



1  
00:00:00,250 --> 00:00:01,401  
[music]

2  
00:00:01,401 --> 00:00:02,402  
>> He was quiet.

3  
00:00:02,402 --> 00:00:03,470  
[X-15 ignition]

4  
00:00:03,470 --> 00:00:05,472  
>> He was a man of many talents.

5  
00:00:05,472 --> 00:00:10,310  
[radio chatter]

6  
00:00:10,310 --> 00:00:12,646  
>>He was also a good friend.

7  
00:00:13,480 --> 00:00:16,483  
>> He started flying when he  
was 16 and in his mid-20s,

8  
00:00:16,483 --> 00:00:21,705  
he'd already had more than 70  
combat flights, had bailed out.

9  
00:00:21,705 --> 00:00:23,290  
[prop airplane flyby]

10  
00:00:23,290 --> 00:00:25,492  
>> Willing to tackle anything...

11  
00:00:25,492 --> 00:00:27,794  
...best engineering test  
pilot I ever worked with.

12  
00:00:27,794 --> 00:00:31,231  
He flew absolutely impeccably.

13

00:00:31,231 --> 00:00:35,035

>> He took me on my first  
supersonic ride in a 104.

14

00:00:35,035 --> 00:00:37,037

[jet airplane flying]

15

00:00:37,037 --> 00:00:38,455

>> It was the greatest  
flight I ever had.

16

00:00:38,455 --> 00:00:41,458

[radio chatter]

17

00:00:41,458 --> 00:00:44,077

[cockpit ambience]

18

00:00:44,077 --> 00:00:47,464

>> Every time an airplane flew  
over, he would look up at it.

19

00:00:47,464 --> 00:00:49,049

[cockpit ambience]

20

00:00:49,049 --> 00:00:50,050

>> Pull!