



Wing Commander
CYRIL WITHERS

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00:00:03,770 --> 00:00:02,149
Wing Commander Cyril Withers was the

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00:00:05,870 --> 00:00:03,780
principal scientific officer for the

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00:00:08,990 --> 00:00:05,880
ministry of Defense at Raf boscom in

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00:00:10,490 --> 00:00:09,000
Wiltshire when in 1952 he witnessed

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00:00:12,890 --> 00:00:10,500
something which made an indelible

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00:00:14,690 --> 00:00:12,900
impression upon him his job involved the

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00:00:18,290 --> 00:00:14,700
secret testing of equipment aboard a

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00:00:22,070 --> 00:00:18,300
Canberra pr9 this was a very special

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00:00:24,890 --> 00:00:22,080
flight in that we'd been asked just

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00:00:26,689 --> 00:00:24,900
a Canberra craft that was high in

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00:00:30,290 --> 00:00:26,699
altitude as possible and find out

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00:00:33,729 --> 00:00:30,300
exactly how high the aircraft would go

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00:00:37,549 --> 00:00:33,739

we managed to get up to 55 000 feet

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00:00:41,750 --> 00:00:37,559

mainly at that stage to test the radar

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00:00:44,330 --> 00:00:41,760

unit just about as we were to call it a

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00:00:48,110 --> 00:00:44,340

day we suddenly got a signal on the

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00:00:51,770 --> 00:00:48,120

radar this we discovered at about eight

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00:00:53,090 --> 00:00:51,780

miles away from us and shining very very

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00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:53,100

brightly

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00:00:58,270 --> 00:00:55,039

now this could have been

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:58,280

entirely Sun reflection

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00:01:04,729 --> 00:01:01,680

or it could have been self-generated

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00:01:07,789 --> 00:01:04,739

brilliant we still wanted to confirm

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00:01:11,090 --> 00:01:07,799

that it was not any sort of false

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:11,100

indication and we could actually see in

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:13,680

the distance something listening

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00:01:23,870 --> 00:01:18,960

it was about 30 to 40 feet diameter with

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:23,880

a central Dome we were quite determined

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00:01:29,450 --> 00:01:26,880

to report this to the ground station

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00:01:32,510 --> 00:01:29,460

when we got down in view of the fact

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00:01:35,690 --> 00:01:32,520

that no other aircraft at that time

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:35,700

could fly or be flying from any country

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00:01:40,490 --> 00:01:37,680

that that's true

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00:01:41,390 --> 00:01:40,500

to say what speed it was going and I

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00:01:44,450 --> 00:01:41,400

would

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00:01:46,490 --> 00:01:44,460

well be very difficult to say but it's

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00:01:49,490 --> 00:01:46,500

certainly be well in excess of two

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00:01:51,289 --> 00:01:49,500

hundred dollars well in excess of that I

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00:01:54,530 --> 00:01:51,299

would think possibly more like 500

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00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:54,540

because it vanished so quickly and I'm

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:57,060

still convinced that this was some

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00:02:04,270 --> 00:01:59,520

reconnaissance

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00:02:07,730 --> 00:02:04,280

object from another planet and that

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00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:07,740

I wouldn't like to guess I I I I would

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00:02:12,949 --> 00:02:10,800

think that it was uh certainly generated