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We're interested in getting some information regarding your sighting of a large fireball

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the night of the 14th.

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Yeah, I saw that, yeah.

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I wonder if you would give us a full description of what happened right from the beginning.

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Well, let's see.

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I turned on to the street going to my house, which runs north, and my wife said, look, I

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looked up and saw another yellow light, an orange flameball traveling in the northern

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sky from where I was going it was traveling, it looked like a southeast, the early direction

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from where I was at, but I'm not too good at my compass right now.

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Oh, I watched it for a good three to four minutes from the time I got out of the car,

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probably a minute before, maybe a half minute before I stopped the car.

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So I watched it for about four and a half minutes, and I watched what it seemed to break off.

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We had one section of flame, then clear sky, and then the major portion of flame.

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I watched it, and then it faded from sight after about four minutes of seeing it.

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To the southeast?

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Was there a fairly heavy cloud layer at the time, or was this brother?

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No, it was crystal clear.

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I could see all the stars and everything.

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We were in between clouds and everything, and it was clear all the way up.

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There was something mentioned on KGR radio about you contacting Woodby from the station.

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I contacted over there, Air Operations, you know, see if we'd lost an aircraft,

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and we had all our aircraft accounted for, and I was talking to Lieutenant Commander there,

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I can't remember his name off there, but he was observing it from the Air Operations tower.

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And he called radar real quick, and they weren't able to pick anything up.

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I don't know whether it was just too far or a lot, but they were unable to pick anything up off of it.

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Now when you called him, had you concluded your sighting at the time, and had it gone out of sight to you?

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It had been out of sight to me for maybe four minutes, the time I finished driving home to the time I got to the phone.

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And then you went in and called this commander, and he said that he was watching it, or he had watched it?

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He had watched it.

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He had watched it, okay.

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And that appeared to be heading southeast, it appeared to go over the task gauge,

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or whether there was too much cloud cover to tell.

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Well, I don't really...

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It was heading towards the task gauge, I guess from where it was at.

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It was in that area of being to the task gauge.

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I haven't lived here too long, I'm not too familiar with the area around here.

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But it might have been 60 miles at the maximum from where I was at, maybe closer.

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I'd say, was this...

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I know a visual estimate is hard to tell, but was this fairly high in the sky too?

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About what degree would you say it was?

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Oh, I'd say I was looking at about 10 o'clock, maybe 10, 15 in the sky.

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It wasn't real high, it was very more long.

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30, 40 degrees, brother, right?

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I see.

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Was it quite large?

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This is hard to tell too.

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Let's see, from previous meteorites, whatever, it was extremely large.

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It was, I'd estimate maybe a mile and a half, two miles long.

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The flame trail was.

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The actual head of it, I couldn't tell.

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But the flame was maybe a mile and a half, two mile long.

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And no change of direction at all, are you headed under observation?

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No, I just kept noticing that it kept flying horizontally.

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You know, instead of diagonally, like most meteorites, it was going horizontally.

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That's what made me think it may be an aircraft, because I've seen them fly horizontally a long time while I was playing.

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And the exact time was about 620, you say?

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620, yeah, they're about, because I remember I just returned from the store, and I left the store at 615.

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Have you talked to anyone else who has seen it in your area?

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I've tried to find a few other people.

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We have a Lieutenant Commander in my squadron who was in the air at that time and I've observed it for a while.

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Are you in the Navy now?

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Yes, I am.

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Why is this wondering, had you reported it officially or have you kind of kept it yourself?

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Well, I called my squadron and, you know, they're in their operation.

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And our squadron had, they called some outfit in North Dakota, whatever it was, something to do with, you know, the observation of these things.

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I'd skip or call that.

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Probably nor it.

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But, well, they're calling the news station.

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I wasn't able to catch the number for the research center down there to call them.

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Well, I sure appreciate you're talking to me.

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We sent you a questionnaire.

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Would you take the time to fill it out?

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Sure, certainly.

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It's quite brief, but we'd like to get this on record.

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We have other reports of things for the same evening and we're trying to correlate the flight directions and the time so we can see what we've got, whether it's one or more.

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One or more, right?

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Just in case you should see something else in the future or hear of anything.

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Oh, yeah.

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I've seen things before in other locations, Southern California and the desert.

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But the first one I've seen up here.

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And there is anything else you can add to this?

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No, not that I can think of.

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I thought they had a proximate location where she went down.

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Well, this is a different case.

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This took place at 7.50 the same night.

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Oh, the one that went down?

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They observed at 7.50?

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And I observed one at 6.20.

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And one was also observed in eastern Washington, approximately 6.25.

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So we got ourselves a little jigsaw puzzle here.

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I think I'll get some of my books out there.

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They aren't expecting any meteorite forms that I know of.

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Well, there was a meteor shower due, but then the flight characteristics there would rule

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out a meteor anyway.

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Yeah, that's what bugged me.

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Do meteorites don't travel horizontally, do they?

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No way.

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That's what I thought.

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Well, thank you very much for talking to me.

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Thank you.

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Goodbye.