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# Upcoming Pentagon report will detail 'difficult to explain' UFO sightings

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A forthcoming government report will reveal evidence of UFOs breaking the sound barrier without a sonic boom and other "difficult to explain" phenomena, the former Director of National Intelligence said.

John Ratcliffe, the top intelligence official under President Donald Trump, was asked about incidents involving unidentified flying objects [on Fox News](#) Friday.

"There are a lot more sightings than have been made public," he told host Maria Bartiromo. "Some of those have been declassified."

"And when we talk about sightings," Ratcliffe continued, "we are talking about objects that have been seen by Navy or Air Force pilots, or have been picked up by satellite imagery that frankly engage in actions that are difficult to explain."

"Movements that are hard to replicate that we don't have the technology for. Or traveling at speeds that exceed the sound barrier without a sonic boom."



“Weather can cause disturbances, visual disturbances,” Ratcliffe said.

“Sometimes we wonder whether or not our adversaries have technologies that are a bit further down the road than we thought or than we realized. But these are instances where we don’t have good explanations for some of the things that we have seen.”

Ratcliff’s remarks came several months after the Pentagon **declassified three well-known UFO videos**, acknowledging that the footage was shot by US Navy pilots.

In the interview, Ratcliffe said, the sightings, which have been reported across the globe, extend beyond “just a pilot or just a satellite, or some intelligence collection.”

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“Usually we have multiple sensors that are picking up these things ... some of these are unexplained phenomena, and there is actually quite a few more than have been made public,” he said.

The Pentagon report is expected to be released by June 1, Bartiromo said during the interview.

That’s after Trump **in December signed** the \$2.3 trillion COVID-19 relief and government funding bill, **which started a 180-day countdown** for the Pentagon and spy agencies to say what they know about UFOs.

Ratcliffe said he had hoped to release the information before the administration’s departure from the White House in January, but “we weren’t able to get it down into an unclassified format that we could talk about quickly enough.”

His remarks follow the Pentagon officially declassifying **three Navy videos** last year that captured **unidentified objects in 2004 and 2015**.



An image of an unidentified flying object taken by a Navy pilot that was declassified by the Department of Defense.

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The videos were first leaked to To The Stars Academy, a UFO research group founded by former Blink-182 singer Tom DeLonge, and then obtained through efforts by the New York Times.

In the clips, UFOs were seen moving at incredible speeds and performing seemingly impossible aerial maneuvers.

One of the clips showed a dark circular object flying far in front of a jet, while a second caught a small object racing over land.

The third captured a circular object first speeding, then appearing to slow down — and moving closer to the pilot's camera.

The Pentagon announced in September that it created an **Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force**.

The **unit will report at least some** of its work to the Senate Intelligence Committee every six months.



on the grounds of national security.

“We have things flying over our military bases and places where we are conducting military exercises and we don’t know what it is — and it isn’t ours,” Rubio **told a Miami CBS affiliate** last year.

“Frankly, that if it’s something from outside this planet — that might actually be better than the fact that we’ve seen some technological leap on behalf of the Chinese or the Russians or some other adversary that allows them to conduct this activity.”

Then earlier this year, the CIA released a trove of **newly unsealed records on UFOs**.

The dossier — which was available on the Black Vault, a website operated by author and **podcaster John Greenwald Jr.** — was purported to include all of the information the agency has on UFOs or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), as the government calls them.

But Greenwald claimed that the documents appeared to be intentionally difficult to sift through since they used an “outdated” file format.

“The CIA has made it INCREDIBLY difficult to use their records in a reasonable manner,” he said. “In my opinion, this outdated format makes it very difficult for people to see the documents, and use them, for any research purpose.”

The latest developments come **amid rising interest in UFOs**, which has been indicated by a surge in sightings.

Sightings were up in 2020 compared to the previous year — with more than 6,600 recorded during that period, according to National UFO Reporting Center data.

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