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This is Gene Larsen, News Director of Radio City KGSW in Karni, Alaska.

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Right at the present time on this Tuesday evening, November the 5th, 1957, we are at our studio at the time in Central Standard Time, 720.

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At our side at microphone, we have Mr. Reinhold O. Schmidt.

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That's Reinhold O. Schmidt, S-C-H-M-I-D-T. Mr. Schmidt has stated that his home address is Malinga, in Bakerville, California, is 715 Gates Street, and that he is employed by Value Pack Incorporated.

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There in the hotel, K-Seed and Grain Concentrate, there are offices as 501 West Main Street as a brawling California. That's B-R-A-W-L-E-Y.

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Mr. Schmidt, this afternoon I believe you had something occur to you, and you've talked a little bit about it. We would like to ask you a series of questions.

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The information that I have given so far, Mr. Schmidt, is that correct?

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Yes. In other words, you work for Value Pack Incorporated, you live in Bakerville, you are in Karni, Nebraska, for what's this for?

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Buying grain.

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And is this your first test of Karni?

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Yes.

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By buying grain, what do you mean, sir? Buying from the farmers or elevators, and you travel around the country, set it there, and you drive what kind of cars there?

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What's your fixed price for the 55th district?

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Now this afternoon I believe you asked South of town, South of Karni, about how far is there?

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Home to about four miles.

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About what time was this? It was between two in the afternoon, and you were headed in which direction, sir?

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I was going to South and then Karni, east on the North Highway, and you were up on the cement road, on this Newark Road, for about how long at the time? I mean, mileage-wise.

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Or is it about a mile?

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About a mile. And then noticed something in the Platte River bed, am I right? It was dry. There was a flash there, what I first noticed, flashed.

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And that was how far from the road there. But I would say a half a mile. A half a mile from the road at the present time at the time.

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Did you continue to drive or did you immediately stop?

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No, I drove on up a little closer to where the flash was to see what caused that, and when I got closer I found out I thought the balloon had crashed there.

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You thought it was a balloon that had crashed?

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And then you'd laid closer to the object?

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And then what occurred?

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I got within 60 feet of the object, my car stopped. The motor went dead, the motor went dead. I tried to step out of it, but there was no response whatsoever.

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Then what did you do, Mr. Smith?

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I got out of the car, I figured maybe the terminal had just spoken to me from the battery.

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I got out of the car and walked towards the balloon, what I thought was the balloon, and when I got within 30 feet of it, a light shot out, and I would say it's paralyzed there.

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There is a paralyzed there, or else it's a hit the passion. In a way, it couldn't move.

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It couldn't move?

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Could you think?

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Yes, I could think.

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It could think.

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I couldn't move.

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I see.

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Before we go into further happenstance with this object, I wonder if you could describe it for me, about how long was it, sir?

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It was about 100 feet long, as we expect off there, about 100 feet long and 30 feet wide, and now it doesn't look 10 feet high.

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What did it appear to be made out of?

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A real bright, bright aluminum.

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Now this was in the river bed of the Pot River, which is dry, because it's sandy there.

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And it appeared to be of aluminum. It was bright and shiny.

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And you got out and you approached this object.

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Yeah, and you described it. Did you notice anything as to how it would be moved?

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Did there appear to be pipes, little propellers, or what was it, sir?

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On each end of the machine, there was a tube running up and down, and then these tubes were there, as I can see, with big fans.

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And one, see, like that, done the propeller.

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How close did you get to this box there?

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I ain't got two at an end.

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I understand that, sir, but before you got into it, you got out of your car, went across the field toward the river bed.

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How far did you get toward the object before you noticed anybody?

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Oh, about 30 feet.

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About 30 feet, and then what occurred?

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That's when that light shot off, and paralyzed as far as you know. Then what occurred, sir?

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Two men came up and they said, it must be alarmed that they had to search me. How did they come out of the side?

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Yes, out of the side of the machine.

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And were there steps down to the ground, or did they?

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Yeah, there was a sliding door and then the steps.

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I see. And they came out and they spoke to you in English?

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Yes. How were they dressed?

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They were dressed like any American would be.

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In business suit?

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In business suit, yes.

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I see. Did they appear to be young or middle-aged?

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They were middle-aged. I would say between 40 and 40.

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And they spoke good English?

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Yes. No, they spoke of broken English.

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What did they say to you?

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They told me not to be alarmed if they were not going to hurt me.

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And they did want to search me.

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I told them I had no weapons.

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And I asked them what the deal was, or what the object was.

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And they said, well, as long as we can, bleed for a few minutes, just walk them in and look around.

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So you went up the steps with them?

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Yes. You entered the object?

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Yes. You entered the object?

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Did you sense anything by way of smell?

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It was out of the ordinary?

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Not at all.

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Not at all?

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Were there any other people in this object?

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Yes. There were four men and two women.

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What age did they appear to be?

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They appeared to be around 40.

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Were they talking when you entered?

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They just spoke to me. That's all.

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What did they say?

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They just said hello.

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In what language?

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In American language.

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In American language?

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They said hello.

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And you answered them?

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Yes.

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And what did you felt once you got inside of this object?

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Well, there was just a lot of instruments and wires, and it seemed like they were working on these washpits for some reason.

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And the girls were at another instrument there with a lot of files and push buttons.

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After they said hello to you, these women and these other men, or were there no other men?

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There were two men in there.

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There were four men and two women.

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All right, then one of them more than likely sort of stayed by you, one man all the time, by you.

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Yes.

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And he was the one that talked to you, perhaps?

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Yes.

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Then the other two women and other two three men, what about their business today?

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Did they appear to be interested in you?

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Did they talk to you?

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Hello.

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Did they talk among themselves?

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Yes.

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In what language did they talk?

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They were talking in a high German, as much as whatever I could.

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The professor was saying about 100 feet long of that thing.

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And they were talking in a high German every time I could hear him.

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Are you qualified to know high German, Mr. Schmidt?

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Yes.

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You've had schooling in it, or your parents each in one place and another?

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I think.

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And they didn't appear to be interested in you personally?

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No.

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After they said hello.

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Now, you were in for the object about how long, Mr. Schmidt?

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I was in an object where I would say 30 minutes.

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30 minutes.

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What did you do while you were in there?

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I was just talking to this man.

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Although he didn't explain anything to me.

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Did you ask him questions?

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I asked him more about what they were doing.

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He said, well, he couldn't tell me that, but in the near future we might all know he did.

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You might all know in the near future.

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Tell my people that they meant no harm.

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They meant no harm.

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It's a statement he made.

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And you were in there for approximately 30 minutes.

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And then did something occur that would indicate to you that perhaps the machinery was repaired?

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Yes.

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They said that if one man was working on one end, he said they would.

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He read his tape off.

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In the German language?

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In the German language.

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And you recognized him?

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Yes.

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In Wilheide, Germany?

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Yes.

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And then, as it told me in the American language, they would read his tape off.

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And I would have to leave.

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I went out of this machine, and the water flow was just a lot.

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I went up and I would have, I stepped back.

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I would say about 10 feet.

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They didn't tell me enough to watch from anything.

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I stepped back about 10 feet.

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Then the machine started going wide.

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I would step back a little farther.

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And then I walked through the leaves.

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How did they leave?

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It went straight up in the air.

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Straight up in the air?

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Yes.

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Slowly?

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Slowly at first, then it gained speed until about 100 feet.

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200 feet up there.

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It seemed like there was a flash there, and it disappeared.

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Now, you see any object of this size, 150 feet in the air?

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Oh, yes.

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But this one disappeared.

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It disappeared.

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It changed colors.

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Did they have any instructions to you after you left?

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Did they tell you not to do something or do something?

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I mean, what were they, did they send it to you after, with regards to starting your automobile, let's say?

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Oh, they told me not to, when I left there, they said,

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Don't prime start the automobile, they have proof of it, it won't start in a way.

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I see.

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Any kind of smile.

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That's for sure that they had sent some to the Alamon.

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Did you personally feel that they were friendly towards you?

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Yes, very friendly.

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Very friendly.

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But disinterested in you as a person?

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Yes.

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I see.

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Let me ask you this now, Mr. Schmidt.

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You were with them or near their objects, and with them for about how long on the time?

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I would say about three years.

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Let me ask you this, why were you there?

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Not that far away, so much until I came to the event.

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I heard you.

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Yes, yes.

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I think I probably did a balloon up with a crash.

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You came to the talk to the Buffalo County Sheriff, Lloyd Frank, with that right,

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and then what happened?

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The chance of my property went out there, and the news came in, so something was, had been there.

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We come back to the same marriage, and the truth is great, that's the best thing else can say.

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I'll have you return to the team now.

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And were there any evidence, were there any evidence left after seeing what would indicate that this happened?

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Yes, yes.

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I think it was.

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I thought we should have some leaves that had some, we thought it was oil or hydrodic oil, we don't know.

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It had a shooter smell to it.

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It identified it's own, and no.

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It's very confusing.

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Yes, it's a greenish color.

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Were there marks in the ground?

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It seemed like this one, we could see where this one had got it.

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Yes, that's the ground.

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I see.

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Were there footprints where these men had walked?

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Well, it's a sandy yet, there was a little bit of an event there, and you explained to them what had happened,

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and they were convinced that some of this had occurred, it's not all, actually.

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What are your personal feelings, Mr. Schmidt, about this?

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Have you had a chance to calm down, to ask me, you know?

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I already have them so far, but I'd say there is such a thing as how it's based on your, or a machine from our space, it's based on different countries.

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You feel it might be one of the two?

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Yes.

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You didn't notice anything affluent about them other than they might have been just, yes.

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Would you and Dave, what race would you say they were after this?

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German, you would have a German race.

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Mr. Schmidt, we want to thank you very much for the opportunity of talking with you.

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We appreciate very much. You're going to be very definitely interrogated by the various law

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and there will be other news media after you.

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We appreciate your chance to talk to you, to understand about this.

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Do you have anything else that you'd like to say at this time?

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No, I get that.

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All right, thank you very, very much.

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Mr. Lionhold O. Schmidt of Makersfield, California.

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This is Gene Larson, Newspaper KPSW in Tarni, Nebraska.