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Flying saucers and alien invasions.

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Once the stuff of science fiction.

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Not anymore.

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We're all going against the wind.

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The winds are 120 knots to the west.

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I do not have an explanation for what this object is.

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But in the land down under,

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UFO sightings aren't one-off events.

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They're happening almost daily.

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I have no idea what this thing is.

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Australia and New Zealand.

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Isolated countries floating in an ocean of blue

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are attempting location for first contact.

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I've seen some weird things in my life that have to do with it.

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Call the flying saucer, call the UFO, call the UAP.

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One thing's for sure is not a plane.

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Using eyewitness accounts.

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It's like a bloody flying saucer.

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And expert commentary.

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That was physical evidence.

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Now for the first time,

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the Southern Hemisphere's UFO encounters are under the microscope.

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Is this seriously a UFO? Look.

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Is there something going on that will change what we know

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about our universe?

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The first investigation takes us down under,

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between the coast of mainland Australia and Tasmania.

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The Bass Strait.

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This treacherous body of water

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is considered the Southern Hemisphere's Bermuda Triangle.

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It's unforgiving and perilous.

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Many seafarers and pilots have gone missing here.

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And it's where one of Australia's greatest aviation mysteries happened.

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The 1978 disappearance of a young civilian pilot,

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Frederick Valentich.

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It was a flight that would end in a chilling radio call.

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It is all ring and it's not an aircraft.

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And it's this radio call and other extraordinary events

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that have convinced UFO investigators

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that Valentich was the victim of a deadly UFO encounter.

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You know, loss of radio contact

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and nothing was ever found of him or his plane.

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It just, you know, virtually disappeared into thin air.

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In this investigation, we retrace Fred's final flight.

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We speak to a key witness,

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analyze the audio recording

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and retell the story through the eyes of investigators

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who've been on the case for years.

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They present a compelling argument

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of extraterrestrial foul play.

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UFO researcher Bill Chalker has combed through the evidence.

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It's clear with the deep dive into what occurred that night,

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that weekend, that something very, very strange was going on.

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There were a lot of things being reported.

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All manner of different kind of things

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that suggest a very strong possibility

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that the disappearance of Frederick Valentich was due to

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his close encounter with the UFO.

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UFO investigator George Simpson

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has a personal connection to the case.

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Back in 1978, a young George Simpson was in his parents' backyard,

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a few streets from the airport where Frederick departed.

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He saw a plane overhead.

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I went straight over where my parents live

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and I've been interested in the Valentich case

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since the day that it happened

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because I saw the plane on the day that it happened.

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Since then, he's been on a personal crusade

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to get to the bottom of what happened to Fred.

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What made this case stand out was the fact that

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we've got a pilot flying a plane, reporting seeing a UFO,

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while he's flying the plane,

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and then he, the UFO and the plane have all disappeared.

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UFO expert Jamie Leonharder

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has analyzed Fred's last conversation.

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The astounding thing about this case

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is there was clear audio,

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and he actually stated that what he was seeing

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was not another aircraft, it was an enormous object.

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What did happen to Fred Valentich?

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Our investigation begins on the 21st of October, 1978,

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on the morning of his flight.

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Strangely, when this happened,

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I was the same age as Fred Valentich.

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When he disappeared, we were born in the same year.

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He was a couple of months older than me.

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He was going for his commercial license,

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00:05:11,000 --> 00:05:12,000

and he didn't want to do anything,

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00:05:12,000 --> 00:05:16,000

or say anything that might have jeopardized his future career.

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20-year-old Fred had planned a fishing trip off the coast.

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It seemed like a good idea to get his flying hours up.

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He hired a Cessna, a reliable light aircraft.

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To fly from Marabin to King Island,

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00:05:32,000 --> 00:05:34,000

about halfway between the Australian mainland

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and the tip of Tasmania.

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It was aircraft maintenance engineer Mike Hodges' job

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to do a thorough engine check before departure.

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I was a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer in 1978,

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and I serviced the engine section

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00:05:54,000 --> 00:05:58,000

of Fred Valentich's plane before his fatal flight.

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00:06:00,000 --> 00:06:04,000

I didn't know Fred before this particular maintenance day,

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00:06:04,000 --> 00:06:08,000

but during the day, Fred came up to the hangar doorway

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00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:10,000

and stood there watching me working.

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00:06:10,000 --> 00:06:15,000

He was thinking about the reliability of the plane.

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00:06:16,000 --> 00:06:18,000

So he was asking, is the engine going to fail,

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00:06:18,000 --> 00:06:20,000

or have I got anything to worry about?

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00:06:20,000 --> 00:06:22,000

Am I going to have an accident?

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00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:28,000

Mike assessed Fred Valentich as a clear-headed, careful pilot.

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He was focused on the safety of his Cessna

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and the flight to King Island.

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00:06:35,000 --> 00:06:38,000

Fred asked me could he sit in the right-hand seat of the plane,

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00:06:38,000 --> 00:06:41,000

and could I check the engine in his presence?

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:44,000

I didn't have to make any adjustments to the engine.

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00:06:44,000 --> 00:06:47,000

The Cessna 182 is a very reliable plane.

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As Fred Valentich readied his Cessna for takeoff,

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Mike Hodges headed home for the weekend.

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Mike had no reason to think he would never see Fredrick again.

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Fredrick Valentich's flight path would take him

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from Melbourne's Marabin Airport across Bass Strait.

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Although Bass Strait is known for its challenging flying conditions,

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the conditions that night were calm with clear skies.

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Fredrick was scheduled to make radio contact

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00:07:16,000 --> 00:07:18,000

when he reached Cape Hotway,

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around 120 kilometres or 75 miles from his destination, King Island.

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00:07:24,000 --> 00:07:26,000

And when he reached that point, he just said,

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00:07:26,000 --> 00:07:30,000

Dearstay Melbourne, I'm now at Cape Hotway

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00:07:30,000 --> 00:07:32,000

and proceeding to King Island.

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00:07:32,000 --> 00:07:33,000

So that was acknowledged.

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00:07:33,000 --> 00:07:37,000

And it wasn't until about six minutes after that

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00:07:37,000 --> 00:07:40,000

that he contacted Air Services and asked...

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00:07:41,000 --> 00:07:43,000

Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet.

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00:07:44,000 --> 00:07:47,000

Is there any known traffic below 5,000?

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00:07:47,000 --> 00:07:49,000

No known traffic.

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00:07:50,000 --> 00:07:51,000

I am.

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00:07:51,000 --> 00:07:54,000

There seems to be a large aircraft below 5,000.

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00:07:55,000 --> 00:07:57,000

What type of aircraft is it?

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00:07:57,000 --> 00:07:59,000

I cannot affirm.

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00:07:59,000 --> 00:08:01,000

It is all bright.

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00:08:01,000 --> 00:08:03,000

It seems to me like landing lights.

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00:08:03,000 --> 00:08:06,000

Did Fredrick have unwanted company that night?

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00:08:06,000 --> 00:08:09,000

What was he seeing?

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00:08:09,000 --> 00:08:11,000

What was he describing?

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00:08:11,000 --> 00:08:13,000

Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet.

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The aircraft has just passed over a million,

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00:08:15,000 --> 00:08:17,000

at least 1,000 feet above.

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00:08:17,000 --> 00:08:19,000

And then Steve answered Roger.

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00:08:19,000 --> 00:08:21,000

And is it...

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00:08:21,000 --> 00:08:24,000

It is a large aircraft, confirm.

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00:08:24,000 --> 00:08:26,000

And the answer is unknown,

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due to the speed that it's travelling.

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00:08:29,000 --> 00:08:32,000

Is there any Air Force aircraft in the vicinity?

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00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:34,000

No known aircraft in the vicinity.

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00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:36,000

It seems to me he's playing same.

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00:08:36,000 --> 00:08:38,000

He's flying over me.

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00:08:38,000 --> 00:08:41,000

Melbourne, Delta Sierra Juliet.

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It's not an aircraft.

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00:08:43,000 --> 00:08:45,000

It is.

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00:08:45,000 --> 00:08:48,000

Can you describe the aircraft?

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00:08:48,000 --> 00:08:50,000

It's a long shape.

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00:08:50,000 --> 00:08:52,000

It has that speed.

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So Fred's thinking, this thing is going so fast,

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00:08:55,000 --> 00:08:58,000

you know, maybe it's an Air Force thing

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00:08:58,000 --> 00:09:00,000

that I don't know about.

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But he still gets the answer back,

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00:09:02,000 --> 00:09:05,000

no, there's no known aircraft in your vicinity.

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00:09:05,000 --> 00:09:09,000

And then Fred says again, a couple of minutes later...

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00:09:09,000 --> 00:09:11,000

He's performing right now, Melbourne.

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00:09:11,000 --> 00:09:15,000

And how large would the object be?

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00:09:15,000 --> 00:09:19,000

Melbourne, it seems like it's stationary.

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00:09:19,000 --> 00:09:22,000

What I'm doing right now is orbiting.

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00:09:22,000 --> 00:09:25,000

And the thing is just orbiting on top of me also.

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00:09:25,000 --> 00:09:28,000

It's got a green light.

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00:09:28,000 --> 00:09:32,000

While he's talking, there's a funny noise coming through the radio,

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00:09:32,000 --> 00:09:34,000

like a background interference sound.

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00:09:37,000 --> 00:09:41,000

Sort of a clickety sort of sound continually whenever he's talking.

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00:09:41,000 --> 00:09:43,000

It's just vanished.

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00:09:44,000 --> 00:09:46,000

Melbourne, let's try to check.

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00:09:46,000 --> 00:09:49,000

I'm just hovering on top of me again.

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00:09:54,000 --> 00:09:58,000

Fred couldn't work out what this object's intention was.

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00:09:58,000 --> 00:10:01,000

Its speed was beyond his understanding.

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00:10:01,000 --> 00:10:03,000

Back at ground control on the mainland,

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00:10:03,000 --> 00:10:06,000

air traffic controller Steve Roby

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00:10:06,000 --> 00:10:09,000

was trying to make sense of what Valentich was seeing

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00:10:09,000 --> 00:10:11,000

and where he was.

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00:10:12,000 --> 00:10:14,000

What's your actual level?

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00:10:14,000 --> 00:10:19,000

And so he said, well, my level is four and a half thousand, four, five, zero, zero.

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00:10:19,000 --> 00:10:23,000

And then Steve says, can you confirm you cannot identify the aircraft?

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00:10:23,000 --> 00:10:26,000

He says, it's affirmative immediately with no hesitation.

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00:10:26,000 --> 00:10:28,000

OK, Roger, stand by.

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00:10:30,000 --> 00:10:32,000

What do you do if you're a pilot and you're in the air

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00:10:32,000 --> 00:10:35,000

and you're flying somewhere and you're told to stand by?

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00:10:35,000 --> 00:10:36,000

What can you do?

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00:10:36,000 --> 00:10:38,000

This is thing flying around you.

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:40,000

So he decides to fly in a circle.

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00:10:40,000 --> 00:10:46,000

And then Fred says, Delta C.O. Juliet, it's not an aircraft, it is.

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00:10:46,000 --> 00:10:48,000

And then he doesn't say anything

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00:10:48,000 --> 00:10:51,000

because he probably can't think of the words to describe it.

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00:10:51,000 --> 00:10:54,000

He doesn't know what this thing is that's flying around him.

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00:10:56,000 --> 00:10:59,000

So then Steve says, Delta C.O. Juliet, Roger.

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00:10:59,000 --> 00:11:02,000

And how large would the object be?

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Frederick doesn't say how large this object is.

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00:11:05,000 --> 00:11:08,000

Instead, he indicates he's under threat.

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00:11:08,000 --> 00:11:11,000

Melan, it's approaching now from Q East.

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00:11:11,000 --> 00:11:14,000

Seems like it's chasing me.

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00:11:14,000 --> 00:11:18,000

Valentinch had stated that it was emitting a green light,

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00:11:18,000 --> 00:11:21,000

which is very similar to a lot of military cases.

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One of them brought before the UN in the late 70s there,

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00:11:26,000 --> 00:11:30,000

where that green light has been thrown into the Bay of Helicopter Pilots,

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00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:32,000

military helicopter pilots.

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00:11:32,000 --> 00:11:37,000

So he had this green light, his cockpit was bathed in that green light.

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00:11:37,000 --> 00:11:41,000

Then he says, Delta C.O. Juliet, it's just vanished.

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00:11:41,000 --> 00:11:46,000

So he's going around in a circle now, but he has no idea where it is.

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00:11:46,000 --> 00:11:48,000

Can't see it anyway.

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00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:50,000

It's just vanished.

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00:11:52,000 --> 00:11:55,000

Air traffic controller Steve Roby is trying to establish

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00:11:55,000 --> 00:11:58,000

whether Frederick can still see the aircraft.

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00:11:58,000 --> 00:12:02,000

He's been circling and now needs to work out where he is.

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00:12:02,000 --> 00:12:06,000

Because he's been going in circles, he doesn't know which way is north and which way is south.

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00:12:06,000 --> 00:12:11,000

He said it's north, south, approaching now from the southwest.

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00:12:11,000 --> 00:12:13,000

So he had to get his bearings again.

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00:12:13,000 --> 00:12:16,000

He had to check with his compass to see where he was,

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00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:19,000

because he really wanted to go on to King Island.

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00:12:19,000 --> 00:12:22,000

And then the unidentified aircraft reappears.

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00:12:22,000 --> 00:12:27,000

Melan, that strange aircraft is hovering on Dolby again.

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00:12:27,000 --> 00:12:31,000

It is hovering and it's not an aircraft.

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00:12:31,000 --> 00:12:35,000

So he's confirmed again that this is not something that he's familiar with.

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00:12:35,000 --> 00:12:37,000

He doesn't know what it is.

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00:12:37,000 --> 00:12:41,000

And he's still trying to go to King Island.

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00:12:41,000 --> 00:12:45,000

And then the next thing, he says,

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00:12:45,000 --> 00:12:50,000

Delta C.O. Juliet Melbourne, and that's the last thing he says.

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00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:54,000

Steve's communication with Frederick came to an abrupt end.

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Frederick Valentich was silent.

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00:12:57,000 --> 00:13:05,000

But what could be heard on the open microphone was an unusual pulsing metallic noise that lasted for 17 seconds.

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00:13:08,000 --> 00:13:16,000

The entire audio recording lasted six minutes before Frederick Valentich and his plane were gone.

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00:13:17,000 --> 00:13:24,000

The Valentich case continues with a twist that will make the hairs on your neck stand on end.

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00:13:37,000 --> 00:13:45,000

In dramatic scenes above the treacherous strait that separates the Australian mainland from the island state of Tasmania,

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00:13:45,000 --> 00:13:50,000

a UFO encounter has taken a turn for the worse.

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00:13:50,000 --> 00:13:56,000

Steve tried to call Frederick a couple of times and got no response.

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00:13:56,000 --> 00:14:02,000

So they then go into what's called an alert phase because they now know that we're not getting a response from this plane.

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00:14:02,000 --> 00:14:04,000

We've got to go looking for him.

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00:14:04,000 --> 00:14:09,000

So we have perfect flying conditions, a plane that is mechanically sound,

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00:14:10,000 --> 00:14:16,000

a pilot who was responsible, had experience, and was clearly in full control.

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How could this have ever gone wrong?

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News of this event spread like wildfire.

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It was reported on television and in newspapers around the world.

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And as a result, everyone had a view on what happened to Frederick Valentich and his plane.

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Many wild theories emerged attempting to debunk the UFO theory, including suicide and plane theft.

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However, the most popular was that Fred Valentich was flying upside down, disoriented, and hit the water.

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George Simpson's research shows this to be impossible.

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The idea that he might have been upside down really doesn't hold,

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00:14:56,000 --> 00:15:03,000

because the system is designed to be like a training aircraft when you're learning to fly.

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00:15:03,000 --> 00:15:07,000

You learn in the system, it's one of the safest aeroplanes.

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00:15:07,000 --> 00:15:10,000

It tends to just fly straight and level.

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00:15:10,000 --> 00:15:13,000

You can invert the plane, you can fly upside down.

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00:15:13,000 --> 00:15:17,000

It tries to correct itself if you go upside down.

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The other thing is all sorts of things happen if you're upside down.

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You're hanging by your seatbelt.

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You'd be aware that you're upside down.

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You probably wouldn't be unaware.

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It's like hanging upside down on the swings.

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You know you're upside down.

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The metallic noise lasted for 17 seconds.

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His finger would have had to have been holding the button on the microphone for that 17 seconds.

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So the plane was transmitting, otherwise we wouldn't have had it got it on tape.

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And from where he was geographically from the receiving tower,

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there's the curvature of the earth and there are some mountains.

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If he'd gone below 2,000 feet, the radio signal would have cut off.

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He must have still been at the elevated level that he just reported he was at,

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because otherwise you wouldn't have got the radio signal.

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Because of the layout of the...

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If you look at the terrain, the mountains would have blocked the signal had he gone below 2,000.

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So the fact that the tape exists with that sound means that he wasn't anywhere near the water.

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What isn't widely known is that many people claim to have seen a strange aircraft in the vicinity

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around the time of Fred's disappearance.

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One of them unwittingly even photographed it.

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I saw it over Melbourne, other people saw it down near Cape Otway,

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and one person that was down there didn't see it, but he heard the plane go over.

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But he had just been outside taking photographs of the setting sun.

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About a month later he got the photos developed, but he knew where he was and when he was,

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when he took the photos.

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And there's this really strange object in the photograph,

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and it coincides with the time that Fred fully passed.

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But this image is amazing. It's an amazing photograph because...

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It was only minutes before Fred flew over here.

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It is unidentifiable.

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It's not a symmetrical shaped object. It's non-symmetrical.

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It's odd. It is strange.

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It seems to have like the vapor coming off it.

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It seems to have sparkly star-like sparkly areas in the sky around it on one side.

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He was... He had it in a steady position.

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He was clicking the shutter every 30 seconds.

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So it didn't make any noise. He didn't hear it.

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He didn't look up. He didn't see it.

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The camera was set on infinity.

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Nothing like that was in the photos before or after.

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And there was this thing just there and then not there.

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So within one minute this thing arrived and disappeared,

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and is a very peculiar object.

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And it coincides with Fred having something he couldn't describe

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in the area.

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He thought that his wonderful sunset photo had been wrecked by the developers

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when they developed his negative,

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and he went back to the developing people to complain

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that there was something on the negative shouldn't be there.

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They checked and said,

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there's nothing wrong with our equipment.

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There's nothing wrong with your film. Go away.

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George Simpson has a theory that Fred's plane came together with the object

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and that the very last part of the recording proves it.

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Now that sound has been released to the public in previous productions

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that have come out.

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That sound is, you can hear it on the internet,

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a very strange noise, kind of a metallic clicking sound.

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I think from what we now know, which we didn't know before,

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I think it's the sound of the prop hitting against the side of this strange object.

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While investigating another case,

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UFO researcher Bill Chalker stumbled across a fantastic story

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from an Adelaide farmer, and it backs up George Simpson's theory.

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And he describes hearing this screeching noise

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and thought it was coming from the tractor.

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He stops, realises it's not coming from the tractor,

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and then he realises that he's in shadow.

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He looks up and sees this massive object, huge object,

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that seemed to be in trouble.

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The impression was that there was sort of oil or something coming down from it,

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and it seemed to be somehow in trouble.

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And he sort of panicked a bit, got off the tractor,

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ran back to get out of the shadow of the object,

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looks up, and at that point the object's rotating,

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and he sees attached to the side of the UFO a whole CESTA aircraft

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attached to the side of the UFO.

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You know, that is kind of a crazy element,

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but he gets back on the tractor,

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he scratches the call sign or the designation on the side of the aircraft

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and it confirmed that it was the call sign of Vlentich's aircraft.

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Now, the object then disappears and heads out over the hills.

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How often have you heard of...

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Everyone's heard of UFOs or flying saucers.

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You don't hear about airplanes being stuck onto the side of a big one, do you?

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This just doesn't happen.

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But this farmer said that's what it was,

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and he could read the registration number of the plane.

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This is a crazy story, but it's come from Bill Chalker,

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who's a very well-respected UFO researcher.

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But with no wreckage nor Frederick's body ever found,

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no one can ever be absolutely sure of what happened that fateful day over Bass Strait.

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Up next, a mass sighting in New Zealand.

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They were doing their best to talk themselves out of it.

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How group think can become group forget.

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On the coast of New Zealand's South Island,

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surrounded by mountains, is the city of Christchurch.

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New Zealand's South Island has one of the least polluted night skies on the planet.

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It also enjoys relatively small amounts of civilian and military air traffic,

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but it's prone to deadly earthquakes.

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And recent theories suggest seismic activity may attract unidentified aerial phenomenon.

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On a balmy December weekend in 1980,

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Brian Grindrod, a man who was a member of the United States,

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Brian Grindrod, a highly credentialed business leader and mentor, was shaken.

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But not because of any earth tremor.

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My name's Brian Grindrod. I've had an extraordinary encounter,

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which as it turned out, went over a weekend and was witnessed by hundreds of other people in the city of Christchurch.

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So look, my experience was over three nights. It started over on Friday nights.

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It was a summer's night. I used to often drive to clear my thoughts and that kind of thing.

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So I just got out the end of the freeway out of Christchurch, heading north.

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And a bright light caught my eye just out of the night, peripheral vision.

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And it caught my attention because it wasn't flashing.

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Planes always flash and this was just a bright light.

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So I momentarily looked and saw this thing with windows.

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And so it was like, whoa!

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And I remember drifting the car into the side of the road, the gravel road,

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doing a U-turn because I saw it was moving over here.

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So I did a U-turn down this country lane.

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And as I was going down the country lane, it crossed over and stopped and hovered in the middle of a paddock.

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Which is the image I had behind.

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I pulled the car in, pointing towards it and jumped out against the door going, whoa!

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You know, that kind of thing.

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And you know, part in my mouth a bit.

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And then I remember going, wow, rubbing my eyes.

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So here's this thing hovering, size of a two-story house, windows, three levels.

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It kind of reminded me of the Beehive Government House in New Zealand, just in the shape.

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But studied those windows for the entire time.

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I was expecting to see some action, some arts, some movement,

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or something walk in front of the window.

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And for the entire quarter of an hour, I studied that intent,

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but I just didn't see anything.

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Brian's encounter was unique in that he had a full 15 minutes to observe the craft up close without it moving.

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He found it so profound that he had an artist reproduce it for him.

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It was basically just a soft metallic colour.

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The light, although the picture behind me is big, bright white light, it wasn't.

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It was just a diffuse white light.

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And absolutely silent. No sound whatsoever.

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And I remember thinking, there are no V8 exhausts spoken out of that thing.

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I wonder, I wonder what, how that is doing that.

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You know, it's like, but that was, that was an honest thought, no exhausts.

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Like, what's powering that?

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UFO researcher Roger Stankovich has seen incredible similarities in UFO movement over the years

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and speculates on their propulsion systems.

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It suggests that the technology is extremely advanced and there's nothing on Earth that we have

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that can replicate something like that.

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A lot of these vehicles are seen to have no flight surfaces and no, what's called signature,

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which means that there's no evidence of fuel being consumed and or heat being emitted.

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And that sort of almost seems impossible or magic to us, but it's what we're seeing.

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And so we're looking at something that's so far ahead in technology

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that it could be even millions of years ahead of what we have.

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What I found interesting was my brain just tried to talk me out of it.

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So I was sitting there going, no, this is not real, this is not real.

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And later on that intrigued me, but at the time that's just what happened.

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And then I remember I actually pinched myself and went, well, I'm not dreaming.

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Rub my eyes, look, look, there it is, there it is.

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It was not that, oh gee, that might be a UFO.

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This was not a UFO, this was a spacecraft.

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And I remember thinking at one stage, I'll flash my lights.

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You know what?

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I just had a moment where I thought, I don't know, you know,

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how do I know that they'd been alphanized or something?

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And then it slowly started to move off towards the city.

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So then I chased it up towards the hills in the back of Christchurch.

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They call it the Cashmere Hills.

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And it just went over the top, not far from where the road goes over the top.

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So I chased it up to the ridge thinking, gee, I wonder if it landed.

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So I actually chased around, drove along the ridge and there were a few houses

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and I got out of the car at one stage, saw a light, thought maybe that's it.

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I was all game now to try and do more.

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It had obviously gone over the hill, hadn't landed, but I was like, you know,

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that was awesome, damn.

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So anyway, I rode home and I shared a house with three other people.

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So I was raving to them all about, they would not believe what I did, you know,

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the whole thing.

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And they were all like, well, and they didn't just believe me,

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they certainly didn't show it, you know, I mean, I was just so animated

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that they couldn't really.

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And we were friends.

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I'm betting there were some reports actually, because, you know,

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you don't get that thing going across the city, even at night,

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without someone reporting it.

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But I didn't actually check any of the reports for that night.

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So the following night, Saturday, I was with my girlfriend.

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It happened to me, I don't even remember why,

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but I was up at the bottom of those hills, someone's been at someone's house

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and we were just driving down a quiet road, it was dusk.

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And all of a sudden, the front of the windscreen of the car

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was this huge, dark shape just came across,

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size of a football field at least, if not more.

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And I went, whoa, you know, I was primed for this for the previous night.

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My girlfriend was like, whoa, so we stopped the car, got out

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and both watched this huge thing going up, blotting out the sky.

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So at least a football field.

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So I was absolutely amazed.

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So I turned on the radio and reports started to come in on the radio.

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So other people had seen this thing go across it.

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So I took a beeline on where it was and it meant to,

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there's a river mouth north of Christchurch.

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We drove out there, there was some fishermen there,

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three old fellas and a young guy, 25-ish.

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And we pulled up near this river mouth and said,

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did you guys see anything coming over, any big thing coming over?

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Whoa, yeah, we did. We saw this thing coming over

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and it was like it had gone above us.

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And all of a sudden it started to spark and then it just went,

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up into the sky.

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Interesting. I said, so you've heard anything?

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Then he got on the CB.

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So he put out a call, yeah, reports were coming in.

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Radio, more the stations, radio stations were getting reports

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of this sighting, this thing that went over the city.

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And so it was really fascinating.

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I think it was Sunday, the paper.

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There was an article, a small thing in the paper,

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about all these reports.

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And so by this stage, having raved to my friends

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and then had this thing go, you know, with the publicity

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go across the city, they were there and really,

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well, you know, what can we do?

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So we all got in the car and drove up to that same spot

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where it came, because it came from exactly the same space

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the other one went to.

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So we went up there and blow me down.

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There were people everywhere with binoculars, telescopes,

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picnic baskets waiting for it to come back.

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Like, long shot, but waiting for it to come back.

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So that kind of, you know, that was the final icing on the cake

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for me and my friends by that stage.

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So that sequence of events, me seeing it close,

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then the big mothercraft going across the city,

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and then the following night, you know,

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hundreds of people from that city going up,

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hoping to catch it again.

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It was a hell of an experience.

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The Christchurch event is unusual

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because multiple credible witnesses viewed it.

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But the New Zealand press worked quickly to explain it away.

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And then about a week later, it was written off,

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a little thing that was written off as reflections of a fishing fleet at sea.

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And that was in the papers, so this is all traceable.

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In discussion with other witnesses,

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Brian found that with events like these,

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it is actually easy to convince people they didn't see what they saw.

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They were doing their best to talk themselves out of it.

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They were trying to come up with other reasons for what they witnessed.

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It was just really not sitting comfortably with them.

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And mainly because the conditioning in society is that you'd be ridiculed.

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The extrapolation of that experience was too big for some people to contemplate.

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You know, when you think it through, as I've had 40 years to do,

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changes your whole view on our position in life as a planet in a big universe.

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I have a ritual now.

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Before I go to bed, I always go and look at the stars.

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I always do. I've seen a lot of satellites,

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but I've never seen anything like that since.

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But I expect in this lifetime, my lifetime, I will, we will.

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People that don't believe it, you know, you're in for a bit of a surprise.

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Just saying.

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It was an alien.

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A close encounter of the fifth kind.

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If I hadn't seen it to myself, I wouldn't have believed it.

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Our final investigation takes us to the North Island of New Zealand,

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to the capital of Wellington.

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Just a little north of here is where one of the most extraordinary encounters ever witnessed took place.

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Contact between aliens and software engineer Paul Simpson.

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Back in 2009, I witnessed a UFO.

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Paul lives in a coastal village on the very outskirts of Wellington.

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It has a calm, protected beach that, apart from the odd morning dog walker, or fisherman, is quiet.

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There is nothing special about this place, apart from being pristine and peaceful.

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On the surface, Paul is a very successful businessman, running his own software company.

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But underneath, he has carried a secret, heavy burden, since 2009.

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I decided to start telling people about it because it was my 39th birthday.

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And I don't want to be 40 years old and have all this bottled up.

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I have nothing against people who don't believe this because if I hadn't seen it for myself, I wanted to believe it.

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Just a real shock.

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Some nights, I only sleep one or two hours.

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So this was one of those nights, and it was 2am, and it was a really nice, calm and peaceful night.

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So I decided that I would pour myself a glass of wine and go and sit on the beach and just relax.

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Because I love just sitting down the road from the beach.

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So I've been sitting there for about ten minutes before I saw it happen.

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Large flashlights come down from above.

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Because I was sitting up next to the sand dune, I thought it had actually just flown from my behind over me.

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And the craft that it was coming from, go out over the ocean, about somewhere between two and five kilometres out into the ocean.

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There's an island out there.

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I saw it scanning. It was a really bright flashlight, and I saw it just scanning back and forth over a particular area.

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And what really drew my curiosity is that the movement of it, it was so weird.

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It was like, it would go to a constant speed and then just stop on a dime and then continue on at that constant speed and then just stop on a dime and then just go back and forth.

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And at first I thought, oh, maybe it's the Coast Guard, but maybe they've just got a really bright light on a helicopter.

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Maybe it's too far away from me to see or something.

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I stood up and where I was standing, it was on, you know, there's a sea wall and high tide.

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The water comes all the way up to the sea wall, but this was a low tide.

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So I jumped off the sea wall down onto the beach, trying to get a closer look to see what was happening.

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After a while, it actually came and landed on the beach, and that's when I could actually make up the details of the craft.

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So the craft landed about 50 minutes away from me on the beach.

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It was cylindrical and shaped about the same size as a suburban bus, but it was completely smooth.

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UFO investigator Jamie Leonardo has listened to Paul relay his story and finds him a totally credible witness.

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If you were just having an hallucination or a bad dream, there's no way you'd be able to remember it in meticulous terms,

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nor would it have bugged you and been something you've carried with you for decades.

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But Paul's encounter went much further than just a sighting.

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A greenish purple, like a greeny purples of a luminous hue around it.

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It lit up the surroundings a little bit, but no more. It wasn't that bright. It was about the same intensity as a street light.

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It was there for a shorter period of time, and then out from under it came what I thought was a person with a big helmet on.

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But it turns out it was an alien.

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Right then the alien was standing right in front of me, basically within just beyond arm's reach.

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It wasn't like it was a person. I can tell it was a different species.

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It was almost like a monkey, but really advanced one, and I was just seeing that, and it just had these huge big eyes.

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I was kind of just like fixated on these eyes, and then when I looked at the eyes, that's when I got all these sort of mental images just coming into my head.

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I didn't know this at the time. It's only recently that I've been looking into this phenomenon.

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It's basically exactly what other people have described as a grey alien. It's about four feet tall.

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It's got a large head that's just a little bit wider than its shoulders.

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It's got big, big black eyes, and it was wearing like a light grip bodysuit.

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But there didn't seem to be any zips or anything. It was quite skinny bodysuit and sort of up to it around its neck.

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And then its skin was just like a creamy greyish color.

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The texture kind of reminded me raw bread dough, but I felt that if it wasn't rainy, but if water had landed on it, water would have run out.

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It would have had the same kind of absorbency as ours.

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So it's there in front of me. I'm paralyzed. I can't move. And then I start just seeing in my head all these vivid, vivid mental images.

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Absolutely amazing. Like, yeah, mind-blowing.

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There are five classifications of close encounters.

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First, is a visual sighting less than 500 feet or 150 meters away.

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Second is where a physical effect occurs, such as a car malfunctioning or animals reacting.

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The third, an entity presents itself.

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The fourth is human abduction. And the fifth, direct communication.

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Paul had jumped from a close encounter of the third kind to the fifth kind.

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And it's taken nine years for him to open up to UFO researcher Roger Stankovich.

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He initially approached me first and never spoke to anybody about this.

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And it's interesting that he's actually come out on video now, which is surprising because he's a very private person and he wanted to keep this to himself.

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But now he's come out and he's sharing this information with a lot more people, which is good.

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I'm actually happy that he's done this. It's very rare to have a report like this where you have an extremely credible witness and an extraordinary experience like this where the craft has actually landed

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and an entity's actually come out and interacted with the human. These instances are extremely rare.

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So what did Paul talk about with his alien visitor?

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When it started, I was just so completely just in all like, what's happening? What is all this?

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And it was like, there's pictures of the Earth, like looking down, coming around all the continents and with a particular focus on the Amazon rainforest.

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Because I knew that area from maps. And it was just huge emotions like, oh my God, this is really precious.

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You need to really, this is, you don't understand how important this is. And there was like the kind of emotion that went along with it.

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It's so hard to articulate this all in English language because it was just like, it was mental images and concepts.

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But I saw things like bottles of plastic going down rivers into the ocean. This is like microplastics.

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I've since done research about that, but I didn't know about this at the time.

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If you keep being bad to the environment like this, you won't be able to go outside. Otherwise you're going to be screwed.

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They explains how the science of telepathic communication, how it actually was like their big eyes, those are actually biological organs.

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And there's a particular type of radiation that comes out of that. Paul's a hallucination, but in a very controlled way.

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And so they can, by sending particular types of radiation out, it can trigger particular memories.

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If they can understand your brain, which they do, then they know which frequencies of this radiation can trigger which thoughts.

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And that's how they can communicate telepathically. And so that was one thing that just blew my mind.

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All of a sudden the mental images just stopped and I was no longer paralyzed, fully lucid and fully controlled myself again.

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And the little alien was still just standing there, just staring at me.

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I'm curious now, I want to touch it. So I went to touch it, I was going to pick it up and see and actually touch it.

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But then as soon as I did that, it's sort of a recall back again. And then I got just such intense emotion of fear.

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I was just so scared. You know, like just the worst fear that I've ever felt.

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I sprinted back down the beach. There's just steps, there's a cul-de-sac that goes down to the beach.

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It goes up from the beach, up the rocks and then onto the road. I was running up these steps and then I looked back to where the craft was.

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And I saw it just take off into the sky and disappear. I just ran home.

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I slept quite well for a few hours. I woke up the next morning and I was thinking, was this a dream? Was it a hallucination?

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What happened with all this? I called in sick of work and then I went back down to the beach and it was daylight now.

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And there were people sort of walking their dogs and jogging and stuff down the beach as usual in the morning.

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And yeah, but where I was sitting, and my glass of wine and I was still there.

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So that's when it made me realise, hang on, it wasn't just a dream. We're not alone in the universe.

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There's an advanced species that is regularly visiting us and has been here for a long time and they are real.

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It's not all made up. That's just such a mind-blowing thing.