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Coming from the city of the weird exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored, two dimensions are known. Shining a light of truth on the darkest corners of our reality. Welcome to the curious realm



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Well, hello, everybody and welcome to episode 62 of the curious round. We're just over a year after the rebrand on occasion, I get a message from people about the rebrand and like how long have you been around? Things like that? No. It's funny to me how dudes and beer my show that is now deprecated for over a year still gets hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of lessons a month. My wife and I were talking about that the other day and it's literally because of this show people find out that there was there was five years of this show before it was called curious realm and yeah, began with my good friend Stephen Bishop out there How you doing buddy? Bishop Bishop studios out there reckon things nowadays. began with us sitting around a table with somebody every week with a six pack of beer and six topics. And maybe we'd get through all the beer, maybe we'd get through all the topics, but we're going to have a conversation. And next week, we're going to come back and we're still going to be friends. And that really led to a lot of conversations with out there fringe authors fringe topics, things that were really electrifying to society and going on. We featured a lot of a lot of folks, even anonymous, contacted us at one point because of some of the guests that we'd had on whenever whenever the George George Floyd riots were going on and anonymous hacked. The computers of the police department there they contacted us to come on it was it was pretty interesting to see the evolution and to see where we are now. Especially with guests like Mike turbot. Our first guest tonight will be the amazing Ken Gerhard, author of so many books on cryptozoology folks, I've literally got a stack of kin Gerhart books over here next to me everything from the Essential Guide to Bigfoot The Essential Guide to the Loch Ness Monster. menagerie of mysterious beasts Big Bird monsters of Texas's great co written with Nick Redfern. Some fantastic information really a leader in the field of cryptozoology. We will be talking with him about cryptids crypto zoological research after our break. I know we just had Mike turba on talking about the whole UFO UAP report which is now an annual report as we were saying but here in the last week we had the interesting situation of the Chinese surveillance balloon flying over America and Mike Thurber actually actively put out this audio this morning I wanted to play it



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that is the actual audio from the F 22 Raptor that took down the Chinese aircraft that was pretty remarkable to actively see happen we will be getting into that video and that incident tonight with Mike turba in the second half I texted him once things started happening after day two of headlines and me posting them like crazy we both mutually contacted each other just knowing that like we had to talk about this and spoiler alert there there is an incredible part of the episode after commercial make sure to stay tuned because we gearing our pre record for Mike Thurber. He was actively interrupted in our phone call by a national security colonel who he works with to be on a conference call and he actively conference the colonel in with us we have some bomb audio quite literally about the some of the equipment that was that was on the Chinese spy craft It's how they surveilled the Chinese spy craft. All kinds of fun things the audio has been cleared. I waited till this morning as y'all know. I have never edited anything on this show I have I have bleeped two things live and this he didn't refer to the colonel by name departments weren't mentioned anything like that. However, I by courtesy was like if I'm going to use this Do you want me to disguise his voice and the colonel was a better safe than sorry. But we were cleared to use every bit of the audio except for the one piece of bleeped information about technical equipment, like the classification of equipment on the craft, but I guarantee you there there is no body in the media that has this audio. Nobody has this information. It's pretty incredible. So stay tuned for that after the break, folks. Our first guest in this segment is the amazing King Earhart. He is a cryptozoologist he lives right here in Texas. He is literally just fresh off the road. He was out at Sasquatch fest. How was that? How was that event up there in the Great Northwest?



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Well, good evening, Christopher. Thanks so much for having me on this evening. You're welcome. An honor and a pleasure to be with you my friend. Always great



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to chat with you. I love our conversations just on the side. Whenever we're at conferences together. I always love chatting with you. So having you on for an unabridged full episode is fantastic.



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Awesome, man. Well, I'm sure we're gonna have a good time. Well, um, yeah, thanks for asking Squatch fest, Longview, Kelso Washington. You know, right in the shadow of Mount St. Helens, if any of your listeners have heard of the eight Canyon incident, which is a pretty famous Bigfoot story from 1924, and just a lot of sightings throughout that area. So there's definitely a tradition in history. And honestly, it was one thing I really enjoyed about the conference. You know, and I attend Bigfoot conferences around the country these days. And there's usually a good diverse representation of different ideas and things. But this was a strictly quote unquote aper conference, all of the speakers were basically in the flesh and blood camp and kind of knew the history and tradition of old style sauce watching and big footing that really goes back to the idea of a relic Tom and running around in the Pacific Northwest and not so much in the,

you know, Portal UFOs side, which, you know, I know some people like to kind of address those, those ideas, but, you know, it's fun sometimes to have just kind of everybody like minded and kind of discuss, there were a lot of great questions asked during the panel, which I was part of, you know, where's the poop? That's a question I had just asked Dr. Meldrum earlier that night. He's got all these incredible foot tracks and casts footprints that are very compelling. But if these animals were 1000 pounds, they're leaving big piles of poop somewhere. So we you know, it's it's fun to talk about some of those sort of biological questions.

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Well, in those questions, I think can are one of the big reasons why I love chatting with you on the side, because you you really are not afraid to take them on, you aren't afraid to ask them. A lot of people are happy with just footprints. But yeah, you would think that an animal that large would be leaving scat in regular places. They do. Yeah, yes. It would, it would, it would stand to reason, you know. And let's start breaking into a little bit of that, because the field of Sasquatch research has grown by leaps and bounds over just the last five years, much less the last decade. Or since you got involved with it. Which How long have you been involved? I know, I know, at least a good 20 years that I know of.

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Yeah, decades. I mean, I like to go back to a time when I was eight or nine years old, which, you know, is when I began to immerse myself in Bigfoot books. And there were a lot of great TV shows back in those days in search of and some of those programs. But, you know, a lot of people will say, Well, you know, you weren't really researching when you're eight or nine years old, but it wasn't a typical eight or nine year old and yet 15 years old, I actually attempted my first field research at Loch Ness when I was only 15. So I was there interviewing people over there, trying to fill in the monster and little movie camera stuff. So I've been doing it off and on throughout my whole life. And um, but full time research, you know, maybe 20 plus years in terms of Bigfoot, and I never present myself nor do I expect anybody to present themselves as kind of the end all opinion on this subject because there's so many different avenues of research and excellent investigators. But I have had the distinct honor of conducting field research all over the continent. So I've done Bigfoot research in Alaska, with you know, J, Robert Ali, I've done Pacific Northwest Oregon, Washington, I've been to the film site for the Patterson Gimlin film, Florida Skunk Ape expeditions, Midwest, Texas, Louisiana, so, and even down into Central America. So I've gotten the opportunity to work with a lot of investigators and look at a lot of potential areas that are, you know, what we refer to as active and, you know, just get, get a lot of opinions. And of course, I've interviewed, you know, hundreds of eyewitnesses to the years so. So yeah, it's all fascinating to me, but I like, I like to try to build that dossier of well rounded, you know, information and try to look at the big picture, as opposed to the, sort of the minutiae of the research.

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Well, sure. And a, especially when, when you've worked that long and gathered that much research is because once again, even though people doubt the fact that you were researching at the age of eight, what you were doing was reading, which is three quarters of research, is

spending spending the time in the library, you know, not the not that field work at and fantastic. But you got to research that field work, you got to you got to find out the places to go to begin with, like when we, when we spoke with Adam Davies, for instance, he does move before he goes out in the field, he's He's smooth researching things for a year. So not only taking local stories and things like that, but looking looking at the localized area and wouldn't even support a creditor of that size wouldn't have food that it would need to survive, would it have area by which to breed and populate?

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Absolutely. And Adam is I mean, talk about top shelf field researcher. I mean, I can sing off my Bigfoot credentials, like I just did. But I mean, that guy's been to like tele in the Congo. He's been to Sumatra several times, Mongolia, I mean, the Himalayas several times. I mean, that is a true worldwide explorer, modern day explorer and top notch field researchers. So it's always an honor to work with Adam in any capacity.

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Well, and, you know, when, when you're looking at this kind of research, once again, the hard questions have to be asked, and you have to be willing to ask them, we unfortunately, in a lot of communities have have a mentality of the evidentiary pass. And that's not to say that I will, I will always believe the encounter, and the witness until proven otherwise. That's, that's just me. Because I've had my own encounters that I know, I know, we're encounters in some way, shape or form that I have no evidence of, but they were light stealing for me and life changing. So it's, it's interesting to see this field of research and see where it has come to to the point of people like Dr. Milgram, getting involved and really, really seeing a path forward for a specific field of evidentiary work.

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Yeah, well, that's a good point. And, you know, it certainly depends on the individual as far as, you know, what approach they want to take as an investigator and, you know, what their perspective is, but, you know, I consider myself an old school cryptozoologists with the emphasis on zoologist and so, you know, I tend to want to look at these specific mysteries and kind of that through that lens. So I am looking at biological, you know, probability of some of these things existing as undiscovered animals or, sure, like hominins, in the course of Bigfoot or Sasquatch, and, you know, obviously, if it's a scientific pursuit, then it's all about evidence and, you know, data which is collected by different researchers around the country. And, you know, just looking at things in terms of probability. And sometimes to get that that's probably the most challenging thing to do, Christopher, because, you know, we all as individuals have our own levels of confirmation bias our own influences and experiences that kind of steer us into directions that we may, you know, not be cognizant of but you know, the hardest thing to do as an investigator in any facet of the unexplained whether it's cryptozoology, UFOs ghosts in the supernatural, I think is to try to remain as objective as possible and not rely too much on what, you know, we kind of hope to be the case or our belief systems are. And you know, so we all

struggle with that. And I think that's something that I encountered dealing with different investigators around the country is that, you know, some have, you know, kind of with their passion override their objective critical thinking, to some degree. So you're sure and



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I mean, that is a regular topic of conversation on this program, Ken is the topic of conversation. Oh, my God, confirmation bias, to the concept that you cannot accept datum point of data outside of your data set, because it might destroy the data set that you're working with, right? And it's just a point of datum. It's just the point of datum. That's all it is, you're supposed to add it to your data set. And that might change it. And it's it's really interesting that that is that is also one of the big hindrances to this work, not only within the field, like you were saying, amongst amongst the researchers themselves, but amongst mainstay science, when it comes to this work.



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Yeah, no, I absolutely agree. And, you know, I'm certainly don't have any bona fides, scientific credentials. But I've still kind of embraced and adopted that mentality as much as I can. My father was a scientist, is a scientist, I should say, you're not active anymore. But, you know, I kind of grew up not in a spiritual household, per se, but and more of that kind of scientific household where we discussed astronomy and geology and you know, whatever earth sciences, or you know, whatever was of interest to us. And I think, that instilled at an early age and me kind of that, you know, I've always had a healthy curiosity. And of course, I've always, you know, had a creative sort of romantic side of my personality. I love monster movies like everyone else, actually, Godzilla movies and all that stuff. And I'd love there for there to be dinosaurs running through my backyard. But yeah, so I don't know. Yeah, you're right. It's about evidence. And I think, again, it's about mathematical probabilities. As you knows, the scientific methodology is based on, you know, what is the best evidence we have right now, we might get better evidence in the future. But what do we have right now? And what is the most logical conclusion that we can draw, you know, regarding any particular topic based on that evidence that's available and also accepted or peer reviewed by other, you know, objective individuals that will all look at the evidence independently and say, Okay, I think we can all agree that this is the most likely thing. And that doesn't mean that ultimately, that is what will be proven to be the case. It's just, you know, it's a foundation.



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Yeah, yeah, exactly. It is at least a launching point. And a point that everybody involved with the research both sides, stream and mainstream science can get involved with and get behind. And I think that that is one of the most interesting things, especially when it comes to it's much more so in the cryptid realm than in the paranormal realm. I think that citizen science has really, really stepped up as far as helping with the evidence chain, helping collect evidence, things like that. Even even a lot of I forget which documentary I was watching, where they were doing a big bear study. And it may have been here in Texas where they actively reached out to Sasquatch hunters, because they were they were out in parts of the woods that they didn't have the funding to go to. Right. Um, so it's like, please give us give us any trail cam footage

you can give us, you know, that kind of stuff. So it's really interesting to see this cross communication between things. Now, of course, when you're talking about evidence, like we were saying a minute ago, Adam starts off with localized stories and I'm gonna I'm gonna pop a map up on screen that I pop up regularly whenever we are talking about Sasquatch. This is a map of Sasquatch sightings across the United States. That is kept by a RC G s.com RT guest.com You can go by there, check it out, you can like zoom in zoom into these sightings like you can get, if I'm not mistaken, like even GPS coordinates. But if you look at this concentration of sightings up here, like it's really interesting whenever you a be that with the shot of the United States from night from the International Space Station because it really does give you that example of how possible it could be. You know, while there are a lot over here in these populated areas, stuff like that there's quite a swath right over here in the Pacific Northwest, that kind of stuff and there is definitely when you're talking about upper Oregon, Washington State things like that, like there, there is straight up rain forest there like there, there's easily your good five planes that go missing per decade. Up there, and and they do not find them. Planes have transponders, you know? So it's really interesting that yeah, there is still this, because a lot of the big argument from people is my Yeah, you know, we've settled so much of the United States, we know we'd have found that critter by now. We'd run across him right. And I don't think so, I don't know. This, this map granted his 10 years ago. This is this is 2012. It's one of the most detailed and best maps out there by night. But that just gives you an idea of how much of the United States is still unsettled. Still no power. Everything else. So pretty interesting to look at and really does lay the groundwork for No, there is a great possibility.



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No, that's you're absolutely correct. And you know, there's something else that just occurred to me looking at that map is that, you know, there's something that we do have in common with Bigfoot or Sasquatch, if it exists, which is, you know, it needs resources. And the human population centers around the United States tend to be based around places that have availability to resources that we've needed, such as water, ports, and harbors, rivers, lumbers timber supplies, and you know, you build things with wood or whatever. And so, you know, Sasquatch is going to need a lot of those same types of resources in terms of, so there is a little bit of overlap there in terms of now. Obviously, Sasquatch Bigfoot was here first. So we kind of moved in, along with other things that were here first. And, of course, the indigenous people that, you know, we kind of came in and took the spots that were favorable to us. But, you know, there are some things about the map. I'd also like to point out one being that we, you know, it's kind of restricted to the United States, well, particularly British Columbia is probably got a very, very healthy population of Sasquatch, is that's borne out by the anecdotal evidence, the native traditions, yeah, and just the amount of resources that are up there. But, you know, in order to have an observation and encounter, you'd have to have an observer on hand and so there are probably Sasquatch is in Bigfoot running around in all parts of North America, where people are just not going and not seeing them. So yeah, yes. And no, we don't have the noticeable things are, you know, there certainly are not a lot of Bigfoot or Sasquatch reports coming from some of the wide open plains states. And you know, there are some handful that places like Kansas seem to go does and I mean, where you don't have as much in terms of forest, you know, it's a different kind of like a savanna type habitat. And it would make sense that Sasquatch is would tend to favor you know, forested areas and mountainous areas. And again, the legends and traditions and anecdotal evidence kind of supports that to that the Sasquatch is in native

tongues were often referred to as the Bushman or they were considered to be inhabitants of the of the mountains, mountain ranges and living living at higher altitudes and things like that as well. So



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well and that's a really interesting point to bring up because while people people tend to skirt the, the real depth of stories of Sasquatch and and other related critters with with the Native Americans. They're like, Oh, yeah, sure they have stories. They have stories of that. Give trading in some of these tribes, where they are considered literally a tribe that lives in the woods, you know, so deep to some of them go that their actual warnings about like, don't don't share salmon with them. You share salmon with them, and you'll get caught in their world. And they'll have control over you. All kinds of things. And it's, it's interesting, because it's not like it's part of their, quote, folklore. It's part it's more like it's part of their oral tradition than than their folklore.



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Right, well, you get a mixed bag. And so while we're on the subject, I mean, one of the pet one of my pet peeves is when there are these kinds of gross generalizations about and I've heard people make declarations like, well, all the Native Americans thought this about Bigfoot, or, you know, believe that they were spirits or, you know, whatever they say. And there were at least 150 distinct nations, you know, tribes across North America, and you can't kind of lumped them all together, they all had very distinct, you know, belief systems and traditions, and cultures. And so, some, like you said, some viewed Bigfoot or Sasquatch, as another tribe, that lived more, you know, out in the mountains or whatever. Some, some tribes viewed them as more of a spiritual type thing, you know, based on their, perhaps their worldview and religion or whatever. Some viewed them as more dangerous, you know, the quote unquote, cannibal giants, the gill yoke, things like that. So. So yeah, that kind of bugs me, Christopher, when people say, well, the Native Americans thought this about, well, which Native American tribe which tradition, which traditionally, and all you have to address them individually? Well,



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in once again, even making that distinction between folklore and myth, an oral tradition? Because because there's a distinction there. You know, and there's there the oral tradition is more of what they've passed down generation to generation, as far as instructions, things like that. moral codes, that kind of stuff, ceremonial things as opposed and even the the tradition of their origins, that kind of stuff, as opposed to the the myths of the Fox and that kind of stuff, which are much more like Aesop fables almost, sir, whenever you get into them, still moral tales, but not not a part of their true on religious belief, so to speak, more more stories for children. And it's interesting to see that and to see, once again, even even how people want to pigeonhole that when it comes to this



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no, it's very important because that is one of the reasons I wanted to chat with you tonight. One of the things that we do on this show, Ken is demystify, and don't get me wrong. I am a believers believer, man. But I break hearts when it when it comes to things on groups that can do I've spent 30 years of my life with a lens in my hand as a videographer editor, you know, so whenever I see aberrations on film, that people are showing and claiming to be something on an infrared camera, I really quick get into shutter math, and beats per second of wings, and things like that, that help explain the blur of stuff on cameras. So it's like, I'm not trying to break your heart. But my God, if you had that many things in your backyard, you'd be selling tickets, Jack, you wouldn't be on this forum, I'd be seeing an ad for your backyard and the prices

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hit Well, as you know, well said my friend. And I mean, you know, I'm on the record saying this before but you know, I'm completely open minded to the possibility. The probability really that there are things in our world that we don't understand yet. And some of those may be unknown animals. Some of them may be UAPs and aerial phenomenon. Some of them are probably like, spiritual or interdimensional or however people want to characterize some of those sort of metaphysical things. I I'm fully convinced that that some of that stuff does happen. But you know, the danger isn't accepting things. You know, just like we were talking about just because Uh, you know, it makes our life more interesting and exciting as opposed to, you know, where the evidence leads again you know, what are some of the most likely explanations for for different things so you know, I am a bit of a skeptic and I do like debunk things that you know first and foremost you minded I am

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you've got to have an open dose of skepticism and a proper skeptic is is willing to accept the fact that wow, that's a new point of datum to add to my data set and willing to even back up and go whoa, wait a minute. I was utterly wrong. That's a proper skeptic. And that is literally what science is called to do. Is is be that skeptic to go okay, so you think this let's through scientific means, test the hypothesis. It because you're allowed to hypothesize any wack crazy thing in science, you can write hypothesize anything you want through proper testing and methodology, we will prove or disprove that hypothesis, and then it becomes a theory. And then through proves through, further test improve, hey, who knows, it may become a law of science but even that isn't unchangeable. My my, I mean, my astronomy book from high school and I made a plus 110 Only class I ever got an award in my astronomy book has Pluto in it is a planet, my son's astronomical chart in his room does not. Science has changed in my lifetime.

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Sure. Yeah, that does happen. You're right. Some of those old, long standing theories have

been overturned, and that'll continue to happen. Yeah.



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And new evidence has come around new new means of examining evidence can and I think that that is that is really, let's get into that real quick, because that's really where we're at right now with the world of large Primate Research and, and Sasquatch and Bigfoot research is these new forms of evidence gathering that forensic ly we have been able to bring forth?



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Yeah, well, let's start with, you know, since this is a nice segue from what you were just talking about. So the paradigm of human evolution has changed radically in recent years, based on a number of remarkable discoveries and new findings and things that are being excavated in Africa, Asia and elsewhere. The terminology has changed. So what we now referred to as a hominin, hominid AI, which is basically the Great Ape. The family of great apes, and humans, you know, humans. Our closest living relatives are the chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas, and orangutans. Well, actually, a ragged hands are now hominids. So we're just talking about the African apes and humans. We're all hominins. And we think that we shared a common ancestor with, you know, chimpanzees and gorillas, and Bona bows starting about 7 million years ago. And at some point around that time period, some of these hominids began walking up, right and bipedal Lee. And it's not a direct, you know, we used to have this old when I was going to high school, you had the the graphic of like the, you know, the chimp evolving into the, you know, Australopithecine into, you know, humble erectus and it was like a linear thing. Well, we now know that the human tree, the hominins, that that that family tree is very bushy with a lot of, you know, side branches and dead ends and so forth. So the, you know, Homo sapiens, we were here to talk about this. So we're perhaps the most successful of all the hominins because we're having podcasts where we can talk about talking about our family tree. I don't know if any other hominins have been able to put that together yet. But as it relates to Bigfoot, the fascinating thing is that there are two timelines that are the gradually shifting. One is the timeline I was just talking about where bipedalism walking upright on two feet as that timeline has gone back further and further in time, it used to be two 3 million. Then they started discovering you know, Lucy in the early 70s After Canis, and now we have Rambo Pittacus. So we know that hominins great apes were walking around on their hind legs starting about 7 million years ago. Well, Sasquatch Bigfoot, you know, that's one of the key characteristics that people always report and describe is that it looks like an eight but it walks around pretty efficiently on its hind legs, very similar the way we walk, which makes it very startling to us. So, the other thing is, you know, there were these assumed extinction dates for things like homo rectus, one of our predecessors, the Neandertals, and some of these other species. And now we have discovered in recent years, very archaic, primitive hominins like homeowner Letty and Africa, Houma, Louisiana, Kansas in the Philippines, Homo floresiensis and Indonesia, all of these hominins that had very primitive features. They were bipedal, but very primitive, and other ways. Were around as recently as 50 to 250,000 years ago. Yeah. Which is basically right on the brink of you know, when human, you know, civilization began to spring up with agriculture and some of those other things so. So that timeline keeps moving to the present. Why is that important with regard to Bigfoot or Sasquatch? Well, the best hypothesis we have right now is that it is a surviving hominin from, you know, the Pleistocene 10s of 1000s of years ago, then that it's still alive, and that we just have not discovered a science is not verify that is still alive and living alongside of us. And, you know, that's huge, because 50,000 years, it used

to be 100,000 years or 200,000 years that any type of primitive hominid was living alongside Homo sapiens. So it's now becoming more probable with all these discoveries that this timeline is going to move further and further, closer to the present. You know, so that's kind of exciting in terms of paleoanthropology that we, you know, that we have some actual science that's being done in terms of discovery of hominid fossils, and sort of the, we haven't quite gotten quite gotten to DNA and phylogenetic testing, we don't have any DNA on any of these. They're too old. But yeah, it kind of it kind of creates more of a foundation of reality, for something like Bigfoot or Sasquatch existing, if you accept that it is simply a hominid with primitive features that is still alive. And, you know, that we just assumed had gone extinct a long time ago. Yeah, yeah,



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precisely. And it follows to reason that that can happen. I was just popping up on the screen of a rare deer like species that was photographed in Vietnam. And that was one that, you know, researchers had been in the area for decades, decades, and heard stories of these from local people. And they're like, Oh, you're crazy, you know, deer with flaps on their noses. What are you talking about? But sure enough, they ended up finding them. And you know, even during the pandemic, we found record numbers of new species, we are regularly finding new species much, much less, like you're seeing new branches of the basically dinner Soviet line, the the early parts of humanity. Were Yeah, like we were told, when we were younger, there were four or five in between chimp and man. More than likely, four or 5000. Would be Yeah, and especially if you look at any evolutionary tree, there are tons of dead end stumps. You know, where, where an adaptation was attempted, and just didn't work out. Or it was so localized that once things spread, it was no longer necessary. So sort



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of native species that didn't have the ability to adapt to the rapidly changing environments. Surely true. So I guess my let my kind of atheism take hold of me and say that, Christopher, but why is this important in terms of looking at Bigfoot or Sasquatch to a scientific lens? To those that think, and believe that Bigfoot is something that is interdimensional, an extra terrestrial or something from, you know, out of a portal from another linear multiverse? You know, situation? Why does it look exactly like one of the archaic hominins in our family tree? You know, so it's just, it's just again, it's just going back to sort of rational thinking, critical thinking, which is if it looks like something that we have in the fossil record that's, say 2 million years old. Why do we have to make a case or an argument that it's not from this planet that it's somehow from another dimension or? Yeah, I don't know. I guess people have different ways of kind of explaining where these things come from. But it Yeah, it displays physical characteristics that actually fit within to the evolutionary paradigm of our family tree. So Knee that makes a much stronger case for it being simply an undiscovered relative dominant as opposed to something extra terrestrial or interdimensional or, you know, however people want to characterize it.



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Sure. And you know, we've had the conversation privately. I've had the conversation on the show numerous times I am I am a believer in all of that, every bit of it. However, am I a believer that Sasquatch as we know it? Is that? I don't think so. Do I think that there have been people

that have had interesting encounters? Is it the fact that a lot of Sasquatch cases are now involving the other? Sure. There are a lot of a lot of cross report cases like that. However, we've we've had the conversation with numerous other guests, is it possibly that another entity is kind of hijacking our psyche and giving us what we would be comfortable seeing as opposed to them? That's a much more great likelihood than this biological entity being inter dimensionally capable.

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That's yeah, that's, that's well stated. And, you know, I guess I definitely agree with you because I've, I've had conversations with researchers that are convinced that Bigfoot is not simply a an undiscovered relic common in or whatever. And it's usually based on these kind of periphery things that they've experienced, which are pretty strange and pretty weird. So I guess I've I've also conceded that there may in fact, be a phenomenon, I guess this is what you're saying. There's something that basically looks like, or people interpret as Bigfoot or Sasquatch, for whatever reason, so that we may be actually dealing with two different types of Bigfoot or Sasquatch is which sounds very superficially confusing, but it's really just two distinct phenomenon that have very similar interpretation to us at least Yeah, similar

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phenomenology. But separate phenomena. And then that is exactly the conversation that we've had with folks like Ryan Tremblay and other other people Jason McLean. Numerous paranormal investigators, even even Nathaniel Gillis, when talking about alien abduction that sure there are numerous genuine alien abduction cases. However, more than likely, a lot of the greater ones are along this line where something has used their psyche to do that, and it's an interesting avenue of study to take, especially whenever you're talking the the paranormal Bigfoot connection, that that, once again, has really cropped up in the last five to 10 years of Sasquatch research. And it's been interesting to see not only in UFO UAP communities, but in in Sasquatch and other cryptid communities, the acceleration of things because of the shows that exist that are out there, not necessarily the documentary shows, like what you're on that kind of stuff. But the popular plot driven shows, Expedition Bigfoots, things like that, where I'm not denying what they are and their popularity and everything else. But there has been a beautiful thing to the opening of conversation, because of them once again, because of the shows. because of things like the UFO UAP committee, people are emboldened to come forward with their story now. And it's, it's great.

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I do I do. appreciate the fact that yes, this this kind of these kinds of conversations are, you know, they're much more common than they used to be. Yeah, they're not as uncomfortable as they used to be, you know, people can speak openly about their experiences or their opinions, or

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I've never have to profess it with as have you ever heard of Coast to Coast AM? Which had in

I no longer have to preface it with so have you ever heard of Coast to Coast AM? Which back in the 90s That's what I used to have to do. You know, because hey, at least some folks were up late at night or had heard of it or had a brother that listen to it or what have you, and they'd be like, Okay, now I know what you're talking about. But yeah, now it is. It's much more common and it's much more open plate to have the common conversation with people on it. However, I've really seen at the same time, especially with stuff like MUFON that kind of thing because once again, the the the MUFON world and this is this is for all of you out there that live Listen to the show. You know I love y'all. But I'm a MUFON benefactor like I'm, I'm a lifetime giver to MUFON. Now and whenever, whenever I started this show, Ken, there were a few things that I decided to get behind personally MUFON was one of them. Because yes, they are on the forefront of the scientific search when it came to the UFO UAP committee, a lot of the questions that were asked of them were sourced from MUFON. But a lot of people don't like them, because when they come to them with a video, they can explain it, sometimes pretty rapidly, and they tend to break a lot of hearts. And that's unfortunate, but they're, they are not there to absorb every account. They are there to take every account in look at the evidence as given and weigh it as such. And if it doesn't ever get evidentiary have anything then they move forward with other investigations, you know, and a lot of people take personal offense to that. And because of that are in the community, like against MUFON, because I sent him a video and they just did this. It's like, well, unfortunately, 90 to 95% of videos are fully explainable. But proper scientists look at that 5% deviation. There any scientist that sees a five to 10% deviation and accepts that like, Dude, you can't fill that in with caulk? I couldn't, I want you to get a B or a C for that in woodshop, much less than science, you know, like close button counts. So when you've got a five to five to 10% deviation in evidence, you have to explore what that 5% deviation is, and why it exists and why it's there. Sure, you know,



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yeah, no, you're absolutely right. There are a lot of parallels, I think between, you know, the search for, you know, cryptids you know, UFO investigation. I have many friends that are very active in the supernatural metaphysical parapsychology, I mean, all of it's fascinating, I've always got all of it fascinating. And I think there's certainly maybe some parallels, I'm just not necessarily so that they're, you know, connections kind of in the way that 40 In philosophy, if any of your listeners are familiar, Charles Ford was perhaps the first one that kind of lumped all of these weird things together. And they kind of made sense in a way. So yeah, I, you know, and again, going back to the evidence thing. You know, in terms of like, yes, there are certainly people that have had experiences, I'm not going to challenge anyone, none say that they haven't had experiences that are really far out and inexplicable, and far beyond simply in, you know, a big ape running around in the woods, you know, they extend beyond that. Yeah. But I don't think we have enough evidence to really form any conclusions about that, at this point, we need a lot more evidence to, to form any kind of hypothesis. So some people do. So you know, will willingly because I, again, I think this goes back to what we kind of started the show with is just, you know, the confirmation biases and sort of the personal investment that people make in these, in these experiences.



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I want of personal confirmation. Yeah, it's

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hard to step back from that, I'd say most of the messages I get, you know, I get a lot of messages on social media and stuff, and it's people, and I appreciate it, please keep sending me these videos and photos or bits of evidence that they found. And, you know, nine times out of 10, you really can't draw a conclusion from any of it. But I get the sense that a lot of folks that they're looking for some type of, you know, reassurance or confirmation and you know, the there's just not enough data there to do that most of the time when, like you said, particularly when it comes to a photo or a video or something along those lines. So it leads

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to fully based a yes on what's provided, you know, especially with I mean, here's a prime example. I'll show it on screen right now. You could, I could take this video right here, Ken and I could post that on any social media group. And say look at what I recorded over my backyard in Austin last night, and this one last night this was a couple months ago. Pretty wild looking video. Pretty interesting. What you're looking at, is the Dog Star serious out of focus is being recorded on video. So you're looking at the big black thing in the middle is the actual black support disc in the middle of the mirror on my telescope, you're looking at the rim and Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky. And it's also one of them the twinkles between blue and red. So what you're seeing here that's out of focus is literally my iris trying to keep up between the flash rate of the star and the flash rate of the iris. I can close that up in any social media group blind and guaranteed I'd get 10 People going I saw that too.

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No, that's that's a fair point. And,

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and we have to be careful for that we have to be careful for that we have to be unfortunately, Kin we have to be willing to break hearts. We have been posting these videos in those groups. With the caveat of this is what I recorded this is what it actually is now consider if I'd posted it with none of that. Because most of the time, people aren't even like posting what time it was, what day of the week it was what direction they were looking, you know, important things to figure out if you're on a flight path, or if it's a star in the night sky. Like a ton of things can be figured out from just those pieces of information. You know, cool. Cool and we have to be careful because yeah the want for confirmation is there especially if you're a believers believer what your I know you're a believers believer. You've definitely had your experiences with things and it's it's one of those. That doesn't mean that you don't want confirmation fully. What What would confirmation be for you can full on what would you need to see on paper to fully prove the existence of

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Bigfoot? Sasquatch here? Yeah, okay, so



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just a hominid known as Bigfoot,



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I have my own hierarchy of evidence. And at the top of the list is a body or a part of a body which could include a bone, a tooth some skin, you know, anything that you could drive DNA from, which would you know, be juggling blood, flesh, body fluids. So body parts of a body that's kind of at the top of my own personal hierarchy, then I have below that physical evidence like hair that may not be DNA friendly, per se, you know, you have to have a good chunk of the follicle or a certain, you know, level of the, you know, the chromosomes that genetic material. Yeah, you boil. Right. So things like hair, and then physical trace evidence like footprints. I said hair and scat, I guess we put on the soil footprints, physical traits, footprints, handprints, footprints, body prints, markings on trees and things that may have been dug out or manipulated and things like that. And then kind of at the bottom of the list for me, and sadly, Christopher, in this day and age are things like photographic evidence and audio recordings, because those are usually so highly subjective and inconclusive. I mean, you may have a really weird sound on your recorder. Yeah, maybe you got that out in the woods. But you know, there are a lot of things out there that can make weird sounds with a Bigfoot or Sasquatch. And the same with a video or a photo, you may have gotten an image of something moving through the trees? Well, you know, there are big animals and trees or people that move through trees, their, you know, their optical illusions and things that you think you're the tech guy. So I think you were talking earlier about all the variables involved in terms of the apparatus of a camera, and you've got all these components, lenses and filters, and then you're converting it to digital. And it's so there's a lot of so all of that stuff. And the reason I bring this up you were you were with us at the Texas Bigfoot Conference this past year, Christopher, and some of the audience was asking about, like, why don't you guys invest all of this time and money into analyzing all the photos and audio? And I'm like, well, that, that doesn't make sense. Because what we should be focusing on are the bodies and the DNA in the blood, because that's a much quicker way to come to a resolution than something highly, you know, then conclusive and you're, you know, any scientist that you try to take a video or an audio recording to is not probably going to give you the time of the day. Yeah, but if you throw something empirical on the table, like a bone or a tooth, or some hair or blood, now you've got a discussion going because that's something that can be measured and tested and you know hopefully conclusive



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Yeah, yeah absolutely no and granted you know, even the Patterson Gimlin film, which is which was one of those that has still withstood good good forensic testing even with modern video has yet to be pushed off as as a full on photographic fakery there's there's a lot forensic ly going on there in the video that can be absolutely shown to be something real. It'll never



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be proven either way because it won't bonked and it'll never totally be proven. Yeah. 60 Some

years later, because, yep. You know, just just as you said, I mean, we were lucky to get that bit of footage, because, you know, Patterson was running and the thing is the cameras shaky, and it was actually, you know, the, because of the lens he was using and stuff. It was a teeny little figure and a bigger frame. And so we can do all kinds of cool enhancements and things. But yeah, that's not an area that I would exert a lot of energy the day and age either

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No, well, and you know, I'm here to tell you, folks, I'm an audio video editor, you want to send it to me, I'll send you my rate sheet. You can, you'd be much better off spending your commas and zeros on DNA testing. And proper evidentiary gathering out in the field, you know, with with forensic kits and things like that, then trying to forensically examine every photograph, piece of video or audio that comes around. Because that goes into vapid amounts of man hours, which gets expensive, really quick, either you're spending the money or you're spending the time. One, two,

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well stated. So which, which

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ultimately is money. And even, you know, even the fact of this last year, here and here in Texas, the right there in your backyard, the Texas Chupacabra at the zoo. Yeah, that was that was a big ol kerfuffle that happened and like, what is it? Is it a misshapen tree? Is it a Wolfman? Is it a chupacabra like that that was all over the headlines country wide for weeks, months, almost. Then yeah, utterly, utterly explainable trick of light, and objects. So it's interesting, like you said, we could we could rapidly waste all day long, looking at that stuff. And it's fantastic. But probably what it does more than anything, is drive us to a point of confirmation bias. And yeah, and get us to a point where we might reluctantly I wouldn't even say reluctantly, but negligently follow rabbit holes that we shouldn't follow. This is true, you know, can I want to thank you for taking the time not only not only to come on the show, because I want you to come on the show again. And again. And again, you're right down the road. We should really make it more regular. But for for always being so candid about things because this is this is truly a life's work for you. And I'm one of those that, like I said, I am a believers believer. But when it comes down to it, I think that we all need to focus on all of these things in a much more scientific light. Not that once again, not that witness testimony at and fantastic and beautiful and amazing. But we need to be focusing on science and evidentiary gathering things like that. So I want to thank you for your emphasis on that in your work.

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Thank you, my brother. I appreciate your kind words.

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Speaking of your work, it is time for shameless shameless self promotion. So let everybody know, I know you're going to the legend to monsters conference here in Cibola right outside of San Antonio coming up soon, but you've got a full on schedule of shows coming up. Where can people go to follow you to keep up with those? Where are your next shows? Where can they go other than the curious realms store to buy your books?



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Well, I appreciate it, Christopher. I do have a website KenGerhard.com. I'm also on social media of course, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, I have a YouTube channel. People can go to Amazon and look me up if they're interested in my books as well. But as far as public appearances I will be at alien con in Pasadena, California on March 4 and fifth be at the monsters and legends event as you said March 18 and Civello March 31 and April 1 I will be in Leesville. Louisiana for the Bigfoot roadshow right. April 28 through 30th. I'll be at the East Tennessee Paragon and Morris town and I'll be doing a Bigfoot night hunt with Adam Davis tickets available for that. May 13 The West Texas Paragon just got booked for that up and Ballenger I'm excited about that. Texas is needed an event for a while. Yeah. And then June 17. I'll be at the Spokane Valley Sasquatch roundup in Spokane, Washington, June 23 and 24th at the West Virginia big fire festival in Sutton. And I just got rebooked for the Arkansas paranormal Expo in October. Little Rock so



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awesome, man. Congratulations that is once again a full chock full calendar of travel for you for the years so good for you man. I'm glad to hear that well once again, thank you so much for your time I can't wait to have you on again and again I'll be sharing it I mean, all this went out live tonight but I'll be sharing links tomorrow and everything else so thanks so much for coming on. I greatly appreciate it.



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Thanks again for having me Christopher. And thank you to everyone who listened in



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and see what's out there. Hey you take care we're gonna go ahead and move on to our commercial break while you are online. Checking out all the amazing work of King gear heard for folks make sure to stop on by curious realm curiousrealm.com is our webs website curiousrealm.com forward slash store is where you can go to find all of our merchandise as well as books from our guests paranormal equipment, things like that. You can also find the link to our latest affiliate K p&l radio [K p&l Dash db.com](http://Kp&lDashdb.com) is the is the website stop on by you can check us out in replay every Wednesday night is other as well as other great shows great content, great music. When we come back from this commercial break, folks. We will be joined by our good friend and investigator with five by five news. Mike Thurber. We will be discussing the recent Chinese balloon incursion and the Intel behind that other incursions that have happened the incursion in Latin America and we are interrupted at about minute 15 by an actual conversation

by a national security personnel who invites mike on for an interesting conversation. We had some bombshell revelations during that conversation conversation so stay tuned for that about halfway through Mike turbos interview coming up right after these messages folks.



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How's that long is it Ben? Sir, I my memory escapes me at the moment long



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enough that you're being pre recorded.



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I've advanced to pre record. It's right.



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You've advanced the second part of the schedule. Wow. Oh, that's



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a good time slot. Oh, now I know why right. Yeah. Guys, we're the cool guy in your



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pace. Speaking of cold as ice this balloon man. I'm showing the footage right now of it just falling out. Now, a couple things about this balloon. Number one superstar status to the balloon like you man as well. You may as well put her rambase face on the side.



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Saturday Night Live is



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like it's everywhere. It's everywhere. It's great. The memes have been fantastic. I've seen quite a few of like the red balloon, you know. Fringe fringe balloon releases sentimental feelings.



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I can't wait to hear I take off with like a Weird Al Yankovic version song with 99 Red Balloons. Yeah, exactly,



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exactly. But, you know, I'm all joking aside this this incursion and make no mistake, folks, this was an incursion. This wasn't an accidental drift. This is not a weather balloon that's just going with the eddies and ebbs and flows of the jet stream. Absolutely not directionally able balloon it can get all the balloon is for as flotation, though what is underneath it is the size of three city buses.



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The interesting thing here is this, I can confirm. Absolutely right now the following information I'm about to give you which I think this broadcast will be on Tuesday, but so it'll be qualifiers after this. But regarding the balloon, they mentioned that the balloon was an is a civilian balloon. Number one, obviously it's not based on the antennas that it has. And two, they stated that the balloon not only was a civilian, but blown off of course, there's they're making that same statement with the balloon in Latin America. So they have a problem with apparently either navigating these balloons, or they are lying. I'm gonna go with the ladder.



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I'm gonna go with the line myself, mainly because there's no way air drift Why's the two balloons launch from the same place would end up that desperately apart? Right? prime prime example would be we didn't have any examples of explosions of bombs in Latin America or bombs being dropped by balloon by the Japanese that floated that far south didn't.



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Didn't happen and, and Boeing balloons are saying most people when they hear the term balloon, they think of archaic technology they think of non sophisticated, something that oh, I've seen some comments of you know, we destroyed a balloon that we had f 22 Go after a

balloon as the highest air to air that confirmed kill in history and thinking and they're making it sound like oh, we we destroyed this wimpy balloon, which technically is factually correct. But are both these balloons, once they enter our airspace, they should be considered an immediate target this building should have been destroyed off the Aleutians. But there are several reasons to allow it to go. One is to find out what its intentions are. And you're not going to find out what the intentions are unless you let it go. Sure. And we know it's it's not really a huge threat, we're gonna obviously politicize the hell out of it, and say that this is the biggest threat since whatever is destroying our relations with China and utilize that in whatever means necessary from the political side that I don't really get into that much. But from a military standpoint, this balloon has entered our airspace. This balloon has been monitored since well, before anyone is is probably much aware we tracked it a long time. President Biden was informed or briefed on the balloon on Tuesday and made the decision to knock it out of the sky, which was his words. I don't know if that's been put out there. But whatever. He said now, you know, knock it out of the sky. And, and but obviously there was some advisors that have advised the military to not necessarily do that and the advisors actually are in the military, and it was a wise decision. Basically, you don't want to bring it down over any area of CONUS and have these a piece hit something that creates a different issue. So the decision to destroy it off because I kind of agree with I guess, given all the possibilities, yeah,



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there's there's two things. And I mentioned this in the curious Rome group, I was just scrolling through all the articles, literally just pages and pages and pages of articles. And a lot of people are like, Why do you post so much about the same thing? And it's like, because it's all different angles of the same story. And you'd be surprised what articles are no longer available later. So the more you can post and the more you can cross confirm facts, the better. That's why I do it.



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And it does, and it's good that you do that, because I kind of I cover the news, if possible, if it's a story that I'm involved in. That's generally when I start covering stuff. I've obviously been in some sort of a hiatus for a while now, for reasons which you're aware of that the most people don't know about. But my Afghanistan efforts is, has quite a lot to do with that. Yeah. But anyway, passing that. There's the information that gets that gets leaked out is leaked out for apparently reasons. And one of those key aspects that was that was asked to I guess, be released or the information was no longer an issue was the other balloon that was coming across the Pacific? Yep, within the hour, I think it was hour and 38 minutes or whatever, right around that timeframe. After this balloon was shot down. That balloon was sent a KILL signal it at the time that it went down. I didn't know if we had shut it down. Or it really had a problem, or what but I have, after the fact been able to determine that a KILL signal was sent to that balloon to give it a slow guess, into the Pacific Ocean. And that's that's apparently what it took basically scuttle itself. Yeah. And that was that was used as leverage, and a phone call to our State Department to basically say, Look, we did some other ones. And we still want to continue with the blinkin meeting. And that wasn't gonna happen. I'm looking, I'm looking out the front window here. And some guy just tried to do a wheelie on his bike and his front wheel came off when he did it. And he just pointed this part out, but man that just really distracted me.





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Nothing and you know that.



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Okay, well, I'm sitting, I was looking, I was gonna do the launch and the delay of the launch for SpaceX till 830 has something to do with apparently what's going on now. But anyway,



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well, like I said, I guarantee you that is not the only object over America that's being tracked. There was one overlapping America, there was one I heard rumbles about when I'm pretty sure that I saw an article about one in Canada.



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And very, very northern Canada, it is almost Arctic. So that one instead, that was still a lot. Now,



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there's a couple reasons. Two reasons that I posted today on the group, where I was showing all the articles from on Facebook for shooting it down, where they shut it down. Number one. Yes, it hovered for a long time over Malmstrom and the nuclear fields in Montana. Yeah. Yeah. For



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capability, the loitering capability of a balloon is exactly one of the advantages that balloons have. Yeah, yeah. And balloons that hover between the a lot of people wonder, well, if it was a keep in mind, here's here's how you know for a fact it's not a weather balloon. Weather balloons go up to like 100,000 feet or so. Some of them can Lord are in that range that this balloon was in, but not what the next set of antennas and transmissions that was being recorded.



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Not that the general shape of this balloon especially at low altitude because you have to remember the distinctive shape that we see of a weather balloon where it's a long, long tapered tail is because once it gets up into altitude and atmosphere, the air inside expands, exactly. Takes on full balloon type shape. Right? This is not like that. And that's how you can tell it's not a weather balloon because it's not made to go that high. It's not made to skirt space.



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Right and plus weather balloons do not have that large of an instrumentation Pack. acreage hanging on the bottom of it with Warren sold



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something the size of a bucket. Not something the size of three city buses hanging off of it.



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Exactly. Exactly.



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And that's, that's one reason why they do a lot of people like why didn't they shoot it down immediately. Number one, dude, you're talking something the size of three city buses. That's like a 747 falling out of the air. Yeah, yeah, predict its path on the way down, you can make sure it doesn't land on a school or a neighborhood or anything. And now granted, they probably could have done that Montana house.



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We won't, we'll want a moose getting hit. Come on now. Well, however, while



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the other unintended possible consequences, forget the package underneath, who knows what biological material is inside of the helium in the balloon that if blown up, would follow jet stream and just spread itself across the country. Whereas if you wait for it to get out over water, like they did, you can corral it with with Coast Guard, like they did everything else. And it makes sure that it's going to go with prevailing winds and that anything inside of it's going to blow way out into the ocean where nothing's going to happen.



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In the shoot down, because they were able and managed to get this. They were they had plans for the drop to go into much, much deeper water. Yeah, this thing is in 47. So they've already dove down to it the whole nine yards. And it's I mean, it's done. It's a done deal. But the you know, the amazing thing is to get it in that shallow depth of water. You know that that quickly. And then the recovery effort making it that much easier. Plus when you when it hits that that cell death and you can recover more of it, you're not worried about it breaking apart and more

debris and stuff going on shore, because naturally the near the shoreline, you're going to have the way back then it's going to push stuff towards the shore, not away no matter what the current and effectively ever reduced the amount of stuff that was going to be washing up on shore. So you don't see a whole bunch of people holding up stuff going, Oh, I'm gonna sell this on eBay.

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Yeah, exactly. And I and I just brought up a couple of articles that may be people have forgotten about, here's one from The Guardian. This is 2019. I remember us talking about this on the show Pentagon testing mass surveillance balloons across the US launching drug surveillance balloons over Midwest, both of those from 2019. And, you know, that's that's the prime example of balloons that are made to do exactly this. To pick up radio, contacts, everything,

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and we use them extensively on the border. I mean, on the on the border, we don't really care about Canadians coming across, really, on the southern border, these things are everywhere. aerostat is that type of balloons more of a look more like an original. I mean, it is truly a balloon because it doesn't really have that much of a rigid structure. But it has a shape to it. And the shape allows it to streamline itself and point directionally into the direction of the wind to keep the instrumentation package at wherever with this gimbals. Most of the instrumentation packages are Campbell. And what's weird is the silent balloon I did not see. I'm not gonna say it didn't have it. But I honestly did not see having an extensive gimbal and capability. And you think it would because you want to keep those solar panel arrays pointed directly at the Sun as much as possible in the batteries and do your transmissions and stuff overnight. But you know, kind of batteries aren't that great and confirm some of ours and maybe there's an

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error. Let's hang on to just being able to

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go ahead. So yeah, it's interesting folks to take a look. Well, Mike is gone. If you once again look at this package that was being delivered this package that was floating over us. This is this is far different than what you would typically see in a weather balloon, any kind of scientific instrumentation, things like that the amount of solar power that it's collecting to begin with, would tell you that the capabilities on board would be pretty large.

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I got currently I'm currently you're on on with me at the moment I just, oh, what can I do for you sir?



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We just came across some information. It looks like we have another one that's in our airspace. I'm wanting to see if you were interested and able to attend a conference briefing here with DARPA, along with, we have a SpaceX launch scheduled coming up. And I wanted to see your if you're open. Yes.



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Yeah, I can do that. What time is the DARPA



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can be about 16 of your time.



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Okay. All right. I'll do that, sir. And you're actually on with me with Chris. I'll work with him on that. And I'll try to relay whatever information I cancel your you have a third party on the call is what I'm getting at. Roger that. Okay, so I will, I'll be on the call. I may be a couple minutes late. But I'll be on there.



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And just let you know, we had we flew YouTube by plane over the one that we have now in the previous one. And it looks like the payload on there does have some material material on there. And trying to figure out a risk adverse assessment and a another type of assessment, we can explain on the briefing. We just want to make sure and get your opinion on the matter. Okay.



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I'll do that. And then I'll I'll advise further on the on the next call. Okay. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Thank you.



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Okay,



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yes, some of the things you find yourself involved with regular the number of times that you

have left our phone calls for those calls? I can't even Yeah, fingers and toes.

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I accidentally when I clicked it, I wasn't sure if then I heard your voice again. I was thinking, How do I verbally tell him that he's morons? I didn't want to hang up on him. Hold.

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Turn my radio down, sir. Wow. Casually, he took that very well. Thank you so much for liking a different response. quite literal. bomb drop of inner information that I guarantee you folks is. That's hot. That's hot. Wow, I can't believe that we actively just got that on tape. Because that that's before literally any other media.

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I'll ask him. Yeah, because I guess if it was live, that would have been. Yeah, just run with it, I guess unless.

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He said he's cool. And he continued. So he obviously wasn't talking anything fully classified.

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YouTube flyover would be absolutely classified. Well, sure. But even then, anybody can look if we can look up and see a balloon. Yeah, you can look up and see a YouTube and this one looks like a fish. It's now I'm just going to surmise this, this may not be even what he's talking about. But the target balloon and possible reason for a delayed lunch today, and not yesterday, yep, there was either whether there's an object it's ordering off the coast here, and it's been ordering longer than it should have, like adjusting altitudes and constantly Well, it's gonna it's gonna run out of its ability to do that. Because here's, here's how, here's how the balloons work the balloons can can manage, they're there, depending on the wind direction and wind speed, their direction for a short period of time, it's kind of like going against a current. And you can swim against the current maintain your position for a little bit. But it's, as soon as you kind of like let go, you're going to drift a little bit further away, and then you'll try to come back again. But eventually the current is going to win. And just like the wind, it will push you off the coast of a walk our east coast. And that's apparently what's happening. So it's further out than it was yesterday. And I guess they sent up wherever the YouTube came from, to overfly. And to determine what instrument package it has. That's how we're gonna get in just so you guys know that. That's how we know the instrument package that it had before. We didn't send up a f 22. At that moment, I'll say loosens that I'm aware of I could be wrong. I mean, I don't know everything about this, but I do know some particular but it was looked at to see what

instrument package it has. But if you overfly it. The problem is you have to get an oblique angle to the picture. Because if you overplay it, obviously you can't see through the balloon. But the reason for overflight is this and this is not classifier. This is



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really direction, going up to satellites.



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When you go oh no, no like that. Yeah, well, you're appear? They weren't. There was question about whether or not we were jamming this balloon. I'm not going to confirm or deny whether we were or not I can, I will confirm this because I, I have personal knowledge of what I'm about to tell you is that virtually all of the communications going to and from this balloon have been intercepted. And we have it. So it's not like it's a big mystery as to what it was listening to, or what it was, you know, looking at the camera system on board is fairly archaic. I mean, it's just not. It's not very sophisticated. The other question is whether or not I have LIDAR. That's something that has not been brought up in any of, of the of the articles. And but the LIDAR question has been a very important question to ask, because with LiDAR, on a evening flyover of a specific base, or facility, LIDAR can actually draw whatever objects are in that area. If your roof is made of a certain material, the LIDAR can be adjusted to see through the roof. I don't know if you're aware of that.



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Oh, absolutely. It's no different than getting penetration depth through through soil. Or another, or another substrate, you know, all your



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instead of ground penetrating radar. Yeah,



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yeah, precisely. Except, now you've set your distance to 200 feet. So you fly at 190.



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Right? Exactly. So and are you are you change the frequency bandwidth range zactly on this, you know, going out and then you do a phase signal coming in. They know kind of turns off the roof of a building, especially if you're flying over a softer building, like some of your very large buildings, ours where they have minor girders going across, but as large fans of a single type material, whether it's aluminum, or whether it's even canvas or whatever it is, you can see right through it. That when we went off tangent a little bit,



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I mean, that's the nature of the technology that we're dealing with. And you know, while while you were connecting with that call, what I was vamping on was the actual balloon itself. And I was showing images of it. And just the size of the package once again, and the amount of solar array on it. Like you said, dealing with archaic technology and probably something like LiDAR, things like that there is there is an incredible amount of solar gathering capability on that like the equivalent the equivalent almost of like satellite.



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It is it that I mean, when you look at the gondola have this very much resemble some of our older spy satellites. Oh, God. Absolutely. Our midbrain satellites. mean, if you want to know what satellites look like, all you got to do is look at the Hubble Space Telescope. They're identical for a reason, because they're made by the same people. But you know, so you have all of this technology that, you know, a lot of people question is, well, why wouldn't they just use their satellites? Well, your satellites are not going to gain cellular signals, unless you have an incredible array. To do that. And China is not there yet. We can pick up pressure signals from satellites all day long. In fact, to prove that your current solar cell phone that you currently have your current smartphone, if you bought in the last three to five years, that cell phone will have the ability to have satellite communications as soon as it becomes available, given to us by none other than Elon Musk at SpaceX, and T Mobile. So that's going to happen with the phone you're talking to or listening to this on right now. Possibly because most people listening on mobile is going to have the ability to speak to satellite, you'll be able to use it in emergency situations or what have you. And they'll be able to track you anywhere in the world. You know, being a cell tower, just just some site information for those and you can look it up. It's true. I'm not making this stuff up. Oh,



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absolutely. Yeah, we've talked about this numerous times, we've talked about the capabilities of not only our mobile devices, but other devices with other guests like Dr. John Hall and Robert Duncan. And once again, make no mistake, what we have borne witness to here is an incursion test, a litmus test with you, you know, and it's not also not the first time like there were a couple of balloon instances during Trump's presidency.



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There were three supposes that they've denied it but I can confirm at least two that did happen but they were they didn't order anywhere near as long as this but but just to go over this Little bit. The Chinese probably learned this from us. Yeah, because if anyone is going to talk about why that balloon is here, obviously appear to stimulate our defense network to find out, you know what it is that we're doing, you go back in time to 1963. We did that very same thing during the Cuban Missile Crisis with Cuba with the Palladium system. And so what that was was a Navy ship, broadcasts a signal. And that signal was a modified Doppler signal much like

current model of modern technology, which is the RFM technology. But that signal was born Savannah, and that received by the SA 12. radar system that they had, and that system would see that as a plane, taking off scrambling from say Keywest and hauling ass towards Savannah, which would stimulate their systems. To more simulate the systems, a submarine was moved towards a very close to Havana and launched a series of balloons with reflectors inside of them that look much like a cube and a sphere. And these bullets were launched, to simulate the systems in the SA 12 system lit up like a Christmas tree, thinking that hundreds of planes are now on the way. And they scrambled one of their aircraft out to meet these targets, which were actually balloons. And the signal from palladium, which was bouncing back and forth between all of these reflector balloons was turned off. And so the pilot as he was radio, radioing back to Cuba, saying I have the target, I have the target, and then they turned it off. And they went, I no longer have the target disappeared, the balloons have a lot of use. And the Chinese are simply testing us. Because we, you know, this is gonna be political in nature. But it is my personal opinion that because of the particular administration that we currently have, they felt like it would be a good time to test us, especially with all the tensions going on between China and Taiwan, US and Ukraine and Russia, and all these other all these hotspots that are going on around the world. What better time to test this one, we're distracted with all these other things, and to send a couple of innocuous balloons across our, our border and to test us to see exactly how we would respond. And they have partly our response to keep in mind if a balloon is coming across, and we kind of have the idea that we know that it's coming across to test ours to our defense system, are we going to actually show it what we're going to do? Because we can tell the difference between a balloon and other things. And, you know, so I don't think it went too well. In fact, it backfired, especially in regards to blinking going over to China that was cancelled, that was a meeting they very much wanted to have. So that kind of throws it back to wonder why would they do this? Why is the timing so bad? Why would they? Why would they do it now? And only to you know, to basically be embarrassed by it?



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In why the balloon over over Colombia and Venezuela. What are the others? You know,



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where that boom heading towards the Caribbean now? So I guess I think that blends going on vacation.



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Headed over to Cuba? Probably. Yeah, you know, when we really do have to explore this a whole lot more, we really do have to let the let things kind of shake out. Once again, I know a lot of people were upset like why wouldn't you destroyed immediately? It's like, dude, three city buses getting ready to fall? Can you exactly where it's gonna land? Or what's inside? or what have you?



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And why would you destroy something when you can gather just as much intelligence by

and why would you destroy something when you can gather just as much intelligence by monitoring it and watching where it goes and how they respond to us? Yeah, not monitoring it. Yeah, we're monitoring it. We have all the signals intelligence that came from it three different agencies gathers all of that. They have it, they've got it stored in Bluffdale. They got it sorted. For me, they've got it stored in Fairfax, Virginia, and anyone that has, can look up and see what agencies I'm referring to. And so this information that we now have is a plethora of intelligence gathering that we got from them. So now we know their monitoring capabilities. Some of the other things in post we have the equipment, I mean, it's not like you can shoot down a spy satellite and then go pick it up. Yeah, check it out.

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Well, you know, hold on, cuz I thought that I posted an article just a second ago. No intent on recovering debris. I don't I don't think Yeah. Oh, it was that they haven't no intent on returning

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the debris returning here. And we did they won't

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be returning it to China much like whenever we lost a plane in the water they they scurried their boats and got it and we got some of it back. But we didn't get it all back.

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We lost Skylab over Australia. And yeah, that was that was that their whole? There's a whole interesting documentary about that.

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Yeah, I think that's a little bit different of a situation though, because that was an international consortium that put that together for research purpose. This is this is a little bit different. You know,

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I agree. In Bad, bad analogy on my part, but no, no,

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I mean, when you're talking about scuttling, something especially unintentional scuttling, like you said, you you can well show the fact that the second balloon that was out there was scuttled intentionally

scattered intentionally.



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Yeah, I agree. There's, there's, there's a lot of, I guess, because I'm not on the political side, I don't really get into a lot of that scale. Yeah, I look at it from a military standpoint, from from, you know, just even from the average citizen standpoint of, you know, we need answers to some of these questions that the answer is not necessarily classified, that people want answers to, why did we wait for it to go off the coast and all these different things? And why aren't these other balloons getting some of the limelight? Right now? I mean, what's going on with the balloon that was Lawson, in the mid to upper Pacific Ocean? That was an hour and I think 38 minutes after this one went down? Yeah. The KILL signal was sent, it takes like, five days, you could tell by this bullet going down if it took a long time for that blend to come down. But the the other scenario is, is we had five balloons that were monitored at that moment in time when they were all a lot. You had the one? That obviously we're talking about, you have the one that was sent to KILL signal, you had the one that went over Latin America, and then you have the one over Canada, and and then another one, that somewhere else, almost they were that was it. So you have all these balloons, and there's more than even five, I believe it's just that there are five that were in our sphere of monitor,



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Linda, the Hawaiian one four months ago.



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Yeah, yeah. Now when that one was right off the shore, I mean, that was that was close to Hawaii. And keep in mind, Hawaii is very Pearl Harbor. It's an intelligence asset for us. There's the NSA facility there. And if anyone may not know this, but actually, that's where Snowden work, was at the Hawaii facility. Yeah. So a lot of this gathering of intelligence is a key and important role. I Sr, is now something that is across the board becoming more and more, I guess, in the public eye. And because the public doesn't really do, you don't have a lot of intelligence heroes. You got the Gary Powers of the world and stuff like that. So you but you have those stars that are on the CIA wall, when you walk in, you know, those that have left us because of their their mission critical job and something happened. And you have others that go unknown, you have so many things like that. And then you have the hundreds of 1000s you have over 40,000 that work at one specific facility, you know, in Baltimore, or just outside of Baltimore for me. So you have all of these assets and the intelligence gathering part of the intelligence community is a key asset to any country. You know, that if you don't know what your enemy is doing, or you don't know what someone's doing, you're not really going to be educated when you send in your your fighters to go do whatever it is that they need to do. So this is absolutely a key aspect that every country puts a lot of weight a lot of money into, we do and then when people see something like this, like we send up an F 22 to shoot down a balloon. Do people started to scoff at that? Well,



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in a lot of people scoffed a lot of people especially in UFO, UAP communities scoffed. Things like that over the balloon thing. I of course, posted numerous references to the V shaped you know, supersonic capable balloons that are out there. Things like that are made for near space travel, like the size of hangars, huge, huge balloons,



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and your pictures of that building. There's one A blue kind of a bluish color, like blue and silver. Yeah. And a lot of people don't notice the Blackbird. Guess what color was? Silver was blue and dark blue. So lots of people think it's black or black for but now it's actually blue. But yeah, you're right. And when these intelligence platforms, they don't have, you know, they don't have to be a screaming fast 3.5 Mach, yet flying over above that can escape missiles as something as simple as a balloon going around can do it. Now keep in mind, there's other types of ways of gathering intelligence, which China has been blamed on and has been made famous recently with, with the drones coming from the that one ship the server, the I can't remember the name of it now. The ship that was, you know, following or mirroring one of one of our ships off the west coast, and we got some footage of that. But, you know, the thing that you need to look at is that drones and balloons are all in drones. Balloon satellites are probably account for 80% of our intelligence gathering. Yep. Whereas there's obviously another 20% or more to go. And there's some technologies that are being utilized right now that we just got a message. I need to join this call here,



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man. Yeah, I was gonna say we Yeah, I love this conversation. I love where it's going. But you are actively being called on by security folks with the National Security Administration for a conference call, man. I can't thank you enough for coming on talking about this. I wish we had more time. But I can't think of a better reason to let you go Mike, let everybody know where they can go to find the latest on this where they can go to follow you where they can go to follow the work of five by five news.



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Your best places. For more current stuff where I'm just chit chatting or arguing with people will be on Twitter. Just search for five by five news. There are certain five by five news on and it's 5x. Five is what it looks like. It's five, letter X and then five, and then News on YouTube. And you'll find pretty much most of the current. I'll be updating up there pretty quick after I finalize the rest of my Afghanistan efforts here. Wow,



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Mike, I can't thank you enough. Once again, man. You're always there to cover this stuff. And as as proofed in this conversation tonight. Thank you so much, my friend, you take care you be safe. And thank you as always for everything you do for us and for for everything out there. Take care of yourself. Thank you. Wow, what an incredible conversation with Mike Thurber. Once again, the number of times that we have just been in casual conversation or text and he'll

send me a screenshot of like, ooh, conference call gotta go with the with the names on the conference call. You heard it right here, folks from from an actual colonel in the intelligence community talking about the capabilities of the craft, about the fact that we actually flew you to over it got all kinds of readings from instrumentation, things like that. So we will be following this story and keeping up with it with our good friend Mike Thurber. Thank you, as always, my friend, while you were online, checking out all of the amazing work. From Mike tuber and five by five news, make sure to stop by curious realm curious realm.com is where you can find everything. That's where you can find all of the episodes. That is where you can follow us live. Every week. We go live to the website, you can get our free app and tune in to the live stream on the website. That's where the knowledge vault is with all kinds of declassified government materials and documents, things like that. That is also where our newly reconstructed curious realm store is located. Curious realm.com forward slash store is the page to visit folks. Thank you so much for everything. Thank you so much for continuing to tune in week after week. Take care of yourselves take care of each other and remember, stay curious. We'll talk to you soon. Bye bye. Thank you for tuning into this episode of The Curious round. Stay tuned for more guests forbidden topics in hidden truths. Download the official curious realm app and view the knowledge vault on our website. Curious realm.com Follow us on social media by searching curious realm. Curious well and it's available on your favorite podcast services, as well as YouTube, Roku, Amazon Fire an Apple TV through the APR TV app available on all app Marshalls. Curious realm is a proud member of the HC universal network family of podcasts. For more great content for to become a sponsor of curious realm or other podcasts, visit HC universal network.com today. Thanks for listening. Stay curious. And remember, the other side is always watching