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00:00:09,589 --> 00:00:05,390
sometime in Late July early August of

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00:00:11,990 --> 00:00:09,599
1952 as an Ensign I saw a bright light

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00:00:13,850 --> 00:00:12,000
and the forward of the bow

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00:00:16,490 --> 00:00:13,860
on the right hand side which would be

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00:00:19,609 --> 00:00:16,500
the starboard side the ship was on a

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00:00:21,890 --> 00:00:19,619
Shakedown Cruise near gitmo Cuba

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00:00:24,590 --> 00:00:21,900
and I was down below Dex it was maybe

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00:00:26,450 --> 00:00:24,600
approximately eight nine o'clock in the

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00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:26,460
evening like it was and it's a buddy of

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00:00:30,109 --> 00:00:28,560
mine uh Vince we've seen a bunch of men

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00:00:32,690 --> 00:00:30,119
coming from the engine room compartment

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00:00:34,670 --> 00:00:32,700
running up top side on the ladder said

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00:00:36,889 --> 00:00:34,680

red let's go up there see what's going

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00:00:38,690 --> 00:00:36,899

on so I follow these guys up

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:38,700

uh three or four decks up to the flight

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00:00:42,410 --> 00:00:40,320

deck and we were watching this little

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00:00:44,270 --> 00:00:42,420

object like a light that were it was

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00:00:47,810 --> 00:00:44,280

following our ship

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00:00:51,470 --> 00:00:47,820

and then it came out of the sky at us my

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00:00:54,650 --> 00:00:51,480

friends called me to come outside and we

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00:00:55,630 --> 00:00:54,660

observed a bright light quite high in

22

00:00:58,130 --> 00:00:55,640

the sky

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00:00:59,229 --> 00:00:58,140

it looked like a star but was much

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00:01:04,009 --> 00:00:59,239

brighter

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00:01:07,250 --> 00:01:04,019

the light tracked at a high speed and

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00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:07,260

came to a stop altered Direction and

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00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:09,439

accelerated to high speed stopped again

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:12,240

and it proceeded across the sky in this

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00:01:16,969 --> 00:01:13,680

matter until it disappeared into the

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00:01:20,210 --> 00:01:16,979

Moonlight these three men Robert Coburn

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00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:20,220

Chester grazinski and John Lawrence all

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00:01:25,850 --> 00:01:23,759

served on the USS FDR but each man was

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00:01:28,370 --> 00:01:25,860

assigned to the ship on different tours

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00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:28,380

in different years and with different

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00:01:31,730 --> 00:01:29,280

jobs

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00:01:34,010 --> 00:01:31,740

and yet each man saw the same thing

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00:01:36,530 --> 00:01:34,020

sometime during his service an

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00:01:38,990 --> 00:01:36,540

unidentified flying object tracking the

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00:01:41,149 --> 00:01:39,000

Navy aircraft carrier through the sky

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00:01:42,830 --> 00:01:41,159

others stood with them and witnessed the

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00:01:45,410 --> 00:01:42,840

same events which occurred over a

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00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:45,420

10-year period but there is no record of

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00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:47,880

any sightings in the ship's logs and

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00:01:52,670 --> 00:01:49,860

attempts to find other eyewitnesses have

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00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:52,680

failed I know that during September of

46

00:01:57,830 --> 00:01:54,720

52 there were a series of incidents

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:57,840

during operation main brace which was a

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00:02:01,789 --> 00:01:59,520

series of Naval Maneuvers military

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00:02:04,850 --> 00:02:01,799

Maneuvers with other countries

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00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:04,860

and during those Maneuvers there are a

51
00:02:10,010 --> 00:02:07,200
number of UFO incidents reported

52
00:02:12,170 --> 00:02:10,020
one occurring in connection with a

53
00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:12,180
fighter jet which had been followed by

54
00:02:16,610 --> 00:02:14,640
an unidentified flying object Barry

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00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:16,620
Greenwood is the research director of

56
00:02:22,869 --> 00:02:20,640
cause citizens against UFO secrecy he is

57
00:02:25,250 --> 00:02:22,879
also the co-author of the UFO cover-up

58
00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:25,260
Greenwood has collected photographs of

59
00:02:30,470 --> 00:02:28,080
UFOs taken in 1952 from the deck of the

60
00:02:32,449 --> 00:02:30,480
flagship for operation main brace they

61
00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:32,459
were taken aboard the USS Franklin D

62
00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:34,080
Roosevelt

63
00:02:38,690 --> 00:02:36,239

on September 20 at the newspaper

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00:02:41,449 --> 00:02:38,700

reporter was on the flight deck of the

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00:02:43,309 --> 00:02:41,459

carrier and a color camera with him and

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00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:43,319

he said he turned down the flight deck

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00:02:46,250 --> 00:02:45,120

and noticed a group of guys looking up

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00:02:49,430 --> 00:02:46,260

into the sky

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00:02:52,070 --> 00:02:49,440

he ran down there and noticed a large

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00:02:53,809 --> 00:02:52,080

spherical object hanging in the air

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:53,819

everybody was looking at it so he had

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00:02:58,970 --> 00:02:56,879

his camera he decided to take some shots

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:58,980

when he ran the exposures he said the

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00:03:03,530 --> 00:03:01,200

object accelerated took off at high

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00:03:05,809 --> 00:03:03,540

speed disappeared

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00:03:07,670 --> 00:03:05,819

they thought it was a balloon initially

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00:03:09,770 --> 00:03:07,680

so the brass called the various other

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00:03:12,170 --> 00:03:09,780

ships in the area asked about a balloon

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:12,180

nobody launched a balloon nobody knows

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00:03:16,490 --> 00:03:14,400

anything about it they listed it as an

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00:03:18,830 --> 00:03:16,500

unknown possible balloon but nobody

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00:03:22,610 --> 00:03:18,840

knows where it came from that was quite

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00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:22,620

obvious that we had seen something we

84

00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:24,959

don't know what it was we knew that it

85

00:03:28,369 --> 00:03:26,640

couldn't be an airplane because an

86

00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:28,379

airplane could not start and stop the

87

00:03:33,589 --> 00:03:30,840

rate of speed was too hot too fast for a

88

00:03:37,309 --> 00:03:33,599

helicopter and it was the two erratic a

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00:03:40,309 --> 00:03:37,319

pattern track for a weather balloon Leon

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00:03:43,550 --> 00:03:40,319

Treadwell also served on the USS FDR in

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00:03:45,410 --> 00:03:43,560

the 1950s he recalls a UFO encounter he

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00:03:48,770 --> 00:03:45,420

witnessed along with several other men

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00:03:50,270 --> 00:03:48,780

while on anchor watch in Rio de Janeiro

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00:03:52,089 --> 00:03:50,280

two

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00:03:56,509 --> 00:03:52,099

ships

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00:03:59,470 --> 00:03:56,519

other

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00:04:02,630 --> 00:03:59,480

maybe about two or three hundred feet

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00:04:07,009 --> 00:04:02,640

separated with the two of them

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00:04:10,210 --> 00:04:07,019

and the counter rotating lights and all

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00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:10,220

of a sudden a fireball dropped between

101
00:04:16,729 --> 00:04:13,760
the upper ship to the lower ship

102
00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:16,739
nobody knew what the devil was going on

103
00:04:22,250 --> 00:04:20,639
there was actual radar contact on these

104
00:04:24,710 --> 00:04:22,260
vehicles

105
00:04:27,290 --> 00:04:24,720
this painting depicts what Leon claims

106
00:04:30,290 --> 00:04:27,300
he and several other Sailors saw on

107
00:04:32,390 --> 00:04:30,300
board the USS FDR that night

108
00:04:35,270 --> 00:04:32,400
several offices

109
00:04:37,730 --> 00:04:35,280
in and then these These are

110
00:04:40,010 --> 00:04:37,740
representatives of divisional

111
00:04:41,810 --> 00:04:40,020
departments

112
00:04:45,350 --> 00:04:41,820
they couldn't believe what they were

113
00:04:49,490 --> 00:04:45,360

looking at everybody signed a release

114

00:04:52,210 --> 00:04:49,500

statement that nobody outside of cic

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00:04:55,550 --> 00:04:52,220

would say anything about this

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00:04:59,330 --> 00:04:55,560

for at least 15 to 20 years

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00:05:01,249 --> 00:04:59,340

the cic the combat information center is

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00:05:04,129 --> 00:05:01,259

master control for any Navy aircraft

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00:05:06,650 --> 00:05:04,139

carrier here is where radar mapping

120

00:05:10,189 --> 00:05:06,660

Target searches and operations are

121

00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:10,199

conducted we were just told to not say

122

00:05:15,530 --> 00:05:12,000

anything about this to anybody outside

123

00:05:17,030 --> 00:05:15,540

of of combat information center the

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00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:17,040

commander down of Virginia when I was

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00:05:20,450 --> 00:05:18,720

discussing this with him he was on a

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00:05:22,969 --> 00:05:20,460

ship he told me that I wasn't even

127

00:05:25,610 --> 00:05:22,979

supposed to mention this I just ignored

128

00:05:27,230 --> 00:05:25,620

what he said it's one of my desires in

129

00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:27,240

life is to find these other witnesses

130

00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:28,680

that were up on that flight deck with me

131

00:05:31,249 --> 00:05:30,240

witnessing this object as it came on top

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00:05:33,050 --> 00:05:31,259

of the ship

133

00:05:34,969 --> 00:05:33,060

a lot of times I wish that this would

134

00:05:37,070 --> 00:05:34,979

have never happened because all the

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00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:37,080

aggravation has caused me I have people

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00:05:40,790 --> 00:05:39,060

at the left and said he wouldn't believe

137

00:05:43,249 --> 00:05:40,800

me really

138

00:05:44,450 --> 00:05:43,259

that was there I was there I seen it you

139

00:05:45,890 --> 00:05:44,460

weren't there you don't know you don't

140

00:05:48,350 --> 00:05:45,900

know what was like

141

00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:48,360

but why would an unidentified flying

142

00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:51,600

object of this Earth or any other spend

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00:05:56,629 --> 00:05:53,520

nearly a decade telling this particular

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00:05:58,909 --> 00:05:56,639

ship Truman claimed that the FDR carried

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00:06:02,330 --> 00:05:58,919

Advanced nuclear weaponry that was

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00:06:04,430 --> 00:06:02,340

supposedly top secret the sighting was

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00:06:07,129 --> 00:06:04,440

well known to insiders in the government

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00:06:08,749 --> 00:06:07,139

at the time it was written about by the

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00:06:11,689 --> 00:06:08,759

head of Project Blue Book after he

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00:06:13,490 --> 00:06:11,699

retired from the military and he

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00:06:16,430 --> 00:06:13,500

described it in great detail

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00:06:19,850 --> 00:06:16,440

possibility that our weapons were of of

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00:06:21,890 --> 00:06:19,860

A Sort that they were interested in of

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00:06:24,650 --> 00:06:21,900

course the carrier carried all kinds of

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00:06:26,330 --> 00:06:24,660

different weapons the FDR was the only

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00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:26,340

aircraft carrier time that had

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00:06:31,550 --> 00:06:28,800

thermonuclear capability it was the only

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00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:31,560

one that was allowed to carry the h-bomb

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00:06:35,330 --> 00:06:33,840

we would be the only ship naturally that

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00:06:37,390 --> 00:06:35,340

would carry them because we wouldn't be

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00:06:41,090 --> 00:06:37,400

have the only method of delivering the

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00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:41,100

atomic bombs since World War II there

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00:06:45,890 --> 00:06:43,199

have been a number of UFO sightings

164

00:06:48,430 --> 00:06:45,900

linked to nuclear storage and transport

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00:06:51,050 --> 00:06:48,440

facilities but these reports remain

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00:06:52,969 --> 00:06:51,060

unsubstantiated in large part because

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00:06:54,650 --> 00:06:52,979

the government organization best

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00:06:58,129 --> 00:06:54,660

equipped to investigate the sightings

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00:07:00,230 --> 00:06:58,139

the U.S military refuses to do so I

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00:07:02,990 --> 00:07:00,240

think they are probably covering up the

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00:07:05,210 --> 00:07:03,000

incidents with the FDR because they're

172

00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:05,220

covering up all incidences of UFO

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00:07:09,290 --> 00:07:07,919

sightings I want the rest till I find

174

00:07:10,909 --> 00:07:09,300

somebody else that was on that flight

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00:07:11,870 --> 00:07:10,919

deck with me I witnessed that same thing

