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**TRANSCRIPT of taped interview held at Bergstrom Air Force, 17 August
1981, of Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum, and Colby Landrum by representatives
of the United States Air Force**

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We are very lucky to have been provided a copy of this tape by Betty Cash herself.

The Cash - Landrum case is undisputedly one of the classic UFO sighting/physical trace cases. It's importance comes from its dramatic nature and because of the traces left behind by the unknown object in the form of negative effects, (apparently from radiation) on the three witnesses and their car. SOMETHING real caused the terrible effects. And it is sure that Betty, Vickie and Colby's suffering was real.

Important also are the witnesses' reports of many military helicopters in the immediate vicinity of the unknown object and the official denials of any government knowledge of the incident.

This case appears widely in the UFO literature and has been the subject of several television specials. The sighting has been recreated for least three TV programs. The interview in this file was recreated under the supervision of Betty Cash for the program "Unsolved Mysteries." In that recreation, a map is featured which already has a pin in it at the location of the sighting when Betty, Vickie and Colby arrive for the interview. In the recreation, both Betty and Vickie visibly noticed the map pin. This interview does not agree with that. True, the beginning of the interview when all were entering the room is not on the tape, but neither is the pin mentioned when Betty and Vickie are asked to locate the site of the incident on a map.

Draw your own conclusions, but note that all three witnesses have suffered, and still do not have any real answers to what they were exposed to.

We note with sadness the passing of Betty Cash, a brave lady. Betty suffered illness after illness causing repeated hospitalization after the UFO encounter eventually developing cancer. She suffered a stroke in 1998 and died December 29, 2001.

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TRANSCRIPT OF BERGSTROM AFB INTERVIEW OF BETTY CASH, VICKIE & COLBY LANDRUM August 1981

held at Bergstrom Air Force Base Law Library Building 2102, 17 August 1981, between Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum, Colby Landrum and representatives of the United States Air Force in the persons of Captain John Camp, Acting Staff Judge Advocate, Captain Terry Davis, Claims Officer, and Miss Pat Wolf, Assistant Claims Officer.

Conventions used in the transcription:

BC	Betty Cash	CTD	Terry Davis, Capt. USAF
CJC	John Camp, Capt. USAF	PW	Pat Wolf
CL	Colby Landrum	VL	Vicki Landrum

A comma (,) indicates a short pause,

Ellipsis (...) indicates a longer pause.

Comments such as attempts to convey inflection and such are in parentheses ().

NOTE: All names and such are spelled phonetically when confirmed spellings not available. All effort was made to give the same sense of emphasis present in the tape. No other claims of accuracy are made or should be inferred; this is merely the best transcription that we could make from the tape available.

This recording was provided to Dale Goudie, Director, UFO Reporting and Information Service by Betty Cash. Transcribed by Jim Klotz, CUFONSM SYSOP

(cassette side "A" start)

CJC: ... Captain Davis here, who is our chief claims... He's our Claims Officer for the base to be allowed to just take our little meeting down here on a tape recorder... do y'all have any objection to that?

BC: No.

VL: I have none.

CJC: OK. Now I'll ask you some rather ridiculous questions, just remember that its so that maybe a year from now if we ever had to listen to this tape again, we would know who all was here and what was going on, what's it about, OK?

BC: Right.

CJC: Let the record reflect that we're having a meeting in the Law Library at Building 2102, 17 August 1981 at 1040 hours and present is Captain John Camp, the

Acting Staff Judge Advocate, Captain Terry Davis, the Claims Officer, Miss Pat Wolf, Assistant Claims Officer, and Ma'am, I'll ask you to identify yourselves as well.

BC: Betty Cash.

CJC: And where is your address, where do you live?

BC: Route 1 Box 127B, Dayton Texas.

CJC: OK, and you're accompanied by your...?

BC: Vicki Landrum.

CJC: Vicki Landrum. Is she a relative of yours?

BC and VL: No.

VL: I was in the incident...

CJC: OK.

VL: ... (continuing) and so was Colby Lee.

CJC: OK, why don't you go ahead and give me your full name and your address as well.

VL: My name is Vicki Landrum and I live at 506 West Clayton, Dayton Texas.

CJC: OK... And ah... Colby...

VL: He can tell his own.

CJC: OK, Colby, who is your parents and where do you live?

CL: I live at 506 West Clayton too.

CJC: OK, And how old are you?

CL: Seven.

CJC: You're seven years old?

CL: I'm going to be eight in January.

CJC: Eight in January, OK.

CTD: How do you spell your last name?

VL: L-A-N-D-R-U-M.

CJC: OK, Now... I believe according to your earlier conversation that, ah, you had experienced a UFO sighting and supposedly had received either some injury or certain contact from that. Ah, Ms. Cash would you start off first and tell me exactly the date and what happened and where you were at and so forth?

BC: Yes. We... it was on Farm Market Road 1485 between New Caney and Huffman approximately between nine and nine-thirty at night on December the twenty-ninth, 1980.

CJC: OK, Now let me ask you would you please ah, spell those nearby towns?

BC: N-E-W C-A-N-E-Y and H-U-F-F-M-A-N.

CJC: OK. Now in front of you is a Texas map, can you locate this ah, somewhere in the proximity of ah, where this occurrence happened?

BC: If my glasses will work well enough. I've had three pair since this happened to me and I still can't see that well.

CJC: OK.
(pause... BC and VL obviously looking over map, discussing quietly, general tone obvious, not clear enough to transcribe)

... break in recording...

CJC: We had a brief break in the record there just to afford Ms. Cash an opportunity to try to locate the location of the sighting on a Texas map, but because of the lack of detail of the map, she was unable to find it. Is this area northeast of Houston? Is that a fair statement to say? OK, Miss Wolf is... can you indicate some of the other towns close to the area?
(BC and VL talking together over map)

BC or VL: North west, it's ah... North Crosby, Humboldt...

BC or VL: Yeah, ah, it's due north of Humboldt, New Caney is due north of Humboldt, and New Caney and Huffman ah, Huffman is then east.

CJC: OK, what... does that... that map reflect the county that they were located in?

BC or VL: Liberty. ... Liberty County.

BC or VL: (talking at same time): No, We we were in Montgomery county...

CJC: OK, Montgomery County.

BC or VL: ...but we live in Liberty County.

CJC: OK.

CL: No, we live in Dayton County.
(pause, ... chuckle from VL or BC)

CJC: OK, were you returning from Houston or... what was your reason for being down in that area? Could you... would you mind telling us?

BC: Well we hadn't thought about it being a Monday night because we'd had so many holidays, and we had gone to Cleveland that night to play Bingo. We got to Cleveland there was no bingo game. We couldn't... we figured out, well it was through the holidays they had canceled it. So we thought well, we'd go on to New Caney, 'cause they had Bingo over there also. We got to New Caney and there was still no bingo, not realizing that it was on a Monday night instead of a Tuesday, and we stopped at the truck stop restaurant there on ... 59 and 1485 (unintelligible)

CJC: About what time was that?

BC: Must have been about eight, eight-thirty.

CJC: P.M., right?

BC: Right... and after we got through eating, we got in the car and started home, and we drove approximately... I'd say maybe twelve miles, when we spotted this object, and we kept watching it, we couldn't figure out what it was, not ever dreaming that we were going to run... dead into it. But all of a sudden, when we got out on this country road, it just set down, almost level with the treetops. Well, it had lit up the entire sky. Well it was seen as far as fifty miles away from where we were. But, on that country road, the lights were so bright, and the heat was so intense, I got out of the car. I don't know what my purpose was unless it was just normal instinct to think well, maybe I'd be safer outside than I would be inside. But tell you the truth, we thought the end of the world was coming. I mean we'd I'd never in my life gone through such a situation. But I knew that there was no way we could go under it the way the fire was shooting out the bottom of it.

CJC: Now, who all was in the car at this time?

BC: Vicki, Colby and myself.

CJC: OK. Those are the three people that are here today?

BC: Right.

CJC: What type of car were you driving?

BC: A 1980 Cutlass Oldsmobile.

CJC: Was it a two or four door?

BC: Two door.

CJC: OK. Now ah... could you please just draw... a picture of whatever it was that you saw if it had a discernible shape, and just sign it and date it for me if you would. And again, I realize you're not an artist so don't worry about that, just do your best to try to draw a picture of it.

BC: (laughing) Vicki says I'm the world's worst.
(Pause, ... Betty apparently drawing UFO.)

CJC: OK.

BC: Its supposed to be a diamond shape, but its not very good.

CJC: OK, and go ahead and just sign your name and date it at the bottom.
(Pause, ... Betty apparently signing drawing.)

CJC: Now show it to Ms. Landrum, and Ms. Landrum, do you agree that that was approximately the shape of what it was that you saw?

VL: Yes sir, but the fire was coming right down to here... (unintelligible)

CJC: How big would you say that this object was, can you describe it in a term that you are familiar with?

BC: Well, the only thing that I can believe that I can establish, maybe it was as large, if not larger than a water tower.

CJC: OK, in other words, it was that tall?

BC: Yes... definitely.

CJC: OK, now you are talking about your standard municipal size... water tower?, there is such a thing as a standard size., ah, yeah, Terry...

CTD: Did you say this was over a tree?

BC: It was over the road, it was... they have real huge tall pine trees in that area and it was hanging down over the pine trees.

CTD: So it burned the trees up.

BC: Well, (sighs) they were very brown, I'll put it to you like that.

CTD: OK.

BC: There's pictures of it.

CJC: Ms. Landrum, if you would, go ahead and... if you agree with the description of that object would you please sign and date it too? Um... now I want you to tell me once you stepped outside the car, what you did and what happened.

BC: I walked toward the front of the car, and the light was so bright, and so... the heat was so intense, I didn't know whether to run, to get back in the car, or what, and I stood there for few minutes. Not too long because it was so hot and the light was so bright. And then I stared to get back in the car, and when I did I had to use the bottom of my leather jacket. I touched the door handle, and the door handle was so hot I couldn't stand it with my bare hand, so I got the pocket of my leather jacket to open the car door and get back in. And at this time it was... fire would shoot out of it and then it would let up, when it would let up... it made... I don't know what kind of sound to tell you it was making, it... similar to air brakes... or?... a whooshing sound.

VL: (breaking in) We're going to a radio station to detect the sounds today.

CJC: Sorry, Ms. Landrum, what did you say?

VL: We're going to a radio station to detect the sounds, when we get back to Houston.

CJC: OK. Now if you would, what else... what other information that you... that you can give us.

BC: Well, I had not killed the motor on the car, I had put it park. The radio was playing on low, but the car completely went dead. I mean, it was like somebody had turned a switch off on it. And when the thing began to lift up, well we were all horrified... well in fact Vicki's the one, I guess maybe I would have tried to have gone on under it, that's how scared I was. But she screamed for me to stop, and right where she put her hands, her fingerprints are still on my dash, it melted my dash in the car with her fingerprints imbedded. So we... I finally got the car started and it was so hot I had to turn on the air conditioning in order for us to get

cool. And by that time we were all burning up. It was just... well it's just something really you've got to experience to really describe.

CJC: How long did the... this UFO remain over your vehicle and how far above it was it?

BC: Well, they measured and I think it was what... about 60 to 80 feet and we had stopped about 130 to 133 feet from it... back... from the object.

CJC: So it was about... you were 130 feet away from it... and it was how many feet high?

BC: 60 to 80 feet... above.

CJC: OK, and ah... how long did this sighting last, how long were you exposed to it?

BC: Well, I'd say about 15 to 16, 17 minutes, it seemed like hours to me, but it couldn't have been that long because when I got home it was ten minutes till ten, which is approximately a twenty minute drive from where this happened.

CJC: Did you report it to any authorities or anything at that time?

BC: Sure did.

CJC: Who did you report it to?

BC: Well, (sighs)... we kept calling Washington, in fact I still have the phone number. And they said that they would have someone come out and check. Well they got in touch with Bill English with A-R-P-O, and he contacted us.

CJC: What is the A-R-P-O?

VL: Its the A-P-R-O, it's uh... uh... research of UFOs uh.. that's uh not, I mean they don't have no means of support, other than they do it on their own, you know, it's just like an organization which... uh... cause these are people who do care about people that get hurt.

CJC: Let me ask you did you report it to any law enforcement authorities.

BC: Yeah, sure.

CJC: Who did you report it to?

BC: I didn't report it to any of 'em, I was too sick, by the time I got home, I had blisters all over my head, my face, my back, my neck, I was burning... from the inside out. Vicki is the one that called everybody and tried to get help for me. Because she couldn't get a doctor to see me at the time, and a policeman in Dayton is the one that gave her the number to call, wasn't it Vicki?

VL: Uh huh... and he had to hunt it up and it took him about two days to find it.

CJC: OK, alright...

VL: Uh Huh... (unintelligible)... Dayton about two days running...

CJC: Ms. Landrum, we'll have... you'll have a full chance to add to or expand upon it, so you'll have an opportunity to speak in a minute... um... did... you mentioned, I think, to Miss Wolf the other day, last Friday when you called, that you had

contacted a Congressman and he had referred you here, would you basically tell us how that came about?

BC: Ah, Yes. Alan Hendry, who I don't know, never heard of, from Atlanta, Georgia contacted me and said he wanted to help any way he could and he's the one who asked me to write to Charles Wilson, to Lloyd Benson and to John... uh... Tower, and he said he felt sure that that way I could get some help. Charles Wilson referred me to a Mr. Glass in Van Nuys California, who is a UFO researcher or something, but... Lloyd Benson wrote a real nice letter back and asked me to come here and talk with y'all, and he felt sure that you-all'd try to help in any way you could.

CJC: OK, do you have a copy of this letter today?

BC: No, I don't.

CJC: OK, do... did you write Senator Tower?

BC: Yes, I did.

CJC: And what response, if any, did you get from him?

BC: Not any yet.

CJC: How long ago was it that you wrote?

BC: Approximately three weeks ago.

CJC: OK. And Senator Benson recommended that you come here and talk to the Staff Judge Advocate or talk to who?

BC: He said the Judge Advocate at the Claims Office at Bergstrom Air Force Base, I've got... wrote down, mother, I was at her house when I wrote the letters, and she called me to tell me that I had gotten the letter and to come down here.

CJC: OK, would you be so kind as to send us a copy... Miss Wolf, would you write down our address here... would you send us a copy of that letter?

BC: Yes, I'll be glad to.

CJC: Alright, fine. OK, um... now let me ask you what is your reason for your coming here, I know you talked with Senator Benson and he said come here, but what do you...

BC: (breaking in) Because of the helicopters.

CJC: OK, would you tell us about the helicopters now?

BC: Yes, there was helicopters completely around the object.

CJC: OK.

BC: And its the type of helicopters that I've never been used to seeing.

CJC: OK.

BC: They were the ones that had two doors, two rotors on them, and they were quite a few. We drove on up the road and pulled over and stopped, and I counted twenty three.

CJC: OK, did these helicopters have any type of markings?

BC: Yes, they sure did.

CJC: And what type...

BC: They had "United States Air Force".

CJC: OK, and you say there were about 23 of them?

BC: Yes, that I counted. Vicki says she counted 26. Who knows? We were all so sick and burning and hot and scared till... that I don't say that we didn't vary.

CJC: Did your U... Did the UFO you saw have any markings on it that you could see?

BC: Not that I could see, the light was so bright.

CJC: Now uh... did the helicopters stay with this UFO or...?

BC: Yes, ah... in fact, would you believe the first thing that entered my mind was about the pilots that were in the helicopters, because of the heat that we were feeling there. I was scared for them, to tell you the truth.

CJC: Approximately how far away were the helicopters from this object?

BC: (lowered voice) Not very far.

CJC: Would you give me a distance in feet, or in football lengths, football field lengths?

BC: I don't think they'd be... that they were that far, maybe so, I can't, I won't say. Because unless I can be sure I'm not going to say.

CJC: Uh.. when you're using this description of a water tower, you know, it was that far above the ground or it was, you know, As big as a water tower, do you have a water tower in mind that you are referring to? or that you're using as a standard? is there one in Clayton Texas, that you're... ?

BC: You mean Dayton?

CJC: Dayton Texas.

BC: No... I... is there a water tower there?

VL: There's one there.

CL: There's two of them.

CJC: Well I'm trying to... there's any different... there's a number of different sizes of water towers, I'm just trying to get an idea of how big the UFO was, and you say its about the size of a water tower, I'm just trying to say is it as big as a water tower that you've seen, you could tell me where... ?

BC: Well, yeah, I've seen them all over the country. You know, standing high, but I mean there's no certain water tower that I'm speaking of. But I've just seen them going into cities and things. They have big white water towers usually.

CJC: OK. Uh... Terry.

CTD: What exactly did you see on the side of the helicopters? what exactly did it say?

BC: Uh... "United States Air Force".

CTD: Written out (clears throat) completely long?

BC: No.

CTD: OK, what...

BC: It was round.

CTD: No, I mean you saw the words "United States Air Force" all the words were spelled out?

BC: No.

CTD: OK, that's what I'm asking, exactly what did you see?

CJC: Why don't you... right here on this piece of paper where you put your name and all... why don't you write down the words exactly as you saw them on the sides of the helicopters.

CL: (unintelligible) -... that landed in Dayton?

VL: Shhhh.
(Pause apparently writing...)

CJC: OK. now you've written that out with a... was it printed?... or written?... I wanted you give me exactly as you saw it.

BC: No, it was printed out.

CJC: Printed out, OK. Alright, ah...

BC: (breaking in) Do you want me to put here "printed out?"

CJC: No, that's OK. Why don't you just put your initials by that. (pause) OK. ... Now um... these were the type that had twin rotors on top?

BC: Right.

CJC: Now, ah... did you remain there until the UFO left?

BC: Yes... very definitely.

CJC: Alright, and did these helicopters follow after it?

BC: Yes, they sure did. In fact, ah... they drifted more to the wes..., east, west, or west... over toward Crosby and Intercontinental Airport was the way they were... it was headed and the helicopters were on both sides of it and looked like they were trying their best to get around the top of it. It was unreal. In fact, even driving down 1960, when we stopped at the stop sign to turn onto 1960... we

drove to the First National Bank in Dayton which, at the time, was under construction, and we could still see helicopters coming. Now whether they were going to help the other crews or what, I didn't take time to find out.

CJC: OK, now what type of effects or problems have you had as a result of what you saw?

BC: You want to see some pictures?

CJC: Well if you have 'em, we'd like to see 'em. If you would... remember, some of these are documents we'll not be able to keep, we would, you know, request that you would keep them, but if you would... if there's any of them we could copy for example with a Xerox copier machine...

BC: There's the first day after it happened.

CJC: I'm looking at a photograph that indicates that Ms. Cash had some significant hair loss along the side of her... cranium above her right ear and extended back over the crown of her head ... OK.

BC: This is a picture of the place where it happened.

CJC: OK, now how long after the incident did you take these photographs? I know that... the pictures of yourself... the pictures were taken the following day?

BC: (Talking over CJC) I didn't take them... I did not take them.

BC: No, they were made later, but there were some made and those were made off them.... I had some other pictures... but I must have left them in my other purse. Plus I was completely blistered, in fact I have a scar over my eye where one of the blisters... every time they would come up, they would break open and just... run like water... just sticky water, there was no pus or anything, you know. But they... in fact, I stayed in the hospital for a month, maybe a little bit longer... at Parkway Hospital in Houston.

CJC: OK, now is there ah... anything else that you'd like to tell us regarding it?

BC: Yes. I had... I still have diarrhea, I still have upset stomach, I still feel weak, I'm tired, I don't have any energy like I used to have, I have severe headaches... and I have... I'll bet I could count on my hand how many headaches I'd ever had in my lifetime, until this happened. But... it's unreal how my head hurts. My right ear is bothering me right now. Its... the beeping sound... the shrill beeping sound the object was making... it was just like it was... was deafening. That's how shrill it was.

CJC: Was it like that of a aircraft, you know like around a jet airliner? Have you ever flown on a commercial airliner?

BC: Oh yes... sure I have.

CJC: Was it louder or similar to that? Have you ever anything that was similar to it, that you can compare it to?

BC: No, no. That's exactly the reason I'm going and listen to some sounds.

CJC: Beg pardon?

BC: That's the reason I'm going to listen to some sounds.

CJC: OK. Is there anything you can tell us about what you saw or what happened to you?

BC: Well, the only thing I know that I was sick within 30 minutes after the time it happened, and burning up, I was just like I had been blistered all over, like I had been laying on a beach, and it happened within 30 minutes after... this incident. I were feeling fine before, then all this took place. The next morning I was so sick I couldn't... and craving water, I was dying of thirst, or I thought I was. I felt like I was so dehydrated. I couldn't even get out of bed to get myself a glass of water.

CJC: Did you have any special sensation in your mouth?

BC: Nothing but extremely dryness...

CJC: Have you uh... tried... OK

BC: (breaking in) ... my lips were swollen, my ears were swollen about three times... well in fact my entire body... my family didn't recognize me. When they came to the hospital, they told them what room I was in. They said had they not known for sure that it was me, they wouldn't have known me.

CJC: Prior to this occasion on the 29th of December, 1980, had you ever been hospitalized or treated for any uh... ailments or problems?

BC: Sure, I had heart surgery.

CJC: OK, and when and where was that?

BC: In Birmingham Alabama in Nineteen ... Seventy Six.

CJC: OK, any other treatments?

BC: Nothing other than just a hysterectomy... when I was 29.

CJC: When you was 29. Now have you been you ever been treated for any ah... medical condition that would have required you to have be exposed to any radioactive materials?

BC: No.

CJC: Is there anything else that you can pass on to us?

(pause)

BC: Well, no nothing other than that they ran every test possible... on me, and the said they could find NO... problems wrong with my body anywhere, to cause me to be in that condition

CJC: When you say "they," who is "they"?

BC: The doctors at Parkway Hospital.

CJC: Do... did you have a physician by name that you could refer to?

BC: I surely do now.

CJC: OK, What's his name?

BC: Dr. Shoney.
CJC: Dr. Shoney? Would you spell that please?
BC: S-H-O-N-E-Y
CJC: OK, does he have practice there in Parkway...or in Parkway... is Parkway in...
BC: Houston.
CJC: ...wherever it is...
BC: It's in Houston.
CJC: OK. Do you have a better address for Dr. Shoney.. you say Parkway... is it Parkway Hospital?
BC: (breaking in) Yes, uh huh.
CJC: I'm not familiar with it, that's the reason I asked...
BC: (breaking in) He has, ah... well he has an office too on Antoine. I'm not sure what the address is because if I go to see him for anything, I just drive right to it. (chuckles)
CJC: I see. OK. Now ah... you unders.... you tell me you that currently still have dysentery and some hear loss, is that... hearing loss, is that correct?
BC: I still have headaches, I still have upset stomach, I still can't take a hot bath, if I do, I look like a burn victim all over again.
CTD: OK just a min...

(break in recording)

CJC: OK, would you...
BC: I can't stand the heat.
CJC: OK. You're... so... in other words you're heat sensitive?
BC: Tell me about it.
CJC: What about exposure to sunlight?
BC: I can't take the sunlight. I mean It's just to the point where I have to stay in the house unless it gets out after it gets cool in the afternoon and the sun goes down, or either I am in the bed sick the next day.
CJC: OK. Now does this include... what part of your bodies are heat sensitive?
BC: My entire body.
CJC: Entire body... OK. Alright, uh... let me ask you, how old are you?
BC: Fifty two.
CJC: Fifty two. Alright uh...

CTD: May I ask some questions?

CJC: Yeah, why don't you ask some questions.

CTD: The only question... you said something about her hands touching the dashboard of your car...

BC: Right.

CTD: And you said something melted?... the dashboard melted, is that what you said?

BC: Well, I guess that the dashboard melted, her fingerprints right where she pressed on my dash, when I threw on my brakes to save, to keep from going under it... they're imbedded in my dash.

CTD: And is that car here today?

BC: No, it's in Alabama; I flew out.

CTD: Oh...

BC: I'm not able to drive that distance. My mother came down here and took me back to Alabama because I wasn't able to take care of myself.

CJC: OK now... you gave an address as being in Clayton Texas.

BC: (breaking in) Dayton.

CJC: Dayton Texas.

CTD: She lives on Clayton Street.

CJC: OK, are you currently living in Alabama now?

BC: Yes.

CJC: What's your address there?

BC: 209 48th. Street in Fairfield, Alabama.

CJC: Fairfield. I'm a little bit familiar with Alabama.

BC: Are you?

CJC ... close to the area, not Fairfield, but not far from it.

BC: Well right now it's almost like being in Birmingham, used to be 12 miles out of town, it was a long way out in the country.

CJC: Yeah, Birmingham has grown quite a bit. OK, and ah... is it because of this incident you moved back to Alabama or... ?

BC: Right.

CJC: Now let me ask Ms. Landrum some questions. Ah... is there any observations or anything that you saw during the sighting that differs from what Ms. Cash saw?

VL: Well, no, but there's something that she didn't tell.

CJC: OK, and what's that?.

VL: Okay they... when she was talking about the fire... ah... when it would come... you know, it was hanging up, you know, over the trees... when the fire'd come down, it would lift up, and when the fire'd let up, you know... when the fire'd kinda go away... that's when it would come back down... and finally when big gust of fire came down and the sound was so shrill, that's when it lifted to where it would get up and go away.

CJC: OK. Now what, if anything happened to you as a result of being...

VL: Well um... you can see the scars on my arms, and when I get out in the sun you can see that this come up in a big blister Saturday when it ... happened. And uh... my eye doctor said that there's a possibility that within a year or year and a half that he'll have to operate. there's a possibility when he operates on my eyes, because ah... the film is already has.. had started... started forming... you know, a film, like cataracts, except that my eyes was burned so bad that they teared for about three months. Nothing but tears would pour, you know?, and they was swelled so that I could hardly see. And he said that if they were, wasn't ... was regular cataracts hopefully that he could remove them and I'd yet have some of my sight. But if they're imbedded cataracts, that I won't never see again.

CJC: OK, let me ask you, did you at any time look directly at the UFO... ?

VL: Yes sir, yes sir.

CJC: ...and for how long?

VL: Oh, um... well I'll tell you, he was screaming and crying and everything so, and I thought the world was coming to an end, and I believed that sooner or later we'd gonna have to meet somebody. And I was telling him that ah.. look right in it, you know, I was showing him, I didn't find where the object was, you know when I.. it was kinda like a flat... aluminum, I guess, you know, the inside of it looked dark, you know, the object did, and I was telling him to look right inside if he saw a big man it'd be Jesus. And we set there and I kept talking to him to watch for that man to come down inside. And I looked at it from the time she was... got out of the car until she got back in, I got out for just a few minutes and burned my arm on top of the car, and this one has always been a lot worse than this one. You know, I was holding him in and had my arm up on the car, you know, like you kinda hold somebody in the door, and um... but I guess I looked at it... too long. Because I was trying to keep him quiet and show him something that would be more pleasant that what he was seein'.

CJC: OK. Now um... you mentioned the fact that you had sustained some type of burn or . something under each arms...

VL: (interrupting) Yeah, you see when it goes away, it leaves knots like... and ah... and when I went to the doctor there in Houston... I mean I was sick, I had the diarrhea and everything, but I was taking care of Betty, I was taking care of Colby, I didn't have time to go to the doctor, and I didn't have time to carry him 'cause he was like a little baby for over a month. I mean he had no control over his bowels, or his, you know, nothing, and I was taking care of him, and I wasn't going to leave him. And um... so uh... the doctors down there asked me had I

been around any poison oak or poison ivy on my arms. And when it finally... the blisters kinda cleared up and left, places healed up and looks terrible. They yet come up, and uh... now the ones that come up is leaving knots.

CJC: OK, let me just say for this tape recorder say that on your left hand there is a... uh... I think this is the metacarsha... metacarpals upper left hand, portion of her left hand there is a bruise about the size of a quarter, that's uh... kind of a deep purple, and you said that last Saturday that turned... this past...

VL: This past Saturday we were out in the sun for quite a while, and the sun does it to me. Just like one's been right here it was a big old blister, you know, it'd go away and come up a like a scar. like this.

CJC: OK. And that there are several scars and blisters on the lower portion of her arm and hands. Now ah... let me ask you did...

VL: (breaking in) And my fingernails come off, they're, they're they're back now but they come completely off, my fingernails did. I saved the fingernails for some scientist.

CJC: You say you saved them, have you turned them over to any scientists or anything?

VL: I'm fixing to, I've got them. I got each one of them tagged and named.

CJC: Alright, now let me ask you... did you have any other skin sensitivity problems for the rest of your life?

VL: Well ah... we was completely blistered, and he ah... he's got scars on his face where he had hanging water blisters, on his little cheek and everything, over on that side. Just one, one side of his face because I... the reason I believe its not on this side is because I was hugging that side to me, I think that other side is the one that got it, the one that had the hanging blisters because one side wasn't blistered as bad as the other side.

CJC: Alright, let me ask... just specifically about you though, are other parts of your body heat sensitive or sunlight sensitive?

VL: No, seems like it's my eyes and my arms because my eyes feel just like they've got sand in them, and I can get out in the sun or anything and it feels just like I want to just put my hand up there and just rub them out I guess, if I didn't make myself stop I could just rub them until I didn't have any eyes anymore.

CJC: OK, now did you suffer any hair loss at all?

VL: Yes sir, I lost my hair. But now my hair didn't come out until about, it was about six weeks after the incident when I... about a month, about a month after the incident, my hair started coming out, and it's just come back, I haven't... I mean this is the way it looks since it's come back, I had soft, manageable easy hair to... I mean it was, it was extra fine hair, it was a little like baby hair, and it was, it was kinda, you know wavy, curly I could do anything with it, after it come out and came back, this is what I got... cause I'm ashamed to even go to the grocery store.

CJC: Ah... did you, either of you, experience any... I know you mentioned you experienced dysentery, but did any of you experience nausea?

VL and BC: OH...!

VL: ... Oh... sick! You ain't.. I was... I'd get up to go to the bathroom, and I'd be.. I'd get so sick that I'd have to lay down on the bathroom floor until I got able to get back to bed.

CJC: OK. Now can you give us any more information regarding the UFO itself?... what you saw, or a better description or can you compare the size of it to anything?

VL: (breaking in) Well, it was about the size of ah... I'd say a BIG water tower... um.. not at the top, you know, but I mean it come kinda down this a way, but it was long, it wasn't no short, it was long.

CJC: How many flames, separate flames did you see from the bottom, 1, 2, 3..?

VL: (breaking in) Well there was so many, there was so many... much light, that honestly I was only seeing one, I mean there wes just... like the flame come down, you know? ... just like, just like a rocket... just like you'd shoot off a rocket or something, you know how the flame will come down?

CJC: Yeah, how many separate flames did you see, did you see more than one flame at a time?

VL: No, I wasn't looking for it. I was too scared... put it that way, cause I ain't going to say I wasn't scared, cause (chuckles) I was scared, I guess I'm a coward, but I was scared.

CJC: (to Betty Cash) OK, can you recall if you saw more than one flame at a time?

BC: I wasn't looking at the flames, I was looking for a way out.

CJC: I understand. Ah... the reason I'm asking... did it have one engine or several engines or... from what you could tell?

BC: I wish they would have asked me that when I was under hypnotism.

(pause)

CJC: OK. Prior to this incident, Ms. Landrum, have you been treated for any illness or problems?

VL: No sir.

CJC: Have you been in the operation... ah, in the hospital for a operation?

VL: Well ah, about twenty... three years, 22 years ago, I had hysterectomy. Other than that, I have never had nothing really wrong with me till this.

CJC: Now would you please give us your address and your age?, your current address.

VL: My current address is 506 West Clayton, Dayton Texas. The ZIP code is 77535, and I'm 57 years old.

CJC: OK. Um... Terry, do you have any questions?... Oh, one other question: who is the doctor that's been treating you?

VL: Ah... Dr. Chandler in Liberty.

CJC: Liberty Texas?

VL: Um humm... and he's only an eye doctor, but he... I got all faith in him because he has a doctor that work with him that is uh.. is one (unintelligible) one of the best I think, that uh... and he told me that when he couldn't do for my eyes anymore that when he felt he wasn't capable of giving me what I needed that he would turn me over to this doctor and uh... you can't ask for nothing better than that.

CJC: Let me ask you regarding the skin problems, and your hair loss, have you talked to any other physician about that?

VL: No, nothing but Uh Doctor.... (to Betty Cash) what's his name?

BC: Shoney.

VL: Dr. Shoney... yeah I talked to Dr. Shoney.

CJC: Is this the same doctor that Ms. Cash had been seeing?

VL: Yes, but I never did see him as a patient, I was there now with Betty so much and talked to him, but ah, this doctor that saw me was... (to Betty) what was his name?

CL: Easley.

VL: ... that said that about the...

BC: Oh, uh... Easley, Dr. Easley radiologist at the Medical Center in Houston.

VL: ... at the Medical Center.

CJC: Where? ... in Houston?

VL: Uh huh.

CJC: Did he tell you anything?

VL: No sir, nobody's never told me nothing. Except my family doctor told me that he couldn't doctor me because he didn't know nothing about it and he didn't... that he would do me more harm than good and he wasn't about to.

CJC: OK, now have you had to pay any doctor bills as a result of this.

VL: Yes sir!

CJC: Can you give us some idea of how much you've had in the way of doctor bills... Ms. Landrum?

VL: Let's see...(pause) I'd say approximately about six or seven hundred dollars on my eyes and Colby's eyes.

CJC: OK, alright... and how about you Ms. Cash? Can you give us any... ?
BC: I would imagine that mine has been around ten thousand dollars, or better.
CJC: OK...

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BC: (continuing)... seven hundred dollars on my eyes and Colby's eyes.
CJC: OK, alright... and how about you Ms. Cash? Can you give us any... ?
BC: I would imagine that mine has been around ten thousand dollars, or better.
CJC: OK... alright now let me ask you ah... and again would you give me just a basic physical description of yourself, height and weight-wise, would you mind doing that for me Ms. Cash?, just for the record.
BC: Well I'm supposed to be five-five and a half, but I think I shrink with age (laughs)... and I weigh 112 pounds... now, because I have lost some weight.
CJC: What was your weight at the time of the incident?
BC: 118.
CJC: OK, and you Ms. Landrum, would you describe yourself?
VL: Well, I'm five feet exactly and I weigh uh... well I weigh about 138 pounds.
CJC: OK, and how much... have you suffered any weight loss?
VL: Um... well, yes sir, cause I weighed a hundred... about 162 pounds, I was too heavy, so its... I guess my weight loss has done me a little good. (chuckles) (unintelligible)-wise.
CJC: OK.
CL: Where's the bathroom at?
CJC: ... the bathroom at?... um... will you take him...
VL: (breaking in) but now the little boy, now he went from a size... I mean... he uh... he was in a 6 slim blue jean and they fit him perfect, and when I went to buy him some clothes the other day, and I got them on him, and I had to go back to a 5 slim blue jean...
CJC: OK...
VL: (breaking in) ... But what's so terrible about it, now this is what the doctor in Houston told me and another... um... even that Dr. Rank from Wisconsin... he told me the same thing, that there's a possibility within the next, he'd be safe to say within the next eight to twelve years that Colby would come down with a form of

leukemia, which wouldn't be leukemia, but... and if he was treated for leukemia it could kill him.

CJC: Who was the doctor that was telling you this?

VL and BC: Oh... ah... wasn't it Dr. Shoney and a Dr. Peter Rank said there's a possibility because they don... I mean, nobody knows how much radiation he might have consumed, or what kind it might could been, but it had to be radiation to have burned us like we were burned.

CJC: Let me ask you Ms. Landrum, is there any history of ah... cancer in your family?

VL: No.

CJC: OK, have you ever had a relative or blood relative that had had cancer?

VL: No.... no.

CJC: OK, ... Ms. Cash... ?

BC: No.

CJC: Alright now...

VL: (breaking in) I had a son that was a diabetic, my mother was a diabetic, but there's never been a cancer.

CJC: Now help me with... is it Coby?

VL: Uh huh.

CJC: How do you spell...

VL: C-O-L-B-Y.

CJC: Colby, C-O-L-B-Y.

VL: Right.

CJC: Now is... whose son is he?

VL: He's my... um... His father's name is Paul Landrum he's my son, he's my middle son and him and his wife divorced when Colby was seven months old and he couldn't take care of him, and uh... his mother didn't want him... so...

CJC: (breaking in) OK, so Colby's your grandson living with you.

VL: Right, I've got custody of him, he's my responsibility; he's mine... you know?

CJC: OK, do you live with anybody else?

VL: My husband.

CJC: OK, and what's his name?

VL: His name's Art (unintelligible) Wilson Landrum... Senior.

CJC: Alright. is there anything else that y'all can... tell us that would... about the incident as far as... has anybody else within the Air Force or within the government contacted you... about this incident?

VL: No. And I wrote Charles Wilson, he wrote me back a write-off letter and I turned it over and wrote him a letter back.

CJC: You say a write-off letter...?

VL: Huh!... Well it was a thing where UFOs had been discontinued since nineteen and seventy three I believe it said, and he gave me a whole list of who I MIGHT be able to contact.... and I turned it back over and I told him exactly how I felt and I...

BC: Well, I said one thing... I laid in that hospital and suffered that thirteen days before I would even level with my doctor.

VL: I told Colby not to tell nobody...

BC: ... 'cause I didn't want anybody to think I was crazy 'cause I had never believed in things like this. But it definitely didn't have little green men with pointed ears.

CJC: Did you see anybody?

VL and BC: No we didn't see nobody... no.

CJC: Let me talk to Colby a minute. Colby, how old are you?

CL: Seven.

CJC: 'Kay... let's get a little bit closer here so we make sure we get down everything you're saying on this tape, OK?

CL: OK.

CJC: Now, why don't you tell me what you saw... that night.

CL: I don't know what it was, but all I know is it was some kind of object.

CJC: What color was it?

CL: Kinda yellowish-red.

CJC: Yellowish-red?... and uh... how long did you see it?

CL: Uh... for about... stayed there for about... 15 to 20 minutes.

CJC: OK, now what happened whenever you saw it?... what did you feel like?

CL: (pause)... I just... wondered what it was... sitting there wondering what it was.

CJC: What happened to your body when you looked at it?

CL: I didn't feel nothing until I got up the next morning.

CJC: What happened the next morning?

CL: I just had... bad virus.

CJC: Bad virus? Why don't you tell me what happened.... did you go to the bathroom... what happened when you went to the bathroom?

CL: Runny... it was all runny.

CJC: It was all runny? What about your stomach?

CL: It was just hurting real bad.

CJC: Did you throw up any?

CL: Uh... don't remember if I did or not.

CJC: What happened to your hair?

CL: Just a little... little bitty place started coming out.

CJC: Did you lose all of your hair or just part of it?

CL: Part of it.

CJC: OK.

CL: (continuing) ... not even part of it really, just that spot right there.

CJC: Right... The top of your head? .. right here, the crown?

CL: Uh huh....

CJC: (continuing) ... on the very tip-top part of your head? What about your eyes?

CL: They... every time I get in the pool, they start... getting real red.

CJC: The swimming pool? What happens to your skin when you get in the sunlight?

CL: Sunburned.

CJC: Does it burn real fast after you've been out there?, or do you have to be out for awhile?

CL: Have to be out there for about a hour or 30 minutes.

CJC: OK... what happened to your face whenever you... later on after you saw this thing in the sky... what happened to you?

CL: I don't remember,, it's been so long ago.

CJC: It's been what?, six months ago?... Did you have any problem with a blister on your side of your face?

CL: (pause)... yes... a little bit.

CJC: OK, what happened?

CL: They started popping ... uh... every time I got in the sun they'd pop.

CJC: OK. Are you sick anymore?

CL: Sometimes... this morning... my stomach was starting to hurt this morning... when I was eating... went to Dairy Queen to eat.

CJC: What about whenever you go to the bathroom? Do you still have problems with it being real soft?

CL: Mmmmmmm.

CJC: OK, alright. Thank you Colby... Um... regarding relative to Colby, have you had any expenses regarding his treatment?

VL: Nothing but his eyes, I've been doctoring him at home for the simple reason that um... see I always worked, and uh... when I got so I couldn't work anymore... on what my husband makes... he has a good job, compared to what, you know... not compared to what some people have, but his take home pay is \$243.00 a week, by the time we pay rent, bills and our car note and gas for him to go back and to work, there's very little left for groceries much less for medical bills... so I doctor him at home, or I don't doctor him, unless... if he was to get real real sick because they couldn't find out what was wrong with Betty, and I'm not going to put him through all this... all of that unless they come up with something that they can that they can doctor him with, without doctoring him for everything under the book.

CJC: Let me ask you, your relationship again... was just one of friends? or are y'all related by blood?

BC and VL: Friends...

VL: I was working after work, at a little place she had out on the... and we were moving, in the process of moving to a bigger place, and we were just out riding around, you know like friends do, and we run into this thing, and just like I wrote the uh... congress, and uh... way I feel, that if our government don't know what that was that hurt us... we're in a bad shape... because it had to be manmade.

CJC: Uh huh... why do you say it had to be manmade?

VL: Well, I don't think nobody... don't think there are any little green men out there to make one.

CJC: So you don't believe in life on other planets.

VL: I sure didn't.

CJC: OK... how about you Ms. Cash?

BC: I never have believed in it either.

CJC: OK. So its fair to say then, let me see if you agree with this, that you ah... saw this object in the sky and it was being accompanied by some helicopters which you believe to be from the United States Air Force.... and...

VL: (breaking in) I don't say it's from the Air Force... I didn't see no sign... no name on them or nothing, I was too busy, like said wish the baby, and when we stopped looking at them and everything, he was showing me, you know, the kind, and, but they had the twin rotaries on them, and when we had our um... aircraft day rodeo, there was one just like the one we saw that lit in Dayton with a load of uh... National Guard that was going to march in the parade that evening, and I went up there and talked to the helicopter... I mean I didn't say a word, we was just talking about uh... the shape of a helicopter and everything, it was just astonishing. And I said, do these things ever fly anymore? And he said we were called out the night of the 29th by the Harris county Sheriff's Department...

BC: Montgomery County... Montgomery County.

VL: Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, and when a certain person ah... confronted him with it, he told him that he had heard about the incident but they

wasn't called out. But that exactly what he told me, and I've got his autograph because of, you know, a little boy back up there, I got his autograph, and it's right there.

CJC: OK, Do you have that with you?

BC: Did I bring that with me?

VL: Yeah, I hope you did.

CJC: Why don't you give us everything that you brought with you that's related to this, ah... to what you saw, and if there's any way we can make copies of it then we'll give it a try to.

BC: (rummaging through things) I'm not sure that Don gave me that...

VL: Its in a red envelope... shoot... I didn't ask him for that, he told me that and then I guess he figured he'd said the wrong thing... but uh... that's not it... nope...

CTD: Is that a picture of the type of helicopter?

VL: What?

CTD: ... of the type of helicopter you saw?

VL and BC: No, this is one that they're gonna be bringing out in 1981.

VL: Have you got it?

BC: Huh?

VL: In your purse... it was in there, with those pictures.

BC: Somebody... I hope we didn't go off and leave it...

CL: Stay right here.

VL: We didn't bring yours?

BC: ... yeah, I got mine, in the car.

VL: Can I go outside and come back in?

CJC: Sure...

PW: Do you know your way out?

CJC: Ms. Landrum, come... OK...

VL: (leaving) ... I got my, uh...

BC: Wait, wait, wait, wait, here it is, here it is- (laughs)

CJC: (loudly calling out) She found... Ms. Landrum!

PW: I should be able to read the (unintelligible) on the machine.

CJC: OK, Miss Wolf, would you take the photographs that ah... she showed to us.

PW: (to BC and VL) May I take those that you brought here today?

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CJC: ... and ah... the documents.... I understand...

BC: ... (unintelligible) at home, I'm sorry... I'm not real proud of that one there...

VL: This is like...

CJC: I understand...

BC: I just got to pull my wig off about a month ago...

VL: This is like the helicopter that looked... and this is uh.. see this here? ...

CTD: Now you see that says Army National Guard....

VL: (breaking in) Well, I mean this... I've taken these pictures here by myself, 'cause I was wanting to satisfy, cause when this one started over... you know, Dayton, I was living right there the edge of Dayton, he like to had a fit because he thought that the thing was coming back to yet him.

CTD: Now you see, that says Army National Guard, and a big...

VL: Yeah but...

CTD: ... insignia of Texas....

VL: I know...

CTD: ... did you see that at all, was that on the...?

BC: (emphatic) No I did not!, because I was not in the city of Dayton at the time.

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VL: She didn't, She didn't see this one...

CTD: No, no, no, no....

CJC: Hold on a second... We were talking on about the night in question, the night you supposedly saw the object in the sky, the UFO.

BC: No, no.

VL: The only thing... I... the only thing I can tell you is that, to me they, they looked just like this, and I couldn't see nothing on them.

CJC: How were you able to count them at night?... did they...

VL: Well, like I say, I might have counted more or less, but I was saying: one, two, three, because they were coming, I mean, even when we got down there uh to the um, bank we could look back and there were some that were, were going like... they were going toward it. I mean some of them wasn't the double rotary type, some of them was the other type, I mean just a... like, you know they weren't quite as big, but what caught our eyes was the ones that had the double rotaries up there.

BC: They're weird looking.

CTD: OK...

VL: Well they really were!

CTD: The double rotary one was the one you saw "U.S. Air Force" on... ?
BC: Right.
CTD: ... and it... you did not remember seeing anything like... that looked like a silhouette of the State of Texas?
BC: No.
CJC: OK... Pat, see if we can make ah... copies of...
VL: (breaking in) Well, I mean, I don't care if you have those because the pilot told me that...
BC: (breaking in) Well I do... 'cause that one's mine.
VL: (to BC) No... what I'm talking about is I don't care if he has a copy.
BC: Oh... no I don't mind him having a copy.
CJC: OK... no, I'm going to give it back.
VL: But... ah... ah... he told me that and when I called this certain person... and uh... he said, try to get his autograph... and uh... when I said... look... the way I done it, I said well Lord be Hallelujah, somebody has really... up and... really somebody that, that really knew something was up there, you know, and he says: "what you mean?". And I said because we were the ones that were hurt that night. And then when this guy called, well he had just heard about it, he didn't...

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CTD: What does your husband do?
VL: He works at Richmond Tank Company at Shelby.
CTD: What's his job, what... ?
VL: He's a... um... he runs a... uh, uh, uh, now wait now, let me... um... (nervous laugh)... anyway...
CL: Brake.
VL: He did do brake work, and now they got him where ah, he's old enough where he just walks around a running the tests's on all the cars, they call it some kind of tests, you know, where they test the brakes, and if they any leaks, well then he tells somebody where its happening.
CTD: Does he have some type of medical insurance at all?
VL: Yes sir, but you can't get no doctor to help you get into the hospital or nothing.
CTD: But you did have some type of medical insurance.
VL: Oh, yes sir.
CTD: What about you? Did you work anyplace?

BC: I have Medicare.

CTD: OK. Did you work at that time anyplace?

BC: No, no I wasn't... the reason we was just out tooling around.

CTD: Are you retired, or ... ?

BC: No, I'm not retired, I'm just not able to go back to work.

VL: Well, she did have her own business.

BC: I had, well James did, I didn't, and I got a divorce.

CTD: OK, have you just gotten a divorce when this happened?

BC: Right.

CTD: 'Bout how long ago?

BC: Well, I had filed for it in January, or February, and I had gotten it in, what, July or August.

CJC: 1980?

BC: Yes... it was about six - seven months, when I got it.

CTD: And you got the business that you... you and your husband had?

BC: Closed it up.

CTD: You closed it up... what kind of business was it?

BC: It was a restaurant and a grocery store... couldn't make no money (nervous laugh).

CL: Can we go for ice cream?

CJC: OK, now I asked you earlier, uh... you came here because Senator Benson had recommended that you come here.

BC: Yes.

CJC: Is there anything in particular you hope to gain by coming and talking with um... us in the Air Force, to people in the Air Force?

BC: (emphatically) Sure! That's the main purpose we're here.

CJC: Alright, would you... this is again for you to tell me... why don't you tell me what you hope to gain, Ms. Cash.

BC: Well, I hope to find out what the object was, and what the purpose of it was, being there on the road at the time, and God forbid I don't ever want anything to happen to any of my family or my friends, even to you or your family, even to an animal to what I've had to go through. It would satisfy my mind to find out what it was and what it was doing there. I believe that our federal government... we've GOT to have secrets, let's face it, in a very severe time like we are going through right now...

CL: Who's supposed to protect us?

BC: ...but things that hurt the American people, then I think it's time they should be stopped.

CJC: OK, Ms. Landrum, what is your hopes or aspirations with coming and talking with us today?

BC: Well, that's what I'm hoping for, there has to be an answer somewhere, you know?...

CL: Right.

VL: ... And what better place is it than a part of the government, because they're supposed to protect us anyway, right? Because my husband went over there and fought for two and a half years... he got two purple hearts out of the deal, and if you're not protected, what did he go over there for?

CJC: OK. Alright, now I'll have to confirm what, ah... I think it's... Representative Williamson said: that since 1969 the Air Force no longer has been made... has been the responsible agency to investigate UFO sightings... some of the history that the Congressman told you is correct... ah... before 1969 there was a Project Bluebook... which Project Bluebook basically was just to keep up with all the sightings... all incidents where individuals had seen UFOs and what had happened. In 1969, that was one of the things that Congress said that the Air Force will not do anymore. Then in 1974 - 1975, the President of the United States at that time recommended that NASA, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration see if it would serve any national interest to reopen Project Bluebook with the idea of researching UFOs and occurrences as they happen in the United States. It was the response back of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration that they not reopen Project Bluebook. Now the reason I'm telling you this is that once you tell you me your story today, I am without any power at all to do anything here a this level...

BC: (agitated) Well now, what can we do?

CJC: OK... Alright... just let me say I'm not, can I get in the position of advising you to do one (chuckle) thing or another, but let me just tell you that, other than hearing your story, I have nobody to refer it to higher than this base here, with the exception of the agency of the Air Force that used to investigate UFO sightings and keep up with it. Now that office I'll be more than happy to forward a brief report of what happened today and what you told us and it will be up to them to determine whether or not they will take any action with respect to it. Ms. Cash, Ms. Landrum, I do not know...

VL: (very agitated) Where... but where do we go?...

CJC: Well...

VL: (very agitated) What do we do?

CTD: Did you get a letter that mentions the National Archives, and the organizations that investigate UFOs?... that you said you got from Charles Wilson, I believe?... do you have that?

VL: No, I, I turned it over and wrote him a letter back.

CTD: But do you have the letter he sent to you?

VL: Huh?... No, I turned it over and wrote him a letter on the back side of it...

CTD: OK...

VL: ... and sent it back to him

CJC: Ms. Landrum, the situation is this, at one time, the federal government investigated these claims, complaints of what happened, but there are such... there's such a large number of private organizations like you've already been in contact with that also have started investigating, that Congress has essentially said that it serves no useful purpose to have all these private organizations investigating it and have the United States Government investigate it as well. Now, in other words there'd be no value in doing two reports and if these separate companies or groups that investigate UFO sightings can do a good job investigating it then there's really no need for the Air Force or for the Army or anybody else to investigate it as well. Now it sounds that you have generated quite a bit of interest from these other groups, I know that this gentleman that called and talked with you, also you're going to meet with some other people, and there was a scientist that said that he wanted to keep your fingernail clippings to subject them to some tests... Ah... I can give you an address of the agency in Washington that used to investigate these complaints and they will send you back a package of private organization such as those you've been in contact with already...(unintelligible, covered by:)

VL: (breaking in) Well, we've only been in contact with one.

CJC: OK, I cannot sit here and say how many there are or where they're located...

VL: (breaking in, agitated) Look!... I mean... AH...

CJC: ... (continuing) and they will send you an effective package of people to contact and, you know, maybe even want to yet in contact with you regarding what happened to you, and see what's to be done...

VL: To put it point blank, what we thought maybe you could give us an answer of where to go from here, or what to do, because I'm gonna find the answer...

CJC: Well as I said...

VL: (continuing) ... it might take me a lifetime but I intend to find it.

CJC: Well, my intentions are in no way to frustrate you if I can help you... (unintelligible, covered by:)

VL: (breaking in) You know what I mean though...

CJC: Yes, I understand...

VL: ... because I'm gonna find the answer, and it had to be something the government had up there, you know, and I intend to find it.

CJC: Well, what I'm going suggest is this... we will prepare a report, and again, it'll be nothing more than just a letter saying that we met with you today, and that we have copies of the tape recordings of our conversation as well as Xerox copies of, you know, what we were able to copy at the time, and we'll forward this to this agency in Washington that formerly investigated it, it will have to be up to them whether to contact you to further to... to open up a special investigation into it, or to correspond with you directly, but that is the only thing I can do for you at this time.

BC: Well, who is responsible for us being injured?

CJC: (pause)... I'm afraid I can't answer that, again, I, you know... based upon the story that you said, you know, maybe you would like to consult a civilian attorney and see what action he'd like to take to with respect to that, relative to whether or not I can confirm or deny that I do not have that ability, nor do I have that knowledge, as to whether or not it in fact occurred.

VL: We just thought we might be get some answers if we came up here, and I guess we drove (chuckle) all that far for nothing.

CJC: Well, I can assure you...

BC: Well, it was a clear try, I mean they've been nice, and I appreciate it.

VL: I know, I really appreciate it, but I don't want no more uh, uh... investigators having me go over the deal, because uh... the thing about is I was hypnotized, I have the tape if they want to hear the tape, that's fine, but I don't intend to go through it anymore.

CJC: I understand. Well I can assure you that a bunch of lawyers...

VL: (breaking in) I don't, I don't, and there's a lot of quacks, there really is, that's uh... supposed to be big UFO dealers and wheelers, and they're not after hunting the truth, they after something... proving something that's unreal, and it's... what was up there was real, it hurt us, it wasn't outer space either.

BC: And they're out for a story. And once they make their few dollars off their stories, which is not true nine times out of ten, parts of it, I can say may be, if you're fortunate, but uh... they misconstrue it quite often too.

CJC: Well, sometimes they're out to make a sensational story, they'll get people to buy their publication, to read it, but my interest in this is, you know, I have no intentions of making any type of report to the newspaper or anything, I will do exactly as...

BC: (at same time as CJC above:) Right... right, right.

VL: Don't put that on his arm, it would hurt him probably.

CJC: That's OK, I got a little boy just about your age myself... Ah... my intentions are to hear what you had to say this morning and to try to yet it into an agency of the Air Force or portion of the Air Force that could help you. I must be frank with you and tell you that I know of no such part of the Air Force that today investigates these complaints but, on your behalf, I will forward it on to that

agency and say, look this is what these people reported to me. I give it to you to decide if you want to do something with it or not, if you want to do something with it then fine, but, you know, unfortunately Senator Benson in referring you here... we're an agency that has not investigated UFO sightings in almost eleven years. And then we were, in effect, told by the Congress and the President that we would not be doing that anymore.

BC: Well, he didn't tell me to come here for you to investigate UFO, he said to come here to file a claim.

CJC: OK, now if you wish to file a claim, we can help you in that respect.

VL: That's why (unintelligible)... that's what we want to do.

CJC: OK, if you wish to do that... Miss Wolf... we have the documents and the paperwork to assist you in getting started along those lines, but I must tell you at the beginning, OK, in as much that I am a government attorney as is Captain Davis... we cannot provide you with legal advice...

VL: Well, we don't need any legal advice.

CJC: ... the claims forms are the forms which, and they're self explanatory...

VL: ... 'Cause, we have the proof, and when you have the proof, you don't need legal advice.

CJC: Well... that's... that's true, I'm sure... but anyhow, the ah... the forms are self explanatory, Miss Wolf will give them to you and if you wish to go ahead and file a claim, then, you know we'll process it in that respect, OK? Now let me ask you, do you wish that I go forward with this information to Washington?

BC: (emphatically) Sure!

CJC: ... or that I hold it back and attach it to your claim?

BC: Well, send it on in.

VL: Either way, either way, (unintelligible)... the better I'd like it. It doesn't make any difference to me.

CJC: OK. Again, my intentions in talking with you today was to find out as much as possible about what happened...

VL: (breaking in) And we appreciate it, because ah... ah, we've been trying for seven, almost eight months now... ah to get answers which we get pieces, a little here, a little there till, um... its pretty well... like a puzzle you're putting together.. and... we gonna get it together... it's gonna be fit together.

CTD: We suggest that ah... you get advice from a civilian attorney about filling out your claim forms and filing a claim.

BC: OK.

CJC: Primarily so that whenever you go to process it, or once it's submitted that everything you need to have is there, and all the things you may be claiming against are attached to the claims document, and we have everything, you know,

to go by... now I'm sure they'll require some written statement as to what happened to you, and if you'd like, you can reference the conversation that we had today... ah... but I'll assure you that it'll be given the same consideration as any other claim that is made against the government, as far as to determining whether or not it's a claim that the United States Government should pay, and, you know, it'll be treated with, you know, the same type of consideration that we give the others... Captain Davis, would you like to explain to them the claims procedure?

CTD: OK, we got enough for both of 'em?

PW: Um hum.

CJC: ... have to be one for each of you... one for Colby, one for Eunice Cash, one for Eunice Landrum.

CTD: ... And you'll need two... and you'll need... The forms are self-explanatory, but you'll need to sign 'em, all this original and like I said, you may want to consult with a civilian attorney to yet the best advice on what to do ... but uh ... the claim forms are really self-explanatory.

VL: OK.

CL: I want to sign.

CJC: I think you'll have to wait a few years before you'll know how.

VL: If you wouldn't mind, (unintelligible) here's our address, you can just mail it to Dayton.

CTD: ... Dayton is in our...

VL: (unintelligible)

BC: I appreciate you taking your time to listen, because you would be surprised that we have... of the people... the doctors even, that don't want to treat a person if they think you've had radiation burns. You would be surprised, and if you doubt me, get 'em and try to get a physician to test you.

CJC: I'm sure I'll take your word for it, Ms. Cash.

BC: (laughs)

CTD: Your name begins with a "C", C-A-S-H?

BC: Right.

CTD: OK.

CJC: OK... I'm glad you came by here today, and again my intentions are to help you in any way I can from the standpoint of getting you channeled into the right Air Force Agency, I also have the obligation to tell you that we have no such agency to investigate or to find out from it, and I must tell you that as well, 'cause I don't have the authority here to create one...

BC: (breaking in) Right...

VL: (breaking in) If you can't find a good one, just throw it in the garbage.

BC: (laughs)

CJC: We won't do that, we'll keep it for sure...

BC: ...because we've had enough of these...

PW: We will need to have these forms filled out, in the original and two carbon copies, but you'll have to sign all three copies, Ok?... and as for your son here, since you're his legal guardian you will sign...

BC: Fill each form with two carbon copies?

PW: Yes ma'am... Un huh... Put the two carbons in and just fill out the one form and it'll come through, but do sign each one.

CJC: OK, thank you very much for coming by.

BC: Well thank you, I'm sorry that we took up your time, but we had to get...

CJC: My time is your time.

VL: That's the reason I was hypnotized, because, I mean, I, I, I knew I wasn't lying, and I did it because I wanted these other people to know I wasn't lying, so ah....

CJC: OK, if you would please, ah... just so that... since we referenced it in our conversation, the letter from Senator Benson, if you would you please let us have it...

BC: Surely.

CJC: ... you know, it would give us a document...

VL: I appreciate him sending it to me, it's more than we could get out of anybody else... so I really appreciated him taking up his time.

CJC: OK, well we certainly appreciate you coming by... do you-all need any help in getting off base, or anything?

VL: No, I think we can make it.

BC: We found it. (laughs)

VL: The only thing is terrible my eyes are bad and I can hardly see how to drive, and she... her being in the hospital and everything, she forgot she had a birthday, and when she was sick down here a while ago she got expired driver's license!

BC: Oh dear! (laughs)

VL: Well, I guess I'll have to drive back today...

VL and BC: (Both together laughing and joking about driving home)

BC: ... Unless I go downtown and get my driver's license...

VL: (breaking in) Reckon she could yet 'em down here?

CJC: Oh, yes, there are several places here and they'll make them for you while you wait, there's one down on, what is that? (unintelligible), isn't that a big testing center there?

VL: She really needs to drive me back.

BC: Yes, because (unintelligible, laughing)

CL: (talking about driving)

VL: You don't want Betty a driving with an expired driver's license.

CJC: Well, thank you...

BC: (laughing)

VL: ... Betty, got her shook up, she give up... turned left on right hand signal right down there, (laughs).

CJC: Thank you ma'am, y'all have a good day.

CTD: Thank you ma'am.

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