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In December 1978, a Melbourne Australia television news crew filmed an object they claimed was a UFO.

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That film gave chilling credibility to an earlier report of an Australian pilot, who disappeared after he radioed that he was being strafed by a UFO.

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Are there UFOs in the skies over Australia and New Zealand?

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What is the difference between a UFO and a UFO?

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In the last 30 years, there have been more than 110,000 recorded UFO sightings.

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Researchers estimate that that number reflects only a tenth of those actually seen.

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Eyewitnesses claim that in nearly all cases, the UFOs have a saucer-like shape.

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Despite repeated official government denials that UFOs exist, some people point to hard evidence of scorched areas on the Earth's surface where UFOs have supposedly landed.

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Believers claim that the scarred areas are caused by intense heat generated by the UFOs.

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UFO sightings occur throughout the world, but the great majority of reports have been in the southern hemisphere, in the skies over New Zealand and Australia.

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It was here that the most astounding UFO footage in history was recorded.

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On December 21, 1978, radar bowls near Wellington, New Zealand picked up what air traffic controllers called an unexplained blip.

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A local pilot, Byrne Powell, was at the same time bound on a cargo mission from the South Island to the North Island of New Zealand.

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00:02:08,987 --> 00:02:13,984

Powell described the object as anything but plain like in nature.

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00:02:17,981 --> 00:02:27,974

What was it that Captain Powell, a 35-year flying veteran, saw in that December night sky?

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00:02:28,973 --> 00:02:32,970

Douglas Maybin heads New Zealand's Mount John Observatory.

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00:02:33,969 --> 00:02:38,966

Well, at that time that was taken, there were two very bright objects in the sky.

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00:02:39,965 --> 00:02:44,962

One early in the morning was a plan of Venus, seen in the mornings fairly close to the horizon.

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00:02:44,962 --> 00:02:52,956

And during the night from a little bit before midnight through to the morning, the planet Jupiter was up in the sky and it was very bright.

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00:02:53,955 --> 00:03:00,950

They're not as bright as Venus. So depending on the time of day or night when the photographic was taken, it could have been one of those two planets.

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00:03:01,950 --> 00:03:08,945

People have been able to give us a fair enough description of the time and the position in the sky.

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00:03:08,945 --> 00:03:17,939

They see these things, we're able to work it out and every report I've had, we've had that sort of description, we've been able to identify it.

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00:03:18,938 --> 00:03:34,927

The reports of these have been going on for so many years now and if there's such an intelligent set of people about how it's coming from outside the Earth that have been coming around all these times, I think by now they would have landed and introduced themselves.

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00:03:35,926 --> 00:03:45,919

Others weren't so sure. Quentin Fogarty, a reporter for an Australian television station, was in New Zealand at the time of Vern Powell's flight.

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00:03:46,918 --> 00:03:57,910

The station requested him to do a story on Powell's experiences. Together with David Crockett, a New Zealand cameraman, Fogarty decided to retrace the flight path of Captain Powell.

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00:03:58,910 --> 00:04:03,906

In search of has recreated what happened to Fogarty on that fateful flight.

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00:04:08,903 --> 00:04:18,896

Fogarty planned to make the 400 mile round trip between Wellington and Christchurch in a massive, august aircraft which was already scheduled for a freight run.

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00:04:19,895 --> 00:04:26,890

Armed with cameras and sound equipment, the two men hoped to film proof of what Powell had reported.

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00:04:27,889 --> 00:04:47,875

Fogarty realised that the chances of seeing what Powell saw 10 days earlier were remote, but he still had strange feelings about the flight.

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00:04:48,875 --> 00:05:00,866

There were stages there where I was very, very frightened. I thought if I was to die or in fact I was to be removed from the aircraft in some shape or form, then it wasn't going to be a painful process.

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00:05:01,865 --> 00:05:03,864

I can't really explain why I felt that. It's just a feeling I had.

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00:05:04,863 --> 00:05:14,856

The flight was long. Captain Bill Startup, who early scanned the night sky. Fogarty and Cameron Crockett waited in the hold.

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00:05:17,854 --> 00:05:18,853

Just checking the intercom.

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00:05:24,849 --> 00:05:25,849

The baby alumni.

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00:05:34,842 --> 00:05:38,839

Suddenly Captain Startup spotted the object and called to Fogarty.

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00:05:39,839 --> 00:05:42,837

The object seemed to be hovering around the aircraft.

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00:05:43,836 --> 00:05:44,835

Do you see it?

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00:05:48,832 --> 00:05:54,828

Unable to get good camera position, Fogarty and Crockett raced up to the cockpit.

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00:05:59,825 --> 00:06:01,823

This is the film they shot.

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00:06:02,823 --> 00:06:12,815

And by the time David and Miss Art got onto the flight deck, I could see two bright lights and in retrospect it now appears that this object was quite low and in fact was reflecting on the water.

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00:06:13,815 --> 00:06:20,810

We just kept looking at this one bright object that looked like a very bright star outside our starboard window.

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00:06:22,808 --> 00:06:27,805

So we turned towards the object and at this time David was continuing to film.

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00:06:28,804 --> 00:06:37,798

And at one stage he said to me, he got very excited and turned around to me and said, you know, it's got a brightly lit bottom and sort of transparent sphere on top.

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00:06:38,797 --> 00:06:43,794

And I was doing a tape commentary at the time and I remember saying that they sound like a classic flying saucer shape.

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00:06:44,793 --> 00:06:50,789

And I think it was the last person to see it was that I looked out the right hand side of the aircraft and it appeared right down.

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00:06:51,788 --> 00:06:53,787

And this object just went below the aircraft and disappeared.

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Nobody connected with this case has been prepared to say that they are extraterrestrial because I don't think you can ever say anything is extraterrestrial until you can actually physically hold on to it all.

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00:07:07,777 --> 00:07:15,771

You can meet with the inhabitants or, you know, all the things of lands and central park and you've been with live television around the world and then people would say it was hoaxed anyway.

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00:07:16,771 --> 00:07:22,766

But there are a number of possibilities and I think that probably the strongest of all the possibilities is that it is extraterrestrial.

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00:07:23,766 --> 00:07:26,763

The film is unlike any other recorded in history.

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The object darted about, changed color, shimmered with an eerie translucency.

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00:07:34,758 --> 00:07:39,754

The object was incredibly bright, far brighter than any planet or star.

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00:07:43,752 --> 00:07:49,747

The film shot by Fogarty and Crockett has since been analyzed by US and Australian scientists.

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00:07:50,747 --> 00:07:56,742

Their conclusions have been that it does show some metallic object unearthly in its brightness.

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00:07:57,742 --> 00:08:02,738

No one will hazard a guess as to what it was or why it appeared where it did.

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By plotting where UFOs have reportedly appeared, a complicated grid system was devised by a man who has become the dean of UFO researchers.

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Bruce Cathy, a commercial pilot for more than 40 years, believes that his system, controlled by the elements of light, energy and matter, validates the presence of UFOs.

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I only found the system by actually studying UFOs, or the movement of UFOs.

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And was after I found out UFOs have to use that system or tune it to that system if they are going to move from point to point in space.

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The UFO shots were taken in New Zealand around last Christmas.

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Everything points to the fact that they were definitely, was hardware in the sky.

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And the main reason I say this is a fact that it's not the first time.

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It was a bit of a joke to us at the time when there was such a fuel we were made about this perfectly worldwide, as if it was one case or it's not the same.

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There's been many, many cases similar to this in New Zealand in the same area.

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There's been material tracked around the Cook Strait area and that branded area on many occasions by radar in Wellington.

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And on many occasions, even in daylight, there's been an object seen in the sky by crews in an aircraft and that's also been sighted on radar.

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00:09:28,678 --> 00:09:36,672

And in one of those particular cases, the radar crew asked the crew of the aircraft to vector themselves onto this object so they could get a closer look at it.

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00:09:37,671 --> 00:09:39,670

The crew were watching us from a distance and they refused.

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00:09:40,669 --> 00:09:46,665

And that object was in that area for so long that even on the second trip back from Wellington across the Strait again it was still there.

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00:09:47,664 --> 00:09:48,664

The crew stored a second time.

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But that was a broad daylight case.

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00:09:52,661 --> 00:09:56,658

And no where could they say there was lights at night being reflected or Venus or anything like this.

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00:09:57,657 --> 00:10:00,655

But there's been many cases like this.

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00:10:01,655 --> 00:10:03,653

And particularly in that area.

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This UFO film shot over New Zealand might bear a strange relationship to an event which occurred three months earlier.

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In search of, examines that event next.

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October 21, 1978.

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Twenty year old Frederick Volentic took off to fly 120 miles from Melbourne, Australia across the Bass Strait to King Island.

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Volentic was scheduled to pick up some fish for a small market that employed him.

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00:10:38,629 --> 00:10:42,626

Despite his youth, he was experienced enough to be a flight instructor.

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00:10:43,625 --> 00:10:47,622

And Frederick Volentic had flown this route many times before.

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00:10:55,617 --> 00:10:57,615

Delta Sierra, Juliet, pilot to ground.

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00:10:57,615 --> 00:11:01,612

Is there any known aircraft in my vicinity below 5,000 feet?

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00:11:03,611 --> 00:11:06,609

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Negative, no known traffic.

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00:11:07,608 --> 00:11:11,605

Delta Sierra, Juliet. There seems to be a large aircraft below 5,000 feet.

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00:11:12,605 --> 00:11:16,602

Delta Sierra, Juliet. What type of aircraft?

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00:11:18,600 --> 00:11:21,598

I cannot confirm, but it's four bright lights that appear to be landing lights.

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00:11:22,598 --> 00:11:24,596

Unknown aircraft has just passed over me.

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00:11:24,596 --> 00:11:26,595

About 1,000 feet.

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00:11:28,593 --> 00:11:30,592

Is large aircraft confirmed?

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00:11:31,591 --> 00:11:33,590

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Affirmative, at the speed it's travelling.

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00:11:34,589 --> 00:11:36,588

Are there any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity?

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00:11:38,586 --> 00:11:39,586

Negative.

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00:11:39,586 --> 00:11:41,584

Confirm you can't identify aircraft.

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00:11:42,584 --> 00:11:43,583

Affirmative.

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00:11:44,582 --> 00:11:48,579

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Melbourne. It's approaching from due east of me.

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00:11:48,579 --> 00:11:50,578

It seems to be playing some sort of game.

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00:11:50,578 --> 00:11:52,576

Flying at a speed I can't estimate.

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00:11:53,576 --> 00:11:58,572

Stephen Roby, air traffic controller on duty then, explains the reported UFO's movement.

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00:11:59,572 --> 00:12:02,569

A couple of times, coming from various directions.

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00:12:03,569 --> 00:12:05,567

And then he started orbiting.

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00:12:06,567 --> 00:12:10,564

And the aircraft was orbiting above him.

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00:12:11,563 --> 00:12:17,559

And on several occasions, he sort of stated that it, towards the end, it wasn't an aircraft.

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00:12:17,559 --> 00:12:24,554

And he described it as having a sort of a green light on it.

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00:12:25,553 --> 00:12:29,550

And also it appeared to be a sort of a silver metallic colour.

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00:12:30,550 --> 00:12:34,547

Delta Sierra, Juliet. What is your altitude?

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00:12:35,546 --> 00:12:38,544

Delta Sierra, Juliet. 4,500 feet.

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00:12:41,542 --> 00:12:45,539

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Confirm you can't identify aircraft.

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00:12:48,537 --> 00:12:51,535

Affirmative. It's not an aircraft.

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00:12:52,534 --> 00:12:54,533

Guido Volentic is Frederick's father.

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00:12:55,532 --> 00:12:56,531

Night.

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00:12:57,531 --> 00:13:05,525

He's supposed to join us with friends, where we went for some family movie, projection.

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00:13:06,524 --> 00:13:12,520

And that night, he never turned up. He didn't ring up normally.

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00:13:12,520 --> 00:13:20,515

He's always, when he goes for a trip, when he returns at the airport, he normally would call us.

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00:13:21,514 --> 00:13:23,513

You know, I'll be home after an hour or so.

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00:13:24,512 --> 00:13:29,508

But that night, it was quite strange, you know. We didn't know anything about it.

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00:13:30,508 --> 00:13:33,505

We got home about 11 o'clock and he wasn't home.

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00:13:34,505 --> 00:13:36,503

My wife then started to worry a bit.

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00:13:36,503 --> 00:13:43,498

And so, you know, all of a sudden, this is too late to start inquiring.

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00:13:45,497 --> 00:13:47,496

Can you describe it?

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00:13:48,495 --> 00:13:51,493

Delta Sierra, Juliet. It's flying past. It has a long shape.

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00:13:52,492 --> 00:13:55,490

You cannot identify more than that. Coming for me right now.

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00:13:56,489 --> 00:14:02,485

He described it as being of a long shape, as I said before, a silver colour with the various lights on it.

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00:14:02,485 --> 00:14:11,479

And he actually did say it wasn't an aircraft. So, it's very strange.

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00:14:12,478 --> 00:14:18,474

It appears to be stationary. I'm orbiting. The thing, it's orbiting on top of me.

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00:14:19,473 --> 00:14:22,471

There's a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside.

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00:14:26,468 --> 00:14:28,467

It seems to have vanished now.

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00:14:29,466 --> 00:14:32,464

Confirm it has vanished.

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00:14:33,463 --> 00:14:38,460

Affirmative. Do you know what sort of aircraft I've got? Is it military?

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00:14:39,459 --> 00:14:41,458

No military traffic in this area.

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00:14:42,457 --> 00:14:47,453

It was 8 o'clock, right there in the morning. Nothing still happening.

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00:14:48,453 --> 00:14:55,448

I couldn't see any sign of him. And I was just about to get up and maybe get on the phone.

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00:14:56,447 --> 00:15:04,442

Where all of a sudden, a couple of uniformed blue slag-legged walk in the front door.

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00:15:05,441 --> 00:15:10,437

And at that time we realised immediately that something was wrong.

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00:15:12,436 --> 00:15:15,434

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Engine is rough idling and copying.

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00:15:16,433 --> 00:15:19,431

Delta Sierra, Juliet. What are your intentions?

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00:15:20,430 --> 00:15:22,429

Proceeding King Island.

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00:15:26,426 --> 00:15:35,420

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Unknown aircraft now hovering on top of me.

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00:15:36,419 --> 00:15:40,416

Finally, we lost contact with him in a very strange way.

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00:15:41,415 --> 00:15:45,413

The communications he was putting out seemed to break.

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00:15:46,412 --> 00:15:53,407

People describe it as a sort of a metallic sound, the last transmission that was sent from Delta Sierra, Juliet.

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00:15:53,407 --> 00:16:00,402

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Acknowledge. Do you read me?

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00:16:05,399 --> 00:16:06,398

Do you read me?

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00:16:08,397 --> 00:16:14,392

Delta Sierra, Juliet. Repeat. Do you read me?

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00:16:15,392 --> 00:16:21,387

Despite an extensive four-day search, which included using a sophisticated Orion aircraft,

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00:16:22,387 --> 00:16:29,382

capable of detecting any sort of debris at great ocean depths, not a single scrap of wreckage was ever found.

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No hard evidence ever turned up that would explain the disappearance of Frederick Valentik.

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00:16:36,377 --> 00:16:38,375

But theories abound.

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Some say that Valentik became disoriented and saw this lighthouse.

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00:16:44,371 --> 00:16:49,368

A second theory is that he saw lights of fishing vessels and then becoming disoriented,

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00:16:50,367 --> 00:16:53,365

spiralled his plane into the ocean.

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00:16:54,364 --> 00:16:59,361

Guido Valentik, Frederick's father, believes otherwise.

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Well, after Frederick reported this UFO incident,

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00:17:06,356 --> 00:17:13,351

I inclined to think that it could be some intelligent life in the other space.

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Despite all the officials trying to suppress this,

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00:17:19,347 --> 00:17:25,342

it really makes me very confused because now I'm radically radiated

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00:17:26,342 --> 00:17:30,339

and now my son wouldn't make himself so ridiculous.

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00:17:30,339 --> 00:17:33,337

And stating things like that.

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00:17:34,336 --> 00:17:39,333

So I'm inclined to believe that really must be something in the space

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00:17:40,332 --> 00:17:43,330

that the general population might not aware to be.

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00:17:44,329 --> 00:17:51,324

And I realize after this disappearance, which I couldn't have the opportunity before,

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00:17:52,323 --> 00:17:55,321

how many calls I get from various parts of the world.

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00:17:55,321 --> 00:18:01,317

I really encourage me to believe that it could be still alive,

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with another intelligence and a spice.

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00:18:07,313 --> 00:18:11,310

One of the most bizarre attempts to prove Valentik still lives

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is conducted by New Zealand psychic Colin Amary.

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00:18:16,307 --> 00:18:20,304

He claims that through the power of the power of the universe,

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00:18:20,304 --> 00:18:23,302

he can contact Valentik and speak in his voice.

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00:18:24,301 --> 00:18:34,294

The people I spoke of before, I know that my family are very sad,

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00:18:35,293 --> 00:18:40,290

but it is not necessary.

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00:18:40,290 --> 00:19:06,271

Death is something that is quite painless and is not difficult to bear.

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Valentik's plane and the supposed UFO were beyond the reach of radar,

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thus making it impossible to confirm his report.

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00:19:16,264 --> 00:19:21,261

And the taped conversation between Valentik and the air traffic controller has never been released.

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00:19:22,260 --> 00:19:27,257

The Australian Civil Aviation Department has refused all requests to hear that tape.

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00:19:28,256 --> 00:19:31,254

The department will not give any reason for its refusal.

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00:19:37,250 --> 00:19:45,244

Delta Sierra Julian, acknowledge. Do you read me?

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00:19:50,240 --> 00:19:53,238

Repeat. Do you read me?

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00:19:55,237 --> 00:19:59,234

There have been hundreds of planes that have disappeared without a trace.

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00:20:00,233 --> 00:20:03,231

Valentik's disappearance is the single documented case

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00:20:03,231 --> 00:20:08,228

where a plane has vanished after claiming contact with a UFO.

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00:20:14,224 --> 00:20:18,221

For years, in search of cameras have found and recorded the reports

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of individuals claiming to have seen UFOs.

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00:20:23,217 --> 00:20:26,215

And it was a weird object, funny noises and it was really bright.

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00:20:27,214 --> 00:20:29,213

When I first saw it, I was standing approximately right here,

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00:20:30,212 --> 00:20:32,211

but I couldn't get too good of a view of it because the brush and the trees are in the way.

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00:20:33,210 --> 00:20:37,207

I don't know how many people saw it and told us the next day that they saw this thing up in the sky.

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00:20:38,207 --> 00:20:43,203

I noticed up by the blue shadow over there that there was something in the sky.

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00:20:44,202 --> 00:20:45,202

It was definitely right there.

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00:20:46,201 --> 00:20:50,198

On the night of November 2nd, 1975, I was sitting here doing my homework

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00:20:51,198 --> 00:20:58,193

and I looked out the window and right above the blue building, I saw a UFO come down out of the sky.

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00:20:58,193 --> 00:21:03,189

All of these first-hand accounts, together with the strange occurrences in the southern hemisphere,

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00:21:04,188 --> 00:21:08,186

only makes one wonder what really does exist in outer space.

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00:21:28,172 --> 00:21:42,162

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