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On a chilly November night, seven men had their lives changed here in the Syracuse

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National Forest near Hebert.

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Riding in their truck, they saw what they believed to be an unidentified flying object

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hovering in this clearing.

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One of the seven, Travis Walton of Snowflake, leaped from the truck and ran up for a closer

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look.

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His companions say he was struck by a bluish light emitting from the craft.

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They knocked down.

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Terrified, they fled, but later regained their composure and returned.

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When they did, Travis Walton was gone.

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From that point on, his story is pretty well known.

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The six men, his companions, all passed lie detector tests in reference to the incident.

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Travis Walton reappeared after several days with a bizarre story about a ride in an unidentified

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But it's been basically a second hand story.

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Travis has been in hiding and has not met with the media.

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Consequently, there have been a lot of questions about the truthfulness of what Travis has

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had to say.

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But now, Travis Walton has decided to end that silence in this exclusive interview on

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this special edition of Faith to State.

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Travis, so perhaps the best thing to do would be to, for the first time publicly, recount

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your story from the time you were driving in the truck and what happened?

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Well, the first part has been told by all the witnesses.

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Well, recount my view of that.

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We just finished working because it was getting dark.

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We packed up to leave.

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We all got in the truck and we were riding up the road.

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And we looked off to the right side of the road.

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And I saw below that I thought was a sunset or something.

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I was about to comment when we came past the thicket that we were looking through to where

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we could see more clearly.

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And we saw a UFO hovering in the air about 30 yards off to the side of the road.

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Everybody started yelling and they stopped the truck.

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I wanted to get a closer look and I got out of the truck and I started over there.

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Everyone was yelling that I should come back and stop.

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I stopped and looked back and somebody called my name and I turned back around and it started

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to make a noise and started to move.

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And I took one step.

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I crouched down behind the lawn that was there.

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And just as I started to raise up, I was just going to stand up.

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I didn't have any intention of going any closer, but it was just as if I was struck.

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It was kind of a physical blow to it.

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It just knocked me back.

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I don't remember seeing any flash of light or anything like what they described.

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I just lost consciousness.

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When I regained consciousness, I was looking up at a light shining down on me from the ceiling.

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I could tell I was leaning up on a bed or a table or something because the ceiling was close.

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I was in a lot of pain.

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I couldn't quite bring myself totally awake.

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What type of pain?

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What parts of your body?

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It was kind of like in my head, but just all over it.

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I can't describe it.

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I believed that I was in the hospital.

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I was looking up at the ceiling.

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I didn't make any attempt to move because of the pain I was in.

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But I felt something laying across my chest.

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I looked down and it was sort of a flat thing that kind of curved across like that.

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I couldn't focus my eyes very well, but I looked beyond the top edge of the thing that was laying across me.

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I saw two men leaning over me.

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They weren't really men.

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They were a lot like men, but they weren't quite human.

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What did they physically look like?

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They had kind of underdeveloped features and no hair of any kind.

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They were dressed in kind of a brownish orange.

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I got all over them.

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They were slightly shorter than I saw.

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What type of clothing was they dressed?

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It was sort of a loose cover off.

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I didn't see any buttons or anything like that.

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Being in so much pain and everything, I didn't even think I just lashed out and knocked them back.

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I could see that there was two on the right side and one on the left.

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I jumped into the corner.

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Did you actually strike them? Did you actually touch them when you lashed out?

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Yes, I did.

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I kind of hit these two with the back of my arm and they fell back really easily.

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Did you feel like hitting a person?

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They seemed light like they weren't heavy.

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I couldn't stand up very well.

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There was a bench across the back wall.

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There was only one door.

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I grabbed a clear piece of glass or something.

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I tried to break off the end to get something sharp to defend myself with, but they didn't try to approach.

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They just kind of put out their hands like that.

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I was leaning. I couldn't stand up very well.

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I was breathing very heavily.

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They didn't try to approach or anything. They just left.

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They just ran out real fast.

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I was alone there for several minutes and I couldn't catch my breath. It was very hot.

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I was afraid they'd come back.

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I left. There was a corridor outside and they went to the right and I went to the left and went through the door.

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There was no door. It was just a whole doorway.

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It was a curving hallway that went and curved to the right.

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There was another door with no doorway.

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I went into a room there.

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At your garden very far and very far distance at that point?

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It was only about 30 feet or 40 feet.

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Not very far. Not even that far.

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I don't remember. It was a very narrow corridor.

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It was dimly lit everywhere.

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I went into this room that you could see out.

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You could even see the stars back through the wall I just came through.

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I could still see that there was walls but I could see the stars at the same time.

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It didn't look like windows?

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No. It wasn't like that.

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There was nothing in the room but a chair with some controls and knobs and things.

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I was kind of... I was hysterical. I was frantic.

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I just moved around there for a while and I started fooling with the buttons there.

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Did you sit in the chair?

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I did later. At first I just touched it.

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I didn't think I should be.

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I was afraid I'd mess something up and somebody would come.

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I heard somebody come in and I turned around and it was a man just like people.

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I mean he wasn't like the other creatures or whatever at all.

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He looked just like you and I except he had a helmet on, sort of a clear helmet.

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And he had hair and everything?

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I started babbling questions and I ran over there and he wouldn't answer me.

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He just took me by the arm and wanted me to go with him.

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I thought maybe he can't hear me through the helmet.

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So we went out through the door down to the right and out to the left.

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There was a small room that had doors on it and it was kind of like an airlock thing.

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It was just a small room with nothing in it.

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And then there was a door that went outside and it was a ramp that went down and it was cool outside.

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I could feel wind. There was a draft or something.

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It was a large room that this thing was sitting on the floor in there.

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And it was shaped like the drawing that they made, like the things.

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It was the first time only bigger.

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And there was two other things in there, other UFO looking things.

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They looked like flying saucers kind of except they were rounded in oval shape and they were really shining like chrome.

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There was a big room. There was a lot more room in there.

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And it was a curved ceiling that curved this way and it had flat ends to the room.

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I came out of the door, out of that first ship facing this way.

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There was a doorway across in the far wall.

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He's led me across there and threw that doorway down a hallway to a room.

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I'd had a burning in my chest and it was starting.

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I felt better.

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I was trying to get this man to tell me what I asked him if he was from Earth.

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Anything I could think of and he wouldn't answer.

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Was he an expressionist or did he have any expressionist?

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No, he looked friendly. He gestured and smiled but there was no words.

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In this place that you were in, could you see out at all?

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No, there was no way out there.

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So you were going from actually from one ship to another was that essentially that?

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Yeah, this must have been inside of a larger building or ship.

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I don't know if it was a large ship or a building.

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I never felt any motion or anything.

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It was just like being in a large building all the time and having a solid.

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I was led down the hallway. The man sat me in a chair and in a room with three other people that were like himself.

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They were dressed in blue.

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He went out, there was a door on the other side and he went on through.

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I sat in the chair and I tried to get the people to talk to me that were there and they didn't have things on their head.

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So I thought that maybe they could hear me but they wouldn't answer either.

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There were two men and a woman in the room after the first man left.

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A man and a woman came from around the table and they each took me by the arm and they led me over to the table and got me up on the table.

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I don't know why I should cooperate with them but they put a deal over my face.

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It was kind of like an oxygen mask thing. It was kind of clear plastic and it had a brown black thing on it about that big just attached to it.

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I looked up at the ceiling which was just, it was all solid light. There wasn't any light fixture or anything.

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The light in the room just came from the ceiling.

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That was last I remembered. I went to sleep until I woke up. I was laying on the pavement. It was very cold. I woke up very suddenly and I was, I looked up the roadway.

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I was laying outside. It was night and I could see a light on the bottom of a flying saucer that looked just like the rounded ones that were inside there.

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It was very shiny but the only light came out of the bottom and that went off and it just went straight up really fast just without a sound.

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What were your feelings at that point? Were you still in pain? Did you know where you were?

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I didn't know where I was immediately but I recognized the roadway and I could see a light down the hills when I ran down that way.

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It was about a mile or half a mile to Heber and I ran down to the phone booth by the gas station there.

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I called my brother-in-law and I didn't know what I said. I was hysterical.

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He answered and said, who is this? I tried to tell him and he said, I think you got the wrong number and he started to hang up.

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I screamed at him that it was me and so he stopped and he said, okay, I'll get somebody to come and get you.

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I hung up and I just couldn't stand up anymore and I sat down there.

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Were you in physical pain?

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No, not at the time. I didn't feel any more pain. I just was so weak I couldn't stand up. I was extremely thirsty.

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I've been able to make any purpose out of that or anything but that's the way it happened.

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We'll be joined by Jim Lorenzen of Aerial Phenomena Research Organization after these messages.

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We've been joined now by Jim Lorenzen who is the director of APRO, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

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Jim, before we get to you, I think there's one question that I would like to pose to Travis.

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It's a question that's been bothering a lot of people.

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Travis, why didn't you bring your story to the media?

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Well, they, my family, told me about the news people and all the people that were crowding around and I was just in no condition to talk to anybody,

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especially the, you know, a mob of people like that. I just couldn't handle it.

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Is that typical Jim and Jason's story?

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It is in some cases, yes. I can vouch for what he said because when I first saw Travis, he was in a very unsettled state

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and he was really in no position to send questions or to respond.

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You have listened to the description that he gave us of his ordeal. What are your comments, your reactions in comparison with past cases?

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Well, I was struck by the fact that he described these beings that didn't look quite human.

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He described them precisely the way another person has described them who had a similar experience.

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Now this case has not been published anywhere and no case like it, I know, has been published.

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So it's something that Travis could not have read anywhere and the descriptions are identical.

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There was some apparent conflict between different organizations, UFO organizations over Travis's story.

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Why are you defending it and why did the others seemingly discount it?

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Well, some people get concerned about their image and they don't realize that this subject has many facets to it that can be,

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while embarrassing in the sense that public acceptance is lacking. The story seems too abandoned and issued pretty wild.

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I think of the fact that our organization has now going on 24 years experience.

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We are able to cope with this in a much more sane and realistic manner than people without that kind of experience.

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Could you tell us what kind of testing Travis has undergone, what the results were of that and what the plans are for the future?

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Well, I can do this generally. We had them checked by a couple of MDs and they ran some tests. I don't have all the results.

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But I can say this, that there was a urine analysis done on the first urine sample after his

incident.

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This completely does away with the idea that there was any drug involvement that some people brought up.

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That and the blood samples really straighten that out. There's none of that involved.

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And he's been interviewed in great depth by some very well respected psychiatrists.

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And they have concluded that he is not a part of any hope and that he's telling the truth.

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Now, when we call in witnesses, our men and calling experts like this to interview witnesses,

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of course we call them in because we feel they're qualified to make those judgments.

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And I have no trouble accepting those judgments at all, particularly as I mentioned since parts of the story really correspond with cases that we know of already.

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Who's this under regressive hypnosis?

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Regressive hypnosis has been performed by still another man, in fact, is performed by Dr. Jim Harder of Berkeley, University of California at Berkeley.

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He's our research director and he is a specialist in this sort of work and has been involved in quite a few other cases.

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Under the regressive hypnosis he relived the thing just essentially as you saw here, probably with a little more detail.

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What other kind of tests would he be going through in the future?

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Well, you see, we're really sort of past the testing stage in a sense.

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In other words, from now on I think you'd be more likely to call it research.

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We hope to have this memory, the block memory, relieved so that we can get a full account of what happened.

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This may take time and there may be a program delay that we just have to wait for.

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It'll just depend on how he feels as time goes by.

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Why not the polygraph test? This has been a major criticism.

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A lot of people criticize it because they think polygraph is a lie detector, because it's called that.

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But it's not and Travis was under that impression too. He was anxious to take a lie detector or a polygraph test.

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I advised him not to and several other people advised him not to because what it actually measures is stress.

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And questions about stressful memories would bring stress reactions just as well as anything else.

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So it would have been meaningless to have him take that test at the time.

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It could have been, in fact, one of the psychiatrists said it would have been a disaster for him to take it at the time.

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It would have created a lot of false impressions.

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How would you explain the other six witnesses taking a test and having passed it then?

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Well, their memories, of course, are not blocked.

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They remember what happened. It wasn't the same sort of stressful situation that Travis has obviously gone through.

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Travis, what would you like for your future? What would you like to have come of this?

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Just the acceptance of myself in the future.

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I have had a lot of offers of people trying to turn it into some kind of a profitable thing.

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But I have no interest in any of those kind of offers. I just want the truth to be known.

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I might, well, I have intentions to cooperate with research with reputable men that are, you know,

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genuinely scientifically interested, like men with apro.

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And as far as any kind of a big project like that.

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I think we have talked about this to the sum and Travis doesn't want to make a big do out of it.

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He just wants to quietly find out what went on in that period if it's possible if it will help

advance the state of knowledge on this subject.

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Do you wish it had never happened to you?

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Well, hindsight. I don't know what happened happened.