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I live in Hazelhurst, Georgia?

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Yes, sir.

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I was just talking to the Helm of Flight Service.

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I'm a private pilot.

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I was not flying last night, but I was in my backyard and I saw something a little strange

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that I called them and asked them if they had any information on it.

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So they referred me to your number.

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Okay, I care about it.

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I live, as I say, I live in Hazelhurst, Georgia and I was in my backyard.

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I looked almost due north from Hazelhurst.

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Yes.

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There was a vertical takeoff object of some kind.

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It went straight up to its altitude and I've been trying to estimate a little closer to

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the altitude, 20 to 30,000 feet.

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It went high enough that it looked like it left a jet vapor trail when it horizontally

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south.

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But it, going vertically, it left a trail of smoke like a solid fuel device.

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00:00:42,840 --> 00:00:43,840

Yes.

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00:00:43,840 --> 00:00:46,720

And it was a round, link-wise object.

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Now, it flew south, kind of west of where I live, and left a vapor trail going right

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on out of sight.

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00:00:54,680 --> 00:00:57,360

But it went absolutely vertical on its vertical takeoff.

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Now, I was guessing that it's something like 30 to 35 miles north of Hazelhurst up in the

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Bidavia or a little west of Bidavia area.

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Georgia.

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Uh-huh.

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00:01:08,240 --> 00:01:09,240

Okay, well.

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You know what it is?

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No, sir, we haven't had any other reports on it.

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Did this object have a defined shape of any kind?

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Well, it looked like a long cylinder-like and it appeared to have wings on it, small wings,

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like supersonic, you know, swept-back wings.

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00:01:24,440 --> 00:01:29,320

Again, I looked at it strictly with my eye, and that's when I was trying to judge the

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distance and height.

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Of course, I don't know what size it was, so it's hard to tell what distance it was.

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00:01:33,840 --> 00:01:38,120

But it was high enough it was leaving a nice vapor trail as it went south.

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00:01:38,120 --> 00:01:41,520

Man, did you watch it until it disappeared from view?

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00:01:41,520 --> 00:01:42,520

Mm-hmm.

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00:01:42,520 --> 00:01:44,040

Okay, what time did you spot that?

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This was around 7.30 quarter of 8 Eastern Daylight Time.

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Okay.

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This is at the PM, 1930 to 1945 hours.

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Okay.

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And when this object started to...

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00:01:58,840 --> 00:02:01,040

Now, you say it made a vertical takeoff.

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Yeah, absolutely vertical to its altitude and it turned, you know, leveled off and went

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00:02:06,080 --> 00:02:07,080

south.

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00:02:07,080 --> 00:02:11,480

Okay, now when it turned and leveled off, was this a sharp turn?

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00:02:12,480 --> 00:02:15,480

I wouldn't say I watched that part of it too carefully.

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00:02:15,480 --> 00:02:19,160

I watched it on its vertical takeoff and then I kind of did something else and looked back

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00:02:19,200 --> 00:02:21,560

up and it turns, you know, and gone south.

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00:02:21,560 --> 00:02:24,360

Now, this is a few seconds in there, you know, almost.

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00:02:24,360 --> 00:02:25,360

Right, okay.

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00:02:25,360 --> 00:02:26,360

It appeared to make a sharp turn.

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00:02:26,360 --> 00:02:30,840

Okay, now as it went south, did it maintain a straight flight path?

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Looked like a leveled straight flight path.

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00:02:32,920 --> 00:02:33,920

Okay.

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00:02:33,920 --> 00:02:35,800

Now, do you have any estimate of size?

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Can you compare it with anything?

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Not really.

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00:02:39,080 --> 00:02:42,360

That's what I was trying to do before I called you.

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We have a flight instructor who works with us here at Sound Lock.

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00:02:45,160 --> 00:02:50,680

And he and I were just discussing it, trying to judge from things I could explain to him

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00:02:50,680 --> 00:02:53,280

what it might be.

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00:02:53,280 --> 00:02:58,640

If I had to guess offhand, I'd say it was, and it's purely a guess now, I'd say it was,

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you know, it's got to be a pretty good size equivalent to a 727 or something like that,

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a little smaller.

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Okay.

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00:03:07,600 --> 00:03:11,000

Now, the wings weren't that big though.

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00:03:11,000 --> 00:03:13,000

Very small wings that appeared to be.

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Now that's, again, not a very good analysis.

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Okay.

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Can you give me any estimate of the distance from you?

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Well, the distance from takeoff, I would guess at 30 miles.

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Okay.

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Now, the vertical altitude to which it climbed, I'm guessing at 25,000 feet.

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Uh-huh.

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That's purely a guess.

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And then it went kind of southwest, which is a little west of me.

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You know, I started to say due south, but it was probably a little bit southwest.

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Right.

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Okay.

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It looked like it went all into Florida to me.

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Did you pick up any sound at all?

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Never did notice any sound.

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That was a curious thing about it.

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Right.

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Okay.

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And were you alone at the time, sir?

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No.

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My wife saw the same thing, and one of the neighbors, the little boy was outside and

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I said, hey, have you dead?

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Come out and take a look at this.

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00:04:11,800 --> 00:04:15,320

And he came out and saw it as the vapor trail was going south.

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00:04:15,320 --> 00:04:18,800

And still vapor, I mean, still smoke vertically.

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00:04:18,800 --> 00:04:19,800

Okay.

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00:04:19,800 --> 00:04:26,320

Now, how long did that, the smoker vapor trail remain in the sky?

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About how long?

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I don't know.

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I'm trying to think now.

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00:04:34,320 --> 00:04:40,400

Oh, the vertical trail faded out, I'd say, in four or five minutes.

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The vapor trail behind the object was gone in a couple of minutes as it faded out.

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00:04:50,680 --> 00:04:51,680

Okay.

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00:04:51,680 --> 00:04:56,440

Wouldn't that be very unusual at that altitude for any type of jet vapor trail?

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I don't know.

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All or not as long as you can get jet vapor trails from 15,000 up.

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00:05:03,760 --> 00:05:06,360

Depending upon the temperature up there.

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00:05:06,360 --> 00:05:08,360

Depending on a lot of factors.

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00:05:08,360 --> 00:05:09,360

Right.

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Well, count.

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Again, I first was guessing it was a little higher than that, but the fact that I could

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00:05:13,000 --> 00:05:18,440

see the object with a naked eye gave me the indication it was lower than I first judged.

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00:05:18,440 --> 00:05:19,440

Yes.

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00:05:19,440 --> 00:05:21,440

So I'm taking hindsight here.

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00:05:21,440 --> 00:05:22,440

Okay.

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How are the sky conditions?

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Clear.

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Okay.

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00:05:26,440 --> 00:05:30,840

All right, sir, where did you get our number again?

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From the Flight Service Center in Alma, Georgia.

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Okay.

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I'm a private pilot, so that was the reason I called them and see if they had anything

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on it.

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Right.

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But I've met with the Flight FAA in Douglas, Georgia, or Flight Service Center in Douglas,

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Alma, Georgia.

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Okay.

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00:05:47,440 --> 00:05:51,160

Well, sir, we sure appreciate this again, and we'll check it out.

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And if we come up with any more information on this, we'll get back to you and let you

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know.

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So I didn't think I was reporting an unidentified object when I first asked them about it, but

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then after I told them what I'd seen, they asked me to call you.

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Right.

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00:06:03,760 --> 00:06:04,760

You're in Washington?

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00:06:04,760 --> 00:06:05,760

Yes, sir.

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00:06:05,760 --> 00:06:06,760

Okay.

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00:06:06,760 --> 00:06:09,480

Certainly enjoyed talking to you, and I, as I say, I'm kind of curious about what this

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is.

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By the way, there's one other factor I ought to mention to you that when I mentioned this

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to some of the flight instructor, he said that he'd seen what looked like a silo off

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up in that area, or he thought it was something public government.

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00:06:21,920 --> 00:06:22,920

Uh-huh.

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00:06:22,920 --> 00:06:27,560

And so he'd never seen anything come out of it, but just spotted it on the ground.

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00:06:27,560 --> 00:06:29,560

It looked strange to him.

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Now, he'd never flown directly over it.

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00:06:32,840 --> 00:06:35,800

I've got here if you want to ask him about that.

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Okay.

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00:06:36,800 --> 00:06:37,800

All right.

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00:06:37,800 --> 00:06:44,280

When Mr. First told me about this, immediately I associated it with something that looks

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00:06:44,280 --> 00:06:48,840

like a silo in flying toward Macon, Georgia, from Hazelhurst.

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00:06:48,840 --> 00:06:49,840

Uh-huh.

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Now, I'm not sure it's a government installation, but from the air, and I've never seen it from

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the ground.

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Right.

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From the air, it looks like an area that's enclosed in a pretty heavy chain link fence,

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and in the center of it, it looked like some type of silo.

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So when he mentioned it, I first thought of that.

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I thought maybe they were testing something in that area.

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Yes.

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00:07:13,600 --> 00:07:16,000

So that's about all I can link to this thing.

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Okay.

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I didn't see the object.

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Okay.

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00:07:19,000 --> 00:07:20,680

I think we should appreciate that bit of information.

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00:07:20,680 --> 00:07:21,680

Uh-huh.

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00:07:21,680 --> 00:07:22,680

All right, sir.

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00:07:22,680 --> 00:07:25,000

Well, thank you again, and thanks for again.

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00:07:25,000 --> 00:07:27,920

And if we get anything on this, we'll get back to you and let you know.

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00:07:27,920 --> 00:07:29,800

Yeah, it's quite interesting.

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00:07:29,800 --> 00:07:31,760

We'd certainly like to know what it was.

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00:07:31,760 --> 00:07:32,760

Right.

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Thank you a lot, here.

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Thank you.

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Bye.