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00:00:53,000 --> 00:00:57,299  
ladies and gentlemen I'm a filmmaker

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00:00:55,229 --> 00:00:59,369  
James Fox executive producer of out of

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00:00:57,299 --> 00:01:02,058  
the blue I'd like to welcome everyone

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00:00:59,369 --> 00:01:04,649  
here to today's unprecedented event as

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00:01:02,058 --> 00:01:07,408  
we take pause in honoring our country's

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00:01:04,649 --> 00:01:08,939  
servicemen on Veterans Day I would like

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00:01:07,409 --> 00:01:10,590  
to take this opportunity to thank all

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00:01:08,939 --> 00:01:12,259  
the distinguished panelists for

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00:01:10,590 --> 00:01:16,920  
traveling here from so far

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00:01:12,259 --> 00:01:19,709  
Iran Peru Chile and the UK I also want

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00:01:16,920 --> 00:01:20,969  
to thank journalists Lesley Kane the

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00:01:19,709 --> 00:01:23,489  
Coalition for freedom of information

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00:01:20,969 --> 00:01:26,368  
without her this event could not have

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00:01:23,489 --> 00:01:29,728  
happened her tireless efforts for the

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00:01:26,368 --> 00:01:30,989  
last three months were invaluable our

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00:01:29,728 --> 00:01:32,579  
panelists are about to share with you

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00:01:30,989 --> 00:01:35,189  
extraordinary experiences they've had

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00:01:32,579 --> 00:01:37,379  
while conducting their duties as

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00:01:35,189 --> 00:01:40,679  
high-ranking government a V Asian and

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00:01:37,379 --> 00:01:42,719  
military officials I'm now honored to

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00:01:40,679 --> 00:01:45,269  
present our moderator former Air Force

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00:01:42,719 --> 00:01:54,209  
captain in two-term Arizona Governor v

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00:01:45,269 --> 00:01:56,879  
Symington I'd like to welcome you all

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00:01:54,209 --> 00:01:58,680  
here today and I'd like to go over just

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00:01:56,879 --> 00:02:02,250  
the program with you so that you

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00:01:58,680 --> 00:02:05,299  
understand how it will unfold but first

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00:02:02,250 --> 00:02:08,669  
I'd like to thank James Fox for his

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00:02:05,299 --> 00:02:10,649  
unbelievable investigative work and

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00:02:08,669 --> 00:02:14,969  
research over the past 12 years on this

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00:02:10,649 --> 00:02:17,939  
subject he has really provided I think a

31  
00:02:14,969 --> 00:02:20,209  
great public service in an arena which

32  
00:02:17,939 --> 00:02:24,449  
is met with a great deal of skepticism

33  
00:02:20,209 --> 00:02:27,569  
and and and I just admire his courage

34  
00:02:24,449 --> 00:02:29,219  
and I've also very much enjoyed his

35  
00:02:27,569 --> 00:02:31,169  
production out of the blue I think he's

36  
00:02:29,219 --> 00:02:33,180  
done a great job with that but most

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00:02:31,169 --> 00:02:34,649  
importantly today is that he and Lesley

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00:02:33,180 --> 00:02:36,659  
Kane are responsible for pulling

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00:02:34,650 --> 00:02:39,450  
together this unique panel I don't think

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00:02:36,659 --> 00:02:42,209  
there's ever been a more high-level or

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00:02:39,449 --> 00:02:46,530  
distinguished group authoritative group

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00:02:42,209 --> 00:02:49,019  
that has dealt with this matter in one

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00:02:46,530 --> 00:02:51,389

conference and I'm very excited to be a

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00:02:49,019 --> 00:02:53,609

small part of it I would also like to

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00:02:51,389 --> 00:02:54,959

thank Lesley Kane again I'd like to

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00:02:53,609 --> 00:02:57,420

reiterate the fact that as you know

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00:02:54,959 --> 00:02:59,890

she's an investigative a journalist and

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00:02:57,419 --> 00:03:03,429

director of the Coalition for freedom of

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00:02:59,889 --> 00:03:07,029

information and she has done a fabulous

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00:03:03,430 --> 00:03:08,740

job in this arena and also absorbed a

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:11,020

lot of the slings and arrows that are

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00:03:08,740 --> 00:03:13,719

out there and the public arena regarding

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00:03:11,020 --> 00:03:18,310

this subject but she's done it with

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00:03:13,719 --> 00:03:22,329

great fortitude and in I think very good

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00:03:18,310 --> 00:03:24,670

taste I will have I will make my formal

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00:03:22,330 --> 00:03:26,800

remarks after all the other gentlemen at

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00:03:24,669 --> 00:03:31,299

the at the table here to my left and

58  
00:03:26,800 --> 00:03:33,040  
right have made their statements and but

59  
00:03:31,300 --> 00:03:35,380  
I would like to just quickly discuss the

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00:03:33,039 --> 00:03:36,729  
media format each of us is going to make

61  
00:03:35,379 --> 00:03:39,489  
a statement don't come up to the podium

62  
00:03:36,729 --> 00:03:42,340  
give a two to three minute statement and

63  
00:03:39,489 --> 00:03:43,959  
then sit down we're going to roll

64  
00:03:42,340 --> 00:03:46,810  
through that part of the program so that

65  
00:03:43,959 --> 00:03:51,129  
everybody here can hear all of their

66  
00:03:46,810 --> 00:03:52,900  
testimony after that we all stand back

67  
00:03:51,129 --> 00:03:55,780  
up here at the podium and we will open

68  
00:03:52,900 --> 00:03:57,430  
this up for Q&A for credentialed members

69  
00:03:55,780 --> 00:03:58,930  
of the press if members of the press

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00:03:57,430 --> 00:03:59,920  
when you stand up and ask a question if

71  
00:03:58,930 --> 00:04:02,019  
you would state your name and your

72  
00:03:59,919 --> 00:04:05,109  
affiliation that would be very much

73  
00:04:02,019 --> 00:04:08,739  
appreciated and in my role as the

74  
00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:12,010  
moderator I guess I also reserve the

75  
00:04:08,739 --> 00:04:13,539  
right to curtail a dialogue that may go

76  
00:04:12,009 --> 00:04:16,029  
on too long or something for the sake of

77  
00:04:13,539 --> 00:04:17,858  
time we want to make sure we we get to

78  
00:04:16,029 --> 00:04:21,009  
everybody and that all serious questions

79  
00:04:17,858 --> 00:04:24,189  
are our answer I would also like to note

80  
00:04:21,009 --> 00:04:25,779  
that there's a document here in front of

81  
00:04:24,189 --> 00:04:28,689  
you to your if you're in the audience to

82  
00:04:25,779 --> 00:04:31,779  
your left which has been signed by all

83  
00:04:28,689 --> 00:04:33,459  
of us which is a request for the United

84  
00:04:31,779 --> 00:04:36,609  
States government to reopen and effect

85  
00:04:33,459 --> 00:04:39,129  
the investigation into the UFO phenomena

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00:04:36,610 --> 00:04:41,379  
which was terminated back in I believe

87  
00:04:39,129 --> 00:04:42,939  
1969 Project Blue Book and it's a very

88  
00:04:41,379 --> 00:04:43,089  
interesting document and you should read

89  
00:04:42,939 --> 00:04:46,300  
it

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00:04:43,089 --> 00:04:49,000  
without further ado we'll charge you

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00:04:46,300 --> 00:04:51,930  
head with our first speaker and we're on

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00:04:49,000 --> 00:04:51,930  
our way thank you

93  
00:04:58,529 --> 00:05:04,750  
ladies and gentlemen good morning

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00:05:00,750 --> 00:05:07,000  
my name is Wilfred de Brouwer I'm a

95  
00:05:04,750 --> 00:05:10,420  
retired Major General of the Belgian Air

96  
00:05:07,000 --> 00:05:13,870  
Force and I was chief operations in the

97  
00:05:10,420 --> 00:05:17,759  
Air Staff at a time that an exceptional

98  
00:05:13,870 --> 00:05:21,959  
UFO wave took place over Belgium indeed

99  
00:05:17,759 --> 00:05:25,709  
during the evening of 29 November 1989

100  
00:05:21,959 --> 00:05:30,519

in a small area in eastern Belgium

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00:05:25,709 --> 00:05:32,189  
approximately 140 UFO sightings were

102

00:05:30,519 --> 00:05:35,229  
reported

103

00:05:32,189 --> 00:05:37,959  
hundreds of people saw a majestic

104

00:05:35,230 --> 00:05:40,410  
triangle craft with a span of

105

00:05:37,959 --> 00:05:44,469  
approximately hundred and twenty feet

106

00:05:40,410 --> 00:05:47,500  
powerful beaming spotlights moving very

107

00:05:44,470 --> 00:05:51,070  
slowly without making any significant

108

00:05:47,500 --> 00:05:54,819  
noise but in several cases accelerating

109

00:05:51,069 --> 00:05:57,819  
to very high speeds the following days

110

00:05:54,819 --> 00:06:02,110  
and months many more sightings would

111

00:05:57,819 --> 00:06:05,639  
follow the UFO wave would last more than

112

00:06:02,110 --> 00:06:10,650  
a year during which a Belgian UFO

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00:06:05,639 --> 00:06:14,050  
organisation conducted more than 650

114

00:06:10,649 --> 00:06:18,849  
investigations and recorded more than

115  
00:06:14,050 --> 00:06:22,300  
400 hours of audio witness reports on

116  
00:06:18,850 --> 00:06:25,330  
one occasion a photograph revealed the

117  
00:06:22,300 --> 00:06:27,879  
triangular shape and four light beams of

118  
00:06:25,329 --> 00:06:29,709  
the object I have the photograph here if

119  
00:06:27,879 --> 00:06:33,850  
you want to see more details later on

120  
00:06:29,709 --> 00:06:36,849  
but at the left of your left you see the

121  
00:06:33,850 --> 00:06:39,460  
original photograph at the right you can

122  
00:06:36,850 --> 00:06:44,140  
see an overexposed photograph which

123  
00:06:39,459 --> 00:06:46,569  
reveals the shape of the craft Belgium

124  
00:06:44,139 --> 00:06:50,500  
had no official focal point for

125  
00:06:46,569 --> 00:06:53,709  
reporting UFO sightings nevertheless and

126  
00:06:50,500 --> 00:06:56,110  
my function of chief operations I was

127  
00:06:53,709 --> 00:07:00,688  
confronted with numerous questions about

128  
00:06:56,110 --> 00:07:03,088  
the origin and nature of these cars

129  
00:07:00,689 --> 00:07:06,119  
and first instance and in consultation

130  
00:07:03,088 --> 00:07:08,848  
with other NATO partners I could confirm

131  
00:07:06,119 --> 00:07:12,329  
that no flights of stealth aircraft or

132  
00:07:08,848 --> 00:07:15,110  
any other experimental aircraft took

133  
00:07:12,329 --> 00:07:18,149  
place in the airspace of Belgium in

134  
00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:21,329  
addition the civil aviation authorities

135  
00:07:18,149 --> 00:07:25,288  
confirmed that no flight plans had been

136  
00:07:21,329 --> 00:07:28,168  
introduced this implied that the

137  
00:07:25,288 --> 00:07:31,259  
reported objects or craft committed an

138  
00:07:28,168 --> 00:07:35,178  
infraction against the existing aviation

139  
00:07:31,259 --> 00:07:39,059  
rules the Belgian Air Force tried to

140  
00:07:35,178 --> 00:07:43,528  
identify the alleged intruders and on

141  
00:07:39,059 --> 00:07:46,559  
three occasions launched f16 aircraft on

142  
00:07:43,528 --> 00:07:49,259  
one occasion to have 16 registered rapid

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00:07:46,559 --> 00:07:52,979  
changes in speed and altitude which were

144  
00:07:49,259 --> 00:07:57,360  
well outside of the performance envelope

145  
00:07:52,978 --> 00:08:00,360  
of existing aircraft nevertheless the

146  
00:07:57,360 --> 00:08:02,549  
Paris could not establish visual context

147  
00:08:00,360 --> 00:08:05,249  
and the investigation revealed that

148  
00:08:02,548 --> 00:08:07,888  
specific weather conditions may have

149  
00:08:05,249 --> 00:08:11,819  
caused electromagnetic interferences and

150  
00:08:07,889 --> 00:08:15,059  
false radar returns the technical

151  
00:08:11,819 --> 00:08:17,669  
evidence was insufficient to conclude

152  
00:08:15,059 --> 00:08:21,779  
that abnormal air activities took place

153  
00:08:17,668 --> 00:08:24,299  
during that evening in short the Belgian

154  
00:08:21,778 --> 00:08:27,348  
UFO wave was exceptional and the Air

155  
00:08:24,300 --> 00:08:30,300  
Force could not identify the nature

156  
00:08:27,348 --> 00:08:33,979  
origin and intentions of the reported

157  
00:08:30,300 --> 00:08:33,979

phenomenon thank you very much