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We accept a call from the defense department.

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Thank you.

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Yeah, how you doing?

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Good afternoon, sir.

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I'm calling from Parmagu California.

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Naval Air Station?

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Yes, sir.

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We have a, you interested in old sightings?

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Okay, this occurred on the 11th of December.

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And I'm an approach controller.

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I was working the radar scope.

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And I'll read you the statement of that prepared.

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At approximately 8 p.m. local time on the 11th of December, I observed three to four targets

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Three to five nautical miles north of the Ventura Vortech.

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Am I going too fast?

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As it was a slow night, I paid particular attention to these targets.

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The movement, when it could be observed, was rapid.

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And then they appeared to jump five miles in a sweep of the scope.

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A couple minutes later, there was a light civil aircraft making an ILS to the Oxnard

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Airport.

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I called the traffic.

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One target appeared stationary on the ILS final approach course.

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And he said he had contact with the target.

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And I asked him to describe it.

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All he said was that it had a strobe light and was between 7 and 9,000 feet.

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Okay, great.

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Okay, now at approximately 915, the Golden West flight, which is a commuter airline down

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here, was outbound from Oxnard Airport to Los Angeles International.

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I had been out on a break.

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And when I came back in to work, the radar, these three or four targets were still visible

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on the scope.

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Okay, when the Golden West flight was a beam of the Ventura Vortech, I called the traffic

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and told him to look high.

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He was at 5,000, by the way.

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Okay.

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He replied, contact.

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And after a pause, he said that he saw strobe lights and noticed the vertical movement

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of the traffic.

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So I asked him to call me on the phone after he landed at Los Angeles.

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And the last portion, the pilot, I have his name if you're interested.

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Mr.

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Coolde, and said that after he'd been handed off to Los Angeles Center, that the target

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made a pass on him, approximately over Malibu Beach.

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By this time, I think he was climbing to 7,000.

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He said the speed of the contact was extremely fast.

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And he first saw it in his 10 o'clock position.

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He said that he saw a green and amber light, very bright, and that he would classify it

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as a UFO.

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Okay.

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That's it.

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We don't have any videotape, you know.

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It did make a pretty good impression on this pilot.

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And he works for Golden West Airlines, so I'm sure you can get all of them.

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You didn't get to leave any telephone number.

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No, I don't have a number, Graham.

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Okay.

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Golden West, I believe, is based in Los Angeles.

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I'm not even sure of that.

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All right, sir.

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Can we get your name?

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My name is Naval Air Station Point Magoo, California.

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And there was another fellow that witnessed the same deal on the scope, you know, that

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I'm telling you about.

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And he's a Navy chief by the name of...

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Tigercraft, you know.

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Well, the reason my attention was drawn to these targets is that they were not like any

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aircraft target I've ever seen on a scope.

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I see.

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And then when I had one of them sort of hovering on the ILS final approach course, and then

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I got a visual contact out of it, then I started getting a little suspicious.

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So you see them moving on the scope or they moving at high speed?

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Well, when they did move, like I say, they jumped radically.

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I see.

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Like I said, I think I mentioned that one of them moved five miles and they were very

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small targets.

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Did you compute any speed?

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We don't have any kind of speed readout system.

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I see, okay.

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But I did notice that one of the targets jumped five miles and what appeared to be the split

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second.

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I'm sure we'll wish you appreciate your reporting this.

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All right.

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Very good.

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Thank you very much.

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We'll see you later.

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UFO reporting center.

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What caused this?

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With Golden West Airlines?

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Yes, we'll take that.

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Hello, sir.

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This is Alan Dredge.

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Are you Mr. Gribble?

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Is that it?

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No.

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Would you like to speak to Mr. Gribble?

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Well, I received a letter from you people January the 22nd regarding a UFO sighting.

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And it was just a letter that you would like to have me call.

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Hold on, please.

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Yes, sir.

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Is Bob Gribble speaking?

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I received your letter January 22nd.

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And I'm with Golden West Airlines.

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And I haven't called you up until this point.

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I've given an awful lot of thought, but I've just kind of been somewhat reluctant to talk

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about these UFOs that my first officer and I experienced one night.

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We understand that very well.

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But what we would like to do is get a description of what you saw.

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Did you want that now?

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Yes, sir.

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And I'm a captain for Golden West Airlines.

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And on the evening that this happened, I really saw no object as such.

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But I was with Magoo Radar around the Ventura area.

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It's about 35 miles west of Los Angeles.

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And as I broke out of an overcast of about 3,000 feet, their comment to me was not in

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normal reporting traffic.

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They said, by the way, Golden West, do you happen to have an object at your 10 o'clock

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position?

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No, I don't.

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And shortly thereafter, of course, it got my curiosity up.

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My first officer and I continued to look.

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And then we saw a lighting system like I have never seen before.

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It was, oh, several lights, and they were very circular in the way that they flashed.

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And about the time I saw one at 10 o'clock, probably two to three miles away from me,

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I saw another one at my 9 o'clock position.

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At that time, I asked Magoo Radar if he had that one.

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And he didn't have them.

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And to make a long story short, as we proceeded into the Los Angeles area, we watched these

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objects off of our left side, and their movement was very geometric, not like, well, something

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like a helicopter might do.

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But of course, when they would move in a different direction, their speed were quite rapid.

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But in the sky, it's my first impression.

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Why does it look like something you might see if they advertise on television these little

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games that you have, these little knobs you move around?

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Yes.

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And about, oh, I'd say after we first spotted it, I had told my first officer to turn off

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our lights because my strolls were getting in the way, and I couldn't see one of them

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And the mob, one paralleled me for maybe 10 miles.

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And then he headed off in the Northwestern-y directions, and I figured that's the last

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I would see of it.

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And at that time, he came back across my 12 o'clock position within the speed of, like

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you just flip your fingers and he was there.

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Only thing, the lighting system had completely changed.

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It was like somebody had just turned their headlights on, and the lights were extremely

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bright.

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In fact, it got so close, it just scared the hell right out of me.

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Any estimate of distance between you?

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I would say it was within a mile, but the light intensity was so light, I never saw an object.

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At this time, I had questioned LA Radar, who we had gone to at that time at least a half

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dozen times for some target information.

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And near the end, and especially when this thing came, my 12 o'clock position very dejectedly,

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or not dejectedly, but very firmly, they just said, look, Golden West, we have no target,

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you have no target, there is nothing in your area but you.

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And this whole sequence of events, all was probably 15 minutes.

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Okay.

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When that object made a, or the light made a close approach, and it became very brilliant,

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did it illuminate the inside of the cabin at all?

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No, it did not.

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In fact, this thing stayed, stayed, I would say, at our 12 o'clock position for maybe 30

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seconds, maybe 40 seconds, and it just maintained exactly the same relative position to us.

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And then this thing, it just took off in an easterly direction in front of us, and within

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a matter of seconds, he, it just left, disappeared.

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And that was it.

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Now, I saw it, to explain this a little better, the lighting system.

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I saw the movie, shortly thereafter, called Close Encounters.

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Oh, yes.

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And the way I can describe the lighting system is in the beginning of that movie, these objects

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were molded, culture, whatever, was inland, and the lighting system was, it was as though

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the movie was taken from what I saw.

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Kind of a haze, front of the light.

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Right.

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And extremely bright.

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And the thing that scared the hell out of me, there's just no way that whatever that

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thing was could move with the intensity and the speed that that thing comes to my 12 o'clock

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position.

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Did you have radar board?

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No, we did not.

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So, what problems with electronics or instruments?

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Well, that thing was close by.

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No, not that we noticed.

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Okay.

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We were, for probably the last five minutes of this flight, we were both, in fact, I can't

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even remember how I got to one place to the other, but it was, my interest was so intent

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on watching that thing that I can assure that was it.

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But I didn't know this until just about five days ago that the controller, and I think

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his name is at Magoo radar, he did file a UFO report on it.

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Yes.

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And after I got to LA, I called him back on the telephone and talked with him about it.

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And he had, he said in that area for approximately three to four hours, there were three or four

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objects of which they were just, they couldn't, he couldn't identify them once in a while.

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He had them and he wouldn't.

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And there was another airplane, a small one, who identified some, as he told me, some strange

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And when I talked to him, he just wanted a confirmation of what I'd seen in my experience.

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And that was kind of the end of our conversation.

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While you were watching this, was there, did you hear any other radio chatter from other

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aircraft that might have seen it?

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No, I didn't.

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Okay.

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Was this object, is your estimate on the close approach, was it quite large?

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The way that the lights were when they turned to this bright amber color right in front

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of me, if I were to guess the size, I'd say it had to be something in the size of the

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maybe, like a light would come from an airplane in the size of a 727 or something of that order.

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It had to be a larger object.

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Did you experience any buffeting while this was going on?

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None at all.

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All right sir, could we get your mailing address?

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Sure.

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Would there be any chance of getting the name of your co-pilot?

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If we have anything to send to him, would it be okay to do it through you?

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Great.

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Well sir, we sure appreciate your cooperation regarding this.