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October 21, 1978, 619 p.m.

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The continent of Australia.

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A single-engine Cessna 182 lifted off from Robin Airport just south of Melbourne.

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The pilot was 20-year-old Frederick Valentech.

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Valentech had been flying for two years, accumulating more than 150 hours of solo time.

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He had dreams of one day becoming a commercial airline pilot.

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Valentech's flight plan called for a 40-minute trip west along the Australian coast.

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At Cape Otway, he would head south for a half-hour run over Bass Strait to King Island.

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It was a route he had followed on several occasions, but this flight would be anything but routine.

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It was a fairly normal exercise. He had an appropriate instrument rating for the trip.

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It was a very straightforward flight.

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And I mean, I could see no reason why it shouldn't have been completed successfully.

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What happened three-quarters of an hour into that flight, I think,

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would be one of the great mysteries of Australian aviation.

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Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below 5,000?

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Delta Sierra Juliet? No known traffic.

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

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Since just over halfway through his flight, Valentech had been in contact with a flight service centre on the ground.

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Evidence mounted that something was not quite right.

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The following recreation was based on the transcript of Valentech's exchange with an air traffic controller.

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It seems to be like some sort of landing lights.

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As it gets closer, it's... could be one or two lights. I don't know.

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Val, when this is Delta Sierra Juliet, that aircraft's just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.

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Roger, and it... it is a large aircraft, confirm.

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Unknown due to the speed at which it was travelling.

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Is there any air-forced aircraft in this vicinity?

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Delta Sierra Juliet, no known aircraft in the vicinity.

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Delta Sierra Juliet seems to know his place as a game-up here.

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He's travelling over at me at two and three times at speeds I can not identify.

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Can you describe the aircraft?

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Delta Sierra Juliet.

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As it passes by, it's a long shape.

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He wasn't to the point where he was panicking, but he was genuinely concerned by what he saw, you know, with what he saw.

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He was worried. He sounded confused.

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Then as he described what the aircraft was doing,

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you know, I became a little bit concerned too.

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Melbourne, this thing's just stationary.

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What I'm doing now is orbiting, and this thing's just orbiting on top of me.

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It's got a green light.

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It's sort of a tally.

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Like it's shiny all over.

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It's just disappeared.

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But when you wouldn't know a sort of aircraft I've got up here, would you?

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Is this some sort of military aircraft or what?

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Delta Sierra Juliet.

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Is the aircraft still with you?

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Delta Sierra Juliet.

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Now approach you from south-west.

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Delta Sierra Juliet.

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We've just just gone around the corner.

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I've got it set on 23-24. This thing's just copying.

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Delta Sierra Juliet.

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Melbourne, this strange aircraft's just hovering on top of me again.

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It's hovering and it's not an aircraft.

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Suddenly an unidentifiable clicking noise came over the radio.

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The sound lasted 17 seconds, then silence.

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Delta Sierra Juliet. This is Melbourne.

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I had streamed out as to his safety.

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Flying a single-engine airplane over water, lost communication in such strange circumstances.

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I put an alert phase on the airplane, and once that had elapsed, we then went to the distress phase stage,

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and that was the commencement of the search.

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About 11.30 or midnight, Frederick was in the harm.

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And then we heard on the radio that an aircraft went missing,

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and then two policemen called out the door, and they verified, yes, they said,

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that the aircraft, we presume, was your son.

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It's an extant search, and we don't know what's happened to him.

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For four days, a flotilla of search vessels crisscrossed past straight.

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There was absolutely no sign of Valetic or his aircraft.

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No evidence to suggest there had even been a crash.

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All that remained was a final baffling radio transmission.

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It's hovering and it's not an aircraft.

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These were Frederick Valetic's final haunting words.

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Words which inevitably led to speculation that the young pilot had encountered a UFO.

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However, it was nothing more than speculation until a witness came forward with a startling firsthand account.

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Around the time of Valetic's disappearance, the eyewitness and his family were returning from an afternoon outing

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when they noticed unusual activity in the sky.

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Hey, that's a plane.

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I can see the plane. It's the green light above the plane. Right there.

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The witness has asked that we not reveal his identity.

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I looked up and I saw this lime green light, a bit of a thousand to two thousand feet above the aircraft.

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So we sat there and watched it for a few seconds, and the green light got closer to the plane.

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I said, that plane is coming down pretty steep. It's at a 45 degree angle.

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I said, I think it's going to crash.

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The eyewitness account appeared to support the theory that Valetic had a run-in with a UFO.

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However, the witness did not actually see the aircraft crash into Bass Strait.

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The only certainty was that Valetic had vanished.

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Then six weeks later, an amateur photographer came forward with evidence that some believe

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confirmed the presence of a UFO over Bass Strait.

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On the evening of the flight, Roy Manifold had been setting up to shoot a sunset at Cape Otway,

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almost directly under Valetic's flight path.

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Everything was fine and done the normal thing.

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You know, I just had the camera on automatic exposure,

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and I took these six photographs of the sun disappearing into the sea.

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When developed, the last of Manifold's photographs displayed a peculiar blemish.

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I observed this mark on the print that looked like a developing error,

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something that they've marked it up, and I said, just a minute, that was taken that night I took that sunset.

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It was exactly the night that this guy disappeared.

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A leading Australian photo lab found neither dirt nor damage on the negative,

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determining that the strange mark was actually in the picture.

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The film was later sent to the United States for computer analysis by a team of UFO researchers.

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They claimed that the blot was actually a solid metallic object.

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To them, it appeared to be enveloped in a cloud of exhaust, situated about a mile from the camera.

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However, a second more recent analysis concluded that the spot is an all probability, a developing error.

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Even so, Roy Manifold is inclined to believe the photograph does show something of consequence.

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Unfortunately, I didn't see it, and I didn't hear anything that particular night either.

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First time I've had something on any of my printing, and I've done thousands of photographs.

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Without any incidents of anything like that on them.

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Skeptics tend to dismiss the photograph as just another far-fetched effort to prove the existence of visitors from outer space.

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But even for those who are not prone to believe in UFOs, the events of October 21, 1978 continue to defy explanation.

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There's been no recovery of any wreckage.

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Of course, he has gone.

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So we're left with an open case, which sounds very much like he did encounter something very mysterious.

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And there's no other conclusion that I can come to other than that.

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It is hard, I'm very sentimental, on keeping everything that was belonged to him.

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Maybe the model car that he was driving to the airport, I'm still driving.

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And I believe that my son, possibly one day, will come back.

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And this is a dream that might come true one day.

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Fifteen years have passed since Frederick Veladek flew off to his uncertain fate.

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However, the questions raised by his mysterious disappearance are just as disturbing today.

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What exactly did Veladek see in the minutes before radio contact was lost?

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No, but these things are stationary.

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What was a brilliant green light seen hovering over the Cessna,

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and did that same light somehow overpower Veladek's plane as it vanished from view?

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Perhaps the secret of Frederick Veladek does lie in many fathoms beneath Bass Strait.

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Or perhaps it lies far from our planet, light years beyond our understanding.

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Imagine for a moment that you go to the corner store for a quick errand.

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When you return home thinking you've been gone no more than five minutes,

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you find that in reality three hours have passed.

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And what is more, you have no memory of it at all.

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We're about to meet several people who have dealt with a deeply disturbing experience of missing time.

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Their stories are both bizarre and chilling.

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Our first glimpse into the extraordinary phenomenon of missing time begins simply enough.

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At 8.45 p.m. on October 1, 1966, a bus pulled up in front of Dutra's Market,

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in the small Cape Cod village of North Truro.

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Only one man got off the bus.

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He was 19-year-old Airman First Class Robert Matthews,

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reporting for his first tour of duty at a nearby Air Force outpost.

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He noticed that the area was deserted.

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Matthews was from Philadelphia.

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Although he didn't know it, his assignment in Cape Cod would be a prelude to service in Vietnam.

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I got off where the bus driver told me where I was supposed to get off,

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and he told me to phone the base and they would send a truck down to pick me up.

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Yes, I'll be waiting. Thank you, sir.

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I told him that I was in front of Dutra's Market,

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and he told me to stay there, and that there would be a truck the other picked me up in a minute.

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While I was standing there, I saw these lights, you know, moving from right to left across the sky.

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That's when I felt this fear, you know, and I said, I better call the base.

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Hello, this is Airman Matthews? Yes, sir.

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Yes, I've been here all the time. No, I haven't gone anywhere.

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Please tell him to hurry. There's something strange going on out there.

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When I called the base again, they asked me where I've been,

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and I told them I'd been there in front of Dutra's, you know, waiting, you know,

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and he told me he's just, well, we sent a truck down there already,

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and I says, well, I've been standing here waiting, and no one's been by here.

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Matthew!

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Matthew!

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The Air Force told Bob Matthews that a driver had arrived to pick him up at 8.50 p.m.

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just five minutes after his first phone call.

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The driver claimed that Matthews was nowhere in sight.

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Nearly one hour later, at 9.45, the Air Force post received my number.

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Nearly one hour later, at 9.45, the Air Force post received Matthews' second phone call.

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Yet, in Bob Matthews' mind, those two phone calls have been made less than four minutes apart.

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I want to know where you were for that one hour in front of the market.

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We sent a jeep out there, the officer came back, and you weren't there.

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When Matthews arrived at the post, he was questioned extensively

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by Air Force personnel wearing civilian clothes.

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They began to interrogate me about where I've been the past hour.

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I stick to my story, you know, I tell them that I was in front of the Dutrus the whole time.

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Matthews, you claim you saw three lights coming down from the sky at you. Is that correct?

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They were coming from the sky down toward you.

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They kept asking me, well, what kind of aircraft did you see, and what did it do, and this went on for a long time.

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And I thought it was still part of basic training or something. I thought this is what they do to new guys.

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Let me ask you, Matthews, had you been drinking before you got on the bus?

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Had you been drinking while you were on leave? No.

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We have this in many cases where the person is literally gone, but has been consciously unaware of being missing.

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It's a kind of a mini period of amnesia. This is what the missing time phenomenon really is.

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It is not perceived as a break in which something happens and then a resumption.

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Time is remembered as continuous and yet the half-hour trip, as it turns out to be a two-hour trip or whatever,

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and this is sometimes experienced in conjunction with a UFO sighting or something like a light, but not always.

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In 1964, Hopkins, a well-known artist, experienced a UFO sighting along with several friends.

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He delved into the field and became a UFO expert.

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I began getting phone calls from people and letters, and many of their sighting reports had pieces of missing time in them.

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They could not account for why something should have taken 15 minutes, took two hours and a half,

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a drive and a car, which involved the sighting of a UFO.

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And we began looking into those cases and discovered one after another of these abduction cases,

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and eventually, together with a psychologist who was helping me with this and other investigators,

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we put together many cases and I finally wrote a book about it.

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Over the past 10 years, Hopkins has written two books dealing with a phenomenon of missing time and abduction by aliens.

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He has received thousands of letters from people who believe they have experienced a missing time abduction.

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He has personally investigated more than 200 of them.

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What was shocking to me was that it turned out to seem so incredibly common.

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This is extraordinarily widespread.

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At the time Hopkins' books came out, Bob Matthews was wrestling with a secret that had haunted him for 30 years,

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a secret that had tormented him long before his experience at Dutra's Market on Cape Cod.

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When I was a child, maybe five or six, I just happened to wake up one night and I looked to my right in my bedroom

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and there was this figure standing there, a small figure with a green glow to it.

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And I set up in bed and I tried to scream and nothing came out of my mouth.

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I thought I had lost my hearing. I thought I had lost my voice. I didn't know what was going on.

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The next thing I knew, everything was black again and I was laying back down in the bed.

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And this thing, this ghost, I thought at the time when I was a kid, I called it a ghost.

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I came over and sat down on my bed and pulled up my pajama top.

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And I don't know what I did to my chest, but I knew it was doing something to my chest at the time.

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I told my mother that there was a ghost in my room.

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She kept reassuring me that I was only having nightmares,

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but I went through all my life doubting my sanity, wondering whether or not these things had occurred.

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Bob Matthews began to resolve his doubts in the winter of 1987.

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I was on vacation looking for something to read and on the shelf there in front of me,

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I saw this book with this creature on it, you know.

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And when I looked at the book, I said to myself, that's the thing that was in my room.

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I read the book and I thought someone had stepped into my head and taken my innermost fears and put them in a book.

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It brought tears to my eyes, you know. I couldn't believe this was actually happening to someone else.

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When Bob called me, it had that familiar ring of truth to me, as did the details in this case.

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He was quite convinced this was not a dream.

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He sounded like a ghost, but he was not.

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He was troubled, curious, very, very stable.

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After weeks of intensive interviews,

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Bud Hopkins put Bob Matthews under hypnosis to explore the details of Bob's childhood experiences.

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While he was hypnotized, Bob also began to recall what had happened to him that night outside Dutra's market.

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This evening, October 1, 1966,

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now very relaxed, Bob. I want you to feel the movement of that bus.

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You can feel that bus rolling along in the sound.

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Hypnosis is often very useful.

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Even the AMA's report on hypnosis has said that it's a very proper method of retrieving lost memories.

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So I connected myself with a psychiatrist and a couple of psychologists who were doing the hypnosis,

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and we began looking into a number of cases.

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Something was really, really wrong because all of a sudden I got very afraid.

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Bob Matthews' case is really typical and very good, missing time case,

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because the fact that there is an indirect witness to his having been missing during a missing time period is very important.

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Well, I'm going to call the base.

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I'm going to call the base and tell them, you know,

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that there's something strange happening here.

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Bob's recollections were so vivid that he was able to return to Cape Cod

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and reconstruct what he believes took place outside Dutra's market.

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Under hypnosis, I observed in the sky two, three lights moving in this direction.

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They hovered over here, and the red one came at me so fast.

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It just got there so quick.

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Like, if I blinked my eye, I don't think I would have seen it, but it got there so quick, you know?

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And it just, momentarily, hovered right on the parking lot there.

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And I can see some light coming from a crack.

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It's like a ramp opens down, and I can see a lot of light coming out of there.

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Right over here is about where the ramp was right here.

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Part of it was still out in the road.

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I walked up to it, I walked up the ramp, and I looked inside,

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and I saw four beings sitting over here on the left.

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There was two sitting on the right, and the place reminded me of a doctor's office.

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I mean, it was clinical. It looked clean.

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I remember sitting down on the table, sitting down on the bench,

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and I remember looking down, and I saw that my shoes were off, and my shirt was off.

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And they came over, they examined my chest.

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He looks at my chest, and the two of them, it's like they have a discussion with each other, and it's like...

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Every single case, we came out with a scenario which was exactly like the other scenarios.

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They're taken into a craft, landed UFO, put on a table, closed or removed.

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There seemed to have no will or no ability to resist.

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They are then physically examined, the descriptions of the procedures, what follows what,

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what kinds of things happened are extremely similar.

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Samples are taken during that time, sometimes blood samples, often skin scrapings,

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and very often sperm and ovis samples.

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The descriptions that we're getting of UFO occupants, about 85% are extremely similar.

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The figures are little, between 3.5 and 5 feet tall, extremely slender.

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They have a grayish white skin. They have very large craniums.

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The eyes are often very, very black. The mouth is a slit which never seems to move, and there are no ears.

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I'm the first one to admit how outrageous all of this is.

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The people to whom it happens also say, this just can't happen.

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Sometimes I even think it's harder for people like us to believe it than the outside, you know, people that it hasn't happened to.

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I'm as much as skeptic as anybody else. I mean, I wasn't born believing that UFOs existed.

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Of course, I mean, you know, I get up in the morning and say, no, they can't be just this ridiculous.

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I can't use those words abducted by aliens. I just don't know what it was.

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I know that some people came and did some things to me, but where do they come from? I don't know.

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I've worked with, uh, intensively with about 11 abductees, and I would say, to my mind, 7 of them seem to be valid in terms of the material that they present.

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Bud Hopkins has organized support groups so that people who believe they are victims of missing time and alien abduction can compare their disturbing experiences.

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The big question is, why me? I think we always...

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I was utterly skeptical. I thought it was complete hogwash, hocus pocus abducted by aliens, except for the fact that there were these patients of mine who I knew to be very trustworthy, very honest,

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very uncrazy people, just your garden variety Boston area folks, and they were reporting strange things.

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How many experiences does each of you remember having or think you've had?

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I would say at least 10. I mean, 10 that I know of, and Bud and I have done hypnosis on about 6 of them.

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Christina Florence is a New York choreographer who feels she has had multiple experiences of missing time and alien abduction.

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There's no question that these stories stretch the imagination. Perhaps as a skeptic suggests, they could be the product of some kind of mass hallucination.

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But the people we interviewed sincerely believe what happened is real.

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The Mojave Desert, 1974.

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Christina Florence was 17 years old when she, her mother, and her older sister crossed the Mojave en route to San Francisco.

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Near Barstow, California, their car overheated, and they took the first exit off the highway.

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You girls stay in the car. Roll up the windows and lock the door. Yes, please.

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Somewhere along the line, we got to this park.

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We're gonna stuff a cake.

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Mom, don't you think we're old enough to handle this on our own?

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We're having problem with this engine. I have to go get some water.

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At that point, she just walked away. Where was she going? I don't know. But she said stay in the car.

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We're not supposed to go outside to stay in the car.

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Well, I am doing it.

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My sister got out of the car and I heard her run around the back.

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And all of a sudden, she said, oh my god, come out here quick.

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And the next thing I remembered consciously was that we were lying on this blanket in the middle of the park.

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As if we'd had a little nap, just lying there.

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Our mom was still not around and we woke up and was like, whoa, what happened?

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And then the next thing I remember, the three of us were just driving like hell.

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We never talked about it until my sister just called me up one day.

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And we sort of began to talk about it further and realized that we'd both had this very bizarre memory of this missing time thing.

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And she knew about Bud and she suggested that I get in touch with Bud.

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She had to sort of crank up her courage to look into it and she was reluctant to do so.

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I wasn't interested in UFOs. I wasn't interested in finding out, you know, meeting some guy doing UFO research.

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In 1986, Christina agreed to undergo hypnosis, hoping she could recall some details.

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About what had happened to her and her sister that afternoon in Barstow.

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At some point, your mother pulls off the road.

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You can feel the car move as it turns off the road and you can see your mother and you can see yourself there.

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You're there with Vicki.

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Under hypnosis, I started having this picture that my sister's getting out of the car.

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And then I get out of the car and I looked up and there was something above the car.

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And I was so scared. I didn't know what it was.

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I ran back to the car and she ran back and she got herself crunched under the dashboard.

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She was so scared and I was trying to start the car and it wouldn't start.

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I don't know what they're doing.

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Then the next memory that I had into the hypnosis was that I was on a table and there were some people around.

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They're pulling on my leg.

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There was this screen. It was about as wide as a large television screen, but it was paper thin.

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And it was just moving around the table and it wasn't attached to anything.

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And I could see three-dimensional shapes of my skull and my, you know, my whole body.

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It was just taking pictures.

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And it was just this huge spherical room that was just covered with dials.

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There wasn't space. It was just dials.

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And I felt like they put these rubber pants on me or something with things attached.

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And then they left the room and I lay there and I was asking for my sister and somebody was telling me she's okay.

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She's all right.

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And then the dial started going and then they came back in and that's the last thing I remember.

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And then we were back on the grass.

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Christine Florence, I think, is without a doubt absolutely, utterly, totally legit.

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She is a very trustworthy, very honest person who I've talked to several times.

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And she's angry about what's happened to her. She doesn't like what's happened to her.

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She's been able to incorporate it into her life and get on with her life despite this.

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Four and go and go and step back.

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I live a perfectly normal life. You know, I have a dance company. I go to work every day.

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I have an apartment. I have two cats. I have a perfectly normal life. I'm not crazy.

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There's definitely something going on. And what it is I don't know.

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I could be having a dream and everyone else is having the same dream.

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But I'm not lying. And I'm not crazy.

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If Christina and Bob Matthews and the hundreds of others like them are not lying,

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if we even admit the possibility that these abductions have occurred, it raises a frightening question.

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Why are the abductors here?

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Ultimately, the focus becomes reproductive and the interest seems to have to do with taking sperm and ovis samples.

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And the whole central focus of the physical part of it seems to deal with the idea of an ongoing genetic experiment.

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And these abductees are, let's say, involuntary victims or specimen in this ongoing genetic experiment.

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There's an incredibly high incidence of gynecological, physiological history of symptoms that has just not appeared in the rest of the population.

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Every time I meet one of these people and I say, well, what is your history?

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There is almost always something like a variant cancer at a very young age and a variant cyst that burst in the ovary was removed

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or some kind of strange thing with twisted fallopian tubes, all kinds of weird, bizarre things that have happened that just don't happen.

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I mean, women have gynecological problems, but not to this degree.

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A lot of us have had false pregnancies, miscarriages after three months of pregnant abortions where there actually was nothing, nothing was found.

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And don't know what that's for or what that's about.

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The thought of aliens conducting reproductive experiments seems totally unbelievable.

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Yet those who have experienced it insist that it's real, painfully real.

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And I wish the people that ridiculed us could live one day and one night in my body, but I don't want anybody to go through what I live with.

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The numbers of cases, the amount of distress, emotional distress, the consistency of the accounts, the physical marks, the weight of the evidence is so powerful now

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that even if I wished for the luxury of disbelief, it's not possible for me anymore.

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And that's unfortunate. It would be, in a certain sense, life would be a lot simpler and nicer if this would somehow go away.

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It can't make sense, and it doesn't make sense. So we're stuck, really, trying to make sense out of something that doesn't make sense, but that is no reason to dismiss it out of hand.

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I would really like to get to the bottom of it someday. I'd really like to know what it's about, because the hard part of it is just not knowing.

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If the scientists were doing what they are supposed to be doing, they should be doing this and it shouldn't be left to people like myself.

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The existence of an extraordinary phenomenon, as this is, demands an extraordinary investigation.

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And unfortunately, most of the proper scientific community is sitting on the sidelines, leaving it up to the rest of us to look into, and it's not what should be happening.

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Abduction by aliens, it seems outrageous. Yet those who've experienced missing time episodes believe that is exactly what happened to them.

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Of course, there's no proof either way. Until there is, even the most skeptical among us must admit at least the slim possibility that these unbelievable events might actually have taken place.

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April 24, 1964, the little town of Secura, New Mexico was quiet. Police officer Lonnie Zamora was not surprised.

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During the five years he'd been on the force, Secura had almost always been quiet.

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When Lonnie spotted a local teenager speeding through town, he figured riding him up might be the biggest excitement of the day.

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The chase proceeded to the edge of town and beyond, out into the desert.

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Lonnie Zamora had no warning. He was about to leave his safe, secure world and enter the realm of the unexplained.

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The first time he saw Lonnie, he was shocked.

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The first time he saw Lonnie, he was shocked.

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The first time he saw Lonnie, he was shocked.

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Roswell, Galpherie's Area 51. To anyone with even a passing knowledge of UFO history, these names instantly conjure images of bizarre lights, spaceships, and strange visitors from another world.

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On that day in 1964, Lonnie Zamora had no idea that Secura was about to become another landmark, a location of what some believe is one of the most significant UFO sightings ever made.

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Lonnie had no idea what was waiting for him just down the road.

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Secura, too, Secura?

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Secura, by hand.

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Well, going up to half ways, I could see a white object to my left there.

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I thought it was a turn-over car.

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When I got up on top of the mesa there, I looked down and I seen this big white object on the ground.

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I thought I could see something around the craft there. I could see some figures look like they were walking around the craft.

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Secura, too. Secura?

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According to Lonnie, he saw red markings on the hull, a vertical arrow with a horizontal line beneath it and a crescent-shaped line above it.

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Lonnie made several attempts to contact police headquarters. He was never able to break through the heavy static.

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After he heard two metallic sounds like doors clanging shut, he realized the small figures had vanished.

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So this flame come from underneath it and it ran back behind the car and it went up to 20, 30 feet up in the air.

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So he just stayed there for a while and then finally just took off slowly to the west.

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God, Smell.

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At first, you know, after I got to my senses, I said, did I see it or didn't I? You know? What happened, you know?

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And that's it.

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Lonnie radioed to an old friend, Sergeant Sam Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. He told Sam to come fast and to come alone.

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What are you doing up there? Are you okay? What happened out here?

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I saw it. I saw it, amigo. I saw it. I saw it.

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I could tell Lonnie was excited and probably scared.

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Lonnie's the more, he's a very dependable, honest type of person. He's not one to create or make stories or build things up to make it exciting or anything like that.

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He's a very well liked type of a person.

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Two of them. Two of them what? People, the little ones. They were in the uniforms white.

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Let's go take a look, huh? No, no, no. I'm not going down there.

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Come on. Come on. You don't have to be afraid of anything. Come on, Lonnie.

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I'll be right behind you.

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Come on. Let's go.

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What the hell is this?

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We found some indentation on the ground where this thing landed.

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And the marks into the ground were nine inches deep, eight inches long, and nine inches wide.

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That's where the blast caught. It locked me right over the car.

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I started looking for tracks, human tracks. But the only thing I found was impressions on the ground that were made by a perfect circle.

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But I found no human tracks, no shoe prints.

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Within 90 minutes, U.S. Army officials at nearby White Sands Missile Range sent Captain Richard T. Holder to investigate.

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This is the first time Holder has ever talked publicly about what he saw.

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Well, my first impression was that it was something from the range that needed possible help.

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You know, first aid, attention, or at best security. The more I got into it, the less convinced I was that that was a case.

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Holder also noticed the unusual impressions left in the sand.

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On the edge of the landing area, he found a bush burned to a crisp on only one side as though seared by a blowtorch.

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Gentlemen, this area is now officially designated sensitive. This entire area needs to be quatering.

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Folks, if you'd just move right on back. Officers, if you'd please take charge of these folks.

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We're gonna need to secure this gentleman with a camera, please.

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State Trooper Ted Jordan was taking pictures. His camera and film were confiscated on the spot.

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I do recall that they told me that they would develop them and semi-copies of them. It never occurred.

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And when I asked later about it, they told me that the film was no good. It had been ruined by radiation.

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Gentlemen, what we're looking for is anything metallic. Metallic could be shiny, could be doled object. We'll do a magnetic scan later.

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We looked around to try to find out if we could see any evidence of anything that would make us think it was a hoax. We found nothing.

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Everything we saw seemed to support the story that Officer Zamora recounted.

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My impression of talking to him was that he was mystified. He wanted an explanation.

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Nothing that I heard of later gave me the slightest hint that he did this as a hoax or cooked it up for fame or fortune.

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Whatever Lonnie saw, he apparently was not the only one. Just a few minutes after Lonnie drove into the Arroyo,

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a motorist who has never been identified pulled into a gas station on the north side of Saccoro.

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Okay, I guess. I'll tell you, your aircraft sure fly low around here.

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How's that?

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We were south of town, headed north, something flew right across the hood of the car doing about 150 miles an hour.

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Almost hit our...

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A white oval shaped object scared us to death.

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Jimmy Grinder was only 13, but he remembers the incident vividly.

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Did you folks call the police?

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No, there was a cop. It looked like he was chasing it, going the same way that the craft was headed west, with his lights on, his siren and everything.

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I believe Lonnie saw something, same as the tourists saw, something that they have never seen or encountered before.

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You know, it did not meet a helicopter type scenario. Definitely wasn't an airplane type scenario.

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And so you drew those two things out. In 1964, what do you have? It definitely wasn't a weather balloon.

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By the next morning, newspapers and wire services all over the country had picked up the story.

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Around Saccoro, rumors ran rampant, wild stories of flying saucers and funny little people.

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After a cursory once over, the Air Force agreed that Lonnie saw something.

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They insisted, however, that it must have been a secret military test device.

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Are you getting anything?

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Of course not. Here.

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They never were able to find any such evidence, that any such thing was being tested at the time.

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And in fact, even today, not an iota of evidence has emerged to support that claim.

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Nonetheless, the Air Force's line on the case is that this is a credible witness.

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He clearly saw some kind of structured flying vehicle, and that it must have been something that we built, even if we can't find it anywhere.

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While the military investigated, the UFO fever continued unabated.

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Since the 1950s, the Air Force had been criticized by Congress for its handling of UFO reports.

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The Saccoro sighting threatened to add more pressure.

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Finally, Air Force officials summoned Dr. J. Allen Heineck, a respected astronomer.

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Dr. Heineck was the most prestigious consultant on Project Blue Book, the official Air Force study of the UFO phenomenon.

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He found the physical evidence extremely compelling, but the most persuasive argument for a genuine UFO sighting was Lonnie Zamora himself.

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Okay Lonnie, now these depressions...

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Dr. Heineck was enormously impressed by Lonnie Zamora. He thought there was virtually no possibility of hoax.

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And on May 20th, he wrote a private memorandum, which he kept in his files, in which I discovered years after his death,

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in which he expressed huge disdain for the Blue Book handling of the report.

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And he said that it was clear that the story that Blue Book had cooked up about this possibly being some kind of experimental aircraft

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was a story that even Blue Book knew to be untrue, but which was invented to keep Congress from harassing the Air Force.

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Today, some 30 years later, the question remains, how do we explain what Lonnie Zamora saw?

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No matter what others believe, Lonnie has no doubt that what he witnessed was not of this Earth.

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I still think it's something not from here.

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If I could find out what it actually was, okay, I'm satisfied.

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I just didn't want to go through it again, you know.

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If they want to believe me, good. If they don't want to believe me, it's all right too.

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I believe Lonnie Zamora was a good policeman and an honest man who reported, as he felt proper, something well beyond his experience.

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Was it something terrestrial, an extraterrestrial? I have no idea.

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Twilight, December 9, 1965. A brilliant light streaked through the skies over Canada and the northeastern United States.

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Thousands of eyewitnesses reported seeing its trail, which was visible in the sky.

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Near the village of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Rob Landy and his brother Ray were out riding their bicycles.

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The city of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, was the most beautiful city in the world.

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The city of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, was the most beautiful city in the world.

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Near the village of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Rob Landy and his brother Ray were out riding their bicycles.

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We were riding up the road and we just happened to look up into the sky and we saw this thing coming over the top of the trees.

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It just glided right across the sky like across the horizon of the trees. We could see and it disappeared behind the trees.

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It scared us. We didn't know what it was or didn't know what to think about it. Just like dumbfounded us. We were just like in awe as we watched it and it disappeared and we ran.

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You knew what an airplane looked like. You knew what a helicopter looked like and that didn't look like anything we had ever seen before.

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Any angle that it was coming in, you knew that it had to hit the ground.

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Three miles away, another local boy, Randy Overly, also saw the object.

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I was playing by a crick at the time and heard a deep hissing noise.

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I looked up in the sky and saw an object coming at me from a pretty good distance away. It flew right over top of me.

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No higher in the air than 200 feet and was going no faster than a small airplane would go.

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Nearby, Nevin and Nadine Kalp were playing outside when the object flew overhead and apparently crashed in a wooded ravine half a mile away.

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This ball of fire come through. It's something I've never seen before and never seen since.

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I've seen the smoke then at that time, down in the hall there.

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For the strange object, that ravine was the end of a long and highly visible trajectory, but for the residents of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, the mystery was just beginning.

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For the next 25 years, the townspeople would grapple with a perplexing question. What fell from the sky that December night?

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Dozens of people, most of them still alive today, were eyewitnesses.

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For the first time, 10 of them have agreed to come together, make their identities public and tell the story of a night that they will never forget.

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After Nevin and Nadine Kalp returned home, their mother heard an emergency appeal on the local radio station.

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Okay, we're back. Now this is just in. We've got a report of a downed plane in the Kecksburg area.

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Stay please, Sebastian, anyone with any information?

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The radio said something had been sighted and they were calling all around trying to find out if anyone had an airplane or something missing.

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So I called in and told them it was no airplane. It was just a small piece that had fallen off an airplane because smoke had come up from the area where it landed and I said it burned up.

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Well, it landed right out here near my farm. Yes, it did.

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The radio announcer thanked Frances Kalp for the information. She hung up and put the matter out of mind.

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Hello?

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Within a matter of two or three minutes, I got a call from a man from the U.S. Navy and he told me that I was to watch the area.

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Should anything strange develop to call this number?

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I said, well, shouldn't I call the fire company? And he said, no. You call us, we'll call them.

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So I hung up from talking to him and went to call a girlfriend of mine and I didn't get about two sentences out to her when an operator came on and cleared the line with an emergency call.

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Hello? Okay, operator.

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That turned out to be the state police.

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Pennsylvania state troopers are on the scene within 15 minutes. They were accompanied by two men in civilian clothes who never identified themselves.

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It went down over there.

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By now there was no smoke and the fading light made it difficult to pin down the crash site.

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At this point two of the men took a box and went walking towards those trees and I said to this state trooper that was there, I said, what are all these people coming for?

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And he said, well, they think they're going to see something. But when this goes out of here, nobody's going to see it.

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And I said, well, maybe it isn't in here. He said, it's here. And I asked him how he knew and he said, he said radiation.

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Located less than a mile from Kecksburg village, the ravine runs east to west for 800 yards, cutting across several farms.

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The object appeared to crash here, more than a half mile from the calp's home.

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As darkness fell, several other search teams left Kecksburg also try to locate the crash site.

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Just keep going straight and get to that road and make a right.

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Volunteer fireman Jim Mays led one team of state troopers to a promontory overlooking the ravine.

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We went up this road and came to the brow of a hill and stopped and down to the right in the hall were these blue flashing lights.

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You see that light? What is that?

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00:54:13,000 --> 00:54:23,000

It wasn't searchers down in the woods, it was flashlights or anything. It was a real bright blue, real bright, like an electric welder.

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The flashes seemed to be timed at what intervals I don't know. But it was a timed thing. It wasn't like flash bulbs or anything like that.

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At that point the troopers decided to close the area off, close the roads off.

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So he brought the two of us that was with him back to the fire station.

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Meanwhile a call went out to all the local fire departments.

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Soon more than 30 volunteer firemen had gathered at the Kecksburg station.

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Okay guys, listen up. There's a plane down over the hill.

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Now we're going to do a split up in departments. We'll have teams of three men, alright?

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Man, Ski Bill, you come with me. Brezzy, you get your men, get out of here. Tom, take your unit.

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Now I'm not sure, but I think we all gathered at the fire station and the report was we had an aircraft that was down in the Kecksburg area.

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Yeah, I saw it as I was driving over whatever it is. It's burning.

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And after we got our assignment and everybody knew what they were doing, they took us in pickup trucks off the road up here.

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And they dropped us off at certain points going up the hill.

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I'll be alright as soon as I get on this stand.

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As we were proceeding through our grid, we heard the first team which was down in front of us radio back.

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We found the aircraft. Where is it?

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We're below the police farm in the army.

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What's right down there?

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Well, man, we booked out of ours and down through the... over the fence we went down into the woods.

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And we got there.

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00:56:23,000 --> 00:56:24,000

What is that?

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I don't know.

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Here was this humongous metal object half buried in the ground, about 6, 7, 8 foot around.

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And it was every bit of 8, 10, 12 foot long.

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And to me, the object looked exactly like a fresh egg corn that you pick off of a tree.

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There was no wings. There was no motors. There was no propellers.

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There was no identification whatsoever that were identified as an aircraft that I would know.

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There was a bumper on the bottom part of it.

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On that bumper, there was what I call... it looked to me like the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

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It was markings like stars and shapes and figures and circles and lines.

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And what it was, I don't know.

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I've looked at pictures of Russian riding. I've looked at pictures of Polish riding.

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I've looked at pictures of Hebrew riding.

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Nothing. Nothing that resembles it.

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So we're all standing around this thing, looking around, checking and everything,

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wondering what in the heck it could be.

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And finally, here come two men down through the woods.

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Gentlemen, you must leave the area.

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The site is quarantined.

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And they took one look at the object and immediately told us to leave.

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00:57:51,000 --> 00:57:58,000

They said, this area is now quarantined. We are in charge. We're taking command. Get out of here.

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00:57:58,000 --> 00:58:01,000

So we start walking out of there.

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00:58:01,000 --> 00:58:05,000

Down through the woods, here comes military.

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00:58:05,000 --> 00:58:09,000

So we left there.

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00:58:09,000 --> 00:58:14,000

And by the time we got back down here to the fire hall, I mean this place was wall-to-wall military.

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Within three hours of the crash, military personnel had set up a command center in the Kecksburg Fire Station.

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They promptly restricted civilian movement in the area.

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An hour later, the military authorities also commandeered a farmhouse near the ravine.

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That's it here.

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Lillian and his team were sent to the military.

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They were asked to leave the area.

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00:58:51,000 --> 00:58:53,000

Close her here.

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Lillian Hayes and her family had been living in the house for just a month.

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While the military was coming in and out of my house all evening, they were making a lot of phone calls.

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And they were standing around in groups talking.

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That's a fraudulent belief. We've located the ravine. We estimate contact within 10 minutes.

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I have no idea who they telephoned. There was no calls turned up on my bill.

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00:59:25,000 --> 00:59:30,000

So if I NASA put them on standby and let the Pentagon know what's going on...

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The village of Kecksburg, with a population of just 250, appeared to have been invaded.

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First from the sky, then by the United States military.

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Official military records acknowledged operations in Kecksburg that night.

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However, they say that nothing was found.

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Eye witnesses tell a very different story.

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Soon hundreds of curious spectators gathered on nearby roads to try and get a glimpse of the mysterious object.

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19-year-old Bill Weaver was among them.

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I happened to come down through Kecksburg and I heard on the radio that an object had landed.

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Seeing some people and some cars alongside the road, I pulled in.

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01:00:17,000 --> 01:00:20,000

There was a pretty good crowd of people gathered in that field.

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01:00:20,000 --> 01:00:24,000

And they were looking down into a small ravine with some trees.

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01:00:24,000 --> 01:00:26,000

What's going on down there?

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01:00:26,000 --> 01:00:31,000

I looked down in there myself. I seen there was something down in there that had bright lights on it.

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But I couldn't see the object itself.

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Some time later, I seen a box truck, a van type truck pull up there.

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There were some men come around the side of it.

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They were dressed in moon suits, we called them at the time.

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And they had a light-colored box, I'm guessing roughly five-foot square.

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They carried it down into the ravine.

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The box Bill Weaver saw seemed too small to hold the object itself.

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01:01:06,000 --> 01:01:12,000

Was there someone or something inside the object that the military wanted to remove?

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01:01:12,000 --> 01:01:16,000

Please, don't be alarmed. Everything is under control.

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Before long, an army officer appeared on the scene.

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He ordered the crowd to disperse.

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01:01:21,000 --> 01:01:24,000

Thank you, but you'll have to leave the area now.

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01:01:30,000 --> 01:01:32,000

Hey, what's going on down there?

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01:01:32,000 --> 01:01:35,000

You'll have to leave the area now.

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01:01:35,000 --> 01:01:41,000

They told me unless I moved my car and got out of there that they would confiscate my car.

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01:01:41,000 --> 01:02:01,000

Back in Kecksburg, Jim Romansky and the other firemen had still not been allowed inside the firehouse.

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The military continued to occupy it as a control center.

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We looked up, here comes this jeep down over the hill with a thread light on.

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Right behind the jeep was a large flatbed truck.

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01:02:13,000 --> 01:02:19,000

And on the back of the flatbed was this covered object.

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01:02:19,000 --> 01:02:25,000

They come down here so fast that I know if you'd have walked out in front of it, they'd have ran you over.

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01:02:25,000 --> 01:02:27,000

They'd have never stopped.

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01:02:27,000 --> 01:02:31,000

And down the road they went, and where they went, I have no idea.

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Whatever came down in Kecksburg that night is of high importance to the military agencies.

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The most mysterious thing about the whole case is the fact that after 25 years, the government still refuses to give us any actual information on what occurred.

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Stan Gordon is a local researcher who has spent more than 10 years interviewing dozens of Kecksburg

eyewitnesses.

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He has explored several theories trying to answer the questions raised on that December night in 1965.

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Astronomers who looked into the case at the time basically felt that the object in question was a ball line, which was a very bright fireball type meteor.

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And they in fact eliminated reports that it could have been some type of man-made device that reentered the Earth's atmosphere.

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But we now know that thing basically was coming down from the tip of Ontario and was passing down basically in a northwest to southeast trajectory.

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The object appeared to have made about a 25 degree turn towards the east near Cleveland, Ohio.

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And it came in on a straight path over the Pittsburgh area.

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And the interesting thing is now that the new data suggests that the object made a turn towards the south.

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And then the object made another turn towards the village of Kecksburg where it was proceeding into there towards the northeast.

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The interesting thing is the fact that within several miles of the crash site, multiple witnesses tell us that this object was coming in at a very, very slow speed of descent.

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Meteors do not make controlled turns. They do not commit at a slow speed like this.

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And they in fact do not glide in, which this thing apparently did.

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Going back into the records we have from NASA and documents we have from other agencies, they apparently have no loggings for any type of space debris on that date and the time of this observation.

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So we also have to look at the other possibility could this indeed have been in an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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This is a copy of the official Air Force record of the Kecksburg incident which Stan Gordon obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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The report indicated that there was quite a lot of interest by government agencies as to what the object may have been.

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There were members there and requests for information from Houston Space Center, from NORAD, from the Air Force Command Post, the Pentagon, even the chairman of the Office of Emergency Planning requested information.

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The official Air Force explanation was that it was likely a meteor.

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And basically what it goes on to say is the fact that the search was called off around 2 a.m. that nothing was found.

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But evidence indicates that something indeed was found at the site.

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The military's idea of finding nothing is completely false.

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There was something down in that ravine that night. There was something that glowed an awful bright light.

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And they took something out of there that night.

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Another eyewitness reported seeing a military convoy coming out of the ravine.

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At the end of the convoy was a flatbed truck with a large covered object on the back.

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John Hayes was only 10 years old when the truck rumbled by his bedroom window.

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What was on the back of it, I have no idea.

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It was about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle from the distance I was at.

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Gentlemen, you must leave the area. The site is far away.

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According to Stan Gordon, eyewitnesses identified the military unit as the Air Force's 662nd radar squadron based in Pittsburgh.

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Gordon believes the unit was part of a top secret operation investigating UFOs.

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There is no entry at all for December 9th of 1965 in the December log of all activities for that squadron.

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That tells us that somebody apparently wanted to keep all information associated with the unit's involvement in that site away from public information.

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I think that we can very plainly see the fact that the government has not told us everything they know about the Kecksburg case.

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Official reports that the military and the government put out as far as I'm concerned are a bunch of bull.

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If this thing was a meteorite, then why didn't they just bring it out and say, here it is.

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Let the reporters take pictures of it, let the firemen see it, let the people in this area see it.
Why the big mystery?

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I think when we get down to eliminating everything we've known about the object, we have two possibilities we're dealing with here.

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Either one that we're dealing with some highly advanced space probe, probably of a foreign nation, that appears to be very highly technical for what we knew about 1965.

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Or the possibility exists that we may indeed be dealing with an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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What happened when the field's outside of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania on December 9th, 1965, 25 years after the fiery object was seen streaking through the skies,

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the answers to the mystery remain as elusive as the object itself.

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The Air Force has declined our request to comment on this story. Their official report still states that they were investigating a meteorite.

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The report concludes that nothing was found. Some people in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania disagree.

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December 29th, 1980. State Road, 1485 on the outskirts of Houston, Texas.

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At around 9 p.m. Betty Cash, Bickey Landrum and Bickey's 7-year-old grandson Colby were returning home after dinner.

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Mama, what's that light?

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What is that light?

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I don't know, it's off a bright. Is that an airplane?

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We were just driving along, talking, and all of a sudden we seen this bright light.

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We didn't know what it was, but we knew that there was something that was lighting up the sky.

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It seems to be moving closer. I think you're right, Bickey.

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You could see it through the trees, you know, you'd lose it and then you'd see it. You'd lose it and you'd see it.

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And we traveled about close to a mile, I guess, when it was, got, started to get real close.

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Then I knew it wasn't a plane.

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Mama, what is that?

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I don't know, I don't know.

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I can hardly see the clouds.

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We had began to feel the heat and all of a sudden Bickey screamed for me to stop.

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And when I stopped, she went forward and her handprint was embedded into the dash of the car.

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And I thought, well, I've got to see what this is.

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So I walked toward the front of the automobile and I stood there looking up to try to figure out what this object was.

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It was a diamond shaped object, four points, but the one at the top was rounded and so were the sides.

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Then at the bottom, flames were shooting out.

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The heat was tremendous.

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It just felt like I was burning from the inside out.

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Betty, let's get out of here.

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I was horrified.

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I was actually afraid really to move.

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When I reached for the door handle, the door handle was so hot, I couldn't even begin to hold on to it.

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I was more than scared.

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It's moving away.

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The only thing I was thinking was, are we going to get out of here alive?

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Just moments later, a large squadron of helicopters descended on the area.

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They were the large helicopters that had the double rotors on them.

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I counted 22 and Kobe said there's another one and I said that makes 23.

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They were the kind of helicopters that you just don't see because I didn't know what kind they were.

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I knew it had to belong to the Army.

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum had no idea that the events of that night would plague them the rest of their lives.

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Given the evidence, it seems little doubt that something incredible happened to Betty, Vicki and Kobe.

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Something that no one has been able to explain.

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For more than 10 years, they've been embroiled in both a legal battle with the United States government

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and a desperate fight against mysterious illnesses, whose symptoms began to appear just six hours after the bizarre encounter.

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Mama, I need a drink of water.

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Mama.

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Kobe?

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Mama, I'm sick.

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I woke up one o'clock and Kobe woke me up crying and he was begging me for water.

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Honey, you're burning up.

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He had a fever and he had vomited all over the bed.

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I need some more water.

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Well, I was seeing to him, I got sick.

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Finally though, I got him back to sleep and I went to sleep in the next morning.

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I didn't dream that we had been hurt.

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When I got up, him and me both was just sick.

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The next morning, Vicki and Kobe were still suffering from nausea and what appeared to be severe cases of sunburn.

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Betty? Betty, it's Vicki.

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Concerned, Vicki went to Betty's house to check on her well-being.

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Betty?

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Vicki was shocked by Betty's condition.

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Her temperature was dangerously high and large red welts had appeared on her face and hands.

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Water?

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Oh, what you want? You want some water?

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I was so sick.

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All I wanted was water.

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My head was killing me.

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I could not get rid of the headache.

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I had an upset stomach.

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I was just sick. I mean, completely.

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Hi, Betty.

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Over the next four days, Betty's condition grew more serious.

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Vicki finally convinced her to see a doctor in Houston.

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He immediately admitted Betty to Parkway Hospital.

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Records show that three weeks later, she underwent treatment for acute radiation poisoning.

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During a six-week hospitalization, Betty lost more than 50% of her hair and patches of skin on her face.

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There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that Betty was exposed to high doses of radiation as to what the source was, I can't exactly say.

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Dr. Brian McClelland has been Betty's physician since 1985.

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All I know is that she received high doses of radiation.

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After her release, Betty continued to suffer side effects.

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Extreme swelling of her face and arms, painful headaches and a dramatic loss of appetite.

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Vicki and Colby had similar symptoms. However, their conditions were less severe than Betty's.

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Betty Cache called me approximately six weeks after she got out of the hospital.

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Her case was very unusual. It was intriguing. It had situations involved that I hadn't heard about in the Texas area before, so I naturally became involved.

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John Schusler is an executive for a major aeronautics engineering firm and is a deputy director of the Mutual UFO Network.

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We had done several interviews with Betty and Vicki and then we went out to the location where this happened.

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They were very, very clear on where it happened and how it happened.

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Yes, sir, came right over those trees right there, sir.

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They were able to tell us exactly where along the road that they stopped because there were certain markers that identified the spot.

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They were able to point out exactly what they saw, the object coming down out of the sky over the road and hovering there.

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They were able to point out a spot on the road that indicated that it had been heated to an extreme level of heating.

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It was burned and it was very clear to the naked eye.

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Several weeks after we went to the spot and saw this burned area, someone came along, dug up the road and hauled it away and replaced it with new asphalt.

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Some of the witnesses that watched this happen said that people brought in unmarked trucks, dug up the road, put the material on the trucks, covered it with a tarpaulin,

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and drove away.

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And what did it do when it hovered over the trees?

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In addition to taking Betty and Vicki's testimony, we went to every individual living within five miles of this area.

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At least ten other people had seen the object and seven or eight other people had seen the helicopters.

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And the descriptions were all very similar to what Betty and Vicki described.

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One eyewitness was Dayton, Texas police officer L. L. Walker.

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Walker was in the area on the night that Betty and Vicki encountered the object.

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My wife, Marie, and I was returning back from my mother and dads.

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And as we was coming out of some tree lines, I saw a helicopter.

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It was shining a spotlight at the ground.

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And then I heard other noise of other helicopters behind it.

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And about that time, a helicopter started side slipping towards us with a beam hitting me in the eyes.

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And I stopped the car because I didn't know what was going on.

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The helicopters were military.

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They was all flying fairly low to the ground.

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And all of them had search beams on.

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I thought maybe there was an airplane down, but they didn't hesitate.

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They just kept on in the same direction they was going, which would probably intersect the area where Vicki said that her encounter was.

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They was headed in that general direction.

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Convinced that the military was somehow involved, Betty and Vicki wrote to Texas Senators John Tower and Lloyd Benson.

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Senator Lloyd Benson and Senator Tower had sent us the reply back that Bergstrom Air Force Base had been notified.

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And that they had been made well aware of what had happened to us.

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That they would be more than glad to help us in any way.

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On August 21st, 1981, Betty, Vicki and Colby arrived at Bergstrom, expecting to receive medical help they brought overnight bags.

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As they entered the room, Vicki noticed a large map.

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The exact spot where the encounter had occurred was clearly marked.

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I understand you hear about an incident that occurred on 29 December 1980. Can you tell us what happened?

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Well, sir, we were coming home from dinner and as we were going down this road, we saw this large object.

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According to Betty and Vicki, they were questioned for more than two hours.

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The interview was recorded by a military stenographer.

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It was as big as a water tower and it was kind of diamond shaped.

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What did you do after you spotted it?

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It was a deposition they were taking from each one of us.

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Just general of everything that had happened to us.

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And we were still blistered and had blisters on us.

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And at the time I was wearing a wig because my hair had already gone.

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They wanted me to take my wig off so they could see my head.

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About how long a period of time was this?

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Ten or twelve minutes.

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Then what happened?

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Well, if I got in the car, then the helicopter started approaching.

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What helicopters?

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The military helicopters.

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You say military. How do you know they were military?

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The two interviewers denied that any military or government operation was conducted on December 29, 1980.

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Ladies, what would you like for us to do?

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We want help. We're sick.

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What do you want the Air Force to do?

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I feel you're partly responsible and I would like some help.

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None of the information that I have here indicates that the Air Force nor the government is responsible for any of the claims that you've made.

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The women were told that they were entitled to file a claim that the Air Force would review the case.

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Get them to your lawyers and get them back to us.

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Four weeks later, Betty and Vicki's claim for medical damages was denied.

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Come on, Colby.

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In 1982, Betty and Vicki filed a lawsuit against the United States government.

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The case was dismissed by a federal judge for lack of evidence.

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We thought there was no justice left in the United States at all.

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And to think that we had a federal judge that would not even give us a chance to speak up or to be heard.

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What did Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby Landrum see in the Texas sky on that winter night over ten years ago?

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There are two possible explanations in this case.

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One is that with experimental crafts of some kind by probably our government.

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The other, it was an unidentified flying object, possibly extraterrestrial.

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I don't believe in the little green man.

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And it had to be an object that could have been a spacecraft that the government was carrying, but our government was carrying it.

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Today, Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby Landrum continue to battle illnesses which they believe a result of massive radiation exposure.

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Betty has been diagnosed with several types of cancer.

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She, Vicki and Colby all have far below normal white blood cell counts.

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Their immune systems now have difficulty fighting off even minor infections.

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The child especially, he's going to have to make decisions about having children, about what he's going to do with his life and how long is he going to live, what's going to happen to him.

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For Betty, she's just entering into the risk period for other cancers or other problems and Vicki is too.

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Vicki is having visual problems and there are lots of suggestions that that may be related to radiation as well, but depends on the kind of exposure.

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And someone needs to tell us what the exposure was so we can figure it out.

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If it's a top secret object that's protecting the United States, then I could say I could forgive them for that.

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But at least they owe us to tell us exactly why we were burned and what type of radiation that we were exposed to and how much.

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The United States Air Force declined our invitation to be interviewed for this story.

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Their official position is that no military or government operation occurred near Dayton, Texas on December 29th, 1980.

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum disagree.

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They believe that the military knows exactly what happened that night and hope that someone will come forward with information.

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Two, one, zero.

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On August the 20th, 1975, NASA launched Viking One, its destination, Mars.

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The Viking One was equipped with a landing pod capable of photography, which would for the first time send back significant data from the surface of the red planet.

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The Viking One's mission to determine whether life in any form exists on Mars.

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Even as far back as ancient history, man was fascinated by Mars because it has a very distinctive color in the sky.

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And after the discovery of the telescope, it was recognized that Mars had clouds.

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There were dark and light areas which were thought to be land and sea.

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And so it was thought that Mars was very Earth-like.

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At the time that life was starting here on Earth, Earth and Mars may have been quite similar.

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And so there is a chance that life started on Mars.

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And as conditions changed, it failed to sustain itself on Mars.

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Despite high hopes on the part of some scientists, Viking One and its sister mission Viking Two, which followed less than one month later,

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found that Mars is inhospitable to life as we know it.

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However, other dramatic discoveries were made by the Viking spacecraft.

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These discoveries have divided the scientific community and created a major controversy between believers and skeptics.

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But they've also breathed new life into America's romance with the angry red planet.

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Some even believe that the Viking missions may have found evidence of an ancient civilization on

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Although the Viking missions did not discover life on Mars, they made other important finds.

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The orbiting Viking satellite sent out landing pods to descend on the planet.

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The pods registered temperatures varying between minus 225 degrees and 63 degrees above zero on the Fahrenheit scale.

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The pods and satellites also sent back amazing photographs of Mars' landscape.

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They showed a bleak topography like deserts on Earth and spectacular bursts of light on the horizon at sunrise.

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Other features of Martian geography were strikingly similar to us.

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The impressions of depleted rivers with thousands of tributaries.

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The extinct volcanoes, one of which is three times as tall as Mount Everest.

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Two polar caps where the ice is easily visible.

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An endless deserts which some scientists believe are frozen sea beds where the ice is covered with sand and dust.

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One of these deserts, Sidonia, has several intriguing features.

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These symmetrically formed mounds in the Sidonian desert seem to resemble the pyramids in Egypt.

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Their near perfect proportions arouse the curiosity of many scientists.

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But even more curious in the pyramids is a sphinx-like formation ten miles away.

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The face on Mars.

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What forces could have worked to create such a phenomenon?

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Could the face be the product of natural erosion?

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The symmetry of the face, the detail of its features, argue that its existence is not simply a caprice of nature.

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Two years after the Viking mission, two computer engineers under contract to NASA noticed the face in a journal

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and began to dig through the original Viking photographs.

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I did not think that it was really there because it looked too perfect like a face.

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I went to the National Space Science Data Center and after doing a search,

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I found the picture right there in front of me and labeled head.

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And it was the picture of the face in Sidonia.

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So there was no mistaking that NASA had identified this picture as resembling the human form of a face.

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Using a sophisticated computer technique to analyze the photographs,

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DePietro and his partner Gregory Moulinar put the face under minute scrutiny.

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After doing our enhancing techniques, we were able to bring out details that were much greater.

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And the raw pictures that we had, within the eye cavity of the feature,

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there appeared to be what looks like an eyeball.

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Geologist Michael Carr, the leader of the Viking Orbiter photographic team,

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believes that the face is merely an accident of nature.

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I have found other pictures that look like other natural things,

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particularly amusing one of Kermit the Frog.

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It just looks like Kermit the Frog.

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And I count myself, place any scientific value to that any more than I can in the face of Mars.

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It's just one of those oddities of nature, just as you see clouds assume certain shapes,

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Spanish galleons and so forth.

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Interestingly, DePietro and Moulinar found a second photograph,

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taking at a different time, which seemed to verify that the face looked exactly the same,

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regardless of the light or the camera angle.

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After searching the files, we found that there was a picture made 35 days later.

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And not only did it confirm that the object was still there, but there was more detail to be seen.

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I was very impressed because they had gone to the trouble of finding two photographs of the face,

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not just one.

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And I remember particularly being impressed by the fact that they appeared to have found what looked like an eyeball.

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You can see a dark depression in the middle of the eye socket on both pictures, clearly visible.

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And I remember thinking, well, if one finds something that looks like a carved face,

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and one finds what looks like pyramids, then someone should look into it further.

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Another computer scientist working independently used a different technique of photographic enhancement based on shadow depth.

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He found a detail in his copy of the Viking photos that the others had missed.

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In addition to finding details on the first face, the Petro and Moulinar also found another face-like formation on Mars,

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thousands of miles away from the first face on the other side of the planet.

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Its measurements were extremely similar to the Sidonia face.

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Well, I just think it's a natural oddity.

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It's probably a combination of geologic factors.

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Mars is such an exciting place.

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It has so many really intriguing science problems.

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It's frustrating to see people focusing on this one peculiar rock on the whole planet.

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I believe that we have raised an issue and that the scientific community should be compelled to look at this thing and say it is or it is not.

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We're merely saying take a look at it. It certainly warrants investigation.

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In 1992, NASA will be sending new spacecraft to Mars.

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Although they were officially skeptical about the face on Mars, they have agreed to photograph the formation.

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The photographs are expected to be approximately 50 times sharper than the one's Viking shot.

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While we were filming the story, many eminent scientists declined to go on record with their official position on the mysterious face.

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The controversy about Mars' place in the chain of life as we know it remains unresolved.

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Is there life on Mars? Probably not.

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Has there ever been life on Mars?

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Perhaps the Soviet launch and the NASA mission will shed new light on this question.

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NASA's Space Agency

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