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I heard in a swampy area in southeastern Michigan state, the object was called an airship and

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was said to have an escort of four other airships, all of which are referred to as flying saucers.

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People have been seeing them for years, but never with such certainty and agreement of

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description.

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Past sightings of such unidentified flying objects have been so numerous that the federal

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government through the U.S. Air Force has established an inquiry group to look into such reports.

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The civilian chief of this inquiry group is Dr. J. Allen Heineck, professor of astronomy

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at Northwestern University.

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One might say that he is the highest ranking and most informed person in the government

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on the subject.

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It is therefore a particular privilege for us to be able to speak with Dr. Heineck and

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get the best possible answers to questions that are of interest to everyone.

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Sir, in the most recent incident we understand that about 60 people claim to have seen the

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same thing at the same time.

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First would you describe what they say they saw and then tell us what you think it was.

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Well, first of all, there, I cannot say that they all said they saw the same thing.

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It is true that several small groups of people were fairly, in fact, quite consistent in

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the description of what they saw.

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And they, I would say they were very sincere and honest and were reporting to the rest

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of their abilities.

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Now, there were two primary cases.

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Now, it is true that many sporadic and scattered reports came in from all over and I certainly

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couldn't have taken the time to investigate all of those.

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However, I concentrated my attention on the two best described events, those that had

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the most observers and the most that had some residue or least common denominator, one might

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say.

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Well, now what were these?

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Both instances, separated by some 60 miles, occurred in swamps.

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I know because I trapped through that swamp for two hours and it was not very pleasant.

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Now, first of all, it seemed to me that this could hardly be a coincidence that the lights

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and let me remind you that all that was described with the exception of two people.

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The great majority of the people described only lights, a glow and rather small red,

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yellow and green lights.

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Now the fact that this occurred near a swamp or at a swamp in both cases, a great number

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of observers were referring to those two events led me to follow that as a clue.

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Now an astronomer doesn't usually worry about swamps.

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His eyes are looking elsewhere generally.

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But in his rapid and as thorough away as was possible in that time, I did notice, for instance,

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that in Professor Minert's book, and Minert is an astronomer, he describes in his book

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Light and Color in the Open Air, he describes lights of these colors, green, red and yellow

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and white, as dancing around swamp areas.

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The will of the wisp, sometimes called Ignis Phatis and known by other names also, I believe

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Foxfire is another name given to it.

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At any rate, then in some chemistry books and in talks with various chemistry and zoology

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and botany professors, I was told by them, and this is in their field, that it is quite

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common for rotting vegetation underneath the ice in swampy areas during winter to develop

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a fair amount of marsh gas, which is methane, CH₄, also Phosphine, pH 3.

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The Phosphine can, they tell me, spontaneously ignite.

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After the, when a spring thaw comes and the gases can bubble up from below and get released,

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the gases can ignite spontaneously and they flicker all over other places.

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They'll flicker at one place and then go out and suddenly appear someplace else, which

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gives the illusion of motion.

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And this description fit quite well, the description that both the many coeds at the Hillsdale

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College told me and also the policemen who were actually in the swamp and saw the lights

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themselves.

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None of the policemen, as far as the swamp experience is concerned, observed any object.

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They observed lights, a glow.

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And so there, there we are.

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Maybe you would like to have asked more about that, but I think this sums up the thing, but

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I'd like to emphasize here that this does not, in no sense of the word, by this particular

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explanation which refers to these two specific cases.

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Am I trying to give a blanket interpretation or a blanket solution to the entire UFO phenomenon?

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In this particular case, Dr. Heineck, you mentioned that there were some coeds and policemen.

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Does this make up the basic group of those who saw it?

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Yes, it does.

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There were no, with the exception of the Civil Defense Director in Hillsdale, I would say

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there were no technically trained observers.

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By this I do not mean that there were no intelligent observers.

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The great majority were very intelligent observers, but not technically trained in the, as chemists

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let's say, or as physicists.

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For instance, wouldn't it have been nice had we gotten the spectrographic analysis of the

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lights?

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That would solve the problem immediately.

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But these observers were not unintelligent people, obviously.

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No, they definitely not.

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They were, I can understand, and I sort of feel very sympathetic, particularly to Mr.

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Manor, the farmer in question, whose land was quickly overrun by the curiosity seekers

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and he was called all sorts of strange names like Martian and so forth.

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It is just too bad that mass hysteria can take over after a perfectly honest and sincere

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sighting is reported.

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I mean, at this point straight, these people that saw this weren't in any way excited about

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it or hysterical about the fact.

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They were seriously observing what they thought they saw.

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That is absolutely correct.

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Even the young ladies at the college, you would normally expect they might get hysterical

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and rush around and say strange things, but according to all reports I had, and when I

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talked to them myself, they were quite level-headed.

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But the lights they saw were localized to the swamp area.

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They were described as red and yellow and green.

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They did not move very far from the general locale of the swamp.

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Let me ask this, sir, why haven't these local residents seen this kind of gas before?

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Well, that's a question I asked myself too.

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I said, well, look, there are lots of swamps in Michigan and why, therefore, isn't this

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a very common phenomenon?

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Well, I think we must, if we pursue this explanation investigation, we must say that the particular

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seasonal conditions were such as to produce it at this time.

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That is, the winter was, I understand, in that area was unusually mild.

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The thaw hat just occurred, and it could very well be that the swamp gas may funnel up in

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certain places more than it does in others.

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Although since this has happened, and even before the Air Force explanation was given,

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I've had numerous letters now from people in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, all saying before

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these explanations were given, incidentally, that, well, this must be the explanation that

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they as children in their past experience have seen lights of this sort quite frequently.

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Lights of the sort that might have been swamp gases, is that it?

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Well, definitely were, and in their cases, without question.

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A lot of the people react to your findings after you told them what you thought you saw

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there in regard to what they thought they saw.

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One newspaper columnist in Chicago, Erf Cubs, that reports this morning that you seemed

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to indicate they wanted to run you out of town because their sightings weren't valid.

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Well, I said that facetiously, but I think there was a genuine disappointment that I

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couldn't come out and say that this was unexplainable and that we probably were being visited by

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space people because there is a tremendous will to believe why I was, I'm not a psychologist,

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but as an armchair or a curb stone psychologist, it appears to me that we live in such frightening

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times with so much war scare and the well, the times are unstable, you might say.

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And with the space age dawning, having definitely dawned, of course, people would love, I think,

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very dearly love to have some help come to us from the outside.

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And it seems also that perhaps the old time religion isn't quite scientific enough for

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many people and they would like to, I think, sort of latch on to the idea that our big

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brothers from outer space are coming in to help us out or something like that.

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Do you believe, sir, that it's possible that since you understand outer space best, perhaps

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you can answer this more valid, more valid answer than most people, and knowing outer space as you

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do, what do you think are the chances that this planet of Earth might be visited by something

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from another world?

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I think there is a very clear answer to that.

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Astronomers, the great majority of astronomers today would agree, I believe, that it is rather

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cosmically provincial to feel that we would be the only or the highest intelligence in the

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universe and that there are undoubtedly, perhaps even millions of other solar systems, which

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does not necessarily mean that they have intelligent life.

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But again, if there are millions of solar systems, why just ours to have life on it?

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Well, I think here we must distinguish between two words possible and probable.

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And very frequently, the public mixes up these two words.

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I would say, and I think most of my colleagues would agree with me, that it is entirely possible

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that we might in the past or present be visited by outside distance civilizations.

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But it is highly improbable.

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The difference between possible and probable, I think, must be emphasized here because the

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distances are so, as far as we know, are so extremely vast that even if we could travel

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with speed of light, it would still take a great many years to get here from, on our

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timescale, that is, to get here from these places.

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It would have to be some sort of a being that could transmit itself in other than a physical

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form, that would have to travel at distance.

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Well, that's a rather interesting concept, and certainly it's not in the field of physical

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science as yet at any rate to consider that.

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But I've been, see, I have investigated, or no, no, this is not right.

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I have read, or in the past 18 years, what I've been, Air Force's consultant on this,

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over 10,000 cases, and the great, great, great majority of these are easily explained, well,

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what are the primary explanations?

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Aircraft, balloons, meteors, stars, satellites.

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In fact, people in general, even though sincere, are quite poor observers, and they, so that

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in great, great majority of cases, a UFO, an unidentified flying object is merely a

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usual thing seen under unusual circumstances.

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But there are several hundred actually unexplained cases.

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Now, why are they unexplained?

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Perhaps because they were not sufficiently investigated.

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On the other hand, there remains the possibility that any open-minded scientist must not close

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mind to the possibility that there are things that we yet do not know about.

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In the 18 years you've been studying this for the U.S. Air Force, how many have been

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reported totally?

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Well, over 10,000 have been reported just to the Air Force, and that is in this country.

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Now, the Air Force does not, by any means, get all the reports.

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There are many civilian groups who gather reports, and as was mentioned in the Valet's

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book, for instance, the Anatomy of a Phenomenon, he pointed out and made a very good case and

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showed that the UFO phenomenon was a global thing.

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France, for instance, had a tremendous wave of sightings in 1954.

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Still in Argentina this past year, France and England have had quite a few.

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In fact, England, I believe, has, per square mile, more UFO sightings than we do.

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And here we always thought, living in our little world around this Midwestern state,

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that we only saw them in the United States.

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Then this is a worldwide problem, and is there any kind of coordination that's achieved

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with other countries in the subject?

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Well, you bring up a good point, though.

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I'm just wondering whether, I don't know whether to suggest this, to what degree of seriousness

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that I should suggest this, but since it is a global thing and could possibly affect

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international relations, that I'm just wondering whether,

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to say the United Nations or UNESCO or something, might set up a small commission to look into

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this, I have already in my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force recommended some

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time ago, quite a long time before this happened, this present sighting happened, that in those

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competent scientists quietly study such cases when the evidence from responsible people

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appears to warrant that study.

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But I want to emphasize the study should be scientific, quiet, unpublicized, and, you

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know, it was done in a dignified way without devoid of all the mass hysteria that comes

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in with these things.

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Have some of these kinds of investigations been carried out that we don't know about?

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I have carried out a few, but there are a number of cases.

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For instance, I honestly don't know what to think of the case reported in Cuernavaca,

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Mexico last September.

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Reputedly, I unfortunately couldn't get down there for one thing, the Air Force has no

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jurisdiction in Mexico, but here is again a case of where this UN commission might look

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into things like this.

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There was a startling report made in Cuernavaca, which on the face of it, was a report that

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seems extremely mysterious, but I want to emphasize on the face of it, if we dig down

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and investigate it, it may turn out to be a perfectly normal, natural thing.

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At the moment, I don't see how.

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Going along your lines of thinking concerning a UN commission, it is true that in Congress,

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among all the congressmen that are there, there are certainly a large group of skeptics,

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and they seem to want to organize a congressional investigation of this latest incident.

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What do you think about that?

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Well, a scientist should always welcome an investigation if it's a scientific investigation.

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I think it depends here on what is meant by a congressional investigation.

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If competent witnesses are called in and the whole situation is studied scientifically

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and given more time to it than I, as one person, could give to it, I would welcome such a thing.

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Who do you think would give you your strongest arguments, by the way, for or against?

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Either way, I think in favor of the reality of these things, who do you think would give

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you your biggest argument?

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Well, I think the people right in Michigan, the sheriff, Sheriff Harvey and the farmer,

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Mr. Manor, and a number of people around there, there have been some reports, even after that,

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I understand.

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I think they would give, because they were sincerely puzzled.

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I mean, I found in this no attempt at a hoax, at least I don't think so, so that people

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say, well, I don't know what you say about this, but I know what I saw.

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I believe what I see.

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Well, but the human eye can be deceived.

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I've even heard people, and I'm sure you remember these occasions, accuse you of being

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in a kind of a collusion with the government in denying these things.

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Well, this I can categorically deny, because the press release, for instance, of last Friday,

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was written by me and only by me.

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It's in my own handwriting, in my own style, and the Air Force gave me complete freedom

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to say what I wished.

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I have one more question, sir.

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In your opinion, which of these incidents, thousands that have existed over the past

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eighteen years you've been studying them, appear to be the most interesting, or which

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seems to be the most valid to you?

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Can you remember any one in particular?

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I'd hate to pick one in particular, because somebody might say, well, I know that was

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00:22:05,440 --> 00:22:11,560

such and such and so forth, but let's see, offhand, there was the rather interesting

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case in Homer, New York, which was unpublicized.

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There was an interesting case, as I mentioned in Cuenavocca, Mexico.

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There was a case in Bismarck, North Dakota, a number of years ago, one in Monticello,

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Wisconsin, one where one could go on.

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Well, what would be the most unexplainable factor in the incident that makes it interesting

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to you?

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Well, of course, the most interesting thing would be what is it that they really saw,

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but apart from that, what bothers me is that there are generally so few witnesses.

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Now, if a real supposed, for the moment, to re-conjecture, and I'm not saying this seriously,

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but suppose that we were to conjecture and hypothesize that a spacecraft were visiting

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us, then isn't it logical to suppose that A, our

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00:23:08,440 --> 00:23:12,720

marvelous surveillance systems would pick this up?

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Secondly, if it's seen at point A, why is it not also seen on its way to point B?

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00:23:21,160 --> 00:23:26,200

If an airliner leaves O'Hare, Chicago, and on its way to San Francisco, you can track

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its path.

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You would see it in Omaha and Denver and Salt Lake City and so forth.

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00:23:32,080 --> 00:23:40,600

Whereas the thing that bothers me about some of these sightings is that suddenly an object

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00:23:40,600 --> 00:23:47,760

or a light or something, a sighting, is reported at location A, and then it just seems to go

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up vertically, they say, and nobody sees it go away, really.

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I think we have one very current example from the newspaper of March 28th, Chicago Sun

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00:23:59,040 --> 00:24:05,240

Times reports from a place called Bad Axe, again in the Midwest state of Michigan.

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Pre-policemen in this little community in Michigan's thumb reported watching a bright

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blue light over Lake Huron for about half an hour early Sunday.

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Bad Axe policeman Peter Torres described the object as very large and moving too fast to

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00:24:23,240 --> 00:24:24,240

be a star.

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I'd like to comment on things like that.

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00:24:27,120 --> 00:24:33,040

I have no reference to this particular policeman because I don't know him and he may be quite

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competent and sincere, but more generally, here is a typical report that will come in

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a typical statement.

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00:24:41,320 --> 00:24:45,160

I'll ask someone, what was the object moving?

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00:24:45,160 --> 00:24:47,880

Oh, it was moving very fast, very fast.

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00:24:47,880 --> 00:24:49,360

Well, how fast?

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00:24:49,360 --> 00:24:52,040

Well, I think 500 miles an hour or more.

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00:24:52,040 --> 00:24:53,440

Well, that's interesting.

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How long did you see it?

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00:24:55,200 --> 00:24:56,200

About two hours.

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00:24:56,200 --> 00:24:59,400

Well, now what do you do with things like that?

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00:24:59,400 --> 00:25:04,400

There are so many contradictions and you have to throw contradictory evidence out.

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You just can't try to give it credence.

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00:25:06,800 --> 00:25:12,400

And one policeman says that something is moving too fast to be a star.

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Policeman knows a good deal about speed on the road, but we wonder if he knows about

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00:25:15,880 --> 00:25:17,880

the speed of star.

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00:25:17,880 --> 00:25:21,120

I would say that's a good point you make there.

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Well, thank you very much, sir.

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It's been a pleasure speaking to you.

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We've been talking with Dr. J. Allen Hineck, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University

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and chief civilian investigator for the U.S. Air Force on the subject of unidentified flying

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objects.

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