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- T: I have a young man who has had an interesting experience when he was much younger. He will identify himself so we can contact him if we need to for answers about some things I forgot to ask.
- W: My name is Evaristo Villegas. I live here in Sterling. 1611 Griswold. 61081.
- T: About when was this? What year?
- W: Oh, I want to say back in 1970. I was about 9 years old.
- T: How old are you now?
- W: Thirty. I just turned 30 Wednesday. And it really freaked me out. I was about 9 years old. I was standing outside, hot summer day. We just got called in for supper and I was standing in front of my dad's wagon. And between the wagon and the garage came a real small like...looked like a little rocket. Me being a young boy, I grabbed onto it, you know, and it just kept making a humming noise. I could feel heat coming out the back, but when I touched it, it didn't burn me. And no faster than a human walk. I remember I kept hearing my mom in the background, calling me to come have dinner. Finally I let it go. It wouldn't stop when I grabbed it. And it just kept going and went all the way across the field and then out of my eyesight. And I know I'll never forget that. Until this day I tell people about it, my friends, and they laugh at me.
- T: Would you describe its size and shape?
- W: Oh, I want to say about maybe four foot long, maybe two foot wide. It looked just like a miniature rocket to me. And I was fascinated by it.
- T: Did it have fins?
- W: Yes. It had fins that I grabbed on. I can't remember how many, but I know I grabbed on each side of one. And I never knew nothing about UFOs at this time. Now that I've grown up, I look back on my childhood and I know for certain that that's what I seen. Because never to this day have I seen anything like it or heard the sound that I heard. It was like a humming but a hissing, in between, it's hard to explain. You'd have to hear it to understand it.
- T: You were at the back of it when you grabbed it, apparently.
- W: Yeah, it came right in front of me. It came right in front of me and it just kept going and I was just amazed by it. I grabbed it.
- T: When you grabbed it, did you slow it down at all?
- W: No.
- T: It kept right on going.

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W: It pulled me and I kept holding on to it, and then I think it was the third time that my mom . . . my mother, she called me for dinner and I knew better. And I let go of it, and I just watched it go into the distance. And it amazed me.

T: Describe its color.

W: It was white. It was off white, and it had no markings or nothing. It just made that humming noise. I could feel the heat in the back but it didn't burn me when I touched it.

T: Was the shape of the body of the object, was it something like a cylinder? Or like a rectangle box, or...

W: Oh, it more like a tube, like. Like a little rocket, but it had these weird looking fins at the end. It was...hard to explain.

T: At the front of it, did it have a point or was it blunt? And flat.

W: I want to say like not more, kind of like a point but like an oval. Nothing really pointy-pointy, like jagged, but it was rounded.

T: Did you see anything that you might refer to as an opening anywhere on the object?

W: No. When that went by me, it was just one clear off-white, round, tubular-like.

T: Completely covered.

W: Yeah, and it just amazed me because I thought it was a toy at first, you know, being young and all. And I grabbed it and it just kept going. The force of it was so strong it just...it wouldn't stop and I was holding it and trying to pull back on it, and it was pulling me. And there was no cut in my hands or nothing, I just...I was amazed. And then I seen that and I never knew what it was and I was being a kid, and nowadays you see all this stuff on TV and markings and sightings. And I tell myself, I look back on my childhood and I go that's got to be exactly what I witnessed and felt. It just eats at me today, that I know.

T: Did you see anything coming out of the back of it that would have been a source of force to keep it going? Smoke or anything?

W: No . No, that's what I look back at today, and I look back into my mind and I try to say to myself. I can remember the noise, just to hear the noise made me believe. If I'd a been a blind man, just to hear that noise, the humming of it. And I was looking at the back of it and it was blank and I could feel the heat but I couldn't see nothing like red fire or nothing. It just amazed me. And it just kept going. I was just amazed. To this day I know what I seen now.

T: What work do you do?

W: I'm a tree surgeon.