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Is it a plane? Is it a dream? The American Broadcasting Company presents the search for

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the flying saucers with Walter Kinnon.

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Thanks, Les. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Many have seen them, millions have heard about

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them. It's the biggest who's it, what's its story of the year, the flying saucers. At

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the moment we have a fellow up in a plane hunting a flying saucer and good hunting to

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standing by in various parts of the country are people who have seen a flying saucer.

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Not that they all agree in their description of the, well, the thing as a saucer. The different

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people, it takes different form. One woman said it looked like a five-room house. Many people

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see that when the housing shortage will be over, but explanations vary as much as descriptions.

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Walter Winchell says he has information that it's the new type flying wing.

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Andrei Gromito says that maybe it's a Russian discontroller who doesn't know his own strength.

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It has been suggested that a disc jockey on Mars is weeding out his old platters. That it's a radar

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anti-detection advice. That it's natural phenomena. That it's a national psychosis. Half the people

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in the country are scared to death and the other half never laughed so many. But whatever it is,

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it has taken our minds off taxes, toil and trouble for a little while and that's not bad.

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Now, suppose we start our trip around the country and hear from some of the people who have reported

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seeing these strange drawings on in the air. The flying saucers were seen in upper New York State

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by Lewis Stebbins, a solid citizen treasurer of Warren Country. Warren County, I should say.

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Let's hear him tell his story from Glenn Paul. Whatever it was, certainly created a lot of

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interest and I say whatever it was because frankly I am still wondering. It was on the Friday night,

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the 27th of June, somewhere between 9.30 and 10 o'clock. Our neighbor, Mrs. Caffrey, my wife

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and I were sitting on the porch when we saw this bright, shiny object moving in an arc-like path

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across the sky. The thing was about the size of an automobile headlight and it appears to be

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giving off a bright red fire from the front and blue from the back. We couldn't exactly say it

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was a flying disk we had been hearing about on the radio. Rather, we suspected it might have been a

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large meteor. I took a lot of kidding about the thing until the paper published a story about

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the American Meteor Society's report that a fireball, a type of meteor, may have landed that

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night in northern New York or a month. And I hope it was a meteor, then maybe folks will stop

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phoning at 2 a.m. asking if I have found the cup to go with my flying saucers. That's my story

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and now back to Alder Gernon. Thank you, Mr. Sebbels, and hope you find the cup. Well,

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the strange disks were seen to over Tennessee. They were seen there by a former sheriff and

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present game warden of Johnson City. I don't have his name, I'm sorry to say, I try not to have too

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much business with sheriff. But anyhow, he tells us about it now. Exactly when and where did you

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see yourself, Mr. Brummit? It was about two weeks ago, the day before the report for

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carrying the papers all over the country. I saw it from the front portion of the

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bed for about five seconds. The front part of the object was overshadowed. It was a dark

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blueish color and had a flaming red tail. It was moving horizontally to the earth just like an

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airplane, but it wasn't, for the light was quivered. You said it had a red tail,

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but it had been a falling star. No, sir, I've seen many a fallen star in my life, but never

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have anything like this flying saucer before. It was too bright and too red to be a star.

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Well, Warden Brummit, there's a rumor in these parts that the dancing disks might be

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atomic energy on the loose from Oak Ridge. I don't believe that. If it had anything to do

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with atomic energy, the government would have announced it, but this time it shouldn't. Well,

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thank you, State Game Warden Ernest Brummit. This is Bruny Bolton speaking, and now back to

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Walter Cernan. Thank you, Warden, the first time I ever saw that. Well, the West Coast is at more

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of flying saucers than any other part of the country. I hear New England is very jealous,

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but standing by our ABC microphones on the coast, our assistant director Munro Manning of the

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World Inventors Exposition, Andrew Whitmiller, authority on psychic phenomena. So let's go to

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Los Angeles. One of them, Mr. Manning, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the first flying disk to

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be presented to the World Inventors Exposition before tomorrow night. Mr. Manning, have you received

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any claims for the reward yet? Yes, I have. Just a few hours ago, I was told there was a man outside

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with a flying disk, so I went out to see him, and I said, where's the disk? He pointed straight up

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and said it's up there. I looked up, but I couldn't see anything, and I said, well, I can't seem to

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see it. He said, well, that's because it's composed of invisible gas. I said, gas? I said,

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well, get it out of here. It might be an implammable gas, and I take it inside as liable as

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if the auditorium on fire. I said, get going. That's how, as I saw the man. Well, thank you,

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Mr. Manning. Last night, a resident of North Hollywood reported that a flying disk landed in

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his flower garden. First reports created a furry of excitement, but a few hours ago,

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Army Intelligence officers announced that the disk was a phony, probably the work of a couple

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of useful pranksters. Our second guest, Mr. Miller, author of *Forgotten Mysteries*, has spent 15 years

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accumulating case histories of unexplainable happenings. How does the mystery of flying

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saucers look to you, Mr. Miller? Well, the first reports of the disk are the most reliable.

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They are little uncommon with the deluge of stories that exploded on the Fourth of July.

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The two most credible original reports were those of Kenneth Iald, a pilot, whose story

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started the whole affair, and the report of the crew of an airliner. And you think the

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other stories are just a nice one? We may call them disk mania, brewed out of bad observation,

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hysteria, false truth, and the natural human love of telling tall tales. But what do you

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believe is the basis for the original report? I think this may be the result of secret

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experimentation with the Army and the Navy. This is entirely possible despite official

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denials. Seconds don't sell their margins down the river. The disk may actually be from Mars or

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somewhere else in Aldrich's face. There have been many reliable reports that the past 150 years

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have been saying things, seeing the sky. Well, thank you, R.D. Whitmer. And I'll back to Walter

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Kiernan. Thank you, gentlemen. As I say, many have seen these flying saucers, but not many claim

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credit for them. John Virginia is a fellow who said he may be responsible for the whole thing.

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He's not quite sure. But after what we've heard, who is? Anyhow, let's hear what Kyle Walker has to

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say from Rono. And here's Kyle Walker, whose connection with the flying saucers goes back to

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a new game he's invented. Now, Mr. Walker, tell us how your game has anything to do with those

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saucers. Well, my game is called Spend the Sailor. It's played with right-waste aluminum disks.

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A few weeks ago, I decided that the game needed some publicity. So I turned over several hundred

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special duplicates of this to an advertising man who flies his own plane. I told him to drop them

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into there over the Midwest, the Pacific Coast, and Canada between June 20th and July 4th.

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But what your advertising stunt got to do with the flying saucers?

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There are no just these, so are the gadgets, two feet in diameter, made of rubber,

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and played it with gas and covered with luminous paint. After starting to spin around in the air,

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they may go as far as one thousand miles. And they would look very much as those flying saucers

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have been described. I admit, I can't prove that the saucers are my gadgets, switching around through

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space, but they may be. Well, this is Dick Noel speaking, and now back to Walter Gannon in New York.

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Thanks, Mr. Walker. Well, that could explain things, but so far, any how, no one has been able

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to read the writing on any of these flying saucers if there is any writing on them, if there are

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any saucers. Anyhow, ABC decided that if there are saucers flying around in the ether, why not send

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somebody up to look around to see just what they could see? The correspondent Bob McDall of American

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Affiliate WFMJ has been cruising around in the skies over Youngtown, Ohio on the lookout for flying

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saucers. Have you seen any of them up there, Bob? No, not yet. We've been cruising about three

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thousand feet over the northeast part of the city for the last half hour. We're flying in the

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approximate area where some young scholars have seen these flying saucers. The other side of the

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way is this place throughout the four-hover, which is close to where we're trying to get the

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flying saucer to land on one of them, which gives us the capture of this visibility here tonight.

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We're almost completely surrounded by glass up here in the cabin. Right beside me is the controls

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of four-second. In the main seat, George East, aviation and industrial editor of the Youngstown

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Indicator. At the beautiful lights we're flying here, it's clear. Certainly there must be a million

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of stars overhead. What were the stars? Lighting up the sky. We should be able to see a flying

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disk. One can't see them here. Flying saucers have actually been seen by three young scholars.

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City Patrolman George Mackey declared he saw nine round-octs excelling at a high

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space from 12 to north by 3 a.m. one night last May while he was on his feet on each

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train waiting in his car. Mackey described the officers rolling their heads off the road

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moving at about 300 to 400 feet in the air. He said he resembled a road used by meteorologists

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and were directly in line one behind the other. The patrolman said he watched them and told

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them they moved out of sight to the north. Mr. Elizabeth Robert Johnson of Youngstown reported

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seeing a momentous round-octic as they said on their portion about 8.30 p.m. Saturday.

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Johnson said his heart is walking through these stars and he was certain of this object

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which he said was clear cut all around with no falling tail but he noticed there in the

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meteor. He said it brought him slowly at a 45 degree angle toward the earth and disappeared to the north

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east. General, back to overkill us. Thanks Bob Mac, I'm sorry I didn't see one tonight but

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sounds like I got a little interference from one. Well interestingly flying saucers is not confined

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to our own shores. The British have a couple of theories as to what we're seeing and here

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transcribed is what Professor A. M. Lowell, president of the British Institute of Engineering says

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direct from London. Professor Lowell, no doubt you have been reading reports of the so-called

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flying saucers being over America. As a leading British scientist, what's your opinion of them?

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Well I must say that in my opinion it must be due to macisteria. I know you've got to be very careful

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nowadays. Lot with wool, atom bombs, people feeling rather tired and excitement for that time.

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Lots and so on. People like to believe things and don't forget this. Everybody likes to say

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I saw it. They think it's rather clever. Do you think it might be an optical illusion?

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No I don't. I don't think. You think there's any chance at all that these flying saucers

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might be man-made objects at some time? I think it's very unlikely. There is just the rather mild

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chance that someone is experimenting with a new kind of radar-fucking device. You will

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remember the radar camouflage which we used in the war made of metalized paper. Well if you

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imagine a rocket far 200 miles high and discharging these sorts of some kind of metal it just might

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be any concern. But I don't believe it's a macisteria. I do. I always remember going to a

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spiritualistic cell and I found that if I said look at that lovely blue light everybody else

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saw it too although I saw absolutely nothing. In other words you really don't expect the

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three applying saucers to come down and pick a deal with circuitry in London, eh? Do I wish

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the good as I could? I'm sure. Yeah that would be quite surprising. I should be delighted. How is that?

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Well uh there was a thing I said about some surprising vices and of course vices where it's

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such a charming face. You might see almost anything there and another man by the way said that he saw

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one of them flying so high that he didn't know whether it was a house, an airplane, or a pop of

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a ginger beer bottle. Now I think he was very lucky. Well we don't have anything to talk to as far as

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that over here. I'd say thank you very much indeed Professor Low. This is Frederick B. Arbor in London.

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Now back to New York. Well thanks Professor. One nice thing about a bell if a Britisher wants to

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see the Loch Ness monster he has to go to Loch Ness. Here you can sit right on your front porch

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wherever you happen to be and you sit as good a chance as seeing a flying saucer as the next

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fellow. Well there you have it but what have you got? Undoubtedly there is something through the

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story of the flying saucers, whatever they are. Malone's cup might be a poor witness to a flying

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saucer but when sober serious citizens around the country look into these skies and see a something

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they can't be dismissed as eye strain or eye wash. I haven't seen a flying saucer but I'm going up

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on the roof now there's a pellet sulk there and I can't see a flying saucer I'll settle for Venus.

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Any Venus. Mr. Griffith would you spring us out of here? Sure will will it. The search for the

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flying saucers was produced by our special events department. Directed by Joe Graham. This is ABC

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