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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,549
I'm five Symington in 1997 during my

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00:00:02,759 --> 00:00:07,080
second term as governor of arizona i saw

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00:00:05,549 --> 00:00:09,990
something that defied logic and

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00:00:07,080 --> 00:00:13,230
challenged my reality i witnessed a

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00:00:09,990 --> 00:00:17,210
massive delta-shaped craft that silently

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00:00:13,230 --> 00:00:20,399
navigated over the Squaw Peak area in

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00:00:17,210 --> 00:00:24,390
north phoenix in the evening and it was

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00:00:20,399 --> 00:00:26,339
truly breathtaking to my astonishment it

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00:00:24,390 --> 00:00:29,368
appeared that it appeared to be a solid

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00:00:26,339 --> 00:00:31,768
structure it was huge it had a very

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00:00:29,368 --> 00:00:35,609
distinctive a leading edge with embedded

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00:00:31,768 --> 00:00:38,070
huge embedded lights in it and it was

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00:00:35,609 --> 00:00:40,399
just traveling quietly made no sound

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00:00:38,070 --> 00:00:43,829
through the arrows on a night sky I

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00:00:40,399 --> 00:00:46,890
still don't know what it was as a pilot

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00:00:43,829 --> 00:00:48,780
and a former air force officer I can

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00:00:46,890 --> 00:00:50,489
definitively say that this craft did not

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00:00:48,780 --> 00:00:53,520
resemble any man-made object that I'd

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00:00:50,488 --> 00:00:57,599
ever seen and it was certainly not high

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00:00:53,520 --> 00:01:00,059
altitude flares as put out by the the

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00:00:57,600 --> 00:01:03,469
Air Force at Luke Air Force Base because

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00:01:00,058 --> 00:01:06,209
I've never seen flares fly in formation

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00:01:03,469 --> 00:01:08,760
the incident was witnessed by hundreds

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00:01:06,209 --> 00:01:11,669
if not thousands of people in Maricopa

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00:01:08,760 --> 00:01:13,170
County and in southern Arizona and my

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:17,759
office was besieged with phone calls

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00:01:13,170 --> 00:01:19,618
from very concerned citizens the growing

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00:01:17,759 --> 00:01:24,688
hysteria intensified when the story

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00:01:19,618 --> 00:01:26,188
broke nationally and so I decided to

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00:01:24,688 --> 00:01:28,889
lighten the mood of the state and I

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00:01:26,188 --> 00:01:30,688
called a press conference where I

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00:01:28,890 --> 00:01:33,780
dressed up my chief of staff and a

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00:01:30,688 --> 00:01:36,989
Martian outfit it was meant to be a

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00:01:33,780 --> 00:01:38,879
spoof a good-natured spoof that worked

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00:01:36,989 --> 00:01:43,078
we managed to lessen the sense of panic

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00:01:38,879 --> 00:01:45,989
at the time but I also upset quite a few

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00:01:43,078 --> 00:01:48,629
of my constituents well I'd like now to

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00:01:45,989 --> 00:01:51,539
set the record straight I never meant to

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00:01:48,629 --> 00:01:53,459
ridicule anyone my office did make

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00:01:51,540 --> 00:01:56,750
inquiries as to the origin of the craft

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00:01:53,459 --> 00:01:58,798
but to this day they remain unanswered

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00:01:56,750 --> 00:02:00,599
eventually the Air National Guard

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00:01:58,799 --> 00:02:02,390

claimed responsibility stating that

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00:02:00,599 --> 00:02:05,819

their pilots had been dropping flares

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00:02:02,390 --> 00:02:08,969

they also another individual from Tucson

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00:02:05,819 --> 00:02:11,549

said that a 10-s had been flying in

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00:02:08,969 --> 00:02:13,289

formation over Maricopa County but those

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00:02:11,550 --> 00:02:14,760

of us in the Air Force and

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00:02:13,289 --> 00:02:16,530

those of you who know about a-10s

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00:02:14,759 --> 00:02:18,328

they're called the warthog it's a tank

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00:02:16,530 --> 00:02:20,158

killing aircraft know that it's the

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00:02:18,329 --> 00:02:22,200

noisiest machine in the sky and there's

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00:02:20,158 --> 00:02:23,789

no way that a flight of a 10 s could

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00:02:22,199 --> 00:02:26,578

come over Maricopa County and be quiet

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00:02:23,789 --> 00:02:28,560

that just doesn't work so we get these

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00:02:26,579 --> 00:02:31,280

explanations that fly in the face of

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00:02:28,560 --> 00:02:36,209

facts explanations like weather balloons

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00:02:31,280 --> 00:02:39,658
swamp gas military flares and hardware

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00:02:36,209 --> 00:02:42,389
and software problems I was never happy

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00:02:39,658 --> 00:02:44,548
with this silly silly explanation there

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00:02:42,389 --> 00:02:46,650
might there might very well have been

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00:02:44,549 --> 00:02:49,139
military flares in the sky that evening

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00:02:46,650 --> 00:02:51,650
but that sure wasn't what what I and

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00:02:49,139 --> 00:02:54,209
what hundreds of my fellow citizens saw

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00:02:51,650 --> 00:02:55,438
well I now know that I'm not alone in

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00:02:54,209 --> 00:02:58,049
witnessing something extraordinary

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00:02:55,438 --> 00:03:00,840
that's the bottom line there are many

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00:02:58,049 --> 00:03:03,540
high-ranking military aviation and

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00:03:00,840 --> 00:03:06,419
government officials many of whom are

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00:03:03,539 --> 00:03:09,328
here today who share my concerns some of

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00:03:06,419 --> 00:03:11,909
them have truly exceptional stories to

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00:03:09,329 --> 00:03:13,829
tell there's absolutely no doubt as to

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00:03:11,908 --> 00:03:16,888
the veracity of what these men have told

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00:03:13,829 --> 00:03:20,069
you they have fought in wars they have

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00:03:16,889 --> 00:03:21,900
guarded top-secret weapons and they've

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00:03:20,068 --> 00:03:25,378
flown countless passengers throughout

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00:03:21,900 --> 00:03:28,319
the world skies incidents like these are

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00:03:25,378 --> 00:03:30,509
not going away one year ago Chicago's

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00:03:28,318 --> 00:03:32,158
O'Hare Airport experienced the UFO event

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00:03:30,509 --> 00:03:35,068
that made national and international

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00:03:32,158 --> 00:03:37,828
headlines pilots and many other airline

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00:03:35,068 --> 00:03:40,018
employees observed a metallic-looking

83
00:03:37,829 --> 00:03:42,599
disc hovering over the United Airlines

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00:03:40,019 --> 00:03:44,609
terminal for several minutes and then it

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00:03:42,598 --> 00:03:47,878
shot straight up into the sky cut a hole

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00:03:44,609 --> 00:03:50,189
in the sky disappeared the FAA

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00:03:47,878 --> 00:03:55,408
apparently did not investigate dismissed

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00:03:50,189 --> 00:03:57,719
the sightings as whether we want the

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00:03:55,408 --> 00:04:00,719
United States government to stop

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00:03:57,719 --> 00:04:03,269
perpetuating the myth that all UFOs can

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00:04:00,719 --> 00:04:06,658
be explained away in down-to-earth and

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00:04:03,269 --> 00:04:08,400
conventional terms instead our country

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00:04:06,658 --> 00:04:11,750
needs to reopen its official

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00:04:08,400 --> 00:04:14,489
investigation that it shut down in 1969

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00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:17,098
the United States government can no

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00:04:14,489 --> 00:04:20,129
longer shun an international dialogue

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00:04:17,098 --> 00:04:21,870
about this phenomena and we invite the

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00:04:20,129 --> 00:04:24,569
government to work in cooperation with

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00:04:21,870 --> 00:04:26,340
countries is represented on both sides

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00:04:24,569 --> 00:04:28,810

of me here today

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00:04:26,339 --> 00:04:33,339

when it comes to events of this nature

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00:04:28,810 --> 00:04:37,209

dealing with the great unknown we

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00:04:33,339 --> 00:04:40,388

deserve I believe more openness and a

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00:04:37,209 --> 00:04:44,189

serious pursuit of the facts by our

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00:04:40,389 --> 00:04:44,189

government thank you very much