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I was going to ask you, did you ever complete and get typed out your results of the investigation

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of the 14th?

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Just finish typing it tonight and I'm going to get her on the Mimograph tomorrow.

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Oh good, good.

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I did, I spent all day one day out of the FAA flight service center in Auburn.

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All right.

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How'd you make out?

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Well, I finally got through the tape and they let me listen to the tape that night.

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Then they also let me run off the copy of it and I have conditional permission to broadcast

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and what I have to do now to get the final permission is they would like to hear what

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we're going to do with it.

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And their concern naturally is that we don't make misuse of the tape.

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Right.

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In other words, give somebody the impression of something that didn't happen.

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Right.

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So I still have yet to type out the rest of the story and what I'm going to do is just

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do a recreation of that night and let people know what happened at what time.

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And it's interesting that one of the supervisors out there who was kind of handling me that

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day, as you say, well, he just tried to prove through the whole thing and I was very

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nothing and he listened to the tape and there was nothing on there.

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The tape is very significant.

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There were at least, I can't remember, I got all the information at home.

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There were four or five aircraft involved.

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And here's how it all developed.

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If you're interested, do it.

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Definitely.

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Here's how it all developed.

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The first call came in about 748.

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Now, when I say the first call, I'm saying the first call regarding this McKenna thing.

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Earlier in the evening, they had had reports of what had been described evidently by pilots

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as high altitude meteor showers, which are evidently a fairly common occurrence.

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And now these reports were about five o'clock that night.

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Almost 748 on the nose, if I recall correctly from my intro.

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The first report came in from a small private craft identifying himself on the tape as 20X-ray.

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And he was flying in that area near McKenna, flying in a, what was it, a southern leader?

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No.

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Well, I forget the direction, but he was, you know, approaching the Seattle Flight Services

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area that they're responsible for.

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Yes.

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And he called in, and he says, 20X-ray calling Seattle Flight Center.

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It looked like something just exploded off my right wing tip.

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And they asked him to look like an aircraft, and he said he couldn't tell.

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And then a united commercial jet evidently flying up from Portland.

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Captain called in and says this is a united flight, whatever it was.

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Reaffirming that Seattle Flight Center, all three of us saw it.

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It appeared to look like it was an explosion either on the ground or I think or a low level elevation.

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And then 20X-ray butts back in and says, well, it was often, it was high in the sky when I saw it.

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Okay, at this point Seattle Flight Center thinks that maybe a plane might have gone down.

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Oh, at this time they're describing what appear to be fires down below.

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Yes.

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No, wait, I take that back.

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I take that back.

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That's later.

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So at this point the FAA is concerned that a plane might be down, and so they asked him about fuselage and, you know, and did it look like a plane or whatever.

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Then Seattle Flight asks the United Pilot if he can look over on his left because he is flying parallel to 20X-ray.

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So he saw this on his right wing tip.

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So he asked the United Pilot who is flying in a parallel direction, he'll make, you know, quite a distance apart.

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If he can look to his left and see anything on the ground, to which he says, yeah, it looks like three fires down there, one big going and smaller ones around it.

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Okay, at this point, another, around this point, another private craft comes in.

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And says, hey, I heard you guys talking about this fireball thing that I saw to my east.

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And then Seattle Flight comes on and says, oh, sure, that would be in a different direction from where you're at.

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And he comes back on, very distorted, but you can make him out and he says, well, I saw a fireball, a fireball for all of this guy.

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Okay.

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So then Seattle Flight Center starts getting some sporadic EOT transmissions.

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You know what those are?

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No.

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Okay, that's an emergency locator transmitter.

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And that is FAA, all planes are required by law to carry these things.

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And upon impact, they go off and give off a signal that they're working right, so that rescue craft can find it down plane.

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So they start getting some sporadic emissions, which is a fairly common occurrence, but nevertheless, they never take any chances.

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You know?

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Yes.

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So they try to find, you know, try to determine, try to find out, you know, sometimes a pilot will jam something against one and they'll go off and all sorts of stuff.

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So at this point with what the pilots saw and the sporadic beats, they're really kind of thinking a plane might be down here.

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So then there is another private craft.

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Oh, by the way, and then during this time, there was another commercial liner, I believe it was here, you know, a Northwest Orient, who also confirmed the fire on the ground.

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Then they go on by the rudder business.

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The United pilot has asked to swoop down as low as he can see and tell him what he sees.

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So at an elevation of 10,000 feet and descending, he gives his description of the fires below, you know, he's still pretty high up in the air.

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And he then plots his, he gives the Seattle Flight Center his coordinates so that they can plot the area where this thing is.

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So then they're gone.

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Then another private craft, I believe he's identified as Gross 54, comes onto the scene.

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He tells them, he tells them they can, he can see the fire and stuff.

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And they ask him, now they're taking heavy hits of planes down this time, they ask him if he's kind enough to get down in and see if he can take a look.

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Okay.

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He does.

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And now at this point, the only two people who got fairly close to what it was on the ground was this guy, and I forget his identification, what he identified himself with.

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I think it was 26 Quebec, 26 Quebec, and later on, the Fort Lewis pilot, were the only two guys that got in low enough, right?

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Well, this is what happened.

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Anyway, the other four planes were up pretty high.

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But 26 Quebec says, yeah, he'll get out and take a look.

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So I guess he swoops down to about, over 4,000 feet or something.

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And Hormby Hone, he gives the same, almost to a T, the same description that he gave the military pilot.

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He goes on and says, yeah, he says, whatever it was, whatever it hit, must have gone in vertical.

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He says, if it was a plane, it went in vertical.

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Because it looks like there's some sort of a, looks like it cut it out of the area, looks like kerosene or some kind of fuel burning.

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Yeah, it says, what else can you say?

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He says, oh, this is the point where he says, I've seen a lot of flash fires, and that's no flash fire.

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He says, the area's pretty gutted out down there.

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And I can't remember if he used the word crater or not.

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But it was, I mean, it was obvious to him, at 3 or 4,000 feet, that it was not a flash fire and that there was some kind of a hole in the ground.

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Or what appeared to be a hole.

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Which is the same description that he gave, and his, the three crewmen in the military pilot,

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that's the conclusion they came to.

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That it was some sort of a crater.

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And this guy in 2-6 Quebec, where the only pilots that night went down close enough to get any kind of a look at it.

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And their descriptions match up almost to a tee.

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That is good.

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And the next thing I found out, the reason why nobody found this, and I think it's a good idea,

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is that it wasn't a flash fire.

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It was a flash fire.

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It was a flash fire.

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But we didn't know, we didn't know what the reason was.

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The next thing I found out, the reason why nobody found it the next day, including us,

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is that we were looking in the wrong area.

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Should you have been looking further north?

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No, well we were, north, northwest, of where, according to this United Airlines pilot, he

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saw this thing.

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And the elevation of the peaks around there does not correspond with the area that we were

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looking in.

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Would that put in about 13 miles south of McKenna, the original, where they should have been

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looking?

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Well, I've got the coordinates at home and I can't, I think, yeah, that sounds about

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right.

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I've got the coordinates in pilot talk.

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I don't know physically where that place is at.

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I know I've got the coordinates written down in pilot lingo.

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But I do know that we were a good four to five statute mile out of that area.

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We should have looked, see what's opposite of northwest, south, southeast?

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Yeah.

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Okay, we should have looked more south, southeast.

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Well, the reason I mentioned that was because when I talked to FAA information officer,

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he gave me about four different locations that they had.

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Well, I'll tell you, as far as I can determine, we were down there the next day in a helicopter

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and the only other, there were two other helicopters, the Fort Lewis Sheriff's Office and I think

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a new AP had a helicopter down there and we were all looking in the same area, which

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is not the right place according to this United pilot who radiated in his location at the

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time he was directly over this thing.

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Now, granted, he was descending at the time he gave his location over this thing, but

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they tell me at the FAA that would have put us within a mile of it.

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Okay, here's an important point too.

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I was reading some statements made by some of the astronomers who came out here to investigate

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this thing and they all stated to the man that there is no case on history where a meteor

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has ever struck the earth and started a fire.

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Well, that kind of set me back a little bit, you know.

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I'd never heard of that before.

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Hmm.

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So what if something struck down there, plowed in by a, it wasn't a meteor.

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Well, you know, I would tend to think, I would tend to think that,

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if I went for the description that you gave and this guy in two or six quarebec gave, I would,

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I would tend to, I think it was a flash fire, you know, because I've been thinking about that too

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and I actually agree that if a meteor probably hit, you know, number one, as you said,

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it would have registered on the sensors for the seismograph.

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Oh, yes.

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Number two, it probably would have caused quite a jolt around there, you know,

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if there was any kind of a massive object.

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Well, every person within 25 miles would have felt it.

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And the only thing, one of the other possibilities is...

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That's why I was interested in getting a hold of that.

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I tried, I didn't have any success.

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I wanted to find out whether he really believed he was looking at a crater.

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Oh, I told you I'd talked to him the second time, didn't I?

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Yes.

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And he told me again the second time, the way they came to the conclusion that it was a crater,

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was that they had passed three flash fires before they got to this one.

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And, you know, I was thinking, I don't know,

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before they got to this one.

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And to see him and the three other guys who were aboard, it looked like a crater.

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Uh-huh.

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And that's how they came to that conclusion, because it didn't look like the other one.

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It was the top of the Mossy Rock, Stenbar area.

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Uh-huh.

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And they had climbed this hill so they could get a good view of the area around it, looking for deer.

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And they got to the top of the hill and they looked north,

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and here he says it was almost in a straight line between Mossy Rock and Stenbar.

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And he figured off into the Stenbar area was this huge glowing white object hovering above this hill,

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right over the treetops.

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Uh-huh.

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And they watched the thing for about seven minutes.

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He said that it remained stationary for several minutes, and then it started moving upward.

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He finally got the binoculars on the thing, and he said it was so big that it took in about three-fourths of the binocular view.

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And it moved off to the...

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Well, he must have been missed that pretty good shot.

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I could pretty good look at it.

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Yes, very definitely.

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He said there was a rotating band around the center of the object, and as it moved upward, it changed from white to pink to red.

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And as it built up speed, it got up to a bright red and then moved off to the southwest.

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Did he notice any windows or anything?

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No. Just the light effect around it.

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But it moved out of the Stenbar area.

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I'm wondering, you know...

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How high did he say about the treetops it was?

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Right at the treetops.

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Uh-huh.

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I haven't had a chance to get back to him.

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He was calling from the job.

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He works for Warehauser.

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Uh-huh.

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And he was calling from the field, apparently, because he and his boss had worked all morning trying to find an organization to report this to.

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Uh-huh.

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And he finally got through to us, and I'm going to call back this week to his home.

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He'll be back out of the field, apparently.

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He works with research of some kind, out in the forest.

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And I'll go into this a little deeper with him regarding the possibility that this thing could have been sitting on the ground in that area.

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But...

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It's great. Yeah.

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Oh, yeah. Hold on a second.

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The more possible there is, the possibilities I come up with.

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You know, if you look at all of the possibilities,

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you have to include that if there was a crater, there is a possibility, because of the logging and stuff in that area,

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somebody may have gotten a hold of some dynamite.

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They did some kits, right?

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Lots of them.

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You know, they could have just blown a goddamn hole in the ground, you know, out in the woods,

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so nobody would get hurt just to, you know, blow up some dynamite.

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They could have just thrown about 10 sticks in and just a little long fuse and got the hell out,

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and just blew a hell of a hole in the woods out there.

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But considering the fact that it's super rugged territory, it's not very likely that they'll...

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That's right. You always have to look at that.

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That particular case there is only part of the picture, because we know there were five objects that night,

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five separate objects at different times and different locations, and this will show up on the map I'm going to send you.

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And it all started just about a little after 5 p.m.

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And these objects, every one of them, we're traveling with the exception of the one down by Sinbar,

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and every one of them we're traveling in a horizontal trajectory, and this is an extreme rarity for any...

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Well, y'all, yes, look at this, too.

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It could be possibly the working in much...

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What's his name?

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Two, six Quebec, whatever.

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What they were over and over could have been a slash wire, a large one,

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or it could have been a slash wire where they'd, you know, maybe a bowler or a dugout of big hole

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to keep it from spreading around or something, you know.

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I just...

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You know, there's just so many possibilities of what it could be.

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It's just, you know, it's mind-boggling.

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Oh, sure.

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And it could also be something sitting on the ground.

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Yeah, you know, I'm so damn discouraged about this thing because it blew \$1,000 with the helicopter,

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I was in the wrong goddamn area, and I just know that, you know,

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somebody's probably gotten to this thing long before now.

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Whatever, you know, whatever it was.

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And I'm just debating on whether to keep trying to get in there and take a look at it.

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See, the big problem on that particular case was the lack of witnesses on the ground

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to get any kind of a triangulation.

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And I only know of four, and this is rare, extremely rare for anything

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that spectacular coming out of the sky, even in a desolate area like that.

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Hey, Bob, do you know...

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I don't know if you catch...you ever catch the Tomorrow program on NBC?

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Occasionally.

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They had an hour one night on UFOs recently, or maybe a couple of months ago.

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That's when the airline pilot was on, or the ex-military pilot.

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I guess it was the airline pilot.

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I believe it was.

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He also had a producer on from this NBC specialist coming up.

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Right.

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Okay, you recall him talking about this number, this toll-free number that some government organization, I believe...

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That's Alan Heineck's organization, Center for UFO Studies.

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Yeah, in other words, there are only a few agencies in various areas that have this thing.

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It's not a public number.

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Yeah, it's just for law enforcement agencies.

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Yeah, if you're able to get your hands on that number.

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Sure, hang on.

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And where is that? What city is that?

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That would be at Sin...let's see, it's in Illinois, the state of Illinois.

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It's in Seventhden.

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And what's the organization?

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Center for UFO Studies.

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Do they depend on you for some of their information?

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Oh yes, any organization, they ask to feed to them.

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Did you have to talk to them about this incident?

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One of the investigators called him.

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And I see one of your people.

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And had they received any calls from any law enforcement agencies about this thing?

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Up to that time, they received nothing.

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But after your investigator called, had they gotten anything from anybody?

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In other words, nobody called him about this thing?

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Not to our knowledge.

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You see, the problem here is that this thing didn't break into the open until the McKinness story came out.

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And all the activity that preceded was just swept under the rug.

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In fact, I think the whole McKinness story was just swept under the rug, it had been for KJR.

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That's the sad story of the UFO subject.

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There's another number you might want to chat, and that's the Department of Emergency Services in Olympia.

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The reason I'm giving you this is they take the UFO reports, but the emergency number is...

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That's where?

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It's in Olympia.

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And what are they hesitant about?

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Well, they handle the reports through civil defense.

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Thank you.

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Well, you know what I'll tell you, I got one last shot at this thing down at McKinness.

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That is, I've talked to Wiggins' CO about the chance of them, one of their training flights,

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letting me go along with him and his helicopter, and diverting to that area to see if he could find it once again.

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And he has. They gave me a conditional OK, and he could do that if, like for example, I was doing a story on their, you know,

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mass operations down there, they could do that, which I said there's no problem.

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So far, I haven't heard back from him, and I was going to get McCall here pretty soon, and I hadn't had a chance to.

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But that's about my last shot. You've got to get in there with some sort of an aircraft, that's all there is to it.

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Well, that's the only way.

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I know that the station isn't about to go for any more helicopters.

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Well, I thought it was mid-summer, it'd be a different story, you could get the party together and walk in and kind of scar the area.

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Well, I'll tell you, Bob, you could walk in every river. I mean, it's really, it's so thick in places.

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I mean, there's a lot of logging roads, but it's so thick that you could be 10 feet away from something there,

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and all that huge forest land and not see it.

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It's a big waste of time, unless you had a pretty well-ten pointed.

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Yeah, and so anyway, so that's that.

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There's one thing I want to find out. If we get a UFO scoop story, how do we get a hold of you if you're not working?

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Yeah, this damn thing, God, I'll tell you, it just, it irks me.

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I mean, it irks me that somehow, I want to believe that nobody did it on purpose,

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but somehow we just didn't get the right stuff, you know, the right information to get on there and look for it.

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It just really irks me.

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Well, let me put it this way. If something came out of the sky and that thing was tracked by McCourt radar.

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Which they say it wasn't.

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Yeah, which says possible that it was.

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Uh-huh.

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If it was, then they knew that there was something on the ground or an unknown on the ground.

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They would have sent the search parties elsewhere.

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Well, that occurred to me too, but why would they, you know, only divert us by about four or five miles?

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Why not 10 or 15 to really keep us away from it, you know, or 20 or 30, you know?

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Well, with that kind of terrain and that kind of weather,

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you were quite away south to the original position of 13 miles south of McKinnon.

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I kind of got.

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But like I said, if they could send a helicopter over there with infrared sensing equipment,

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any area where they thought something came down, and even if it had left, if it had crashed or if it had landed and left, they would have known about it.

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Hmm.

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So I think it's just going to end up being another one of those mysteries.

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Yeah, it's possible.

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And it's also possible that the Air Force didn't track anything, that nobody tracked anything.

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And that all the Army knew about it was that Morgan had been diverted on a training flight because the FAA thought a plane might have gone down.

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And he went out there and he saw a flash fire, but no fuselage or anything, so he came back and they didn't drop it that.

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You know, I mean, it's also possible that they, you know, they're pretty quick to cast off things too.

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There you go.

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Policy, policy.

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Yeah.

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Well, it's not for you.

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Well, it won't be the last incident like that to happen around here.

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By the way, Bob, just a diverting for a second.

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Did your man ever check out those photographs from the family?

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He presented them to some people who were supposed to be photographic experts or knowledgeable about photography.

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And they said that they couldn't do a thing really.

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They look suspicious, but they couldn't do a thing unless they had the negatives and had a chance to wash the negatives out and inspect them.

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Yeah, right.

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Had it gone anything beyond that point?

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Okay.

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Why, did they have to say why they look suspicious?

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Perfection.

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Too good a shot, man.

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Yeah, perfection and the fact that the young man who took the picture was a student of photography in school and had all the equipment and so forth to do would have to be done to get pictures like that.

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But?

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Well, I thought they were pretty good shots myself.

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But the only thing that keeps knowing about me about that is that I just don't see the mother and the daughter and the son coming in here.

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And...

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You have a good story.

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Yeah, I mean, they got no money.

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They got hardly any PR out of it.

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And the only reason they had called here, because, you know, we had done one story.

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Well, actually we did a story one night about a couple of people who saw something near their area.

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I mean, it called in to say, you know, just a couple of weeks before, my daughter saw this thing in the sky and she came home and got me and my son.

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And I said, my son grabbed his camera and we went back and he got a couple of pictures of it, you know.

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Right.

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So it kind of evolved from that.

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Well, that leaves the door open.

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Yeah, God, I wish, if he had a chance to talk to that guy, I wish he'd, you know, see if he could kind of run that down and at least confirm whether or not those negatives are phony.

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Or whether, you know, whether the pictures are phony.

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I just was so impressed by their, oh, how would you say it, their average American-ish, you know.

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I mean, you couldn't have found pretty more average blue collar type people, I don't think.

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Yes.

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I know that he was, he was working on that and this thing of the 14 came along and that really threw his, oh, in fact, because we've been really hitting that pretty hard.

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But I'll get him on that again and see if we can't get over those negatives and get some results on it.

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I'm kicking around the idea that maybe I could put together, you know, with the reports with the tapes of the, the tapes I have at the FAA flight control center that night.

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Yes.

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Kicking around the idea, maybe it might not be a bad idea to put a half hour program together.

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I think that was really a special night telling you.

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Yeah, it was odd. You know, I must admit, and I'm, I like a lot of other people are attracted by oddities.

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And I was, the most, the thing that I'm most amazed about, most amazed about is, is that couple from Tacoma, whose name I can recall now, who called me and, you know, there's a conversation between, I guess it was,

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and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office had splashed over and they had heard, they had heard everything right on.

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I found out later except the part about the ground troops moving in.

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Yeah, that was really great.

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And she was, and she was damn sure that that's what she heard.

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And naturally, as I, when I talk later with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, I found out that that's what the conversation had been.

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Yeah.

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You know, the thing that is, really put a lot of support under the events of that night, or at least one of the major events of that was the object that passed from the northwest to the southeast.

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I got several letters from people up on Woodby Island and several from the Navy personnel up there, including the commander of a naval flight, which had just landed.

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And they were parked on the runway at the time.

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And he was looking due north. He gave all the proper coordinates.

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And he said when this object came in view, it moved across the sky from northwest to southeast.

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They watched and watched and watched and watched.

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He said they watched that thing from four to five minutes. He was timing it with his clock.

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And he said, he's never seen anything like it.

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Well, I'll be there.

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And then I got one of our contacts up in Snohomish County that got a chance to talk to a lot of the sheriff's deputies that were looking for the escaped prisoners up on Commina Island at the time.

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And that was another object in itself there. That thing passed from due north to straight south right over Commina Island.

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Very slow. In fact, the one officer who first spotted it in the northern sky, he says at first it was two brilliant orange lights hanging in the sky.

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And then they expanded and merged.

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And then the things started to move and the sparks started flying out the back.

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And then you can hear she came due south right over the island and heading due south towards Seattle.

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And that's where that copter pilot, McKenna, picked it up.

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And then that student of Queen Anne Hill.

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I'll be there.

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Well, the next step is, I guess, is to see if I can get a clear day and see if the Air Force will let me go on a helicopter with you.

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He said he'd like to go out there again. See what it was.

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Oh, that would be great. Get a nice clear day. Wow.

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Well, well, I'll tell you.

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Well, listen, since that happened, have you had any other reports of anything of any kind of nature?

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No, things have been really quiet around here.

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Well, there's a lot of, you know, kicking around the idea of maybe putting together a half hour program on that take, which you're interested in, aren't you?

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Sure.

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I don't care about the determining factor of time, about good time and after schedule everything to do it.

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Well, I think that might be, you know, that might be kind of fun to do.

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Well, your listeners are really interested in that subject anyway.

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Oh, you betcha. Every time we ask them, I go, you know, crazy.

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That thing was a thing on the Tacoma tonight is odd.

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Did you ever call the two couples or a couple that gave you the phone number?

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Oh, yes. The ones that were driving down towards Milton.

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Well, she said there was a South of I-5 here at Tacoma.

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Yeah, just entering Milton. Right, a little community there at Milton.

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Did you talk to him?

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Yes.

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What did you think?

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Well, I tell you, he said that this object was huge.

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He said it was traveling under the clouds and that I asked him, well, what about the size?

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How would you estimate the size?

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And he said, well, you could take a car key, the round portion of the car key and hold it up to the sky and just hold it out.

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He says, that's about the size that thing was in the sky.

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This is the method used for determining size.

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And that would be just about as big as your thumb out there, end of your thumb.

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That would be pretty good.

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And that is big.

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And he says it was low under the clouds.

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And he said it came over the top to the car, almost the top, slightly to the west.

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And that when it got out in front of them, it just clicked out, just like snapping off the light.

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What color is it?

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Blue, blue, green, blue, white.

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So, but unfortunately the thing wasn't in sight long enough to really get any data out of it.

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Well, that baffles me.

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I mean, I just can't see why they wouldn't pick up stuff like that later.

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But honestly, they do it.

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Just tell me they don't.

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I guess that's my, you know, it's always a possibility.

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But then we get, you know, I got a call from the one guy who said he saw it was a shooting star.

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And another guy said he saw it looked like a shooting star.

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Well, in other words, there were more than, probably more than one or two people in sight.

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In your experience, have you ever called anybody and on something like that?

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Have I ever told you that they tracked anything?

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No, no, this, there's very strict regulations regarding putting out that kind of information.

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Not only for the military, but the FAA too.

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You know, that's something I never did ask anybody.

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I never did ask them if they, if I called there and asked them about that, if they could tell me that.

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Something I should probably do.

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Listen, Rob, we're looking forward to receiving your information on that.

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Well, we'll try to have that in the mail tomorrow.

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Yeah, and I'll let you know naturally if I decide to put a half hour thing together on that deal.

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Great.

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Okay?

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Right.

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Talk to you later.

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Bye-bye.