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00:00:17,059 --> 00:00:22,439  
I'm five Symington in 1997 during my

2  
00:00:20,429 --> 00:00:24,750  
second term as governor of Arizona

3  
00:00:22,439 --> 00:00:27,629  
I saw something that defied logic and

4  
00:00:24,750 --> 00:00:29,820  
challenged my reality I witnessed a

5  
00:00:27,629 --> 00:00:32,460  
massive delta-shaped

6  
00:00:29,820 --> 00:00:33,119  
craft that silently navigated over the

7  
00:00:32,460 --> 00:00:37,799  
Squaw Peak

8  
00:00:33,119 --> 00:00:40,709  
area in North Phoenix in the evening and

9  
00:00:37,799 --> 00:00:43,049  
it was truly breathtaking to my

10  
00:00:40,710 --> 00:00:44,939  
astonishment it appeared that it

11  
00:00:43,049 --> 00:00:48,269  
appeared to be a solid structure it was

12  
00:00:44,939 --> 00:00:50,820  
huge it had a very distinctive leading

13  
00:00:48,270 --> 00:00:54,809  
edge with embedded huge embedded lights

14  
00:00:50,820 --> 00:00:57,030  
in it and it was just traveling quietly

15  
00:00:54,808 --> 00:00:59,759  
made no sound through the arrows on a

16  
00:00:57,030 --> 00:01:02,698  
night sky I still don't know what it was

17  
00:00:59,759 --> 00:01:05,609  
as a pilot and a former Air Force

18  
00:01:02,698 --> 00:01:07,379  
officer I can definitively say that this

19  
00:01:05,609 --> 00:01:09,989  
craft did not resemble any man-made

20  
00:01:07,379 --> 00:01:13,280  
object that I'd ever seen and it was

21  
00:01:09,989 --> 00:01:16,140  
certainly not high-altitude flares as

22  
00:01:13,280 --> 00:01:18,930  
put out by the the Air Force at Luke Air

23  
00:01:16,140 --> 00:01:22,739  
Force Base because I've never seen

24  
00:01:18,930 --> 00:01:24,720  
flares fly in formation the incident was

25  
00:01:22,739 --> 00:01:27,298  
witnessed by hundreds if not thousands

26  
00:01:24,719 --> 00:01:29,908  
of people in Maricopa County and in

27  
00:01:27,299 --> 00:01:31,618  
southern Arizona and my office was

28  
00:01:29,909 --> 00:01:35,880  
besieged with phone calls from very

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00:01:31,618 --> 00:01:37,530  
concerned citizens the growing hysteria

30  
00:01:35,879 --> 00:01:42,599  
intensified when the story broke

31  
00:01:37,530 --> 00:01:44,189  
nationally and so I decided to lighten

32  
00:01:42,599 --> 00:01:47,339  
the mood of the state and I called a

33  
00:01:44,188 --> 00:01:50,819  
press conference where I dressed up my

34  
00:01:47,340 --> 00:01:52,350  
chief of staff and a Martian outfit it

35  
00:01:50,819 --> 00:01:55,859  
was meant to be a spoof a good-natured

36  
00:01:52,349 --> 00:01:58,769  
spoof that worked we managed to lessen

37  
00:01:55,859 --> 00:02:00,959  
the sense of panic at the time but I

38  
00:01:58,769 --> 00:02:03,959  
also upset quite a few of my

39  
00:02:00,959 --> 00:02:06,209  
constituents well I'd like now to set

40  
00:02:03,959 --> 00:02:09,179  
the record straight I never meant to

41  
00:02:06,209 --> 00:02:11,159  
ridicule anyone my office did make

42  
00:02:09,179 --> 00:02:13,500  
enquiries as to the origin of the craft

43  
00:02:11,159 --> 00:02:15,780

but to this day they remain on

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00:02:13,500 --> 00:02:18,150  
answered eventually the Air National

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00:02:15,780 --> 00:02:19,530  
Guard claimed responsibility stating

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00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:22,830  
that their pilots had been dropping

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00:02:19,530 --> 00:02:26,460  
flares they also another individual from

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00:02:22,830 --> 00:02:29,010  
Tucson said that a-10s had been flying

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00:02:26,460 --> 00:02:31,200  
in formation over Maricopa County but

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00:02:29,009 --> 00:02:32,879  
those of us in the airforce and those of

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00:02:31,199 --> 00:02:34,949  
you who know about a-10s they're called

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00:02:32,879 --> 00:02:37,049  
the Warthog it's a tank killing aircraft

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00:02:34,949 --> 00:02:39,119  
know that it's the noisiest machine in

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00:02:37,050 --> 00:02:41,010  
the sky and there's no way that a flight

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00:02:39,120 --> 00:02:43,800  
of a-10s could come over Maricopa County

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00:02:41,009 --> 00:02:45,750  
and be quiet that just doesn't work so

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00:02:43,800 --> 00:02:48,270  
we get these explanations that fly in

58  
00:02:45,750 --> 00:02:51,719  
the face of facts explanations like

59  
00:02:48,270 --> 00:02:54,239  
weather balloons swamp gas military

60  
00:02:51,719 --> 00:02:57,629  
flares and hardware and software

61  
00:02:54,239 --> 00:03:00,270  
problems I was never happy with this

62  
00:02:57,629 --> 00:03:02,609  
silly silly explanation there might

63  
00:03:00,270 --> 00:03:04,500  
there might very well have been military

64  
00:03:02,610 --> 00:03:07,320  
flares in the sky that evening but that

65  
00:03:04,500 --> 00:03:10,289  
sure wasn't what what I and what

66  
00:03:07,319 --> 00:03:11,849  
hundreds of my fellow citizens saw well

67  
00:03:10,289 --> 00:03:13,079  
I now know that I'm not alone in

68  
00:03:11,849 --> 00:03:14,729  
witnessing something extraordinary

69  
00:03:13,080 --> 00:03:17,269  
that's the bottom line

70  
00:03:14,729 --> 00:03:20,729  
there are many high ranking military

71  
00:03:17,269 --> 00:03:22,289  
aviation and government officials many

72  
00:03:20,729 --> 00:03:25,500  
of whom are here today who share my

73  
00:03:22,289 --> 00:03:28,349  
concerns some of them have truly

74  
00:03:25,500 --> 00:03:29,969  
exceptional stories to tell there's

75  
00:03:28,349 --> 00:03:32,579  
absolutely no doubt as to the veracity

76  
00:03:29,969 --> 00:03:34,949  
of what these men have told you they

77  
00:03:32,580 --> 00:03:37,980  
have fought in wars they have guarded

78  
00:03:34,949 --> 00:03:39,719  
top-secret weapons and they've flown

79  
00:03:37,979 --> 00:03:43,229  
countless passengers throughout the

80  
00:03:39,719 --> 00:03:44,069  
world skies incidents like these are not

81  
00:03:43,229 --> 00:03:46,379  
going away

82  
00:03:44,069 --> 00:03:48,509  
one year ago Chicago's O'Hare Airport

83  
00:03:46,379 --> 00:03:50,599  
experienced the UFO event that made

84  
00:03:48,509 --> 00:03:53,250  
national and international headlines

85  
00:03:50,599 --> 00:03:55,799  
pilots and many other airline employees

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00:03:53,250 --> 00:03:57,659  
observed a metallic-looking disc

87  
00:03:55,799 --> 00:04:00,239  
hovering over the United Airlines

88  
00:03:57,659 --> 00:04:02,250  
terminal for several minutes and then it

89  
00:04:00,239 --> 00:04:04,650  
shot straight up into the sky cut a hole

90  
00:04:02,250 --> 00:04:06,989  
in the sky disappeared

91  
00:04:04,650 --> 00:04:12,269  
the FAA apparently did not investigate

92  
00:04:06,989 --> 00:04:15,060  
dismissed the sightings as whether we

93  
00:04:12,269 --> 00:04:18,120  
want the United States government to

94  
00:04:15,060 --> 00:04:20,399  
stop perpetuating the myth that all UFOs

95  
00:04:18,120 --> 00:04:24,000  
can be explained away in down-to-earth

96  
00:04:20,399 --> 00:04:25,989  
and conventional terms instead our

97  
00:04:24,000 --> 00:04:29,399  
country needs to reopen it's a fish

98  
00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:32,259  
investigation that had shut down in 1969

99  
00:04:29,399 --> 00:04:34,750  
the United States government can no

100  
00:04:32,259 --> 00:04:37,780

longer shun an international dialogue

101

00:04:34,750 --> 00:04:39,699

about this phenomena and we invite the

102

00:04:37,779 --> 00:04:42,219

government to work in cooperation with

103

00:04:39,699 --> 00:04:45,728

countries is represented on both sides

104

00:04:42,220 --> 00:04:48,280

of me here today when it comes to events

105

00:04:45,728 --> 00:04:53,168

of this nature dealing with the great

106

00:04:48,279 --> 00:04:56,829

unknown we deserve I believe more

107

00:04:53,168 --> 00:04:59,740

openness and a serious pursuit of the

108

00:04:56,829 --> 00:05:01,948

facts by our government thank you very

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00:04:59,740 --> 00:05:01,949

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