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We've been chasing lights down all over down that way.

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What do they look like?

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I don't know.

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We've got a report.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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We've got a report of something going through the air with lights on it horizontally.

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Three to four lights.

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Going at a high rate of speed up and down and all over the sky.

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What did I see that night?

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What did I see going 72,000 miles per hour at least?

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This is tough for a scientist to admit and so I'm just going to have to say the way they acted even though intelligent they didn't act human.

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When I was a kid people made fun of me.

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They used to say it could only happen to Jack.

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I was like the epitome of coincidences and strange ones.

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I grew up in Muskegon which is in West Michigan and it's a beautiful area.

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You got the four seasons.

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So this was my childhood home right here.

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I can remember standing right out front being three and four years old being very curious about the world.

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Even as far back as I can remember I was very interested in astronomy and science and then of course weather too.

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I started learning how to read weather maps at about five, six years old.

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My parents lived on Lake Michigan.

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I could see the storms rolling across Lake Michigan.

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So I learned that I wanted to be a meteorologist ever since I was six years old.

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On March 8th, 1994 I was 29 going on 30.

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I had been at the Muskegon National Weather Service for three years at that point.

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That was the 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. shift and I was alone on duty for the night which is not unusual.

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Temperatures were around 20 degrees.

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It was a light wind and we had very good visibility probably easily 80 miles.

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I wasn't expecting that there was going to be anything going on that night because there was nothing going on weather-wise.

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It was a very, very clear cold night.

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That night it was very clear.

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I was in the kitchen talking to my friend Edna and we had a corded phone at the time.

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I liked to pace when I'm on the phone.

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My husband was in the basement watching TV downstairs on the couch.

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It was about nine o'clock at night.

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I walked to my kitchen window.

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That's when I saw the lights and the glow, the light that was outside was so bright.

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I thought it was a huge full moon.

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I did a double take.

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No, I saw four lights.

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That can't be a full moon.

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So I said, Edna, I think there's UFO in my backyard.

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The lights were in a straight line.

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They were stationary.

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They were just above our tree line in our pasture.

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The one to the far left moved slowly across the tree line.

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Then slowly came back into formation again.

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And the other one to the far right would be to the west.

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We're starting to slowly move.

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And it was gone.

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It was just gone in a flash.

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So now I'm left with three.

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I never saw a ship or ships.

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The lights were so bright I could never see beyond them.

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I watched them totally for about a half hour.

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I wish I had a camera back then.

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We didn't have cell phones that could take a picture.

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What surprised me most was there was no sound from the UFO.

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My horse was out in the field and she was grazing and knotting off.

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She didn't even know they're above her head.

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Not a sound.

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That's the thing that stands out the most to me.

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Dead silent.

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In 1994, I was married.

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My daughter was 10 and my son was 14.

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Then my husband Darrell and I had retired to bed.

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And the kids were in the living room.

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Joey started screaming.

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You gotta see this.

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Come in here. You gotta see this.

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Our whole living room was like a spotlight.

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It was so bright.

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I'm on one.

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We were just wondering, have you heard anything about these lights

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that are flickering up here?

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It's like a group.

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It looks like a string of crispy bites was way up in the sky.

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And we wondered if you had heard anything about it.

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Well, you might have heard from me.

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It's different. I've never seen anything like it.

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I don't know. It's strange.

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But it's right out east-south east. It's way up.

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You can hear my kids screaming in the background on the 911 tape.

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So my husband Darrell said, let's go outside.

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And this thing is roughly 300 feet.

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It was right across the street.

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And it wasn't doing anything but going as slow as it possibly could.

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It was not like a plane. It was not like a blimp.

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It was not like anything I've ever seen.

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It was, I said, a chrome material.

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It was a cylinder shape.

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And they were going around in a circle, saw no windows,

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anything like that, and it had lights coming out of the bottom.

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It's just like a circle of a lot of different lights flickering.

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I said to Darrell, what is that?

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And he said, Holly, it's a UFO.

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We stood out there for about, I want to say, 15, 20 minutes

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before Officer Veldhaus got there.

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I was in my patrol vehicle when I received a 911 call

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to respond to the residents of Holly Graves and her family.

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My thought on UFOs was skeptical.

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I was trying to think of any kind of explainable situation

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I was going on, whether it was somebody's shining lights

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or maybe something was on fire.

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I was met outside by Holly Graves and her husband.

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I saw two lights and they were both moving in a southwest direction

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and they were consistent with the flight,

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maybe of an aircraft of some sort.

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They were that high in the sky.

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The lights went from white to green

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and they were fairly close together.

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As I watched them, the one light caught my attention

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and it moved from the other light in a quick manner

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and kept going southwest.

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That was noticeable to me, different than any normal aircraft

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that I've seen.

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Officer Veldhaus and my husband stood in the front yard

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for another 10 minutes or so

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and then Officer Veldhaus left.

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At that point, I heard Darryl scream.

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He said it just, bam, broke up into five before it disappeared.

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As I was trying to follow the lights,

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we were getting more calls through

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Ottawa County Central Dispatch.

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I'm on one.

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There's probably four or five lights

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and they were all flashing right in the road from the top

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all the way down to the bottom.

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It took off real fast.

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There were four lights and they were breaking back and forth

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and there's no way, I mean, the plane's not that wide.

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And then it started, and it went down to three lights

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and it started spinning around.

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Like, it was a circular motion.

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So it's going to go up and down

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and then it went to two lights into the same thing

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and that was one and it just spinned in a circle.

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They were just kind of hanging there.

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They came up as a group and then they kind of split them.

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I contacted the Ottawa County Central Dispatcher

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to try and locate a radar service

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to determine what it was that people were reporting.

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And he, in turn, contacted Muskegon Weather Service.

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Around 10 p.m. that night,

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I got a phone call from the Ottawa County 911 Dispatch.

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You get anything weird down in the Southern Ottawa County area?

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And the reason I asked is we're getting a whole bunch of calls

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with some strange lights in the Southern Ottawa Northern Allagan County

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right here in Holland City area.

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Strange light?

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Yeah.

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We had about 60 UFO calls.

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Oh, okay.

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And said, you're like, oh, come on,

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there's got to be something more to this.

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Yeah.

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When he said something about UFOs

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or being seen across the skies,

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I thought, oh boy, you know,

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a lot of people are drinking out tonight.

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But I was not going to say just blow them off

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and say, no, I can't see something like that.

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I was going to take a look.

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I was actually interested in myself.

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As a radar operator, we had to learn

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not just learning how to look at atmospheric phenomena on the radar,

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but how the radar actually works,

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what can actually fool the radar.

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So we're rigorously trained because we're putting out

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severe weather warnings and tornado warnings

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based on what we see with the radar.

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I'm looking at it in the vertical now,

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and there's a large return down there.

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It's up about maybe a mile disappear,

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but it was up about 6,000 feet.

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It could have been in plane.

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But it was pretty big.

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Wait a minute.

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And I assumed it was an aircraft at about 6,000 feet,

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which was not unusual.

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It was moving at around 100 miles an hour,

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which again was not unusual.

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Now, to find an aircraft in the dark like this

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would be like being in the basement

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and you have a flashlight and you're looking for that fly

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that's flying around,

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and you only have that focused beam.

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And once you might be able to catch it,

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you might be able to follow it,

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but a lot of times you could lose it.

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Oh, it moved.

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There's something big down there.

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Wait a minute. That's really strange.

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Yeah, right down here south-havings.

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It's moving towards the west-south-west.

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It looks like a big blob.

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Yeah, that's the way it was explained to us.

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This is weird.

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It looks like it's steady right now.

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For a brief moment of about 15 seconds,

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it just stopped and hovered,

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which is highly unusual.

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So right away I knew something was not right.

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Either it was at that point I thought,

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okay, it could be a blimp, a balloon, or something like that.

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But to be flying at night in the dead of winter

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was highly unusual too.

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It's gone up.

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I'm getting it now at about 12,000 feet.

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Oh.

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You know, after that, it seemed like everything just went crazy.

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Oh, my God. What is that?

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They were going together and coming apart.

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Yeah, well, it's...

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There's three.

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They're separated by about...

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It's like about 5,000 feet in height.

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They're very strong returns.

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They're spiking, so it's...

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They're something pretty solid.

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Not precipitation or anything, especially up at that height.

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In all aspects, the objects looked like an aircraft.

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It just did not act like an aircraft.

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We know it was solid.

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It was smooth.

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It seemed extremely reflective, very high-polished metal.

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We can detect that by the amount of energy coming back in the echo.

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The huge returns. I've never seen anything like this.

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Not even when I'm doing storms. These aren't storms.

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They're just popping up all over the place.

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The northernmost one would jump 20 miles hover.

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The other two would jump 20 miles

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and then make that triangular formation again,

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and that would hover there for a few seconds.

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Think of anything in nature that would play follow the leader like that.

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It was almost as if it wanted to be seen.

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I was spooked. I was creeped out.

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I was nervous. I was shaking.

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These are all up around about between 7 and 12,000 feet.

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This is strange.

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They look like they're all moving toward the south, towards Chicago.

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They're about over the center of Lake Michigan, three of them in a triangle,

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just off the coast of Bury County.

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Once it got to that one area in southern Lake Michigan,

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it stopped at Hubbard. It stayed there for a while.

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I watched them for two, three hours,

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and they were met up by dozens and dozens of other objects I could see.

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They were doing incredible feats, like going from lower, say, like at 4,000 or 5,000 feet

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to going as high as 55,000 feet within a matter of seconds,

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which none of our military aircraft can do at all.

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At one point, I saw it move 20 miles out over Lake Michigan in less than a second,

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so it's moving at 72,000 miles an hour.

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At that speed, you can fly from New York to LA in about two minutes,

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and there's just no technology I know of that can go that fast.

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I know it wasn't swamp gas because the weather radar would actually not be able to see swamp gas.

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I knew that they were not a super-refraction of the radar beam

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or a bounce back of the radar back down to the Earth because of their movements and their speeds,

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but also because by raising the radar antenna to the many degrees that I did up,

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that eliminates all super-refraction possibilities.

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Later on, I found out that that was the only clear area of no ice.

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It was absolutely the northernmost point that you get without going into solid sheets of ice.

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They were out over open water.

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It was a rendezvous point for other objects from coming in from other directions.

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All right, well, if we get any more, we'll let you know also.

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Okay, let me...

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Yeah, please do.

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Thank you.

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Bye-bye.

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Once I got off the phone with 911 dispatcher,

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I called my wife and told her all about what I had seen,

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and I said, can you go out and take a look to the southern sky and see if you see anything?

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It was late at night. It was the dead of winter.

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She actually was too afraid to go out.

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She said, yes, she was great.

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I said, I'm not going out there by myself.

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I did stay over and watch it a little bit more,

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and one by one, they would disappear until they all just kind of faded away.

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The next shift that came in after me, he didn't really get excited like I was.

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Really didn't know what to think of it because he hadn't seen the whole thing.

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Driving home that night, everything was going through my mind,

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and I couldn't believe what I had seen.

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My whole idea as a scientist of what's out there,

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it was like just a huge change in the way I had to think

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that there's more out there than we all know.

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I was like, oh, I'm going to be there.

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Probably around eight in the morning, we started getting direct calls,

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which were coming into me,

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and these are citizens who saw something strange and wanted to report it.

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So I got the idea of calling the dispatch operator in Ottawa County, 9-1-1,

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and saying, how long would it take to get a copy of these calls?

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And he said, I'll have it for you in an hour.

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So I picked it up, and this is back in 1994.

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Popped it into the cassette device, and it knocks your socks off.

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9-1-1.

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This is a non-emergency, so feel free to cut me off if something comes in.

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And I feel kind of silly calling, but is there any Air Force airplanes

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or helicopters flying around in Algin or Ottawa County tonight?

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I don't know if you guys do anything on UFOs at all.

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It's not a really emergency. We just called up all the UFOs.

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They're out there, making airplanes.

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These people saw something that either frightened or amazed them.

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You can hear the sincerity in their voices. You can hear the amazement.

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I think that's very compelling.

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But also, there was a 9-1-1 dispatch recording with a National Weather Service radar operator.

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He alone and the dispatcher set this apart from so much other UFO stuff that I've seen.

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I listened to five or ten minutes of it, and I called the news desk and said,

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We got a major story. I got back to the newsroom, batted out a story, and got it on the wire.

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When the event happened on March 8th, I had no idea it was recorded.

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The tape was immediately given to my boss and to my boss's boss.

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And that's when just everything broke loose.

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Residents in places like Grand Haven, Holland and other Lakeshore towns reported seeing the strange phenomenon in the night sky.

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This was definitely brighter than anything I've ever seen before.

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Flash in green lights, and once in a while you'd see like a red.

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About ten seconds at just which.

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Were they watching us? Were they taking samples of the atmosphere? You know, what were they doing?

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The March 8th, 1994 sighting of UFOs in southwestern Michigan is really one of the big cases historically,

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not just for Michigan, but for UFOs, period.

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Meet the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, International Investigators of Strange Sights in the Skies.

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They're trying to find just what's haunting the Great Lakes State.

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MUFON is the world's largest civilian UFO research organization.

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We've been around for over 50 years, and we have over 4,000 members in over 40 countries.

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We take UFO reports that people send in to us.

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We can identify usually between 80 to 95% of what comes in to us every year.

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And the ones that we can identify are the interesting ones that keep us going.

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Michigan is one of those states where we just happen to have more UFO sightings reported to us than many of the other states.

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We're always in the top ten.

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But this UFO event in March of 1994, we're talking over 300 witnesses to UFOs in a single night.

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This was not just on the west side of the state. Michigan's got 82 counties,

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and 42 counties had UFO sightings that night of March 8th.

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MUFON officials say this is the hottest UFO case in the country right now,

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not only because of the mass sightings, but the fact that these objects have actually been tracked on radar.

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You can't see nothing happen that night. It's scientific.

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Here is an instrument recording something that is undeniable.

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I learned about the sighting when a friend from Flint, Michigan, called me.

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I called the headquarters of MUFON and I was put in charge of investigating this case.

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I got in the car as quickly as I could driving to Holland.

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I interviewed 20 or 30 people who were direct witnesses.

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They put us all in separate rooms and had us all draw pictures and write our story.

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How did you know it was something unusual?

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I saw the bottom. It was metal. It had lights on it.

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I've had nationwide stories before, but nothing like this. This went worldwide. The reaction was immediate.

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For two weeks now, the big question in much of Western Michigan has been, oh my God, what is this?

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After the event, I was contacted by dozens of people from throughout the state.

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I had calls, I remember, from two pilots, both from major airlines who were coming in over to O'Hare, over Lake Michigan.

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Both of them separately verified this very bright, cylindrical object, going in front of them across Lake Michigan,

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and then just disappearing at a phenomenal rate of speed.

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Both of them did not want their names used, did not want their carriers used, because there was so much prejudice, perhaps.

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I think there had been a stigma attached to people who claimed to have seen UFOs, because it may suggest that they're mentally ill.

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You're silly, you're drunk, you're crazy.

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Soon after the event occurred, I walked into the weather office, and the guys had taken paper plates stacked and stapled like flying saucers,

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and they put about 50 of them hanging from the ceiling on strings.

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Just put my hands on my face and thought, oh no.

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When it came to this event, I knew people might not believe me, and what I had seen might sound crazy.

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I did not want to be thought of as somebody, especially as a scientist, as somebody with a mental illness.

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The National Weather Service, they did not want to be known as the UFO Reporting Center, so they tried to make it go away in a hurry.

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Meteorologists with the National Weather Service set a temperature inversion.

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A layer of warm air a few thousand feet above the Earth's surface could have been the culprit for the strange returns on radar, something called ground clutter.

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At this point, I was told not to talk or give interviews to anybody.

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I was very anxious, because I worked my entire life for that job.

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If I had disobeyed an order and talked to the press about it, I have no doubt in my mind that they would have tried to fire me or actually ruin the future in my career.

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My supervisor, Leo, had to toe the line.

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And in fact, when I talked to him later about what this was doing to my career, Leo was the one that said, Jack, you got to get out of Michigan.

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I knew I had to hurry up and get a job to wherever I could, based solely because of this UFO event.

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But I was depressed to have to leave some such good friends, childhood friends, and my family.

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That was the impact of my career, yes.

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I almost put it behind me because I didn't think we were going to ever be able to learn anymore.

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But I did want vindication for this because there were jokes.

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What I saw, this was a life altering event.

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It's something you just don't forget.

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How much brain space is occupied in 30 years?

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It was enough to where I gave myself headaches thinking about it.

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Literally headaches, trying to just really focus and try to figure it out because it's such a mystery.

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I was just like, I'm going to get out of here.

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Today, a highly anticipated report from the U.S. intelligence community zeroes in on unidentified aerial phenomenon, or UAPs, commonly known as UFOs.

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This report had lots of input from the military. It was released by the office of the director of national intelligence.

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They did find more than 140 reports dating back to 2004 where investigators could not find an explanation.

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Pilots said they saw objects that moved at exceptional speed and agility.

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My God, they're all going against the wind. The winds are 100.

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We have people like Navy pilots, former CIA directors coming forward and saying, yeah, there are things that we don't really understand.

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An incident in Puerto Rico where an object was tracked buzzing an airport, then flying into the water, popping back out before appearing to split into two and disappearing.

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This is a technology that we don't completely understand, and it seems to be defying our understanding of physics.

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The larger question is, is this alien life remains unanswered?

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After all these years, it seems like the U.S. government and the military has finally taken UFO sightings more seriously, and that's made me reexamine my own UFO experience.

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I've been dreaming about this for 27 years.

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What I'm hoping to get out of the eyewitnesses is to get more information out of them and actually see exactly where they were so that I can tie together what I was seeing with the people on the ground,

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with the radar. When you have both radar confirmation and ground-based eyeball confirmation, that's the proof that there was a tornado on the ground.

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And so why not for UFOs?

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Virginia?

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Oh, Jack.

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Jack, Michelle, nice to meet you.

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For real, it's so nice to meet you.

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I have so many questions and I know you have.

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I knew of Virginia Tilley. She did a thorough job of finding these witnesses on the ground, but of course she didn't have a really good, detailed account of what I saw on the radar.

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I know you've been investigating this the whole time.

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Believe it or not, I tried to reach you.

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Oh, you did?

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I did. I tried actually several different times.

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Really?

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And I was always told you weren't available or you weren't allowed to speak to me.

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No men in black, hey?

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No men in black? Oh, two men in black.

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None of those.

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There are very few, if any, that have the kind of documentation that goes with this case.

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This one I feel is much bigger than any of the others that I've investigated.

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No kidding, the absolute top one?

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I would think so.

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Really?

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There's a lot of gaps I'd like to see filled up.

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I'm really interested in this couple you were talking about that had a vantage point from Lake Michigan around the time when I was seeing it on radar.

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This was one of the most unusual things I've ever heard.

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March 8th of 1994.

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Young couple that were camping out that night, a nice cold night, right on the lake after midnight.

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The wife woke up.

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There was a tall tower of water.

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They said it looked like a huge waterfall.

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Went up almost as high as what looked like the heights of the sky.

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At least 20 feet wide.

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It was lit behind and from above.

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And they're looking off towards the Chicago area, towards the southwest.

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They both were so frightened they grabbed a couple of quick things that were laying with them and they ran up the stairs.

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As fast as they could go.

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So what you're telling me completely correlates with what I saw on radar from say 11 o'clock through well after midnight.

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I was watching them til 2 in the morning on radar in the same place.

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I have them at 6,000 feet at that point.

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So it must have been a pretty tall waterfall then.

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That's incredible.

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A lot of these UFO events occur around great big bodies of water.

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The Great Lakes seems to be a hot spot, fresh water here.

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I've heard that so many times.

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The Great Lakes is the largest freshwater area in the entire planet.

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It's almost as if they were looking for open water and they found it right here.

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And so there has to be a connection.

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It always wanted to meet them.

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You know, being the radar guy, he said, I saw what I saw.

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So they see that we're not crazy.

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You know, what we saw was real.

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1994 sighting has affected me in a popularity kind of way.

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A lot of the inquiries too are sincere.

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But if the recording from the radar operator did not exist,

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it would affect me differently, I believe.

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It would be more adverse, probably, or more unbelievable to people.

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We saw it out in the East Sky.

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We could see, you know, the, I guess you would call it metallic.

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You could see that.

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I saw something that I've never seen before.

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The interesting thing to me about the two lights was one of them broke away from the other

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at a noticeably high speed.

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When I was seeing the objects between South Haven and Benton Harbor,

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and yet the witnesses, the police officer, was in Holland,

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they couldn't tell how far away or how high up.

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I could, though.

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I could see exactly how far away they were and how high up they were.

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And it matched perfectly with what they were seeing.

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Now I'm 100% sure we were seeing the same thing.

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There's no doubt about it.

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The strangest thing I saw that night was when I was using the beam of my radar to track the one object,

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and then it split into several objects,

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and they began to make triangles in different rotating patterns

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and also even rotating in the way that they were going from horizontal to vertical.

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But the one thing that was very odd was each triangle was lined up perfectly down the beam of the radar.

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If it was in any other position, I wouldn't have been able to see it all in one beam.

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There was no way something could do that unless it knew, you know, where the radar was.

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To get that, you have to be pretty intelligent.

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It almost made me wonder, are they communicating, you know, this way?

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I just keep having to say, what did I see that night?

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What did I see going 72,000 miles per hour at least, you know, in a second?

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What was it?

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What do you think you saw that night?

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It was a UFO.

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I know that.

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What do you think you saw that night?

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It's a tough question to answer because you don't want to look like a kook, you know,

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but I've checked off everything I could think of.

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But it looked like an extreme technology that seems like it's hundreds of years advanced, more advanced than what we have.

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Nobody can conclusively say these are any kind of extraterrestrial craft.

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Now, on the other hand, I look up at the universe and I see the night sky.

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And I have a feeling we're not alone in the vastness of this universe.

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It's been almost 30 years and it's so gratifying to me that I was a piece of that evening.

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When I look through here, it takes me back almost 30 years.

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My children were small.

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It's a UFO.

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I'm glad my babies got to see it.

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The two best things that ever happened in my life for my children.

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And this night ranks right under that.

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You know, it's even making me emotional here and I don't want to be emotional.

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I hope everybody in the world can see what we saw that night.

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When we get UFO reports in, it's understood that we're only getting a small portion of the group of

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who may have seen something.

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We've only received a very small amount of the stories that have happened that night.

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There are a lot more.

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And I would encourage people to tell their story.

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This is a good time to do it. Why not?

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It's time we talk about it.

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I'm hoping that there's going to be some witnesses that will try to contact me and give me their story about that March 8, 1994 event.

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Unless we finally figure out what this is and there's hard proof about it,

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I am not going to give up this obsession of mine to try to figure it out.

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I can see doing this the rest of my life.

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I'm not going to give up this obsession of mine to try and find out what this is and how it's going to be.

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