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What are UFOs? Where do they come from? And when did governments begin to study them?

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In 1947, a series of American UFO sightings triggers an unprecedented analysis of the

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UFO phenomenon. But their internal investigation reveals the unthinkable. Join us as we investigate

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how the fledgling 1947 US Air Force comes to the stunning conclusion that UFOs are from

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another world. A global effort has begun. Secret files hidden from the public for decades,

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detailing every UFO account, are now available to the public. We are about to uncover the

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truth behind these classified documents. Find out what the government doesn't want you to know.

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Unseal alien files exposing the biggest secret on planet Earth. In the years right after World War

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II, UFO sightings are still considered rare and unusual events. But the UFO phenomenon is about

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to descend onto the world stage. Many government experts consider the unusual aircraft are not

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aliens from another world, but Soviet spies or Nazis testing Allied defenses and gathering

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intelligence for an impending war. In the mid to late 40s, when you had these unknown craft that

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were appearing above the United States, there wasn't really necessarily an immediate fear that this

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was aliens attacking us. But we were just out of World War II. There was a lot of fear that this

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could be Nazi technology that survived the war, and they were doing some kind of second push.

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Public attitudes about all of this were strange. We were in that odd post-war era. Everything was

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kind of in flux. The Nazis, the Japanese have been defeated, but this new enemy, our former ally,

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the Soviet Union had emerged. The Second World War had transitioned into the Cold War. It was a

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time of great uncertainty, great confusion. After Hiroshima, America's secret weapon is no longer a

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secret, but no one knows if the Soviet Union also has atomic weapons, or if escaped Nazis,

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harbor the technology. It was a period of unprecedented confusion, uncertainty, and nerves.

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We knew that Nazis had escaped Germany. They could have very well have created some base,

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somewhere else, with this technology and started to attack us. Unsealed case file.

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The Kenneth Arnold sighting. June 24th, 1947. Mount Rainier, Washington.

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In June 1947, just before the infamous Roswell incident, a light aircraft pilot called Kenneth

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Arnold had a sighting which would change the world. While he was flying over the Cascade

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Mountains in Washington State, he saw nine strange objects flying in formation. At a speed,

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he estimated to be 1200 miles an hour. Arnold claims the objects are delta-shaped craft and

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vary their angle and speed in a manner impossible for 1947. He describes the saucers moving at a

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speed that would kill a normal pilot, and initially concludes the objects are either remote controlled

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and man-made or not of this world. He was a pilot. He was aware of what was supposed to be in the

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sky and what was not. This was significantly ahead of any technology that was flying at the time,

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and these strange delta-shaped craft were like nothing he'd ever seen before. And of course,

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he was a pilot, so a very good witness. His story has been really known in the field of

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ufology as that first case, that first unknown interaction between an actual pilot, seeing

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craft outside of his window that lacked any explanation whatsoever. When he was asked later

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how these things moved, not only did he describe the speed, but he went on to talk about a sort of

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jerky movement, and he said it was like a stone would be, like a saucer would be if you skipped it

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over the water. Before 1947, the public really didn't have anything to call UFOs. There was really

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label for all of this. But a newspaper catches on to Arnold's saucer description, and the term

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flying saucer enters the modern lexicon. It tapped into something. It captured the public

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imagination. The story was syndicated around the world, and suddenly flying saucer fever

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swept the world. A new term had been born, and this really was the beginning of the flying

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saucer age. In 1947, at the dawn of modern day ufology, where flying saucers were being seen

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all around the United States, the government created the United States Air Force. Now the

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United States Air Force pretty much took the lead in trying to figure out what UFOs were.

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Just one week after the Air Force officially separates from the army, it creates Project

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Sine, which becomes the first organization in the world to try and understand the UFO problem

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from a scientific perspective. A Project Sine investigated numerous reports, brought in scientists

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to say, what are we dealing with here? There wasn't one or two sightings at this point. They were

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being reported throughout the United States at a very high rate, so they knew the phenomena was real.

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They had to figure out what it was. The fledgling U.S. Air Force initially considers many UFO

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sightings might be foreign enemy technology. When these crafts were appearing above America,

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we had no idea if the Soviets decided, well, hey, you know what, maybe Hitler had a point to rule

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the world, and even though he failed and we got him, let's turn our sights to America and let's

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control those guys. But as UFO sightings increase, so does the government's fear of what UFOs might

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actually be? Just as the United States grabbed a whole bunch of Nazi scientists in

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Operation Paperclip and started putting together secret programs of their own, well,

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maybe the Soviets got some too. So could some of these flying sources be Soviet aircraft or even missiles?

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In 1947, UFO researchers from the United States Air Force struggle to explain a wave of sightings

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across the country. Until a series of sightings at an important U.S. Air Force base has the

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government on high alert. Unsealed case file, the Merak Air Force Base incident. July 7th,

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1947, Southern California. Shortly after Kenneth Arnold's flying

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saucer sighting, shortly after the Roswell incident, came a series of strange sightings at

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Murot Air Force Base, now known as Edwards Air Force Base in California. At 10 a.m. on July 7th,

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a pilot observes an unknown spherical object flying east at about 10,000 feet. On July 8th,

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four military personnel observe two circular objects flying at approximately 300 miles per hour,

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spiral toward the horizon. Some of the craft were described as simply light spheres or orbs in the

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sky, while others were the more common flying saucer UFOs. Later that evening, a P-51 pilot

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twice attempts to intercept a flat silver disk of a quote, light reflecting nature.

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Pilot of a jet aircraft who actually chased a UFO unsuccessfully for a while, the speeds and

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maneuvers were described as too great for him to even catch this thing. Even the commanding officer

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had a sighting. UFO sightings have suddenly become an alarming trend within the military community.

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It's one thing for a civilian or even a civilian pilot to see flying saucers and describe them as

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such, but when the military themselves start seeing the same phenomena, they're seeing it

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over military installations, that's a problem. When people who have huge experience in judging

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heights and speeds, when they say these are disc shaped craft, when they talk about strange

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rotational motions, the military sits up and takes notice. These sightings were hugely significant.

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Many inside the Air Force start to suspect that the unknown craft may be top secret American

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technology. The United States Air Force went through the assumption that they must be dealing with

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some sort of US domestic military program that people investigating all of this just hadn't been

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briefed into. But internal inquiries turn up nothing. Now eventually that theory was discarded

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because after a certain degree of investigation, all the branches of government were brought into

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this and they said no, we don't have anything like that. Still without answers, Project Sine recruits

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a number of leading aeronautical experts. Among them, Alfred Loading. One of the scientists that

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Project Sine brought aboard was Alfred Loading. His expertise would be instrumental to try and

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figure out what the UFO phenomenon was. Alfred Loading was an aeronautical engineer who had

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done pioneering work on disc shaped and delta shaped aircraft. Loading was seconded onto this

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because of his expertise and asked what is it that we're dealing with here? Loading and his

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colleagues are considered some of the greatest technological minds America has to offer. These

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people were aeronautical engineers. These people were aviation specialists. These people were

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physicists. They, better than anyone on the face of the planet, had an idea of what the level of

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aviation technology was. So when they looked at the UFO reports, they said, look, the speeds,

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the manoeuvrability here, the rotation, the strange way in which these things move.

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We can't do that. For the leading scientists of the day, it becomes a process of elimination.

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This isn't German technology back engineered. This isn't Soviet stuff. This isn't US domestic. This

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is above and beyond that. These scientists said, we simply don't have that technology. If it's not

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us, it must be somebody else. Increasingly and sensationally, parts of the US government

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started to think the unthinkable. In the summer of 1947, a wave of UFO sightings forces the

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government to investigate what is being witnessed in the skies all across the country. Could it be

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technology created by hostile governments or something even more disturbing? Unsealed case

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file, the child's whited incident. July 24, 1948, Montgomery, Alabama, chief pilot, Clarence Childs,

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and co-pilot, John Whited, are flying a DC three passenger plane on a routine night flight

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when Childs spots an object rapidly approaching in the sky. Now, the pilot saw this craft. He knew

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it shouldn't be there and it also did not look like anything that he could really easily recognize.

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He ends up tapping his co-pilot on the shoulder, telling him to take a look, and then they see

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this craft travel in an incredible rate of speed from a fairly far distance to nearly

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right in front of them. The pilots described the craft as cigar-shaped, with glowing windows on the

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side. This thing was closing fast. They almost literally braced for impact, took evasive action,

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and this object passed rapidly along the side of the aircraft. This is a classic case of trained

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aviation personnel, pilots, seeing these things and saying this was literally like nothing on earth.

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The near miss is taken seriously by the U.S. government. I think the military knew that this was

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a very reliable case. They knew that the witnesses were very reliable themselves. The case truly

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showed how dangerous this phenomena could be. The pilots knew that they had to take evasive

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action to not collide with this unidentified craft. When you're looking at highly trained pilots

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with nothing to gain and arguably everything to lose by coming out with this sort of thing,

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in terms of credibility, this is about as good as it gets. I think the military knew as the

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commercial flights were going to increase in the coming years and decades, the problem had to be

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solved. It didn't matter if the UFO was alien or not. The fact that it was there, that a physical

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craft was there, that could potentially cause that collision, bring down an airliner, that's a

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problem that needs to be fixed. But according to aeronautics engineer and project sign investigator

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Alfred Loading, the problem is something the Air Force finds hard to accept. It was Loading

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who was one of the first people to actually ask could we be dealing here not with domestic U.S.

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technology, not with Soviet technology, but with extraterrestrials. And he became one of the

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first people to really consider what was in later years dubbed the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

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The cases that they were investigating, the UFOs, the craft were performing maneuvers that we

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essentially couldn't do at the time. And so they really had no other explanation for it.

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This near miss put in people's minds for the first time the idea that we're dealing here with not

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just lights or shapes in the sky, but structured craft with occupants. These craft are now showing

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that they can go anywhere and everywhere that they want, that there's absolutely no limitation to it.

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To this day, the Child's Whited case remains unidentified. Later when people involved in

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Project Bluebird, like Captain Ruppelt, looked back and said what are the most compelling

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cases that we have on our files? This near miss is pretty much at the top of the pile.

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The Child's Whited incidents lead some experts to consider an unimaginable possibility.

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If it isn't us, could it be that some of this is extraterrestrial in technology? Are we being

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visited? After a wave of sightings in the 1940s, the US government's UFO investigative body,

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Project Sine, is tasked with finding an explanation. And Project Sine investigated

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numerous reports, brought in scientists to say what are we dealing with here? And finally,

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they produced an assessment, an intelligence assessment known as estimate of the situation.

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Now this was a document that essentially outlined their conclusions. It put forward the explanation

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that the UFO phenomena truly was connected to aliens and extraterrestrials.

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To this day, the report has allegedly been seen by only a select few. Nobody can find it.

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It mysteriously just simply vanished. Freedom of Information Act requests have been filed all

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over the place and the document just doesn't exist. It was suppressed, it was hidden,

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maybe it was shredded. This was dynamite. It marks the beginning of a decades long denial

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of the UFO phenomenon. This was essentially the dawn of the military denial phase. It was like one

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arm would say, hey, this is true. The other one would say, no, no, it's not true. It really was a

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tug of war between believers and skeptics, not in the public, but within government, within the

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small ranks of those people charged with investigating this phenomenon. So this document,

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I think, is probably, if it exists, the most important piece of evidence that would come out of this era.

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This was nothing short of those people within the US government charged with investigating UFOs

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saying we have investigated and we are being visited. It would be like the chairman of the

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joint chiefs saying, you know what, all this talk about UFOs, it's real. We're being visited. We're

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not alone. Can you imagine the public reaction? This is Unsealed. Alien Files, exposing the biggest

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secret on planet Earth.