



EMPRESS OF NIAGARA

Canadian Pacific

1-1

CPA

1
00:00:04,550 --> 00:00:02,470
first of all you're 100

2
00:00:05,749 --> 00:00:04,560
correct but they do exist and anyone

3
00:00:07,670 --> 00:00:05,759
that doesn't believe in them has got to

4
00:00:09,350 --> 00:00:07,680
have their head examined

5
00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:09,360
i'm just going to relate one incident

6
00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:11,200
there have been a few

7
00:00:15,990 --> 00:00:13,920
uh about six to my recognition in the

8
00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:16,000
last three three and a half years i'm a

9
00:00:20,070 --> 00:00:17,760
first officer cold product whenever you

10
00:00:22,470 --> 00:00:20,080
take the pick up on these space between

11
00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:22,480
vancouver and tokyo and vancouver hong

12
00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:24,720
kong return have been for about three

13
00:00:27,349 --> 00:00:26,160

years

14

00:00:29,029 --> 00:00:27,359

now the incident i'm going to be

15

00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:29,039

speaking about that happened on a run

16

00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:32,320

from tokyo to vancouver return trip in

17

00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:35,280

june of 1969 which was about four months

18

00:00:38,389 --> 00:00:36,559

after i first started on the

19

00:00:40,229 --> 00:00:38,399

international routes part of that was

20

00:00:42,830 --> 00:00:40,239

milk runs prince george's session but

21

00:00:46,630 --> 00:00:42,840

anyhow it's around 2 30

22

00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:46,640

a.m in the morning yeah about 2500 miles

23

00:00:51,990 --> 00:00:48,640

northwest of vancouver we're cruising at

24

00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:52,000

about 34 000 feet with the auto pilot on

25

00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:53,760

the book quite bluntly there was one

26
00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:55,680
hell of a blue flash just to the right

27
00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:58,800
of the aircraft and forward immediately

28
00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:59,920
checked

29
00:01:03,670 --> 00:01:02,000
the instrumentation as you know it's

30
00:01:05,189 --> 00:01:03,680
kind of dark up forward or you may not

31
00:01:07,030 --> 00:01:05,199
know what it does it's just illuminating

32
00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:07,040
styles so we tell you what we're going

33
00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:08,240
at

34
00:01:15,190 --> 00:01:12,159
and they were all over the place top

35
00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:15,200
down sideways the uh artificial horizon

36
00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,799
the turning bank the air speed the

37
00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:18,640
altitude so you can take your pick if we

38
00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:20,479

could have been 234 000 beating in the

39

00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:22,320

ground you couldn't get a reading

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00:01:27,070 --> 00:01:25,360

that lasts for about three four seconds

41

00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:27,080

this blue blast disappeared

42

00:01:30,950 --> 00:01:29,280

approximately oh i would take a guess

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00:01:32,710 --> 00:01:30,960

two to three miles forward of the

44

00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,720

aircraft and maintain a position there

45

00:01:37,830 --> 00:01:34,799

for roughly

46

00:01:39,910 --> 00:01:37,840

35-40 seconds somewhere around them

47

00:01:41,510 --> 00:01:39,920

they closed in on us rather fast all

48

00:01:42,789 --> 00:01:41,520

this time i must say i'm sitting with my

49

00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,799

mouth open

50

00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:44,799

i have

51
00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:47,680
just couldn't believe what was happening

52
00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:49,920
and closing us a tremendous rate of

53
00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,399
speed uh that distance i would say was

54
00:01:57,030 --> 00:01:54,960
covered in maybe three seconds

55
00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:57,040
the distance i'm speaking now was it

56
00:02:01,350 --> 00:01:59,280
sort of a collision course or of course

57
00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:01,360
direct collision course uh it seemed

58
00:02:04,789 --> 00:02:02,960
direct now it may have been high mid and

59
00:02:14,229 --> 00:02:04,799
low all right or left you couldn't tell

60
00:02:18,869 --> 00:02:16,470
yards and maintained a

61
00:02:21,430 --> 00:02:18,879
hovering position there

62
00:02:22,550 --> 00:02:21,440
vertical and maintain that position for

63
00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:22,560

roughly

64

00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,480

a minute to a minute and a half now

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:26,480

let's say it seemed like an eternity

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:29,120

staring absurdist what was your ground

67

00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:31,200

speed at the time ground speed would be

68

00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:34,720

about 550 knots uh

69

00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:36,160

now it maintained that position

70

00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:39,040

constantly never vary uh me or varied

71

00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:41,120

slightly but we couldn't tell

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00:02:44,949 --> 00:02:42,640

now unless they were looking at one

73

00:02:46,550 --> 00:02:44,959

another and uh this was my first real

74

00:02:48,150 --> 00:02:46,560

experience with something now i'm sure

75

00:02:49,589 --> 00:02:48,160

everybody said they've seen them or

76
00:02:51,270 --> 00:02:49,599
thought they have seen him at one time

77
00:02:54,229 --> 00:02:51,280
at a tremendous distance but this was

78
00:02:56,070 --> 00:02:54,239
close too close pretty confident

79
00:02:58,229 --> 00:02:56,080
as steve nearly said i'm repeating

80
00:02:59,430 --> 00:02:58,239
myself now for a minute maybe a minute

81
00:03:01,990 --> 00:02:59,440
and a half

82
00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:02,000
and then it just went straight up

83
00:03:07,589 --> 00:03:04,720
straight up not right flat line straight

84
00:03:10,309 --> 00:03:07,599
up and out of sight oh five seven

85
00:03:13,509 --> 00:03:10,319
seconds just completely disappeared

86
00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:13,519
well i must say i was a little upset

87
00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:17,200
now the captain was a little calm

88
00:03:22,710 --> 00:03:20,640

um i turned to him and i said

89

00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:22,720

what the hell was it

90

00:03:26,550 --> 00:03:24,319

or what is it

91

00:03:28,070 --> 00:03:26,560

he said i don't know he said but they've

92

00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:28,080

seen him before

93

00:03:33,750 --> 00:03:30,640

they come around they have a look

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00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:33,760

and uh i said well how about should we

95

00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:35,760

get back into vancouver so we'd contact

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00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:37,360

the d.o.t

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00:03:41,270 --> 00:03:39,280

and uh fill out a near-miss made air

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00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:41,280

collision form he says i know i said

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00:03:44,869 --> 00:03:42,799

yesterday

100

00:03:46,229 --> 00:03:44,879

i said but you gotta be kidding he says

101
00:03:48,390 --> 00:03:46,239
he'll never believe you you fill out

102
00:03:50,949 --> 00:03:48,400
that form you sign it you're quizzed by

103
00:03:53,350 --> 00:03:50,959
the dot they will make a recommendation

104
00:03:55,270 --> 00:03:53,360
nine times i was done to your company

105
00:03:57,830 --> 00:03:55,280
doctor at one people have your head

106
00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:57,840
examined and two you have your eyes

107
00:04:02,470 --> 00:04:00,480
yep yep this is an old story

108
00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:02,480
now i've seen these now this is the

109
00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:05,599
thing uh i was all fire and brimstone

110
00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:07,120
let's go let's get the hell back to

111
00:04:10,149 --> 00:04:08,400
vancouver let's tell them what's

112
00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:10,159
happened and he says they just won't

113
00:04:13,190 --> 00:04:11,360

believe you

114

00:04:14,869 --> 00:04:13,200

don't

115

00:04:16,069 --> 00:04:14,879

wasting your bother time he says i've

116

00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:16,079

been through this route before

117

00:04:19,909 --> 00:04:17,840

apologizing

118

00:04:22,069 --> 00:04:19,919

but anyhow he says that all righty it's

119

00:04:23,670 --> 00:04:22,079

bleeding is in order

120

00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:23,680

thank you but he says it's a waste of

121

00:04:28,150 --> 00:04:26,000

your time this is the d.o.t as i

122

00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:28,160

repeated before stated before they will

123

00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:30,000

make a recommendation you never see what

124

00:04:34,629 --> 00:04:32,639

the recommendation is now uh first

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00:04:36,230 --> 00:04:34,639

impression when i got the to the right

126
00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:36,240
of the aircraft the flash and the boom

127
00:04:40,230 --> 00:04:38,560
and the bang and it was just gone i

128
00:04:49,749 --> 00:04:40,240
thought oh wow we got some throttle

129
00:04:53,110 --> 00:04:51,830
now i don't have any

130
00:04:55,830 --> 00:04:53,120
myself

131
00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:55,840
oh by the way i must say that in my

132
00:05:01,749 --> 00:04:58,400
assumption it was a disc

133
00:05:03,270 --> 00:05:01,759
25 to 30 yards in diameter about 15

134
00:05:05,749 --> 00:05:03,280
yards in depth

135
00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:05,759
and it was a brilliant blue

136
00:05:09,590 --> 00:05:08,400
i don't know how to describe it it was

137
00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:09,600
just

138
00:05:13,909 --> 00:05:10,720

brilliant

139

00:05:15,909 --> 00:05:13,919

the only word i can use or makeup just

140

00:05:17,670 --> 00:05:15,919

tremendously bright

141

00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:17,680

now uh

142

00:05:21,430 --> 00:05:19,680

how close do you think would you have

143

00:05:23,110 --> 00:05:21,440

any way of estimating how close do you

144

00:05:24,629 --> 00:05:23,120

think it got to you

145

00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:24,639

uh when i came to the right of the

146

00:05:30,710 --> 00:05:27,600

aircraft um it happened so fast in all

147

00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:30,720

honesty i could say no uh i don't know

148

00:05:34,790 --> 00:05:32,639

it i won't say it didn't shake the

149

00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,800

aircraft it shook me i may have gone to

150

00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:36,240

the end of the aircraft for a change of

151

00:05:55,270 --> 00:05:53,270

reported many times also

152

00:05:57,270 --> 00:05:55,280

how long did the instruments remain

153

00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:57,280

abnormal oh

154

00:06:04,070 --> 00:06:01,120

five to seven seconds now there was one

155

00:06:05,110 --> 00:06:04,080

at the initial path now what's the

156

00:06:07,670 --> 00:06:05,120

object

157

00:06:11,270 --> 00:06:07,680

for a lack of a better word

158

00:06:13,189 --> 00:06:11,280

maintain the distance at about 1500

159

00:06:15,749 --> 00:06:13,199

yards to the maximum a thousand that's

160

00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:15,759

the closest to the gain i'm guessing

161

00:06:22,230 --> 00:06:20,000

i guess that was in the state of shock

162

00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:22,240

there was a fluctuation of electrical

163

00:06:27,029 --> 00:06:24,720

power very minor uh for example like a

164

00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:27,039

child playing with a light switch on off

165

00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:28,080

on off

166

00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:31,360

not constantly but maybe 10 15 seconds

167

00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:34,080

apart i'd say they flickered a good half

168

00:06:37,029 --> 00:06:35,520

dozen times in the ministry that they

169

00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:37,039

have

170

00:06:41,029 --> 00:06:39,280

but uh anyway they get to the meat of

171

00:06:42,070 --> 00:06:41,039

the matter now that's just one incident

172

00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:42,080

i

173

00:06:52,790 --> 00:06:50,880

just correct

174

00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:52,800

not satellites they're not aircraft that

175

00:06:56,230 --> 00:06:54,240

i know of

176
00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,240
and uh

177
00:07:00,150 --> 00:06:58,319
i carry a camera now

178
00:07:02,390 --> 00:07:00,160
good all right and

179
00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:02,400
i'm not an idiot at least i don't think

180
00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:04,880
i am the flight engineer

181
00:07:08,390 --> 00:07:06,080
myself

182
00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:08,400
and the captain seniors

183
00:07:13,510 --> 00:07:11,520
it did take place imagine that hey any

184
00:07:14,870 --> 00:07:13,520
of the passengers start some of the

185
00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:14,880
passengers on the right side of the

186
00:07:19,029 --> 00:07:16,800
aircraft four was the first class action

187
00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:19,039
scene the initial blue plus yes

188
00:07:22,790 --> 00:07:20,880

because they were asking us they were

189

00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:22,800

asking you they were asking us are we

190

00:07:27,029 --> 00:07:24,880

going to crash things like that after

191

00:07:40,070 --> 00:07:27,039

something right so there's no question

192

00:07:49,400 --> 00:07:41,749

roughly 2 30 in the morning you don't

193

00:07:53,830 --> 00:07:51,110

[Music]

194

00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:53,840

sir i myself do not have some pictures i

195

00:07:57,510 --> 00:07:55,520

am carrying the camera hoping someday i

196

00:07:59,909 --> 00:07:57,520

will get some but i know of two people

197

00:08:01,909 --> 00:07:59,919

who do have pictures now these pictures

198

00:08:03,670 --> 00:08:01,919

have not been turned over to the dot

199

00:08:05,909 --> 00:08:03,680

they have not been overturned over to

200

00:08:07,749 --> 00:08:05,919

our supervisory staff for the reason i

201
00:08:09,029 --> 00:08:07,759
relate it further they may send us out

202
00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:09,039
here i don't know

203
00:08:13,749 --> 00:08:12,000
out here it's called small

204
00:08:14,629 --> 00:08:13,759
they send you down there for things like

205
00:08:16,790 --> 00:08:14,639
this

206
00:08:18,869 --> 00:08:16,800
but i would love to send these pictures

207
00:08:20,629 --> 00:08:18,879
i have access to the negatives to get

208
00:08:21,749 --> 00:08:20,639
some friends meet up and they are in

209
00:08:24,710 --> 00:08:21,759
color

210
00:08:26,230 --> 00:08:24,720
in a very space place because it's the

211
00:08:28,550 --> 00:08:26,240
thing

212
00:08:31,589 --> 00:08:28,560
is a very real scientific value i'll

213
00:08:33,829 --> 00:08:31,599

make a trip out there to see them myself

214

00:08:36,550 --> 00:08:33,839

because i would not suggest to

215

00:08:38,790 --> 00:08:36,560

entrust them to the mail

216

00:08:41,430 --> 00:08:38,800

well now just to say sir

217

00:08:43,190 --> 00:08:41,440

there is no problem there uh they're 35

218

00:08:44,949 --> 00:08:43,200

millimeters wide

219

00:08:46,550 --> 00:08:44,959

there are about five people that have

220

00:08:48,630 --> 00:08:46,560

them now in our little group uh so

221

00:08:54,310 --> 00:08:48,640

there's not the idea okay

222

00:08:58,120 --> 00:08:54,320

but now the address uh uh his name is

223

00:08:58,130 --> 00:09:02,150

[Applause]

224

00:09:07,700 --> 00:09:05,350

and it's simply department of astronomy

225

00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:07,710

department

226

00:09:20,160 --> 00:09:26,060

um

227

00:09:26,070 --> 00:09:41,990

[Music]

228

00:09:46,150 --> 00:09:43,990

they shall be in the mail this weekend

229

00:09:48,389 --> 00:09:46,160

i'm looking forward very very much okay

230

00:09:59,030 --> 00:09:48,399

i'll put a return address etc and any

231

00:10:03,269 --> 00:10:00,550

all right now i'm going to jump in here

232

00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:03,279

for both of you or to both of you

233

00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:04,480

uh

234

00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:06,959

cp airline pilot would you be good

235

00:10:12,550 --> 00:10:10,640

enough to drop me a note so that i can

236

00:10:14,870 --> 00:10:12,560

contact you because i would dearly love

237

00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:14,880

to see these pictures and like dr

238

00:10:19,190 --> 00:10:16,720

heineck of course no names no back

239

00:10:21,030 --> 00:10:19,200

grille because like dr heineck i

240

00:10:22,310 --> 00:10:21,040

understand they'll take the man with a

241

00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:22,320

butterfly and it'll take you away

242

00:10:26,710 --> 00:10:24,640

there's something else today but with if

243

00:10:28,710 --> 00:10:26,720

you would we could be good enough uh to

244

00:10:30,230 --> 00:10:28,720

do so gladly mr

245

00:10:31,750 --> 00:10:30,240

station personal confidential that's

246

00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:31,760

right that's right and it'll get to me

247

00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:34,560

on open personal confidential

248

00:10:40,310 --> 00:10:37,440

and to you dr heineck uh would you like

249

00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:40,320

a copy of this of the tape of this

250

00:10:44,550 --> 00:10:42,480

particular conversation because i think

251
00:10:47,670 --> 00:10:44,560
of importance i would indeed very much

252
00:10:50,150 --> 00:10:47,680
all right we will get to you a copy of

253
00:10:53,110 --> 00:10:50,160
this tape he will send to you in

254
00:10:56,630 --> 00:10:53,120
addition uh the uh

255
00:10:58,230 --> 00:10:56,640
the films and uh i hope also see your

256
00:11:04,880 --> 00:10:58,240
airline pilot you'll get in touch with

257
00:11:04,890 --> 00:11:13,110
[Music]

258
00:11:17,910 --> 00:11:15,590
safe in that i have no

259
00:11:20,550 --> 00:11:17,920
intention whatsoever of a

260
00:11:22,470 --> 00:11:20,560
revealing name well that's fine sir i

261
00:11:24,150 --> 00:11:22,480
spoke to mr burns secretary there was a

262
00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:24,160
matter of discussion as long as that

263
00:11:26,970 --> 00:11:25,600

isn't mentioned on the air they won't

264

00:11:33,829 --> 00:11:26,980

know who i am because it

265

00:11:40,069 --> 00:11:37,110

i constantly picked up most confidential

266

00:11:42,870 --> 00:11:40,079

memorandums at the corner of granville

267

00:11:45,030 --> 00:11:42,880

and georgia and if anybody believes that

268

00:11:47,110 --> 00:11:45,040

they're out of their tree but that's the

269

00:11:48,310 --> 00:11:47,120

only way i ever say i come into

270

00:11:51,030 --> 00:11:48,320

possession

271

00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:51,040

certainly sir i thank you for putting up

272

00:11:54,630 --> 00:11:53,040

with me and i thank you for your time to

273

00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:54,640

listen to my story and i thank you mr

274

00:11:58,630 --> 00:11:56,800

burns for making it possible well i'm

275

00:12:00,790 --> 00:11:58,640

i'm looking forward to

276

00:12:02,710 --> 00:12:00,800

hearing from you okay myself

277

00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:02,720

okay seek the airline pilot a million

278

00:12:07,990 --> 00:12:04,800

thanks for calling