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00:00:08,449 --> 00:00:13,199
I'm not sure if it's good morning or

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00:00:10,619 --> 00:00:16,399
good evening good afternoon here it's 12

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00:00:13,199 --> 00:00:20,669
o'clock my name is James Penniston

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00:00:16,399 --> 00:00:22,559
United States Air Force retired in 1980

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00:00:20,670 --> 00:00:24,840
I was assigned to the largest Tactical

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00:00:22,559 --> 00:00:26,669
Fighter Wing in the Air Force at the

7
00:00:24,839 --> 00:00:30,300
time though I was stationed at RAF

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00:00:26,670 --> 00:00:32,250
Woodbridge England I was a senior

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00:00:30,300 --> 00:00:35,189
security officer in charge of that base

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00:00:32,250 --> 00:00:38,789
security at that time I held a

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00:00:35,189 --> 00:00:41,549
top-secret US and nuclear security

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00:00:38,789 --> 00:00:44,308
clearance and was responsible for the

13
00:00:41,549 --> 00:00:48,419
protection of the war making region

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00:00:44,308 --> 00:00:51,649
resources for that base shortly after

15
00:00:48,420 --> 00:00:54,750
midnight on the 26th of December 1980

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00:00:51,649 --> 00:00:57,600
Staff Sergeant Stefan's briefed me that

17
00:00:54,750 --> 00:01:02,429
some lights were seen in Rendlesham

18
00:00:57,600 --> 00:01:05,219
forest just outside the back gate he

19
00:01:02,429 --> 00:01:11,489
informed me that whatever he seen didn't

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00:01:05,219 --> 00:01:15,079
crash he told me it landed I discounted

21
00:01:11,489 --> 00:01:17,459
that and report it to the control center

22
00:01:15,079 --> 00:01:20,609
at the base that we had a possible

23
00:01:17,459 --> 00:01:24,929
downed aircraft I then ordered airman

24
00:01:20,609 --> 00:01:28,500
cabin Zach a1c Burl's to respond with me

25
00:01:24,930 --> 00:01:31,020
off site when we arrived to spected

26
00:01:28,500 --> 00:01:33,540
crash site it quickly became apparent

27
00:01:31,019 --> 00:01:36,868
that we were not dealing with a plane

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00:01:33,540 --> 00:01:39,689
crash or for that matter anything else

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00:01:36,868 --> 00:01:41,700
we've ever responded to there was a

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00:01:39,688 --> 00:01:44,750
bright light emanating from an object on

31
00:01:41,700 --> 00:01:44,750
the forest floor

32
00:01:45,349 --> 00:01:50,819
as we approached it on foot a silhouette

33
00:01:48,569 --> 00:01:55,008
triangular craft about nine feet long

34
00:01:50,819 --> 00:01:59,069
six and a half feet high came into view

35
00:01:55,009 --> 00:02:00,750
the craft was fully intact and sitting

36
00:01:59,069 --> 00:02:04,139
in a small clearing just inside the

37
00:02:00,750 --> 00:02:06,750
woods as the three of us got closer to

38
00:02:04,140 --> 00:02:10,348
the craft we started experiencing radio

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00:02:06,750 --> 00:02:12,239
difficulties I then asked Airmen kanban

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00:02:10,348 --> 00:02:13,079
sac to relate the radio transmissions

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00:02:12,239 --> 00:02:17,189
back to our

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00:02:13,080 --> 00:02:20,940
roll center act as a relay Burl's and I

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00:02:17,189 --> 00:02:22,859

proceeded towards the craft when we came

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00:02:20,939 --> 00:02:25,770

up on the triangular shaped craft there

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00:02:22,860 --> 00:02:29,190

were blue and yellow lights swirling

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00:02:25,770 --> 00:02:32,909

around the exterior as though they're a

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00:02:29,189 --> 00:02:36,090

part of the surface the air around us

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00:02:32,909 --> 00:02:39,569

was electrically charged and we could

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00:02:36,090 --> 00:02:46,620

feel on our clothes our skin and our

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00:02:39,569 --> 00:02:49,669

hair nothing nothing in my training

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00:02:46,620 --> 00:02:51,990

prepared me for what I was witnessing

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00:02:49,669 --> 00:02:55,619

after 10 minutes without any apparent

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00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:59,810

aggression I determined the craft was

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00:02:55,620 --> 00:03:02,939

not hostile to my team and to the base

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00:02:59,810 --> 00:03:04,680

following the security protocols we

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00:03:02,939 --> 00:03:08,099

completed a thorough on-site

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00:03:04,680 --> 00:03:12,180

investigation this includes a full

58
00:03:08,099 --> 00:03:17,489
physical examination of the craft which

59
00:03:12,180 --> 00:03:22,140
includes photographs and my notebook

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00:03:17,489 --> 00:03:24,569
entries I had a time and relays with the

61
00:03:22,139 --> 00:03:30,929
radio through airman commands act to our

62
00:03:24,569 --> 00:03:33,379
control center those were required on

63
00:03:30,930 --> 00:03:37,709
one side of the craft there were symbols

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00:03:33,379 --> 00:03:39,919
that measured 3 inches high and their

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00:03:37,709 --> 00:03:44,939
approximate out - and 1/2 feet long a

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00:03:39,919 --> 00:03:47,189
simple design the largest symbol was a

67
00:03:44,939 --> 00:03:49,530
triangle at the center in the middle of

68
00:03:47,189 --> 00:03:52,259
the others these symbols were etched in

69
00:03:49,530 --> 00:03:54,750
the surface of the crack crack which was

70
00:03:52,259 --> 00:03:57,469
warm to the touch even all the place

71
00:03:54,750 --> 00:03:57,469
black onyx

72
00:03:58,990 --> 00:04:04,270
the feeling I had during the encounter

73
00:04:01,330 --> 00:04:07,030
was like no type of aircraft I've ever

74
00:04:04,270 --> 00:04:09,280
seen before it was a in the James book

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00:04:07,030 --> 00:04:13,449
of knowing aircraft or anything I've

76
00:04:09,280 --> 00:04:17,110
seen sense after roughly about 45

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00:04:13,449 --> 00:04:19,829
minutes the light from the craft began

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00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:19,830
to intensify

79
00:04:19,920 --> 00:04:24,759
Burl's and I then took a defensive

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00:04:22,300 --> 00:04:26,860
position away from the craft as it

81
00:04:24,759 --> 00:04:31,089
lifted off the ground without any noise

82
00:04:26,860 --> 00:04:32,470
or air disturbance it maneuvered through

83
00:04:31,089 --> 00:04:36,609
the trees and shot off at an

84
00:04:32,470 --> 00:04:41,860
unbelievable rate of speed it was gone

85
00:04:36,610 --> 00:04:48,389
in a blink of an eye in my law book that

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00:04:41,860 --> 00:04:55,330
I have right here I wrote speed

87
00:04:48,389 --> 00:05:00,699
impossible that night over 80 Air Force

88
00:04:55,329 --> 00:05:01,979
personnel all trained observers assigned

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00:05:00,699 --> 00:05:05,920
to the 81st security police squadron

90
00:05:01,980 --> 00:05:07,629
witnessed the takeoff the information

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00:05:05,920 --> 00:05:09,810
acquired during that investigation was

92
00:05:07,629 --> 00:05:13,060
reported through my military channels

93
00:05:09,810 --> 00:05:14,949
the team and witnesses were told to

94
00:05:13,060 --> 00:05:18,579
treat the investigation as top-secret

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00:05:14,949 --> 00:05:22,060
and no further discussion would be

96
00:05:18,579 --> 00:05:24,909
allowed the photographs that we retrieve

97
00:05:22,060 --> 00:05:28,300
from the base lab two rolls of 35

98
00:05:24,910 --> 00:05:33,120
millimeter of course were apparently

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00:05:28,300 --> 00:05:33,120
it's overexposed thank you