The Lab

SERIES PILOT

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The deep conspiracy that connects the 1947 Roswell Incident to present day Area 51 is not about little green Martians, it’s about BIG green tax dollars.

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OPEN WITH GRAINY FULL SCREEN B&W ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER’S FAREWELL ADDRESS: JANUARY 17, 1961

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

In the councils of government we must guard against

the acquisition of unwanted influence, weather sought

or un-sought, by the Military-Industrial Complex,

Military-Industrial Complex, by the Military-Industrial

Complex.

EXT. MORNING. LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY ENTRANCE SIGN

Drone shot. Theme music begins. In the bright sun the main entrance sign fills the frame: “Los Alamos National Laboratory” with smaller writing underneath “Operated By The University of California for the Department of Energy”. Pulling back the large, imposing concrete sign is sitting on a grassy slope. Above and to the right tall pine trees begin coming into frame. Pulling back more we see a row of guard shacks and gates coming into frame left. Continuing the long drone shot we pull back far enough to see the main Los Alamos Administration Office building. The title logo “THE LAB” appears.

ACT ONE

EXT. MORNING. NEW MEXICO HWY 502 WEST OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

TITLE READS: “NEW MEXICO, 1987”

DAVID ELLIS, 23, is driving a Red 1971 Ford Bronco past a New Mexico Highway 502 sign. The Highway sign displays the Hopi sun logo that is the State symbol for New Mexico. As the Red Bronco passes a Stanford sticker in the lower center of the rear window comes into view along with a California license plate. Heading West downhill The Red Bronco is approaching the Rio Grande Bosque. Crossing over the Rio Grande the Red Bronco begins driving up the 2 lane Highway away from the sandy, desert landscape along the river towards the Jemez Mountains which are darker green from pine trees at higher elevations. The two lane highway winds upward through the beautiful Northern New Mexico high desert landscape. DAVID steers the Red Bronco past a sign that reads “Los Alamos: 5 Miles”. Black Mesa’s distinct profile can be seen in the hazy distance.

EXT. MORNING. NEW MEXICO HWY 502, LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO.

The Red Bronco is now surrounded by a forest of pine trees as it drives into the village of Los Alamos. DAVID makes a left turn onto Diamond Drive passing the Los Alamos medical center then crosses the arched Omega Bridge over Los Alamos Canyon that leads to the main Los Alamos National Laboratory entrance.

EXT. MORNING. MAIN ENTRANCE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

DAVID ELLIS drives the Red Bronco up to one of the open guard shack gates. The guard is dressed in military fatigues with a Colt .45 on his belt.

GUARD

Good morning sir, how may I help you?

DAVID

I have an appointment to see Dr. George Herschel.

GUARD

Only if your name is on my list.

DAVID

Oh yes… David Ellis. I’m going to work here at the

National Laboratory. Today is my first day.

The GUARD picks up a clip board and flips through a couple of pages.

GUARD

There you are Mr. Ellis. OK I’m giving you a temporary

badge, drive straight down West Jemez Road (the

GUARD points). In one block you’ll see Casa Grande

Drive, turn left, that will be the Administration Building.

Visitor spots are directly in front of the main lobby

entrance. Park there and check in with the main

receptionist. You will be issued your Laboratory ID

and parking assignment.

DAVID

OK, got it.

The GUARD hands DAVID his temporary badge, it’s a simple “my name is” sticker with his name hand written, then hits the switch that raises the gate.

GUARD

There you go, sir. (brief pause) Welcome to The Lab.

DAVID

Thank you.

DAVID smiles and pulls the Red Bronco forward heading down West Jemez Road. In his nervous excitement he doesn’t notice the surveillance camera mounted on the light pole above the guard shack.

EXT. MORNING. MAIN ENTRANCE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

Overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the video surveillance camera of DAVID driving away from the guard shack at the front gate.

EXT. MORNING. LOS ALAMOS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

DAVID driving the Red Bronco turns left onto Mesa Grande Dr. and pulls into the long narrow parking lot directly in front of the Lobby of the Los Alamos Administration Building. He parks and gets out of the Red Bronco making his way toward the large glass front doors. In frame we see another surveillance camera trained on the front doors, DAVID does not notice the security camera.

EXT. MORNING. LOBBY ENTRANCE OF LOS ALAMOS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the video surveillance camera of DAVID opening up and walking in the glass door of the Administration Building Lobby.

INT. MORNING. RECEPTION AREA FOR DR. GEORGE HERSCHEL’S OFFICE.

DAVID sits on a worn looking sage green International style couch next to the door. In reverse on the frosted glass we can see in all black letters “Laboratory Director Dr. George Herschel”. DR. HERSCHEL’S administrative assistant NANCY WOMACK is rapidly typing on a circa 1987 IBM electric typewriter. After a few moments the door opens and DR. HERSCHEL enters. DAVID stands up and they shake hands.

DR. HERSCHEL

Good morning, David! Sorry to keep you waiting, Lab

duties keep me on the go. Seems there’s never enough time to get everything done.

DAVID

Good morning Dr. Herschel, don’t mention it, I just got here.

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DR. HERSCHEL

Excellent. (turning towards his admin assistant) Nancy can

you ring Dr. Harris?

NANCY

I called him 5 minutes ago for your appointment,

Dr. Herschel. He should be here any moment.

DR. HERSCHEL

Thank you, Nancy. Did you meet David Ellis?

David’s a Computer Science major fresh out of

Stanford, he’s heading up our new IT department.

NANCY

Yes we met and I welcomed him to his first day at

The Lab.

DR. HERSCHEL

Excellent. (turning back to David) Come into my

office, David, let’s grab a seat and catch up a bit

while we wait for Dr. Harris.

DAVID

Sounds good, thanks.

INT. MORNING. DR. HERSCHEL’S OFFICE.

DR. HERSCHEL enters through his office door with DAVID following close behind. Through the door we see NANCY at her desk continuing to type. As DAVID passes by DR. HERSCHEL closes the door behind him.

DR. HERSCHEL

Have a seat.

DR. HERSCHEL motions towards the two open chairs in front of the desk as he steps around the back and sits in his own chair. The office walls and ceiling are a generic pale yellow common to 1960’s and 1970’s medical offices, schools, and government administrative buildings. The carpet is typical low weave office style in a speckled gray, black, and brown pattern. The window is an older style metal frame with multi panes. Wide blinds hang over the large window and are turned flat allowing bright mid-morning light to pour into the room. The desk itself is elaborate mahogany and in stark contrast to the basic institutional industrial office building architecture. Two of the walls are filled wide with mahogany bookcases that match the desk and are stacked with important works of science, math, and physics. The wall space that is not occupied with bookshelves or the window are cluttered with nicely framed degrees and citations. DR. HERSCHEL’S chair is high-back mahogany and leather with side arms. The two guest chairs are mahogany and leather but arm-less with standard height backs. Despite the basic utilitarian office itself, the desk, bookcases, degrees, and citations give DR. HERSCHEL’S office a traditional Ivy League feel.

DR. HERSCHEL

(as DAVID sits) Did you get coffee?

DAVID

I’m good. I uh, don’t drink coffee.

DR. HERSCHEL

You’re not one of those hippie California health nuts,

are you?

DAVID

Oh, God no. Dad would kill me if I was a hippie.

DR. HERSCHEL

Your father and I were your age when we first met at the

Air Force Academy, that was a few years before he met

your mother. It’s just incredible how time flies.

DAVID

Wow, it’s hard for me to imagine Dad being my age.

DR. HERSCHEL

I know he’s very proud of you and we are just thrilled

you chose to come here to The National Laboratory.

DAVID

I’m very excited to finally put everything I’ve learned to

some real world use.

GENTLE KNOCKING IS HEARD AT THE DOOR

DR. HERSCHEL

Is that you, Nathan?

The door opens to DR. HERSCHEL’S office, DR. NATHAN HARRIS a long time Los Alamos Physicist pokes his head in.

DR. HARRIS

Hey there, am I late? Did I miss anything?

DR. HERSCHEL

Get in here Dr. Harris, meet the Lab’s new

computer wiz!

As DR. HARRIS enters the office DAVID stands up and shakes his hand. DR. HERSCHEL stands as well but stays behind his desk as he introduces DAVID.

DR. HERSCHEL

Dr. Nathan Harris, meet David Ellis.

DAVID

Dr. Harris, it’s really great to meet you.

DR. HARRIS

David, the pleasure’s mine. I can’t tell you how happy

we are to finally have someone leading a full time IT

department.

All three sit down, DR. HARRIS continues talking:

DR. HARRIS

I’m the most computer savvy of all the researches here

at the Lab, so I’ve been the informal IT guy for a while.

With you coming on board I can wrap up a few programs

I’ve had going for too long and finally plan my retirement.

DR. HERSCHEL

C’mon Nathan, you’re not gonna retire and leave me all

alone here at the Lab.

DR. HARRIS

Oh yes I am, George. Besides, you’ll have the new wiz

kid here to keep you company.

DR. HERSCHEL

(looking at DAVID) When Dr. Harris and I started here at

the Lab the computer we had was the size of this room,

now we have these desk top processors (DR. HERSCHEL

points to a Macintosh Word Processor on a side table) that

are ten times more powerful. (turning back to DR. HARRIS)

Like I was telling you last week, David’s a Computer

Science major, graduated top of his class at Stanford.

DR. HARRIS

(to DAVID) You graduated last Spring… what have you

been up to?

DAVID

I interned over the summer with a software

developer in the Bay Area while I looked around

for full time positions. This one here at Los Alamos

came up so I jumped at the chance.

DR. HARRIS

You drove out here from Stanford? How was your

trip? Did you see the sights?

DAVID

I did see some sights. I left the Bay Area and went to

stay with my folks for a week at Edwards AFB, then

I took a couple days to make my way over here. I

drove by the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and

Four Corners.

DR. HARRIS

Well you got here just in time for chili season!

DR. HERSCHEL

The local food here is amazing, David, you’re gonna

love it. We also have our own ski resort right up the

road, the golf course which you probably saw driving

in, rafting on the Rio Grande during the summer.

DAVID

It all sounds great, it’s beautiful here.

DR. HERSCHEL

OK, down to business. (DR. HERSCHEL pulls his chair

close to his desk, leans forward, and places his elbows

on the desk top) As a department head David, you’ll

answer directly to me. For the first few months, Dr.

Harris will be an informal liaison over you. He’ll get you

into your office, set you up with anything you need,

introduce you around to the other department

heads and program directors, and get you familiar

with the Labs computer related infrastructure. We

want to get all the buildings and every computer on

the whole National Laboratory campus linked together.

DAVID

OK, great. I’m excited to jump in and get going.

DR. HARRIS

We have a couple of electricians here on staff,

they’ll handle the cable and wiring installation for

the network and you’ll handle the computers.

DR. HERSCHEL

I lead a monthly staff meeting for all department heads

and program directors. We go over the calendar,

update program statuses, budgets, and vote on any

laboratory wide initiatives or issues. Dr. Harris will attend

with you for a few months to introduce you around and

get you familiar with how things operate here at the Lab.

Being the new kid on campus, David, I would suggest

refraining from any votes for a year or so, until you’re

familiar with Lab business and procedures, and

everyone get’s to know you.

DAVID

OK… got it.

DR. HARRIS

It’s not as bad as it sounds… but… there are a few

people that get a little up tight about schedules and

procedures. Take your time getting to know everyone

and you’ll do fine.

DR. HERSCHEL

Oh Nathan, makes sure he meets Bill.

DAVID

Bill? Who’s Bill?

DR. HARRIS

Bill is Security Director William Smith. Everything we

work on here at the Lab is sensitive in nature. All these

new Word Processors and Facsimile Machines make it

easier than ever to access and send information.

DAVID

Well, Dr. Harris, I’m not sure if Dr. Herschel told you, but

my minor is in Electronic Security. As computers become

more common place Electronic Security is going to be increasingly more important.

DR. HARRIS

Oh yes I know, David. I advised Dr. Herschel that what

you learned in school would be of great value to the

future of The Lab. That and I didn’t want to have to learn

this stuff myself.

DAVID

Oh… OK.

DR. HERSCHEL

Bottom line, David, you have training and skills that

are extremely valuable to our continuing mission

here at The Lab. In addition to Computer Network

and Electronic Security we have Data Entry work that

needs to be completed. We’ve been taking all the old

files and program documentation and uploading them

into the new Central Data Base. Individual departments

had been doing this as time and schedules allowed. A

few have been too busy or are under manned so we

have a number of past programs with extensive files

that still need to be uploaded.

DAVID

I’m not afraid to roll up my sleeves and get to work!

DR. HARRIS

You’re not afraid… yet. Wait til you see the document

storage basement. We call it ‘the black hole”.

DR. HERSCHEL

C‘mon, Nathan, it’s not that bad. Don’t let Dr. Harris

scare you, David. We can get two or three Admin

Assistants to help you. Dr. Harris will show you the

document storage area so you get an idea of what

needs to be done.

DAVID

Like I said, I’m not afraid of the hard work. Having

this chance here at Los Alamos is literally a dream

come true for me.

DR. HERSCHEL

That’s the spirit, David! Nathan make sure David get’s

in to see Dotty right away. (DR. HERSCHEL turns back

to DAVID) Dotty is the head of Human Resources here

at The Lab, HR is on the first floor next to the Main

Reception. (DR. HERSCHEL turns back to DR.

HARRIS now) Make sure David gets his Lab ID,

parking assignment, and that his security clearance

info is correct. Show him his office, make sure he has

keys, and you two can meet up tomorrow morning to

get started.

DR. HARRIS

Roger that, will do.

DR. HERSCHEL

David, I have you signed up for staff housing for the

first month, Dotty will give you a map and a key. You’re

welcome to stay there for as long as you like, or you can

find your own place in the village. (DR. HERSCHEL

stands and begins to make his way around the desk towards

the door placing his hand on DAVID’S shoulder as both

DAVID and DR. HARRIS stand up) Dr. Harris will get

you all taken care of down stairs. After that take

the rest of the day to unpack and explore the

campus and get familiar with the facilities. (DR.

HERSCHEL opens the door leading from his office

to his reception area)

INT. MORNING. RECEPTION AREA FOR DR. HERSCHEL’S OFFICE

With DR. HERSCHEL holding the door open DR. HARRIS first makes his way into the reception area followed by DAVID.

DAVID

Thank you so much for everything, Dr. Herschel, and

thank you Dr. Harris for taking time out of your schedule

to help me get going.

DR. HARRIS pauses his walk briefly in the reception area to address DAVID as DR. HERSCHEL makes his way around to open the door leading from his reception area into the hallway.

DR. HARRIS

Not a problem, David, I am more than happy to help

because if you weren’t here to take over the IT

department this slave driver here would make me

handle it all and I’d never see retirement.

INT. MORNING. HALLWAY IN FRONT OF DR. HERSCHEL’S OFFICE

DR. HERSCHEL opens the door and we see DAVID stepping through into the hallway and turning back to address DR. HARRIS as he follows into the hallway.

DAVID

Don’t worry Dr. Harris, as of now my mission will

be to make sure you get your retirement on time.

The trio is now in the hallway, the door is partially closing behind DR. HERSCHEL. DAVID doesn’t notice the video surveillance camera overhead in the corner of the hallway pointing in their direction.

DR. HERSCHEL

Don’t let this guy raz you too much, David. If Dr.

Harris wasn’t here at the Lab every day he wouldn’t

know what to do with himself.

DR. HARRIS

Don’t be so sure of that, George!

DR. HERSCHEL

You have my number, David, make sure you get Dr.

Harris’ number and call if you need anything or have

any questions.

DAVID

OK, will do. Thank you.

DR. HARRIS and DAVID start off down the hallway towards the stairs, DR. HERSCHEL turns at the last moment and leans out into the hall.

DR. HERSCHEL

Oh, Nathan… don’t forget the Chess Meet…

Thursday In the Great Hall, 7pm!

DR. HARRIS

It’s on my calendar.

DR. HERSCHEL

David, you should come too. It’ll be a great way to

meet some of the other staff.

DAVID

Sounds good, I’ll be there.

INT. MORNING. HALLWAY IN FRONT OF DR. HERSCHEL’S OFFICE.

Overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the video surveillance camera in the hallway. We see DAVID and DR. HARRIS walking down the hallway from DR. HERSCHEL’S office towards the stairs.

ACT TWO

INT. DAY. DATA ENTRY OFFICE AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

DAVID is walking between two desks reading files in a manila folder. At each desk sits an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSITANT typing on circa 1987 Word Processors. On the side of each desk is a file holder stand. The ADMIN ASSITANTS pause periodically to turn the page on the file holder stand and then continue typing. DAVID closes the manila folder he’s been viewing and places it into a box on a desk at the back wall. Along the two side walls there are several library carts filed with files. One of the ADMIN ASSITANTS picks up the file off the file reader stand and places it at the end of a short stack on a mostly empty library cart then picks up another file from a mostly full library cart and places it on the file reader stand, sits back down, and continues typing into the Word Processor.

INT. DAY. HALLWAY OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OFFICE BUILDING.

Bright New Mexico sunshine streams through windows as DAVID pushes a library cart full of files down the hallway under a video surveillance camera. DAVID does not notice the video surveillance camera.

INT. DAY. HALLWAY OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OFFICE BUILDING.

Overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the hallway video surveillance camera of DAVID pushing the library cart full of files into the elevator. The doors close behind him.

INT. DAY. INSIDE OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORORY OFFICE BUILDING ELEVATOR.

Inside the elevator DAVID pushes the “B” button for “basement”. A bell “dings” and with a light jolt the elevator begins descending.

INT. DAY. BASEMENT HALLWAY AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OFFICE BUILDING.

The windowless hallway looking towards the elevator doors is dimly lit with a few fluorescent lights in stark contrast to the brightly lit hallways of the upper floors. The doors open and DAVID pushes the heavy library cart of files out into the hallway and moves along to a door with a sign that reads in large letters “File Storage” and in smaller letters below that “Security Clearance Required”. DAVID pauses in front of the door and fumbles for the key. After finding the correct key DAVID unlocks the door and props it open, he roles the cart full of files into the File Storage room pausing briefly to shut the door. After the door closes we hear the lock mechanism from the inside.

INT. DAY. FILE STORAGE BASEMENT AT THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY.

The File Storage room is the size of the building footprint, file shelves reach to the ceiling with narrow aisles. The massive room is mostly dark with only a few fluorescent lights on. DAVID pushes the cart down the main aisle away from camera and then turns down a side aisle.

INT. DAY. BASEMENT HALLWAY AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OFFICE BUILDING.

The door of the File Storage room is in full frame, we hear the lock mechanism unlatching from the inside and the door swinging open to reveal DAVID propping the door open again then rolling another heavy library cart full with files into the hallway. DAVID pauses to close and lock the door behind him. DAVID rolls the library cart down the hallway. Long camera shot down the hallway as DAVID enters the elevator, turns and pushes a bottom, then the doors close behind him.

INT. DAY. INSIDE OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORORY OFFICE BUILDING ELEVATOR.

DAVID is inside the elevator with the library cart full of files. The elevator comes to a slow stop with doors opening to reveal the lightly busy First Floor Reception Area of the Administration Building. After a moment DAVID realizes that no one is waiting to board the elevator so he pushes the “Close Doors” bottom. Just then DAVID hears a voice outside the elevator:

VOICE OUTSIDE OF ELEVATOR

Wait, wait, hold the elevator please.

DAVID quickly pushes the “Open Door” button as someone places their hand between the doors. The elevator doors open and in steps TOMAS NUNEZ dressed in a blue service technician uniform. TOMAS is about DAVID’S age. Under TOMAS’ right arm is a box of copier cartridges; in his right hand he’s holding a toolbox. TOMAS squeezes into the elevator next to the library cart full of files.

TOMAS

Thanks. Sorry about that, I was still checking in.

DAVID

No problem, I’m on two, what floor are you?

TOMAS

I’m going to the fourth.

DAVID pushes the buttons and the elevator doors close.

DAVID

Are you the copier guy?

TOMAS

Yes, I’m Tomas Nunez. I’m here at least once a week.

After UNM the Lab’s got the second most copiers in

New Mexico.

DAVID

UNM?

TOMAS

University of New Mexico, down in Albuquerque.

DAVID

Oh, cool. My name’s David, I’m the new IT guy.

TOMAS

What’s IT?

DAVID

IT is Information Technology… I’ll be taking care

of all the computers and cyber security for the Lab.

I just started last week.

The elevator dings and the doors open to the second floor hallway.

INT. DAY. HALLWAY OF LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY OFFICE BUILDING.

Overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the hallway video surveillance camera of DAVID pushing the library cart full of files out of the elevator into the hallway. DAVID turns back to TOMAS.

TOMAS

Computers, that’s cool.

DAVID

Yes so we’ll probably see each other around quite

a bit.

TOMAS

Definitely, good to meet you, David. See you

around.

DAVID

Good to meet you too, Tomas.

The elevator door closes. DAVID begins pushing the library cart down the hall under and out of view of the surveillance camera.

INT. LATE AFTERNOON. FIRST FLOOR MAIN RECEPTION AREA, LOS ALAMOS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Low angle late afternoon/early evening light is coming through the windows of first floor Main Reception Area. The elevator doors open, DAVID and several people walk out and begin to cross the floor towards the main entrance door. DR. HARRIS emerging from a hallway on the first floor and catches DAVID from the side.

DR. HARRIS

David my boy, how are things going? How was

your day?

DAVID

Hello Dr. Harris, today was a good day. We’ve

already made a big dent in what’s left of Data Entry.

Both DAVID and DR. HARRIS continue walk through the Main Reception Area, slowing to continue their conversation.

DR. HARRIS

Dr. Herschel and I both agree you’re off to a

great start, much faster than I was getting

through that Data Entry mess.

DAVID

Thanks, Dr. Harris. For the most part everything

is making sense archival wise. I’ve come across

a few files that didn’t seem to fit anywhere. Some

files about radiation dating experiments, some

about budget and facility projects from the 1950’s,

and some files about something that happened at

Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

DR. HARRIS

Wait, Roswell? You mean the flying saucer deal?

DR. HARRIS steps through the main doors with DAVID following directly behind.

EXT. LATE AFTERNOON. SIDWALK AREA LEADING TO THE LOS ALAMOS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MAIN ENTRANCE.

DAVID

None of the files mention a flying saucer, you mean

like a UFO?

DR. HARRIS stops in the middle of the sidewalk area in front of the Main Entrance to the Administration Building. DAVID comes in close as other people leaving the building pass by taking no notice of the pair and their conversation. A video surveillance camera can be seen in the background mounted to the front of the Administration Building pointing in the general direction of DR. HARRIS and DAVID.

DR. HARRIS

Yes, a UFO, a flying saucer from outer space. Extra

Terrestrial. A couple of nut job amateur scientist wrote

a book a few years back about an incident at Roswell.

You haven’t seen it?

DAVID

I’ve never even heard of such a thing. UFO’s aren’t

real. That’s crazy.

DR. HARRIS

Maybe, but you mention Roswell and that’s the

only thing I can recall. Maybe the Lab was involved.

We used to do all our testing at White Sands which

is right over the mountains from Roswell.

DAVID

White Sands? You mean the Trinity Site, the first

Atomic bomb tests. Where is that?

Camera view switches to an overhead B&W grainy low resolution image from the video surveillance camera on the front of the Los Alamos Administration Building of DR. HARRIS and DAVID talking.

DR. HARRIS

Near Alamogordo, South of Albuquerque. What were

those files about?

DAVID

The files are odd… they don’t have a project name

or a charge number and no program director is listed.

All they say is Roswell, July 1947. One of them is

about a wreckage of some kind, with longitude and

latitude coordinates. Another one lists radio station

and newspaper reporters, and military personnel,

and a list of possible civilian witnesses. The files don’t

mention a flying saucer.

As DR. HARRIS and DAVID continue to talk the camera is pulling back slowly to reveal that the B&W image is of a TV screen. As the camera pulls back more we see that the TV screen we’ve been watching is surrounded by other TV screens showing other video camera locations.

DR. HARRIS

Wreckage? It mentions wreckage but doesn’t say

what crashed?

DAVID

The file describes a large debris field of unknown

metallic materials that were collected.

DR. HARRIS

Interesting. Mention it to Dr. Herschel. You might want to

find that Roswell book and see what it says or ask around

and see if any of the locals know or remember anything.

DAVID

OK.

DR. HARRIS

I gotta get going, diner with the Misses before the

Chess Meet tonight. You coming again?

DAVID

Yes, last week was fun.

DR. HARRIS is addressing DAVID as he walks out of camera range

DR. HARRIS

I’ll see you in a while. Keep up the good work!

DAVID

Thank you, Dr. Harris.

The scene ends with the camera pulling back showing the screen from the Video Surveillance camera in a large bank of screens in a darkened room with a Military Police officer sitting, back to the camera, watching the wall of screens.