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It has been fifty years since the first UFO sighting made headlines around the globe. In five decades, the phenomenon has grown from simple reports of strange lights in the sky and flying discs to become the world's most complex and widely reported enigma, encompassing accounts of alien abductions, bizarre medical experiments, and rumors of crashed saucers and dead witnesses.

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