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Hello there, how are you?

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Just fine, thank you.

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I am an Air Force pilot.

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Yes sir.

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I saw something last night that I cannot explain.

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I was talking to Oakland Center and they gave me your number.

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So here I am talking to you.

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Oh, okay, would like to hear about it.

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Okay, what do you need to know?

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Well description of what you saw.

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Okay, I was in a C141.

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At 37,000 feet we were coming from Travis Air Force Base down to Norton.

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And we were going to Linden, let's see, it was between the Linden VR and the Fresno VR.

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And at first it appeared as traffic to my 9 o'clock.

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It looked like, it didn't look like standard position lights for an aircraft.

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It looked like two yellow lights of some kind.

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So I called up center and they looked close.

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So I called them up and asked them if I had traffic out there.

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They said I had a PSA jet going south and a Navy A4 going east.

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Well, PSA usually goes faster than us and we weren't losing any ground to it.

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And the A4 would have been going away from us and it would have gotten smaller or dim or whatever.

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The intensity didn't change and the objects seemed to remain stationary to our position.

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Sometimes it looked like two yellow lights and then sometimes it kind of came together as warmth.

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And the intensity changed but not with regularity.

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Sometimes it would be dimmer than others, sometimes, you know, bright.

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We hit Fresno and then made a right turn coming down towards Bakersfield.

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And as soon as we made that turn, it disappeared.

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Now, it seemed to me once that it came straight up further into the sky and then back down.

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Now, I was the only one that saw that.

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The rest of the crew saw the lights and opinion was divided between whether or not it was something on the ground or something low to the horizon.

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Now, the way I feel about it, it was to be that close to the horizon, you would have had to be far in the distance on the ground.

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And then I can't see how it would have been that bright.

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I asked the center if there were any kind of fires out there or something like that.

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He said not to his knowledge.

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Without, what time did you spot that?

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It was between 7.15 and 7.30 Pacific time last night.

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Any estimate of distance from you?

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Boy, you know, that's, my first estimate was say 20 miles.

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But not knowing, you know, that was just going on in intensity with what I know that I'm, you know, judging with position lights and things like that.

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But, you know, if it was really bright then it could have been gotten us off our way.

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And I'm allowed to judge a distance anyway.

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But, you know, not knowing size or, you know, how bright this thing was close up, it's hard for me to say.

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But it didn't seem like it could be anything on the ground because, you know, I don't know what line of sight is from 37,000.

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But it was, it looked way too bright to be that far out and on the ground.

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It looked like something that was, you know, close to the horizon from our perspective but not exactly on the ground.

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Now as we approached Fresno it very slowly started to fall behind us.

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But then as soon as we made that turn it was gone altogether.

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Did you actually see it disappear or did you just lose sight of it?

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Well, I, you know, I was flying the airplane.

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I made, I was watching it.

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We made the turn.

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I looked back and it was gone.

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Gone, okay.

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And that was a space just a several, you know, several seconds.

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Okay, any problems with radio communication?

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Instrumentation?

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Not caused by that because we've had problems.

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We've had problems all the way back so nothing related to that.

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But how long do you feel you watched it?

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About, uh,

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between 20 and 25 minutes.

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Have you received any other thing like this from last night?

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No, the only thing we got out of California last night was a object seen on the ground in the neighborhood of Walnut Creek,

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which would be just a little east northeast of the San Francisco Bay area.

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What was that described as?

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A disc about 50 feet in diameter.

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Well, we're not, you know, Walnut Creek is right around where Travis is.

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Right.

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And, uh, so, geez, I don't know.

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Did they talk about any kind of lights on it or anything?

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No, they didn't.

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They didn't spend too much time in the area.

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They kind of scared him and they took off.

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I don't believe it.

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I'll tell you, if you're sitting there and having center, tell you there's no traffic out there,

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there's something that makes you want to go home and talk to your mother.

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But, uh, like I said, it was sometimes it looked like two lights or two objects and then they would burn.

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And, uh, they remained stationary and then at the end very gradually it appeared as though it had fallen behind us a bit.

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Now, when that appeared to merge, did the objects move together or did the light just expand and then come together?

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Oh boy.

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Let's see.

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Well, the lights, see, that's all about the only objects that I saw were the lights.

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The lights came together, but when they came together, the intensity or the sizes of those objects became larger.

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So it was like, you know what I mean?

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I think that's the best way I can describe it without confusing.

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Very good.

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Could we get your name, sir?

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Sure.

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How many were aboard or how many saw that?

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Let's see.

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There was me, my co-pilot, both my engineers, my nav, my load.

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There was an ACM, so what are we talking?

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Seven people.

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Seven people.

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Maybe eight, there's, no, no.

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He had got four of us before.

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Seven people.

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Did you all agree what you saw?

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Oh, okay.

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The first thought was maybe that it was a star coming up, but it didn't rise.

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And, uh, my nav said that it was not a star.

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The guy that was just hitching a ride with us down here said that it looked like something

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on the ground.

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Uh-huh.

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At a great distance away.

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Well, that I couldn't buy because of the intensity of the light.

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If it was that far away and it was that bright to me, good Lord, if it was close, it would

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have lit up the whole sky.

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So, uh, unless there were some, may have a forest fire out there or something, something.

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But like I said, I talked to Senator and he had no knowledge of anything like that out

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there.

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So, uh, did you ever fly into South when you first spotted that?

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Uh, just a minute.

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We came out of Travis and we headed down to, uh, Lyndon, which is, uh, Southeast.

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Yeah, okay.

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Okay, that's when we first spotted.

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Now, did you spot that dead ahead or to your left?

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Uh, it was to our left.

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Then as we, uh, wait a minute, no, I may, I may be leading you straight because I didn't

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question it until we were heading Lyndon south to Fresno.

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Let me look up a map here and maybe, um, get my memory.

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If I could find out where I was at.

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Okay, there's Fresno.

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Is Lyndon a town up there?

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Do you know?

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Okay, well I find Fresno.

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There's Stockton.

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Okay, uh, I think that, well the first time that I questioned the controller about it,

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we had just turned south.

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Lyndon going to Fresno.

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And so I'd say that it was, uh, that's the first time that I noticed it.

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And if that's in fact the case then it was at my nine o'clock, nine to ten o'clock.

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Okay.

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And he mentioned the Navy and the PSA jets and, uh, as I watched he was one of those

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major.

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And he pulled up all other traffic and all other sectors out there and didn't have a

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thing.

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How's your visibility range?

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I was clearing a major.

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Clear, okay.

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All right sir, what was your rank?

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Right now I'm a lieutenant for five more days.

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So I guess how I'll give you that one.

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Okay, well we sure appreciate your making this report and if we come up with any more information

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of activity in that area we'll get back to you and let you know.

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Okay, I appreciate that.

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Well, I'll hang on to your number because of course I've only been flying for seven years

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and this is the first one I've seen.

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God only knows.

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But yeah, if you do, uh, you know, come up with some, you know, idea on, you know, verified

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other sightings or something like that I'd really be interested.

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Okay.

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Well if you could drop me a line or whatever I'd appreciate it.

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Okay, so we'll be back in a minute.

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We'll be back in a minute.

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