



SLOW MOTION

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00:00:39,750 --> 00:00:16,100

[Music]

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:39,760

airplane passenger ufo sightings by

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:41,120

charles lear

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00:00:45,990 --> 00:00:43,680

pilot ufo sightings have been a constant

5
00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:46,000

in the world of ufology ever since the

6
00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:48,960

sighting in 1947 that started the public

7
00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:51,120

fascination with the subject by kenneth

8
00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:53,440

arnold who was flying in his own plane

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00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:56,000

near mount rainier in washington state

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:57,600

even though these are often single

11
00:01:02,549 --> 00:00:59,920

witness sightings researchers generally

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00:01:05,429 --> 00:01:02,559

take them seriously as pilots especially

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00:01:07,270 --> 00:01:05,439

commercial pilots risk their reputations

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00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:07,280

and continued employment by coming

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00:01:11,750 --> 00:01:09,439

forward but what about airplane

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:11,760

passengers in the case of passenger

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:13,680

sightings you often have multiple

18

00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,840

witnesses or at least one witness that

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,159

can corroborate the pilot report an

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00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:20,080

instance where a passenger witness came

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00:01:24,390 --> 00:01:22,159

forward to back up a pilot report

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00:01:27,350 --> 00:01:24,400

occurred in 1948 in the case of the

23

00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:27,360

classic charles witted ufo encounter on

24

00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:31,520

july 24th 1948 pilot clarence chiles and

25

00:01:38,149 --> 00:01:34,560

co-pilot john whitted were flying a dc-3

26
00:01:40,469 --> 00:01:38,159
over alabama at about 2 45 a.m child

27
00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:40,479
spotted a red glow up ahead and brought

28
00:01:45,109 --> 00:01:42,720
wit its attention to what he assumed was

29
00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:45,119
an army jet it quickly closed in on the

30
00:01:50,149 --> 00:01:47,759
dc-3 shot past the right side of the

31
00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:50,159
plane and then with a burst of flame

32
00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,320
coming out of its rear climbed up into

33
00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:54,960
the clouds the pilots reported that the

34
00:02:00,950 --> 00:01:57,600
object was torpedo shaped had no wings

35
00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:00,960
was 100 feet long and 25 to 30 feet in

36
00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:04,240
diameter passenger clarence I mckelvey

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00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:06,399
added to the credibility of the sighting

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00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:08,399

by reporting that he saw a bright light

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00:02:13,350 --> 00:02:10,640

streaked by his window at that time he

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00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:13,360

later appeared in the documentary ufos

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00:02:21,670 --> 00:02:18,160

it has begun a 1976 and 1979 re-release

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00:02:24,309 --> 00:02:21,680

of the 1974 documentary ufo's past

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00:02:26,229 --> 00:02:24,319

present and future and there he says he

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00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:26,239

spoke with one of the pilots and his

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00:02:30,790 --> 00:02:28,319

description matches theirs

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00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:30,800

a case with multiple passenger witnesses

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00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:34,239

occurred over africa in 1951 at around 7

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,000

20 a.m on february 5th radio officer dw

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00:02:42,470 --> 00:02:40,239

maryfield spotted a bright white

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,480

star-like object hanging over mount

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00:02:47,350 --> 00:02:44,800
kilimanjaro and pointed it out to

52
00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:47,360
captain jack bicknell they were flying

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00:02:52,470 --> 00:02:50,000
an east african airways lodestar with

54
00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:52,480
nine passengers aboard after watching

55
00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:54,560
for about three minutes they alerted the

56
00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:56,879
passengers one of the passengers had a

57
00:03:01,270 --> 00:02:59,040
pair of high-powered binoculars which he

58
00:03:03,270 --> 00:03:01,280
used to get a more detailed look when

59
00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:03,280
the object was first spotted the plane

60
00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,200
was about 85 miles away from the

61
00:03:09,350 --> 00:03:07,440
mountain when they were about 50 miles

62
00:03:11,830 --> 00:03:09,360
away bicknell took a look through the

63
00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:11,840

binoculars himself his description of

64

00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:13,760

the object to a reporter from the

65

00:03:20,309 --> 00:03:16,800

nairobi kenya sunday post appears in the

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00:03:22,710 --> 00:03:20,319

february 25th 1951 edition according to

67

00:03:25,589 --> 00:03:22,720

bicknell he saw a metallic bullet shaped

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00:03:27,910 --> 00:03:25,599

object over 200 feet long it was dull

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00:03:29,910 --> 00:03:27,920

silver colored with dark vertical lines

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00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:29,920

at regular intervals and had a square

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00:03:35,350 --> 00:03:32,560

cut vertical fin on one end it remained

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00:03:37,270 --> 00:03:35,360

stationary for approximately 17 minutes

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00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:37,280

while the passengers took turns looking

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00:03:41,589 --> 00:03:39,280

at it through the binoculars and two of

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:41,599

the passengers took pictures it then

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00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:43,760

moved off to the east ascending as it

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00:03:47,430 --> 00:03:46,159

did so and disappeared at around forty

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00:03:49,270 --> 00:03:47,440

thousand feet

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00:03:51,750 --> 00:03:49,280

another case involving a passenger

80

00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:51,760

filming a ufo this time with a motion

81

00:03:57,750 --> 00:03:55,120

picture camera occurred in 1966

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00:04:00,070 --> 00:03:57,760

on april 2nd thomas oldfield and his

83

00:04:01,670 --> 00:04:00,080

wife were flying for the first time and

84

00:04:03,670 --> 00:04:01,680

she was filming the view out their

85

00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:03,680

window she managed to capture a

86

00:04:08,630 --> 00:04:06,159

cigar-shaped object with vertical fins

87

00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:08,640

top and bottom fore and aft keeping pace

88

00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:10,959

with the plane just behind it it is seen

89

00:04:15,110 --> 00:04:13,360

for about two seconds and then it turns

90

00:04:17,509 --> 00:04:15,120

away from the plane and seems to

91

00:04:19,830 --> 00:04:17,519

collapse into itself and disappear as

92

00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:19,840

striking as the footage is according to

93

00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:23,360

the cbs report ufo friend foe or fantasy

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00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:26,000

hosted by walter cronkite a few days

95

00:04:30,469 --> 00:04:27,680

after the old fields captured their

96

00:04:33,110 --> 00:04:30,479

footage a bbc cameraman sat in the same

97

00:04:35,189 --> 00:04:33,120

seat and captured something similar it

98

00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:35,199

was determined that the image was caused

99

00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:37,120

by a reflection of the plane's tail

100

00:04:41,189 --> 00:04:38,960

section which was distorted by the

101
00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:41,199
convexities of the window and the camera

102
00:04:46,710 --> 00:04:44,400
lens recent footage of alleged ufos

103
00:04:48,629 --> 00:04:46,720
filmed by plane passengers is plentiful

104
00:04:51,350 --> 00:04:48,639
on the internet and while there are some

105
00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:51,360
intriguing videos the lack of backstory

106
00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:53,440
or follow-up investigation in most

107
00:04:57,990 --> 00:04:55,680
instances leaves it up to the viewer to

108
00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:58,000
assess their validity an instance where

109
00:05:02,710 --> 00:05:00,400
a video was investigated involved a

110
00:05:06,310 --> 00:05:02,720
dramatic incident allegedly captured on

111
00:05:08,550 --> 00:05:06,320
january 17th 2021 by a passenger aboard

112
00:05:10,950 --> 00:05:08,560
a singapore airlines plane as it was

113
00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:10,960

landing in zurich switzerland it was

114

00:05:16,950 --> 00:05:14,479

posted on twitter on january 21st 2021

115

00:05:19,590 --> 00:05:16,960

and later embedded in the news posts of

116

00:05:21,430 --> 00:05:19,600

the independent and the india times

117

00:05:23,350 --> 00:05:21,440

during the video the pilot can be heard

118

00:05:25,749 --> 00:05:23,360

instructing the passengers to brace

119

00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:25,759

themselves the plane dips to the right

120

00:05:30,710 --> 00:05:28,160

and passengers can be heard panicking

121

00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:30,720

then a small white object shoots past

122

00:05:35,029 --> 00:05:33,120

just under the wing and an expletive is

123

00:05:37,670 --> 00:05:35,039

uttered seemingly from the person

124

00:05:40,710 --> 00:05:37,680

filming as convincing as it might seem

125

00:05:42,950 --> 00:05:40,720

this video has been debunked by afp fact

126
00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:42,960
check according to their research the

127
00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:45,120
video was originally posted on youtube

128
00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:48,639
in 2015 titled hard banking takeoff

129
00:05:54,150 --> 00:05:52,240
lufthansa 8320 departs zurich the 2021

130
00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:54,160
posting is a mirrored version with the

131
00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:56,479
singapore airlines logo pasted over the

132
00:06:03,749 --> 00:05:59,600
lufthansa logo different audio and an

133
00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:03,759
added in formerly non-existent ufo afp

134
00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:06,000
contacted singapore airlines and a

135
00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:08,400
spokesperson confirmed that their pilots

136
00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:09,759
weren't the ones making the

137
00:06:13,350 --> 00:06:11,600
announcements in the video

138
00:06:15,749 --> 00:06:13,360

another case where passengers came

139

00:06:19,510 --> 00:06:15,759

forward to back up a pilot report comes

140

00:06:21,830 --> 00:06:19,520

from 2007 on april 23rd captain ray

141

00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:21,840

boyer was on the way to alderney the

142

00:06:25,909 --> 00:06:24,000

third largest of the channel islands

143

00:06:28,870 --> 00:06:25,919

after taking off from southampton

144

00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:28,880

england he was flying a gxtor

145

00:06:35,110 --> 00:06:31,680

which carries a maximum of 18 passengers

146

00:06:38,230 --> 00:06:35,120

on a routine 45-minute rne air services

147

00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:38,240

flight at around 2pm approximately 20

148

00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:40,560

minutes away from alderney boyer saw a

149

00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:42,960

bright yellow light that is 12 o'clock

150

00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:44,960

in the direction of guernsey he thought

151
00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:47,440
it might be an airplane or a reflection

152
00:06:51,589 --> 00:06:49,599
from the ground but it persisted long

153
00:06:53,670 --> 00:06:51,599
enough that he concluded the light was

154
00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:53,680
being emitted from that position and not

155
00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,080
reflected boyer checked with nearby

156
00:07:00,150 --> 00:06:58,319
jersey air traffic control and was told

157
00:07:03,110 --> 00:07:00,160
there had just been a similar report

158
00:07:05,189 --> 00:07:03,120
from a pilot 25 miles to the south

159
00:07:07,510 --> 00:07:05,199
according to paul kelly the controller

160
00:07:09,909 --> 00:07:07,520
on duty at the time as reported on the

161
00:07:11,990 --> 00:07:09,919
news website the register there was no

162
00:07:13,990 --> 00:07:12,000
radar return but if the object was

163
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:14,000

stationary it would have been screened

164

00:07:19,110 --> 00:07:16,960

out a passenger behind boyer was also

165

00:07:21,430 --> 00:07:19,120

seeing the first object and pointed out

166

00:07:24,150 --> 00:07:21,440

a second identical object behind the

167

00:07:27,029 --> 00:07:24,160

first boyer described the objects seen

168

00:07:29,510 --> 00:07:27,039

for about 15 minutes this way both

169

00:07:31,749 --> 00:07:29,520

objects were of a flattened disc shape

170

00:07:33,909 --> 00:07:31,759

with a dark area to the right they were

171

00:07:36,550 --> 00:07:33,919

brilliant yellow with light emanating

172

00:07:38,790 --> 00:07:36,560

from within and i estimated them to be

173

00:07:42,150 --> 00:07:38,800

up to possibly a mile across

174

00:07:44,230 --> 00:07:42,160

on november 12 2007 boyer addressed the

175

00:07:46,070 --> 00:07:44,240

u.s national press club where he

176

00:07:48,150 --> 00:07:46,080

described the sighting and said that

177

00:07:50,950 --> 00:07:48,160

many of his passengers had seen the

178

00:07:53,270 --> 00:07:50,960

objects he told those assembled that at

179

00:07:55,909 --> 00:07:53,280

12 miles distance these objects were

180

00:07:58,710 --> 00:07:55,919

becoming uncomfortably large and i was

181

00:08:01,029 --> 00:07:58,720

glad to descend and land the aircraft

182

00:08:03,990 --> 00:08:01,039

the case was investigated and examined

183

00:08:06,790 --> 00:08:04,000

in great detail by jean-francois bauer

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00:08:08,710 --> 00:08:06,800

david clarke paul fuller and martin shaw

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00:08:11,189 --> 00:08:08,720

who published their findings in the

186

00:08:14,550 --> 00:08:11,199

journal of scientific exploration volume

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00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:14,560

22 number 3 2008 according to the

188

00:08:18,950 --> 00:08:17,199

investigators the passenger behind boyer

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00:08:21,350 --> 00:08:18,960

and a couple in the next row were able

190

00:08:23,909 --> 00:08:21,360

to see both objects but refused to be

191

00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:23,919

identified a couple seated three rows

192

00:08:28,629 --> 00:08:26,560

back john and kate russell were willing

193

00:08:31,029 --> 00:08:28,639

to go on record as witnesses but

194

00:08:33,110 --> 00:08:31,039

disputed boyer's estimate of size

195

00:08:34,630 --> 00:08:33,120

feeling what they'd seen where nothing

196

00:08:36,790 --> 00:08:34,640

like is large

197

00:08:39,350 --> 00:08:36,800

so next time you're on an airplane and

198

00:08:41,509 --> 00:08:39,360

you see a ufo it might be nice to let

199

00:08:50,290 --> 00:08:41,519

your pilots know you might be giving