

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:11,250
a tenth and final collection of Ministry

2
00:00:08,130 --> 00:00:14,880
of Defense UFO files released by the

3
00:00:11,250 --> 00:00:17,640
National Archives there are 25 separate

4
00:00:14,880 --> 00:00:19,380
files of sightings something in the

5
00:00:17,640 --> 00:00:22,460
order of four thousand three hundred

6
00:00:19,379 --> 00:00:25,320
pages in total that you can now download

7
00:00:22,460 --> 00:00:29,250
from the National Archives website and

8
00:00:25,320 --> 00:00:33,179
they cover mainly the years 2008 2009

9
00:00:29,250 --> 00:00:36,469
the ministry closed the UFO desk and

10
00:00:33,179 --> 00:00:40,200
cancelled their UFO hotline in November

11
00:00:36,469 --> 00:00:44,879
2009 and that brought to an end almost

12
00:00:40,200 --> 00:00:47,879
60 years of collecting analyzing and in

13
00:00:44,878 --> 00:00:50,968
some cases investigating sightings of

14
00:00:47,878 --> 00:00:53,159
mysterious things seen in the sky at the

15
00:00:50,969 --> 00:00:55,410
highlights of this collection of them

16
00:00:53,159 --> 00:00:57,929
UFO files the last one is the build-up

17
00:00:55,409 --> 00:01:02,808
to the Ministry of Defense's decision in

18
00:00:57,929 --> 00:01:06,299
November 2009 to close the UFO files and

19
00:01:02,808 --> 00:01:08,579
in that month they they closed the the

20
00:01:06,299 --> 00:01:12,420
UFO hotline number which members of the

21
00:01:08,579 --> 00:01:14,868
public have used since 1997 to report

22
00:01:12,420 --> 00:01:19,109
their sightings directly to Whitehall

23
00:01:14,868 --> 00:01:22,530
they also redeployed the final UFO desk

24
00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:24,569
officer and they sent out letters to the

25
00:01:22,530 --> 00:01:26,728
Home Office and to the Civil Aviation

26
00:01:24,569 --> 00:01:30,298
Authority basically saying that the

27
00:01:26,728 --> 00:01:33,688
ministry no longer wanted to receive UFO

28
00:01:30,299 --> 00:01:36,150
reports from the CAA or from the police

29

00:01:33,688 --> 00:01:37,859
and there were no longer going to

30
00:01:36,150 --> 00:01:41,340
investigate any anything that was

31
00:01:37,859 --> 00:01:43,530
reported to them in this seven

32
00:01:41,340 --> 00:01:46,618
collection files of four thousand three

33
00:01:43,530 --> 00:01:49,769
hundred pages and 25 separate files and

34
00:01:46,618 --> 00:01:52,950
the really big year is 2009 because in

35
00:01:49,769 --> 00:01:55,109
that year the ministry received 643

36
00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:57,450
separate sightings that's up to november

37
00:01:55,109 --> 00:02:00,718
when the the UFO desk was finally closed

38
00:01:57,450 --> 00:02:02,579
and that figure was that was actually it

39
00:02:00,718 --> 00:02:05,459
was it was quite a record-breaking

40
00:02:02,578 --> 00:02:07,349
number for the for the mo d it was it

41
00:02:05,459 --> 00:02:09,758
the numbers of sightings had traveled

42
00:02:07,349 --> 00:02:13,060
from the previous year that was 2008

43
00:02:09,758 --> 00:02:15,669

and on average during that decade the

44

00:02:13,060 --> 00:02:19,209

the mod was receiving between 100 and

45

00:02:15,669 --> 00:02:21,699

200 per year per annum but that those

46

00:02:19,209 --> 00:02:25,348

members doubled in 2008 and trebled in

47

00:02:21,699 --> 00:02:28,238

2009 and that really did put a strain on

48

00:02:25,348 --> 00:02:31,268

the resources that the mod had

49

00:02:28,239 --> 00:02:33,759

committed to this subject and really led

50

00:02:31,269 --> 00:02:37,780

up to their decision to finally pull the

51

00:02:33,759 --> 00:02:40,959

plug on Britain's x-files simply because

52

00:02:37,780 --> 00:02:43,239

they just didn't have the resources to

53

00:02:40,959 --> 00:02:44,829

investigate these sightings or to look

54

00:02:43,239 --> 00:02:46,450

at them in any detail so they tended to

55

00:02:44,829 --> 00:02:51,010

be just filed away and the vast majority

56

00:02:46,449 --> 00:02:54,369

of the sightings in 2008 and 2009 seemed

57

00:02:51,009 --> 00:02:56,949

to be of very down to down to earth

58
00:02:54,370 --> 00:02:58,599
objects such as Chinese lanterns that

59
00:02:56,949 --> 00:03:00,969
have been released by people at parties

60
00:02:58,598 --> 00:03:03,848
and weddings and these have been

61
00:03:00,969 --> 00:03:05,530
reported photographs have been published

62
00:03:03,848 --> 00:03:07,509
in the newspapers and that encourage

63
00:03:05,530 --> 00:03:09,549
more people to report these things and

64
00:03:07,509 --> 00:03:11,919
what you find is looking through the

65
00:03:09,549 --> 00:03:13,510
reports you get people were enjoying

66
00:03:11,919 --> 00:03:15,668
themselves out at night during the

67
00:03:13,509 --> 00:03:18,159
summer barbecue some of them sat in hot

68
00:03:15,669 --> 00:03:20,319
tubs and they see something odd in the

69
00:03:18,159 --> 00:03:22,418
sky and they take a photograph on their

70
00:03:20,318 --> 00:03:24,310
mobile phone and there are lots of

71
00:03:22,419 --> 00:03:26,230
examples in here where people have

72
00:03:24,310 --> 00:03:27,878
really really excited about some orange

73
00:03:26,229 --> 00:03:30,280
light that we've seen in the sky they

74
00:03:27,878 --> 00:03:32,560
want to tell someone about it so there

75
00:03:30,280 --> 00:03:34,780
is a UFO hotline that the ministry was

76
00:03:32,560 --> 00:03:36,848
was running at that time and they would

77
00:03:34,780 --> 00:03:39,039
contact the hotline they would leave a

78
00:03:36,848 --> 00:03:40,959
message and it would send some footage

79
00:03:39,039 --> 00:03:44,560
from their mobile phone off and up from

80
00:03:40,959 --> 00:03:46,569
their iPhone some cases and the

81
00:03:44,560 --> 00:03:48,430
photographs you can see them yourself in

82
00:03:46,568 --> 00:03:50,198
the files they're not very good quality

83
00:03:48,430 --> 00:03:52,000
a lot of them are just little blobs of

84
00:03:50,199 --> 00:03:53,650
light against a very dark background

85
00:03:52,000 --> 00:03:55,780
there are some more interesting

86

00:03:53,650 --> 00:03:58,840
photographs there's one for instance of

87
00:03:55,780 --> 00:04:01,269
a UFO supposedly seen over Stonehenge in

88
00:03:58,840 --> 00:04:03,729
Wiltshire but when you actually look at

89
00:04:01,269 --> 00:04:06,099
the description of that you find in a

90
00:04:03,729 --> 00:04:07,689
lot of these cases that that the people

91
00:04:06,098 --> 00:04:09,638
have sent photographs in they didn't

92
00:04:07,689 --> 00:04:11,079
actually see anything at the time they

93
00:04:09,639 --> 00:04:13,449
took the photograph so it's only when

94
00:04:11,079 --> 00:04:15,189
they downloaded it later that they

95
00:04:13,449 --> 00:04:16,870
noticed something odd and then maybe

96
00:04:15,189 --> 00:04:19,000
because there's the beam publicity about

97
00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:20,739
sightings in the press if thought that

98
00:04:19,000 --> 00:04:22,490
should tell someone about it the vast

99
00:04:20,738 --> 00:04:24,109
majority of cases where

100
00:04:22,490 --> 00:04:26,060

nothing was actually seen at the time

101

00:04:24,110 --> 00:04:28,220
but then shown up on on a on a

102

00:04:26,060 --> 00:04:32,410
photograph it turns out to be some kind

103

00:04:28,220 --> 00:04:36,020
of film fault that's created the image

104

00:04:32,410 --> 00:04:38,930
so one of the really outstanding reports

105

00:04:36,019 --> 00:04:41,089
in this set of files is a sighting that

106

00:04:38,930 --> 00:04:44,060
was made by a group of soldiers from the

107

00:04:41,089 --> 00:04:46,098
Royal Irish Regiment at turnhill

108

00:04:44,060 --> 00:04:50,360
barracks in Shropshire and that was in

109

00:04:46,098 --> 00:04:53,029
June 2008 this was a period when the

110

00:04:50,360 --> 00:04:55,610
ministry was receiving and a very large

111

00:04:53,029 --> 00:04:58,129
number of sightings of objects in the

112

00:04:55,610 --> 00:05:02,360
sky that were described as an orange

113

00:04:58,129 --> 00:05:05,329
ball shaped phenomena that often was

114

00:05:02,360 --> 00:05:07,158
seen in clusters of lights than bobbed

115
00:05:05,329 --> 00:05:09,889
around in the sky moved around in

116
00:05:07,158 --> 00:05:11,329
formation completely silent and a lot of

117
00:05:09,889 --> 00:05:13,848
these sightings were reported in the

118
00:05:11,329 --> 00:05:15,649
national media in the tabloids and the

119
00:05:13,848 --> 00:05:17,089
more sightings that were reported the

120
00:05:15,649 --> 00:05:20,359
more encouraged people to come forward

121
00:05:17,089 --> 00:05:21,918
with their own accounts and this this

122
00:05:20,360 --> 00:05:24,620
group of soldiers they were out on

123
00:05:21,918 --> 00:05:27,218
guards do chick guard duty at least this

124
00:05:24,620 --> 00:05:30,050
basin in Shropshire and they saw these

125
00:05:27,218 --> 00:05:32,779
clusters of small rotating objects in

126
00:05:30,050 --> 00:05:35,598
the sky and one of the soldiers of

127
00:05:32,779 --> 00:05:39,079
corporal captured images of these and

128
00:05:35,598 --> 00:05:42,800
these objects on his mobile phone and he

129
00:05:39,079 --> 00:05:45,228
decided to contact me the news media and

130
00:05:42,800 --> 00:05:49,509
the story appeared on the front page of

131
00:05:45,228 --> 00:05:53,478
The Sun newspaper later emerged that the

132
00:05:49,509 --> 00:05:55,280
manager of a nearby hotel and had a

133
00:05:53,478 --> 00:05:57,379
wedding party on the night of his

134
00:05:55,279 --> 00:05:59,478
sighting during which the guests had

135
00:05:57,379 --> 00:06:01,430
released a large number of Chinese

136
00:05:59,478 --> 00:06:03,918
lanterns and so the obvious conclusion

137
00:06:01,430 --> 00:06:07,728
was that what had been seen by the

138
00:06:03,918 --> 00:06:12,019
soldiers were Chinese lanterns so

139
00:06:07,728 --> 00:06:14,120
there's quite a substantial file on the

140
00:06:12,019 --> 00:06:16,698
on this sighting and how the Ministry of

141
00:06:14,120 --> 00:06:19,009
Defence decided they would react to it

142
00:06:16,699 --> 00:06:21,860
what you're getting these files are lots

143

00:06:19,009 --> 00:06:23,900
of amusing letters from people people

144
00:06:21,860 --> 00:06:25,848
who believe they've been contacted by

145
00:06:23,899 --> 00:06:28,579
aliens people are getting telepathic

146
00:06:25,848 --> 00:06:31,490
messages from aliens and you get lots of

147
00:06:28,579 --> 00:06:33,139
photographs that people have taken of

148
00:06:31,490 --> 00:06:35,560
odd things in the sky and sometimes

149
00:06:33,139 --> 00:06:37,930
people send in sketches and even photo

150
00:06:35,560 --> 00:06:39,759
sharp images because they are they

151
00:06:37,930 --> 00:06:40,750
haven't had the had a camera with them

152
00:06:39,759 --> 00:06:42,519
and they want to have some way of

153
00:06:40,750 --> 00:06:47,560
depicting what it is that this scene and

154
00:06:42,519 --> 00:06:50,199
also one of the more amusing enclosures

155
00:06:47,560 --> 00:06:53,439
in these files is this letter for me and

156
00:06:50,199 --> 00:06:55,990
a schoolgirl that was sent to the

157
00:06:53,439 --> 00:06:58,449

Ministry of Defense in January 2009 and

158

00:06:55,990 --> 00:07:01,870

she'd she'd been out in in the garden

159

00:06:58,449 --> 00:07:04,509

with a father and she'd seen a lot of

160

00:07:01,870 --> 00:07:06,069

little flying objects flying around in

161

00:07:04,509 --> 00:07:07,569

the sky and she she wrote to the

162

00:07:06,069 --> 00:07:09,790

Ministry of Defense and she said this

163

00:07:07,569 --> 00:07:12,370

little picture of an alien waving from

164

00:07:09,790 --> 00:07:14,050

inside a flying saucer and she said

165

00:07:12,370 --> 00:07:17,410

please tell me what the truth is I have

166

00:07:14,050 --> 00:07:19,449

a right to know what you also get in

167

00:07:17,410 --> 00:07:22,660

these and files are you get people

168

00:07:19,449 --> 00:07:25,478

reporting things unusual natural

169

00:07:22,660 --> 00:07:27,610

phenomenon and this is one that I found

170

00:07:25,478 --> 00:07:31,168

particularly interesting and it happened

171

00:07:27,610 --> 00:07:35,680

in August 2009 and this is a lady in

172
00:07:31,168 --> 00:07:39,339
endorser and she was in her kitchen one

173
00:07:35,680 --> 00:07:43,360
night 950 and through the kitchen window

174
00:07:39,339 --> 00:07:45,189
came this bright white fire ball about

175
00:07:43,360 --> 00:07:48,610
the size of the football and it flew in

176
00:07:45,189 --> 00:07:50,709
through the open window and exploded in

177
00:07:48,610 --> 00:07:52,949
a flash and white light in her kitchen

178
00:07:50,709 --> 00:07:55,359
and she was obviously as you can imagine

179
00:07:52,949 --> 00:07:57,430
extremely upset and worried about what

180
00:07:55,360 --> 00:08:01,330
had happened but reading the description

181
00:07:57,430 --> 00:08:02,918
is the classic account of them what's

182
00:08:01,329 --> 00:08:06,069
known as ball lightning which is a very

183
00:08:02,918 --> 00:08:07,870
very rare form of lightning that is

184
00:08:06,069 --> 00:08:10,360
sometimes reported and there are

185
00:08:07,870 --> 00:08:11,860
numerous other examples of people who've

186
00:08:10,360 --> 00:08:13,330
seen these lightning balls that have

187
00:08:11,860 --> 00:08:15,160
actually sometimes come down the

188
00:08:13,329 --> 00:08:19,449
chimneys in houses or floated through

189
00:08:15,160 --> 00:08:22,330
open windows and there are examples of

190
00:08:19,449 --> 00:08:25,000
people who have been harmed by them and

191
00:08:22,329 --> 00:08:27,129
burned but in this case fortunately this

192
00:08:25,000 --> 00:08:29,470
lady didn't suffer any ill effects and

193
00:08:27,129 --> 00:08:31,538
she could find no traces of this thing

194
00:08:29,470 --> 00:08:33,820
once it had exploded so she was very

195
00:08:31,538 --> 00:08:37,658
very fortunate have now come to the end

196
00:08:33,820 --> 00:08:40,450
of this program of releases for the for

197
00:08:37,658 --> 00:08:43,330
the UFO files and it's often said about

198
00:08:40,450 --> 00:08:46,030
UFOs that the truth is out there now in

199
00:08:43,330 --> 00:08:48,180
my opinion the truth is actually in here

200

00:08:46,029 --> 00:08:50,129
in these files and we

201
00:08:48,179 --> 00:08:51,750
I would encourage everyone who's

202
00:08:50,129 --> 00:08:56,490
interested in subject whether you

203
00:08:51,750 --> 00:08:58,679
believe or whether you disbelieve take

204
00:08:56,490 --> 00:09:00,089
the time to have a look at the contents

205
00:08:58,679 --> 00:09:02,219
of these files that can now be

206
00:09:00,089 --> 00:09:04,700
downloaded from the National Archives

207
00:09:02,220 --> 00:09:04,700
website

208
00:09:17,710 --> 00:09:19,769
you