

IN-FLIGHT (EXTRACT)

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FADE IN:

EXT. RESEARCH FACILITY - ESSEX ESTUARY (ENGLAND) - DAY (1975)

SUPER: RESEARCH FACILITY, ESSEX. 1975

Summer. Clear sky above a perimeter fence. Beyond it, a dome-like observatory protrudes through the top of a two story building that stands in stark contrast to its rural backdrop of estuary and dunes.

Closer, on a bench outside the building, bespectacled PROFESSOR TIM FYNES (40) eats his pack lunch as he watches...

FYNES' POV: A yacht on the estuary struggling against the wind.

Fynes reaches down for another sandwich. As he looks up...

FYNES' POV: The yacht has disappeared.

Confused, he stands. An unfinished sandwich hangs from his mouth. Suddenly aware, he runs inside with terrified look.

INT. RESEARCH FACILITY - DAY (1975)

The same look as Fynes sprints down the corridor. He turns a corner. Ahead of him, the closed doors of the...

INT. DOME CONTROL AREA - RESEARCH FACILITY - DAY

Below the hi-tech gadgetry and elevated circle of large steel plates, a twenty-strong TEAM OF TECHNICIANS stand motionless as they stare up into the dome.

Fynes bursts into the room. The doors BANG open but nothing distracts the TECHNICIANS from their upward stare. As Fynes tracks their gaze, his mouth drops open as he sees it too.

EXT. SCHIPHOL AIRPORT - AMSTERDAM - DAY (1975)

Aircraft taxi on and off the runway at the busy airport

INT. AIRPORT TERMINAL - SCHIPHOL (AMSTERDAM) - DAY (1975)

Clean-cut airline captain ROBERT CAVE (35) holds a pay phone receiver to his ear as copilot PAUL KNIGHT (27) waits impatiently beside him.

CAVE  
Won't take long.