



1
00:00:06,650 --> 00:00:04,610
and this is weapons

2
00:00:09,650 --> 00:00:06,660
we should maybe just fill in our

3
00:00:12,049 --> 00:00:09,660
listeners about how Jay Stratton ended

4
00:00:14,629 --> 00:00:12,059
up studying UFOs and related Mysteries

5
00:00:16,369 --> 00:00:14,639
because uh he made it clear to us in our

6
00:00:18,529 --> 00:00:16,379
conversation with him he's not a UFO guy

7
00:00:21,230 --> 00:00:18,539
he's not sitting at home watching UFO

8
00:00:23,990 --> 00:00:21,240
videos on YouTube he'd watch guitar

9
00:00:25,790 --> 00:00:24,000
playing videos on YouTube but not UFOs

10
00:00:27,710 --> 00:00:25,800
he didn't have a whole bunch of books he

11
00:00:29,870 --> 00:00:27,720
didn't have an abiding interest in it

12
00:00:33,290 --> 00:00:29,880
but he ended up moving from Office of

13
00:00:35,870 --> 00:00:33,300

Naval intelligence over to DIA and uh

14
00:00:38,270 --> 00:00:35,880
became an acquaintance and colleague of

15
00:00:39,889 --> 00:00:38,280
Dr Jim lacaski who was the creator of

16
00:00:42,110 --> 00:00:39,899
eventually became the creator of the

17
00:00:44,810 --> 00:00:42,120
OSAP program what became OSAP and

18
00:00:46,610 --> 00:00:44,820
lakowski had an interest in in skin

19
00:00:49,250 --> 00:00:46,620
marker Ranch in the book that column and

20
00:00:51,950 --> 00:00:49,260
I Tom Kelleher and I wrote and well

21
00:00:53,930 --> 00:00:51,960
we'll let uh we'll let uh Jay Stratton

22
00:00:55,850 --> 00:00:53,940
explain how that process went I can

23
00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:55,860
remember telling our mutual friend Dr

24
00:01:00,889 --> 00:00:58,559
laketsky right that you know some of

25
00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,899
this stuff I I don't and I and I hate

26
00:01:03,830 --> 00:01:02,399
saying the word now because I have so

27
00:01:06,289 --> 00:01:03,840
much more background but the word

28
00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:06,299
believe right the the belief isn't there

29
00:01:10,370 --> 00:01:07,680
necessarily that I'm seeing what I think

30
00:01:14,750 --> 00:01:10,380
are you know was being reported right so

31
00:01:20,270 --> 00:01:14,760
uh that Evolution between 2006 uh and

32
00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:20,280
then to 2008 uh at that time I uh I had

33
00:01:26,030 --> 00:01:23,040
to go to Iraq uh just a normal

34
00:01:28,130 --> 00:01:26,040
deployment and because we did deploy

35
00:01:29,810 --> 00:01:28,140
civilians uh a lot of people don't

36
00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:29,820
realize that civilians are just on the

37
00:01:34,850 --> 00:01:32,400
hook just like uh military

38
00:01:36,590 --> 00:01:34,860

um in 2006 and seven time frame as we

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00:01:40,670 --> 00:01:36,600

were trying to to think about this

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00:01:42,130 --> 00:01:40,680

problem Set uh Jim lakaski says uh hey

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:42,140

you know

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00:01:45,830 --> 00:01:44,159

basically I made the comments on the

43

00:01:49,609 --> 00:01:45,840

effect of I'd love to see one with my

44

00:01:51,649 --> 00:01:49,619

own eyes and uh and what I meant by one

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00:01:53,649 --> 00:01:51,659

is a nuts and bolts craft right because

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00:01:56,090 --> 00:01:53,659

in my mind that's why I'm a technology

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00:01:57,649 --> 00:01:56,100

Aerospace guy I'm thinking the craft

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00:01:59,389 --> 00:01:57,659

that I can go touch and put my hands on

49

00:02:01,670 --> 00:01:59,399

right or I'd like to see one of these

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00:02:04,670 --> 00:02:01,680

things in person and I was getting ready

51
00:02:08,330 --> 00:02:04,680
to go and Jim I was obviously he was

52
00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:08,340
tracking the the ranch uh and he kind of

53
00:02:12,170 --> 00:02:10,560
made a joke or I don't even say it's a

54
00:02:13,550 --> 00:02:12,180
joke about a comment of hey you know

55
00:02:14,930 --> 00:02:13,560
there's one place in the world we might

56
00:02:16,970 --> 00:02:14,940
see one of these things as this place

57
00:02:19,369 --> 00:02:16,980
and he hands me your book

58
00:02:21,710 --> 00:02:19,379
and I throw the book in my backpack and

59
00:02:24,110 --> 00:02:21,720
literally took it to a rack with me so I

60
00:02:27,410 --> 00:02:24,120
read that book in the green zone and and

61
00:02:30,170 --> 00:02:27,420
uh in my down time and uh you know

62
00:02:31,970 --> 00:02:30,180
before I even got back uh we're you know

63
00:02:35,330 --> 00:02:31,980

talking and and things are proceeding

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00:02:38,750 --> 00:02:35,340

along but so I come back uh and at that

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00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:38,760

time we we were at initially uh the

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00:02:42,110 --> 00:02:40,560

defense warning office and Dia was at

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00:02:43,729 --> 00:02:42,120

the diac would call the defense

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00:02:46,970 --> 00:02:43,739

intelligence analysis Center at bowling

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00:02:49,490 --> 00:02:46,980

Air Force Base now granted I was flight

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00:02:51,110 --> 00:02:49,500

test back in the day as Pax River Naval

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00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:51,120

Air Station which is in St Mary's County

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00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:52,800

Maryland so I still live there and I

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00:02:55,850 --> 00:02:54,000

never sold my house throughout this

74

00:02:57,770 --> 00:02:55,860

whole process because I liked where I

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00:02:59,750 --> 00:02:57,780

lived but I was making really terrible

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00:03:01,610 --> 00:02:59,760

commutes so I agreed to work at the

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00:03:03,229 --> 00:03:01,620

defense intelligence agency and made

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00:03:05,089 --> 00:03:03,239

that commute and then the process they

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00:03:07,610 --> 00:03:05,099

transferred us 14 miles through the city

80

00:03:08,930 --> 00:03:07,620

to another place and I can remember the

81

00:03:10,970 --> 00:03:08,940

quotes of this day it was almost only 14

82

00:03:12,949 --> 00:03:10,980

miles Jay but it's 14 miles of DC hell

83

00:03:15,530 --> 00:03:12,959

right going through the the commute

84

00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:15,540

there so anyway we end up in this place

85

00:03:20,750 --> 00:03:18,480

it's called Clarendon and the

86

00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:20,760

it was really killing me physically you

87

00:03:24,050 --> 00:03:22,319

know just the drive every day and the

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00:03:26,690 --> 00:03:24,060

stress of that I love the job but the

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00:03:29,390 --> 00:03:26,700

stress of getting there at home and in

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00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:29,400

2008 oh and I offered me the position to

91

00:03:32,809 --> 00:03:30,840

come back and be the deputy directory of

92

00:03:34,490 --> 00:03:32,819

warfare which was a lot better commute

93

00:03:36,050 --> 00:03:34,500

and I love the one eye you know I kind

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00:03:39,229 --> 00:03:36,060

of grew up there in in the Intel

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00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:39,239

community so I took that job and left

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00:03:44,270 --> 00:03:41,040

um you know Dr McCaskey stayed in touch

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00:03:45,589 --> 00:03:44,280

but that contract uh

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00:03:48,050 --> 00:03:45,599

you know it was already in the

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00:03:50,030 --> 00:03:48,060

beginnings and then in 2009 if I

100

00:03:53,869 --> 00:03:50,040

remember my timeline right he put it on

101
00:03:56,750 --> 00:03:53,879
fed Biz Ops to be bid and they had two

102
00:03:58,490 --> 00:03:56,760
bidders that I remember and one being

103
00:04:00,589 --> 00:03:58,500
Bob bigley you know Bigler airspace and

104
00:04:02,449 --> 00:04:00,599
the other being a company that I don't

105
00:04:04,190 --> 00:04:02,459
remember the name of but uh it was an in

106
00:04:06,770 --> 00:04:04,200
a company that did a lot of business

107
00:04:08,330 --> 00:04:06,780
with Dia and and kind of that contract

108
00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:08,340
world you know they they you have your

109
00:04:12,710 --> 00:04:10,560
favorite customers and your favorite but

110
00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:12,720
there were more than one bid no funny

111
00:04:17,030 --> 00:04:14,400
business that you can see it wasn't none

112
00:04:18,650 --> 00:04:17,040
at all and I know all of the leadership

113
00:04:21,050 --> 00:04:18,660

right I worked there worked for them

114

00:04:22,850 --> 00:04:21,060

they're the most straightforward honest

115

00:04:25,730 --> 00:04:22,860

people as you can imagine and I can they

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00:04:27,909 --> 00:04:25,740

could not uh I could never in a million

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00:04:30,710 --> 00:04:27,919

years imagine them

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00:04:33,170 --> 00:04:30,720

taking any kind of uh you know

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00:04:35,330 --> 00:04:33,180

favoritism into account they I guarantee

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00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:35,340

they went over everything very detailed

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00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:38,160

and made a decision based on the best uh

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00:04:42,950 --> 00:04:40,800

response to the proposal that they had

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00:04:44,870 --> 00:04:42,960

and they should they fire up this

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00:04:46,850 --> 00:04:44,880

program Bigelow's organization Springs

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00:04:48,710 --> 00:04:46,860

in action they create these 38 papers

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00:04:50,810 --> 00:04:48,720

you know we've heard it described as

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00:04:52,430 --> 00:04:50,820

junk science do you recall how those

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00:04:56,030 --> 00:04:52,440

papers were received when they when they

129

00:04:59,330 --> 00:04:56,040

came out so what I remember so lakatski

130

00:05:02,930 --> 00:04:59,340

uh Dr laketsky you know that was was

131

00:05:05,150 --> 00:05:02,940

driving that and our uh colleague Dr Hal

132

00:05:09,050 --> 00:05:05,160

putoff kind of led the charge there uh

133

00:05:11,570 --> 00:05:09,060

supporting Bigelow Aerospace and

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00:05:13,370 --> 00:05:11,580

the idea of them in my mind was awesome

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00:05:15,170 --> 00:05:13,380

right I'll have this reference document

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00:05:17,270 --> 00:05:15,180

that I can always go back to on all

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00:05:20,629 --> 00:05:17,280

these different Technologies

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00:05:22,070 --> 00:05:20,639

um they did come back being all right

139

00:05:25,550 --> 00:05:22,080

really

140

00:05:28,070 --> 00:05:25,560

uh I'll say academic right very high

141

00:05:30,110 --> 00:05:28,080

level academic

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00:05:32,990 --> 00:05:30,120

whereas we're dealing with the defense

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00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:33,000

intelligence agency that predominance is

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00:05:37,730 --> 00:05:35,759

the liberal arts degree and you know

145

00:05:39,290 --> 00:05:37,740

their war on terrorism was hot and heavy

146

00:05:42,529 --> 00:05:39,300

right we're hiring people who are

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00:05:43,969 --> 00:05:42,539

experts in in that culture and and you

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00:05:45,650 --> 00:05:43,979

know hiring some people just because

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00:05:47,749 --> 00:05:45,660

they speak Arabic you know and all these

150

00:05:50,029 --> 00:05:47,759

things it wasn't we weren't hiring the

151
00:05:52,129 --> 00:05:50,039
best and brightest engineers at the time

152
00:05:55,969 --> 00:05:52,139
because it just it wasn't the need of

153
00:05:57,890 --> 00:05:55,979
the of the DIA so if you take all of

154
00:05:59,510 --> 00:05:57,900
that into context and you realize your

155
00:06:01,969 --> 00:05:59,520
average Gia analyst is going to look at

156
00:06:04,189 --> 00:06:01,979
that with their you know Poli SCI or

157
00:06:05,290 --> 00:06:04,199
history background and go what is this

158
00:06:08,450 --> 00:06:05,300
right

159
00:06:10,909 --> 00:06:08,460
whereas other folks out you know out

160
00:06:12,529 --> 00:06:10,919
afri and folks you know people with the

161
00:06:14,510 --> 00:06:12,539
with the educational background look at

162
00:06:16,790 --> 00:06:14,520
it and go oh this is this is interesting

163
00:06:18,830 --> 00:06:16,800

but they may say some of it is junk

164

00:06:20,749 --> 00:06:18,840

science because it is bleeding edge and

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00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:20,759

that's what we wanted we wanted to know

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00:06:26,390 --> 00:06:23,520

what what they thought as as the leading

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00:06:27,950 --> 00:06:26,400

expert on a potential technology what

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00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:27,960

would be pushing the edge of that

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00:06:32,990 --> 00:06:29,759

envelope because I needed something to

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00:06:34,670 --> 00:06:33,000

point back to if I saw something in any

171

00:06:37,249 --> 00:06:34,680

kind of reporting and I could say look

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00:06:38,629 --> 00:06:37,259

you know based on Dr you know XYZ they

173

00:06:40,730 --> 00:06:38,639

wrote this report that that's

174

00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:40,740

significant you've seen what else was

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00:06:45,469 --> 00:06:43,199

produced by OSAP over the 27 months I

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00:06:47,689 --> 00:06:45,479

mean it's a lot of stuff but a lot of it

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00:06:49,850 --> 00:06:47,699

is some of it is pretty weird I mean you

178

00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:49,860

know the skinwalker angle I've heard it

179

00:06:56,330 --> 00:06:53,039

said now people who uh want to denigrate

180

00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:56,340

the program that it was nonsense uh it

181

00:06:59,390 --> 00:06:58,080

got off on all this weird paranormal

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00:07:01,850 --> 00:06:59,400

stuff that was never what it was

183

00:07:04,189 --> 00:07:01,860

supposed to be and it was a waste of

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00:07:05,930 --> 00:07:04,199

money and that's why it was canceled

185

00:07:08,330 --> 00:07:05,940

because it got into these weird topics

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00:07:10,969 --> 00:07:08,340

that are just too far out

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00:07:12,890 --> 00:07:10,979

in general uh can you address uh the

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00:07:14,090 --> 00:07:12,900

work that was done by OSAP the reports

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00:07:17,809 --> 00:07:14,100

that you've read that have been made

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00:07:19,490 --> 00:07:17,819

public whether it was worthwhile or not

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00:07:21,529 --> 00:07:19,500

so I think

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00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:21,539

so I'm back at Oni at this point right

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00:07:27,710 --> 00:07:24,479

so my day-to-day interaction with the

194

00:07:29,150 --> 00:07:27,720

contract and with with bass was not not

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00:07:30,350 --> 00:07:29,160

there you know I didn't have that

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00:07:32,749 --> 00:07:30,360

day-to-day

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00:07:34,070 --> 00:07:32,759

um however Dr lakaski and I again he

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00:07:36,189 --> 00:07:34,080

wants to pick my brain on things that

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00:07:38,270 --> 00:07:36,199

are being seen and I'm still in a role

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00:07:40,909 --> 00:07:38,280

where I'm concerned about threats to

201
00:07:42,890 --> 00:07:40,919
Aviation and and those types of things

202
00:07:45,710 --> 00:07:42,900
right so it's good to keep me and the

203
00:07:47,689 --> 00:07:45,720
team that I had and and and my larger

204
00:07:49,850 --> 00:07:47,699
Rolodex of experts across the Intel

205
00:07:51,710 --> 00:07:49,860
community so it was good to keep me uh

206
00:07:52,550 --> 00:07:51,720
up to speed

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00:07:55,309 --> 00:07:52,560
um

208
00:07:57,529 --> 00:07:55,319
the heart and soul of ASAP was those

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00:07:59,450 --> 00:07:57,539
technology areas and the Heart and Soul

210
00:08:01,850 --> 00:07:59,460
of those Technologies areas is

211
00:08:04,029 --> 00:08:01,860
preventing a disruptive technology

212
00:08:07,189 --> 00:08:04,039
the other stuff that came out of that

213
00:08:09,529 --> 00:08:07,199

was collateral it

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00:08:10,909 --> 00:08:09,539

you know if you go to the ranch to see a

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00:08:13,010 --> 00:08:10,919

nuts and bolts craft that you might be

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00:08:15,469 --> 00:08:13,020

able to put your hands on and you see

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00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:15,479

other things that you can't explain no

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00:08:19,010 --> 00:08:17,520

one to this day can explain is it

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00:08:21,170 --> 00:08:19,020

something to do with the technology is

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00:08:22,909 --> 00:08:21,180

it something you know is it an effect on

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00:08:24,770 --> 00:08:22,919

the body is it is it something that

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00:08:26,210 --> 00:08:24,780

that's driving you to see things that

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00:08:28,070 --> 00:08:26,220

that aren't really there you know all

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:28,080

those things needed to be studied and

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00:08:32,149 --> 00:08:29,520

and again throughout this whole process

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00:08:33,949 --> 00:08:32,159

I'm learning all of this comes into the

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00:08:36,469 --> 00:08:33,959

Forefront later with the with the bigger

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00:08:38,089 --> 00:08:36,479

task force and knowing what I needed and

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00:08:40,730 --> 00:08:38,099

knowing the kinds of expertise that I

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00:08:42,889 --> 00:08:40,740

needed and that true diversity may not

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00:08:44,389 --> 00:08:42,899

mean you know whether you're you're from

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00:08:45,470 --> 00:08:44,399

a certain country or your ethnic

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00:08:47,150 --> 00:08:45,480

background or anything else or true

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00:08:49,850 --> 00:08:47,160

diversity maybe just purely the way you

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00:08:53,570 --> 00:08:49,860

think based on your own background that

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00:08:56,030 --> 00:08:53,580

is kind of an asymmetric approach to the

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00:08:58,130 --> 00:08:56,040

technology area right for example hiring

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00:09:01,070 --> 00:08:58,140

a biologist to look at the terrorist

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00:09:02,810 --> 00:09:01,080

Network and the thread that of radical

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00:09:05,389 --> 00:09:02,820

Islam and how it spreads like a virus

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00:09:08,509 --> 00:09:05,399

right you take that same mindset to

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00:09:10,190 --> 00:09:08,519

other things and and the various

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00:09:11,990 --> 00:09:10,200

phenomenon that we're seeing it's it's

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00:09:13,970 --> 00:09:12,000

important to to bring in that kind of

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00:09:15,530 --> 00:09:13,980

diversity is just purely the way they

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00:09:17,090 --> 00:09:15,540

think and I always like to bring in

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00:09:18,290 --> 00:09:17,100

folks with that kind of background that

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00:09:20,269 --> 00:09:18,300

didn't have a military background

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00:09:22,730 --> 00:09:20,279

because now they don't they're not in

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00:09:23,930 --> 00:09:22,740

this box in this in this in this uh in

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00:09:26,449 --> 00:09:23,940

this Viewpoint that they're always

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00:09:28,190 --> 00:09:26,459

trying to mold things into they're

253

00:09:30,769 --> 00:09:28,200

coming at you with well have you thought

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00:09:33,110 --> 00:09:30,779

about this right and that is where the

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00:09:35,210 --> 00:09:33,120

true the power of those and those papers

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00:09:37,550 --> 00:09:35,220

come from too because then you've got to

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00:09:39,290 --> 00:09:37,560

be something to point back to to say hey

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00:09:40,970 --> 00:09:39,300

hey take a look at this what do you

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00:09:44,329 --> 00:09:40,980

think right you know to another academic

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00:09:45,829 --> 00:09:44,339

or and and how can you uh how how could

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00:09:50,269 --> 00:09:45,839

you see that applied

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00:09:52,009 --> 00:09:50,279

so Jay Stratton is not a UFO guy he's uh

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00:09:54,290 --> 00:09:52,019

uh I don't know if you say a career

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00:09:58,009 --> 00:09:54,300

intelligence officer but Owen I to DIA

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00:10:00,170 --> 00:09:58,019

the the UFO thing hits at him and he

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00:10:01,730 --> 00:10:00,180

realizes there's a void there we need to

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00:10:03,710 --> 00:10:01,740

do this right there are potential

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00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:03,720

threats we don't know where they're

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00:10:09,170 --> 00:10:06,480

coming from so I'm going to create the

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00:10:11,509 --> 00:10:09,180

the UAP task force and we're going to

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00:10:12,470 --> 00:10:11,519

look at this in a badass way and we're

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00:10:14,509 --> 00:10:12,480

going to be clear with the American

273

00:10:15,710 --> 00:10:14,519

public he also made sure to put that in

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00:10:17,040 --> 00:10:15,720

we're going to be clear of the American

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00:10:19,670 --> 00:10:17,050

public

