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I have a report for you.

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Name is I am a pilot.

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Uh, I was on the ground.

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I spotted something I cannot explain.

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Uh, I was on Interstate 72, approximately 10 miles outside of Springfield, Illinois,

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headed east.

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Uh, I spotted the object which had red and green lights.

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I know this is a standard lighting on aircraft.

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However, they were not blinking, and the object appeared to be hovering at about 250 feet, H.E.L.

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The sky was overcast about 1500, but other than that, I had good visibility.

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I first saw the lights about, you know, two miles away from it.

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As I got near underneath the object, which was just south of the highway and above me,

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I incurred error turbulence.

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When otherwise, it was quite smooth.

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I could not hear any engines, and I discounted the factor of it being a chopper because I would have heard the sounds of the plates.

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They have a very distinct sound to them.

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And how well I know it.

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The object had, the fuselage, what I could see, had an unusual gray-blue glow, which was not too outstanding, but it was there.

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I'm uncertain as yet, so I called out here to the Decatur Airport Tower, and they gave me your number.

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I have not had anything to drink for, I think, a period of three months.

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I'm not on medication.

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I got a good seven and a half hours of sleep last night, and I'm not subject to too many hallucinations or anything like that.

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And I possess excellent eyesight, among other things.

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Okay, Mr. ... did the object have a definite shape?

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It appeared to be oval.

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I see.

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And if I was going to judge the length of the object, I would have to give it a distance in length of ...

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I think I'd give it a length of distance of about 10 to 15 feet, maybe longer, I don't know.

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But that's a rough estimate, and in width, at least five or six feet.

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Okay, did you see any openings at all in it?

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I couldn't get that good of a look.

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Okay.

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I was traveling on about 55 or 60, but I did notice that air turbine was most unusual because it sort of gave my car a bit of a blow.

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It was just a bit difficult to steer for a couple of seconds until I got out of it, and then it was very smooth again.

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Yes.

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Which is most unusual.

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Do you have an estimate as to how close the object was to you?

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Approximately 250 feet above, and I'd say 25 feet off, 25 feet south of the highway.

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Well, in the service, I had contact with the USO, and I still well know their potential.

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And there is such a thing.

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I'll give a damn what Bluebook says.

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It was most unusual from what I saw tonight because I'm an aircraft, upside and down.

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I've flown in many different types, and I can't explain this.

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I could not see any tower assembly, and I don't think there would be a tower assembly that too damn close to the highway.

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Below the cloud where visibility was excellent, there was no fog or mist, and my eyesight is not faulty, and my windshield and other windows were quite clear.

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Okay, now, was that object on the move?

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No, it appeared to be hovering.

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Hovering, okay.

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I'm not going to say it was absolutely still, but it appeared as if it was just hovering.

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Okay, now, when you were the closest to the object, did you have any unusual physical or mental sensations at all?

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No, not really.

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Tell the truth, I really didn't think much about that at the time, all I thought about was getting the hell away from it.

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I see.

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I can't really say that I had any unusual sensations other than I don't know if this means anything, but I did notice a short time after I got away from it, I did develop some cramping in my stomach.

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Uh-huh.

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Whether this means anything or not, I don't know, but I am in pretty excellent health. I haven't been sick for anything, two years.

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Did the object, or did you, while you were driving the car, have any sensation that you were losing control of the steering of the car at the time?

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Okay, did you?

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The steering came very loose. It was too describe, but I would have to say it felt like my whole front end was bouncing all over the ground for a couple of seconds.

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Did you feel any sense of weightlessness?

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I mean, a minor lifting sensation.

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Right, so your car was not actually touching the concrete.

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In a sense, yes.

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I am not going to claim that I felt as if I was lifted clear off the ground, but I did feel a sensation that my car was sort of bouncing.

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As if my shock absorbers had suddenly gone out from underneath me.

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I can't see a fellow as I give them a wide berth.

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Now, did you actually see this object move away or did you just move out of the area rapidly?

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I drove on down the road and, all right, now, believe me, this is no prank.

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I drove on down the road. I looked in my mirror once and I saw the object and I looked back again and I didn't.

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This was from a distance of about a mile.

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I first looked back about a half mile or so and I saw it and I looked back about a mile and, you know, boo, no object.

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Was there any other traffic on the road at the time?

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Very, very light.

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Other than a few truckers.

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I think I did pass up a drunk on down the road behind me.

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So he probably discounted.

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About what time did you first spot that?

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Approximately 9 o'clock PM, Illinois time.

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That's the time standard. I don't know whether it's Eastern or what.

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And that would put it at approximately the 1600 hours Zulu.

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I did not notice any other traffic in the area anywhere between the Gator and Springfield.

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And to the best of my knowledge, the Army choppers were not up tonight.

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Would you say that object was definitely solid?

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Were there any indications of a metallic surface?

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I noticed, alright, in the body shape, what I termed fuselage, I saw it had a bluish gray hue to it.

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But I can swear to the fact that I saw or what I thought would be a metal surface, possibly.

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I could not discern any doorways.

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Okay. What were the color of those lights again?

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The lights were red and green, however they weren't blinking.

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And around the object, it had a gray-blue hue to it.

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And the only other time that I have seen a gray-blue glow has been radioactive reactors.

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I like the positronic reactor that's sunk in water.

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It gives off a bluish glow to it.

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That's the only other time that I have seen that color.

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Okay. How long did you have that in sight?

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I would say it passed me for a period of a good two minutes going forward.

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A good two to a half minutes, as I was moving right at about a mile a minute.

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Did this appear to be hovering over the roadway when you first spotted it?

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When I first spotted it, it appeared to be over the roadway.

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When I came upon it, it was just a few feet, no more than a few feet south of the roadway.

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Okay. Could we have your home address, Mr. Cooke?

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Certainly. We'd be glad to.

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And I'll give you my flight certificate number if you need that.

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Number?

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How long have you been flying?

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Oh, shit. See, that first started when I was 18 months old.

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Oh, boy.

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But I was flying tonight. I was driving.

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I had plenty of sleep last night, and like I said, I haven't been drinking or taking any medication.

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Okay. Can we have your phone number?

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Yeah, certainly.

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Remember, I'll be here all day tomorrow if you need me.

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Okay, then it's okay to get back to you if we have further questions.

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I'll be glad to answer anything.

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And you've got our number from Decatur Tower?

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They have your number there.

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Well, sir, we sure appreciate this report, and we're going to check it out and see if we can't come up with some information on that thing.

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And if we do get something, why don't we get back to you and let you know?

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I wouldn't have to be talking to the office to scientific research would I?

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No, it's phenomenal research.

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Well, I know Blue Book used to be with the OSR over at the Pentagon, but the best of my knowledge, they closed out Blue Book about 68.

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You know, I would be interested if you gentlemen had the material.

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I would be sincerely interested in getting our report on one landing of the USO that occurred back in 1948.

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And allegedly, it occurred out west of Martin.

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Allegedly, they did find human-elite types on it, but they were smaller.

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They're only about four feet in height.

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They were about seven or eight of them.

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I would generally love to take my hands into that.

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Okay, that could have been the one that occurred down by Farmington, New Mexico, or was reported to have occurred.

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Yeah, that was one where the whole area was filled up.

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Right, that story has been floating around for a long time, and there's pro and con opinions on it, but nothing tangible has ever been found to prove it.

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In your opinion, is it feasible that I have had contact with the USO?

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I think that it would be feasible for the reason that we believe that this is possible without you even knowing it.

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In other words, if they had picked you out specifically for some particular reason, they could have performed whatever their duties were without you or ever knowing that we feel.

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Well, like I said, I have had contact one other time, and that occurred in 1973.

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And if you gentlemen would like, I will type up and sign a complete detailed report to that.

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Yes, we'd appreciate that very much. We can send you a...

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In fact, that night after it occurred, I can't say this much. I was in a state of shock because I did have personal contact.

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I'm not talking just with the object, I'm talking with an alien form, and I was interviewed by an FBI agent that night.

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And I assure you, like I said, I'm quite mentally stable. This is no prying.

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Okay, what year did that happen?

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That happened in April of 1973.

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Okay, that was a big year, UFO-wise.

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I could give you something, I could give you proof, because one of the unique things after that occurred, I was checked with a gag retender and I was fine.

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And they couldn't explain that.

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We'd like very much to hear the whole story.

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All right.

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So, Dave, what we'll do, we'll just send you some material along with the stamp self-address and envelope and then fire it off to us.

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Sounds good.

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All right, sir, we sure appreciate the call.

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Anytime.

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If you're going to call me back, I would request, not tonight, I'd like to get a little sleep if I can.

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Oh, it won't be this evening because we'll be chomping away on this thing probably all night long, see if we can't come up with something.

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I know Springfield, Capitol Airport has radar, so they don't know what the hell it was.

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And with the location that I've given you, they ought to be able to boil out here, but there's no towers that close to the highway.

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Well, meanwhile, I'm going to try and take a nap.

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Okay, thanks again.

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All right.

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Good night.

