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Hello, say I'm a deputy sheriff in North Dakota.

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Yes sir.

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And I don't know if I've seen an airplane with its landing lights on or what, but maybe

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you can satisfy my curiosity.

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But I'll watch the thing for about 20 minutes, like I said.

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At first I thought I was, you know, I've seen airplanes with their landing lights on.

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But they look like a big ball of light when they're coming towards you, but if you start

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moving sideways or away from me, you can tell what it is right away.

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Because, you know, it's no longer a ball of light, you know.

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Well, this, whatever it was, I don't know how far away it was, it was about the size of

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Well, to say the size of a, a thumbtack yet.

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And it was a ball of light, and like I said, I didn't pay much attention at first.

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I just got done checking an accident out in the country.

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And then I got to looking at the damn thing and I said, well, now that thing's moving

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away from me, you know.

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And I got a little curious, and I was only two miles out of town, so I went, I went in

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a small town up here.

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So I just, it was traveling from east to west.

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And so I, I was headed west, and so I just kept going west, and then I stopped on top

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of the hill, and I watched the monoculars for a while.

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And the thing is, by this time it had gotten further away than when I first seen it.

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And I watched it, it, I didn't know what to think, you know.

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It, it's just a ball of light.

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It's a kind of a yellow or white light.

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And it seemed to kind of get an orange color once in a while.

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So I called another deputy that's further, oh, he's north of me, and then he, he could

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go west.

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And he's seen it too, but he don't know what it is.

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He thought it was also an aircraft, probably.

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And until we got, he got off the two ways and got on the telephone and compared notes,

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and we decided we didn't know what it was.

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And we both seen a flashing red light on it.

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Well, we don't know.

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I thought it was on the bottom.

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He said he didn't know if it was on the bottom or top.

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Uh-huh.

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And that's about it.

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Okay, was this doing any maneuvering around at all?

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I did the same too, except the last time I seen it, uh, he went in a straight line,

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or it appeared to, okay, going a straight line until the last time I looked at it,

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when I turned around and come back to my station.

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It appeared to have changed and was moving slowly south instead of west.

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Uh-huh.

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Okay, which direction were you looking at the time when you were watching that?

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Uh, west.

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Do west, okay.

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Maybe just a little bit south.

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Any estimate on the altitude?

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Oh, I'm kind of, you know, it was light, so I'm cool really easy especially at night.

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All right.

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Well, it wasn't close to the ground.

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Let's put it that way.

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Smile.

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How would you compare that in relation to a bright star, precise?

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Oh, it was a lot bigger, so it drew my attention to it to begin with.

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Like, you know, Venus is, uh, we see Venus real well.

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Right, right.

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And they were just the two witnesses?

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Yeah, just the, uh, yourself and the other deputy?

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Yeah, he's from a different county.

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And you got our numbers from the sheriff's department?

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Yeah, well, we got your, uh, I got a letter from, uh, one of those form things you said

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was a little sticker.

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Right, okay.

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Well, sir, we'll get on this and if we can come up with any, uh, definite identification

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while we get back to you and let you know about it.

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Yeah, well, we tried thinking of everything.

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We thought of, you know, some guy trying to hunt coyotes.

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He probably got some floodlights hooked or rigged up, you know?

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Uh-huh.

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The hell, he's too high.

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He don't hunt coyotes from 2000.

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See, he'd have to have a hell of a floodlight.

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Well, you bet.

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And at least, you know, that far off the ground.

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And you didn't see anything other than that red light, possible red light?

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Yeah, well, like I said, when I watched it with binoculars, it would be a flashing red

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light on it.

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But it wasn't there all the time.

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Which, you know, on a plane, the damn thing was around all the time.

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Did that light seem to pulsate in any way?

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See it expand and contract and so forth?

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The big white light?

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It just seemed to change, uh, light from a white light to a brighter orange or yellow.

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Right, okay.

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All right, sir, well, we thank you again.

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If we get any more on this, we'll get back to you and let you know.

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Yeah, I'm just, you know, really curious.

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I've never seen anything like that before.

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And I appreciate it.

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Thank you very much.

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