



1  
00:00:10,320 --> 00:00:19,910  
oh

2  
00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:22,710  
there were radar reports of unidentified

3  
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:26,320  
flying objects over the nation's capital

4  
00:00:30,870 --> 00:00:28,720  
we had three reports one came from

5  
00:00:33,990 --> 00:00:30,880  
andrews air force base radar control

6  
00:00:37,030 --> 00:00:34,000  
room and two from the radar controls at

7  
00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:37,040  
washington national airport

8  
00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:38,640  
the first sightings consisted of a

9  
00:00:41,590 --> 00:00:39,680  
number

10  
00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:41,600  
of unidentified targets picked up on

11  
00:00:45,670 --> 00:00:42,719  
radar

12  
00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:45,680  
then a call was placed from national

13  
00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:47,680

to the andrews air force base flight

14

00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:49,600  
controllers they were apparently

15

00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:51,760  
tracking the same targets

16

00:00:56,389 --> 00:00:53,840  
then andrews reported a visual

17

00:00:58,310 --> 00:00:56,399  
observation of three objects

18

00:01:01,510 --> 00:00:58,320  
that were apparently in the same

19

00:01:03,189 --> 00:01:01,520  
position as those indicated by our radar

20

00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,199  
sets

21

00:01:07,830 --> 00:01:05,280  
the targets stayed on radar until about

22

00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:07,840  
12 30 a.m

23

00:01:12,390 --> 00:01:10,240  
they move slowly at first about 100 to

24

00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:12,400  
200 miles per hour

25

00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:14,240  
then one of the targets

26  
00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:17,520  
sped away at a fantastic rate of speed

27  
00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:19,520  
it moved west

28  
00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:22,880  
from andrews toward riverdale

29  
00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:25,360  
the estimated speed was 7

30  
00:01:32,840 --> 00:01:27,920  
300 miles per hour 7

31  
00:02:06,550 --> 00:01:32,850  
300 miles per hour

32  
00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:10,070  
in the summer of 1952 on the dates july

33  
00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:14,400  
19th 20th 26th and 27th

34  
00:02:21,110 --> 00:02:17,360  
washington dc

35  
00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:21,120  
was for a lack of a better word invaded

36  
00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:25,040  
by unidentified flying objects

37  
00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:28,080  
now most of you know that the end result

38  
00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:35,030

the whole episode was blamed on

39

00:02:40,390 --> 00:02:38,000

temperature inversions

40

00:02:43,430 --> 00:02:40,400

and that's why the radar malfunctioned i

41

00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:43,440

am here to discuss the so-called flying

42

00:02:48,150 --> 00:02:45,200

saucers

43

00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:48,160

the air force interest in this problem

44

00:02:51,750 --> 00:02:49,920

has been due to our feeling of an

45

00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:51,760

obligation to

46

00:02:55,830 --> 00:02:53,760

identify

47

00:02:57,670 --> 00:02:55,840

and analyze to the best of our ability

48

00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:57,680

anything in the air

49

00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:00,480

that may have the possibility of threat

50

00:03:07,830 --> 00:03:04,720

or menace to the united states

51  
00:03:09,190 --> 00:03:07,840  
we have as a date come to only one firm

52  
00:03:11,030 --> 00:03:09,200  
that is that

53  
00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:11,040  
it does not contain

54  
00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:13,360  
any pattern of purpose

55  
00:03:17,350 --> 00:03:15,360  
or of consistency

56  
00:03:23,509 --> 00:03:17,360  
that we can relate with any to any

57  
00:03:23,519 --> 00:03:27,670  
something about that time

58  
00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:30,550  
stayed with me it still stays with me

59  
00:03:34,949 --> 00:03:32,879  
it was a big case

60  
00:03:36,869 --> 00:03:34,959  
probably the biggest case that our

61  
00:03:40,630 --> 00:03:36,879  
country has seen

62  
00:03:44,830 --> 00:03:42,710  
and this is why i say that as well as

63  
00:03:47,830 --> 00:03:44,840

radar pickups at two different

64

00:03:50,390 --> 00:03:47,840

facilities a washington tower and the

65

00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:50,400

air route traffic control at washington

66

00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:51,680

airport

67

00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:54,000

there were also radar pickups at andrews

68

00:04:02,789 --> 00:03:59,830

and at andrews

69

00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:02,799

there were two radars

70

00:04:08,070 --> 00:04:05,200

and the radar controllers reported

71

00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:08,080

strong signals

72

00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:09,840

andrew's tower to washington control

73

00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:11,760

they're back just as they just left our

74

00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:13,519

scope they drop back in again out of

75

00:04:18,710 --> 00:04:16,320

nowhere you got them over

76

00:04:21,430 --> 00:04:18,720

those blips are solid they're good and

77

00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:21,440

solid and later testified that

78

00:04:27,749 --> 00:04:23,360

they were familiar with what temperature

79

00:04:32,150 --> 00:04:31,030

and they even showed up during this

80

00:04:33,909 --> 00:04:32,160

event

81

00:04:39,830 --> 00:04:33,919

but they disregarded them because they

82

00:04:43,990 --> 00:04:42,710

the visual sightings were also

83

00:04:45,909 --> 00:04:44,000

discounted

84

00:04:49,110 --> 00:04:45,919

due to the temperature inversion you

85

00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:49,120

make out what type of craft it is over

86

00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:51,680

flight 639 torsion control

87

00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:53,360

no

88

00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:55,600

we can just see a light

89

00:04:59,189 --> 00:04:58,400

a blue green light over here later said

90

00:05:05,990 --> 00:04:59,199

that

91

00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:06,000

also had their visual sightings

92

00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:08,320

around 4 000

93

00:05:10,469 --> 00:05:09,280

feet

94

00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:10,479

altitude

95

00:05:14,230 --> 00:05:11,840

where the temperature inversion would

96

00:05:16,230 --> 00:05:14,240

take place now nobody seemed to question

97

00:05:18,950 --> 00:05:16,240

that in the press

98

00:05:21,189 --> 00:05:18,960

which was jam-packed in the press room

99

00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:21,199

listening to general samford did not

100

00:05:25,830 --> 00:05:24,479

question this

101  
00:05:28,629 --> 00:05:25,840  
but if you go through the documents

102  
00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:31,670  
the visual sightings were not

103  
00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,000  
at 4 000

104  
00:05:39,189 --> 00:05:36,240  
feet altitude

105  
00:05:41,029 --> 00:05:39,199  
some were in upwards of 19 000 feet

106  
00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:41,039  
altitude the best report that i've heard

107  
00:05:44,230 --> 00:05:42,320  
came from

108  
00:05:46,870 --> 00:05:44,240  
caa

109  
00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:46,880  
in the pilot with capital airlines

110  
00:05:50,710 --> 00:05:48,639  
about a transport plane

111  
00:05:52,790 --> 00:05:50,720  
as the huge capital liner trim and

112  
00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:52,800  
graceful turns toward the loading raft

113  
00:06:01,029 --> 00:05:54,800

to end its trip none of the beauty of

114

00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:03,270

it should also be noted that some of the

115

00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:04,720

sightings were observed with the low

116

00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:07,120

power telescope we don't have to go by

117

00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:09,280

testimony alone that we know some people

118

00:06:15,189 --> 00:06:10,240

can't

119

00:06:18,870 --> 00:06:16,550

we can actually

120

00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:18,880

read the transcripts

121

00:06:24,469 --> 00:06:21,600

the dispatch transcripts

122

00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:24,479

from the capital airlines pilot

123

00:06:28,710 --> 00:06:26,639

that goes from unknown and unidentified

124

00:06:31,590 --> 00:06:28,720

objects received on radar most of the

125

00:06:31,600 --> 00:06:37,510

objects cited by the plane t-807

126  
00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:38,390  
and

127  
00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:40,400  
national airlines 610 between

128  
00:06:46,469 --> 00:06:42,560  
martinsburg

129  
00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:46,479  
herndon and washington cruising objects

130  
00:06:51,189 --> 00:06:49,360  
over vicinity for several hours

131  
00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:51,199  
none ground sighted that we know of here

132  
00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:53,120  
however ground sighted at harrisburg in

133  
00:06:58,150 --> 00:06:54,720  
york pennsylvania

134  
00:07:02,230 --> 00:06:58,160  
t807 cited three at level flight moving

135  
00:07:08,230 --> 00:07:05,670  
and it was later reported that

136  
00:07:10,070 --> 00:07:08,240  
one reaching upwards of 7 000 miles per

137  
00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:10,080  
hour

138  
00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:15,270

reported several flying objects with

139

00:07:19,990 --> 00:07:17,840

bright lights

140

00:07:23,110 --> 00:07:20,000

the tower had numerous unidentified

141

00:07:25,670 --> 00:07:23,120

blips on the radar screen

142

00:07:28,230 --> 00:07:25,680

and they asked him to check dave pratt

143

00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:28,240

radar technician

144

00:07:31,110 --> 00:07:30,080

was able to successfully observe the

145

00:07:33,029 --> 00:07:31,120

blitz

146

00:07:35,589 --> 00:07:33,039

on airways radar

147

00:07:37,350 --> 00:07:35,599

about seven blips were in the area even

148

00:07:40,629 --> 00:07:37,360

more perplexing was their occasional

149

00:07:43,990 --> 00:07:40,639

disappearance from the screen

150

00:07:46,390 --> 00:07:44,000

for one and sometimes two sweeps

151  
00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:46,400  
blipping

152  
00:07:50,469 --> 00:07:48,479  
after which they reappeared moving

153  
00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:50,479  
rapidly

154  
00:07:59,780 --> 00:07:55,589  
all trips

155  
00:08:05,950 --> 00:08:02,780  
[Music]

156  
00:08:08,570 --> 00:08:05,960  
[Applause]

157  
00:08:22,070 --> 00:08:08,580  
[Music]

158  
00:08:37,990 --> 00:08:22,080  
[Applause]

159  
00:08:40,709 --> 00:08:38,000  
interesting part was the first

160  
00:08:43,190 --> 00:08:40,719  
notification to colonel power and

161  
00:08:47,750 --> 00:08:43,200  
captain rupa which was

162  
00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:47,760  
actually on the 22nd of july 1952.

163  
00:08:51,990 --> 00:08:49,760

uh they had been at andrews air force

164

00:08:54,710 --> 00:08:52,000

base the previous day and they didn't

165

00:08:57,190 --> 00:08:54,720

even captain rupa was quoted as saying

166

00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:57,200

before the day is over

167

00:09:03,110 --> 00:08:59,920

i have a feeling this is a hot incident

168

00:09:06,470 --> 00:09:03,120

it's also within these incidences

169

00:09:08,310 --> 00:09:06,480

that we learned that major fournette

170

00:09:10,550 --> 00:09:08,320

would no longer be the contact man in

171

00:09:12,870 --> 00:09:10,560

washington for unidentified object

172

00:09:14,870 --> 00:09:12,880

reports a new agency

173

00:09:17,910 --> 00:09:14,880

handling this coordination

174

00:09:20,949 --> 00:09:17,920

is under the topical intelligence

175

00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:23,350

and the current intelligence interesting

176

00:09:28,790 --> 00:09:24,640

that you can

177

00:09:29,750 --> 00:09:28,800

um actually read in uh rupell's book

178

00:09:31,350 --> 00:09:29,760

um

179

00:09:33,509 --> 00:09:31,360

that

180

00:09:35,829 --> 00:09:33,519

he tried to visit the different

181

00:09:37,509 --> 00:09:35,839

establishments that you know took up the

182

00:09:39,509 --> 00:09:37,519

radar observations and had the

183

00:09:41,509 --> 00:09:39,519

eyewitnesses

184

00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:41,519

um

185

00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:43,760

but he

186

00:09:46,310 --> 00:09:45,040

couldn't get

187

00:09:48,150 --> 00:09:46,320

paid

188

00:09:50,150 --> 00:09:48,160

to do that

189

00:09:52,150 --> 00:09:50,160

he would have to pay for it himself he

190

00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:52,160

did not have a car and bus routes

191

00:09:57,110 --> 00:09:55,600

unfortunately were too slow for him to

192

00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:57,120

get to

193

00:10:00,160 --> 00:10:15,269

in a fast enough way

194

00:10:19,990 --> 00:10:17,670

a colonel thomas wound up calling

195

00:10:21,670 --> 00:10:20,000

captain rupaul at his home and stated

196

00:10:24,150 --> 00:10:21,680

that

197

00:10:26,630 --> 00:10:24,160

the radar at washington national airport

198

00:10:32,790 --> 00:10:26,640

tower has been picking up objects

199

00:10:37,110 --> 00:10:35,110

lieutenant holcomb and major fournette

200

00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:37,120

at washington national tower and

201  
00:10:42,790 --> 00:10:39,920  
observing the objects f-94s have been

202  
00:10:44,230 --> 00:10:42,800  
scrambled with no luck

203  
00:10:46,389 --> 00:10:44,240  
something else was going to be tried and

204  
00:10:47,990 --> 00:10:46,399  
what's that something else was colonel

205  
00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:48,000  
thomas stated that several press

206  
00:10:52,710 --> 00:10:50,399  
representatives were at the tower and

207  
00:10:55,509 --> 00:10:52,720  
photos have been taken in the

208  
00:10:58,870 --> 00:10:55,519  
disposition form attention captain

209  
00:10:58,880 --> 00:11:03,829  
from captain james

210  
00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:06,949  
the radar pings were generally described

211  
00:11:10,710 --> 00:11:09,200  
as sporadic intermittent capable of

212  
00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:10,720  
dropping out

213  
00:11:13,590 --> 00:11:12,320

of the pattern at will creeping

214

00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:13,600

appearance

215

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:16,160

just disappearing from scope

216

00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:18,000

and solid and

217

00:11:23,350 --> 00:11:20,320

unidentified targets were

218

00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:25,190

all throughout the past few months but

219

00:11:32,389 --> 00:11:29,279

none were as strong as

220

00:11:35,350 --> 00:11:32,399

they were consistent

221

00:11:38,069 --> 00:11:35,360

on the dates of the 19th 20th 26th

222

00:11:39,670 --> 00:11:38,079

witnessed our air defense in action

223

00:11:41,350 --> 00:11:39,680

the results of a warning that an

224

00:11:43,190 --> 00:11:41,360

unidentified flying object was

225

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:43,200

approaching our ever alert outposts of

226

00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:44,640

defense

227

00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,800

radar systems made up of installations

228

00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:48,720

such as this one are constantly

229

00:11:51,350 --> 00:11:50,399

searching the heavens for signs of

230

00:11:54,550 --> 00:11:51,360

attack

231

00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:54,560

without them there would be no warning

232

00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:56,800

and without this tube a vital part of

233

00:12:00,069 --> 00:11:58,720

such an installation there would be no

234

00:12:02,150 --> 00:12:00,079

warning either

235

00:12:05,030 --> 00:12:02,160

it's called a klystron tube um the

236

00:12:07,990 --> 00:12:05,040

capital airlines pilot of flight 807

237

00:12:10,389 --> 00:12:08,000

captain casey pyramid of detroit was a

238

00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:10,399

veteran of 17 years service with the

239

00:12:16,710 --> 00:12:12,720

company and he spotted the objects and

240

00:12:20,389 --> 00:12:18,550

they were like falling stars without

241

00:12:22,310 --> 00:12:20,399

tails

242

00:12:24,310 --> 00:12:22,320

in my years of flying i've seen a lot of

243

00:12:25,509 --> 00:12:24,320

falling or shooting stars whatever you

244

00:12:28,150 --> 00:12:25,519

call them

245

00:12:31,030 --> 00:12:28,160

but these were much faster than anything

246

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,470

they couldn't have been aircraft they

247

00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:35,279

were moving too fast for that

248

00:12:41,910 --> 00:12:38,000

they were about the same size as bright

249

00:12:44,629 --> 00:12:41,920

stars and were much higher than our 6

250

00:12:46,629 --> 00:12:44,639

000 foot altitude shortly thereafter

251  
00:12:48,790 --> 00:12:46,639  
officials said pierman reported back to

252  
00:12:50,230 --> 00:12:48,800  
dispatch tower and he spotted a group of

253  
00:12:52,389 --> 00:12:50,240  
objects

254  
00:12:55,190 --> 00:12:52,399  
pyramid then flying at normal cruising

255  
00:12:56,949 --> 00:12:55,200  
speed of 180 to 200 miles per hour

256  
00:12:59,269 --> 00:12:56,959  
reported that three of the objects which

257  
00:13:01,269 --> 00:12:59,279  
had the appearance of bright lights

258  
00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:01,279  
were seen traveling with tremendous

259  
00:13:06,710 --> 00:13:03,600  
speeds later three bright lights were

260  
00:13:08,629 --> 00:13:06,720  
observed pierman reported airport

261  
00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:08,639  
traffic control center said another

262  
00:13:14,550 --> 00:13:11,920  
airliner capital national airlines plate

263  
00:13:17,030 --> 00:13:14,560

610

264

00:13:18,629 --> 00:13:17,040  
reported observing a light

265

00:13:20,389 --> 00:13:18,639  
following it

266

00:13:22,629 --> 00:13:20,399  
from herndon virginia

267

00:13:24,790 --> 00:13:22,639  
to within four miles of the national

268

00:13:27,110 --> 00:13:24,800  
airport

269

00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:27,120  
major keyhole as author of the book

270

00:13:31,590 --> 00:13:29,760  
flying saucers are real what is your

271

00:13:33,910 --> 00:13:31,600  
opinion of these new sightings of

272

00:13:35,590 --> 00:13:33,920  
unidentified objects with all due

273

00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:35,600  
respect to the air force i believe that

274

00:13:39,189 --> 00:13:37,120  
some of them will prove to be of

275

00:13:41,350 --> 00:13:39,199  
interplanetary origin during a

276

00:13:43,430 --> 00:13:41,360

three-year investigation i found that

277

00:13:44,470 --> 00:13:43,440

many pilots have described objects of

278

00:13:46,790 --> 00:13:44,480

substance

279

00:13:48,710 --> 00:13:46,800

and high speed one case polish reported

280

00:13:51,110 --> 00:13:48,720

their plane was buffeted by an object

281

00:13:53,030 --> 00:13:51,120

which passed them at 500 miles an hour

282

00:13:55,910 --> 00:13:53,040

obviously this was a solid object that i

283

00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:55,920

believe was from outer space

284

00:13:59,189 --> 00:13:57,839

washington national airport just 10

285

00:14:01,430 --> 00:13:59,199

minutes from the capitals business

286

00:14:03,189 --> 00:14:01,440

section on u s highway one has the

287

00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:03,199

distinction of being the only commercial

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00:14:05,990 --> 00:14:04,720

airport owned by the united states

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00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:06,000

government

290

00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:07,360

through its recently enlarged and

291

00:14:11,910 --> 00:14:09,600

redesigned terminal building some of the

292

00:14:14,069 --> 00:14:11,920

most important people in the world

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00:14:16,629 --> 00:14:14,079

prime ministers potentates and just

294

00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:16,639

plain people thousands of them every day

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00:14:20,629 --> 00:14:19,360

deplaned at washington national airport

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00:14:31,030 --> 00:14:20,639

most of the visitors like this

297

00:14:31,040 --> 00:14:35,269

i guess it means something

298

00:14:35,279 --> 00:14:40,470

that you get upset and start running

299

00:14:45,590 --> 00:14:43,269

i'll take your advice to the cleaners

300

00:14:48,629 --> 00:14:45,600

and i'll accidentally leave it there on

301

00:14:56,310 --> 00:14:53,030

i got ufos on my mind

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00:15:01,560 --> 00:14:56,320

is it even raining on me so bright above

303

00:15:12,230 --> 00:15:09,590

[Music]

304

00:15:22,389 --> 00:15:12,240

is it even raining

305

00:15:26,629 --> 00:15:22,399

[Music]

306

00:15:28,940 --> 00:15:26,639

sometimes it's only nothing