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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,884  
Another question which

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00:00:02,884 --> 00:00:05,914  
to my surprise made it to the top

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00:00:05,915 --> 00:00:08,655  
of the online ranking

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00:00:08,660 --> 00:00:11,199  
will be asked by a reader of the newspaper Leipziger Volkszeitung,

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00:00:11,380 --> 00:00:12,700  
Mr. Robert Fleischer.

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00:00:13,099 --> 00:00:14,099

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00:00:14,519 --> 00:00:16,000

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00:00:17,859 --> 00:00:19,620  
Hello Mr. Schulz, nice to have you here.

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00:00:20,000 --> 00:00:22,980  
My question is about freedom of information in Germany.

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00:00:22,980 --> 00:00:25,500  
And I'm dead serious about this.

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00:00:25,719 --> 00:00:28,879  
21 countries in the world

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00:00:28,879 --> 00:00:31,980  
have released their formerly classified UFO files,

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00:00:32,159 --> 00:00:34,899  
including France, Great Britain,

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00:00:35,259 --> 00:00:36,939  
Italy and Spain.

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00:00:37,859 --> 00:00:40,320  
I have the complete list here, so in case you're interested,

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00:00:40,439 --> 00:00:41,699  
I'd be happy to provide it.

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00:00:42,240 --> 00:00:44,520  
Shouldn't Germany release their files as well

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00:00:44,659 --> 00:00:47,639  
and would you as chancellor support that?

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00:00:48,259 --> 00:00:50,859  
I'm not asking whether you know anything about UFO files,

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00:00:50,880 --> 00:00:53,120  
but rather if you would advocate

21  
00:00:53,320 --> 00:00:55,780  
for the release of secret UFO files.

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00:01:03,560 --> 00:01:06,980  
I must admit I haven't dealt with this issue yet.

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00:01:08,400 --> 00:01:10,320  
(audience: "Not necessary anyway!")

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00:01:10,780 --> 00:01:15,659  
In France, there's an official government body studying UFOs.

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00:01:19,980 --> 00:01:23,040  
Let me try to give you

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00:01:23,180 --> 00:01:26,140  
a legally correct answer.

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00:01:26,340 --> 00:01:28,560  
If those files have not been published

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00:01:28,799 --> 00:01:32,060  
because they are classified as secret,

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00:01:32,260 --> 00:01:35,280  
then I can't just promise you to release them

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00:01:35,280 --> 00:01:38,340  
without respecting the legal provisions.

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00:01:38,340 --> 00:01:41,120  
Because as chancellor, you're obliged to obey the law.

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00:01:41,939 --> 00:01:44,200  
However, I can promise you I would check

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00:01:44,200 --> 00:01:45,500  
which are the requirements

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00:01:46,040 --> 00:01:49,380  
and why they are classified as secret.

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00:01:50,659 --> 00:01:53,079  
And if there's no further need

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00:01:53,239 --> 00:01:55,500  
to uphold classification in that regard,

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00:01:55,599 --> 00:01:59,280  
I would propose the Bundestag to open them to the public.

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00:01:59,439 --> 00:02:00,359  
Thank you.