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00:00:04,620 --> 00:00:10,169
hello I'm doctor David Clark UFO expert

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00:00:07,740 --> 00:00:13,710
and lecturer in journalism at Sheffield

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00:00:10,169 --> 00:00:15,929
Hallam University in October 2008 the

4
00:00:13,710 --> 00:00:18,750
National Archives are opening a

5
00:00:15,929 --> 00:00:20,489
collection of UFO material transferred

6
00:00:18,750 --> 00:00:22,320
from the Ministry of Defence under the

7
00:00:20,489 --> 00:00:25,500
Freedom of Information Act it's the

8
00:00:22,320 --> 00:00:28,109
second release of UFO FILES this year

9
00:00:25,500 --> 00:00:31,140
and it's the part of a three to four

10
00:00:28,109 --> 00:00:33,539
year transfer of some 160 files in all

11
00:00:31,140 --> 00:00:36,480
and this particular collection contains

12
00:00:33,539 --> 00:00:39,238
somewhere in the region of 4,500

13
00:00:36,479 --> 00:00:41,939
separate pages of material and some 19

14
00:00:39,238 --> 00:00:44,039
files in all I'm going to be showing

15
00:00:41,939 --> 00:00:47,909
some of the highlights from this

16
00:00:44,039 --> 00:00:50,009
material and to see the the files go to

17
00:00:47,909 --> 00:00:55,578
the National Archives website National

18
00:00:50,009 --> 00:00:55,579
Archives gov dot UK forward slash UFOs

19
00:00:58,210 --> 00:01:04,780
one of the key highlights from these

20
00:01:00,460 --> 00:01:06,640
files is a report from April 1991 this

21
00:01:04,780 --> 00:01:09,129
involved a near-miss between an Italian

22
00:01:06,640 --> 00:01:12,430
airliner and a UFO in the skies over

23
00:01:09,129 --> 00:01:15,039
Kent the report was made to the Civil

24
00:01:12,430 --> 00:01:17,229
Aviation Authority and the pilot

25
00:01:15,040 --> 00:01:19,330
described in his official report the

26
00:01:17,228 --> 00:01:21,819
missile shaped object beige in color

27
00:01:19,329 --> 00:01:23,950
that some that have moved from east to

28
00:01:21,819 --> 00:01:26,649
west across his field of vision from the

29

00:01:23,950 --> 00:01:28,180
cockpit and he was so surprised when he

30
00:01:26,650 --> 00:01:30,280
saw this thing that he called out to his

31
00:01:28,180 --> 00:01:32,979
co-pilot look out look out and the

32
00:01:30,280 --> 00:01:34,689
copilot also saw this strange object and

33
00:01:32,978 --> 00:01:36,489
immediately they contacted air traffic

34
00:01:34,689 --> 00:01:39,429
control and said do you see anything and

35
00:01:36,489 --> 00:01:41,799
they said yeah we see an object behind

36
00:01:39,430 --> 00:01:45,220
the aircraft quite clearly primary

37
00:01:41,799 --> 00:01:47,649
return this incident was investigated by

38
00:01:45,219 --> 00:01:49,149
the Ministry of Defence and also by the

39
00:01:47,649 --> 00:01:52,359
Civil Aviation Authority and they

40
00:01:49,149 --> 00:01:52,960
checked to see if any real missile had

41
00:01:52,359 --> 00:01:55,060
been fired

42
00:01:52,959 --> 00:01:56,829
perhaps by one of the army ranges or

43
00:01:55,060 --> 00:01:59,740

from a ship at sea ruled out all the

44

00:01:56,829 --> 00:02:02,890

usual explanations and the end result

45

00:01:59,739 --> 00:02:04,719

was that this was a genuine UFO and the

46

00:02:02,890 --> 00:02:07,319

file was simply closed there was nothing

47

00:02:04,719 --> 00:02:07,319

more they could do

48

00:02:09,560 --> 00:02:14,878

the report by the Italian air crew was

49

00:02:12,330 --> 00:02:17,610

just the first of a series of similar

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00:02:14,878 --> 00:02:19,739

incidents reported to the MRD in 1991

51

00:02:17,610 --> 00:02:23,790

there were two other near myths

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00:02:19,739 --> 00:02:25,650

incidents in the same year with a month

53

00:02:23,789 --> 00:02:29,370

separating them the first one in June

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00:02:25,650 --> 00:02:33,360

1991 there was a report from four

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00:02:29,370 --> 00:02:34,980

passengers in a 737 enroute from Gatwick

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00:02:33,360 --> 00:02:36,720

to Hamburg and they reported seeing

57

00:02:34,979 --> 00:02:39,149

something which they described as a wing

58
00:02:36,719 --> 00:02:41,909
blast projectile flying beneath the

59
00:02:39,150 --> 00:02:44,189
aircraft as they were taking off they

60
00:02:41,909 --> 00:02:45,989
reported this to the pilot and the the

61
00:02:44,189 --> 00:02:47,729
incident was reported back to the

62
00:02:45,989 --> 00:02:50,489
Ministry of Defense and civil aviation

63
00:02:47,729 --> 00:02:54,209
authority for an investigation while the

64
00:02:50,489 --> 00:02:56,039
investigation was going on in July 1991

65
00:02:54,209 --> 00:02:59,699
there was another report made by the

66
00:02:56,039 --> 00:03:03,239
crew of a 737 that was descending into

67
00:02:59,699 --> 00:03:05,310
Gatwick over the English countryside and

68
00:03:03,239 --> 00:03:08,939
they reported seeing something which

69
00:03:05,310 --> 00:03:10,769
they described as a a dark Laden shaped

70
00:03:08,939 --> 00:03:14,879
object zooming by the side of the

71
00:03:10,769 --> 00:03:16,620
aircraft this again was reported to air

72
00:03:14,879 --> 00:03:18,180
traffic control and air traffic control

73
00:03:16,620 --> 00:03:20,280
confirmed that they had what they

74
00:03:18,180 --> 00:03:21,930
described as a primary contact on radar

75
00:03:20,280 --> 00:03:24,269
and they were so concerned about this

76
00:03:21,930 --> 00:03:26,939
thing that they warned another aircraft

77
00:03:24,269 --> 00:03:29,009
that was descending behind the 737 to

78
00:03:26,939 --> 00:03:30,500
take evasive action and this aircraft

79
00:03:29,009 --> 00:03:33,358
turned to the left to avoid this

80
00:03:30,500 --> 00:03:34,769
unidentified object and it appeared to

81
00:03:33,359 --> 00:03:36,629
be heading towards the aircraft

82
00:03:34,769 --> 00:03:38,849
initially but then turned away the

83
00:03:36,629 --> 00:03:40,560
captain of the second aircraft didn't

84
00:03:38,848 --> 00:03:42,780
actually report seeing anything visually

85
00:03:40,560 --> 00:03:45,479
now there was a full investigation of

86

00:03:42,780 --> 00:03:47,219
both these incidents one of them was

87
00:03:45,479 --> 00:03:50,129
officially reported as a near-miss and

88
00:03:47,219 --> 00:03:51,930
they were unable to explain what had

89
00:03:50,129 --> 00:03:54,090
been seen the best guess that they could

90
00:03:51,930 --> 00:03:56,760
make was that possibly what been seen in

91
00:03:54,090 --> 00:03:58,590
these two cases was some kind of balloon

92
00:03:56,759 --> 00:04:01,620
perhaps a meteorological balloon or

93
00:03:58,590 --> 00:04:03,628
perhaps a toy balloon but again there's

94
00:04:01,620 --> 00:04:07,609
a huge question mark over what this

95
00:04:03,628 --> 00:04:07,608
particular UFO may have been

96
00:04:10,318 --> 00:04:16,560
now we've looked at cases in these files

97
00:04:12,810 --> 00:04:19,410
where the crews of civil airliners have

98
00:04:16,560 --> 00:04:21,509
reported near misses with UFOs but there

99
00:04:19,410 --> 00:04:24,240
are also a few incidents in these files

100
00:04:21,509 --> 00:04:27,479

where military pilots fighter pilots

101

00:04:24,240 --> 00:04:28,740

have reported mysterious objects things

102

00:04:27,478 --> 00:04:30,329

that have been seen on radar and

103

00:04:28,740 --> 00:04:31,889

sometimes visually now the most

104

00:04:30,329 --> 00:04:33,839

important pressive case in this

105

00:04:31,889 --> 00:04:35,970

particular collection actually happened

106

00:04:33,839 --> 00:04:39,138

at the height of the Cold War one dark

107

00:04:35,970 --> 00:04:43,320

night either in 1956 or 1957 and the

108

00:04:39,139 --> 00:04:45,780

reason this case didn't emerge until the

109

00:04:43,319 --> 00:04:49,288

1980s was that the the pilot involved

110

00:04:45,779 --> 00:04:51,959

was a member of the United a United

111

00:04:49,288 --> 00:04:55,439

States Air Force and 406 fighter bomber

112

00:04:51,959 --> 00:04:58,138

wing he didn't actually talk about what

113

00:04:55,439 --> 00:05:00,899

had happened until 32 years later when

114

00:04:58,139 --> 00:05:02,579

he returned to the to the base RAF

115
00:05:00,899 --> 00:05:04,620
Munson in Kent where the incident

116
00:05:02,579 --> 00:05:05,788
occurred and he was there for a reunion

117
00:05:04,620 --> 00:05:07,709
and he met up with some of his

118
00:05:05,788 --> 00:05:09,389
colleagues from that time and they

119
00:05:07,709 --> 00:05:12,689
started talking about their and their

120
00:05:09,389 --> 00:05:14,250
experiences now on this particular night

121
00:05:12,689 --> 00:05:15,839
again we need to remember this was right

122
00:05:14,250 --> 00:05:17,668
at the height of the Cold War shortly

123
00:05:15,839 --> 00:05:21,509
after the Suez Crisis the invasion of

124
00:05:17,668 --> 00:05:23,399
Hungary he was on 24-hour alert ready to

125
00:05:21,509 --> 00:05:26,250
be scrambled in case there was any

126
00:05:23,399 --> 00:05:28,469
hostile movements of Soviet aircraft and

127
00:05:26,250 --> 00:05:31,050
on this particular night he was ordered

128
00:05:28,470 --> 00:05:32,400
scramble a short notice sometime around

129
00:05:31,050 --> 00:05:35,189
midnight it was a very dark night

130
00:05:32,399 --> 00:05:37,109
typical English weather and he was

131
00:05:35,189 --> 00:05:39,779
scrambled to a position which he recalls

132
00:05:37,110 --> 00:05:42,479
has been 32,000 feet over the East

133
00:05:39,779 --> 00:05:45,179
Anglian countryside and he was told by

134
00:05:42,478 --> 00:05:47,209
an RAF ground controller that they had

135
00:05:45,180 --> 00:05:50,400
been watching a mysterious object

136
00:05:47,209 --> 00:05:52,769
mysterious movements on radar for some

137
00:05:50,399 --> 00:05:55,609
time and he be being sent to intercept

138
00:05:52,769 --> 00:05:58,049
this thing and find out what it was an

139
00:05:55,610 --> 00:06:01,889
unusual mission mission in some respects

140
00:05:58,050 --> 00:06:03,478
but it was to get even stranger he was

141
00:06:01,889 --> 00:06:05,788
guided to where this thing was seen on

142
00:06:03,478 --> 00:06:08,579
radar from the ground and when he got

143

00:06:05,788 --> 00:06:11,399
within 50 miles of this mysterious

144
00:06:08,579 --> 00:06:13,859
object his own airborne radar was then

145
00:06:11,399 --> 00:06:15,299
able to lock onto it and he turned

146
00:06:13,860 --> 00:06:16,740
towards it he was thought he was asked

147
00:06:15,300 --> 00:06:18,478
to see if he could see anything visually

148
00:06:16,740 --> 00:06:21,300
he peered out of the cockpit but he

149
00:06:18,478 --> 00:06:23,069
could see nothing just dark clouds he

150
00:06:21,300 --> 00:06:24,000
got within 50 miles of this thing

151
00:06:23,069 --> 00:06:26,250
it got a lock on

152
00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:28,259
on his radar and he said that this thing

153
00:06:26,250 --> 00:06:30,500
was very very clear on his radar scope

154
00:06:28,259 --> 00:06:32,250
it was huge the size of a b-52 bomber

155
00:06:30,500 --> 00:06:33,990
absolutely no doubt that there was

156
00:06:32,250 --> 00:06:35,970
something there now the next thing that

157
00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:39,750

happened he was ordered from the ground

158

00:06:35,970 --> 00:06:42,180

to arm his aircraft and and fire a full

159

00:06:39,750 --> 00:06:45,480

salvo of his rockets and I had 24 of

160

00:06:42,180 --> 00:06:47,160

these things quite deadly weapons and he

161

00:06:45,480 --> 00:06:49,050

was he was really really surprised and

162

00:06:47,160 --> 00:06:50,880

shocked to be told to do this because he

163

00:06:49,050 --> 00:06:53,129

had never before been ordered to shoot

164

00:06:50,879 --> 00:06:55,290

anything down it's particularly an

165

00:06:53,129 --> 00:06:57,870

aircraft that was unidentified remember

166

00:06:55,290 --> 00:07:00,090

this was over East Anglia at the time

167

00:06:57,870 --> 00:07:03,480

very very unusual so he queried the

168

00:07:00,089 --> 00:07:05,009

order and within a few seconds this was

169

00:07:03,480 --> 00:07:07,140

confirmed from the ground and as he was

170

00:07:05,009 --> 00:07:09,269

selecting his weapons this thing that

171

00:07:07,139 --> 00:07:11,759

he'd captured on his on his radar

172
00:07:09,269 --> 00:07:14,250
suddenly started moving disappeared from

173
00:07:11,759 --> 00:07:16,709
the scope and he reported this back to

174
00:07:14,250 --> 00:07:18,300
his ground control and they said yes

175
00:07:16,709 --> 00:07:19,918
it's disappeared from a scope as well in

176
00:07:18,300 --> 00:07:22,169
two sweeps of the radar going at some

177
00:07:19,918 --> 00:07:24,149
fantastic speed that was the end of the

178
00:07:22,168 --> 00:07:26,819
mission far as he was concerned he

179
00:07:24,149 --> 00:07:28,469
returned to RAF Manston and spoke to

180
00:07:26,819 --> 00:07:30,810
ground control they said that he would

181
00:07:28,470 --> 00:07:33,270
be debriefed the next day someone

182
00:07:30,810 --> 00:07:35,579
arrived from London quite clearly

183
00:07:33,269 --> 00:07:37,889
another American someone from one of the

184
00:07:35,579 --> 00:07:39,478
the national security agencies and he

185
00:07:37,889 --> 00:07:42,120
was basically told in no uncertain terms

186
00:07:39,478 --> 00:07:43,978
that what what he'd seen on his radar

187
00:07:42,120 --> 00:07:46,110
was a top secret and he wasn't to speak

188
00:07:43,978 --> 00:07:48,240
about it to anyone and he was warned

189
00:07:46,110 --> 00:07:50,729
that if he did break this his security

190
00:07:48,240 --> 00:07:52,259
oath he will be grounded and for a pilot

191
00:07:50,728 --> 00:07:55,379
that was the worst thing that could

192
00:07:52,259 --> 00:07:57,509
happen so he basically kept kept his

193
00:07:55,379 --> 00:08:00,240
quiet for 32 years and it wasn't until

194
00:07:57,509 --> 00:08:03,478
1988 they finally decided to talk about

195
00:08:00,240 --> 00:08:06,418
it now when this reached the media and

196
00:08:03,478 --> 00:08:09,478
ufologists a ufologist in Manchester

197
00:08:06,418 --> 00:08:11,099
wrote to the mo D and wanted to wanted

198
00:08:09,478 --> 00:08:13,829
to find out what official records were

199
00:08:11,100 --> 00:08:14,340
kept on this particular incident and of

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00:08:13,829 --> 00:08:16,918
emod

201
00:08:14,339 --> 00:08:18,779
according to these papers actually went

202
00:08:16,918 --> 00:08:21,149
to have a look in the archives and they

203
00:08:18,779 --> 00:08:24,239
found that unfortunately all the records

204
00:08:21,149 --> 00:08:26,668
before 1962 about UFO incidents had been

205
00:08:24,240 --> 00:08:29,180
destroyed so they could not give an

206
00:08:26,668 --> 00:08:32,728
explanation as to what had been seen

207
00:08:29,180 --> 00:08:34,589
they advised the Enquirer to contact the

208
00:08:32,729 --> 00:08:36,209
United States Air Force archives which

209
00:08:34,589 --> 00:08:37,409
he did and they again said there was no

210
00:08:36,208 --> 00:08:39,208
records with

211
00:08:37,408 --> 00:08:40,708
ever heard of this incident but there's

212
00:08:39,208 --> 00:08:45,138
no doubt that something very unusual

213
00:08:40,708 --> 00:08:47,549
happened was it really a UFO was it a

214
00:08:45,139 --> 00:08:50,129

some kind of Soviet aircraft that had

215

00:08:47,549 --> 00:08:52,679

been seen if so who gave the orders to

216

00:08:50,129 --> 00:08:55,019

fire on it and why the only other

217

00:08:52,679 --> 00:08:57,568

possible explanation is that maybe and

218

00:08:55,019 --> 00:08:59,600

the pilot was involved in some kind of

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00:08:57,568 --> 00:09:01,948

experiment involving electronic warfare

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00:08:59,600 --> 00:09:05,220

because we now know cuz the CIA have

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00:09:01,948 --> 00:09:08,729

admitted this that they did have a

222

00:09:05,220 --> 00:09:10,379

program in the 1960s called palladium

223

00:09:08,730 --> 00:09:13,829

which in vote which involved the

224

00:09:10,379 --> 00:09:16,649

creation of phantom aircraft on radar

225

00:09:13,828 --> 00:09:18,688

and this was done basically to fool the

226

00:09:16,649 --> 00:09:20,490

Russians and so that they could test the

227

00:09:18,688 --> 00:09:22,948

capabilities of Russian radar systems

228

00:09:20,490 --> 00:09:24,659

and so maybe there's a remote

229

00:09:22,948 --> 00:09:27,179

possibility that perhaps what this pilot

230

00:09:24,659 --> 00:09:29,789

had seen was some kind of experiment in

231

00:09:27,179 --> 00:09:32,068

electronic warfare or maybe it was a UFO

232

00:09:29,789 --> 00:09:33,990

I hope you have enjoyed my video

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00:09:32,068 --> 00:09:36,120

documentary if you'd like to examine

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00:09:33,990 --> 00:09:37,620

some of these UFO reports in more detail

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00:09:36,120 --> 00:09:40,528

please go to the National Archives

236

00:09:37,620 --> 00:09:44,870

website which is National Archives gov

237

00:09:40,528 --> 00:09:44,870

UK forward slash UFOs