50 years for these secrets to be declassified, it's possible that our

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children, our grandchildren, will see a whole new batch of evidence come to light.

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Have governments made contact with an extraterrestrial being?

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And if they have, why are they keeping it a secret?