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Since the jet age, fighter pilots have been scrambled to intercept UFOs in our skies.

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But what happens when pilots are sent with a shoot down order?

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Fighter pilots are forced to confront something they have never trained for, and officially, does not exist.

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And when they encounter UFOs, their mission automatically becomes classified.

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Some pilots claim they can't catch the UFO.

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Others report their weapons jam when they try to fire.

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What happens on these missions is often made top secret.

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Is combat stress affecting pilot testimony?

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Are UFOs so technologically superior they escape us at will?

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And what happens when a UFO can even sense a pilot's intent to attack?

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Join us as we investigate dangerous fighter pilot encounters with UFOs.

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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 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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Fighter pilots are responsible for the safety of our skies.

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It's a dangerous job that takes lightning fast reflexes and nerves of steel.

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They are some of the most highly trained professionals in the world.

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But there is one threat they have not trained for.

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It's one thing to, you know, be in a dog fight with an enemy aircraft,

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but a UFO that for all you know has technology way ahead of your own,

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you go up there as a pilot and what's going through your mind is, I may not come back down again.

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One incident in the late 1940s, near America's largest gold reserve,

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strikes fear in the hearts of American pilots and incites a media firestorm.

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Unsealed case file.

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The Mantell incident.

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January 7th, 1948, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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Captain Thomas F. Mantell is a decorated World War II pilot with over 2,000 hours of flight time.

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While patrolling the skies, he's told that a westbound circular object about 250 feet across has entered the Kentucky airspace.

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In January of 1948, Thomas Mantell was piloting a P-51 Mustang along with two other P-51s.

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Three witnesses in the control tower of Goldman Field at Fort Knox make visual contact.

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The P-51 Mustangs of the Kentucky Air National Guard turn toward the object and accelerate.

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Mantell allegedly reports over his radio that the object looks metallic and is of tremendous size.

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He got to about 20,000 feet when his P-51 then began to spiral out of control

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and later crashing, killing 25-year-old Thomas Mantell.

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Rumor spreads that Mantell has been shot down by a UFO.

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It's the first incident in U.S. history where a fighter pilot allegedly dies engaging a UFO.

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For the first time, the Air Force and the public realize that UFOs are more than just mysterious.

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They can also be deadly.

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The question is how did he crash?

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It didn't crash in the ground like a normal explosion, like they'd taken the thing and dropped it out of sky and boom.

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And the time on his watch had stopped at the time of impact.

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The other idea is the UFO had an effect on his plane.

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Some experts also believe Mantell may have been chasing a top-secret weather balloon called Skyhook.

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Multiple Skyhook balloons were launched 250 miles northeast that same day, but none of the explanations stick.

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And the military begins to make UFO identification a top priority.

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It's going to definitely start spreading throughout the military and create some kind of hysteria or fear

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because if your commanding officer says, get this enemy and this enemy is better than you, there's a huge threat to that and that's a huge problem.

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Years later, an incident in Brazil confirms the one fact that has dogged the world's military for 40 years.

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Chasing UFOs is one thing. Catching them is an entirely different matter.

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Unsealed case file, the Sao Paulo UFO incident.

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Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 19th, 1986.

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Twenty UFOs are tracked on radar and seen by eyewitnesses on the ground.

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Two F5Es and three Mirage fighter jets are scrambled from Santa Cruz and Annapolis Air Force Base.

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We had ground radar tracking 20 objects. We had multiple airplanes seeing this thing over the four hours.

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Some of these pilots then acquired the UFOs visually as well as on their radars.

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This went on involved at least six military aircraft, maybe more.

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In a press conference, Brazilian general Otavio Lima states, at one point the chase was inverted

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and an F5E fighter was surrounded by 13 colored lights and chased with seven on one side and six on the other.

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Afterwards, this was clearly taken seriously within the Brazilian government.

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At high level, senior Air Force officers were involved. I believe the Minister of Aeronautics was involved at one stage.

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The Sao Paulo incident is discussed openly by high-ranking government officials in Brazil.

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But then in the end it was suggested that perhaps this was just space debris.

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Could it have been space debris? Of course, it could have been space debris if space debris likes to sit in one place and hover, but probably not.

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A short message from the US Defense Attagé in Rio to the US Defense Intelligence Agency reads, quote,

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The US Defense Intelligence Agency's official official report,

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is that the US Defense Intelligence Agency's official report,

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is the Tehran incident. Tehran, Iran, September 19th, 1976.

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A UFO is spotted by civilians and confirmed by the control tower at Tehran's Marabat International Airport.

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The thing was about 300 foot in diameter. It was it was on radar.

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The F-4 founds were scrambled.

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This thing was getting bigger in their screen and they said, what should we do?

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and control said, shoot it down.

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One pilot gets close to the UFO.

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He describes it as an extremely bright object

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like a small glowing moon.

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But what happens next defies explanation.

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A secondary UFO emerges out of the primary UFO

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and shoots straight toward the pilots at four phantom.

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Now to a pilot, if you see a craft eject something

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and it's coming at you, it just fired a missile at you.

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So the next thing that he does is he arms his aim for a missile,

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flips the switch, and he's going to fire back.

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And just as he's ready to pull the trigger,

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everything goes dead and is docked.

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Missiles disarmed, everything's gone.

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His engines are working, but he's flying, but he can't shoot.

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It's a terrifying moment for any pilot.

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And in this case, the unknown objects

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have defied the laws of physics.

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Before it impacts his craft, it makes a dip,

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it loops around his aircraft,

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and rejoins the original UFO.

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

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You got to ask yourself the question,

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what sort of technology can defeat radar,

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turn it off, turn off your electronic systems,

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but keep your engine running, selectively disarm your weapons?

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What sort of technology can do that?

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We don't know, we don't have it, but somebody out there does.

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The Tehran incident is unprecedented in ufology

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because of the existence of a detailed Defense Intelligence report

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filed three days later.

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This is all documented in a four-page,

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declassified document in the United States intelligence community.

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This was obviously a very important event.

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An incident like the Tehran incident,

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everyone's going to take that seriously,

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from the CIA to the DIA to the US Air Force.

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When you read from the first word to the last,

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reads like science fiction.

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They cannot explain this case even today.

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But there is another important document on the Tehran incident,

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one that explains why top secret agencies are still studying UFOs.

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The declassified expert assessment reports,

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credibility of many of the witnesses, was high.

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Visual sightings were confirmed by radar,

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and similar electromagnetic effects were reported by three aircraft.

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You're then confronted with something that is literally out of this world,

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that has nothing to do with anything that's been trained to,

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all of a sudden you go from being the best of the best

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to quite possibly inferior to what you're facing.

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And that's a huge threat to any military anywhere in the cosmos.

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How do you carry out your orders on something that you

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five minutes ago didn't think existed anyway?

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The final conclusion of the 1976 Tehran DIA assessment states, quotes,

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an outstanding report.

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This case is a classic, which meets all the criteria necessary

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for a valid study of the UFO phenomenon.

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Whatever was going on in Tehran that night,

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there was definitely something odd and strange,

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and the documentation, even decades after the event, can't explain it.

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They're able to enable their instruments and weapons.

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But what happens when a shoot-down order is given,

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and the pilot fires his missiles?

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Unsealed case file, the Peru incident.

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La Jolla Peru, April 11th, 1980.

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In April of 1980, an object was detected on radar in Peru.

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This is about 7.30 in the evening.

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This is the case of Oscar Santa Maria,

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and he was an Air Force commander who was scrambled in response

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to an uncorrelated target that was being tracked on military radar.

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Almost 2,000 personnel are on shift at Mariano-Melgar Air Force Base

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when what looks like a weather balloon is spotted near a high-security area.

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A UFO had apparently penetrated and was operating within restricted military airspace,

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and he was ordered to open fire.

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Pilot Oscar Santa Maria Huertas is scrambled in his Su-22, Russian-made fighter jet,

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equipped with 30-millimeter cannon.

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Readyed with a shoot-down order, he flies directly toward the unknown target.

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But what happens next is widely considered to be the only reported direct hit

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on a UFO in military history.

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So he rolls up on this thing and fires off his cannons into this balloon.

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He said that unlike any conventional object,

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he said it was almost as if the rounds from his cannon were absorbed by this craft,

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whatever it was.

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It doesn't blow up, nothing happens, it seems to ignore the bullets,

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and then just ascends into the air at a high rate of speed.

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Gone.

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It's a scenario that is every fighter pilot's nightmare.

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His weapons are useless.

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Still under a shoot-down order, Santa Maria spends the next 20 minutes playing

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cabin mouse with the UFO, trying to take another shot.

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When he gets close enough to make solid visual contact, what he sees astounds him.

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Now I've met the commandant, but I've heard it from him firsthand.

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I have absolutely no doubt that this happened exactly as he described.

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Santa Maria claims the UFO is shaped like a light bulb, cut off at the bottom,

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with a cream-colored dome.

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It has no visible means of propulsion, no windows, no wings.

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This now declassified official account of the incident is sent to the DIA.

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It states that the pilot, quote, intercepted the vehicle and fired upon it,

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without causing any apparent damage.

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Believing the UFO is advanced technology from an extraterrestrial civilization,

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Santa Maria fears for his life and rapidly descends back to base.

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Fortunately, the UFO does not follow.

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In combat situation, and any pilot in combat will be under extreme stress.

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And clearly if you add to that the factor that you're dealing with an unknown,

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it takes it to a completely different level.

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What exactly did Santa Maria see in the skies above Peru?

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Did he fire upon a UFO?

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Did he actually make a direct hit?

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Or did he simply succumb to the intense pressure of intercepting an unknown threat?

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So there's the extreme stress of combat in an unknown situation

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and the very realistic prospect of death.

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So you get this kind of conflict that on the one hand they are involved in this

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maybe highly classified effort to engage with UFOs.

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And then after it's all over it's like, hey, this didn't happen.

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So I think pilots are being put under extreme stress at both ends of the spectrum.

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During the encounter it's combat stress and afterwards it's that stress of secrecy and threats.

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The testimony of pilots who have been ordered to shoot down an unknown craft

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is critical to the study of UFOs.

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But can their efforts be mistaken as an act of war?

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Unsealed case file, the Cometa reports.

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This report was entitled, UFOs, what should we prepare for?

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In 1999 the Cometa report was published in France which really outlined what the evidence was

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that supported that the UFO phenomena was real and it was quite possibly a threat to the world as a whole.

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It came to the twin conclusions in effect that UFOs at some level were a real solid tangible thing

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and they were seriously prepared to consider the possibility that these things were indeed extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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Whatever you believe about UFOs, if you've got something flying in such a controlled airspace,

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well that's something that should be taken seriously whether you're a believer or a skeptic.

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The 13 member panel made up of some of the brightest government, military and scientific minds in France

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hand down a stunning recommendation.

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It outlined the fact that we needed to try and figure out a defense,

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a way to ward off and fend off any enemies that may be encroaching into our airspace and trying to invade our planet.

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Are they visiting our planet?

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Thousands of witnesses, contactees would tell you yes.

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We protect a lot here on the planet Earth, but the minute an alien civilization lands on Earth, that changes in a second.

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The Cometa report questions the Earth's ability to defend against an unknown enemy attack.

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If an alien spacecraft visits Earth and it's made out of nuts and bolts, pending no science fiction-like shield around it,

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I'm guessing we could probably find a way to shoot it out of the sky.

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But the big debate for me is why.

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You know, you're either going to successfully shoot down one craft of an alien race and potentially upset a much bigger force that has bigger guns than us.

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I don't think that that's something that our pilots would do.

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I think we need to start crossing our fingers that they don't have any bad intentions,

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because quite frankly, I don't think we're going to have the ability to get rid of them.

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When the day comes, do we need to rethink how we approach unknown visitors in our skies?

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

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