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This program is about unsolved mysteries. Whenever possible, the actual family members

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and police officials have participated in recreating the events. What you are about

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Vietnam. A wounded helicopter pilot was taken to a hospital with a fractured skull, shattered

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legs and possible brain damage. Twenty years later, Jim Meade is trying to find a heroic

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nurse who saved his life. In 1947, a strange craft crashed in a remote New Mexico field.

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A metal debris at startling property was covered with unusual markings, witnesses claim it was a UFO.

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The military here at Rosalarmier base in New Mexico immediately announced that the object was a UFO.

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Within hours changed their story and said it was only a downed weather balloon.

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Did the military conceal the most astounding discovery of the century? Join me tonight

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The season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries.

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Last season 34 cases, profiled in Unsolved Mysteries were solved thanks to information from our viewers.

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One recent case was out of Charles Mule, a 10-year veteran of the Slidell Louisiana

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Police Department, who disappeared over three years ago while free on bail.

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On March 1st, 1985, Mule was arrested by fellow officers in a local motel room where he allegedly

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molested a 12-year-old girl. At the time of his arrest, he was a sergeant in charge of sexual

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offenses for the Slidell Police Department. His alleged victim was a young girl he was assigned

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to counsel. If you're on a please, considering the serious gravity of the incident,

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On September 27th, 1985, Charles Mule was indicted on over 25 counts relating to the molestation

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and rape of six young girls. He was released on \$150,000 bail. Eight months later, on the morning

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that his trial was to begin, Mule was reported missing. Five days later, a fisherman believed

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he saw Mule emerging from a swamp near Slidell. This was closely followed by a second sighting.

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This witness was shot at by a man dressed in hospital clothing, a favorite outfit of Mule's.

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We were convinced more than ever that Charles was alive, that he was in his area and he had

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not moved far from this area. For more than three years, Charles Mule's whereabouts have remained

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a mystery. Charles Mule has been captured. Within minutes of our July broadcast, the FBI

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received several calls from viewers who reported that Mule was living in Ocala, Florida, 30 miles

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south of Gainesville, under the assumed name Joseph John Trancina. Mule had seen our broadcast

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and left the Ocala area for approximately three weeks. When he returned on August 3rd,

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he was arrested by FBI agents and Marion County, Florida Sheriff's Deputies.

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The War in Vietnam

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For the first time, helicopters played a pivotal role, the crucial lifeline between base camps and

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the soldiers in the field. The skill and bravery of a helicopter pilot meant the difference between

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life and death, freedom and captivity. A pilot's chance of being killed was nine times greater

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than any other soldier's. One out of every eight helicopter pilots in Vietnam lost his life.

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These pilots truly were heroes. But there was another group of heroes in the Vietnam War,

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a group who remained largely unsung. Those heroes were the skilled and patient military nurses

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who dealt with the wreckage of young bodies brought back from the front and struggled to return

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those battered soldiers to a normal life. This section of the National Cemetery at Arlington

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Virginia is dedicated to nurses slain in battle as one of the few memorials we have in the United

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States honoring them. Tonight we tell the story of an Army helicopter pilot whose life was salvaged

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by a nurse, Lieutenant Betty Stevens. For 15 years he's been searching for her, but mysteriously

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there is no record of where she went. What he wants to say are the simple but eloquent words,

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thank you. Perhaps someone watching tonight can help him.

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In 1965, 18-year-old Jim Mead Jr. gave up a promising college career and volunteered to serve in Vietnam.

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We tried to talk him out of it. The professors at the University of Oregon tried to talk him out of it,

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finished college and then go. The war will still be there after he finished college,

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but he would determine when. Jim won his wings as an Army helicopter pilot in the winter of 1967.

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It didn't surprise me to see him want to give time to his country and being in helicopters and

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being in the rescue mission and what have you. These were all part of Jim.

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Jim served in Vietnam for only three months, transporting troops to and from combat missions.

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Twice Jim was shot down, twice he went back. On May the 8th 1967, he was shot down for the third time.

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This time Jim Mead would not be able to go back.

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We're going in.

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On May the 9th 1967, Jim's parents received a vaguely worded telegram saying their son had

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been placed on the seriously ill list because of a fractured skull. He was transferred to Madigan

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General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. We don't have a room for him yet. We'll let you know as

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soon as possible. Thank you. Jim's mother and father along with two of his brothers waited in

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the hospital lobby. Jim had not yet been assigned a room. His family had no idea what to expect.

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It was quite difficult for me to just sit and relax and wait till they came and said to tell us

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that Jim had been put in a room. So myself and two sons, I got up, I said I'm going to walk down

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the hallway for a while. I just can't sit here and wait. And there's miles and miles of hallway

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in Madigan General Hospital. And as I was walking down the hallway, here in the hallway was a gurney.

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There was a soldier on the gurney and he had bandages all over him with bandages in the head,

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legs in the cash, tubes, bottles.

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So I said to the other boys, the two sons, I said, oh, that soldier is tore all down.

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And after a while then, the nurse came to us and said, okay, we have your son in a room. Come go with me.

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Oh.

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We went into that room and here was that gurney.

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That guy that was tore all the hell was my son. Beyond recognition.

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And there was nothing we could do. That was a terrible thing that there was nothing that we could do.

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Jim, it's mom. It was just unbelievable. He didn't look like himself, you know, and of course he had

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all these tubes in him and all of these things. I worked in an emergency room and I've seen a lot

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of things, but I don't think I have seen anything as horrible as my son was.

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Jim was in a coma. The helicopter rotor bladed fractured his skull. He made only animal-like

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sounds and flailed his arms involuntarily. Both of his legs had been shattered and were riddled with

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gangrene. The doctors feared that Jim would never come out of his coma.

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As a last resort, they assigned him to a ward with amputees who had served in Vietnam.

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The doctors asked the man to talk to Jim and act as if he could hear them.

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On the slim chance that the constant exposure to other people might trigger a response.

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Jim, what do you want to play now? I beat everyone at Jim, poker, now you want to play Blackjack?

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The experiment worked. After 10 weeks in the ward, Jim came out of his coma.

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He had no memory of his first 19 years. Jim had even forgotten how to talk and how to move his

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arms and legs. I didn't know that I'd been a helicopter pod. I didn't know I'd been to Vietnam.

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I didn't know that I'd been injured so seriously. I didn't know anything. It was like a whole new world.

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Happily, Jim Meade continued to heal. Neither of his legs was amputated.

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Today, he's 42 years old and has made a miraculous recovery.

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Jim feels it is due in large part to the dogged determination of his nurse,

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Lieutenant Betty Stevens, who literally brought him back to life and who for one crucial year was the most important person in his life.

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Nice and flat. There you go. All right, now start with this hand and this leg. Ready?

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There you go. Good, grip that mat. Feel the mat. Keep your legs straight. Keep your legs straight. There you go.

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To learn how to walk. Come on. Good. Keep going. I first had learned how to crawl.

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Keep going. Lieutenant Stevens, we'll get down on the mat with me. There you go. And you're right next to me.

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There you go. Because I didn't have any coordination between my arms, legs, and the commands from my brain.

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And so at the beginning, she would work on me and teach me how to crawl. Okay, now we're going to go the other way.

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And she would show me how to do it. Good. Good.

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I remember one time in particular,

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there were some basic trainees who had sprained ankles or whatever,

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and were in the hospital and were in physical therapy. Okay, get your legs a little bit further apart. There you go.

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And one time, after a series of times, of falling on my face, she started laughing at me.

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And I remember her getting so angry.

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What gives you the right to laugh at him?

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That is a person who has been at war.

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He's trying to learn things that are very easy for you.

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Now I want you both out of here right now. Come on, get out. And just the way she yelled at them and kicked them out.

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But she was so mad.

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She meant a lot to me.

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Just made me want to do

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what she wanted me to learn to do.

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I was in so much pain that the people couldn't take me out of bed.

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She wouldn't even come down and ask me how I was doing. And I was in so much pain that I was really crying.

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I know you're hurting,

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but you can't give up.

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And she responded that she knew that I was hurting.

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The more you exercise, the stronger you're gonna get. And the less it's gonna hurt.

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The most important thing that I remember,

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she held my hand.

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And we're just showing her concern and her caring that made me want to get better.

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To want to learn to walk.

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To want to learn to feed myself.

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To want to learn things like how to shave, how to comb my hair.

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Now straighten it out. Come on, work hard. Come on.

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Pick it up. There you go.

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I don't know if I would have learned to do these things without her.

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I might have eventually learned just out of the sheer survival factor.

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But she made it important for me to withstand

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the pain and frustration.

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Straighten it out. Up.

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Put your hands around it like that.

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00:14:21,080 --> 00:14:22,200

Put your hand around that.

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00:14:22,200 --> 00:14:25,880

Good. Push. Work. Good. Good. Good.

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00:14:27,160 --> 00:14:29,160

Good job.

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00:14:32,440 --> 00:14:34,440

Hi, Jim.

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Because of her patient load,

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Lieutenant Stevens could give Jim physical therapy for only one hour each day.

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She felt he would benefit from going home for 30 days to work with his parents around the clock.

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We couldn't have gone as far as we did with Jim without her supervision.

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There are certain things in physical therapy that you can do more harm than good.

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And so therefore her as the professional was showing us how to do it the right way.

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We're going to play ball today.

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But 12 grueling hours each day, Jim's parents try to improve his motor skills and teach him how to talk.

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All under the guidance of Lieutenant Stevens.

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Even when I wasn't in the hospital, when I was home with my parents on con bus and leave,

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I always wanted to get better and learn things so I could go back to the hospital and show her

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how much I'd improved. It was always important to me.

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Nearly one year after Jim had first arrived at the hospital,

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Lieutenant Stevens told him she was leaving the army.

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She never saw Jim walk independently or had any idea that she had set him on the path to recovery.

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Over the years I've thought about her many, many times.

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I'm not so naive to pretend that I'm the only soldier that she affected this way.

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As a matter of fact, she probably affected all of us this way, all of us that she worked with.

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But she was really important to me and she always will be.

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Building on the foundation Lieutenant Stevens and his parents gave him,

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Jim made relearn how to walk and talk and made a nearly complete recovery.

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Today he is a clinical psychologist working in San Diego.

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He would like Lieutenant Stevens to share in his triumph. He would like to say thank you

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00:16:42,360 --> 00:16:44,280

to the woman he will never forget.

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Keep going, come on, don't give up, don't.

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If I saw her now, I don't know what I'd do.

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Cry maybe? Maybe just laugh a lot? I don't know.

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I've thought about seeing her so many times.

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It's like she never left. I never left, whatever.

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I don't know what I'd do. I just know this, it's always been important for me

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that she knows that I'm okay.

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The morning after our broadcast Jim Mee's 15 year search came to an end

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when he received a phone call from one of our viewers.

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I was watching TV and I saw Jim at the beginning of the program

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and I said to my family, I treated that fella when I was in the service

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and the next remark was that they were looking for Lieutenant Stevens

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00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:44,920

and I thought well that was my maiden name

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00:17:44,920 --> 00:17:50,440

and at that point I realized that this was going to be more than just a program to watch.

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On September 25th, nearly 21 years after they said goodbye, Jim and Karen reunited.

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When Karen came to the door, I went and if somebody else saw her

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they might say that Karen's changed 200%

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and my heart to Karen hasn't changed a bit.

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And I'm glad to tell her thank you.

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The reunion today has been everything I expected it to be.

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It will stand out as one of the most exciting days of my life.

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It's thrilling to see someone that has come back so far

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and made a success of their life

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but a lot of people had a lot to do with Jim Meade's recovery.

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I was just a small part.

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It would be very difficult for me to put into words what this day has meant to me.

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It just makes the future that much brighter because I do know that now

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the dreams do come true.

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In a moment we'd examine the extraordinary and controversial story

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of a strange craft that crashed in New Mexico in 1947.

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This Air Force Base here in Roswell, New Mexico is the center of a controversy back in 1947

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that over 40 years later still remains unsolved.

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Remnants of a mysterious craft were found on a remote ranch

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and allegedly stored here in Hangar 84.

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To this day there are many who believe it was a UFO.

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When we first heard of the incident at Roswell,

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we assumed it was just another UFO sighting that could be easily explained.

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A distant aircraft, an air missile, or perhaps it was just a hoax.

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However, eyewitness accounts and disturbing evidence suggests

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that something strange happened here at Roswell,

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something that cannot be easily dismissed.

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July 2nd, 1947.

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A violent electrical storm sweeps over the desolate plain of south central New Mexico.

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At this time of year these storms are almost nightly occurrences.

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At his remote ranch house, Mack Brasill patiently waits out the fury of the storm.

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Mack was a, he was just an old time cowboy I guess you'd say.

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And he was pretty, pretty serious.

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If he told you something you could pretty well depend on it.

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Apparently Mack Brasill heard a thunder clap that night that somehow sounded different.

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The story is that Mack Brasill supposedly heard a loud crash at some point during the storm

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and didn't know if it was related to the storm or not.

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According to his son, Mack was on the range the next day looking to see which fields may have

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gotten precipitation the night before so they could move the livestock to those fields because

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the grass would be better there. And in his process of looking to see where the rain had come

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down, he found the debris fields spread out near his ranch house.

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It was obvious that something had crashed in one of his pastures the night before.

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Whatever it was was broken up beyond identification.

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The debris field was approximately three quarters of a mile long, maybe as much as 200 or 300 feet

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in width. Scattered along there were bits and pieces of material we refused to call it metal

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because from the descriptions we have it was more of a plastic-like material, very strong,

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very lightweight. The pieces of it were described as being three or four feet long but as light as

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a feather, thin as newsprint. There were metal beams that were slightly flexible but very strong.

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And it was spread out all over the field.

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Some of the metal pieces appeared to have strange qualities and unusual tensile properties.

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Later that day, Mack drove over to his closest neighbors, Floyd and Oretta Proctor, who lived 10

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miles away. Good afternoon, Floyd. Oretta. Hi, Mack. What brings you all the way out here?

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For Mack, he was excited. You know, he was wanting somebody to go down and check it out.

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And we should have. We didn't. Take a look at that.

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Light a match to it, you. See what I'm talking about.

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And he brought a little sliver of wood-looking stuff and him and my husband tried to

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cut it and burn it but it wouldn't whet it and it wouldn't burn.

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Well, Mitt, that's pretty damn odd. Now I would say it looked like plastic back then, why,

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you know, we didn't have plastic and I guess it was more like some kind of a lightweight wood.

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The Proctors urged Brazill to go to the authorities. The following Monday, Brazill reported his

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discovery to the sheriff who informed nearby Roswell Army Air Base.

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That afternoon, Mack Brazill led two Army intelligence officers to the crash site.

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One of the officers was Major Jesse Marcell Sr., an experienced combat pilot whose primary duty

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in peacetime was to investigate air accidents. I wanted to stay there, Mr. Brazill. Lieutenant.

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Even with his experience, Marcell was unable to identify what kind of craft it was.

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Marcell died in 1982, but before his death, he gave the following interview for a documentary

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film about UFOs. They were just fragments strewn all over the area, an area about three-quarters

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of a mile long and several hundred feet wide. So we proceeded to pick up the parts.

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He says, I tried to bend the stuff. He says, it will not bend. I even tried to burn that,

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it would not burn. He says, that stuff weighs nothing. It's not in there thick and then tin

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fall in the back of cigarettes. He says, we even tried making a dent in it with a 16-pound slag.

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Still no dent in it. One thing I was certain of, being familiar with all

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the arid activities, that it was not a weather balloon, nor an aircraft, nor a missile.

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It was something else which we didn't know what it was.

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Late on the night of July 7th, Major Marcell drove back to Roswell, his car loaded down

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with the unusual remains found on the ranch.

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Before going on to the base, he stopped by his home. He wanted to show his family what he had found.

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When he came back to the house, he had had a bunch of wreckage with him at the time and

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he brought the wreckage into the house. Actually, I awakened my mother and myself out so we could

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view this because it's so unusual. It's about two o'clock in the morning as I recall, right?

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It's about two o'clock in the morning as I recall, right?

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Spread it out so we could get some basic idea of what it looked like, what it was.

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Jesse Marcell Jr. was 11 years old at the time and remembers the incident vividly.

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He is one of the few people still alive known to have handled pieces of the debris.

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No, son, I don't know what this stuff is.

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We're all, we're amazed by this debris that was there.

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Probably because we didn't know what it was, you know, just the unknown.

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Look at this writing. What do you think that is?

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The most remarkable fragment was a short piece of i-beam which was covered with strange symbols

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and embossed markings. Looks like some kind of hieroglyphics.

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This writing could be described as like hieroglyphics, Egyptian type hieroglyphics, but not really.

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The symbols that were in the i-beams were more of a geometric type configuration in various designs.

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It had a violet-purple type color and was actually an embossed part of the metal itself.

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Years after this incident happened, we would talk privately among ourselves about what the

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possibilities of this, what this thing was. And I feel that we, well, I know that we came

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to the conclusion that was not of earthly origin.

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If I had not actually held pieces of it in my hand, I would not think that it would be possible.

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But because I happened to see this, that's the only reason I believe it.

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Major Marcel took the wreckage to the Roswell base where he was stationed.

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Roswell was home to the 509th Bomb Squadron, the Air Force's

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sole atomic bomb group at the time. It was a closed base and personnel stationed there

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required a high security clearance. The following morning it is believed that some of the pieces

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were flown to Wright Field near Dayton, Ohio with a short stop at Carswell Air Base at Fort Worth,

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Texas. That same morning Colonel William Blanchard, the commanding officer, made a crucial decision.

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He went public with a story of the discovery made by Mac Brazzel.

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PIO's office, Lieutenant Hot speaking. Hot, this is Colonel Blanchard.

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Colonel Blanchard, yes sir. What can I do for you sir?

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Second Lieutenant Walter Hot, who was a public information officer for the 509th at the time.

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Flying disc. You heard me, Lieutenant.

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Colonel Blanchard ordered him to issue a press release telling the country how the

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army had found a flying saucer. I never questioned it. Yes sir.

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In 1947 when a Colonel told the first lieutenant to do something, the first lieutenant did that.

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I'm sure that had I asked Colonel Blanchard to see it, he would have said no and that would have

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been the end of the subject. There's a little bit of difference. He didn't have any democracy

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back in 1947 in the military establishment.

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The press release read in part. The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a

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reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th bomb squadron was fortunate enough

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to gain possession of a disc through the cooperation of a local rapture.

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I took the releases into town and that was one of the things that Colonel Blanchard told me to do.

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Take it into town because if there's any validity to this, he didn't want the news media to feel

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that we had jumped over their heads and were not cooperating with them. That same day it was reported

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that an engineer for the soil conservation service made another remarkable discovery.

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Barney Barnett of Socorro, New Mexico died in 1969, but he may have been the person who discovered

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what was perhaps the first positive proof that there was other life in our universe.

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Barney was just a real straightforward, just what you would call a real straight guy.

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He wouldn't tell you one story out of color or nothing. That's why I was really surprised

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when he related this information to me about the crash saucer.

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He told me that he'd come onto this spaceship, it was during the daytime.

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It was an oval shape similar to what had been identified, you know, in different sightings and

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so on. And it had crashed and it had broken open.

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There was beings laying about four beings laying on the ground, not in the spaceship, laying on the

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ground. He did describe that the heads were larger than the bodies by proportion. And they had some

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type of clothing on that looked a little bit different, not exactly like our spacesuits or

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that sort of thing. But the four were laying on the ground and they were scattered not too far from the

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object. Barney told Verne that he reached the crash site about the same time as a group of

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archaeology students who had seen the wreckage from their nearby dig.

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The military had also apparently discovered the second crash site after an aerial search,

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but they arrived too late to secure the area.

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Sergeant, get those people out of there and in front of this jeep now.

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Barney Barnett and the students had a clear and detailed look at the craft and its occupants.

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When the army showed up, they immediately escorted these people from the scene.

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And then at that time they gave them a warning not to relate any information to anybody.

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From that time on, Barney never mentioned it to anybody until the time that he told me about the thing.

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Ladies and gentlemen, it is my duty to inform you.

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All efforts to track down the members of the archaeology dig have been unsuccessful.

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While the Barnett story has only been told second hand,

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many believe there is just too much supporting circumstantial evidence to completely dismiss it.

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When he first told me I was sort of flabbergasted, I didn't know what to say,

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but I believed it because of his integrity.

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I'd stake my life on his reliability. He would never concoct any story. That's why I believed it's a bit true.

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On July 8, 1947, newspapers across America published accounts that a UFO had supposedly crashed in New Mexico.

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That same day, according to some investigators,

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a cargo plane carrying the debris from the crash site arrived at Mare Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

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At almost the same moment, the Army received the news of a second crash site,

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where alien bodies may have been found.

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Brigadier General Roger Ramey was the ranking commander of the Eighth Army Air Force at Fort Worth.

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Within hours, Ramey's office issued a new press release, stating that the material

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recovered in New Mexico was not a UFO, but in reality, the wreckage of a U.S. Army weather balloon.

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A dad said, obviously, it was a cover-up story. It was not a weather balloon.

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He was a little disturbed about that, but he had his own intelligence,

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security classification to protect. He could not really go public with,

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hey, this is not the real thing. I mean, this is not a weather balloon. So he had to keep that to himself.

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But the UFO incident was still very much alive from Mac Brazel. At the time rumors surfaced that

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Brazel was held at the Roswell Base until after the new cover story had been circulated and generally

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accepted. In Roswell, Floyd Proctor and a friend saw Brazel, but he appeared to be unwilling or unable

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to acknowledge his friend. Floyd and a neighbor was in Roswell and saw Mac surrounded by

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some of the Air Force people and they walked right by him and Mac wouldn't speak to them.

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They, you know, kind of thought it was kind of funny. I guess really wondered what he got into.

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And Mac, he wouldn't talk about it after he came back home. But he did say that if he ever found

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something else, he wouldn't report it. By the time Brazel returned to his ranch,

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all traces of the Roswell incident had apparently been removed from the area and taken to Wright

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Field and Dayton, Ohio. Everything went to Wright Field. That's where the Air Technical

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Intelligence Center was. That was where they could make the studies. Subsequent to that,

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we think that the material has been sent elsewhere. We think one of the bodies has gone to Langley,

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CIA headquarters. We think another has gone to MacDill, which is an Air Force base in Florida,

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where they have an aerospace medicine facility. We don't know where other stuff is gone. We

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think some of it is still left at Wright Field. I think the reasons for the initial cover up

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are pretty straightforward when you stop to think about it. Remember, this is two years after the

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worst war the planet had ever seen. You didn't think in terms of nice guys here to say hello kind

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of thing. They didn't know how to deal with them. What could you tell the public? It would have been

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totally irresponsible to say, by the way, we thought you'd like to know that there are alien

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visitors to planet Earth, that we can't do a darn thing to prevent them from flying over the country.

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We don't know what they want or where they're from, but we thought you'd like to know.

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For this group of people at that time to do that would have been totally irresponsible.

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In spite of the circumstantial evidence, there was no real proof to dispute the army's contention

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that the wreckage was in fact a weather balloon. Then, more than 30 years later, UFO researchers

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obtained a document which many contend proves the Roswell incident actually occurred.

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In 1984, this top secret document known as the MJ-12 memo was mailed anonymously to a UFO researcher.

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Operation Majestic 12, or MJ-12 as it's called, was a group of 12 people apparently established by

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the president to deal with the wreckage from Roswell and the whole problem that that created.

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Well, how did these things work? Where did they come from? How can we get more information?

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How can we analyze the wreckage in the bodies and so forth? And how do we interact with the rest

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of society having that knowledge? A contents of the report stung researchers. In part, it read,

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On 07 July 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure the recovery of the wreckage.

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Aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from

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the craft about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead. Civilian and military

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witnesses in the area were debriefed, and news reporters were given the effective cover story

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that the object had been a misguided weather believe. The government has consistently refused

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a comment on the MJ-12 memo, and there is still no proof of its origin.

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But if we are to believe the MJ-12 document and the other accounts, then we must ask ourselves a

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fantastic question. Did our government in 1947 really discover evidence that there is life in

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the universe outside our own atmosphere? Apart from Barney Barnett, there is only one man who

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was ever admitted to having seen these aliens. My husband, Oliver Henderson, otherwise known as

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Pappy in the Air Force, he was interested with many of this country's top secrets,

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and they were safe with him. He never told anything that he wasn't supposed to,

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and therefore it was 34 years after this incident happened that I heard about it.

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Captain Pappy Henderson was the man who piloted the plane that took the first pieces of wreckage

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out of Roswell. In 1981, two years before he died, he told his wife that in spite of military

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denials, the Roswell incident really happened. My husband told me the bodies were small,

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smaller than human bodies. The heads were larger, and the eyes were rather sunken and

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a little slanted. Clothing was of material unlike anything he'd seen before.

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They were strange. They were not of this earth.

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When my husband, who was a man of truth, who was trusted with 29 different

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Army aircraft planes, first pilot, aircraft commander, tells me this story, I believed him.

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If this happened, it's the most significant event of the 20th century and probably the millennium.

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It would be akin to Columbus discovering the new world and Queen Isabella deciding not to tell

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the rest of the world about the discovery of the new world.

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More than 40 years had passed since that hot summer night when a violent thunderstorm

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swept over the Brazzel Ranch. The military declared that the remnants found in that

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remote field came from a downed weather border. But the people who actually saw and held the

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wreckage disagreed. Perhaps it was an experimental aircraft that the military wanted to keep top

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secret at all costs. But perhaps, just perhaps, it was something else.

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Next week on Unsolved Mysteries, we will feature a special appearance by the director of the FBI,

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William Sessions, who will ask for your help in tracking down several of the most dangerous

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fugitives in the United States. We will visit Ambridge, Pennsylvania, where several parishioners

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of the Holy Trinity Church claim they witnessed a miracle above the altar during a religious service.

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And we will profile a clever con man who has targeted nudist camps across the country for his

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devious scams. For every mystery, there is someone, somewhere, who knows the truth. Perhaps it's you.

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