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GOOD EVENING FRIENDS, THIS IS THE MAN OF THE PEOPLE, GORDON WELLS, SPEAKING THE TRUTH, WHETHER YOU WANT TO HEAR IT NOR NOT.

LET'S START TONIGHT'S SHOW BY DISCUSSING THE SO-CALLED "ALIEN INVASION" OF THREE WEEKS AGO... FIRST CALLER, YOU'RE ON THE AIR!

COME ON GORDON, WHAT'S WITH YOU? WE FINALLY GET PROOF OF ALIEN LIFE AND SUDDENLY YOU DON'T BELIEVE ANY MORE?

OH, I STILL BELIEVE. I JUST DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD US THE WHOLE STORY.

MAYBE... PEOPLE SAW A LOT OF STRANGE STUFF... I’VE HEARD EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF GIANT TENTACLES, DEAD MEN COMING BACK TO LIFE AND EVEN A GUY IN GLOWING ARMOR CARRYING A ROBOTIC EYE IN ONE HAND.

I DON’T KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, BUT I’VE JUST RECEIVED SOME INSIDE INFO THAT MAY HAVE THE ANSWERS... ONCE I’VE EXAMINED IT, I’LL LET THE WORLD KNOW WHAT I’VE FOUND!
TIME TO MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT CALLER...

I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU GORDON! THEY WOULDN'T TRAVEL THAT FAR JUST TO BLOW STUFF UP. REAL ALIENS ONLY WANT TO MATE WITH US SO THEY CAN PERPETUATE THEIR SPECIES!

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I don't really understand what I've seen on this tape, but it doesn't fit with the official story. I'm hoping you'll be able to figure out the truth and let the world know... Good luck!

Okay, let's see what you've got...

This is Heather Hampton with Channel 11 News, reporting from just outside the military perimeter near the Jefferson Memorial.
FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST TUNING IN, A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS HAVE ROCKED THE MEMORIAL, POSSIBLY THE WORK OF THE SAME TERRORISTS THAT RECENTLY ATTACKED REAGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS.

COME ON, LET'S TRY TO FIND SOME WAY TO GET CLOSER TO THE ACTION.

OKAY BOSS, LEAD THE WAY!

SON OF A--- WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

EITHER DC'S GOT A REAL BIG COCKROACH PROBLEM, OR THOSE ARE HONEST TO GOODNESS ALIENS...
OH, THANK GOD! I SEE SOME MILITARY FORCES MOVING IN! WAIT, WHAT ARE...

...LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THERE IN ONE PIECE, GOOD THING WE RAN INTO THOSE POLICE OFFICERS.

GOOD NEWS, BOSS, I GOT THIS THING WORKING AGAIN, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BACK ON THE AIR!

WHAT THE --?

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING BIG'S GOING DOWN AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS...

LET'S GO!
...don't know how they could have gotten in here long enough to build these nests, especially with all these agents guarding the building.

Man... look at that weird gun he had...
Roy, are you getting this? Is this some sort of security station or something?

I dunno... and what's with that cylinder thing? I've never seen technology like that.

Okay, now this is just weird. This must have been put in when the library was constructed, but I've never heard anyone even mention it...

So... we going down there, or what?

What do you think?
HGHH... OH... MY... GOD... THAT WAS FOUL! ALL THAT, THAT... SLIME, AND GROSS... I DON'T CARE IF YOUR CAMERA WASN'T WORKING, I'M NOT GOING BACK IN THERE.

WELL, I THINK WE FOUND OUT WHY THIS ISN'T ON THE TOUR...

NUTS, I'M RUNNING LATE...

LATE, LATE, LATE...
Three Killed by Chupacabra Attack

HOW DO, BOYS AND GIRLS! GORDON WELLES HERE, AND I'VE GOT SOME BIG NEWS!
I've now got video footage from within DC during the invasion!

Turns out there's a lot of stuff they haven't told us about this "invasion"... I've seen alien nests, futuristic technology and ancient secret passages built right into our government buildings!

There's something big that they're trying to keep from us, but I'll get to the bottom of it, and once I do, I'll put this evidence on my website!

Looks like we've got our first caller. Go ahead, you're on the air!

Gordon, I'm a big fan, but you're sounding a little crazy again here, like the time you had photographic 'proof' that the vice president was an alien.

Hey, I wasn't the only one fooled by that. Kids are getting to be experts with digital retouching these days...

Look pal, if you don't like what I've got to say, stop tuning in and visiting my site.

Okay, back to my big news; I'll be uploading the entire video to my site tomorrow, so in less than twenty four hours, you can all see the truth for yourself!

That's not obsession, it's a scientific fact that the brain can be reprogrammed through the optic nerves by using specific wavelengths of light!

Yeah, but what about the...
IN THE MEANWHILE, LET ME FILL YOU IN ON SOME OF THE STUFF I'VE FOUND OUT SO FAR...

THE NEXT MORNING...
There seems to be some sort of battle going on here at the White House. We've seen aliens, soldiers, and some sort of mysterious armored man, all fighting within the building, but there is, as yet, no word of the President's whereabouts. We're going to try and get closer to the...

...Can't believe your damn camera founked out on that shot. Did you at least see what was happening in there? It was like they were cooperating!

...Pant... less... pant... talking... more running!

...From the White House. I repeat, the President has been safely extracted from the White House!

I told you those special forces guys would take care of it!

I don't know Roy... you didn't get a clear look in there during the battle. I'm starting to think that...
...keep that thing running for more than a few minutes at a time?

Hold on, I got it, we're up and running again!

Do we even know if our footage is getting to the network?

Of course! The transmitter is brand new. Someone would have to be actively jamming public frequencies to keep it from working. Ugh-oh, the battery is...

...your cheap camera konks out on this shot, I'm going to toss it in the bay.

Don't worry, I'm getting it. I'll zoom in for a better look.
THIS IS THE SAME GUY I SAW IN THE WHITE HOUSE... WHAT'S HE DOING? IT'S LIKE HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING...

@#$% THAT'S THE THING THAT WIPED OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD FORCES OUTSIDE...

ARE YOU GETTING THIS? ROY, ARE YOU...
After we saw him toss that giant bug thing, I think it's safe to say he's a friend!

...Armed man from before used that glowing device on the wall, after which he went down this passage and returned, carrying a strange weapon. We still don't who he is, or whether he is friend, or foe.

Maybe, but then why was he...

Of course! That explains everything! I've got to get this footage out to the public right now!
Gotta get this up on the website...

Grr... Ripping this to AVI is going to take forever. Knew I should have bought that new system...

RING! RING! RING!
WHO IS THIS? HOW DID YOU GET THIS NUMBER?

THEY'RE COMING FOR THE TAPE, YOU NEED TO HIDE IT NOW!
AHH, MR. WELLES... SO NEAR, AND YET SO FAR. YOU ALMOST HAD YOUR PROOF THIS TIME.

I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU, THIS WAS A CLOSE CALL FOR US. THE INFORMATION ON THAT TAPE IS NOT THE SORT OF THING WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW ABOUT.

STILL... ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MR. WELLES? AND SOON, YOU WILL HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THIS VIDEOTAPE, AND OUR LITTLE VISIT, JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
THEN YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR RABBLE ROUSING. GETTING EVERYONE WORKED UP OVER ALIENS, ZOMBIES, CHUPACABRAS, AND ALL THAT OTHER NONSENSE.

I KNOW YOU WON'T REMEMBER THIS IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR. WELLES. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE POT STIRRED, AND THE POPULACE DISTRACTED. IF IT WEREN'T FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU, OUR JOB WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

TAKE CARE, MR. WELLES. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR NEXT BROADCAST...

MAYBE YOU COULD GRACE US WITH MORE OF YOUR THEORIES ABOUT ATLANTIS...
WHAT THE...? I'M LATE!

Whoa, hey there everyone. Sorry about the late start. I must have dozed off. I see we have several callers, so let's just get right to it. Okay caller, you're on the air.

Yeah, Gordon. Just wondering when you were going to put up that video footage you were talking about last night.

Sorry caller, I have no idea what you're talking about. Let's take another call.

Same question here, Gordon. I really want to see that video. Do you have it converted to AVI yet?

Sorry folks, looks like we've got some crank calls tonight. I'm going to hold off on taking calls for a bit, and dig back into a topic that was requested by... Um... A long time listener... Atlantis!

The End.