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00:00:05,510 --> 00:00:02,149  
got my wings down in corpus christi

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00:00:07,190 --> 00:00:05,520  
texas in 1944

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00:00:10,549 --> 00:00:07,200  
may the 15th

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00:00:12,070 --> 00:00:10,559  
we were called to the flight line to

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00:00:14,470 --> 00:00:12,080  
investigate a

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00:00:16,550 --> 00:00:14,480  
object that was flying over the or

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00:00:19,349 --> 00:00:16,560  
moving around over this

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00:00:20,230 --> 00:00:19,359  
hanford ordnance works

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00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:20,240  
the

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00:00:25,750 --> 00:00:23,680  
objects had been detected on a radar

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00:00:27,589 --> 00:00:25,760  
down in the

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00:00:28,950 --> 00:00:27,599  
neck of the columbia river

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00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:28,960

just west of

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:31,840

the naval air station near pasco

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00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:33,440

when we got down there they told us that

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00:00:37,830 --> 00:00:35,680

this bogey was out there right over the

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:37,840

hanford ordnance works and

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00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:40,079

directed the lieutenant commander brown

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00:00:44,709 --> 00:00:42,399

to take off and challenge him

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00:00:46,869 --> 00:00:44,719

and since ct neil from

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:46,879

south carolina

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00:00:52,950 --> 00:00:50,160

and i stayed on the ground ct went down

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00:00:56,150 --> 00:00:52,960

and got in another success to back up

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00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:56,160

with brown if he needed it and i went up

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00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:58,800

to the control tower to

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00:01:05,590 --> 00:01:01,600

relay the information from a

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:05,600

radar office to brown and we talked back

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:08,159

and forth we got brown up there behind

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:11,680

us objects and i was asking what he saw

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00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:14,880

he said all i can see is a bright red or

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00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:16,720

a reddish-orange

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00:01:21,429 --> 00:01:19,200

fireball right up in front of me

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:21,439

there's no form no

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00:01:25,510 --> 00:01:23,200

substance to us whatsoever this is

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:25,520

bright light at the time he started in

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:29,439

africa the radar man estimated that the

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:31,520

speed was probably around

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00:01:37,749 --> 00:01:35,360

60 to 70 knots okay translated into

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00:01:40,550 --> 00:01:37,759

miles per hour that's probably 65 to

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00:01:42,069 --> 00:01:40,560

75.76

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,079

miles an hour

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00:01:46,789 --> 00:01:44,799

but when brown got behind it it started

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00:01:50,069 --> 00:01:46,799

moving away and he kept getting closer

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00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:50,079

and far enough that s6 faster and faster

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00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:51,360

and faster

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:53,280

but anyway when he did that

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00:01:57,910 --> 00:01:55,600

the objects whatever it was just took

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00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:57,920

off and went boom boom

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:02:00,320

just here out of sight no noise and i

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:02,240

thought he wouldn't hurt his enemies

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00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:04,399

stuff if there was any noise

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00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:06,880

but that i just went off and left him

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00:02:13,030 --> 00:02:10,000

and he circled up there

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:13,040

for oh i would say probably half hour

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00:02:17,030 --> 00:02:15,200

maybe three quarters of an hour

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00:02:19,350 --> 00:02:17,040

and nothing ever happened again but it

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00:02:21,350 --> 00:02:19,360

had headed off into the northwest

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00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:21,360

towards seattle so can you tell me a

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00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:23,040

little bit more about what the object

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00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:24,080

looked like

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:28,160

all that object was was a fireball

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00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:29,120

and

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00:02:35,270 --> 00:02:33,440

figure out what it was he said it was so

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00:02:37,430 --> 00:02:35,280

bright he couldn't hardly stand it when

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00:02:39,910 --> 00:02:37,440

he was getting closer to it but he said

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00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:39,920

he soon got out of range where it was

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,720

nothing more than just a bowl of light

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00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:44,800

there was no form or no

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00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:47,519

noise to it that he could detect but the

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00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:50,080

worst part of all of this is that my

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00:02:55,750 --> 00:02:52,800

wrong book never showed

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00:02:56,550 --> 00:02:55,760

our experience and i don't know yet why

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:56,560

but

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00:03:01,750 --> 00:02:59,120

the navy ignored that or at least did

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00:03:03,509 --> 00:03:01,760

not tell anybody about that and didn't

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00:03:05,670 --> 00:03:03,519

put anything in my logbook so i could

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:05,680

refer back to know what night it was