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I am Lane S. A. O. We are gathered here in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the home of Reverend

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John Brinson. The date is March 2, 1958. This recording is made for the purpose of supplying

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Americans and other people that were familiar with or heard of the original experience of

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Ryan Holt Schmidt at Carney, Nebraska on November 5, 1957 and the various events that occurred

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after he reported citing a spaceship at Carney, Nebraska at that time. With my work in Washington,

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D.C., I began to investigate this situation. I had a friend at Carney, Nebraska look into this

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situation. Correspondents went back and forth and received certain material and information

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indicate that this man was telling of a true experience and that he had been subjected to

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very inhuman treatment because of the fact that he recorded this experience. I called the Hastings

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State Mental Hospital in Nebraska to try to talk with this man in person after he had been taken

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to the State Mental Hospital. I was told by the superintendent of the institution that he could

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not come to the telephone, that it was necessary to protect him from the public and the public from

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him. Now we are going to make brief statements at this time indicating our attitude or what

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information has come to our attention up to this time and Mr. Ryan Holt Schmidt who is present here

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and has appeared with me at several cities on a lecturing tour. Davenport, Iowa,

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Tipton, Iowa, Toledo, Ohio and Kalamazoo, Michigan will make a statement as to his experience and

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what has transpired from November 5th on. Also, we are going from Kalamazoo, Michigan

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to Cardinal Brasco for a series of two lectures for March 5 and 6th. They will be given at the

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National Guard Armour there and appearing with us and in support of the program will be John Otto

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of Chicago, Illinois. Now turn this microphone over to Reverend John Branson. I am John Branson,

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Chairman of the Michigan Flying Sautter Federation. We have just completed a three-day meeting

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which has been our privilege here in Kalamazoo to have Wayne S. A. Ho as speaker

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and Ryan Holt Schmidt tell his experience that he had at Cardinal Brasco and also a second

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experience in which he rode a short distance in a spaceship near Elm Creek, Nebraska.

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While they were here as well as having a public meeting in a large auditorium in which

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some 250 persons had the opportunity of hearing Wayne A. Ho and also Ryan Holt Schmidt's experience,

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we also, they also appeared on TV and on radio programs. I have had the experience,

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my wife and I, of having Ryan Holt Schmidt and Major Wayne A. Ho in our home and I have every

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reason to believe that Ryan Holt Schmidt is a reliable as well as a very pleasant person

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and we have enjoyed having him in our home and I have no reason whatsoever to question but that

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his experience actually happened and we here in Kalamazoo have been very interested and very

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pleased in having the opportunity of hearing his experience and we appreciate very much this

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opportunity. Thank you. All right, I am Bob Lowe Robert Lowe and Mr. Rowe Introduce me. I am the

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tape librarian for the Kalamazoo Fine Saucer Study Club and work professionally in the field of

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education. I can only repeat Mr. Brinson's, Reverend Brinson's comments so I'm not going to

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make any lengthy steal as far as that's concerned. I read the newspaper accounting of Mr. Schmidt,

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Carney, Nebraska Experience and then after meetings Mr. Schmidt found out that any newspaper

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accounts were pretty much distorted and the story that he relates, the experience I should say that

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you relate because it's not just a story, it's I feel true, it's certainly different and certainly

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a lot more logical than what appeared in the newspaper and of course he has gone into much

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greater detail and has certainly cleared up a lot of so we say hazing points that were in my

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mind and I think now I will turn the mic over to Bill Meyer who will introduce himself.

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I am Bill Meyer, Chairman of the Kalamazoo Fine Saucer Study Club. I think we've been very

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privileged to have Major Wayne S. Aho and Ryan Holt Schmidt in Kalamazoo. This has been our second

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public program in this city and I think that we, the people,

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I see they're very getting to be very receptive.

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Yes, people have become here in Kalamazoo, more receptive to this thing I think has become an

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eye opener. We hope to continue this type of program now in the future and making plans for

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perhaps movies and other speakers to come in. I will now turn this microphone over to Ryan Holt

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Schmidt. Thank you. I am Ryan Holt Schmidt from 1715 Jay Street Baker Steel, California.

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I am a grain buyer and working for a firm out of Los Angeles. I was sent to

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Carnie, Nebraska the latter part of October on November the 5th, 1957. I was now investigating

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some grain fields. I drove four miles south, a mile east and inspecting a field of my own there.

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I turned off the highway onto a country road to be out of traffic. After inspecting the field,

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I drove up a little farther to a farm gate to turn around. Just before I got to the farm gate,

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I noticed a flash ahead of me about a quarter of a mile. I thought maybe there was blasting

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trees there although I didn't hear no report. I thought I'd go up and see what it was. When I got

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within a hundred feet or so, I sighted, I thought it was a balloon head crash there.

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I got a little closer. My car stopped within 70 feet of the river bank. I got out of my car,

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walked up to the river bank, approaching around the corner of some willows and tall grass.

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I noticed there wasn't no balloon at all. It was a large silver object sitting there on four,

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but I had to be a four hydronic ram. I was, by this time I was within 30 feet of the object.

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I, just about that time, the light had shot out out of the side of the machine part of me,

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and I was stopped in my tracks. I couldn't move my arms nor my feet. I couldn't walk.

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This very instance, the door that opened, two men came out of the ship, asked me whether I was

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armed. I told them I was not. They said they would have to search me anyway. What they did,

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they didn't take anything from me. But this time I could start moving my arms, my legs again.

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I asked them what the machine, what kind of machine it was, what they were doing there.

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They said they couldn't tell me that. And I asked them whether I could get closer to the machine

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and see it. They said yes, as long as we can't leave for a few minutes anyway, you just will

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come in and look around. We walked into the, we got into the machine from the, the appearance

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from the outside of the machine was completely, there was no porclos, no windows. Looks like

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you're just looking again at a solid aluminum ship or something. When you've got inside of the machine,

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it is all very transparent. You can look up, see the sky, you can look at the ground, see the grass,

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look through both sides and see the countryside or around it.

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In this machine were four men and two ladies. There's one man who was with me at all times.

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The other man was working on an instrument panel. The, on the farthest end of the ship

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was a large desk with two ladies operating on the instrument. We, I asked them several things

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about the ship where they came from and what they were doing here. They said they couldn't

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tell me that at this time. These men were dressed in street clothes the same as any of us Americans

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are here. In fact, they could be walking along the streets unless you had seen them before.

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You would never identify them. They spoke, this one man spoke to me in American language

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with a German accent amongst themselves. When I looked, I told them to, where I was standing,

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I could tell that they were talking in a high German language, very good high German.

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This panel was, what am I saying, the inside of the ship, the entire ship that we found out later

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on was 100 feet long, 30 feet wide, and I guess it would be 14 feet high. They, the inside panel

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where the room where we were in was approximately 50 feet long and 30 feet wide. There were two

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compartments on each end that I didn't get in there. They refused to let me in there, but the

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ship, the big room where I was in, they had a panel on one side of the room,

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approximately 45 feet long and five feet high, specifically covered with instruments.

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After they, I was in the ship for about 30 minutes after they got it, whatever they were doing was

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completed. They told this one man that was passing with me all the time that they was

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ready for the takeoff, or they told it in a high German language, rhythm, clarity.

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They, I, when I, when I was in the ship, they, I was looking at the instruments,

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she would like to find some address where they were manufactured, but there wasn't any, there was no

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lettering in the ship inside or out. The letter, the numerals on the different dials

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where they had Roman numbers or regular numerals. On this panel, just when they were working on,

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it seemed like there was an invisible escalator. Whenever they didn't want to go from one end of

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the ship to the other, they would just step back about, but I had to step and glide from one end

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to the other. I got on the same panel, but it wouldn't work with me, so they must have some

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contact on their shoes or something. We, when they got ready to leave, I stepped out of the ship,

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the door slipped shut, and I heard a large, sound like a large motor start operating.

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Then the fact was momentum speeded up, but quieter got pretty soon. It took right

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straight up into the air, within about 150 feet. There was a flash of light, and it

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disappeared completely out of sight. At that time, that certain day, it was hazy and missing,

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but the ceiling was at least a thousand feet, but it disappeared about 150 feet.

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I'd like to interrupt here for just a moment to flare something up. Now, in the newspaper

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accounting, and I think on radio around here at least, they said something about

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propellers worrying if the thing took off. Now, you have told us that this was not true. Would you

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explain more slowly that there was or was not any moving part visible if the thing took off?

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There were not no parts visible, but in these two compartments that I never got into,

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one on each end of the machine, there was a tube approximately 12 feet in diameter, running straight

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up and down. I could just see the fan where, the way it was sitting there on the east end of the

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machine, on top there looked like about a 10-bladed fan, and this is what I thought made the worrying

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noise, but there were no propellers. These fans were laying flat inside the machine in these 10-12

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foot tubes. In other words, they were more of an exhaust type fan, if you think of a bell later.

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Yes, I would think so. Although when it took off, there was no breeze around the ship whatsoever.

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Thank you. Mr. Schmidt, did these people at this time make any statement or give you any message

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that you could convey to others if you told them this experience?

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Yes, they told me, first they told me not to be alarmed that they intended doing no harm,

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and for me to tell the people that we know they had seen this ship before and they will see it

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again, and in their future they will know what it all was. Another question, when this ship began

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to take off, did it remain constant in color or did you observe a change in color as it was raised

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in ounces? No, there were three different changes in color. The first color would have left the

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ground approximately 15, 20 feet. It turned to a pitch black. It got a little higher, changed colors

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again to a bluish green. The last flash was a real bright flash, and it just appeared to form eyes.

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They, after they had taken, just before they started taking off, they said for me not to

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quite start my car because it wouldn't start anywhere. This is the first time I knew that

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they had stopped my car. I got in, my car drove to Harding, Nebraska. I didn't kind of puzzle,

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didn't know just what to do. I knew quite a few people would believe it, and the other

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half probably wouldn't. I, although I had seen a lot of advertising at the airport,

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one of the sky watchers, and we should report any flying objects that we've seen, I drove to

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Harding, Nebraska and looked for the Lutheran minister I was going to ask him what to do,

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what he thought best to do. He didn't happen to be home that day, so I drove to the police department

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and asked for the sheriff. They said he had, was over at the courthouse. I went over to the courthouse,

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told my story to the sheriff, and he said we will go out there and look, the sheriff and I

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drove out to this place, and on the way out there the sheriff told me, he said this was quite a

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coincidence. Just before noon today, he actually heard the sirens blow. I had heard if I was in a

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hotel, I thought it was a fire, but he said someone had reported the unidentified object flying

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towards Harding, a strange ship. But I never heard any more about that. They, we drove out to the

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place where the ship had been, where it had been setting, and he definitely said there was

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outlines of a large machine had been setting there, and we also found some oil was on the ground there.

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I asked him then whether we should, didn't think we should rope this off, put guards out there and

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call Washington or some, one that had the official capacity of taking care of a deal like this. He

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said well we'll go back to Harding and get some more of the officials and see what they say. We

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went back to the police department. We told them, we told their story to the chief of police,

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and that later on the chief of police, myself, the sheriff, the city attorney, a photographer from

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the local paper, and the county attorney drove back out there again. They all verified my story,

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that there had been a big machine sitting there, and I again asked them whether they

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shouldn't put a, think we should put some guards out there and rope it off. They said,

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00:18:11,920 --> 00:18:15,840

North was necessary along with the 6-7 of the officials here, was witness enough.

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We go back to town. They left me out of my hotel, and they put it on the air, on TV,

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00:18:27,440 --> 00:18:34,320

and radio, coast to coast. I was in the hotel for about 20 minutes. They shut off the all programs,

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and this news came over there. They, the telephone started ringing. Everybody was calling. They wanted

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more information. Also at the police department, they were swamped at all. They came over and asked

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what I would come over and answer the telephone. I asked the telephone there at the police department.

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The chief of police turned his office over to me, closed the door. There were two telephones in there.

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I answered these two telephones faster because the chief of police was out in the other room answering.

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And at 9.30, that night, the chief of police made an appointment with the local radio station.

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He went on the station with me for about an hour's interview over the air. He verified my story.

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Also that same night at 10.30, we went on TV. He was with me on TV, verifying my story.

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00:19:36,320 --> 00:19:39,680

We still have the original tape recording that was made that night.

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That's this. Later on, we went back to the police department. Again, there are a lot of

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photographers that flew in, and the police department was completely swamped with photographers

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and news people and telephone calls. This went on for approximately 18 hours.

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Air force from Colorado Springs flew out. They asked me the same question I repeated.

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They made a tape recording of it. And they went back to Colorado Springs.

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Shortly after that, when everybody wanted to change their story, the chief of police, the

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sheriff, the county attorney, and more, so many said they didn't think that this story was true,

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that they was going to change their story, and wanted me to change it too. I told them,

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no, I said, I think this shift is the way I had explained it several different times.

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And that was the true story, and I was going to stick with it.

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They had several remarks to make. They had heard that I smoked marijuana in several

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different fields like that. Next morning, about five o'clock, they asked whether I would take

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the lid detector test. I had been talking for about 18, 20 hours. My voice was getting very

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hoarse. I had a headache and had nothing to eat all day. And I said, no, I would not go to night

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anymore. But after a few hours rest, I would go to Grand Island, Nebraska, and have a lid detector

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test. Next morning, they came out the paper that I refused to have a lid detector test. I did

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refuse it that night, because I couldn't talk anyway, and I didn't think that was the time to go.

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The next morning, I asked them whether they want to go and take a lid detector test, and they said,

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no, it wasn't necessary. The following morning, about 10 o'clock, they brought an oil can to the

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jail where I had stayed all night. And they said that I just will change my story now, because

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they found evidence of some oil that oil had been poured on the ground, and they found a new can

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of oil flying there where the ship had been sitting. The night before, in the airport,

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by South, all officials, and besides from 500 to 1,000 person that had walked up and down that

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river where this machine had been sitting, nobody had found an oil can there that next morning,

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00:22:31,360 --> 00:22:36,640

after got live here, they laid a new oil can right on the plane site where the ship had been

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sitting. I told them they'd have to grim up a different story than that, because there's sure

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couldn't have been that many people flying. You can see that oil can the night before. And I said,

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if you think I had anything to do with their oil can, they should have picked their fingerprints
off,

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because they didn't do that. They said they found this oil can in the back of my car. I told them I

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had two cans of oil in the back of my car, which was right, but there wasn't the kind of cans that

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they were showing me. I had also a can opener in my car that would open a triangular hole, at least

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this can was opened with a round can opener. After I got back to my car again, I'd seen where they

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had poured oil in the back of my car over some of my laundry, and the two cans of oil that I had in

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my car were still there. They started then they wanted to give me a test for or at the mental

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hospital. I've seen what they were trying to do. So I just went right along with them. I didn't

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fight them after they kept me in jail for three days. I would admit it to the mental hospital

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that hates things in Nebraska. I stayed there for two weeks. Now, before we go farther,

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I have a few questions that I would like to ask at this time. When you were on this ship originally,

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how did you feel about the possibility of getting off of the ship again? Did you think that you

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were going to ever get off again? No, I didn't think I'd ever get on that ship. I was very much

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pleased and relieved when they told me I should leave. Did you experience any fear during that

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experience? Not too much, as I did that for a part in a practice. I was quite sure that there's

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oil in it. Now, what about this oil that was on the ground originally? Did anyone collect any of

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this oil and send any of it for evaluation or examination and where was it sent? It was sent

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to the sheriff and I picked it up in a little bottle. It was sent to the university at Lincoln,

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Nebraska for an analysis. Do you believe that this oil was from the spaceship or is there

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any way to determine whether the oil might have come from some other source? No, I could say

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with a camper in a spaceship all of this oil was greenish color and a very sweet smelling oil.

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And the chief of police in myself got some on our hands when we were picking it up off the leaves

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there and we both mentioned that after we on TV that we could still smell that oil on our fingers.

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It was a very sweet smelling oil of a greenish color. Whether it came out of the ship, I wouldn't

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say because I don't, never seen where it came out. Did the news photographer that was with you and the

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officials photographed any of the marks that were in the sand where the ship had been resting?

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Yeah, so local newspaper photographs of four different places where the ship had been resting,

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especially one of the imprints in the sand was about two to three inches deep. It was very

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plain. The other three weren't so plain. What was the diameter of the marks in the sand?

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They were approximately putting diameters around. Were any footprints visible or people have just

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walked? Yes, there was a footprint visible. The chief of police explained it over the TV and over

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radio. He said he could see where the, I had gotten out of the car. There's two tracks that come,

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met me and the three of them had walked back to the ship and it looked like we had been

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yanked upwards because all three steps, footprints stopped at the same time. That's when we stepped

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on a step, I guess, walking to the ship. Now you made some statements that you were accused of

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smoking marijuana. Do you smoke at all? I do not smoke at all, no sir. Who had the keys to your car

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while you were being held in the jail? How were people or how was anyone able to get into your car

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while you were being held in? The chief of police, when they put me in jail, took all

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the long as I had with me and had him in his possession, including the car keys. Was any

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warrant signed for your arrest or were you held legally by this sheriff's department? There was no

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warrant signed. I asked them what they were holding for and they said they were just going to hold me.

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There was no warrant signed. I was asked, or I asked them to use the telephone. They refused to

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let me use the telephone. I think they let me use the telephone once to call some local attorney

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there, but I didn't. After I seen who he was, he had to be the assistant county attorney and I didn't

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want him. They wouldn't let me call my brother. They wouldn't let me call my employer in California

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and they wouldn't let me have no cops from any time. Now I read in some material from the

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Nebraska newspaper, the public hall, where your wife reported certain incidents that

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authorities had called her and told her certain things. Would you recount what this situation

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was about of being a suicide risk? Yes, they called my wife a cat for Wyoming and they told her the

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deal I know she had read about it in the papers. They told her that for her to call the boys and

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bring the lawyer and come and take me to the mental institution, that they had no facility to hold

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me there. I was a suicide risk. They told her that they would have to take me there that night.

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She said to, she would call the boys and would call right back. Just an hour or last in between

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times, she called back and said not to take me to the hospital. They would fly over and be there

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at least 10 or 11 o'clock at night. They told her it was too late for her not to even come for at

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least two weeks because they had taken me to the hospital at 9 30, which was not true. I didn't

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leave the hospital. I didn't leave for the hospital at 11 30 that night. This leaves officials

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treat you as a suicide risk prior to being held in the jail. I didn't know anything about it that

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they had told the story and told after I talked to them about that. Were any of your possessions

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taken away from you that would have been dangerous? Yes, they told the public that they had to take

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my shoestring, my belt and my neck tie away from me. But this was not true because I still had it.

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I even had a razor in the cell where I was at. What happened with your brothers? Did anyone call

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your brothers and what did they relate about your experience? They called my brothers one brother

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Grand Island, Nebraska and one brother at Hastings, Nebraska. They also called my sister at Kenos on

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Nebraska. They told them the same thing that I'm a suicide risk for them to get their lawyer and

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their share to come and get me and commit me to the hospital at Hastings, Nebraska. And luck would

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have it I was with my brother on a Sunday before, just two days before this, and we had a family reunion.

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They thought that was kind of funny that something should happen to me that fast.

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Although they did go talk to their lawyers, their lawyers advised them different because

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their lawyers told them they had watched this case all the way through and that it just had gotten

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too big for the carny officials and they wanted to get rid of me and that they would go get me

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their hands were washed the whole thing. My brother called and told them that they would not come and get me.

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Now before you went to the Hastings State Mental Hospital, was any medical examination or any

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mental examination given to you to determine whether or not you should go to this hospital?

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Who participated in this examination and where was it held? This examination took place above the

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fire department, back of locked doors, and they consist of the chief of police, the sheriff,

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the county attorney. They introduced themselves as another attorney there and the clerk of the

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district court. They were there was no doctor there. We had been there for at least 30 minutes

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just talking. Finally this doctor did come. He asked me three questions. He asked me how I

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felt about the people of carny, whether I still maintained that kind of shift and whether I was

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willing to go to the hospital for treatment. That's the only three questions that doctor asked me.

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What was your reply to the correctional heart that you wanted to go to the hospital enough?

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I said no, I was not going on my own free will if they wanted to take it there, they'd have to take it.

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Did anyone there in Carnegie try to find where this medical or this mental examination was being

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held? Yes, Mr. Gene Warkson, the manager of the KGSW in Carny, Nebraska told me that he looked

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all afternoon. He knew that he was taking place and he looked for the meeting where it was at.

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He finally found some of the policemen had told him where it was at when he got there. He was all over.

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Now the newspaper recounted the two psychiatrists, I mean mentioned them by name,

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and the news report was that these two such two psychiatrists said that you told your story the

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same way each time, therefore you have a fixation and you have to have immediate mental treatment.

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Did you meet these psychiatrists and did they question you before you were sent to the hospital?

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Yes, I talked to these two psychiatrists in the same room above the

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fire department in Carny, Nebraska for about 20 minutes.

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What kind of questions did they ask you and what transpired? Did they ask you questions? Did they

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both participate in the examination? Would you relate that to him? No, sir, one of the psychiatrists,

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he never said a word, he never introduced himself when he came there, he just sat there holding

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his hand over his face and looking down on the floor, he never asked you no questions, the other

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one's done the talking. What kind of questions did he ask you? He asked, I don't remember just all of them,

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but just concerning one thing and the other about the spaceship and he also asked me, he said,

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one question he asked me, he said, who was the smartest George Washington or

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Abraham Lincoln? I told him I wasn't born and yet I wouldn't know.

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Another question he asked me was if I wasn't a human being, what would I therapy?

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Tell him I'm going to be a psychiatrist. That is, several others, I don't remember.

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What was his reaction when you told him that you'd rather be a psychiatrist if you couldn't be a...

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What did you put out about the, I think that's about the last question he asked,

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that was about the tiny question. Yes.

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Yes, I was going to ask you, did you feel that because of the change of circumstances in the

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investigation and the apparent actions here on the part of the Air Force, did you feel that this

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was a deliberate attempt on the part of the Air Force or any branch of the Security Commission

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to completely squelch this story to the extent that the public would have no honest understanding

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of it? That's right. I wouldn't say the Air Force then, I don't know who then, but right into the

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Air Force was there. They all changed their stories and wanted me to change mine. In other words,

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it did look as if there was a deliberate attempt to completely squelch it. Yes.

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What methods did they use on you to try to get you to change your story? Just talking as all. I mean,

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you could they threaten you or no? Any author? No, they never threatened me. That's the one man

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asked me, but how much money would you take to change your story? And I said the national

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was big enough to make me take my story.

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Would you go ahead and recount then what happened at the hospital? But do you know,

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actually, who committed you to this St. St. Louis Hospital? Who bothered about or ordered this

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commitment? I never seen the commission papers that I heard later on that the county attorney,

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the chief of police and the chair signed the complaint. I have one question here.

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At the examination above the fire department there, did you feel that this was a deliberate

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attempt to determine an evaluation of your sanity without the aid of professional medical advice?

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You mentioned that someone was trying to get in contact with you at the time this meeting was

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going on, but it was not made clear to me, at least, who this individual was and what the purpose of

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his contact or his attempt to locate you was. Who was this individual? His name was Gene Larson,

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the manager of KGSF, the local radio station there. He wanted to come up there for news purposes,

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and he had been helping me all the way through as much as he could. He wanted to sit in on this

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meeting, but he never got there. Do you think that at this meeting, the medical doctor, if there was

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one there, do you think that he was contacted by any officials previously? Yes. He had his

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report made out before he ever asked me any questions. I've seen it all the way in there.

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I see. Who was this doctor? I couldn't, and he introduced himself, but I forgot his name.

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I see. He was a medical doctor as such in practice, or was he a psychiatrist?

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No, he said he was a medical doctor, but I forgot his name. I see.

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You know where he was from? No, sir. Now, regarding the development of just preceding this,

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were you able to engage counsel for yourself or get any kind of assistance in the way of legal

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counsel? No, sir. I asked to use the telephone to call my boss, a Californian, or call my

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brothers. I knew there was any of them, which brought a attorney over. I was not acquainted in

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Fronting, Nebraska, and I didn't know any attorneys to call there. Was any counsel offered to you?

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Yes, there was a counsel. He said, well, we have a lot of attorneys here, and he did get the telephone

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back, and he run it, figured out it. He said, well, here's the good one. His name happened to be

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Meyer, I think it was, and he did call him, Meyer was the name, one Meyer, and he did call him,

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and when he got there, I remember seeing him for some reason, that he was in a hotel, and somebody

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had told me he was a 50-county attorney, which wouldn't have done me no good at all. And I

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talked to him after I seen him, I talked to him, he said, well, you should change your plea, and

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tell me you've never seen his story. I talked to him about three minutes, and I told him I couldn't

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use him. That's when I've ever, ever had a counsel. You tell me. Was there any jury trial or anything

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of that nature to determine whether you should go to the state hospital? There was not.

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Would you go ahead and relate to what happened at the hospital? At the hospital,

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the hours that I was admitted to the hospital at 11.30 that night, the next morning at 10 o'clock,

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I was called to the board of doctors at the panel, what they called. There was about

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20, 30 doctors there, and they told me, they were sitting around the room, they told me that

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they were going to ask me some questions, and I just feel free to ask them any questions. They

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asked me questions for about 20 minutes. I didn't ask them any questions, and they excused me to

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always go check the recreation hall and watch the U.D. And in several hours, the doctor that

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contained my case came out, and you want to know what I was in there for. I told him I didn't know

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what was my idea. And he kind of shook his hand and walked away. Three days later, they've gotten

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a lot of the test facts, three or four days later, they got a lot of the test facts,

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and he said that they had passed them all they've taken so far, and they couldn't find

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nothing wrong with me. They even called my mistake that got ahold of the KGFW of Mr. Arson,

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and they told him they gave him a bad time. They said, what in the world did you send this man up

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here for? And Mr. Arson told me he was just a newsreporter. He just called the police department.

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Everyone's done it. He called the police department. I don't know what they told him.

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After four days, the test they had given me, they said I had passed them all, and they said they

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could release me. I said, no, I owe it to my doctor in the public. I want every test available

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at the new in the hospital. And the doctor said, well, I was a very wise move to do that.

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They gave me all the tests that they knew available, and that lasted about two weeks,

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when they finally got all the tests back again.

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You know, if anyone tried to reach you, how you were at the hospital, did you receive any mail

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or any communications while you were in the hospital? I received some mail from a media

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family. That's the only mail I received. I got a couple letters from a boy. My boss in California

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had a questioner first called in for three days. He never did get a call to me. Also,

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several others, as far as my business can turn, tried to call me, and they never could get the

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contact with me. So it wouldn't let nobody into this with they just the media family.

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I couldn't call out or let nobody would call in.

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However, the circumstances surrounding your final release from the hospital,

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the last day when all the tests were back, I was in them, and the, it came out of the panel again,

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been for the doctors. And thanks a couple days before that, they told me that I had to ask all

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the tests that they would release me. When I came out of the panel the second time, my employer from

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Brally, California, came to Hickings, Nebraska, and he walked in the hospital,

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my doctor, and he asked me what they had found. They said there's nothing wrong with me. Although,

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according to law, they could hold me for two more days. My employer was very much put out about it

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because they would hold me there, and he could have used me in his business, what he sent me to

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Nebraska to do. He was very much put out. He told me if there was nothing wrong with me, that they

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should release me tonight. Otherwise, tomorrow he would find his few lawyers down from California,

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and there would be a lot of trouble. I was, the doctor went into the other room for about five

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minutes. He came back out, and I was released within five minutes. And every, they said they

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would mail me. They were really interested in what they did. Now, during this time that you were

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held in this hospital, did you suffer any financial loss? Yes, a year ago, I was buying grain at

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Wilcox, Arizona. They were short of combat, their corn combat, and we needed some corn. I bought

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three Minneapolis Malayn picker shellers. They cost $4,200 a piece, which amounted quite a bit,

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over $13,000. I had very good luck with them the first year. They were all paid off except $1,300.

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We paused momentarily there in our recording for one of the gentlemen to change the tapes on his

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machine, and we were continuing now uninterrupted as before. Now, at Implement Cafe where I had

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bought these machines from, knew I was in a hospital and probably wouldn't get out for a year or

two,

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he repossessed these machines. The foreman disappeared. I have written several different

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letters at that time. They're all letters come back. I have never been able to find him. He has

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never sent me no money. So it was part of law at least $15,000-$16,000. I went back to buying grain

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that's tiny Nebraska, right after I got out of the hospital. I had very good luck. All the farmers

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were for me 100%. In fact, I could buy more grain than I could handle. A lot of the farmers asked me

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what I was going to do about the police department and the sheriff's department,

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and they had queued me. At that time, I hadn't thought much about it. They said,

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you don't do something about it. We think you are crazy. I was about a month or two later,

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or a big fact, the fifth day of February, 1958. I was out in the country

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inspecting some grain or driving around. My car stopped at the shop of Elm Creek, Nebraska.

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When my car stopped, it was about the very instant, the same shift again,

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hovered down on the inside of the fence about 30 feet from me on a prairie. I knew the shift,

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when I seen the same one I had seen before. I got out of the car and walked towards the shift.

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The men, one man came to the door. The answer was I had a little time when I was cared to

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talk to them. They had a favor they would like to ask. I got into the shift,

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and they said we can't stop right here beside the country road. It caused too much confusion,

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but I wouldn't mind if we would take a little ride a short distance. I said, no, I'd be glad to do

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that. We got up, erased, I flew over about two miles and fell again down in the river among the

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trees. This shift, I forgot to mention that the first time was completely transparent. You could

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00:46:02,240 --> 00:46:07,520

look up and see the sky, you could look down and see the grass, or you could look sideways and see

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the whole countryside, but from the outside it is the complete balloon or something.

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Mr. Snet, I'd like to ask you a question here at this point.

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The first time that you were contacted and you talked to the individuals within the shift,

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apparently they were able to communicate to you in an intelligible language, and apparently

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they were able to do so on the second contact, and apparently they had a method of knowing

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this where you were. Now this infers some method of telepathic communication. Do you feel that they

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are able to understand our thoughts and consequently interpret our thoughts into intelligible

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language, quickly learn the language, and adapt themselves to the conditions? In other words,

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I want you here to answer in your own way all that was possible that they could speak to you

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either in English or in Hyderabad or in any language. I don't know just how many languages

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they can speak, but they talked to me in American language with a German accent. On a second visit,

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I asked them how they knew I was belonging to this country or how they were able to pick me up,

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and he kind of smiled. He said, these are the very words he used. He said, we have your brain

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impulses and we can pick you up anyplace. I asked him and I said, well I'm going to maybe go to

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California in a short while. He said it didn't make a difference. They can pick me up there.

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He said, you folks here have your fingerprints where you identify people. We use the brain impulses,

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and they, I knew they could do that because otherwise I was alone in the car and I don't know

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how else they could have picked me up. I believed just what they told me. We flew over to the river

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there. On the way over there, I asked them what propellant machine or what kind of gas they used,

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and they said we do not use any gas. We get the energy from the earth and from the sun.

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We landed down on the river, fed there again, and these are the questions that they asked me,

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and I told them I was trying to find out. The first question was, what would the United States do

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if other planets were to start sputniks or satellites orbiting the earth, erupting all TV,

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radio, and a lot of other devices? Also the atomic bomb. It seems to me, after that first question,

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when they told me, I think to me they definitely made me believe that they were from out of space,

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and was wondering if somebody from out of space would shoot the atomic bombs down to us or have

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satellites orbiting this earth, what we would do. Also the second question was, what was this

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ship carrying that disintegrated over the Pacific Ocean? We thought out later on it had to be on

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November the 6th, November the 8th, 1957. They wanted to know what this ship was carrying

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besides passengers. I thought it was a military secret I would try and find out and let them know.

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The third question would be, how would the people react if it pleaded these ships,

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would land and talk to all people on a friendly mission? Would they accept us on friendly terms?

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Here lately on the several different meetings where I was at, all people seemed to cooperate

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very nicely and said they would accept them in friendly terms and would be glad to talk to them.

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I talked to a sheriff in Nebraska, I told him the same thing and he said he would turn his

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machine gun loose on them. I told him his machine gun probably wouldn't last a long just a little

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bean shoot beside their machine. But that's about, they took me back,

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set me down beside my car again and said they would meet me or contact me in the near future.

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I asked them whether they would give me their address, I'd be glad to write them a letter,

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but they said they would contact me. That's about the experience that I had in this two

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contacts with these flying objects. I have a question, Mr. Smith, in your first experience,

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do you know whether there were any other witnesses that observed this craft at any time before or

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after your experience or during your experience? At the time this, I had the trouble up there

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in Connie. I didn't know that there wasn't any other witnesses. I'm sure there's some of them

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have seen it. The county attorney told me that he had talked to some farmers there and their

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cracker had stopped. But as I come out of the hospital, I found out that there were two common

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businessmen from Connie, Nebraska, after they had sent me to the hospital at Hasty, Nebraska.

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They called Mr. Lachlan at the KGSW and told him that they had a statement they would like to make,

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they wanted him to find out whether there were any jets in that territory that certain days.

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He said he could find that out. He called Cheyenne, Wyoming, they called the eastern radar station,

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which has to be Lincoln, I believe. Mr. Lachlan told me they called back and said there were no

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jets in that territory or no army planes in that territory called that afternoon. So he

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revealed this information to these two businessmen. They came up to the radio station and made a tape

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recording that they were hunting peasants up there the same afternoon between two and three

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o'clock when I was with this ship. They said they'd seen this ship, they heard it, they'd seen me

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drive up to the ship or walk up to the ship. They made this tape recording and they took it

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over to the police station and played it to the police department and told them they'd better

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get me out of the hospital for that too, which is reliable, which this was never brought out.

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This tape is locked in a safe at KGSW in Cunning, Nebraska and it can be subpoenaed about the

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way you can get these people don't like to be, get on a public experience or anything like that,

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although they said if it helped me in any way that they would be glad to subpoena the tape.

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Also a friend of mine in Cunning, Nebraska said that he talked to three farmers that were hunting

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ducks that afternoon on a river there, were sitting in the blind, they'd seen this ship,

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they'd seen me walk into the ship and leave again. They, our family men and they said that they

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didn't want to get mixed up because they didn't have no time to take a mental test. Just before I

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came to that in Cork, Nebraska a couple of days before that a friend of mine at Tennyson, Nebraska

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told me that the Lewis Construction Company, the entire crew had seen that ship. I don't even know

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the Lewis Construction Company but they volunteered to tell it. They, the entire crew seen this ship

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shortly after noon that same day. This Lewis Construction Company is a land living outfit,

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they probably have 15, 20 men working there, whether they all seen it, I don't know.

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You mentioned that in Fort LaVastima, that in Fort Iowa?

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That in Fort Iowa, yes. Now I tried to call you at the Hasing Hospital from Washington,

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D.C., were you informed that anyone had tried to call you? I was not. Now you mentioned earlier that

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you only received mail from near relatives. Were you ever able to receive any other

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mail that had been sent to you during the time that you were in the hospital? What happened to

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any mail that was sent to you? The only mail I got in the hospital was just from immediate relatives.

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The doctor told me there that when I was released that I had long mail at the police department

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in Pining, Nebraska. Also Gene Larson told me the same thing. That's the manager of the KGFW.

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Mr. Schmidt, I'd like to ask you a question here relative to both your first and your second

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experience and that regards the nature of the occupants of this craft. I'd like to ask you

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the general height, the appearance of the occupants, the color of the skin, the type of clothing.
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other words, was there an almost identical resemblance here to what we consider the human form?

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Or were there some differences? These men, as near as I can gauge them, they were about 5 foot 6

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straight. It's just tall. Weight 160, 70 pounds. They were of a dark complexion. One had a little

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mustache. The two ladies were weight about 130. They were brunettes. They had light colored weights,

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dark skirts and low heeled shoes. This one girl had a very small earring. I am sure this one,

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and they were all of a dark complexion, I am sure this one man that was with me

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exactly all the time in his ship or was with me all the time in his ship, he was in an

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fort tiny hotel watching TV the night before. I talked to him. He didn't say much. He had the very

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German accent that they talked to me in the ship. He didn't talk too much to me or to the other men,

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but there was a little boy there that he talked to quite a bit and I could tell by his power.

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It sounded just exactly like the men that were in the ship. I told this to the officials of

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Cunningham, Nebraska and they said they investigated that this man was from Chicago.

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I'd like to ask you one other question here. What type of clothing specifically did the

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gentleman wear? In other words, well, what color was it? Was it a one-piece garment, two-piece

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shirt, trousers as we wear or in other words precisely what was it? They had a vest and suit

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on. They had a coat, a shirt, they were an all-white shirt. Some of them were tricep shirts and trousers.

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They could walk anyplace on the streets in any town unless you had seen them before. You would

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00:56:53,520 --> 00:56:58,160

never have identified them as being on that ship. I would know them because I have seen them several

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00:56:58,160 --> 00:57:06,240

different times. Now, coming back to this mail situation, did you receive or find your mail

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that you were told was at the Sheriff's Office in Cunningham, Nebraska?

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No. When I came back out of the hospital, I went to the police department and asked for a mail and

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I said they had no mail there, all the mail that they had, that's given to the county attorney.

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I asked the attorney and he said he had received no mail. There was quite a bunch of mail,

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although I have never seen it. That was delivered to the police department that had been told

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to me by several people. One of them was Gene Lark, the manager of the KTFW. He told me there was

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quite a stack of mail but I never did receive it. I was told that and this mail was there but I never

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did receive it. I was even told that they had seen some money in this envelope. I never received

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any money from anybody. I put an ad in the paper that addressed in the public office,

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anybody that had written the letters to me and I had to acknowledge them, especially if there was

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money in it, they should write to me again because some of my mail had been lost and I had not

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received it. This has never been printed. They refused to print this or they never said they

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refused to print but it never was printed. Mr. Ebrist, what is the name of your employee in

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California? What is the name of the firm you work for? I bought for the value pack at Brawley,

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California. The manager there was Don Waddell. I also bought for the Balfour and Guthrie and

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company that live with it at the English office but they didn't draw no grain out of Nebraska.

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When I get back to California, they buy grain out of Nebraska, they don't draw no grain out of

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the value pack. Does Balfour and Guthrie do anything to assist you or check into this matter

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while you were in the hospital? Yes, they did. They sent them, they talked to me several different

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times. They also sent a long letter in form of an acid tablet to the hospital stating that I had

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lost millions and millions of pounds of grain for them and they had found me very reliable and never

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had had a mistake. The other employer, Mr. Waddell, was the value pack Plutu, pasting

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Nebraska from California and assisting me on getting out of the hospital. Did you receive any

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telephones from Balfour and Guthrie while you were in the hospital? No. Now what happened when you

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were released from the hospital and you talked with your employer from Brawley, California?

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What was his attitude towards reinstalling you again? If we got back to Connie and Nebraska,

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we had breakfast there this following morning and I said, well,

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then am I still working for you or will I have to look for another job? And he said,

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you absolutely are working for it. The manager of the KGSW was there with us and he said that

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he thought it would be a good idea if I'd give Connie a wise bird. And that's Bob there. My

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boss spoke up and he said, Smitty hadn't done that thing wrong and we're going to leave him right

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here and let him start buying just what he left off. Which idea? I asked him more grain than I

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could have of products. Every farmer was performing 100%. Did you do some advertising that you were

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back in business? Yes, I put an paper with the health of my employer and this is the way it read.

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My little corn growers, a crazy grain buyer from California is still around and would like to

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put a bid on your grain. And this paper hits the streets at four o'clock. The cellophones

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were all swamped at the hotel again. People calling anyone that's not great.

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Now what happened? Did someone report to you as the attitude or the activity of the public or

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high school students in particular while you were in the hospital? Yes, Gene Larson with the KGSW,

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when I come back, he told me that the high school students at Carnegie Bats was really

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for me 100%. He said they almost swamped the police department for three days. He told me that

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here we're teaching us to be good citizens and a perfect stranger comes to your town

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and you treat them the way you did. Mr. Schmidt said that was unconstitutional. He was very much

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put out about the high school colleges in Carnegie Bats. Now in the newspaper, a call that came out

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shortly after this experience was reported, about the second day the press, the radios,

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and TV programs began to call you the ex-convict from Nebraska. I know in particular that they

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never mentioned your name as Reinhold Schmidt. They merely said that the ex-convict from Nebraska.

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What was the background or the reason for this statement about him being an ex-convict?

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About 30 years ago, I was buying vegetables for a potato, potato firm that was located in Hastings,

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Nebraska. I had bought for them one year, the second year this company wouldn't grow. I was

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authorized to write checks on this company, be in another buyer. The second year this company

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wouldn't grow, I had about six checks out when I found out that he was getting short of money.

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I went around the house of farmers and I knew there was money in the bank. I could hear through

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01:02:51,200 --> 01:02:56,720

the conversation. I would go tell them to get their checks in and get their money. I have to

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all get their money except two checks. These two checks with my name on never declare. Also,

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the other buyer had about six checks out because they didn't declare and bought himself had about a

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few checks out. What happened as a result of this? They had a file and we were all convicted as

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well they called mind imprisonment. They said that it came out enough. The trial is we were all

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together. We worked this scheme together. I went to Lincoln, Nebraska, had my fingerprints taken

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and was sent to Genoa to the state farm for six months. I was at trustee there right away from

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01:03:45,680 --> 01:03:49,920

the next day right away. They signed me to a grocery cart and I called the grocery

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cart from town, from out of town back to the Genoa farm. Did you have any letters or any

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official authority from this firm authorizing you to sign checks for them? Yes, I had a letter

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that they went ahead now from these week companies and authorized me to sign checks.

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But regardless of this fact, why they convicted you or claimed that you were a party?

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Yes, I was a party. That's my stuff and also the other buyer.

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But the firm, what happened was that the firm went broke?

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Yes, the firm was broke and some of the farmers didn't even sign it.

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But you were not a member of the firm? No, sir. I was just a pink buyer.

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There were some other reports in my own investigation at the county of Nebraska. It was

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reported from Cardi and I understand that others also had this report given to them.

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Something to the effect that the truth had been logged and that some money that

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belonged to some firm had been taken from you. But there was some question as to

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the real circumstances. What was that? What was the situation about a robbery?

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This robbery took place in the close to Cedar City, Utah. I was going from Nebraska to California to

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my potatoes there on my own. I went to the bank the night before and I didn't want to keep the

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money out of the bank that night. I went to my bank and talked to him. He said,

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will you come in before eight o'clock tomorrow morning and I'll have the money out so I can

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give it to you. He opened the bank early that next morning. He gave me $14,000 in cash.

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I put it in my money bell and went to California. Going to Utah, I don't know if any of you had

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heard about this, so they called in their red light bandage. They would flash a red light in your

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face and stop you and rob. They always watched first whether there was more than one person in

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the car. The night before they robbed the sheriff of Cedar City, Utah. Cedar City, Utah, they robbed

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him. He was alone in the car. This night, I was driving through Cedar City, Utah through the

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hills where there is a light flash in my face. I thought it was a crow there and there was a wreck

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there. I stopped when I'd seen that it was a little foreign car and I figured that maybe there's

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no gas. I sat on the accelerator and was going to go on and buy them and they shot my light

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stop. They stopped. I had to get out and they searched me and took my wallet away from me.

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I had a heavy coat on. Somewhere out there, he happened to see what I had a money bell. He

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noticed the money bell. I had all this money in there and I didn't think I wanted to give that up

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without a struggle. I hit him on the jaw and knocked his gun out of his hand. This other man

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was with him on the other side of me. He shot me through the arm. I put my hand up the stairs

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around the political and of course I did not give up. They took me. This happened to be

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South of Cedar City on the highway. But before they robbed it, they took me on a little off road

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there and searched me. They shot a hypodermic needle through into my arm and said we'll put you

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the switch so you can't record this right away. But it's the heavy coat I had on. It didn't take

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effect. I went back to the hospital. I managed to stay awake. I went back to report to the

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police of Cedar City, Utah. He put me in a hospital. He said they might have got some air in the blood

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veins. They wanted to watch me. I remember the nurses that they were all night long kept me awake

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because they wouldn't let me go to sleep. But they don't let me get up. I stayed there all

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at night the next morning. I was released from the hospital and went on my way. This money was my

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own money. There was nobody else's money involved. This is my own money. I got the big cost. These

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red light bandits about a year later and they admitted that they did get $14,000 from

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at that time out of Nebraska car from the Nebraska man. What was the year when this happened? That was

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that has been about I don't remember the year without looking it up. It has been at least 10

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years. What was the situation about potatoes? Someone seemed to tie some potatoes. Oh, this

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same person that told about the using marijuana told the sheriff there and Carney that I had to

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he knew of a time that I had taken a truckload of potatoes to Carney, Nebraska had sold them

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and got $10,000 for the KGFW. Mr. Larson looked up to me. He said that I got me the potatoes.

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He looked up the potatoes at that time were worth $0.60 a hundred and he said he's taken

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a trainload of $10,000. Never was such a thing. I never did all I needed to take the

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car or any other place far away. Now, I was wondering about

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about some of your background prior to this and fighting by Val for enduccity and the value pack

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company. Her, what city in what state were you born in? I was born in Kenoslo, Nebraska,

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just about 18 miles west or east of Carney where this all took place. I was on the father's farm

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there for 18 years after he passed away. Another state was now farmed up for 18 years. The

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depression hit shortly after that depression. I started working for other people. I never did

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sell. I've been hiring different firms all the time. At first I bought for the potato company

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the one I had trouble with. The second when I come back to work I have two offers to go back to buy

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again right in the same town. One was for the Siemens potato company. I bought for him for five

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years. Then I bought for the farmers union in the Ogden, Utah. I bought livestock. I worked around

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Carney. I'd like to ask a question here, Mr. Smith. Would you give us some idea of your

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education? I know that you apparently do understand German. How did you acquire that and

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something about your education? I went to the country school at grade school at Kenoslo, Nebraska.

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I graduated from the eighth grade. I went to the Fremont Hill School to read terms of the

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German language, reading, writing. Before I graduated from that I went to the high school for one year

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in Kenoslo, Nebraska. Then I went for one year to the normal in Carney, Nebraska

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at Warlock's telegraphy. I didn't finish there because I was drafted to go to the army.

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Do you remember the sea was so bad there? The last call was a... I would do all the three times I

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never get to go to war with the sea. Then I started buying it when I got to buying for the farmers

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unit in Oregon, Utah. I went to Bakerfield and was growing or growing deer there. I bought for

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the city produce in Los Angeles. Also, they had a grown deal in Mexico. They sent me to Mexico,

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old Mexico, to get the vegetables across the line. I was with them for three years on a growing

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deal and a joint deal. Mr. Schmidt, what actually or what work did you do during the war years?

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During the war years, I was... When I was sitting in Nebraska, when I put that ammunition depot in

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there, I was a third man in the government hired there. I was dispatching for the government.

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I stayed with them from the time they started that pack until I closed it. I was looking for about

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two years as a pastor for the government. What does this statue do? I carry the secret papers from

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one play. I don't know what kind of papers it was, but they give me

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sealed quarters and I was taken to different towns and wait for an after.

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01:13:01,520 --> 01:13:14,160

Now, regarding this ship and this visitation and your present work, how does it happen that you are

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accompanying me on your lecture tour? Is this with the knowledge and consent of your employer?

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Yes. Both of my employers are very much interested in this deal. They didn't lack the way I was treated

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and they give me a temporary leave at any time I was through to come back and go to work for them.

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01:13:33,680 --> 01:13:36,160

It could take one week or a year. It didn't make a difference.

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Now, after you were released from the hospital, I have noticed that there in Washington,

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we did not receive any news to the effect from the newspapers or any other means of communication

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that you had actually been released from the hospital. And there was great question at times

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as to whether you were in the hospital or where you were. What happened after you were released

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from the hospital and were you able to get any kind of nationwide news release or any

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nationwide publicity to inform the people of America that you were released from the hospital

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and if you had passed your test? I had my car stored at Carney, Nebraska, in the UAQ out there.

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I came from Hastings, Nebraska to Carney on the bus. Mr. Gene Larson, the manager of the KGFW,

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met me at the bus. He found out through my employer that I was on the bus. And he met me there and

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he said the least he thought he ordered to me to put me on the tape again and broadcast in

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national nationwide again. I sent up there and made a tape recording for about an hour and a half

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from some of the highlights after the hospital. And he said he would release that on the network

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01:14:50,480 --> 01:14:56,240

the next morning. Whether he did or not, I never did hear it. Nobody else ever heard.

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The paper did come out. That's the paper, a little memo-gram come out. I just got around

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Carney on the desk in a cafe, a little place on Harold Schmidt Relishem Hospital. That's all

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I ever seen. They, although my doctor from, that was consigned to my case at Hastings, Nebraska,

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I heard him four different times on my car radio while I was driving and he said I had been released

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01:15:20,800 --> 01:15:27,840

at all attempts and they had no reason to hold me in. I went back to Carney in the bus with

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01:15:27,840 --> 01:15:34,160

buying grain again. I heard that four times myself, the doctor. Were you contacted by any

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wire service or anyone after you were released from the hospital? What was the idea of giving

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you a news release stating that you were out of the hospital? No, I was not. About two weeks later,

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the United Press came to me in the hotel and said that he had been working on it all the time,

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01:15:53,600 --> 01:15:58,080

but whether he put that out for release that I was released from hospital, I really don't know. I never asked him.

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Mr. Schmidt, I want to ask you a question, you know, in regard to the look experience.

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Have you read any literature on the subject of Carney-Coffers or unidentified flying objects,

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as they are called? Have you read, well, I'll say such books by George Damsky, George Van

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Tafel, some of the other writers in the field who reportedly have had authentic experiences?

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No, sir, I have not. I have. And I never was a disbeliever in this spaceship and I never believed

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them. But up to this day, I have never read a book. In other words, you couldn't have been acquainted

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with any material of this type previous to your experience? No, sir, I didn't. I hadn't had

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no experience with them and I never read a book for any literature. In fact, I never,

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nobody has ever sat down and explained it to me.

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I have some questions here in relation to the ship that perhaps people would be interested in.

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Do you have an accurate drawing of the ship made? Yes, I had two of them made. One of them was made

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by an artist, Karne Nebraska was sent over TV. Another one was made at Toledo, Ohio, Toledo,

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Kalamazoo, Michigan by an artist designed, as I've seen it, he drew it, which is on hand built now.

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Could you tell me some physical nature of this craft? For instance, the door.

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How is this door located in the side of the ship? Could you easily see it?

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No, you couldn't see this door at all when it was closed. When it was open, it slid to the inside

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and into the frame of the ship. It didn't open up to the inside, it just kind of dropped in about a foot

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and then slid into the wall. At the same time, the stents would come out from the bottom of the

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ship some way up to the ground about four steps. Did you have any indication as to the thickness of

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the walls of the craft? Not for sure, just as we walked through the door there, the walls were

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about a foot thick there. And it looked like the wall where you're looking through this glass,

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looked like there was a double glass there and then it was about a foot thick there.

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And these hydraulic landing gears, they retract into the body of the ship, did you notice?

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Yes, when it was out of the air the first time, I noticed they disappeared. I never

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seen them, they'd be tracking to the body of the ship, but I noticed they'd present the way that

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they were gone. You mentioned that on each end of the ship there was a bulkhead which you did not

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see. You mentioned that all the walls transparent, how come that you didn't see into this compartment?

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Straight ahead or straight back through each end of the ship, it wasn't transparent, you could look

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up or down underneath this bulkhead or over this bulkhead, you could look out but straight through,

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you could not see into this each end of this ship what these rooms were talking 25 feet long.

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Were there any doors into this compartment? There probably was but I couldn't see it,

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it looked like this, this straight piece of metal, same as the outside of the ship where they were

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still on it. The outside entrance to the ship, the door, it seemed to disappear, do you have any

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theory or any reason for this? The door you mean? Yes. I don't know where this, how they could

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hit it so close but it seemed when the door was closed it was just completely accused in with the

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out of this ship. There are no no scenes or anything. Now regarding your activities since

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the second experience and your appearances at Davenport, Iowa, Tipton, Toledo, Ohio and here at

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Talomah, New Michigan, how do you feel about the public reaction of various persons around

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Karnia, Nebraska and at other places the people that you have met, let's have this

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interesting flying saucer feel. What is your personal feeling towards other people in general?

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Well I think the people around this each and part of the state have just been wonderful,

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otherwise I did have a lot of friends in Karnia, Nebraska even when I came back out of the hospital

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there were a lot of friends around there even some of the officials that was again maybe they

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would talk to me and it seemed very friendly. The people in each and part of the state especially

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were friendly to me. Now regarding this situation that developed in Karnia, Nebraska,

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is there any legal action underway or or developing to try to clear up this matter and to try to

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clear up your name, your name. Also have you ever received or located that lost mail and do you

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have any any plans for trying to locate that mail that was not delivered to you? No I have never

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received a mail and I haven't talked to my lawyer about it whether I'm going to try and proceed to

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get this mail and not there. It's a legal action going on now my lawyer is in Omaha, Nebraska

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aren't working on that now once it will take place I really don't know for sure.

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01:21:38,640 --> 01:21:46,320

What are your friends and plans for trying to clear your name and bring their reality of this

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01:21:46,960 --> 01:21:52,880

faith visit to the people of America? I think a lot of it will help traveling with the

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nature of April and people will at least know that I'm out of the hospital and here's the truth,

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01:21:59,760 --> 01:22:07,360

the first hand has met from newspapers or other newspapers that have been changed a lot.

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Major for the benefit of our listening audience I wonder if you would tell them something of your

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background how it is that you have the title of major and in other words what qualifies you as

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a credible observer and as a speaker on the topic. Yes I'll be happy to cover that. I was born in the

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state of Washington I have lived mostly on the west coast of the United States.

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I went into military service after being employed on the west coast of the Longville

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lumber company of Longville, Washington and the Longville fire department and the city fire

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department at Longville and after the usual educational background in Prudence Business

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College I went into the service in 1937 that was the Washington National Guard at that time

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I had helped organize a unit and trained with a unit that later went to Alaska we were sent

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into Foreign Service prior to Pearl Harbor after training at Kelton Washington and Fort Lewis

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Washington. I served in Alaska for approximately a year and then I was sent to the eastern coast

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for training in the officer candidate school I had been the first sergeant of the unit in Alaska.

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I received a commission as a second lieutenant at Camp Davis North Carolina of the officer

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candidate school I went to Fort West Texas and helped train another unit that was bound for

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service in the European theater this was a unit that later landed on Omaha Beach on V-Day

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and I was with the unit I was designated as the intelligence officer of the unit and my specialty

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was Army combat intelligence my unit after full training in the fault landings and the fault

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warfare was shipped to England for additional training and we landed in support of the 16th

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infantry of the first infantry division on Omaha Beach on V-Day we participated in all

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campaigns of the European theater and I advanced in grade until I finally reached the grade of

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major at the end of the possibilities due to my record I had been awarded the Bronze Star

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Medal for exceptional marital service and the Purple Heart and other campaign medals and arrowhead

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etc for the fault landing I have served an entire period of 16 years in active and reserve duty

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I am working now in a civilian capacity which I felt was more appropriate because

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the fact that I am uh hearing on a type of an educational campaign that is not necessarily

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the desire or the attitude or belief of the armed services and I'm doing this as a civilian

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I have seen a spaceship for myself in the state of California on the night of May 11, 1957

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and I know that these spaceships are real I felt the need because of the gravity of the

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situation and the holding back of this information from the public and my knowledge of the subject

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that I should have taken active part in this educational program so I went to Washington,

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D.C. in May of 1957 and I have been in that part of the nation since that time carrying on an

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educational program and I developed a group known as Washington's culture intelligence a group of

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01:26:19,040 --> 01:26:28,640

civilians in the Washington area in the state of Maryland and Virginia we have been very active

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and I have tried to support all people all groups that are trying to do something in a constructive

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way I don't have much interest or thought in the negativity that comes from some directions and

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some people where people seem to want to destroy the character and the very existence of some people

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that are researching in this field I believe that there is a reason for constructive work and I support

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the constructive work