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00:00:00,323 --> 00:00:16,325

It sounded like the end of the world.

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00:00:16,325 --> 00:00:21,925

But it became an ongoing mystery.

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00:00:21,925 --> 00:00:30,126

What erupted in the sky on April 16, 2008, over the small town in America's heartland.

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It was just like if something exploded you know and was burning coming out of the air.

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Does the evidence point to a police conspiracy?

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I heard officers talk about an orange object in the sky.

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A top secret military mission gone wrong.

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It's exhibiting flight characteristics that seem to rule out an F-16.

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Or something else.

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What I observed that night were not any flares I've ever seen.

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This is case number 08103.

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Heartland explosion.

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Music

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00:01:18,211 --> 00:01:25,211

Well I never believed in UFOs till that night but I do believe in them now.

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In the state of Indiana, 60 miles north of Indianapolis is Kokomo.

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Kokomo is a charming midwestern bedroom community.

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But on April 16, 2008, something extraordinary occurred.

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Music

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That evening residents claimed to have experienced a close encounter of the first kind.

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00:01:49,214 --> 00:01:51,214

What was going on that night?

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April 16, 2008, right here in Kokomo.

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10.30pm, without warning, a thunderous explosion rips through Kokomo.

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There was a huge thundering boom that shook the town, rattling windows and shaking homes.

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The shockwave travels south through Howard County and into neighboring Tipton County,

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and houses over a 20 mile area was a UFO responsible for this explosion.

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People frightened ran out into the streets to see what it was and they saw huge lights in the sky.

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I heard a loud boom and I ran outside to see what it was.

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00:02:36,219 --> 00:02:38,219

There was an orange light.

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00:02:38,219 --> 00:02:42,219

A fireball of some sort heading down towards the earth.

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00:02:42,219 --> 00:02:48,220

Within seconds, 911 operators are overwhelmed by calls from panicked citizens.

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00:02:48,220 --> 00:02:54,220

Our 911 lines have all lit up. We're getting reports of a fire or an explosion.

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Witnesses reported this was nothing they've ever heard, felt or seen before.

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After the explosion, residents in Indian Heights, Sharpsville and as far south as Westfield

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00:03:10,222 --> 00:03:15,222

witness a string of lights hovering over the horizon.

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00:03:15,222 --> 00:03:22,223

An eyewitness who wishes to remain anonymous captures these never before seen images.

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00:03:22,223 --> 00:03:29,224

For the first time, these pictures show glimpses of the unusual light formation seen that night.

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00:03:29,224 --> 00:03:33,224

Have UFOs come to the heartland?

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Strings of light appearing in the sky are a well-documented UFO phenomena.

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One of the best known cases occurred in Phoenix in 1997.

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Seen by hundreds, if not thousands, the Phoenix lights are one of the best documented string of light sightings.

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What makes Kokomo different is the terrifying boom.

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Traditionally, UFO witnesses report a complete absence of sound.

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The explosion occurs at approximately 10.30 p.m.

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One theory is that the sound could have been a sonic boom, but from what?

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Grissom Air Force Base is just 15 miles away from Kokomo.

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But according to Grissom and the Indiana Air National Guard, all planes were grounded by 10.15 p.m.

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At least that is the initial report.

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The next day, the Indiana Air National Guard changes its story,

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issuing a press release stating that both the explosion and the lights in the sky were caused by an

F-16 dropping flares.

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What we got from the newspapers totally conflicts with their statements the night before,

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which is that they didn't have any planes in the air.

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Adding to the mystery, a local paper, the Indianapolis Star,

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runs a story that claims a meteor shower was the cause of the spectacular events.

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There was a large glow of light that cascaded to Earth.

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It does appear that it was some sort of meteorite.

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We have all these conflicting reports, right?

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We've got the official U.S. Air Force statement that what actually happened was they didn't realize it.

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There were planes in the air and one of them accidentally broke the sound barrier over Kokomo.

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As far as science goes, there was some speculation that this was some sort of meteor event.

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Yet another angle to this strange story are audio accounts from the first responders the night of the incident.

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Recordings capture frantic calls between the police and dispatchers of a downed, unidentified craft.

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Is the city possible to cut down?

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Authorities claim three definitive explanations, an F-16, meteors, or a crash plane.

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So which one is it?

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June 8, 2008.

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The Kokomo incident is less than two months old as UFO hunters begin their investigation.

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The strategy for the case is to divide and conquer.

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Pat Uskert will collect data in the field.

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He'll look for evidence that will prove or disprove the meteor theory.

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He'll also examine the possibility of the military's F-16 explanation.

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So we've set up office here hoping that people will come forward, people will come to us with their information.

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Bill Burns will track down footage, photos, eyewitnesses, and first responders to try and unravel the mystery of what happened that evening.

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We don't know what happened, but you know what? We are here to eliminate exactly what we can eliminate and look at what's left and try to come up with a decision.

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As new developments emerge, Pat and Bill will share their findings with Dr. Ted Ackworth.

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I'm going to get our resources set up so we can test video or photographic evidence.

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Hopefully, getting on this case fast, we can collect some near real-time evidence and determine what's going on.

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It turns out what's been going on in Indiana actually began three months prior to the Kokomo explosion.

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January 16, 2008, 30 miles north of Kokomo in Denver, Indiana.

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Robbie Becks and his family experience an apparent close encounter caught on videotape.

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Because this is only 20 or so miles away from Kokomo where the April 16, 2008 sightings took place,

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we need to figure out if this in any way is related to these sightings.

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The key witness is 22-year-old Robbie Becks. He first observes the alleged UFO at 7.30 p.m. while driving home.

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I was coming down this road and I saw, kind of looked like a tower in the sky.

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As Robbie drives closer, he observes the towering object is covered in reflective tiles.

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I didn't know what it was. I didn't know what possibly it could be because it made no noise, nothing.

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As I got closer to it, I could kind of see a texture to it.

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What happened next?

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Started heading south towards Kokomo.

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Robbie runs inside the house and grabs his video camera. His footage is being seen here for the very first time on television.

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00:08:48,256 --> 00:08:51,256

There's a black car in spot. Oh my God, look at this.

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00:08:51,256 --> 00:08:54,256

It's coming over the house right now, guys. It's coming this way.

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The video shows a single stationary light that seems to strobe many different colors.

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Robbie shows the video to Pat and Bill.

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There's a car at the bottom, so don't get that confused.

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00:09:11,258 --> 00:09:14,258

That's a car that's actually just driving down the road over there.

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00:09:14,258 --> 00:09:16,259

So you've got car headlights and a UFO light.

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The alleged UFO light hovers in the middle of the frame while the car passes through the shot.

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00:09:24,259 --> 00:09:30,260

But the hovering light is in a place where no road is present and no other light source exists.

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We can measure the distance between the camera and the car if we do a little car experiment.

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00:09:37,261 --> 00:09:42,261

So we should be able to measure the diameter of the headlights and using all that data together,

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00:09:42,261 --> 00:09:45,261

we should be able to approximate the size of the object.

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Pat takes a team vehicle out to pinpoint the car's location in the video.

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Hey, Bill, radio check.

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I'm on my way.

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00:10:01,263 --> 00:10:07,264

Using this video frame as a reference, Robbie directs Pat to the same position as the car in the video.

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I'm going to drive slow. You tell me when I'm getting close.

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00:10:10,264 --> 00:10:11,264

Stop right there.

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00:10:12,264 --> 00:10:13,264

Right there, perfect.

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00:10:14,264 --> 00:10:16,265

Okay, I'm going to take measurements now.

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Pat will now use a rangefinder to calculate the distance from the car to where Robbie shot the footage.

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Okay, I've got the distance measurement.

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00:10:26,266 --> 00:10:27,266

It's 355 yards.

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00:10:29,266 --> 00:10:36,267

With the distance from the car to the house recorded, Pat measures the diameter and distance between the two headlights.

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00:10:36,267 --> 00:10:43,267

We'll take all this data and send it off to Ted and hopefully he can put it all together and come up with the approximate size of the craft.

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00:10:44,267 --> 00:10:48,268

Robbie's video shows only one light and he heard no loud boom.

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00:10:49,268 --> 00:10:53,268

Still, could his sighting have something to do with the Kokomo explosion?

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00:10:54,268 --> 00:11:00,269

My conclusion is there's more than meets the eye here in Indiana.

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Bill and Pat head back to Kokomo to send the video, the camera and the field data to Ted.

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Pat and Bill were able to take some measurements.

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We can analyze the geometry of the car and the scene to get a sense of the distance or the size of the UFO.

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While Ted focuses on the BEX analysis, Pat and Bill turn their attention back to the Kokomo case of April 16th, 2008.

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Hello from Kokomo, welcome to Mail Call, WWKI.

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WWKI is the most popular radio station in this area.

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They've invited us to come on their morning talk show Mail Call to reach out to all the witnesses and all the people who experienced the Kokomo lights.

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00:11:49,274 --> 00:11:54,274

There was four lights rotating counterclockwise and they were different colors.

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They almost looked like fireballs.

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00:11:56,275 --> 00:12:01,275

No, Cal, these are any way that that could have been flares dropped from airplanes.

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00:12:01,275 --> 00:12:03,275

Well, I don't know because there was no movement.

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00:12:03,275 --> 00:12:04,275

They were stationary.

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00:12:04,275 --> 00:12:05,275

They were stationary.

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00:12:05,275 --> 00:12:13,276

So you're saying these didn't just hang in the sky, they stayed in the sky for an hour, which is longer than a flare, that's for sure.

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We're starting to get a feel that things are a little strange around here in Kokomo right now for a lot of these people.

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One of those people is WWKI's nighttime DJ, JJ Davis.

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So JJ, you were on the air. Tell us what happened.

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I heard this huge explosion and it rattled this room.

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It rattled the windows and everything. This is a soundproof booth.

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JJ was in the middle of playing a song. His microphone was not on to record the blast.

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You were taking all the calls. Your board was lighting up.

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All 11 phone lines were lit up.

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Do you have any examples you could play for us?

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How the sky is, it was a big fireball and it separated.

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And then all of a sudden, about nine huge lights separated individually and then went out. They wasn't flares.

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The calls from WWKI are not the only audio recordings of what happened that night.

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That's going to be a throw at the inside of the explosion.

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Actual police communications may contain evidence of a downed craft and the effort to conceal it.

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Switch to incident one, take off the main dispatch.

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Is Kokomo, Indiana the site of a UFO crash?

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It couldn't be flares or anything because they're not going down or falling down.

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January 16th, 2008, in Denver, Indiana,

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Robbie Bex captures this footage of what he claims is a tower-shaped UFO.

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00:13:57,287 --> 00:14:02,287

He and his family are left searching for answers.

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00:14:04,287 --> 00:14:09,288

Exactly three months later, on the night of April 16th, 2008,

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00:14:09,288 --> 00:14:15,288

something exploded over the city of Kokomo, Indiana, rocking houses over a 20-mile radius.

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Minutes after the explosion, people claimed to witness a row of lights in the night sky, rotating counterclockwise.

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00:14:25,289 --> 00:14:29,290

There was a series of lights. There were eight lights lit up.

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00:14:29,290 --> 00:14:32,290

It's definitely something unique, something I've never seen before in the sky.

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00:14:32,290 --> 00:14:35,290

It gives me goosebumps just talking about this.

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00:14:37,291 --> 00:14:42,291

Are these events the first signs of a UFO escalation in the heartland?

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Bill and Pat turn to police communications from the night of April the 16th for answers.

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So these are actual 911 recordings?

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Actual recordings of the first responders communicating with each other as they approach the scene.

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These recordings come from Scan America, an archive of police, fire and EMS communications across the country.

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00:15:09,294 --> 00:15:11,294

Alright, well let's have a listen.

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00:15:11,294 --> 00:15:15,294

We're getting reports of soft fire or an explosion.

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00:15:15,294 --> 00:15:19,295

State police just call and believe it is a plane down.

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00:15:19,295 --> 00:15:22,295

A plane down at this time. We're trying to figure out the location.

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00:15:22,295 --> 00:15:25,295

Aircraft down. That's the first one.

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Although the police initially believe they are searching for a downed plane,

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00:15:32,296 --> 00:15:35,296

no aircraft or people are reported missing.

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What are they searching for?

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00:15:38,297 --> 00:15:43,297

Hibben County has requested multiple fire units out of Howard County.

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They do have some type of huge debris to field.

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What it is right now, that this may have just been a meteorite entering the atmosphere.

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00:15:52,298 --> 00:15:54,298

However, I don't believe that.

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00:15:54,298 --> 00:15:56,298

They seem to know where the thing went down.

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00:15:56,298 --> 00:15:57,299

It's getting interesting.

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00:15:57,299 --> 00:16:06,299

The incident requires so many first responders that the dispatcher decides to dedicate an emergency channel for all further communications.

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Touch the incident one and that will take off the main dispatch.

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But what about the debris field?

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00:16:15,300 --> 00:16:19,301

Did first responders discover a huge debris field?

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Is this why they switched frequencies?

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00:16:21,301 --> 00:16:24,301

And if so, what did they find?

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No person has gathered more information on what happened on the evening of April 16th than this man.

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Field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, Glenn Means.

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We're very fortunate to be working with MUFON on this case.

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They've collected video evidence, they've talked to the locals,

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so there'll be an invaluable resource in understanding what happened here.

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Glenn Means and MUFON have looked closely at the nearby military installations,

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Grissom Air Force Base and the Indiana Air National Guard.

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Both have military operating areas, or MOAs, in close proximity to Kokomo.

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Now keep in mind, this area is prone to military flyover activity from both Grissom with their tankers

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00:17:12,306 --> 00:17:16,306

and Fort Wayne, the Indiana Air National Guard, flies F-16s.

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00:17:16,306 --> 00:17:22,307

But according to the rules of these MOAs, you can't use flares and you can't go supersonic.

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00:17:24,307 --> 00:17:30,308

According to Section 3E of the U.S. Air Force Regulation 55-34,

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a planned supersonic flight overland areas must be conducted above 30,000 feet.

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To listeners on the ground, a sonic boom generated at 30,000 feet

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00:17:41,309 --> 00:17:44,309

should sound like little more than a loud pop.

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Either this was a highly unlikely and unorthodox military operation,

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00:17:51,310 --> 00:17:55,310

or something else exploded in the sky that night.

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We brought a video in from a witness who lives near Grissom,

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and he shoots the planes almost every night.

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00:18:03,311 --> 00:18:07,312

And he does have some great footage on here of F-16s zipping along.

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00:18:07,312 --> 00:18:12,312

As you can see, you can see the actual lights, the wingtip anti-collision strobe lights,

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00:18:12,312 --> 00:18:18,313

and you see the flares popping out of it. See that? See how he drops the flares one after another, after another, after another?

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00:18:18,313 --> 00:18:19,313

I see that.

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00:18:19,313 --> 00:18:20,313

That's very interesting.

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He looks like a flare drop.

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They're all sequential.

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00:18:24,313 --> 00:18:29,314

The purpose of a flare drop is to divert heat-seeking missiles during battle.

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The burning flares draw the missiles away from the aircraft's hot exhaust, allowing the plane to escape.

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Why would local residents accustomed to seeing these military operations report seeing strange lights?

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00:18:47,316 --> 00:18:52,316

And why would 40 emergency response units be called to the scene?

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00:18:54,316 --> 00:19:05,317

We went ahead and chartered a plane. We jumped up in the air, and we flew over and did aerial recon of the area south of Kokomo,

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00:19:05,317 --> 00:19:13,318

both through the east and the west. We did find some interesting-looking events, and one in particular looks like a crater.

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00:19:16,318 --> 00:19:17,319

How big is that hole?

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00:19:17,319 --> 00:19:20,319

I would guess it's probably somewhere around 8 feet across.

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00:19:20,319 --> 00:19:24,319

We're going to have to figure out exactly where it is by doing some ground location.

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00:19:24,319 --> 00:19:26,319

Maybe we should go check it out.

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Absolutely.

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Now, if something crashes into the ground, there has to be some sort of evidence.

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At this point in our investigation, this is what we're focusing on.

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Pat and Glenn head out to see if they can locate a possible UFO crash site.

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Let's get our stuff out of the bag.

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Yeah, it's going to be a day for boots.

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What have you heard about the possibility of this hole?

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Well, if we can find a hole, we might be able to determine if it was a crash site, if so, what crashed in it.

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We may need something to probe all this water and mud.

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Since the pictures were taken, this area of Indiana has been inundated with rainfall.

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I do have one question for you.

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Sure. How long can you tread water?

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While Pat and Glenn search for the crater, Bill has tracked down Debbie Cobble,

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a key witness who may have evidence of another crash site.

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Can you tell me exactly what happened in the sequence when you were in your office on the night of April 16th, 2008?

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Well, I got up to my office about 20 after 10, and I had just turned my computer on when there was a bright flash.

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And immediately after the flash, I heard the explosion, and my whole house shook.

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You lived right in your grizzly mirror for space, and you've lived for 15 years?

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Yeah.

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00:21:01,329 --> 00:21:02,329

Have you ever heard of sonic boom before?

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Yes, I have.

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Did the boom you heard on April 16th, 2008 sound like that?

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No, it did not.

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What exploded near Debbie Cobble's house?

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The huge magnitude of the blast inspires her to start investigating.

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The next morning, she takes pictures near what she believes is the area of the explosion.

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These images seem to show several different areas with ground disturbance.

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In addition, the road has been blocked off.

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Could this be the area emergency responders were looking for?

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And if so, could her pictures be evidence of a clandestine effort to clean up a top secret crash site?

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Dippin County has requested multiple fire units out of Howard County.

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They do have some type of huge debris field.

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According to first responders from the night of April 16th, 2008, no crash site or debris field is ever found from the reported Kokomo explosion.

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But these pictures may suggest otherwise.

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This case is getting stranger and stranger.

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We found a sergeant from the Howard County Sheriff's Department, Rich Ferguson.

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And he's going to tell me exactly what happened that night.

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Out of the more than 40 units that responded, sergeant Ferguson is one of the few willing to come forward and tell his story.

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Can you tell me when you first received the call that there was something going on and where were you?

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I was at Northwestern Town, basically on patrol.

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We had a call for a large explosion and our dispatch was absolutely in a day with 911 calls.

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One of those calls is from a resident at US 31 at 300 North County Road, who reports that a plane has crashed close to his house.

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All responding units, just west of 300 North on US 31.

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We advise that it's possible to cut down.

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At approximately 10.45 p.m., sergeant Ferguson and a parade of first responders arrive at US 31 and 300 North County Road.

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This location is within a few miles of where Debbie Cobble takes photos the next morning.

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There were 75 to 80 first responders, rescue, fire, police, all in that area looking for a plane crash.

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And did anybody find anything?

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No, nothing was ever found, period.

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If no evidence of a downed aircraft or debris field was ever found, what did this first eye witness see?

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Could it be the same craft that Robbie Beck saw just three months earlier?

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Rich drove me right to the house of Mike Blake.

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It was Mike, it turns out, who said, I saw something falling out of the sky. I saw debris.

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There was just a loud boom and I went immediately out back and when I looked up in the eastern sky.

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Which direction would that be?

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Just about up in there.

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Right here?

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Okay.

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Yeah.

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It looked like a debris field falling out of the sky and I thought we could have had an air collision or something.

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Something went on up there.

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So, but it was your impression that something was actually disintegrating in the air?

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Yes. I didn't see any objects coming to the ground on fire.

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In other words, nothing that I could see came down to the ground of that debris.

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Sergeant Ferguson tips Bill to a witness who can elaborate on Mike Blake's testimony.

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While I'm responding to this, I get a phone call from Hank Bolger, a retired police officer,

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who said, I saw this orange disc with a bunch of lights going counterclockwise around it

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and he said, it's not military.

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We're going to meet with former detective Hank Bolger.

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He had a long career in the Air Force and served in Vietnam.

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This is a credible witness.

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I saw this round orange ball falling out of the sky.

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To the right of that orange ball, I could see a round and I'll describe it as an orb, a round red light.

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Well, I looked at it for a second or two and all of a sudden it seemed to move from right to left a little bit

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and a second orb appeared.

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Then a third, then a fourth, then a fifth and they were in a perfect line.

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It was not like one was up here, one was down here.

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Those lights were just hovering in the air.

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They were not moving in different directions.

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They just hovered right there in the sky.

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As a professional in the Air Force, were those flares?

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No, sir.

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What I observed that night on the 16th of April of 2008, were not any flares I've ever seen.

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According to the team, rotating lights and a large fireball don't seem to fit the F-16 story.

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Photos reportedly taken that night by an anonymous source seem to corroborate the eyewitnesses' accounts.

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What was the object in the skies above Kokomo?

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The answer may lie in Robby Beck's footage taken three months earlier.

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Ted takes Pat's data from the field and prepares an analysis of the Beck's footage.

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Assisting him is visual effects expert Terrence Masson.

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This is Robby Beck's video footage and we got the actual camera.

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This is a very consumer grade camera.

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It's going to be extremely challenging at night to take quality footage.

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What have you found?

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We've got almost four minutes of footage.

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So, what are we seeing is staying around in a suboriginal location.

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Remember Pat and Bill got a car out there and we got measurements at the appropriate distance here.

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Here are the photos of those.

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Can we, based on the distance and the geometry of the lights from our car,

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can we estimate the size of our object in the distance?

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We can do a pretty good job.

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According to Robby Beck's, the mysterious object was approximately two and a half miles,

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or 13,000 feet from his house.

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Pat calculated the distance from the car in the video to Robby's camera at 1,000 feet

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and the distance between the car headlights at 3 feet.

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So, we just need to solve for the last variable.

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Simple ratio.

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Simple ratio comes out to about 39, say 40 feet.

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Although the video quality limits definitive analysis,

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the approximate size of the strange orb is revealing nonetheless.

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Now, it's based on Robby Beck's estimate of the distance to the object

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and he said, oh, it was about two and a half miles.

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There's a lot of error potential on that estimate.

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Given that estimate, though, we think it's about 39 feet, which is right about the size of an F-16.

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The wingspan of an F-16 is 32 feet 8 inches.

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Taking into account the margin of error associated with Robby's estimate,

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an F-16 could be a plausible explanation, except for one factor.

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I mean, it's consistent, in my mind, to the size of an F-16.

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Although this light is hovering, of course, which makes that difficult to do an analysis.

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An F-16 by no means.

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Does not hover.

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Anywhere near hover.

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Even in the slowest of slow flight.

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There are no radio towers that would be lit at night.

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We definitely have some sort of object here.

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F-16s have been presented as answers for both the Beck's and Kokomo cases.

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But Bill and Pat feel the evidence keeps pointing to other explanations.

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Back in Kokomo, Pat and Glenn continue to follow up on the crash site theory.

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I see a bunch of clumps over there.

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Yeah, that could be something.

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Should we have a look?

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00:29:34,380 --> 00:29:35,380

Sure.

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After a thorough search, Pat and Glenn strike gold.

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What is that?

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We may just be looking at ground zero.

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After looking around, we have found something that's very suspicious.

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It's a large hole around 7 to 8 feet across, and it doesn't look like it belongs here.

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Have Pat and Glenn found evidence of a crash site.

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The impact hole is 4 feet into the ground.

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What I saw that night is totally different than what we're being led to believe.

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Ever since I've been small, I have heard of UFO reports in Kokomo.

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Multiple sightings of strange lights had been reported in the nearby towns of Denver and Kokomo, Indiana.

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The team is searching for evidence that the heartland is becoming a UFO hotspot.

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Pat and Mufon Field Investigator Glenn Means have just located a strange crater they believe may be linked to the explosion above Kokomo on April 16, 2008.

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Wouldn't a crater be larger than that?

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Not if it was made by something baseball sized or smaller.

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According to our little measuring post here, this hole is about 4 feet deep.

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So the impact hole is 4 feet into the ground.

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If this is an impact hole, I guess that remains to be seen.

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Pat will use a magnetometer to measure any abnormal readings in or around the crater.

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Now meteorites are very high in iron, so if there was anything down here from a meteorite, we'd expect to get some readings on this, some magnetic readings.

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So I'm not getting anything. Right now it doesn't look like much.

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Glenn and I came out here in the hopes of finding something related to the big explosion.

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We're not exactly sure what it is, so we're bringing in an expert in astronomy, Professor Adam Rengstorf, who can maybe help us figure out what this hole in the ground is.

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We have pictures of what we think could be a crater related to the incident on April 16. Could that be some sort of impact?

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If it was something drilling straight down through the atmosphere, you'd get a nice circular crater.

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If it was coming in at a very oblique angle, such that you saw lights trailing across the sky to begin with, I think you'd be more likely to see a somewhat elongated impact feature, kind of it hitting and furrowing in.

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But this doesn't look like that.

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Since witness testimony describes a trail of lights across the sky, this discounts the vertical trajectory Dr. Rengstorf says is needed for a crater to take this form.

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In my estimation, just from looking at these images, it could just as easily be a sinkhole.

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Looking at the hole in the ground, we thought maybe we had found ground zero.

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I mean, there was a strong possibility that this was some sort of impact crater, but after talking with Professor Rengstorf, we have to cross that off the list of possibilities.

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Upon closer examination, Professor Rengstorf is proven correct. Pat's impact crater is really a naturally formed sinkhole.

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With no credible crash site found, the military's explanation of an F-16 breaking the sound barrier and dropping flares needs to be investigated further.

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At the midpoint of their investigation, Bill and Pat decide to brief Ted on what they've uncovered so far.

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So guys, you know, the eyewitnesses here are describing this sonic boom shaking windows and the military says well, it's an F-16 flying overhead.

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Here's what I want to do. We'll build a sonic blast cannon. We can generate our own sonic boom.

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And I think we should be able to tell whether or not that explanation that it was an F-16 flying overhead that night stands up to real quantitative analysis.

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00:34:03,407 --> 00:34:04,407

Absolutely.

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By recreating the shockwave intensity that witnesses experienced, the approximate speed, size of the aircraft and elevation can be determined.

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And the team believes this data should prove once and for all if the Air Force's explanation holds up.

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In Indianapolis, construction on the sonic boom cannon is underway. As it's completed, Pat and Bill prepare to gather the ear witnesses from the Kokomo event.

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Okay, here's Kokomo.

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Look, here's Kokomo. Now, folks heard this over a 20 mile area, but there seem to be four or so witnesses who really felt it the strongest.

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I mean big.

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You talk to these people?

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I spoke to each one of them and they're right in this area here.

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Debbie Cobble and Hank Bolcher from Kokomo and Mike Blake and Diane Bryant from Sharpsville.

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Do you think maybe we can get these people together?

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00:35:11,414 --> 00:35:12,414

Let's set it up.

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The UFO Hunter's next experiment is just up the road.

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With the help of Bill's ear witnesses, the team will now try to duplicate the sound level and pressure wave that was felt that evening.

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The team hopes that this will determine if the sound could have been generated by an F-16's sonic boom or something else.

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But what exactly is a sonic boom? A sonic boom is created when an object moves near or faster than the speed of sound in air.

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When a plane travels normally, it has to displace air around its surface by communicating pressure waves from the body to the surrounding air.

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A sonic boom is created when the pressure signals have piled up at the very front.

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This creates a sudden jump in pressure and the pressure jump passing over the surface of the ground causes a sonic boom.

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But different types of aircraft create different sound signatures.

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The cannon will not only test sound levels but also different signatures as well to see what best matches what the witness has heard.

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The point of this device is to try to duplicate the sound and not just the sound but what you felt that night on April 16th, 2008.

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Let's all go back in the house.

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Pat will help operate the sonic blaster while Sam, the team's assistant, will use a dB meter to record both the volume and pressure wave of each blast.

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Bill will join the witnesses inside the house and get their reactions.

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It's crucial that we recreate that boom and see if what these people heard was indeed a sonic boom or something else.

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All right, here we go.

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00:37:23,427 --> 00:37:24,427

Fire in the hole!

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Is the Indiana Air National Guard statement that an F-16 generated a sonic boom that rocked homes over a 20-mile radius true?

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Or will the sonic cannon blow a hole right through the military sonic boom defense?

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Fire in the hole!

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F-16

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My husband and I were laying on the couch watching TV. Heard a really loud boom.

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It shook the house so much that we thought something had collided with it.

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00:37:58,431 --> 00:38:01,431

I really thought maybe we were under attack by somebody or something.

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00:38:01,431 --> 00:38:02,431

or something.

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Bill and Pat have dismissed the notion that meteors created the strange lights witnessed

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in and around Kokomo and have found no strong evidence that a crash ever occurred.

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But one theory has yet to be fully investigated.

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From the day the Indiana Air National Guard first issued this press release, contradicting

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what it told emergency first responders on April 16th, many witnesses have questioned

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the F-16's sonic boom explanation.

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I don't believe that this was a sonic boom.

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This might have been larger.

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00:38:42,915 --> 00:38:48,156

If you're going to hear a boom that loud, I would suspect that you'd hear the jet.

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I didn't hear anything like that.

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A sonic cannon has been constructed to recreate the sound that ripped over Kokomo on April

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16th.

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Witnesses from that night are about to decide if it matches what they heard.

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Here we go.

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00:39:07,077 --> 00:39:08,078

Mike?

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Mike is a no.

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00:39:09,078 --> 00:39:10,078

Hey?

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00:39:10,078 --> 00:39:11,078

Definitely no.

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00:39:11,078 --> 00:39:12,078

Debbie?

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00:39:12,078 --> 00:39:13,078

Kids?

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00:39:13,078 --> 00:39:14,078

No.

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00:39:14,078 --> 00:39:15,078

Diane?

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00:39:15,078 --> 00:39:16,078

No.

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00:39:16,078 --> 00:39:17,078

Sam?

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00:39:17,078 --> 00:39:18,079

Yeah.

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00:39:18,079 --> 00:39:22,079

Unanimous no.

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00:39:22,079 --> 00:39:29,280

The first shot registers 92 decibels of sound, equivalent to a house stereo at full volume.

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00:39:29,280 --> 00:39:33,840

The maximum overpressure is 106.8 decibels.

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00:39:33,840 --> 00:39:41,521

This is the measurement of force above normal atmospheric pressure that an explosion exerts.

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00:39:41,521 --> 00:39:42,521

Time to reload.

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00:39:42,521 --> 00:39:43,521

Fire in the hole.

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00:39:43,521 --> 00:39:47,401

I saw a catch about there.

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00:39:47,401 --> 00:39:52,802

We know that the experiment is falling apart due to the sheer volume of the noise here.

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00:39:52,802 --> 00:39:55,962

There are incredible booms that we're hearing.

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00:39:55,962 --> 00:40:00,803

The next shot is far more powerful.

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00:40:00,803 --> 00:40:07,923

It delivers 118 decibels of sound, equivalent to standing in the front row of a rock concert,

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00:40:07,923 --> 00:40:13,884

and generates a maximum overpressure of 136.8 decibels.

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00:40:13,884 --> 00:40:14,884

Quick pull.

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00:40:14,884 --> 00:40:15,884

Mike?

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00:40:15,884 --> 00:40:16,884

I saw that was you.

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00:40:16,884 --> 00:40:17,884

No.

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00:40:17,884 --> 00:40:19,885

I'm going to say now.

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00:40:19,885 --> 00:40:20,885

No.

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00:40:20,885 --> 00:40:25,805

Okay, Sam, this time one yes, five definite noes.

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00:40:25,805 --> 00:40:30,966

Mike Blake, the witness that called 911 believing that there was a mid-air collision near his

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00:40:30,966 --> 00:40:34,446

house, believes it's a match.

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00:40:34,446 --> 00:40:43,567

For the others, it's still not strong enough.

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00:40:43,567 --> 00:40:48,808

After several more shots, the sonic blaster is beginning to break apart.

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00:40:48,808 --> 00:40:51,248

It's time for one last blast.

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00:40:51,248 --> 00:40:53,568

Three, two, one.

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00:40:53,568 --> 00:40:56,568

Oh, my God.

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00:40:56,568 --> 00:40:59,689

Okay, we're breaking glass.

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00:40:59,689 --> 00:41:08,570

The final shot generates 116 decibels of sound and a maximum pressure wave of 137.5 decibels,

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00:41:08,570 --> 00:41:13,090

enough to crack a window and virtually destroy the sonic cannon.

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00:41:13,090 --> 00:41:16,850

Okay, everybody, come on outside.

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00:41:16,850 --> 00:41:18,651

So how was it in there?

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00:41:18,651 --> 00:41:19,651

Loud.

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00:41:19,651 --> 00:41:20,651

Not loud.

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00:41:20,651 --> 00:41:23,251

But was it as loud as the big boom?

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00:41:23,251 --> 00:41:24,771

I believe it was, yes.

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00:41:24,771 --> 00:41:26,571

So we have Mike Blake saying yes.

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00:41:26,571 --> 00:41:27,571

No.

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00:41:27,571 --> 00:41:29,652

Thanks, there's no, Debbie.

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00:41:29,652 --> 00:41:30,652

No.

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00:41:30,652 --> 00:41:33,692

We haven't come up with anything definitive yet.

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00:41:33,692 --> 00:41:35,692

Obviously, this needs further analysis.

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00:41:35,692 --> 00:41:42,453

We'll send all this data to Ted and see what he has to say about it.

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00:41:42,453 --> 00:41:47,653

Back at the lab, Ted is ready to give his assessment of the sonic boom experiment.

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00:41:47,653 --> 00:41:52,454

Basically, we've got all these witnesses who describe hearing a loud boom.

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00:41:52,454 --> 00:41:55,934

By having this cannon, the whole point was to see if we could recreate what they had

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00:41:55,934 --> 00:41:59,655

heard and have them say, yep, that one was what I had heard.

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00:41:59,655 --> 00:42:02,695

And from that, we can back calculate what kind of aircraft it might have been, whether

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00:42:02,695 --> 00:42:06,295

or not it wasn't an aircraft at all, and whether or not it agrees with the explanation

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00:42:06,295 --> 00:42:07,295

from the military.

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00:42:07,295 --> 00:42:11,696

The final analysis of these tests proves to be telling.

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00:42:11,696 --> 00:42:16,536

What Mike heard indicates the pressure wave closely matches a craft similar in size to

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00:42:16,536 --> 00:42:23,097

an F-16 or F-18 breaking the sound barrier.

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00:42:23,097 --> 00:42:26,737

Based on the volume, that aircraft was pretty low altitude.

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00:42:26,737 --> 00:42:29,618

It may have been as low as a couple of thousand feet over the house.

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00:42:29,618 --> 00:42:34,698

It may have been higher, but it's unlikely that it was up in the tens or 30,000 feet.

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00:42:34,698 --> 00:42:39,539

Bottom line, what we have very good confidence in here is that we had an F-16 flying over

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00:42:39,539 --> 00:42:49,380

a residential neighborhood at supersonic speeds at somewhere around 5,000 feet.

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00:42:49,380 --> 00:42:55,460

But only one witness positively identified the sound from that night, while five others

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00:42:55,460 --> 00:42:58,581

said it wasn't intense enough.

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00:42:58,581 --> 00:43:04,701

This proves an F-16 was either lower than 5,000 feet, or this is an entirely different

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00:43:04,701 --> 00:43:08,021

aircraft.

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00:43:08,021 --> 00:43:12,142

The BEX sighting now takes on added significance.

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00:43:12,142 --> 00:43:18,383

Ted's analysis estimated the object to be 40 feet, approximately the same size as an

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00:43:18,383 --> 00:43:19,383

F-16.

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00:43:19,383 --> 00:43:25,063

Yet flight characteristics were witnessed that are believed impossible for an F-16 to

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00:43:25,063 --> 00:43:27,143

perform.

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00:43:27,143 --> 00:43:32,384

Could it be the same craft that broke the sound barrier over Kokomo?

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It's entirely plausible that this was an F-16 breaking the sound barrier overhead.

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00:43:36,704 --> 00:43:37,704

It then dropped a flare.

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00:43:37,704 --> 00:43:40,185

It would be the fireball that the witnesses accounted for.

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00:43:40,185 --> 00:43:46,465

I could go along with the F-16 theory, except what they saw this huge orange glowing ball.

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00:43:46,465 --> 00:43:52,586

And then they saw this string of red lights come on, moving in a concentric circle.

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00:43:52,586 --> 00:43:56,666

According to the witnesses that we talked to, the original explosion was much louder than

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00:43:56,666 --> 00:44:01,747

the ones we were able to produce in the experiments, meaning that if it was an F-16, it would be

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00:44:01,747 --> 00:44:04,147

flying below 5,000 feet.

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00:44:04,147 --> 00:44:11,908

That just doesn't sound like anything that professional F-16 pilots would do.

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00:44:11,908 --> 00:44:18,188

What was seen in the skies over Denver and Kokomo may never be known.

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00:44:18,188 --> 00:44:24,109

Most of the prevailing theories have been eliminated, or at least appear unlikely.

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00:44:24,109 --> 00:44:29,350

The search for answers continues, and the possibility of a UFO remains.