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00:00:30,000 --> 00:00:50,360

The men in black are one of the most perplexing mysteries

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00:00:50,360 --> 00:00:52,480

we've ever come across.

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00:00:52,480 --> 00:00:55,360

Cloakton's secrecy, they show up without warning.

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00:00:55,360 --> 00:00:59,400

State their business, then banish as quickly as they appeared.

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00:00:59,400 --> 00:01:02,640

No one knows who the men in black are, where they come from,

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00:01:02,640 --> 00:01:04,520

or who they represent.

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00:01:04,520 --> 00:01:07,480

There's no real proof that they even exist.

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00:01:07,480 --> 00:01:09,200

But hundreds of eyewitness accounts

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00:01:09,200 --> 00:01:11,040

give us good cause to investigate

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00:01:11,040 --> 00:01:12,840

this most unusual phenomenon.

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00:01:17,440 --> 00:01:20,280

Meet Ray Munoz of Austin, Texas.

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00:01:20,280 --> 00:01:22,800

Ray owns and operates his own auto-tinting shop

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00:01:22,800 --> 00:01:25,160

on the outskirts of town.

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00:01:25,160 --> 00:01:27,120

A rather ordinary job for a man who

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00:01:27,120 --> 00:01:30,920

claims to have had several extraordinary experiences.

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00:01:30,920 --> 00:01:34,560

Since he was nine, Ray says he's had five separate encounters

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00:01:34,560 --> 00:01:36,240

with UFOs.

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00:01:36,240 --> 00:01:41,600

As a result, Ray has now become a sort of local celebrity.

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00:01:41,600 --> 00:01:46,120

Because of all the experiences that I have or have had,

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00:01:46,120 --> 00:01:49,560

I thought it necessary for me to start looking into all of this.

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00:01:49,560 --> 00:01:51,440

So I started this show here in Austin,

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00:01:51,440 --> 00:01:54,680

this local cable access show called Project UFO.

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00:01:54,680 --> 00:01:55,180

I mean, what?

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00:01:55,180 --> 00:01:55,840

World Power.

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00:01:55,840 --> 00:01:56,920

That's kind of general.

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00:01:56,920 --> 00:01:58,760

Every week, Ray speaks to other people

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00:01:58,760 --> 00:02:01,960

who say they've had firsthand alien encounters.

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00:02:01,960 --> 00:02:04,720

In June of 1996, one of Ray's viewers

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00:02:04,720 --> 00:02:07,280

sent him this home video, which supposedly

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00:02:07,280 --> 00:02:10,000

shows an unidentified spacecraft in the sky

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00:02:10,000 --> 00:02:11,600

over Georgetown, Texas.

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00:02:11,600 --> 00:02:13,280

Man, look at that.

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00:02:13,280 --> 00:02:16,280

Is it UFO, man?

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00:02:16,280 --> 00:02:19,480

And on the video, you can see a radio station tower, which

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00:02:19,480 --> 00:02:21,160

has three red lights on it.

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00:02:21,160 --> 00:02:24,640

Right next to this tower is this huge UFO

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00:02:24,640 --> 00:02:26,600

that's just hovering there, like parked.

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00:02:26,600 --> 00:02:27,600

No.

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00:02:27,600 --> 00:02:28,600

Those ain't no airplanes.

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00:02:28,600 --> 00:02:29,720

They're getting close.

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00:02:29,720 --> 00:02:31,960

Several days after he received the tape,

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00:02:31,960 --> 00:02:36,480

Ray says some unexpected visitors showed up at his shop.

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00:02:36,480 --> 00:02:39,440

They were dressed in black suits, black ties,

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00:02:39,440 --> 00:02:42,760

the black glasses, the whole nine yards.

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00:02:42,760 --> 00:02:44,760

Mr. Munez?

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00:02:44,760 --> 00:02:45,600

Yes.

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00:02:45,600 --> 00:02:47,800

Great honor, Munez.

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00:02:47,800 --> 00:02:49,120

Yes.

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00:02:49,120 --> 00:02:51,080

I have a summons.

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00:02:51,080 --> 00:02:52,920

A summons?

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00:02:52,920 --> 00:02:54,720

Internal revenue service.

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00:02:54,720 --> 00:02:57,680

Am I being audited?

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00:02:57,680 --> 00:02:58,560

Just show up.

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00:03:03,600 --> 00:03:07,240

I showed the paper to my worker just for a moment,

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00:03:07,240 --> 00:03:09,680

because it looked official and everything.

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00:03:09,680 --> 00:03:13,000

Well, I walked back out to see where they had gone to,

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00:03:13,000 --> 00:03:16,520

and there wasn't anything out there.

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00:03:16,520 --> 00:03:21,600

There was no time for them to drive away in a car or walk away.

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00:03:21,600 --> 00:03:23,960

It was very strange.

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00:03:23,960 --> 00:03:26,120

Not wanting to take any chances, Ray

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00:03:26,120 --> 00:03:29,520

hurried to the downtown address listed on the summons.

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00:03:29,520 --> 00:03:33,240

There he claims he encountered another man in black.

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00:03:33,240 --> 00:03:36,960

I took my box of my papers and everything, all my text up,

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00:03:36,960 --> 00:03:39,000

and I laid it down on the guy's desk.

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00:03:39,000 --> 00:03:41,120

I said, well, here it is.

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00:03:41,120 --> 00:03:42,520

He looked at me and said, OK, thank you.

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00:03:42,520 --> 00:03:44,600

You can leave now.

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00:03:44,600 --> 00:03:46,960

I said, excuse me?

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00:03:46,960 --> 00:03:47,520

He said, thank you.

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00:03:47,520 --> 00:03:49,480

You can leave now.

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00:03:49,760 --> 00:03:52,000

And I said, aren't you going to look at my stuff?

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00:03:52,000 --> 00:03:52,880

He said, no, thank you.

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00:03:52,880 --> 00:03:53,800

You can leave now.

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00:03:56,800 --> 00:04:01,000

Ray says he returned home to find his video collection ransacked.

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00:04:01,000 --> 00:04:03,560

He now believes this was the reason for his visit

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00:04:03,560 --> 00:04:06,400

from the men in black.

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00:04:06,400 --> 00:04:09,720

They wanted me at a certain place at a certain time

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00:04:09,720 --> 00:04:13,320

so they could go to my house and look for that tape.

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00:04:13,320 --> 00:04:14,360

They didn't find the tape.

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00:04:14,360 --> 00:04:16,600

I still have the tape.

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00:04:16,600 --> 00:04:20,680

So it's either something that was government

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00:04:20,680 --> 00:04:23,840

that they didn't want people to know about, some new aircraft,

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00:04:23,840 --> 00:04:27,200

or it was a UFO that they don't want people to know about.

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00:04:30,400 --> 00:04:35,960

The men in black may be either a human intelligence operatives

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00:04:35,960 --> 00:04:38,680

working from deep level black book projects

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00:04:38,680 --> 00:04:42,360

that their entire agenda is to silence UFO witnesses

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00:04:42,360 --> 00:04:45,200

and experiencers to relating to the public what they may

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00:04:45,200 --> 00:04:46,560

have encountered.

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00:04:47,520 --> 00:04:55,080

There are also, I believe, men in black that are non-human in origin

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00:04:55,080 --> 00:04:59,200

who have taken upon themselves the job in order

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00:04:59,200 --> 00:05:01,560

to do the same thing that the human men in black are,

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00:05:01,560 --> 00:05:05,120

in other words, to silence or to control the output of information

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00:05:05,120 --> 00:05:07,160

regarding the UFO phenomenon.

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00:05:07,160 --> 00:05:10,840

I was feeling frightened.

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00:05:10,840 --> 00:05:14,520

I was concerned for my safety.

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00:05:14,880 --> 00:05:19,720

I felt a little bit harassed, if you can put it that way.

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00:05:19,720 --> 00:05:25,920

And I did not know what to expect, so I was on guard.

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00:05:25,920 --> 00:05:28,840

Colette Peters of San Juan Capistrano, California

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00:05:28,840 --> 00:05:31,320

is a highly accomplished figure skater who has garnered

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00:05:31,320 --> 00:05:33,640

several national awards.

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00:05:33,640 --> 00:05:35,560

Colette claims that during her life she's

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00:05:35,560 --> 00:05:39,520

had two UFO experiences and one unnerving encounter

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00:05:39,520 --> 00:05:42,680

with a man in black who she is certain was something

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00:05:42,680 --> 00:05:45,960

other than a man.

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00:05:45,960 --> 00:05:49,120

When I was approximately 19 or 20,

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00:05:49,120 --> 00:05:52,400

I was in New York City walking down one of the main avenues.

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00:05:52,400 --> 00:05:56,600

And I started to encounter a very, very bizarre feeling.

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00:05:56,600 --> 00:05:58,920

It was pure evil.

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00:05:58,920 --> 00:06:05,720

And when I looked up, what I saw was a very tall, lanky man

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00:06:05,720 --> 00:06:07,520

walking towards me.

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00:06:07,520 --> 00:06:10,880

But he seemed out of place and quite odd.

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00:06:10,920 --> 00:06:12,720

His skin, to me, did not look normal.

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00:06:12,720 --> 00:06:14,760

You couldn't see any facial hair

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00:06:14,760 --> 00:06:17,160

or if he had shaved or any imperfections.

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00:06:17,160 --> 00:06:20,280

It was a smooth, shiny, plastic-looking jaw.

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00:06:22,960 --> 00:06:28,560

Seemed to fit the criteria of what people call the men in black.

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00:06:28,560 --> 00:06:30,400

The only difference is, in my case,

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00:06:30,400 --> 00:06:33,080

they did not directly come up and threaten me.

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00:06:36,240 --> 00:06:39,520

I don't feel that he had conveyed any message to me

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00:06:39,520 --> 00:06:42,840

except by the presence that he kept.

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00:06:42,840 --> 00:06:47,800

The sinister, evil nature that generated from him

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00:06:47,800 --> 00:06:50,560

is the only way I could really describe it.

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00:06:50,560 --> 00:06:53,400

I think people have had genuine experiences, which

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00:06:53,400 --> 00:06:56,240

are anomalous and unusual.

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00:06:56,240 --> 00:06:58,600

It does not mean, however, that I think

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00:06:58,600 --> 00:07:02,400

that they are extraterrestrials that are telling them

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00:07:02,400 --> 00:07:05,040

to be quiet about something or what have you.

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00:07:05,160 --> 00:07:09,760

In my opinion, they are disinformation agents

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00:07:09,760 --> 00:07:12,200

using a combination of physical alteration

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00:07:12,200 --> 00:07:15,560

of their appearance with some of these electronics.

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00:07:15,560 --> 00:07:17,840

And these are electronic systems, which

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00:07:17,840 --> 00:07:21,880

have been reverse engineered from extraterrestrial devices.

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00:07:21,880 --> 00:07:26,680

And it is intended to simply set people off from looking

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00:07:26,680 --> 00:07:30,000

in the direction of what's really going on with the UFO

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00:07:30,000 --> 00:07:33,880

or extraterrestrial issue.

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00:07:33,880 --> 00:07:36,320

There is, of course, another possibility.

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00:07:36,320 --> 00:07:38,600

Skeptics have said that the men in black

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00:07:38,600 --> 00:07:41,920

are merely the product of a few overactive imaginations.

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00:07:46,240 --> 00:07:50,720

I'm a got to touch it, feel it, see it, type of person.

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00:07:50,720 --> 00:07:51,600

I was there.

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00:07:51,600 --> 00:07:52,720

I saw.

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00:07:52,720 --> 00:07:55,320

I felt.

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00:07:55,320 --> 00:08:01,320

You know, I mean, why would I put my life in danger for a lie?

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00:08:01,320 --> 00:08:03,080

I don't feel that it could have been a figment

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00:08:03,080 --> 00:08:07,480

in my imagination because of the physicality of it.

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00:08:07,480 --> 00:08:10,080

The feelings that I felt, I'm not talking

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00:08:10,080 --> 00:08:11,200

about emotional feelings.

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00:08:11,200 --> 00:08:15,080

I'm talking about the hair actually raising up on your skin.

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00:08:15,080 --> 00:08:18,040

It was quite unique.

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00:08:18,040 --> 00:08:19,320

It was something I'll never forget.

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00:08:26,080 --> 00:08:28,400

We asked the Air Force and the Department of Defense

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00:08:28,400 --> 00:08:32,160

if there were covert units that fit the MO of the men in black.

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00:08:32,160 --> 00:08:34,840

The Air Force issued a blanket denying.

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00:08:34,840 --> 00:08:38,160

The Department of Defense said we've never heard of such a thing.

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00:08:38,160 --> 00:08:40,440

Then added, you might try the Air Force.

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00:08:55,960 --> 00:08:58,000

The Canadian township of West Carleton

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00:08:58,000 --> 00:09:01,080

lies 40 miles north of the Canadian United States border

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00:09:01,080 --> 00:09:03,280

in the province of Ontario.

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00:09:03,280 --> 00:09:06,280

Life in West Carleton is usually unremarkable.

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00:09:06,280 --> 00:09:10,760

But late in 1991, one resident had an extraordinary experience.

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00:09:13,640 --> 00:09:17,080

On August 18, at around 10 PM, Diane Laboneck

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00:09:17,080 --> 00:09:19,200

had just put her children to bed.

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00:09:19,200 --> 00:09:21,120

Her husband was out running an errand

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00:09:21,120 --> 00:09:22,760

when the dogs began to howl.

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00:09:22,760 --> 00:09:29,040

I walked right to the window and I saw flames right on the back

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00:09:29,040 --> 00:09:34,640

of the field, extremely red flames and lots of smoke.

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00:09:34,640 --> 00:09:36,400

It didn't look like a fire.

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00:09:36,400 --> 00:09:39,360

I know what a fire looks like when you start a fire out there

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00:09:39,360 --> 00:09:40,840

and the grass was very dry.

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00:09:40,840 --> 00:09:43,320

So if you start a fire, you will see it moving,

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00:09:43,320 --> 00:09:45,560

whether this way or closer to the woods.

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00:09:45,560 --> 00:09:47,960

And the fire was standing on one spot only.

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00:09:52,760 --> 00:10:00,040

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00:10:00,040 --> 00:10:04,720

I saw a ship coming down close to the flames.

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00:10:04,720 --> 00:10:09,440

Right on top of the ship, I saw a blue flashing light.

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00:10:09,440 --> 00:10:12,760

And another light was on the bottom, very bright.

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00:10:12,760 --> 00:10:15,440

I didn't know what to do.

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00:10:15,440 --> 00:10:20,160

I was looking at it for about 10 minutes or so.

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00:10:20,160 --> 00:10:23,600

And then the ship went a little bit back over the trees

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00:10:23,600 --> 00:10:25,000

and it disappeared.

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00:10:25,000 --> 00:10:29,440

I saw all the flames turn out at the same time.

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00:10:29,440 --> 00:10:31,320

I don't think I'd like to see it again.

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00:10:31,320 --> 00:10:32,360

It's very scary.

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00:10:32,360 --> 00:10:34,200

I live here for many, many years

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00:10:34,200 --> 00:10:37,480

and I have never been so scared in my life.

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00:10:37,480 --> 00:10:40,760

It did enter my mind to phone the police.

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00:10:40,760 --> 00:10:43,440

When this was all over, I came to the telephone

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00:10:43,440 --> 00:10:45,320

but I said, what am I going to tell them?

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00:10:45,320 --> 00:10:48,240

I'm going to tell them I have seen flares out there

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00:10:48,320 --> 00:10:50,920

at 10 o'clock or past 10 o'clock at night

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00:10:50,920 --> 00:10:53,320

and there was a ship up there.

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00:10:53,320 --> 00:10:55,640

Who is going to say, OK, Diane, that's fine.

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00:10:55,640 --> 00:10:56,960

We're coming over.

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00:10:56,960 --> 00:10:59,560

So that's why I didn't call.

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00:11:02,560 --> 00:11:05,800

According to Labanek, 10 minutes after the mysterious lights

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00:11:05,800 --> 00:11:08,800

abruptly blinked out, a helicopter appeared,

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00:11:08,800 --> 00:11:11,280

just as unexpectedly.

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00:11:11,280 --> 00:11:13,520

The unmarked craft flew low to the ground

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00:11:13,520 --> 00:11:16,640

over the field where the unexplained lights had appeared.

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00:11:16,680 --> 00:11:19,960

After crisscrossing the area, it flew over Diane's house

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00:11:19,960 --> 00:11:21,320

and rushed off into the night.

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00:11:24,800 --> 00:11:26,920

At the crack of dawn, Diane Labanek

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00:11:26,920 --> 00:11:29,680

ran out to the empty fields which surround her house,

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00:11:29,680 --> 00:11:34,120

searching for evidence of the previous night's events.

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00:11:34,120 --> 00:11:35,160

I searched everything.

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00:11:35,160 --> 00:11:36,720

There was no marks.

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00:11:36,720 --> 00:11:37,720

There was no spots.

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00:11:37,720 --> 00:11:38,760

There was no matches.

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00:11:38,760 --> 00:11:41,120

There was just nothing.

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00:11:41,120 --> 00:11:45,840

The only person I told is my mom and my husband.

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00:11:45,840 --> 00:11:48,760

The 1991 sighting was a second unusual event

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00:11:48,760 --> 00:11:52,080

Diane Labanek had witnessed in West Carleton.

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00:11:52,080 --> 00:11:54,440

In 1989, she was one of several residents

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00:11:54,440 --> 00:11:57,120

who observed a sudden explosion of extraordinarily brilliant

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00:11:57,120 --> 00:11:59,680

light over a nearby swamp.

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00:11:59,680 --> 00:12:02,960

Labanek might have remained silent about the 1991 episode,

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00:12:02,960 --> 00:12:05,520

if not for this controversial videotape, which

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00:12:05,520 --> 00:12:07,040

seems to verify her account.

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00:12:09,640 --> 00:12:13,480

In February of 1992, six months after Labanek's sighting,

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00:12:13,480 --> 00:12:16,240

a package from Canada arrived at the Edgewater Maryland

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00:12:16,240 --> 00:12:20,080

office of Bob Exler, a former NASA mission specialist.

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00:12:20,080 --> 00:12:24,320

Exler is now a well-known UFO researcher.

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00:12:24,320 --> 00:12:26,840

The package had no return address.

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00:12:26,840 --> 00:12:30,920

Inside were documents, pictures, a map, and the videotape,

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00:12:30,920 --> 00:12:36,360

all pertaining to the 1991 incident at West Carleton.

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00:12:36,360 --> 00:12:40,440

Most unusual, there seemed to be somewhat of a symbol

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00:12:40,440 --> 00:12:41,800

with regard to the videotape.

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00:12:41,800 --> 00:12:44,640

On the label was the name Guardian,

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00:12:44,640 --> 00:12:48,160

and it was accompanied by a fingerprint.

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00:12:48,160 --> 00:12:50,480

Guardian, to me, was an enigma.

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00:12:50,480 --> 00:12:53,920

Certainly nothing I had heard about in the UFO literature.

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00:12:53,920 --> 00:12:59,400

So it was a mystery starting from scratch.

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00:12:59,400 --> 00:13:02,680

At the time, Exler was unaware of Labanek's sighting,

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00:13:02,680 --> 00:13:04,880

but he would later find that the video depicted

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00:13:04,880 --> 00:13:07,400

what she has reported was stunning accuracy.

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00:13:11,920 --> 00:13:14,600

The tape showed a cluster of brightly burning red flame

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00:13:14,600 --> 00:13:16,240

similar to flares.

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00:13:16,240 --> 00:13:19,160

To the right, hovered a dark, disk-like object,

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00:13:19,160 --> 00:13:22,720

emitting a bright glow from its underside.

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00:13:22,720 --> 00:13:26,080

The object was capped by a rapidly strobing blue light.

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00:13:26,080 --> 00:13:29,640

It is among the most convincing documentations of a UFO

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00:13:29,640 --> 00:13:32,160

Exler had seen in his 12 years of research.

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00:13:35,240 --> 00:13:37,120

It was clearly a disk-looking shape.

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00:13:37,120 --> 00:13:39,840

We could resolve that because the flashing light on top

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00:13:39,840 --> 00:13:44,040

would reflect off of the curved surface of the disk.

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00:13:44,040 --> 00:13:47,680

I got a sense initially that this was a real event occurring

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00:13:47,680 --> 00:13:52,480

in a field as opposed to some prop set up in a room somewhere.

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00:13:52,480 --> 00:13:56,640

It had such an extraordinary amount of luminosity

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00:13:56,640 --> 00:13:59,000

characteristic to it that I kind of

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00:13:59,000 --> 00:14:01,400

had a sense I might be dealing with something that

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00:14:01,400 --> 00:14:05,160

was potentially authentic here.

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00:14:05,160 --> 00:14:07,080

The map set with the videotape shows

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00:14:07,080 --> 00:14:08,800

the area of West Carleton, Canada,

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00:14:08,840 --> 00:14:11,680

as a location where the tape had been made.

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00:14:11,680 --> 00:14:15,080

Extra wet to West Carleton, along with UFO researcher,

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00:14:15,080 --> 00:14:17,160

Graham Lightfoot.

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00:14:17,160 --> 00:14:21,440

Diane, can you tell us exactly what you saw that night?

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00:14:21,440 --> 00:14:23,560

Together, they interviewed Diane Labanek,

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00:14:23,560 --> 00:14:26,720

whom Lightfoot had met when he investigated her 1989

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00:14:26,720 --> 00:14:28,600

sighting.

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00:14:28,600 --> 00:14:31,280

Yes, I've seen a bright light.

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00:14:31,280 --> 00:14:32,600

What time of the day was this?

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00:14:32,600 --> 00:14:33,680

This was at night, eh?

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00:14:33,680 --> 00:14:34,840

Yes, it was at night.

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00:14:34,840 --> 00:14:37,120

I would say about 10 o'clock.

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00:14:37,120 --> 00:14:40,240

To their surprise, Labanek described exactly what

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00:14:40,240 --> 00:14:45,000

the two researchers had seen on Guardian's videotape.

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00:14:45,000 --> 00:14:48,040

When we talked to Diane about the sighting,

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00:14:48,040 --> 00:14:50,480

asked her had she seen anything,

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00:14:50,480 --> 00:14:55,600

her description was so vivid that it's something

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00:14:55,600 --> 00:14:58,040

I didn't think she could have made up.

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00:14:58,040 --> 00:14:59,240

She had not seen a tape.

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00:14:59,240 --> 00:15:01,760

She had no idea what we knew.

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00:15:01,760 --> 00:15:03,920

And yet she was able to describe things

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00:15:03,920 --> 00:15:06,680

that we already knew from the tape.

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00:15:06,680 --> 00:15:12,120

And when he showed me the tape, it was exactly what I've seen.

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00:15:12,120 --> 00:15:16,440

And it was still scary for me, but at least I

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00:15:16,440 --> 00:15:19,680

had something to go by, something that

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00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:23,240

know I can tell the people, because know I have little bit

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00:15:23,240 --> 00:15:24,720

more evidence.

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00:15:24,720 --> 00:15:27,440

That's one of the clearest videos I've seen at show,

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00:15:27,440 --> 00:15:29,360

a structured object.

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00:15:29,360 --> 00:15:33,240

Dr. Bruce McAbee, a US Navy physicist and photoanalyst,

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00:15:33,240 --> 00:15:36,080

has studied UFOs for years.

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00:15:36,080 --> 00:15:39,000

Here's the beacon light, the blue light evidently,

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00:15:39,000 --> 00:15:41,080

a reflection down here on the body of the craft,

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00:15:41,080 --> 00:15:44,160

the outline of the object itself that you can see,

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00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:46,880

some sort of dark lines that appear,

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00:15:46,880 --> 00:15:49,440

some brightness structure indicating something

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00:15:49,440 --> 00:15:51,720

generating light is hanging down below the object.

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00:15:51,720 --> 00:15:54,400

It's generating green light as well as blue light.

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00:15:54,400 --> 00:15:56,160

Probably there is other structure in here,

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00:15:56,160 --> 00:16:00,000

which however the glare from this bright light is blurring out.

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00:16:00,000 --> 00:16:03,080

Dr. McAbee, who believes the tape is not a hoax,

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00:16:03,080 --> 00:16:07,080

was particularly intrigued by the bright strobing light.

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00:16:07,080 --> 00:16:09,960

Now first of all, it's an unusual one because it's blue,

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00:16:09,960 --> 00:16:11,480

and it's very fast.

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00:16:11,480 --> 00:16:14,600

It was running about seven cycles per second.

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00:16:14,600 --> 00:16:17,760

This is much faster than ordinary flashing beacons

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00:16:17,760 --> 00:16:18,760

on aircraft, for example.

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00:16:18,760 --> 00:16:21,160

It typically run about one flash per second,

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00:16:21,160 --> 00:16:23,720

or maybe two flashes per second.

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00:16:23,720 --> 00:16:27,240

The section of the video which shows the object just sort

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00:16:27,240 --> 00:16:31,840

of appearing over a rise is quite convincing to me,

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00:16:31,840 --> 00:16:34,800

as it would be what you would expect if somebody were

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00:16:34,800 --> 00:16:37,280

in the field trying to get closer to it,

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00:16:37,280 --> 00:16:42,280

and not knowing how close he could get.

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00:16:42,280 --> 00:16:44,680

And so he turns on his camera while he's walking.

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00:16:44,680 --> 00:16:46,560

He knows he's going to come up over a rise and see it,

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00:16:46,560 --> 00:16:48,680

and you can see in the video farther and farther down

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00:16:48,680 --> 00:16:52,280

until you see the whole device.

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00:16:52,280 --> 00:16:54,440

Suddenly the light coming towards him gets brighter

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00:16:54,440 --> 00:16:57,080

and brighter, you get a great big diffuse reflection

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00:16:57,080 --> 00:16:59,200

or image in the camera, which suggests to me

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00:16:59,200 --> 00:17:05,280

that this object shine a beam, a blue beam right at him.

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00:17:05,280 --> 00:17:07,600

Dr. Maccabee estimated the unknown object

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00:17:07,600 --> 00:17:10,400

to be 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

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00:17:10,400 --> 00:17:13,200

According to Echslur, the object's apparent size

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00:17:13,200 --> 00:17:16,760

argues against it being a hoax.

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00:17:16,760 --> 00:17:19,960

It appeared to be so large that it would not

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00:17:19,960 --> 00:17:25,040

be logical to try to set all this up at night under darkness.

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00:17:25,040 --> 00:17:27,840

There would have been evidence during the day of movement,

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00:17:28,080 --> 00:17:30,480

generators of somebody hauling cables,

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00:17:30,480 --> 00:17:33,880

maybe a big apparatus or something,

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00:17:33,880 --> 00:17:38,600

that they would have had to bring in there for that night.

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00:17:38,600 --> 00:17:42,120

Clearly, if there was a hoax involved,

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00:17:42,120 --> 00:17:46,600

Diane would have seen evidence of it in advance.

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00:17:46,600 --> 00:17:48,760

Audio analysis of the tape revealed only

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00:17:48,760 --> 00:17:51,880

the distant barking of dogs, perhaps those reported

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00:17:51,880 --> 00:17:53,040

by Diane Labanek.

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00:17:54,040 --> 00:17:56,280

The craft itself seemed to be silent.

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00:17:56,280 --> 00:17:59,160

There was no audible trace of power generators,

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00:17:59,160 --> 00:18:01,240

which if the object was staged would

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00:18:01,240 --> 00:18:03,680

have been necessary to run its massive lights.

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00:18:06,280 --> 00:18:09,720

Dr. Robert Nathan of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

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00:18:09,720 --> 00:18:12,760

reviewed the tape in a non-official capacity.

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00:18:12,760 --> 00:18:15,240

Dr. Nathan could not explain the images,

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00:18:15,240 --> 00:18:18,600

nor could he categorically dismiss the tape as a hoax.

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00:18:19,600 --> 00:18:22,840

In a puzzling coincidence, low-flying helicopters

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00:18:22,840 --> 00:18:25,040

are cruised over West Carlton regularly

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00:18:25,040 --> 00:18:27,720

since the August 91 incident.

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00:18:27,720 --> 00:18:30,560

According to Labanek and other local residents,

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00:18:30,560 --> 00:18:34,400

the helicopters are black, green, or maroon in color.

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00:18:34,400 --> 00:18:38,320

They are unmarked with darkly-tended windblows.

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00:18:38,320 --> 00:18:41,960

The Canadian military denies any involvement in this incident.

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00:18:41,960 --> 00:18:44,840

The American military is not aware of the fact

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00:18:44,840 --> 00:18:48,000

that the American military is not aware of the fact

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00:18:48,880 --> 00:18:50,560

where the helicopters come from,

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00:18:50,560 --> 00:18:55,240

what they are searching for remains a mystery.

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00:18:55,240 --> 00:19:00,360

The helicopters that are used in this area of Canada

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00:19:00,360 --> 00:19:04,760

do not fly low in that area.

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00:19:04,760 --> 00:19:08,440

We have designated flying training areas about 30 miles

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00:19:08,440 --> 00:19:09,160

west of here.

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00:19:09,160 --> 00:19:11,000

We also have them north.

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00:19:11,000 --> 00:19:12,480

Therefore, there are no requirements

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00:19:12,480 --> 00:19:14,840

for our military helicopters to go and fly

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00:19:14,840 --> 00:19:17,440

near private citizens' property like that.

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00:19:17,440 --> 00:19:21,520

Either this is one extraordinary elaborate hoax,

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00:19:21,520 --> 00:19:25,400

a military operation on private property,

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00:19:25,400 --> 00:19:29,400

or something that's very unusual in the UFO category,

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00:19:29,400 --> 00:19:32,840

something suggesting perhaps non-human technology.

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00:19:38,320 --> 00:19:40,680

The key to the entire episode lies with a person

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00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:43,320

using the name Guardian, the presence

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00:19:43,320 --> 00:19:47,000

of this mysterious informant in a remote field late at night

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00:19:47,040 --> 00:19:50,800

with video camera in hand just in time for a UFO sighting

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00:19:50,800 --> 00:19:54,520

can hardly be ascribed to luck.

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00:19:54,520 --> 00:19:57,360

According to Bob Axler, whether the event was real

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00:19:57,360 --> 00:20:00,320

or an elaborate hoax, Guardian had prior knowledge

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00:20:00,320 --> 00:20:02,920

that it was going to happen.

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00:20:02,920 --> 00:20:06,960

I think Guardian has to be connected to the event in some

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00:20:06,960 --> 00:20:07,840

way.

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00:20:07,840 --> 00:20:13,600

I don't see any way Guardian could have just happened onto this.

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00:20:13,600 --> 00:20:17,600

I don't see Guardian as a UFO investigator.

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00:20:17,600 --> 00:20:21,720

Guardian is much more involved in this than the evidence

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00:20:21,720 --> 00:20:26,080

even suggests, in my opinion.

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00:20:26,080 --> 00:20:29,800

Virtually nothing is known about Guardian's true identity.

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00:20:29,800 --> 00:20:31,520

Curiously, the secretive informant

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00:20:31,520 --> 00:20:34,320

is contacted UFO researchers only in connection

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00:20:34,320 --> 00:20:37,600

with the two sightings reported by Diane Labanek and others

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00:20:37,600 --> 00:20:40,200

in West Carlton.

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00:20:40,200 --> 00:20:44,000

When we started looking into the events,

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00:20:44,000 --> 00:20:47,200

it would be simple to say that it was a hoax

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00:20:47,200 --> 00:20:50,400

because Diane was involved in both of them.

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00:20:50,400 --> 00:20:54,960

But when you get to know Diane and see the way she lives

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00:20:54,960 --> 00:20:57,240

and the circumstance, it's apparent

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00:20:57,240 --> 00:21:00,320

that she wasn't involved in any way other than being

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00:21:00,320 --> 00:21:03,280

an observer.

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00:21:03,280 --> 00:21:05,240

But purported military documents that

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00:21:05,240 --> 00:21:07,800

arrived with a videotape raised serious questions

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00:21:07,800 --> 00:21:10,040

about Guardian's credibility.

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00:21:10,040 --> 00:21:12,440

Among other preposterous claims, the papers

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00:21:12,440 --> 00:21:16,000

allege far-reaching conspiracies involving UFOs,

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00:21:16,000 --> 00:21:19,680

red China, and nuclear weapons.

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00:21:19,680 --> 00:21:21,280

There was some question immediately

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00:21:21,280 --> 00:21:24,560

with regard to the authenticity of the documentation.

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00:21:24,560 --> 00:21:28,200

It didn't look like it was a typical government document,

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00:21:28,200 --> 00:21:30,280

even Canadian government documents of which

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00:21:30,280 --> 00:21:32,320

I had no familiarity at the time.

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00:21:32,320 --> 00:21:34,720

This document is clearly a fabrication.

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00:21:34,720 --> 00:21:38,600

There are way too many errors in the document

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00:21:38,600 --> 00:21:40,440

to make it authentic.

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00:21:40,440 --> 00:21:44,560

Someone with very little effort could have come a lot closer

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00:21:44,560 --> 00:21:46,960

than this.

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00:21:46,960 --> 00:21:50,000

Also included on the videotape are obscure images,

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00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:54,520

which Guardian claimed show an alien being.

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00:21:54,520 --> 00:21:58,640

Clearly, this could have been someone dressed up in a costume.

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00:21:58,640 --> 00:22:01,240

But that posed a major question.

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00:22:01,240 --> 00:22:06,480

If, in fact, the video images of the disc were authentic,

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00:22:06,480 --> 00:22:11,920

why would anyone contaminate such an extraordinary event

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00:22:11,920 --> 00:22:14,960

with fake images of alien creatures?

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00:22:17,680 --> 00:22:20,960

In spite of the dubious images and questionable documents,

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00:22:20,960 --> 00:22:24,000

many experts believe that the event shown on the tape

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00:22:24,000 --> 00:22:25,360

did indeed take place.

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00:22:29,680 --> 00:22:32,000

What really happened in the fields of West Carlton?

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00:22:36,640 --> 00:22:38,160

In the wake of its brief appearance

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00:22:38,160 --> 00:22:41,880

during the summer of 1991, the strange luminous object

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00:22:41,880 --> 00:22:43,840

left only questions.

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00:22:43,840 --> 00:22:46,920

Questions perhaps the person called Guardian alone

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00:22:46,920 --> 00:22:48,920

can answer.

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00:22:48,920 --> 00:22:53,240

This is either an extraordinary top secret flying vehicle

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00:22:53,240 --> 00:23:00,240

of somebody's government, or it is of a non-human origin.

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00:23:00,240 --> 00:23:02,960

Having no contact with Guardian is probably

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00:23:02,960 --> 00:23:05,880

the biggest frustration to an investigation like this.

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00:23:05,920 --> 00:23:10,640

We don't know who Guardian is, what Guardian represents.

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00:23:10,640 --> 00:23:16,840

We don't know if Guardian was sent or went on his own.

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00:23:16,840 --> 00:23:21,240

We have no idea what the solutions to many of these mysteries

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00:23:21,240 --> 00:23:22,920

are going to be.

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00:23:22,920 --> 00:23:23,760

We may never know.

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00:23:23,760 --> 00:23:39,840

Stonehenge, the great megalithic monument in southern England.

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00:23:39,840 --> 00:23:42,360

Stonehenge is only one of hundreds of such monuments

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00:23:42,360 --> 00:23:45,000

scattered throughout Britain.

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00:23:45,000 --> 00:23:46,960

For centuries, these puzzling formations

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00:23:46,960 --> 00:23:49,480

have baffled scientists and laymen alike.

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00:23:49,480 --> 00:23:52,200

But recently, scientists have identified another phenomenon

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00:23:52,200 --> 00:23:55,400

that may relate to the mysterious British monuments,

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00:23:55,400 --> 00:23:56,400

wheat circles.

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00:23:59,880 --> 00:24:02,800

This photograph was taken recently in England.

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00:24:02,800 --> 00:24:04,600

It shows circles and wheat fields.

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00:24:04,600 --> 00:24:06,360

Seems simple enough.

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00:24:06,360 --> 00:24:08,760

But in fact, they are not simple at all.

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00:24:08,760 --> 00:24:12,240

No one knows how these enigmatic circles got there.

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00:24:12,240 --> 00:24:15,120

Molded gently from unbroken stalks of wheat and corn,

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00:24:15,120 --> 00:24:17,800

they may just represent one of the most intriguing unsolved

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00:24:17,800 --> 00:24:20,040

mysteries of the century.

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00:24:20,040 --> 00:24:24,200

Nearly 95% of the circles occur within 30 miles of Stonehenge.

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00:24:24,200 --> 00:24:26,160

And all the rest are near other stone monuments

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00:24:26,160 --> 00:24:28,080

similar to Stonehenge.

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00:24:28,080 --> 00:24:29,400

Are the circles caused by something

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00:24:29,400 --> 00:24:31,880

we can explain, like whirlwinds?

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00:24:31,880 --> 00:24:33,800

Or are they caused by something we cannot even

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00:24:33,800 --> 00:24:35,120

begin to understand?

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00:24:40,600 --> 00:24:44,800

Charity down, a farm two hours drive from London, England.

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00:24:44,800 --> 00:24:47,840

In the early morning hours of June 15, 1988,

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00:24:47,880 --> 00:24:50,920

37-year-old farmer Chris Wood slowly drove a tractor

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00:24:50,920 --> 00:24:54,440

through one of his wheat fields.

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00:24:54,440 --> 00:24:56,800

Just after sunrise, he saw something in the field

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00:24:56,800 --> 00:24:58,080

that he had never seen before.

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00:25:01,320 --> 00:25:02,760

He couldn't explain it.

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00:25:02,760 --> 00:25:04,840

A huge circle had appeared in the wheat.

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00:25:08,200 --> 00:25:11,680

It's really, really amazing how the actual crop was laying

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00:25:11,680 --> 00:25:12,920

on the ground.

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00:25:12,920 --> 00:25:15,120

And it was so, so perfect, really.

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00:25:17,840 --> 00:25:19,720

The circle Chris Wood found that morning

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00:25:19,720 --> 00:25:21,480

has never been explained.

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00:25:21,480 --> 00:25:25,400

During the last 12 years, more than 750 large, perfectly

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00:25:25,400 --> 00:25:28,240

symmetrical circles, some of them as big as 100 yards

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00:25:28,240 --> 00:25:31,720

in diameter, have formed overnight in seemingly random fields

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00:25:31,720 --> 00:25:35,440

of wheat, corn, and other crops.

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00:25:35,440 --> 00:25:37,520

The question no one can answer is,

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00:25:37,520 --> 00:25:39,080

how did the circles get there?

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00:25:44,120 --> 00:25:46,080

The most wonderful thing about it

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00:25:46,080 --> 00:25:49,400

is when you actually go out the night before to look

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00:25:49,400 --> 00:25:51,280

for a circle, and there's nothing there.

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00:25:51,280 --> 00:25:53,880

It's just a lovely field of growing corn.

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00:25:53,880 --> 00:25:55,320

And then the following morning, when

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00:25:55,320 --> 00:25:58,360

you get up early in the morning in the first light of day,

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00:25:58,360 --> 00:26:01,400

and suddenly there is the circle, you just can't believe it.

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00:26:04,320 --> 00:26:05,840

The circles are never cut.

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00:26:05,840 --> 00:26:07,880

They are pressed down in a swirling pattern

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00:26:07,880 --> 00:26:11,880

that runs both clockwise and counterclockwise.

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00:26:11,880 --> 00:26:13,680

The crop is not damaged.

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00:26:13,680 --> 00:26:16,800

It continues to grow and can be harvested normally.

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00:26:16,800 --> 00:26:20,240

Strangely, no unusual footprints or tire tracks leading up

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00:26:20,240 --> 00:26:22,560

to the circles have ever been found.

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00:26:22,560 --> 00:26:25,880

Some circles occur with a smaller satellite circle.

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00:26:25,880 --> 00:26:28,840

Others appear in groups of three or four.

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00:26:28,840 --> 00:26:31,160

Intricate symmetrical patterns like this one

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00:26:31,160 --> 00:26:33,760

have five small circles arranged around the larger one

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00:26:33,760 --> 00:26:36,000

in a cross pattern.

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00:26:36,000 --> 00:26:39,440

Other circles are surrounded by concentric rings.

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00:26:39,440 --> 00:26:41,080

Most amazing of all are the circles

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00:26:41,080 --> 00:26:42,960

with both satellites and rings.

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00:26:46,680 --> 00:26:50,520

We've got a flare here, a radial flare here.

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00:26:50,520 --> 00:26:52,400

And of course, by moving the axis,

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00:26:52,400 --> 00:26:54,840

you've got the opposite coming in from the other end.

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00:26:54,840 --> 00:26:55,340

That's right.

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00:26:55,340 --> 00:26:58,560

And that seems to be the heart of all these spirals,

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00:26:58,560 --> 00:27:00,120

whether it's a pluripotent.

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00:27:00,120 --> 00:27:03,280

Pat Delgado, an electromechanical design engineer,

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00:27:03,280 --> 00:27:05,000

has written a book about the circles,

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00:27:05,000 --> 00:27:07,200

along with Colin Andrews.

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00:27:07,200 --> 00:27:10,600

The two men have spent over a decade studying the phenomenon.

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00:27:11,480 --> 00:27:12,640

There you go.

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00:27:12,640 --> 00:27:16,840

The number of circles are increasing dramatically.

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00:27:16,840 --> 00:27:21,160

We were receiving reports in the order of two or three a year

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00:27:21,160 --> 00:27:28,200

in the late 70s, 10, 11, 12, 15 or so in the early 80s.

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00:27:28,200 --> 00:27:31,920

Then last year, we saw a dramatic increase,

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00:27:31,920 --> 00:27:36,440

98 circles in five months of last summer.

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00:27:36,440 --> 00:27:40,440

This year, we have now got in southern England

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00:27:40,480 --> 00:27:43,240

270 formations.

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00:27:43,240 --> 00:27:48,000

And we have fields in which we don't have five or six,

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:53,080

but 28 of these circles have appeared in a period of four

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00:27:53,080 --> 00:27:55,480

or five weeks.

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00:27:55,480 --> 00:27:57,760

They occur in all weather conditions.

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00:27:57,760 --> 00:28:01,520

We have found no correlation in meteorological data at all

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00:28:01,520 --> 00:28:05,280

to connect them with any particular meteorological weather

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00:28:05,280 --> 00:28:08,880

condition or weather phenomenon.

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00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:13,840

We have invited many professional scientists

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00:28:13,840 --> 00:28:18,480

of various disciplines to help us in this investigation.

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00:28:18,480 --> 00:28:21,240

And quite rightly so, they start off

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00:28:21,240 --> 00:28:25,360

with considering that it could be a hoax.

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00:28:25,360 --> 00:28:28,760

One of the scientists, respected astronomer Dr. Archibald Roy

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00:28:28,760 --> 00:28:30,720

of Glasgow University in Scotland,

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00:28:30,720 --> 00:28:35,080

began studying the circles in 1980.

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No one really knows why these circles are appearing.

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00:28:38,680 --> 00:28:40,320

And I think that the interesting thing

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00:28:40,320 --> 00:28:46,120

is that no one theory so far seems to fit the bill.

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There are quite a number of them.

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There is the frankly unacceptable one of circles

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being formed by hundreds of hedgehogs all marching

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around in circles.

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Another one is that they are the foot pad marks of flying

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00:29:03,040 --> 00:29:04,360

saucers.

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Another is that they are due to the downdrafts of helicopters

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00:29:08,920 --> 00:29:11,880

or that they are caused by whirlwinds

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or that they are hoaxes by human beings.

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There are so many of them.

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I think that it's very reasonable for a person to say,

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look, these are hoaxes because they look so artificial.

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But I don't think that the hoax theory can be held very

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strongly because there are so many of these circles.

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Now in eight or nine years, it's logged about 700, 250

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00:29:34,840 --> 00:29:37,160

this year, this summer alone.

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00:29:37,160 --> 00:29:39,280

The amount of time that have to be spent

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00:29:39,280 --> 00:29:42,800

by a very big team of people making those circles

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00:29:42,800 --> 00:29:45,200

is getting quite enormous.

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I simply don't see the hoax theory

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00:29:48,160 --> 00:29:49,880

as a very strong contender.

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As part of a televised experiment,

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British military personnel attempted

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00:29:57,520 --> 00:30:01,000

to create an artificial crop circle.

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In all instances where something mechanical is used

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00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:07,960

to flatten the crop, you will damage it.

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00:30:07,960 --> 00:30:12,640

And we can walk into a circle and very, very quickly

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00:30:12,640 --> 00:30:16,800

determine whether it's hoaxed, that is mechanically made,

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00:30:16,800 --> 00:30:21,160

or it is a naturally created one.

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00:30:21,160 --> 00:30:24,200

When we examine a naturally made circle,

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00:30:24,200 --> 00:30:27,400

the portion of plant that just comes out of the ground

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00:30:27,440 --> 00:30:32,240

must be softened, bent over, and then hardened up again.

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00:30:32,240 --> 00:30:36,800

So not only is a mystery in the circle itself,

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00:30:36,800 --> 00:30:42,120

but what is it that is softening the plants, bending it over,

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00:30:42,120 --> 00:30:43,840

and then hardening up again?

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00:30:43,840 --> 00:30:47,600

This is a real mystery.

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If the circles are not a hoax, what is creating them?

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Several theories have been put forward and discarded.

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There is no evidence of a fungus or other natural organic

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cause.

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Aerial infrared photography has shown

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that there are no underground formations,

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00:31:02,600 --> 00:31:05,200

neither sinkholes nor rocks nor foundations

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00:31:05,200 --> 00:31:08,840

of ancient buildings that might create the patterns.

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Some scientists have theorized that whirlwind vortexes might

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create the circles.

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But other scientists, as well as farmers,

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00:31:15,280 --> 00:31:16,720

believe that whirlwinds could not

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00:31:16,720 --> 00:31:21,120

create such neat, punched out shapes.

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00:31:21,120 --> 00:31:23,080

Regardless of what causes the circles,

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they all seem to form overnight.

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Their appearances often linked, after the fact,

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to sightings of bright lights in the night sky.

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One such sighting occurred on July 6, 1985,

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when Pat and Jack Collins were driving through a stretch

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of farmland near Stonehenge.

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00:31:40,600 --> 00:31:45,240

We'd been out for the evening, and on our way back,

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00:31:45,240 --> 00:31:52,720

about 11 o'clock at night, we saw this circle with lights

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00:31:52,720 --> 00:31:54,120

all the way around the edge.

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00:31:54,120 --> 00:31:56,640

He said, cool, look at that.

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00:31:56,640 --> 00:31:57,840

I said, good gracious.

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00:31:57,840 --> 00:31:59,640

I said, whatever can it be?

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00:31:59,640 --> 00:32:05,320

And so we said, it couldn't be a flying saucer or anything,

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00:32:05,320 --> 00:32:07,920

because, well, not knowing what one would look like,

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00:32:07,920 --> 00:32:15,840

but I mean, it was our feelings that it could have been one.

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Colin Andrews believes that the colored lights Jack and Pat

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00:32:18,720 --> 00:32:21,800

saw in the night sky were related to two different sets

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00:32:21,880 --> 00:32:24,200

of crop circles.

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00:32:24,200 --> 00:32:27,960

The same night as they saw this extraordinary clustering

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00:32:27,960 --> 00:32:31,960

of lights over that site, a quintuplet set

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00:32:31,960 --> 00:32:36,800

appeared in a field just a few miles to the east near Oldsford.

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00:32:36,800 --> 00:32:40,280

And the same kind of formation was found just a few days later

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00:32:40,280 --> 00:32:43,080

in a very remote spot south of Andover.

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00:32:43,080 --> 00:32:45,360

And the alignment of those two sites

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00:32:45,360 --> 00:32:49,520

took us directly over the top of the Collins' particular

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00:32:49,520 --> 00:32:51,200

sighting.

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00:32:51,560 --> 00:32:52,960

Having said that, we haven't actually

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seen one of these this year.

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In an attempt to find out how, in fact, a crop circle does

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form, 50 British scientists convened last summer

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00:33:01,000 --> 00:33:04,320

for a surveillance operation.

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00:33:04,320 --> 00:33:07,120

We have been told so many times that all these circles

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are hawksies.

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00:33:08,360 --> 00:33:11,960

And so all we had to do was to find one circle created

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00:33:11,960 --> 00:33:15,240

in circumstances where no human beings were around

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00:33:15,240 --> 00:33:17,000

to disprove that theory.

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And so we set up a watch with electronic equipment,

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00:33:20,280 --> 00:33:23,680

video cameras, light and densification, and so on,

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00:33:23,680 --> 00:33:28,080

for eight days and nights on a field where circles had appeared

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00:33:28,080 --> 00:33:30,480

most years out of the past, eight or nine.

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00:33:30,480 --> 00:33:33,400

And we hoped that a circle would appear

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00:33:33,400 --> 00:33:35,760

under those circumstances.

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It didn't.

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00:33:37,000 --> 00:33:40,960

And the fascinating thing to me is that during the eight days

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00:33:40,960 --> 00:33:44,400

of the watch on that field, not only did no circle appear

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00:33:44,400 --> 00:33:46,960

in that field, but as far as we know,

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00:33:46,960 --> 00:33:49,960

no circles appeared elsewhere in the south of England,

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00:33:49,960 --> 00:33:53,640

although the 91 had appeared before the watch was set up.

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00:33:53,640 --> 00:33:55,680

And since the watch has been set up,

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00:33:55,680 --> 00:33:59,360

something like 150 have appeared.

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00:33:59,360 --> 00:34:03,480

I think it's almost certain that whatever is creating

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00:34:03,480 --> 00:34:07,360

the circles was aware of the watch.

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00:34:07,360 --> 00:34:11,360

And that means that there must be some sort of intelligence

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00:34:11,360 --> 00:34:12,720

at work.

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00:34:12,720 --> 00:34:15,880

And of course, then you say, well, what is it?

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00:34:15,880 --> 00:34:19,640

And I haven't a faintest idea.

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00:34:19,640 --> 00:34:22,320

That's a terrible noise, just as you stand in the center.

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00:34:22,320 --> 00:34:23,760

You're getting a noise there.

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00:34:23,760 --> 00:34:25,280

Very, very bad.

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00:34:25,280 --> 00:34:27,040

Although no crop circles formed,

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00:34:27,040 --> 00:34:30,040

the project did produce one significant finding.

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00:34:30,040 --> 00:34:32,760

And I was coming and going as you move.

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00:34:32,760 --> 00:34:35,360

Well, what happened was that Pat and myself

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00:34:35,360 --> 00:34:39,360

were being interviewed in the largest circle we'd ever seen

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00:34:39,360 --> 00:34:43,640

when the sound man detected an electronic warbling noise

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00:34:43,640 --> 00:34:46,960

which came onto the sound equipment.

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00:34:46,960 --> 00:34:47,760

I know what it did.

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00:34:47,760 --> 00:34:48,760

I could feel it.

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00:34:49,640 --> 00:34:53,040

And Pat, who was stood just off of the center

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00:34:53,040 --> 00:34:55,320

of the formation inside the circle,

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00:34:55,320 --> 00:34:59,040

could actually physically feel an energy field right

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00:34:59,040 --> 00:34:59,840

alongside him.

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00:35:03,360 --> 00:35:05,440

When he stepped into that energy field,

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00:35:05,440 --> 00:35:06,720

the noise picked right up.

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00:35:06,720 --> 00:35:12,000

And when Pat stood out of the barrier, it diminished.

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00:35:12,000 --> 00:35:13,520

It was very extraordinary.

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00:35:13,520 --> 00:35:15,400

It is very significant.

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We do now have a noise component associated

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00:35:19,040 --> 00:35:21,920

with this extraordinary phenomenon.

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00:35:21,920 --> 00:35:24,080

There has to date been no photographic evidence

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00:35:24,080 --> 00:35:26,800

of circles occurring outside Britain,

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00:35:26,800 --> 00:35:29,400

but experts speculate that there might be crop circles

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00:35:29,400 --> 00:35:31,640

in other countries.

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00:35:31,640 --> 00:35:34,840

We would ask any farmer, any landowner, any member

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00:35:34,840 --> 00:35:38,560

of the public, military or otherwise, in America,

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00:35:38,560 --> 00:35:42,200

to report sightings of these extraordinary ground markings

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00:35:42,200 --> 00:35:42,960

back to us.

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00:35:42,960 --> 00:35:44,400

It is most important.

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00:35:44,400 --> 00:35:46,240

It is most significant.

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00:35:46,240 --> 00:35:50,160

I haven't the faintest idea what is causing these circles.

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00:35:50,160 --> 00:35:54,800

I find them a most intriguing and entertaining mystery.

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00:35:54,800 --> 00:35:56,640

If we don't know something, then it

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00:35:56,640 --> 00:35:59,800

means that our model of reality, our model of the world,

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00:35:59,800 --> 00:36:01,320

is inadequate.

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00:36:01,320 --> 00:36:06,240

And so as a scientist, I feel that they should be studied.

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00:36:06,240 --> 00:36:09,000

In elucidating what is causing them,

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00:36:09,000 --> 00:36:13,040

we must learn something, if only about the psychology

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00:36:13,040 --> 00:36:14,560

of human beings, for example.

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Since we originally broadcast this story,

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over 500 new circles have been discovered,

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not only in English wheat fields, but in crop fields

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in several other countries, including the United States.

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00:36:29,240 --> 00:36:31,840

In some cases, the formations have grown more elaborate

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00:36:31,840 --> 00:36:34,320

in design.

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00:36:34,320 --> 00:36:36,600

One of the most interesting of the new formations

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was found last May in Wiltshire County in Central England.

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For the first time, the mysterious circles

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00:36:42,200 --> 00:36:45,160

were accompanied by large, deeply furrowed rectangles,

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00:36:45,160 --> 00:36:48,640

creating a symmetrical design.

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00:36:48,640 --> 00:36:51,720

We're told by the British Museum that pictogram is the term

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00:36:51,720 --> 00:36:52,960

that we should be using.

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00:36:52,960 --> 00:36:56,880

And that was the first pictogram ever.

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00:36:56,880 --> 00:36:59,240

Last June, an even more elaborate formation

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00:36:59,240 --> 00:37:01,680

appeared overnight in a field, which witnesses say

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00:37:01,680 --> 00:37:04,920

was completely untouched the day before.

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00:37:04,920 --> 00:37:08,120

What we were looking at here was three pictograms,

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00:37:08,120 --> 00:37:11,960

giving us the largest formation ever seen anywhere

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00:37:11,960 --> 00:37:13,720

in the world.

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00:37:13,720 --> 00:37:15,960

Due to the sheer size and elaborate design

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00:37:15,960 --> 00:37:18,360

of this formation, Andrews is convinced

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00:37:18,360 --> 00:37:20,640

that it is not man-made.

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00:37:20,640 --> 00:37:22,040

We were looking at a marking, which

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00:37:22,040 --> 00:37:25,200

was about $1 \frac{1}{8}$ of a mile long.

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00:37:25,200 --> 00:37:28,320

Now, if you consider that under controlled conditions,

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00:37:28,320 --> 00:37:31,400

it takes a team of 12 people to create something

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00:37:31,400 --> 00:37:34,880

like a 100-foot diameter circle, a straightforward,

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00:37:34,880 --> 00:37:38,200

simple circle takes something like six hours for them

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00:37:38,200 --> 00:37:39,560

to construct this.

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00:37:39,560 --> 00:37:43,400

We were looking at a huge team of people working that night

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00:37:43,400 --> 00:37:46,120

in the hours of darkness, which are only seven hours

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00:37:46,120 --> 00:37:48,520

at this time of the year, in a location which

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00:37:48,520 --> 00:37:51,640

can be seen from vantage points all around.

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00:37:51,640 --> 00:37:55,360

We had gamekeepers covering that area over on four farms.

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00:37:55,360 --> 00:37:56,920

Nobody saw anything.

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00:37:59,560 --> 00:38:02,720

In an attempt to capture the creation of a circle on film,

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00:38:02,720 --> 00:38:05,560

a surveillance project known as Operation Blackbird

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00:38:05,560 --> 00:38:08,000

was organized this past July.

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00:38:08,000 --> 00:38:10,280

For three weeks, scientists and other experts

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00:38:10,280 --> 00:38:13,120

monitored one of the most active locations.

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00:38:13,120 --> 00:38:17,200

Amazingly, four circles did form while cameras were rolling.

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00:38:17,200 --> 00:38:20,160

Although two of the formations were dismissed as hooks,

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00:38:20,160 --> 00:38:23,480

the other two appeared to be legitimate.

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00:38:23,480 --> 00:38:26,880

We had two genuine circles appeared

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00:38:26,880 --> 00:38:29,960

in front of the monitoring equipment,

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00:38:29,960 --> 00:38:34,160

and the footage secured during those events

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00:38:34,160 --> 00:38:37,880

are now being enhanced and are being analyzed.

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00:38:37,920 --> 00:38:41,440

This footage will not be released until the analysis is complete.

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00:38:44,640 --> 00:38:47,040

Botanists recently studied the cellular structure

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00:38:47,040 --> 00:38:49,600

of plant samples removed from inside the circles

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00:38:49,600 --> 00:38:52,080

with plant samples found outside the formations.

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00:38:55,560 --> 00:38:57,240

When scientists compared the samples,

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00:38:57,240 --> 00:39:00,080

they were amazed at the difference.

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00:39:00,080 --> 00:39:02,120

Samples taken from outside the circles

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00:39:02,120 --> 00:39:05,000

had cloudy crystals in an erratic pattern.

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00:39:05,000 --> 00:39:07,560

Plant samples taken from inside the formations

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00:39:07,560 --> 00:39:09,400

had distinctively clearer crystals

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00:39:09,400 --> 00:39:11,400

and a much more deliberate pattern.

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I think the discrepancies are caused by some supernatural force

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00:39:18,600 --> 00:39:23,600

which has been applied to that particular part of the ground,

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00:39:23,600 --> 00:39:25,800

which produces these patterns.

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00:39:27,000 --> 00:39:30,640

We have here a structure of a plant which has changed.

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00:39:30,640 --> 00:39:32,680

Human feet cannot do that.

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00:39:32,680 --> 00:39:35,960

The downwash from a helicopter cannot do that,

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00:39:35,960 --> 00:39:38,880

and nor can a stationary whirlwind.

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So we're looking here at major clues

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00:39:41,160 --> 00:39:43,160

in the last few months of this year.

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00:39:45,400 --> 00:39:48,000

Perhaps the most amazing development in this case

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00:39:48,000 --> 00:39:50,280

is the discovery of these mysterious circles

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00:39:50,280 --> 00:39:51,600

outside of England.

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00:39:52,640 --> 00:39:55,080

We're picking up increases in the states,

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00:39:55,080 --> 00:39:57,600

in Australia in particular,

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00:39:57,600 --> 00:40:00,000

even one or two more in the Arctic Circle.

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It's most important now that researchers around the world

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00:40:05,320 --> 00:40:09,600

group, regroup and coordinate our approach to this

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00:40:09,600 --> 00:40:12,200

extraordinary but very exciting mystery.

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00:40:16,120 --> 00:40:19,560

Often an unexplained phenomenon is simply dismissed as a hoax

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00:40:19,560 --> 00:40:22,720

for the product of someone's overactive imagination.

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00:40:22,720 --> 00:40:24,400

But in the case of these crop circles,

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there is irrefutable physical evidence

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which suggests that some intelligence is at work.

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00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:33,680

But who and why remains an unsolved mystery?

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00:40:36,240 --> 00:40:37,280

Space.

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00:40:37,280 --> 00:40:39,280

The last great frontier.

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00:40:39,280 --> 00:40:41,280

The ultimate mystery.

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00:40:41,280 --> 00:40:44,280

Recently, the Hubble Space Telescope has allowed us

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00:40:44,280 --> 00:40:47,280

to probe further into the heavens than ever before.

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00:40:47,280 --> 00:40:51,280

We can now see spectacular celestial events

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00:40:51,280 --> 00:40:54,280

that provide a window to the darkened sky.

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00:40:54,280 --> 00:40:57,280

The space is the largest space in the world.

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00:40:57,280 --> 00:41:00,280

The space is the largest space in the world.

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00:41:00,280 --> 00:41:03,280

The space is the largest space in the world.

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00:41:03,280 --> 00:41:07,280

The space is the most powerful evidence that provide a window

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00:41:07,280 --> 00:41:10,280

to the dawn of our own creation.

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00:41:10,280 --> 00:41:13,280

But each new image gives rise to an age old question.

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Is there life elsewhere in the cosmos?

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Without proof, we could only wonder.

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Many of us imagine that proof would come in science fiction form,

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a futuristic spacecraft carrying alien beings

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from a far away civilization.

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We never imagined possible proof would be hidden

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in the meteorite, label rock number 8401.

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00:41:38,280 --> 00:41:42,280

Today, rock 8401 speaks to us

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00:41:42,280 --> 00:41:46,280

across all those billions of years and millions of miles.

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00:41:46,280 --> 00:41:49,280

It speaks to the possibility of life.

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00:41:49,280 --> 00:41:52,280

If this discovery is confirmed,

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00:41:52,280 --> 00:41:55,280

it will surely be one of the most stunning insights

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00:41:55,280 --> 00:41:59,280

into our universe that science has ever uncovered.

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The rock came from the planet Mars

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and traveled millions of miles over millions of years

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until it slammed into Earth.

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A small piece of history that may forever change

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the way we view the universe.

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This meteorite, if it should prove true,

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would be literally one of the turning points,

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one of the defining epochs

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and all of human exploration of discovery.

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I think it would be almost an icon for the 20th century.

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It still shocks me that we have found what we found

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and were able to present it

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and able to capture people's imagination

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the way that we have with this.

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I would have never dreamed anything like this in a million years.

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Did life, as we know it, once flourished on another planet?

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If so, the repercussions are staggering.

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The speculation endless, almost unbelievable.

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In fact, some of the arise of the seas for life on Earth

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were planted by microorganisms from Mars.

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Ironically, what may prove to be the most remarkable discovery

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in the history of mankind

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began with a completely unremarkable event.

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Antarctica, December 1984.

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A team of American scientists, including Dr. Roberta Scor,

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was on a geological expedition searching for meteorites.

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Half buried in an ice field was a rock now known as number 8401.

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It weighs only 4.2 pounds and is the size of a large potato.

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No one paid it any special attention.

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And for eight years, it literally sat on a shelf, gathering dust.

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This meteorite was essentially misclassified,

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or not very carefully classified, as an ordinary Earth meteorite.

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And only later on when a geologist named David Middelheld

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looked at it more carefully, did he realize,

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no, this is characteristic of a Martian meteorite.

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It is just the precise ratio of certain isotopes

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that make it clear that it came from Mars.

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As it turned out, rock 8401 was only the 12th Martian meteorite ever found.

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Its significance stemmed from its age, 4.5 billion years.

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Almost as old as the solar system itself,

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and predating life on Earth by at least one billion years.

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A team of NASA scientists conducted a detailed analysis of the rock.

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What they discovered was beyond their wildest dreams.

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Deep within the rock,

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for what appeared to be signs of life,

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the fossilized remains of dozens of microorganisms.

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If you were to pull out one of your hairs and look at it,

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that is about 50 microns across the width of the hair.

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Now, if you divide that into 50 parts, you're at one micron.

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And then if you take that micron and divide that into 20 more parts,

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you're down into the size of these little organisms.

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They're just incredibly tiny.

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What's so interesting about these grains is that they're in the same size range,

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and they have a crystal structure that reminds us,

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or is very similar to what bacteria on the Earth produce.

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It's not a smoking gun, as we've said in our paper.

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We have not found proof of living biogenic activity in this Martian sample,

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but we have a trail of evidence.

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For a scientist, a trail of evidence is like a map to buried treasure.

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This trail suggested a remarkable journey

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which began on the surface of Mars four and a half billion years ago.

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Imagine you could travel back to the very origins of the solar system.

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At the same time that rock 84001 was being formed,

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Mars was being bombarded by a catastrophic meteor storm.

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Its surface was left riddled with craters and crevices.

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Early in the history of Mars, we feel it was warmer and it was wetter.

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There was abundance of water on the surface of the planet.

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The atmosphere was more dense.

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Liquid water moved across the surface of the planet.

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It also percolated down through the cracks.

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Over the next 500 million years,

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chemical reactions in this primeval soup

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apparently gave rise to a primitive life form.

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As the water evaporated, the microscopic life forms were encased in rock

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and became fossilized.

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One such rock may have been number 84001.

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Then it sat on the surface of the planet for a period of time

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up until 16 million years ago

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when a large meteorite or comet possibly slammed into the surface of Mars

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with enough energy that it caused it to be lifted off the surface of Mars

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and escape the gravitational field of the planet.

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It traveled through space for 16 million years

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and 13,000 years ago fell on the ice fields of the Antarctic.

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It lay on the ice fields until 1984

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where Robbie Scorer picked it up and the rest is history.

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It's at this point that some believe history takes a totally incredible turn.

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While the organisms in rock number 84001 have been fossilized,

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it's quite possible other meteorites carried living organisms all the way to Earth.

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Organisms which became the basis for life on our planet.

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To put it simply, the human race may in fact be Martian.

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There's no doubt that life could have originated on Mars

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and come to Earth billions of years ago

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in this kind of process where something hits Mars and knocks pieces loose

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and likewise, it's just as possible more or less

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that life could have originated on Earth and come to Mars.

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So then, are we partially Martians or is life there partially terrestrial?

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Could it be that there's cross-contamination, long been suspected, might possibly be true?

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The possibilities are enough to excite the most skeptical of scientists

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but even they caution that rock 84001 does not provide definitive proof of life on Mars.

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What we don't want to do is to say it looks like it, therefore it is.

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What we really need to do is to send a sample return mission, perhaps by the year 2003,

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dig up Martian soil, dig up a rock, ideally from a meter or two beneath the soil,

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bring it back, chemically analyze it at Pristine Lab, find a cell, it's done.

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Left off, left off.

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Over the next decade, NASA plans to do just that.

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The first stage will come later this year when we launch our most ambitious space mission since the moon landing.

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An unmanned craft known as Pathfinder is scheduled to land on Mars next July

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and collect samples of Martian soil.

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We're really intrigued with the possibility that life may still exist on Mars

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and if it does exist, it almost has to exist underneath the surface.

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Now that doesn't mean little green men or UFOs or anything like that

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but it does mean that scientists really do believe that life does exist in other places.

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We just have to find it.

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I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to work on a problem of this magnitude.

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To be able to say, I participated in a study that has changed the whole thinking

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of not only myself and my teammates but the man on the street.

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This is a tremendous awakening to mankind that, hey, we may not be alone in this vast universe which we reside.

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Perhaps there are people out there on these other bodies that are also searching for life.

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Adrift in a vast universe, mankind as we know it is no more than a grain of sand

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and our space exploration to date is akin to the first step taken by a baby.

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What we will find next cannot be known. It can only be imagined.

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The Night Sky

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At one time or another we have all looked up at the night sky and seen something which we just cannot explain.

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Recently there has been a rash of such sightings.

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Unidentifiable lights and objects. It seems a move like nothing known to man.

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Some say they are UFOs. Others speculate that they are a new generation of sophisticated military aircraft.

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This video was shot by a camera crew hired by Aviation Week magazine.

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Eye witnesses say it shows a pencil-thin aircraft trailing balls of golden light.

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Some believe it is evidence of an exotic new propulsion system.

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In this footage, a conventional airplane seen here was being filmed when a mysterious object suddenly appeared.

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The object traveled at a high rate of speed and exhibited pinpoint maneuverability.

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In this haunting image, several eye witnesses observed an unusual light source, possibly an aircraft hovering over the Nevada desert.

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And here, an unknown wedge-shaped object which made no noise flies over Roswell, New Mexico.

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The footage was shot by a man named Stephen Douglas of Amarillo, Texas.

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Stephen Douglas spends much of his time trying to unravel the mystery of these unidentified aircraft.

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Douglas is an aviation enthusiast and journalist who publishes a newsletter called Intercepts.

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Douglas believes that the mysterious lights are in fact experimental military jets,

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which are being kept under wraps just as a legendary stealth fighter was for nearly a decade.

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Until it was publicly unveiled in 1988, the Air Force for National Security reasons would not confirm rumors that the stealth was being tested.

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Recently, there's been similar speculation about a new spy plane, reputed to travel-less speeds exceeding Mach 6.

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In 1992, Stephen Douglas obtained what he believes is evidence that the plane may actually exist.

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This is probably about 11 a.m. and the house began to rattle.

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Let me call you back. This house just really shook. I'm going to go find out what it is and I'll give you a call back.

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It was more of a vibration that was felt, I'm not heard.

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So I went outside and there was this aircraft flying by over the house incredibly fast.

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I've seen a lot of aircraft crisscross the skies around here, but this thing, I couldn't believe how fast it was moving.

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And behind it, it left a contrail that was unique, what they call a donuts on a rope contrail.

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Stephen Douglas took this photograph of the contrail. Some aviation researchers believe it might have been made by what is known as a pulse detonation wave engine.

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An experimental technology allegedly used in the spy plane.

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The Air Force was unable to identify the source of the contrail in the photograph, which raises an intriguing question.

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If it is not one of our planes, whose is it?

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A year later, Douglas had another unusual sighting.

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He and his father-in-law, Elwood, were in Roswell, New Mexico to videotape military airplanes that were participating in mock wargames.

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Shortly after a group of B-1 bombers took off, an unidentified aircraft entered the area.

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Can you tell what that is?

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Elwood noticed an aircraft coming towards us from the southwest.

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As soon as I started shooting tape, the battery light in the camera told me that the batteries were about exhausted.

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I got approximately 7 to 10 seconds before the batteries quit in the camera.

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We couldn't hear any sound at all. This aircraft made no sound at all. It was just super quiet.

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It looked like a flying triangle.

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And immediately I knew it must have been TR-3A Black Manta.

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The TR-3A Black Manta is another high-tech aircraft that is widely rumored to exist.

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The matter is thought to be a reconnaissance plane, which operates in tandem with a stealth fighter.

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But in a statement issued to Unsolved Mysteries, the Air Force said of the matter, quote,

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It has no basis in reality.

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When the Air Force analyzed Douglas' footage, they believed the aircraft might be a Navy EA-6B Prouler.

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However, the Navy could not identify the plane, citing the poor quality of the videotape.

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A computer enhancement of a frame from the videotape appears to show a triangular-shaped wedge.

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Douglas claims the object was virtually silent and moves slower than conventional military aircraft.

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But if the aircraft does not belong to the Air Force and cannot be identified by the Navy, the same question remains.

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Who's is it?

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One of the intriguing aspects of this story is that the airport where Douglas shot his footage

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is in the same area where one of the most controversial UFO episodes took place more than 40 years ago.

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In 1947, Army investigators from Roswell Air Base went public with the shocking news that a flying saucer had crashed on a ranch in rural New Mexico.

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A few days later, the Army reversed itself and claimed that what had actually been found was a downed weather balloon.

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Nevertheless, many people are convinced that the Army did recover the wreckage of a craft from somewhere other than Earth,

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and that now, even more incredibly, the military has somehow managed to glean the secrets of the UFO to achieve a breakthrough in aviation technology.

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These aircraft are doing things which a lot of physicists have generally said are not possible.

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They're not the maneuvers, they're the way they fly, how fast they are.

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And the real mystery is how they made the leap.

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There are some that speculate that maybe this technology was gleaned from alien technology that somehow either we have recovered or has been here for a while.

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UFO technology to power the next generation of military aircraft? At best it is difficult to accept.

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Stephen Douglas believes that planes he has seen were developed by our military using conventional technology.

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Yet the military says such aircraft do not exist. Is there another explanation?

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If the Pentagon has the answer, they are not saying. And perhaps, just perhaps, it is better that way.

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It came from the skies to wreak havoc on the Earth. Strange blob-like droplets that look something like this.

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It sounds like a bad science fiction movie, but for a small town in the Pacific Northwest, there was nothing entertaining or fictional about the scourge at Befelden in 1994.

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Six times it rained down from above, leaving dozens of local residents ill and several pets and small animals dead.

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It all happened in Oakville, Washington, population 665. Here in Oakville, clouds fill the sky daily, bringing rain some 275 days a year.

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So when it began pouring on the morning of August 7th, 1994, no one was particularly concerned until they realized it wasn't raining rain.

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It was raining tiny blobs of gelatinous goo. It came down in torrents, blanketing 20 square miles and brought with it something of a plague.

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I got sick. My wife got sick. My daughter. Everybody that lived here got sick.

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Everybody in the whole town came down with like a flu. Only it was a really hard flu. It didn't last like seven days. It lasted like seven weeks, two or three months.

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A local police was among the first to report the perplexing precipitation. Officer David Lacey was on patrol with a civilian friend at 3 a.m. when the downpour began.

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It's on the window there. I don't know. I don't know. Is that inside the car?

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We turned our windshield wipers on and it just started smearing to the point where we could almost not see. And we both looked at each other and we said, you know, Jesus isn't right.

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I mean, we're out in the middle of nowhere basically and where did this come from?

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Officer Lacey pulled into a gas station to de-go his windshield. As an added precaution, he put on a pair of latex gloves.

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The substance was very mushy. It's almost like if you had jello in your hand and, you know, you could pretty much squish it through your fingers.

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We knew it wasn't something that we would normally see because we had never experienced it before. So we did have some bells go off in our heads that basically said that this isn't right. This isn't normal.

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Local resident Dotty Hearn was equally baffled. By the time she stepped outside that morning, the storm had ended. But the blobs were everywhere.

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It looked like hail laying on top of a wood box and everywhere else. So I just went over and I touched it and it wasn't hail. It was a gelatinous like material.

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By mid-afternoon, Officer Lacey had inexplicably taken ill.

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That was to the point where I could hardly breathe. I started to put together that possibly whatever the substance was, it made me violently sick, you know, and ill, like I'd never had been before to the point where, you know, it just totally shut me down.

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Across town, Dotty Hearn wasn't faring much better.

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I started feeling dizzy. Everything started moving around and around and it got worse and as it did, I became increasingly nauseated.

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An hour later, Dotty's daughter and son found her sprawled on the bathroom floor.

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She was cold, drenched with perspiration, pale. My mom had been vomiting. She had extreme vertigo. She complained that she had difficulty with her vision. Her vision was blurring.

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Dotty would spend the next three days in the hospital. The diagnosis? A severe inner ear infection.

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For some reason, as we were going out the door, I remembered the substance and I wondered if perhaps it might have had some sort of an effect on her, if it might have made her sick. So I opted at that moment to take a sample of this gelatinous material to the hospital.

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A lab technician found the first startling clue. The substance contained human white blood cells, but exactly what it was and why it fell from the sky could not be determined.

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The goo was probably forwarded to the Washington State Department of Health for further analysis.

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It was very uniform. There was no structure that we could see visibly or with microscope. I set it up on various microbiological media and attempted to isolate bacteria.

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Mike McDowell discovered that the sample was literally teeming with two species of bacteria, one of which makes its home in the human digestive system.

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The initial speculation was that it might have been human waste from an airliner. And that would make sense. You would expect to find something like a human white blood cell in human waste.

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However, the FAA ruled that out because under the regulations, human waste is dyed blue. The substance was not blue. It was crystal clear in color.

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All told, the blobs rained down upon Oakville six times over a three-week period. Dozens of people took ill.

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Several dogs and cats reportedly died after coming in contact with a toxic droplets. Included in the death toll was Sunny Barcliffe's eight-week-old kitten.

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But the nature of the substance and any connection it may have had with the outbreak remained a mystery.

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Here we have sample number 12876.

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Nearly a year after Dottie Hearn's illness, she took a sample of the material she had stored in her

freezer to a private research lab.

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I saw what I think was a eukaryotic cell, which is basically a cell that has a definable nucleus and is found present in by-law, in most animals.

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Translation, the goo was alive. But how in the world did living matter make its way into the clouds? The explanations are as mind-boggling as a substance itself.

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Perhaps inevitably, the finger of suspicion was soon pointed directly at the military.

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Someone theorized that since the Navy had been conducting live bombing runs at sea, they might have blown up a school of jellyfish.

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And of course, this jellyfish would have been thrown up into the air and floated 50 miles inland, and over a period of three weeks, fallen six times in the month of August 1994.

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I find that somewhat preposterous.

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Now, if that were jellyfish floating around up there for that long, they would have smelled a heaven.

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The Air Force confirms that practice bombing runs are being conducted over the Pacific in August of 1994.

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However, they deny any knowledge of the unknown substance or any involvement in creating or dispersing it. The locals don't buy it.

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We had a significant amount of military aircraft flying over the home prior to this happening.

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Every day almost, slow flying bombers, helicopters, all black in color. And we kind of thought maybe it might have come from them.

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01:06:43,280 --> 01:06:52,280

They let off things in the air all the time here. Testing. There's testing done all over the place. There's a lot of places you can't go into.

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Maybe we were a biological experiment of some kind, a small one. Maybe just get people a little bit sick to find out, say if an enemy did come over here with a biological bomb or something and dropped it.

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Maybe just a test run to see how it would happen.

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Translation. Germ warfare. However, that seems unlikely, given the severe international restrictions regarding experiments with biological weapons in populated areas.

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The present is impossible to say what the strange goo was or where it came from. Unfortunately, all samples of the substance are gone, making further study impossible.

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Perhaps the answer will come someday soon, when the skies open up over another small community and the blobs once again fall to us.

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During the past five years, unsolved mysteries has broadcast a number of stories dealing with unidentified flying objects. Viewed in retrospect, they chronicle the history of UFO sightings in America and Europe.

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Today, most of us take tales of UFO sightings for granted, yet the phenomenon was virtually unheard of until just after World War II.

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1947. The genesis of UFO sightings unfolded in the New Mexico Desert near Roswell Army Air Base.

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Military investigators were called in to examine the debris of an unknown aircraft.

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The incident was thoroughly documented and even publicized.

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Incredibly, a few eyewitnesses claimed that alien light forms were also recovered.

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Ultimately, the authorities denied the entire affair and insisted the UFO was nothing more than a downed weather balloon.

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18 years later, in 1965, residents of a small Pennsylvania village observed a fiery object streak through the sky then fall to Earth.

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Many witnesses saw an Air Force radar squadron hauling the object away. The military dismissed the sighting as a meteorite and insisted that nothing was ever recovered.

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Over the next 25 years, reports of close encounters proliferated. Many of them on or near military bases.

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One of the most remarkable occurred on December 26, 1980 at Bentwater's, an American Air Base in England.

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There's definitely something up there.

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01:09:43,280 --> 01:09:48,280

A beam is coming down from an object in the ground near our feet.

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According to eyewitnesses, the sightings continued in various forms until December 28.

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The next day, a continent away in Texas, a woman named Betty Cash suffered severe radiation burns.

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She claimed she had been in a state of emergency.

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Most recently, between 1989 and 1991, thousands of people in Belgium reported a literal invasion of strange unearthly crafts.

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The first of them was a woman named Betty Cash.

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She claimed she had been exposed to the energy field of a bizarre flying object.

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Most recently, between 1989 and 1991, thousands of people in Belgium reported a literal invasion of strange unearthly crafts.

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Amazingly, the Belgian Air Force is able to capture, on radar, the swift and erratic movements of an unidentified craft which defied the laws of known physics.

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For those of us who've never encountered a UFO, reports of such events often sound far-fetched.

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In fact, some eyewitnesses who go public risk becoming the object of ridicule and scorn.

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Others are simply ignored.

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In either case, an acknowledged UFO sighting can profoundly change a person's life in ways that he or she never imagined possible.

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Withville, Virginia, population 8,000 is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Country music station WYVE calls itself the voice of Withville.

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01:11:35,280 --> 01:11:41,280

On most days, life here is peaceful, unpretentious, none eventful, but that was about to change.

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01:11:41,280 --> 01:11:43,280

Good morning, Sheriff, Danny Gordon.

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01:11:43,280 --> 01:11:51,280

On October 7th, 1987, radio reporter Danny Gordon checked in as usual with a county sheriff and heard an unbelievable tale.

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Over near, uh, Austinville?

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Huh?

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Got anything else?

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01:12:03,280 --> 01:12:05,280

You're kidding me.

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Three With County Sheriff's deputies, all former military men, claimed they had seen a UFO.

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Well, when was that?

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Okay, Danny, you're on in 3, 2, 1.

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Unidentified flying objects have been sighted over With County on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

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The With County Sheriff's...

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There was a filler piece that came on at the end of the news, which I usually relegate to something that's maybe unusual,

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like we had a one-place officer who killed five chickens once with two shots,

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and that was a story that ran as kind of a ha-ha piece,

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and this was another ha-ha piece, and being a very skeptical newsman, it was definitely not in my lead part of my news.

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Danny Gordon's fluff story sparked unprecedented listener reaction.

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01:12:48,280 --> 01:12:52,280

Reports of UFO sightings poured into WYVE.

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With a switchboard jam, Gordon finally set up a special calling program for the evening of October 19th, 1987.

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Hello, this is Danny Gordon. You're on there. Go ahead, please.

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What follows is based on verbatim transcripts of the actual telephone calls.

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It was very, very huge. It was long and it didn't have any sound.

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It had a big light on the front, one in the center, and one in the back.

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01:13:17,280 --> 01:13:21,280

Well, it kind of looked something about like an egg shape to me.

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01:13:21,280 --> 01:13:25,280

What we could see was red, green, and white sort of flashing lights.

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01:13:25,280 --> 01:13:32,280

We saw a plane go by with, you know, red, red flashing lights. We knew it wasn't a jet of any sort.

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01:13:32,280 --> 01:13:34,280

Okay, well, I appreciate that. Thanks a lot.

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01:13:34,280 --> 01:13:40,280

Being a brass-tax journalist, I always believed there is a plausible logical explanation.

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01:13:40,280 --> 01:13:48,280

And I felt at that time that it was military of some nature and that we would find the reason in a short period of time.

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01:13:50,280 --> 01:13:57,280

Danny Gordon thought the UFOs were most likely experimental aircraft being tested out of Virginia's Langley Air Force Base.

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But he was repeatedly told by the military that there was no testing going on.

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As more and more residents had sightings, the military did come up with one explanation.

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01:14:10,280 --> 01:14:16,280

Everybody had been telling us that what people were seeing were planes refueling.

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And so I said, well, I didn't know that's how they did that.

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01:14:20,280 --> 01:14:24,280

And then I thought, well, why are they doing that down over my house?

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01:14:24,280 --> 01:14:30,280

You know, isn't this something they should be doing away from populated areas?

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01:14:30,280 --> 01:14:39,280

I called the Pentagon and talked to the Air Force General there who told me if they were refueling under 13,000 feet, then somebody's butt's in a sling.

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And to this day, we don't know if they were refueling at 5,000 feet.

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01:14:43,280 --> 01:14:51,280

But at the same time, I have asked if it is military, then I'll back off the story and leave it alone if you tell me because I'm a patriot.

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01:14:51,280 --> 01:14:56,280

And each time I'm told it's not us, we're not doing it, and we haven't been doing it.

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01:14:57,280 --> 01:15:02,280

On October 21st, just two weeks after the original report,

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Danny Gordon and a friend, Roger Hall, drove to the area south of Withville where most of the sightings had occurred.

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They brought along a 35-millimeter still camera as well as a video camera.

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We were headed home after two hours of fruitless searching, about a quarter to nine,

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01:15:20,280 --> 01:15:29,280

on route 21 south coming into Withville, and just happened to look to my left and saw a very unusual object coming across the horizon.

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01:15:31,280 --> 01:15:32,280

What's that?

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01:15:32,280 --> 01:15:33,280

What?

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01:15:33,280 --> 01:15:37,280

Over there, some lights or something. I'm going to pull over.

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01:15:37,280 --> 01:15:52,280

I pulled off to the side of the road in a hurry, jumped out, he got out of the right side, and as he got out, I noticed the craft was coming at me.

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01:15:52,280 --> 01:16:02,280

It was very large. It had a dome shaped to the top of it, had no wings, and had what appeared to be a strobe putting out multicolored lights on the right side of the craft.

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01:16:02,280 --> 01:16:04,280

What the hell is that?

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01:16:04,280 --> 01:16:06,280

I don't know.

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01:16:06,280 --> 01:16:13,280

It was probably less than a thousand feet away and a thousand feet high at the maximum.

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01:16:13,280 --> 01:16:19,280

We guessed it would be in at least two football fields in diameter.

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01:16:19,280 --> 01:16:26,280

You could see three huge, looked like picture windows in the back of it that were lit from the inside out.

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01:16:26,280 --> 01:16:33,280

As I watched the sky from the left came a red ball.

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01:16:33,280 --> 01:16:40,280

As a big mothership went into a small skiff of clouds, the red ball docked with the craft.

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01:16:40,280 --> 01:16:47,280

It was like you were watching a computer game and watching these things develop on the video screen.

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01:16:52,280 --> 01:16:54,280

Did you get a picture of that?

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No, didn't you?

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01:16:56,280 --> 01:17:00,280

I left the camera on the trunk. Where's your camera?

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01:17:00,280 --> 01:17:02,280

In the car. I was driving.

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01:17:05,280 --> 01:17:12,280

We looked at each other and realized no pictures. The camera was not in my hand, the camera was not in his hand, and we both knew we blew it.

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01:17:12,280 --> 01:17:22,280

The only thing I can say is we were just all struck by it or just dumb, whichever one. I'm not sure which, but we sure didn't get any pictures of it.

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01:17:25,280 --> 01:17:31,280

The next night, Gordon and Hall would go out again, this time they would take photographs.

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01:17:31,280 --> 01:17:39,280

With the film still undeveloped, the press conference was called for the following day, October

23rd, 1987.

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The night before the press conference I received a phone call from somebody who refused to identify himself,

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01:17:45,280 --> 01:17:51,280

and they said that I need to be aware that the CIA and the federal government were very much interested in the kind of UFOs.

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01:17:51,280 --> 01:17:57,280

I started to wonder what I had stepped into, and my wife was urging me to back off to leave it alone,

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01:17:57,280 --> 01:18:02,280

and I also was receiving some anonymous phone call saying, you know, it's something you need to leave it alone,

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01:18:02,280 --> 01:18:05,280

because it's not your place to be messing in defense matters.

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01:18:13,280 --> 01:18:14,280

Becky?

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After the press conference, Gordon discovered that his house had been broken into.

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Becky?

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01:18:24,280 --> 01:18:29,280

Oddly, nothing was stolen, and Gordon is convinced that someone was looking for the photographs.

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When developed, the pictures revealed only vague streaks of light in the sky.

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01:18:38,280 --> 01:18:42,280

But Danny Gordon would soon have another opportunity to photograph the UFOs.

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01:18:43,280 --> 01:18:49,280

Six weeks later, on December 2nd, Danny, his wife and daughter were leaving the local mall

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01:18:49,280 --> 01:18:52,280

when they encountered some unexpected visitors.

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We looked very quickly and saw what I thought was one large object which later appeared to be four flying disc shapes.

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As soon as the objects were photographed, they disappeared from view.

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The first thing I saw was a picture of a man in a car.

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I saw a picture of a man in a car, and I thought, you know, he was a man.

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As soon as the objects were photographed, they disappeared from view.

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01:19:24,280 --> 01:19:29,280

When the pictures came out, and they had a lot of grain, but they showed definite four shapes of objects in the sky.

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But the most impressive point in the four photographs, the objects appeared to change shape or light formations within one click of the camera.

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01:19:39,280 --> 01:19:43,280

They go from a teardrop shape to a round ball shape.

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01:19:43,280 --> 01:19:49,280

Then they go to a flying saucer like disc shape, and then they go to an edge shape as they go out of sight.

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01:19:52,280 --> 01:19:56,280

The people of Withville knew that something extraordinary was happening in their town.

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01:19:56,280 --> 01:20:00,280

By the end of December, the sightings numbered well over 1,500.

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One of the first occurred here, near Interstate 81, a mile from downtown Withville.

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01:20:07,280 --> 01:20:11,280

Eyewitnesses said the craft resembled a brilliantly lit hurling carousel.

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01:20:11,280 --> 01:20:14,280

Immediately, other sightings cropped up.

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01:20:14,280 --> 01:20:17,280

I'm not mistaken about what we saw. Absolutely not.

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01:20:17,280 --> 01:20:22,280

Because we had never seen this before. We didn't have any reason to make any stories up.

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01:20:22,280 --> 01:20:24,280

I kept a journal.

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Atricia Acres had ten sightings, all of them here, eight miles north of Withville.

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The best way I can describe them is that they sort of look like a cross between a helicopter and an airplane.

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01:20:35,280 --> 01:20:38,280

With no noise, no or very little noise.

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01:20:38,280 --> 01:20:41,280

To be so large, I don't know how they stayed up.

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01:20:42,280 --> 01:20:48,280

I'd say that the educated psychologists and psychiatrists,

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01:20:48,280 --> 01:20:53,280

debunking what we've seen and everything, they've never been here. They've never seen it.

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01:20:53,280 --> 01:20:57,280

I was skeptical until I started seeing this stuff.

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01:20:58,280 --> 01:21:03,280

Rita Marie Vaught saw a UFO behind this ridge, half a mile from her house.

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01:21:03,280 --> 01:21:09,280

I've seen the circle of objects in the sky, all different colors that kept going around and around.

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01:21:09,280 --> 01:21:16,280

It would be sort of looking like a carousel, but it didn't scare me. None of this has scared me.

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01:21:16,280 --> 01:21:21,280

Until I see the little green men walking around, I won't be scared.

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01:21:21,280 --> 01:21:31,280

You just had this feeling of something really, really big, just moving, just drifting over your head in no sound or anything.

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01:21:31,280 --> 01:21:37,280

Mary Jean Williamson sightings occurred directly above her house in the center of Withville.

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It had all the white lights in the front, just a big semicircle of white lights, and it was just huge.

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I mean, it was just absolutely huge, but you couldn't actually see an outline or anything like that.

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01:21:52,280 --> 01:21:57,280

I know it wasn't the planet Venus, and I know it was not atmospheric phenomena.

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01:21:57,280 --> 01:22:03,280

These were some kind of craft moving over our house.

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Eventually, I got around to calling the Pentagon and talk with the spokesman for defense of the Pentagon,

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01:22:09,280 --> 01:22:15,280

and he speaks for all the defense branches, and he told me, quote, twice,

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01:22:15,280 --> 01:22:23,280

we do not deny UFOs exist. The government confirms they exist, but we deny they pose a threat to the populace of With County.

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And my question was, how do you know this? And he said, I can't tell you, but there's no threat to you.

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01:22:28,280 --> 01:22:33,280

So that's the reason we're not sending convoys of aircraft down there to protect With County.

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01:22:34,280 --> 01:22:40,280

On March 19, 1988, Danny Gordon was packing for a broadcasters conference in Virginia Beach,

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01:22:40,280 --> 01:22:43,280

where he was to speak about his UFO coverage.

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I received a phone call at home from a retired military intelligence officer,

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01:22:48,280 --> 01:22:54,280

and first he told me to make sure that I'd take the conversation so he could put the date and everyone to be aware.

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01:22:54,280 --> 01:23:00,280

And I said, why do you want to take this? And he said, I want your friendship, though, something happens to you that I forewarned you.

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What I'm telling you, Danny, is I've been showing this link for many, many years.

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Like I say, I saw my son dying, but who came here?

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01:23:10,280 --> 01:23:14,280

He told me that because of his investigations into the UFO field, that they had hit his son

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01:23:14,280 --> 01:23:18,280

and caused his son to die with some kind of virus connected to leukemia.

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Danny, who is it?

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It's not...

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He said that he had information to the federal government.

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01:23:24,280 --> 01:23:27,280

He was not very happy with my UFO investigations.

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01:23:27,280 --> 01:23:33,280

And they felt like I was too loud of a voice to quieten by just killing me, which made me very happy.

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01:23:33,280 --> 01:23:36,280

And he said, they want to quieten you in a different fashion.

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01:23:37,280 --> 01:23:45,280

What I'm telling you is they will try to hit you if they think it's possible for their purposes to keep you from fervent investigation.

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01:23:45,280 --> 01:23:48,280

And most of my food being done through skin contact chemicals.

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01:23:48,280 --> 01:23:57,280

If they come from the door knob in the car or on the steering wheel, they could also come up with something, do something to your children.

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You know, it's one thing for someone to threaten myself.

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When you threaten my family, you're trading on very thin water.

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01:24:04,280 --> 01:24:12,280

So when I found out that he could be believed, just could be, it scared me at the same time made me mad.

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Because I had to try to protect my family, protect myself.

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And at the same time, because I believe in free speech, I was refusing to allow this man to stop me from going to Virginia Beach to talk.

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01:24:23,280 --> 01:24:25,280

Well, I am going to Virginia Beach.

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You're coming at the time, you think I'm going to crack the monster?

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01:24:28,280 --> 01:24:30,280

No, I appreciate it. I appreciate it.

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Thank you for calling.

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What was that about?

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Oh, nothing, honey.

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Oddly enough, it was the same weekend that there was a hepatitis epidemic in Virginia Beach.

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Had I come down with hepatitis, I would have believed and everyone would have believed they had gotten to me.

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But I came back with no problems and the children were in good shape.

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Less than one month after the disturbing phone call, Gordon had two surprise visitors at his home.

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I'm going to ask you a few questions if you don't mind about these recent UFO sightings.

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No, I'll be fine.

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01:25:09,280 --> 01:25:10,280

Okay, great.

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They remained for approximately 45 minutes, one interviewing Danny Gordon, the other roaming through the house snapping photographs.

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They had told me when they left they would send me a copy of the article so I could peruse it.

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And when I didn't receive one, I called the newspaper and they said, well, these two guys are not on our payroll.

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They don't work for us.

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01:25:29,280 --> 01:25:36,280

So who they were, I don't know, but they were in my house, saw my picture, saw my negatives, talked to my family, took pictures and then left.

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But they were not with the newspaper.

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I think we've got everything we need, Mr. Gordon. Thank you very much for your time.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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A few weeks later, Danny Gordon sat down to organize and catalog his UFO photographs.

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When I got to the canister which had the UFO negatives, I quickly opened it up and found some UFO negatives, but the one negative with the shot from the shopping mall was missing.

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I felt like maybe there was something in those photographs that I was not seeing.

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So I took the photographs to some other people to look at.

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We used magnifying glasses.

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We measured angles trying to find out why these photographs were so important.

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And we've yet to discover why anyone would want to steal that one Pacific set of four in a series of photographs of the UFOs.

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Danny Gordon had nearly reached the end of his rope.

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His house had been broken into.

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He had received countless late night phone calls, some of them threatening.

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01:26:48,280 --> 01:26:51,280

Bogus reporters had visited his home.

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Finally, his UFO negatives disappeared.

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Two months later, the stress caught up with Danny Gordon.

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Somebody help me!

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He just healed over. He was getting a little work. I think he's having a heart attack.

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I'm not having a heart attack.

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Doctors would later determine that the attack had been brought on not by heart problems, but by severe exhaustion.

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Danny Gordon was cautioned that continued involvement with the UFO controversy could jeopardize his health.

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I myself have not had a sighting since December 1990, but purposely I don't go out and look because it's upset my life enough.

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I would just assume never see a UFO again in my lifetime.

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If I had my choice, I'd not report the UFO story again.

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It's just been too hard on my life and created too many problems.

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01:27:54,280 --> 01:28:01,280

Don't look up because once you look up and you tell somebody what you saw, your life has changed forever.

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In late 1987, Danny Gordon received an average of 500 telephone calls about UFOs each month.

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Today, the calls at Dwindle do approximately 50 per month.

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The UFO heyday in Withville is apparently drawn to a close.

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Danny Gordon's health and life are back to normal.

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But if history is any indicator, sometime soon in another small town,

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someone else will look up and his or her life will never be the same.

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The UFOs are in the same place.

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01:28:54,280 --> 01:28:56,280

The UFOs are in the same place.

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01:28:56,280 --> 01:28:58,280

The UFOs are in the same place.

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01:28:58,280 --> 01:29:00,280

The UFOs are in the same place.

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01:29:00,280 --> 01:29:02,280

The UFOs are in the same place.

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01:29:02,280 --> 01:29:04,280

The UFOs are in the same place.

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The UFOs are in the same place.

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The UFOs are in the same place.

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The UFOs are in the same place.

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