

SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES
CASE FILES

The Coyne Helicopter
UFO Incident

1
00:00:07,110 --> 00:00:10,200

you

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00:00:14,760 --> 00:00:12,540

hi guys Ryan here and welcome to another

3
00:00:16,530 --> 00:00:14,770

episode of somewhere in the skies case

4
00:00:18,450 --> 00:00:16,540

files and today we're going to be

5
00:00:20,880 --> 00:00:18,460

talking about a case where an Army

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00:00:23,850 --> 00:00:20,890

Reserve helicopter flying over Mansfield

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00:00:50,520 --> 00:00:23,860

Ohio almost had a mid-air collision with

8
00:00:52,829 --> 00:00:50,530

a UFO enjoy an Army Reserve uh-1

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00:00:56,729 --> 00:00:52,839

helicopter cut through the night sky on

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00:00:59,759 --> 00:00:56,739

October 18th 1973 the four-man crew

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00:01:02,340 --> 00:00:59,769

captain Lawrence Coyne Lieutenant Arrigo

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00:01:05,189 --> 00:01:02,350

Jesse sergeant John Healy and Robert

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00:01:07,230 --> 00:01:05,199

Jana SEC had traveled from Cleveland to

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00:01:09,920 --> 00:01:07,240

Columbus earlier that evening for a

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00:01:12,270 --> 00:01:09,930

regular standard medical examination

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00:01:14,940 --> 00:01:12,280

following that they would board their

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00:01:17,010 --> 00:01:14,950

vehicle at 10:30 p.m. and leave for

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00:01:19,679 --> 00:01:17,020

their return journey back to Cleveland

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00:01:23,700 --> 00:01:19,689

it was while they were over Mansfield

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00:01:26,819 --> 00:01:23,710

that the night took a strange turn they

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00:01:29,730 --> 00:01:26,829

were flying at 2,500 feet the mixture of

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00:01:31,889 --> 00:01:29,740

woods hills and farmland below them it

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00:01:34,830 --> 00:01:31,899

was Healy who first spotted the strange

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00:01:36,870 --> 00:01:34,840

red light to their left it was at some

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00:01:39,300 --> 00:01:36,880

distance but it looked too bright to be

26
00:01:41,459 --> 00:01:39,310
a standard aircraft light he would keep

27
00:01:44,609 --> 00:01:41,469
the sighting to himself but keep his eye

28
00:01:47,279 --> 00:01:44,619
on it several moments later Jana sac

29
00:01:49,859 --> 00:01:47,289
noticed the red light also when it began

30
00:01:52,709 --> 00:01:49,869
to close in on their craft he informed

31
00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,719
captain Coyne believing themselves to be

32
00:01:57,740 --> 00:01:54,960
on a collision course with this object

33
00:02:01,170 --> 00:01:57,750
coin thrusts the helicopter down

34
00:02:03,660 --> 00:02:01,180
descending around five hundred feet as

35
00:02:06,029 --> 00:02:03,670
he did so he would request information

36
00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:06,039
from the control tower in Mansfield a

37
00:02:10,770 --> 00:02:08,800
few seconds after initial radio contact

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00:02:13,950 --> 00:02:10,780

with the tower their communications

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00:02:16,350 --> 00:02:13,960

began to be interrupted the red object

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00:02:18,000 --> 00:02:16,360

was still heading in their direction I

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00:02:20,580 --> 00:02:18,010

looked out the window and observed this

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00:02:22,980 --> 00:02:20,590

light moving at a very excessive speed

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00:02:24,570 --> 00:02:22,990

in excess of 600 knots coming at the

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00:02:27,240 --> 00:02:24,580

helicopter it looked like a lot done

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00:02:29,880 --> 00:02:27,250

missile the men prepared for impact

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00:02:32,580 --> 00:02:29,890

just as the object was about to crash

47

00:02:35,430 --> 00:02:32,590

into the helicopter it came to a

48

00:02:37,470 --> 00:02:35,440

complete stop directly in front and

49

00:02:39,060 --> 00:02:37,480

slightly above them the thing that makes

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00:02:41,100 --> 00:02:39,070

this particular evening a unique

51
00:02:43,080 --> 00:02:41,110
experience was that it was almost a

52
00:02:45,960 --> 00:02:43,090
mid-air collision with an object that we

53
00:02:48,000 --> 00:02:45,970
were you know as a UFO we did not know

54
00:02:49,770 --> 00:02:48,010
was such until it was on top of the

55
00:02:52,140 --> 00:02:49,780
helicopter and that took just a matter

56
00:02:55,050 --> 00:02:52,150
of minutes the metallic cigar-shaped

57
00:02:57,510 --> 00:02:55,060
object hung in the air filling the

58
00:02:59,460 --> 00:02:57,520
entire windshield the crew would

59
00:03:01,440 --> 00:02:59,470
estimate the object to be around 60 feet

60
00:03:05,180 --> 00:03:01,450
in length and around 20 feet high all

61
00:03:09,060 --> 00:03:05,190
four men looked on in awe of this huge

62
00:03:11,850 --> 00:03:09,070
otherworldly craft suddenly a green

63
00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:11,860

light swung from underneath and hit the

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00:03:17,100 --> 00:03:13,680

windshield of the helicopter

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00:03:19,140 --> 00:03:17,110

according to coin the whole cabin turned

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00:03:21,870 --> 00:03:19,150

green as the light illuminated

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00:03:24,180 --> 00:03:21,880

everything in a bright green wash after

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00:03:26,910 --> 00:03:24,190

a few seconds the light went out and the

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00:03:30,030 --> 00:03:26,920

object moved up and to the west at great

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00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:30,040

speed coin who had the helicopters

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00:03:34,440 --> 00:03:31,630

height locked throughout the incident at

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00:03:37,230 --> 00:03:34,450

about 1700 feet realized they were

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00:03:40,920 --> 00:03:37,240

suddenly at a height of the 3,500 feet

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00:03:44,210 --> 00:03:40,930

they had climbed almost 2,000 feet in a

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00:03:47,930 --> 00:03:44,220

matter of seconds and never even knew it

76
00:03:49,080 --> 00:03:47,940
suddenly a bump nuts the helicopter and

77
00:03:51,600 --> 00:03:49,090
instinctively

78
00:03:54,900 --> 00:03:51,610
Coyne climbed slightly the vehicle now

79
00:03:57,840 --> 00:03:54,910
back in his control the crew still

80
00:03:59,580 --> 00:03:57,850
shaken continued on to Cleveland where

81
00:04:02,490 --> 00:03:59,590
they would make an official report of

82
00:04:04,670 --> 00:04:02,500
the incident however unlike many

83
00:04:07,770 --> 00:04:04,680
encounters involving aircraft pilots

84
00:04:09,780 --> 00:04:07,780
military or commercial coin would give

85
00:04:11,429 --> 00:04:09,790
his report to the media

86
00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:11,439
the object that I view at that

87
00:04:18,240 --> 00:04:15,760
particular evening had a high degree of

88
00:04:20,520 --> 00:04:18,250

technology it was composed of a

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00:04:22,890 --> 00:04:20,530

structure and a design that we do not

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00:04:24,390 --> 00:04:22,900

have the object can move through the

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00:04:27,390 --> 00:04:24,400

atmosphere without causing any

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00:04:30,480 --> 00:04:27,400

turbulence it can move at high speeds

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00:04:32,850 --> 00:04:30,490

below 10,000 feet there are no vertical

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00:04:34,439 --> 00:04:32,860

or horizontal stabilizers no landing

95

00:04:39,090 --> 00:04:34,449

gear no source of propulsion is

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00:04:42,300 --> 00:04:39,100

reflected on the craft looks like it fly

97

00:04:44,670 --> 00:04:42,310

in space a local Cleveland reporter ran

98

00:04:47,010 --> 00:04:44,680

the story the following day shortly

99

00:04:47,490 --> 00:04:47,020

after coin appeared on the Dick Cavett

100

00:04:50,159 --> 00:04:47,500

show

101
00:04:52,890 --> 00:04:50,169
and told of the encounter to a national

102
00:04:55,170 --> 00:04:52,900
audience it's because of his actions

103
00:04:59,010 --> 00:04:55,180
that the account is largely seen as

104
00:05:01,469 --> 00:04:59,020
credible it also gives the military no

105
00:05:03,839 --> 00:05:01,479
chance to cover-up or ridicule the

106
00:05:06,960 --> 00:05:03,849
incident and even if they had tried

107
00:05:10,650 --> 00:05:06,970
several people below also witnessed the

108
00:05:12,270 --> 00:05:10,660
bizarre events unfold there were several

109
00:05:14,879 --> 00:05:12,280
witnesses on the ground who would

110
00:05:16,170 --> 00:05:14,889
corroborate the pilots accounts one of

111
00:05:18,270 --> 00:05:16,180
them was Jim Carver

112
00:05:20,629 --> 00:05:18,280
and his family who were driving to the

113
00:05:22,890 --> 00:05:20,639

rural home just outside of Mansfield

114

00:05:25,649 --> 00:05:22,900

along with Jim were his three siblings

115

00:05:28,050 --> 00:05:25,659

and his mother Emma it was shortly after

116

00:05:30,360 --> 00:05:28,060

11:00 p.m. when they noticed a strange

117

00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:30,370

red light in the sky above them it

118

00:05:35,969 --> 00:05:32,800

appeared to be getting closer Emma

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00:05:38,399 --> 00:05:35,979

turned the car onto Route 430 as she did

120

00:05:41,070 --> 00:05:38,409

so both she and her four children could

121

00:05:43,950 --> 00:05:41,080

now see two lights above one was Fred

122

00:05:47,040 --> 00:05:43,960

the other green as each of them watched

123

00:05:49,040 --> 00:05:47,050

the lights in fascination they noticed

124

00:05:51,480 --> 00:05:49,050

the sound of an approaching helicopter

125

00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:51,490

mm up hold the car to the side of the

126
00:05:56,460 --> 00:05:53,680
road and she and her children stepped

127
00:05:58,710 --> 00:05:56,470
out to watch the events above they could

128
00:06:01,680 --> 00:05:58,720
see the huge cigar shaped object

129
00:06:03,360 --> 00:06:01,690
hovering over the helicopter suddenly

130
00:06:04,810 --> 00:06:03,370
they witnessed the bright green light

131
00:06:07,560 --> 00:06:04,820
shoot from the under

132
00:06:10,390 --> 00:06:07,570
and bathe not only the entire cockpit in

133
00:06:13,840 --> 00:06:10,400
fluorescent green but everything in

134
00:06:16,030 --> 00:06:13,850
sight as the crew reported after a few

135
00:06:18,670 --> 00:06:16,040
seconds the light went out and the

136
00:06:21,150 --> 00:06:18,680
object moved away casting a brief flash

137
00:06:24,130 --> 00:06:21,160
of bright white light as it did

138
00:06:26,020 --> 00:06:24,140

incidentally there was a spike in UFO

139

00:06:32,350 --> 00:06:26,030

sightings throughout the u.s. in October

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00:06:34,450 --> 00:06:32,360

of 1973 in 1988 almost 15 years later a

141

00:06:35,530 --> 00:06:34,460

new witness came forward with more

142

00:06:39,250 --> 00:06:35,540

information

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00:06:41,980 --> 00:06:39,260

Gian Elias from the southeast Mansfield

144

00:06:44,440 --> 00:06:41,990

area recalled laying in bed watching the

145

00:06:47,140 --> 00:06:44,450

11:00 p.m. news when the sound of an

146

00:06:49,990 --> 00:06:47,150

extremely low-flying helicopter made her

147

00:06:52,390 --> 00:06:50,000

stop watching the TV she was used to

148

00:06:54,010 --> 00:06:52,400

low-flying aircraft as their house was

149

00:06:55,300 --> 00:06:54,020

only six miles from the Mansfield

150

00:06:58,480 --> 00:06:55,310

Airport runway

151
00:07:01,470 --> 00:06:58,490
however this aircraft sounded lower than

152
00:07:03,520 --> 00:07:01,480
normal and she feared an imminent crash

153
00:07:06,010 --> 00:07:03,530
as she panicked

154
00:07:08,770 --> 00:07:06,020
she hid her head under the pillow on her

155
00:07:11,050 --> 00:07:08,780
bed she could hear her teenage son John

156
00:07:14,140 --> 00:07:11,060
calling to her from his room next door

157
00:07:16,180 --> 00:07:14,150
the loud rumbling sound had awoken him

158
00:07:19,330 --> 00:07:16,190
and a bright green light filled his

159
00:07:21,720 --> 00:07:19,340
entire room from outside following an

160
00:07:24,670 --> 00:07:21,730
appeal in the Mansfield news journal in

161
00:07:27,250 --> 00:07:24,680
2015 for witnesses to the Mansfield

162
00:07:28,720 --> 00:07:27,260
incident many people did come forward

163
00:07:31,810 --> 00:07:28,730

with new information

164

00:07:34,240 --> 00:07:31,820

one was Brian Stevens what the time of

165

00:07:36,070 --> 00:07:34,250

the incident was thirteen years old he

166

00:07:38,440 --> 00:07:36,080

would recall seeing a red orange ball

167

00:07:42,340 --> 00:07:38,450

that he couldn't take his eyes off of as

168

00:07:45,100 --> 00:07:42,350

he walked along Ohio 39 another new

169

00:07:48,190 --> 00:07:45,110

witness Glen stout worked at Mansfield

170

00:07:49,780 --> 00:07:48,200

tire he and several co-workers were on a

171

00:07:51,850 --> 00:07:49,790

break at the back dock when a

172

00:07:55,060 --> 00:07:51,860

crazy-looking light sped towards a

173

00:07:57,340 --> 00:07:55,070

helicopter nearly crashing one

174

00:07:59,920 --> 00:07:57,350

particularly bizarre detail offered by

175

00:08:01,750 --> 00:07:59,930

stout was his home electric bill for the

176

00:08:04,570 --> 00:08:01,760

month following the incident was only

177

00:08:06,670 --> 00:08:04,580

four dollars he wondered if this

178

00:08:09,289 --> 00:08:06,680

surprisingly low bill had a connection

179

00:08:12,839 --> 00:08:09,299

to the UFO overhead that even

180

00:08:15,539 --> 00:08:12,849

bring on all the UFO encounters here in

181

00:08:16,699 --> 00:08:15,549

New York City please my electric bill is

182

00:08:19,439 --> 00:08:16,709

insane

183

00:08:23,009 --> 00:08:19,449

Judith hem was yet another person who

184

00:08:24,539 --> 00:08:23,019

witnessed the bizarre events in 1973 she

185

00:08:26,429 --> 00:08:24,549

claimed to have almost screamed out loud

186

00:08:28,589 --> 00:08:26,439

as she witnessed what she thought was

187

00:08:30,839 --> 00:08:28,599

two planes about to crash

188

00:08:33,059 --> 00:08:30,849

Pam believed it was a military plane

189

00:08:35,670 --> 00:08:33,069

until reading stories of the encounter

190

00:08:38,819 --> 00:08:35,680

afterward but let's return to where this

191

00:08:41,730 --> 00:08:38,829

all began with Captain Coyne and the

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00:08:43,980 --> 00:08:41,740

rest of the helicopter crew just what

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00:08:46,949 --> 00:08:43,990

was it that was seen that evening in the

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00:08:47,579 --> 00:08:46,959

skies over Mansfield Ohio may never be

195

00:08:49,230 --> 00:08:47,589

known

196

00:08:51,809 --> 00:08:49,240

well it isn't beyond the realm of

197

00:08:54,269 --> 00:08:51,819

possibility that the military has more

198

00:08:56,939 --> 00:08:54,279

information about the case the fact that

199

00:08:59,549 --> 00:08:56,949

coined by past potential sensor heavy

200

00:09:02,670 --> 00:08:59,559

channels by speaking directly with the

201
00:09:06,290 --> 00:09:02,680
media suggests the incident is mostly

202
00:09:08,360 --> 00:09:06,300
intact whether or not there was some

203
00:09:10,889 --> 00:09:08,370
clandestine military involvement

204
00:09:14,129 --> 00:09:10,899
somewhere in the timeline of the episode

205
00:09:17,269 --> 00:09:14,139
is open to debate and just like many

206
00:09:20,759 --> 00:09:17,279
other UFO cases it also remains

207
00:09:24,449 --> 00:09:20,769
unexplained I would like to stress one

208
00:09:27,090 --> 00:09:24,459
important fact and that is there is

209
00:09:30,360 --> 00:09:27,100
approximately 20 years of army aviation

210
00:09:33,600 --> 00:09:30,370
experience between the four men on board

211
00:09:35,369 --> 00:09:33,610
the helicopter that night we have been

212
00:09:38,449 --> 00:09:35,379
trained to follow procedures and

213
00:09:41,939 --> 00:09:38,459

regulations in reporting incidents

214

00:09:45,329 --> 00:09:41,949

regardless of how they're accepted and

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00:09:48,049 --> 00:09:45,339

we try to follow those procedures and we

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00:09:50,610 --> 00:09:48,059

reported the incident as it occurred and