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00:00:09,339 --> 00:00:16,879
good morning my name is Daniel Sheehan

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00:00:13,929 --> 00:00:20,539
I'm an attorney and serving as general

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00:00:16,879 --> 00:00:22,910
counsel to the disclosure project I'm a

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00:00:20,539 --> 00:00:24,170
1967 graduate of Harvard College and

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00:00:22,910 --> 00:00:26,750
American government studies and

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00:00:24,170 --> 00:00:31,490
constitutional law in a graduate of

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00:00:26,750 --> 00:00:33,710
Harvard Law School and I served as

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00:00:31,489 --> 00:00:36,259
general counsel and one of the

9
00:00:33,710 --> 00:00:40,149
co-counsel for the New York Times in the

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00:00:36,259 --> 00:00:42,559
Pentagon Papers case and was involved in

11
00:00:40,149 --> 00:00:45,019
briefing and arguing the case in front

12
00:00:42,560 --> 00:00:47,630
of United States Supreme Court giving

13
00:00:45,020 --> 00:00:50,480
permission to the New York Times to

14
00:00:47,630 --> 00:00:52,450
publish the classified documents the 47

15
00:00:50,479 --> 00:00:54,890
volumes of the Pentagon Papers

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00:00:52,450 --> 00:00:56,840
subsequent to that time I served as

17
00:00:54,890 --> 00:00:59,450
special counsel to the office of F lee

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00:00:56,840 --> 00:01:01,880
Bailey as one of the trial counsels when

19
00:00:59,450 --> 00:01:07,219
we represented james mccord in the

20
00:01:01,880 --> 00:01:09,710
Watergate burglary and got mr. McCord to

21
00:01:07,218 --> 00:01:13,578
write the letter to judge sarika to

22
00:01:09,709 --> 00:01:15,559
reveal the water have the Watergate

23
00:01:13,578 --> 00:01:18,649
burglars relationship to the plumbers

24
00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:22,069
unit in the in the white house at that

25
00:01:18,649 --> 00:01:24,829
time subsequent to my service in that

26
00:01:22,069 --> 00:01:26,840
case I went back to Harvard to the

27
00:01:24,828 --> 00:01:29,629
divinity school to study judeo-christian

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00:01:26,840 --> 00:01:32,170
social ethics and Public Policy did my

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00:01:29,629 --> 00:01:34,548
masters work in PhD work there and

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00:01:32,170 --> 00:01:36,950
became general counsel for the United

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00:01:34,549 --> 00:01:39,799
States Jesuit headquarters in Washington

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00:01:36,950 --> 00:01:41,599
DC assigned to the national social

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00:01:39,799 --> 00:01:47,179
ministries office in their public policy

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00:01:41,599 --> 00:01:50,929
office it was there in 1967 1977 that I

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00:01:47,179 --> 00:01:53,090
was contacted by ms marsha smith who was

36
00:01:50,929 --> 00:01:55,159
the director of the science and

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00:01:53,090 --> 00:01:59,090
technology division of the Congressional

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00:01:55,159 --> 00:02:01,310
Research Service she asked to meet with

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00:01:59,090 --> 00:02:04,819
me and I met with her and she informed

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00:02:01,310 --> 00:02:09,050
me that President Carter upon taking

41
00:02:04,819 --> 00:02:10,729
office in January of 1977 held a meeting

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00:02:09,050 --> 00:02:13,580
with in the director of Central

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00:02:10,729 --> 00:02:16,020

Intelligence who was george bush senior

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00:02:13,580 --> 00:02:17,520
and demanded that

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00:02:16,020 --> 00:02:19,860
the director of Central Intelligence

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00:02:17,520 --> 00:02:21,510
turn over to the president the

47

00:02:19,860 --> 00:02:23,820
classified information about

48

00:02:21,509 --> 00:02:25,049
unidentified flying objects and the

49

00:02:23,819 --> 00:02:26,370
information that was in the possession

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00:02:25,050 --> 00:02:28,290
of the United States intelligence

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00:02:26,370 --> 00:02:31,050
community concerning the existence of

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00:02:28,289 --> 00:02:33,929
extraterrestrial intelligence this

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00:02:31,050 --> 00:02:36,030
information was refused to the President

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00:02:33,930 --> 00:02:38,420
of the United States by the director of

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00:02:36,030 --> 00:02:41,909
Central Intelligence george bush senior

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00:02:38,419 --> 00:02:43,979
the director insisted that the president

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00:02:41,909 --> 00:02:46,500
in order to have access to this

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00:02:43,979 --> 00:02:48,509
information needed to have clearance

59
00:02:46,500 --> 00:02:51,360
through contact the Congressional

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00:02:48,509 --> 00:02:53,099
Research Service to contact the United

61
00:02:51,360 --> 00:02:55,290
States House of Representative science

62
00:02:53,099 --> 00:02:58,319
and technology division to have them

63
00:02:55,289 --> 00:03:02,639
undertake a process to declassify this

64
00:02:58,319 --> 00:03:04,169
information because the DCI suspected

65
00:03:02,639 --> 00:03:06,209
that the president was preparing to

66
00:03:04,169 --> 00:03:09,299
reveal this information to the American

67
00:03:06,210 --> 00:03:11,640
public the Congressional Research

68
00:03:09,300 --> 00:03:13,500
Service science and technology division

69
00:03:11,639 --> 00:03:16,289
under the directorship of marshal Smith

70
00:03:13,500 --> 00:03:18,270
was contacted by the House Science and

71
00:03:16,289 --> 00:03:20,909
Technology Committee instructed to

72
00:03:18,270 --> 00:03:22,200
undertake a major investigation of the

73
00:03:20,909 --> 00:03:24,689
existence of extraterrestrial

74
00:03:22,199 --> 00:03:28,469
intelligence and the relationship of the

75
00:03:24,689 --> 00:03:30,659
UFO phenomenon to this I was contacted

76
00:03:28,469 --> 00:03:32,669
by Miss Smith and asked in my capacity

77
00:03:30,659 --> 00:03:35,520
as general counsel to United States

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00:03:32,669 --> 00:03:37,530
Jesuit headquarters national social

79
00:03:35,520 --> 00:03:41,040
ministry office to see if we could

80
00:03:37,530 --> 00:03:43,409
obtain access to the Vatican Library to

81
00:03:41,039 --> 00:03:44,909
obtain information that the Vatican had

82
00:03:43,409 --> 00:03:47,579
with regard of extraterrestrial

83
00:03:44,909 --> 00:03:51,000
intelligence and the phenomenon of the

84
00:03:47,580 --> 00:03:53,100
UFOs I pursued that with the permission

85
00:03:51,000 --> 00:03:55,620
of father william j davis the director

86

00:03:53,099 --> 00:03:58,799
of the national office and we were

87
00:03:55,620 --> 00:04:00,990
refused access as the united states

88
00:03:58,800 --> 00:04:03,570
jesuit order to the information in the

89
00:04:00,990 --> 00:04:07,680
possession of the vatican library when I

90
00:04:03,569 --> 00:04:11,609
reported this to ms smith she then later

91
00:04:07,680 --> 00:04:12,930
subsequently asked me to participate in

92
00:04:11,610 --> 00:04:13,980
a project which I can go into some

93
00:04:12,930 --> 00:04:17,879
detail during the question-and-answer

94
00:04:13,979 --> 00:04:20,579
period or later two individuals pursuant

95
00:04:17,879 --> 00:04:23,610
to which I was

96
00:04:20,579 --> 00:04:25,889
given access to as a special consultant

97
00:04:23,610 --> 00:04:27,870
to the United States Library of Congress

98
00:04:25,889 --> 00:04:29,819
congressional research service to the

99
00:04:27,870 --> 00:04:32,759
classified portions of the blue book

100
00:04:29,819 --> 00:04:36,780

project of the Air Force at that point

101

00:04:32,759 --> 00:04:39,479

it was in 1977 approximately may of

102

00:04:36,779 --> 00:04:41,250

nineteen seventy-seven i went to the

103

00:04:39,478 --> 00:04:42,959

madison building of the United States

104

00:04:41,250 --> 00:04:44,639

Library of Congress that there was no

105

00:04:42,959 --> 00:04:47,000

one in the building at that time it was

106

00:04:44,639 --> 00:04:51,810

brand new I was directed to a basement

107

00:04:47,000 --> 00:04:54,629

office where there were two guards at

108

00:04:51,810 --> 00:04:57,168

the door and a third sitting at the

109

00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:59,460

table who took my identification

110

00:04:57,168 --> 00:05:01,620

verified that I've been designated as a

111

00:04:59,459 --> 00:05:03,209

special consultant to the Congressional

112

00:05:01,620 --> 00:05:05,819

Research Service of the United States

113

00:05:03,209 --> 00:05:09,888

Library of Congress and was admitted to

114

00:05:05,819 --> 00:05:13,229

the room I thereupon found photographs

115
00:05:09,889 --> 00:05:16,110
some dozen photographs of what is

116
00:05:13,228 --> 00:05:18,959
unquestionably a nut identified flying

117
00:05:16,110 --> 00:05:22,288
object on the ground that had crashed in

118
00:05:18,959 --> 00:05:24,918
plowed a furrow in a field of snow and

119
00:05:22,288 --> 00:05:27,269
it was embedded in a bank an embankment

120
00:05:24,918 --> 00:05:30,089
there were united states air force

121
00:05:27,269 --> 00:05:34,378
personnel surrounding this craft taking

122
00:05:30,089 --> 00:05:35,848
photographs of the craft and one of the

123
00:05:34,379 --> 00:05:39,060
photographs I could see that there were

124
00:05:35,848 --> 00:05:40,978
some symbols on the side of the craft so

125
00:05:39,060 --> 00:05:43,110
I proceeded through the photographs and

126
00:05:40,978 --> 00:05:46,439
found a close-up photograph of these

127
00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:49,229
symbols I've been instructed that I was

128
00:05:46,439 --> 00:05:50,550
to take no notes and had to leave my

129
00:05:49,228 --> 00:05:52,949
briefcase and all my identification

130
00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:57,028
outside of this room but I had brought

131
00:05:52,949 --> 00:05:59,598
with me a yellow pad and so what I did

132
00:05:57,028 --> 00:06:03,240
is I opened up the yellow pad and

133
00:05:59,598 --> 00:06:06,120
refocused the overhead camera onto the

134
00:06:03,240 --> 00:06:08,819
same size as the the cardboard backing

135
00:06:06,120 --> 00:06:12,449
of the yellow pad and I physically

136
00:06:08,819 --> 00:06:15,778
traced the copies of the symbols on the

137
00:06:12,449 --> 00:06:18,180
side of this craft closed the yellow pad

138
00:06:15,778 --> 00:06:20,218
back put the the microfiche back into

139
00:06:18,180 --> 00:06:22,500
the canister reclosed the box that I had

140
00:06:20,218 --> 00:06:26,129
and I said it is time for me to leave

141
00:06:22,500 --> 00:06:28,110
and I took this in proceeded to leave

142
00:06:26,129 --> 00:06:30,379
the office at which point the security

143

00:06:28,110 --> 00:06:32,930
guard stopped me and one of them said

144
00:06:30,379 --> 00:06:35,180
is that you have there mr. Sheehan which

145
00:06:32,930 --> 00:06:37,329
part I handed the yellow pad to him and

146
00:06:35,180 --> 00:06:40,910
he flipped through all the yellow pages

147
00:06:37,329 --> 00:06:43,579
and never found the copy that I had and

148
00:06:40,910 --> 00:06:45,050
so I took that with me and brought it to

149
00:06:43,579 --> 00:06:46,669
the United States Jesuit headquarters

150
00:06:45,050 --> 00:06:49,069
had a meeting with the staff with father

151
00:06:46,670 --> 00:06:51,020
William Jay Davis reported this to them

152
00:06:49,069 --> 00:06:53,029
was authorized at that time by the

153
00:06:51,019 --> 00:06:54,829
United States Jesuit headquarters to

154
00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:57,649
make a report to the national council of

155
00:06:54,829 --> 00:07:01,729
churches and to request that the United

156
00:06:57,649 --> 00:07:03,739
the entire 54 major religious

157
00:07:01,730 --> 00:07:06,319

denominations of our country undertake a

158

00:07:03,740 --> 00:07:10,009

major study of extraterrestrial

159

00:07:06,319 --> 00:07:12,019

intelligence which they declined to do I

160

00:07:10,009 --> 00:07:14,870

was subsequently asked to deliver a

161

00:07:12,019 --> 00:07:17,000

three-hour closed-door seminar to the

162

00:07:14,870 --> 00:07:19,129

top 50 scientists of the Jet Propulsion

163

00:07:17,000 --> 00:07:21,019

Laboratory of setting the search for

164

00:07:19,129 --> 00:07:24,740

extraterrestrial intelligence which I

165

00:07:21,019 --> 00:07:27,109

did do in 1977 I'm more than happy to

166

00:07:24,740 --> 00:07:28,819

testify under oath to these details the

167

00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:30,650

United States Congress and would be

168

00:07:28,819 --> 00:07:34,219

happy to meet with any members of the

169

00:07:30,649 --> 00:07:36,889

press at that time you may recall I also

170

00:07:34,220 --> 00:07:40,340

served as chief counsel to the karen

171

00:07:36,889 --> 00:07:42,079

silkwood case in which we obtained the

172
00:07:40,339 --> 00:07:44,149
rulings in the karen silkwood case I

173
00:07:42,079 --> 00:07:46,039
also served as chief counsel in the

174
00:07:44,149 --> 00:07:47,649
iran-contra case was the first one to

175
00:07:46,040 --> 00:07:49,819
testify before the United States

176
00:07:47,649 --> 00:07:51,560
Congress to the existence of the

177
00:07:49,819 --> 00:07:53,599
off-the-shelf enterprise of Richard C

178
00:07:51,560 --> 00:07:56,149
chord and Albert hakin I'll be more than

179
00:07:53,600 --> 00:07:57,620
happy to share the details of what I

180
00:07:56,149 --> 00:07:59,479
believe to be the relationship between

181
00:07:57,620 --> 00:08:01,340
this off-the-shelf enterprise and the

182
00:07:59,480 --> 00:08:02,840
secret government which is concealing

183
00:08:01,339 --> 00:08:06,169
this information from the American

184
00:08:02,839 --> 00:08:08,869
public and I am happy and proud to serve

185
00:08:06,170 --> 00:08:12,470
as general counsel to the disclosure

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00:08:08,870 --> 00:08:14,530

project thank you very much

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00:08:12,470 --> 00:08:14,530

you