

1
00:00:16,399 --> 00:00:23,849
good afternoon my name is Charles I halt

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00:00:20,100 --> 00:00:26,699
I retired from the US Air Force in 1991

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00:00:23,850 --> 00:00:28,289
as a colonel during my military career I

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00:00:26,699 --> 00:00:30,929
was base commander of two large

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00:00:28,289 --> 00:00:33,149
installations and the time of my

6
00:00:30,928 --> 00:00:34,949
retirement I was in the Department of

7
00:00:33,149 --> 00:00:36,600
fence Inspector General's Office with

8
00:00:34,950 --> 00:00:40,590
total inspection oversight of all

9
00:00:36,600 --> 00:00:42,450
services on all service agencies in 1980

10
00:00:40,590 --> 00:00:44,250
I was reassigned from the Pentagon to

11
00:00:42,450 --> 00:00:47,430
RAF Bentwaters it's a deputy base

12
00:00:44,250 --> 00:00:48,899
commander at that time Bentwaters is one

13
00:00:47,429 --> 00:00:51,299
of the largest Tactical Fighter Wing's

14
00:00:48,899 --> 00:00:53,340
in the world with the two base complex

15
00:00:51,299 --> 00:00:55,349
Woodbridge and Bentwaters in England and

16
00:00:53,340 --> 00:00:58,710
for fo ELLs in Germany and two

17
00:00:55,350 --> 00:01:01,590
additional standby bases in December

18
00:00:58,710 --> 00:01:03,270
1980 and early in the morning so where

19
00:01:01,590 --> 00:01:05,579
our security policeman discovered

20
00:01:03,270 --> 00:01:07,829
strange lights in the forest in East

21
00:01:05,579 --> 00:01:10,798
Anglia just outside the back gate of RAF

22
00:01:07,829 --> 00:01:13,048
Woodbridge three patrolmen sergeant

23
00:01:10,799 --> 00:01:15,960
Penniston Airmen Burroughs and airman

24
00:01:13,049 --> 00:01:17,939
Cabana sack actually were dispatched

25
00:01:15,959 --> 00:01:20,599
into the forest and approached to craft

26
00:01:17,938 --> 00:01:22,879
they reported it being triangular

27
00:01:20,599 --> 00:01:25,919
approximately three meters on a side

28
00:01:22,879 --> 00:01:28,828
dark metallic and appearance with

29

00:01:25,920 --> 00:01:31,200
strange markings they were observed at

30
00:01:28,828 --> 00:01:35,029
first period of time in it very quickly

31
00:01:31,200 --> 00:01:37,200
and silently vanished at high speed

32
00:01:35,030 --> 00:01:38,909
initially I was not aware of all the

33
00:01:37,200 --> 00:01:40,590
details I was only told of strange

34
00:01:38,909 --> 00:01:42,380
lights and I was sure there was a

35
00:01:40,590 --> 00:01:45,030
logical explanation

36
00:01:42,379 --> 00:01:48,000
two nights later at the family Christmas

37
00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:49,769
party we were interrupted the on-duty

38
00:01:48,000 --> 00:01:52,049
flight commander for the security police

39
00:01:49,769 --> 00:01:53,548
squadron Lieutenant Bruce England came

40
00:01:52,049 --> 00:01:56,310
and approached the base commander and I

41
00:01:53,549 --> 00:01:59,659
he was white as a sheet he said it's

42
00:01:56,310 --> 00:02:02,310
back he said what's back he said the UFO

43
00:01:59,659 --> 00:02:05,100

well we still were I should say

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00:02:02,310 --> 00:02:07,579

nonbelievers at that point since my boss

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00:02:05,099 --> 00:02:10,679

had to do the presentations I was tasked

46

00:02:07,579 --> 00:02:12,900

unfortunately to investigate so I went

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00:02:10,679 --> 00:02:13,680

home and change clothes I really

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00:02:12,900 --> 00:02:16,769

expected to find

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00:02:13,680 --> 00:02:19,260

logical explanation I took several

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00:02:16,769 --> 00:02:22,319

security policemen with me a disaster

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00:02:19,259 --> 00:02:25,139

preparedness NCO who took a APN 27 a

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00:02:22,318 --> 00:02:27,030

Geiger counter and a camera I also had

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00:02:25,139 --> 00:02:30,298

my small cassette recorder I carried

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00:02:27,030 --> 00:02:32,989

everywhere when I was on duty I was

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00:02:30,299 --> 00:02:35,099

taken to the supposed site we find

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00:02:32,989 --> 00:02:38,009

indentations approximately an inch and a

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00:02:35,098 --> 00:02:41,068

half deep approximately six to eight

58
00:02:38,009 --> 00:02:43,019
feet on a side and radiation of eight to

59
00:02:41,068 --> 00:02:45,179
nine times normal background radiation

60
00:02:43,019 --> 00:02:48,180
not enough to be dangerous to somebody

61
00:02:45,180 --> 00:02:50,819
but significant we also find broken

62
00:02:48,180 --> 00:02:52,919
branches on the trees well we were

63
00:02:50,818 --> 00:02:55,108
milling Iran trying to make sense of the

64
00:02:52,919 --> 00:02:57,120
whole thing one of the individuals with

65
00:02:55,109 --> 00:02:59,760
me suddenly spotted something all

66
00:02:57,120 --> 00:03:02,819
through the forest with a bright glowing

67
00:02:59,759 --> 00:03:05,188
object the best way I can describe that

68
00:03:02,818 --> 00:03:07,438
it looked like an eye with bright red

69
00:03:05,188 --> 00:03:10,318
with a dark Center it appeared to be

70
00:03:07,438 --> 00:03:12,060
winking it would sort of it was shedding

71
00:03:10,318 --> 00:03:14,699
something like molten metal and was

72
00:03:12,060 --> 00:03:16,829
dripping off it it silently moved

73
00:03:14,699 --> 00:03:19,018
through the trees avoiding any contact

74
00:03:16,829 --> 00:03:21,599
it bobbed up and down and at one point

75
00:03:19,019 --> 00:03:24,120
it actually approached us we tried to

76
00:03:21,598 --> 00:03:27,238
get closer it receded out into the field

77
00:03:24,120 --> 00:03:31,199
beyond the forest and silently exploded

78
00:03:27,239 --> 00:03:32,400
into five white objects gone so we went

79
00:03:31,199 --> 00:03:33,569
out into the field looking for any

80
00:03:32,400 --> 00:03:35,609
evidence because something had

81
00:03:33,568 --> 00:03:37,078
apparently been falling off it and we

82
00:03:35,609 --> 00:03:39,299
definitely find nothing but while we

83
00:03:37,079 --> 00:03:40,650
were searching around in the field one

84
00:03:39,299 --> 00:03:42,750
of the people with me noticed some

85
00:03:40,650 --> 00:03:45,000
objects in the sky to the north there

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00:03:42,750 --> 00:03:47,340
were three or four objects in the North

87
00:03:45,000 --> 00:03:49,799
brightly colored changing from

88
00:03:47,340 --> 00:03:52,408
elliptical to round and moving at very

89
00:03:49,799 --> 00:03:53,900
high speed and sharp angular movements

90
00:03:52,408 --> 00:03:56,638
as though they were doing a grid search

91
00:03:53,900 --> 00:03:58,199
while we were watching them somebody

92
00:03:56,639 --> 00:04:01,430
else noticed to the South there were two

93
00:03:58,199 --> 00:04:03,930
objects just sort of hovering in the sky

94
00:04:01,430 --> 00:04:06,359
one object approached us at very high

95
00:04:03,930 --> 00:04:07,500
speed best guess is three to five

96
00:04:06,359 --> 00:04:09,569
thousand feet somewhere in that

97
00:04:07,500 --> 00:04:12,180
neighborhood stopped directly overhead

98
00:04:09,568 --> 00:04:14,188
and sent down a concentrated beam in our

99
00:04:12,180 --> 00:04:16,530
feet it was about one foot in diameter

100
00:04:14,188 --> 00:04:19,978

the best way I can equate it as sort of

101

00:04:16,529 --> 00:04:22,138

a laser beam we stood there in awe was

102

00:04:19,978 --> 00:04:25,769

this a warning what's this an attempt to

103

00:04:22,139 --> 00:04:26,460

communicate was this a weapon or just a

104

00:04:25,769 --> 00:04:29,579

probed

105

00:04:26,459 --> 00:04:33,388

just as suddenly as it appeared click it

106

00:04:29,579 --> 00:04:36,149

disappeared we stood there ah really

107

00:04:33,389 --> 00:04:37,829

concerned about that time we noticed the

108

00:04:36,149 --> 00:04:39,870

other object to the south was centered

109

00:04:37,829 --> 00:04:42,750

on beams about a mile mile and a half

110

00:04:39,870 --> 00:04:44,370

away over Woodbridge base we had three

111

00:04:42,750 --> 00:04:46,410

different radios with us the police

112

00:04:44,370 --> 00:04:48,569

radio the security police in the radio

113

00:04:46,410 --> 00:04:50,130

and I had to come in net all three

114

00:04:48,569 --> 00:04:51,990

radios were functioning we were talking

115
00:04:50,129 --> 00:04:53,129
to control centers they were constantly

116
00:04:51,990 --> 00:04:55,228
breaking up when we had great

117
00:04:53,129 --> 00:04:57,149
difficulties communicating but we were

118
00:04:55,228 --> 00:04:58,829
able to discern that the when a police

119
00:04:57,149 --> 00:05:00,870
and security net that some of those

120
00:04:58,829 --> 00:05:02,279
beams are either falling into or near

121
00:05:00,870 --> 00:05:06,300
the weapons storage area and there's a

122
00:05:02,279 --> 00:05:09,029
great deal of concern it really bothered

123
00:05:06,300 --> 00:05:10,680
me at the time every time something of

124
00:05:09,029 --> 00:05:11,698
significance happened that night I kind

125
00:05:10,680 --> 00:05:14,250
of clicked on my little tape recorder

126
00:05:11,699 --> 00:05:15,410
and recorded it so I'd have record of it

127
00:05:14,250 --> 00:05:18,478
for the next day

128
00:05:15,410 --> 00:05:20,460
unbeknownst to me a copy of that was

129
00:05:18,478 --> 00:05:22,469
released by one of my co-workers several

130
00:05:20,459 --> 00:05:26,129
years later and hence it was a lot of

131
00:05:22,470 --> 00:05:28,830
publicity my superiors at the time were

132
00:05:26,129 --> 00:05:30,899
informed what happened i briefed my boss

133
00:05:28,829 --> 00:05:33,538
I played the tape for him he listened

134
00:05:30,899 --> 00:05:35,069
intently he was aware of the incident

135
00:05:33,538 --> 00:05:36,918
cause he was monitoring the night before

136
00:05:35,069 --> 00:05:39,598
on the radio he and several others were

137
00:05:36,918 --> 00:05:41,069
he took the tape to the third Air Force

138
00:05:39,598 --> 00:05:42,598
staff meeting the following Wednesday

139
00:05:41,069 --> 00:05:44,069
3rd Air Force was the air force

140
00:05:42,598 --> 00:05:46,139
headquarters at that time in England

141
00:05:44,069 --> 00:05:50,848
played for general Baisley the commander

142
00:05:46,139 --> 00:05:52,978
and staff they all sat silently the

143

00:05:50,848 --> 00:05:54,538
decision was it happened off the base so

144
00:05:52,978 --> 00:05:56,758
it's a British affair in other words

145
00:05:54,538 --> 00:05:58,259
they were loathe to get involved so my

146
00:05:56,759 --> 00:05:59,550
boss came back and threw me the tape

147
00:05:58,259 --> 00:06:01,710
recorder and I said well what do we do

148
00:05:59,550 --> 00:06:03,419
boss he said get with Squadron Leader

149
00:06:01,709 --> 00:06:06,239
Moreland who was the British liaison

150
00:06:03,418 --> 00:06:07,668
officer and do a report it's their

151
00:06:06,240 --> 00:06:10,500
problem not ours

152
00:06:07,668 --> 00:06:12,658
gosh Here I am kind of caught in the

153
00:06:10,500 --> 00:06:15,408
middle and I'm the junior guy here well

154
00:06:12,658 --> 00:06:17,370
why did I ever get involved well

155
00:06:15,408 --> 00:06:20,129
Squadron Leader Morton was on vacation

156
00:06:17,370 --> 00:06:21,449
in Wales at the time he came back and he

157
00:06:20,129 --> 00:06:23,279

was quite upset that he was in the

158

00:06:21,449 --> 00:06:23,879

middle of the thing too so he said well

159

00:06:23,279 --> 00:06:26,549

write a memo

160

00:06:23,879 --> 00:06:28,468

so I wrote a I'll show harder cleaned up

161

00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:31,228

memo just kind of unexplained lights

162

00:06:28,468 --> 00:06:32,728

just to kind of tickle there get him to

163

00:06:31,228 --> 00:06:35,218

come out and investigate and look into

164

00:06:32,728 --> 00:06:37,079

the thing well gave it to Moreland

165

00:06:35,218 --> 00:06:39,120

unbeknownst to me Moreland sent a copy

166

00:06:37,079 --> 00:06:39,419

to his superior third Air Force I didn't

167

00:06:39,120 --> 00:06:41,819

know that

168

00:06:39,420 --> 00:06:43,980

at the time the copy demo D was

169

00:06:41,819 --> 00:06:45,509

apparently buried in the files days

170

00:06:43,980 --> 00:06:47,280

turned into weeks and weeks turned into

171

00:06:45,509 --> 00:06:51,230

months and I almost forgot about the

172
00:06:47,279 --> 00:06:53,959
incident to be honest with you gave up

173
00:06:51,230 --> 00:06:57,150
several years later one of my co-workers

174
00:06:53,959 --> 00:06:58,829
was playing a copy of my tape cocktail

175
00:06:57,149 --> 00:07:01,109
parties and caught somebody's ear

176
00:06:58,829 --> 00:07:03,539
somebody started asking questions and he

177
00:07:01,110 --> 00:07:04,770
said Oh halt wrote a memo the next thing

178
00:07:03,540 --> 00:07:06,390
we know there was a Freedom of

179
00:07:04,769 --> 00:07:08,430
Information request came in to be

180
00:07:06,389 --> 00:07:10,289
Bentwaters of course there was no

181
00:07:08,430 --> 00:07:12,329
official coffee we didn't have word

182
00:07:10,290 --> 00:07:14,129
processors in those days we use typing

183
00:07:12,329 --> 00:07:16,109
manifolds and the old typewriters we

184
00:07:14,129 --> 00:07:18,540
were just transitioning and the only

185
00:07:16,110 --> 00:07:20,520
copy was an onion skin that I had in my

186
00:07:18,540 --> 00:07:22,860
desk so my boss went back and said

187
00:07:20,519 --> 00:07:24,479
there's no official record of it well

188
00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:26,970
somebody else found out the third Air

189
00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:28,470
Force had a copy well Pete bent good

190
00:07:26,970 --> 00:07:30,060
personal friend of mine was the acting

191
00:07:28,470 --> 00:07:32,250
third Air Force commander called me and

192
00:07:30,060 --> 00:07:33,959
he said hey Chuck I've got a copy this

193
00:07:32,250 --> 00:07:37,230
moment we're gonna have to release it I

194
00:07:33,959 --> 00:07:39,000
said please burn it your life and mine

195
00:07:37,230 --> 00:07:41,759
will never be the same you and I don't

196
00:07:39,000 --> 00:07:44,939
need this well need i say more

197
00:07:41,759 --> 00:07:47,550
the tape came out unbeknownst to me the

198
00:07:44,939 --> 00:07:49,740
memo came out and a lot of publicity but

199
00:07:47,550 --> 00:07:51,060
the event certainly happened now some

200

00:07:49,740 --> 00:07:52,620
things have happened since then I was

201
00:07:51,060 --> 00:07:55,019
very innocent at the time and believed

202
00:07:52,620 --> 00:07:57,030
what I was told I asked the OSI if they

203
00:07:55,019 --> 00:08:01,379
had an interest and I was told no no not

204
00:07:57,029 --> 00:08:03,119
at all wrong I found out later that the

205
00:08:01,379 --> 00:08:05,279
airmen were housefly safe pretty harshly

206
00:08:03,120 --> 00:08:08,310
interrogated were involved I have never

207
00:08:05,279 --> 00:08:11,879
been debriefed I also found out later

208
00:08:08,310 --> 00:08:14,819
that the tire operator at both the tire

209
00:08:11,879 --> 00:08:16,740
operators at Bentwaters saw an object

210
00:08:14,819 --> 00:08:19,259
and picked it up on her bright to radar

211
00:08:16,740 --> 00:08:20,879
and watched it I found out that the tire

212
00:08:19,259 --> 00:08:22,980
operator and a weapons storage area

213
00:08:20,879 --> 00:08:24,959
actually saw something added a calm man

214
00:08:22,980 --> 00:08:28,050

who was working there and saw it go down

215

00:08:24,959 --> 00:08:32,309

into the forest near us and also several

216

00:08:28,050 --> 00:08:34,320

other people around the base saw it it's

217

00:08:32,309 --> 00:08:36,689

kind of interesting what do we see I

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00:08:34,320 --> 00:08:38,070

have no idea what we saw that night I do

219

00:08:36,690 --> 00:08:40,380

know it was under intelligent control

220

00:08:38,070 --> 00:08:41,520

and in my personal opinion it was either

221

00:08:40,379 --> 00:08:44,299

from another dimension or

222

00:08:41,519 --> 00:08:44,299

extraterrestrial

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00:08:49,480 --> 00:08:51,539

you