



1
00:00:04,430 --> 00:00:02,990
my name is Robert Salas contrary to what

2
00:00:06,590 --> 00:00:04,440
it says on the card I was not a

3
00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:06,600
lieutenant colonel in the Air Force I

4
00:00:10,669 --> 00:00:09,120
was in the Air Force active duty after I

5
00:00:15,169 --> 00:00:10,679
graduated from the Air Force Academy in

6
00:00:19,330 --> 00:00:15,179
1964 until 1971 and separated as a

7
00:00:22,250 --> 00:00:19,340
captain and uh March of

8
00:00:24,130 --> 00:00:22,260
1967. I was stationed at Malmstrom Air

9
00:00:27,170 --> 00:00:24,140
Force Base Montana

10
00:00:29,470 --> 00:00:27,180
as a missile launch officer

11
00:00:36,110 --> 00:00:29,480
Minuteman missiles

12
00:00:37,970 --> 00:00:36,120
on an early morning of March 16 1967. I

13
00:00:40,430 --> 00:00:37,980

got a call from my security guard

14

00:00:42,069 --> 00:00:40,440

primary security guard upstairs

15

00:00:45,010 --> 00:00:42,079

we had about

16

00:00:49,549 --> 00:00:45,020

six as I recall

17

00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:49,559

flight security Airmen upstairs I was

18

00:00:53,650 --> 00:00:52,320

downstairs 60 feet underground in a

19

00:00:57,729 --> 00:00:53,660

capsule

20

00:01:00,430 --> 00:00:57,739

monitoring and controlling 10 nuclear

21

00:01:03,369 --> 00:01:00,440

tipped Minuteman missiles

22

00:01:05,690 --> 00:01:03,379

I got a call at morning

23

00:01:08,690 --> 00:01:05,700

that they were seeing strange lights

24

00:01:12,649 --> 00:01:08,700

flying in the sky uh

25

00:01:14,330 --> 00:01:12,659

I disregarded that call I told him to

26
00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:14,340
I'm gonna call me when something more

27
00:01:19,490 --> 00:01:17,360
significant happened I got another call

28
00:01:22,130 --> 00:01:19,500
subsequent to that call

29
00:01:25,010 --> 00:01:22,140
and this time it was a more intense tone

30
00:01:27,469 --> 00:01:25,020
in the in the guards voice is very

31
00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:27,479
clearly very frightened

32
00:01:34,850 --> 00:01:31,920
um he said there was a uh a bright

33
00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:34,860
glowing red object hovering outside the

34
00:01:40,190 --> 00:01:38,880
front gate it was oval shaped he had all

35
00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:40,200
the other guards out there with their

36
00:01:44,030 --> 00:01:42,479
weapons drawn right after that call I

37
00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:44,040
woke up my commander who was on a rest

38
00:01:51,410 --> 00:01:46,560

period uh

39

00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:51,420

Fred meywald a retired Colonel now

40

00:01:56,510 --> 00:01:54,720

and told him about the phone calls as I

41

00:01:58,690 --> 00:01:56,520

was telling about the phone calls my

42

00:02:01,789 --> 00:01:58,700

weapons started going down

43

00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:01,799

one after the other they went into a

44

00:02:07,029 --> 00:02:03,600

no-go condition what we call no-go

45

00:02:12,850 --> 00:02:11,089

we lost somewhere between uh six and

46

00:02:15,589 --> 00:02:12,860

eight weapons that morning

47

00:02:18,170 --> 00:02:15,599

within minutes of having received that

48

00:02:19,850 --> 00:02:18,180

second phone call of a UFO hovering

49

00:02:23,390 --> 00:02:19,860

outside the front gate

50

00:02:28,910 --> 00:02:25,309

again that morning we were after

51
00:02:31,490 --> 00:02:28,920
reporting it to the command post we were

52
00:02:33,949 --> 00:02:31,500
informed that a similar very similar

53
00:02:36,670 --> 00:02:33,959
incident happened at Echo flight

54
00:02:39,410 --> 00:02:36,680
I was at Oscar flight

55
00:02:41,570 --> 00:02:39,420
they lost all 10 of their weapons and

56
00:02:44,509 --> 00:02:41,580
under similar circumstances very similar

57
00:02:46,330 --> 00:02:44,519
circumstances where UFOs were cited over

58
00:02:49,550 --> 00:02:46,340
the launch facilities

59
00:02:51,470 --> 00:02:49,560
they had they had maintenance Crews and

60
00:02:53,930 --> 00:02:51,480
security crews out there that had spent

61
00:02:58,009 --> 00:02:53,940
the night and they were reporting UFOs

62
00:03:04,250 --> 00:03:01,610
and the commander of that flight was

63
00:03:07,250 --> 00:03:04,260

Eric Carlson he's

64

00:03:12,530 --> 00:03:07,260

he also separated as a captain and the

65

00:03:16,250 --> 00:03:12,540

deputy Commander was a Walt feagle

66

00:03:17,690 --> 00:03:16,260

uh as an Lieutenant Colonel

67

00:03:20,690 --> 00:03:17,700

um

68

00:03:22,970 --> 00:03:20,700

we have those witnesses that I just

69

00:03:25,130 --> 00:03:22,980

mentioned the names I just mentioned are

70

00:03:28,089 --> 00:03:25,140

have have spoken of this event before

71

00:03:31,390 --> 00:03:28,099

and they will back up this story

72

00:03:34,550 --> 00:03:31,400

we also have documentation

73

00:03:36,610 --> 00:03:34,560

that I received through foa requests

74

00:03:40,670 --> 00:03:36,620

from the Air Force

75

00:03:43,729 --> 00:03:40,680

outlining the echo flight incident and

76

00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:43,739

including in in that documentation a

77

00:03:48,009 --> 00:03:45,480

reference to UFOs

78

00:03:52,149 --> 00:03:48,019

we have a

79

00:03:56,930 --> 00:03:52,159

telexes uh covering this incident

80

00:03:58,729 --> 00:03:56,940

and in one telx it it says the fact that

81

00:04:01,550 --> 00:03:58,739

no apparent reason for the loss of 10

82

00:04:03,229 --> 00:04:01,560

missiles can be readily identified is

83

00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:03,239

cause for grave concern to this

84

00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:05,040

headquarters

85

00:04:13,690 --> 00:04:11,280

we've received we've got those telexes

86

00:04:17,229 --> 00:04:13,700

I've got about 12 Witnesses that'll

87

00:04:19,729 --> 00:04:17,239

verify parts of this story

88

00:04:23,210 --> 00:04:19,739

including um

89

00:04:25,550 --> 00:04:23,220

of a man who investigated the incident

90

00:04:27,110 --> 00:04:25,560

afterwards for the Air Force

91

00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:27,120

and you'll hear a little bit more about

92

00:04:34,189 --> 00:04:30,080

that within from the next Witness

93

00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:34,199

and also uh

94

00:04:39,969 --> 00:04:37,680

another guard that witnessed the UFO in

95

00:04:43,550 --> 00:04:39,979

that same time period and another

96

00:04:48,490 --> 00:04:43,560

officer who retired full colonel

97

00:04:52,850 --> 00:04:50,990

ancillary to that

98

00:04:55,249 --> 00:04:52,860

excuse me I've got the complete report

99

00:04:56,689 --> 00:04:55,259

on a Minot North Dakota incident that

100

00:04:59,689 --> 00:04:56,699

was Minot Air Force Base North Dakota

101
00:05:04,010 --> 00:04:59,699
which happened in August of 1966 very

102
00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:04,020
similar UFO cited over uh missile silos

103
00:05:08,689 --> 00:05:06,960
and also a UFO incident that was that

104
00:05:11,390 --> 00:05:08,699
was investigated by the Air Force

105
00:05:13,670 --> 00:05:11,400
immediately after our incident within a

106
00:05:15,230 --> 00:05:13,680
week I'm willing to testify to the truth

107
00:05:17,090 --> 00:05:15,240
of all these matters that I've spoken

108
00:05:19,610 --> 00:05:17,100
about this in front of Congress under

109
00:05:22,330 --> 00:05:19,620
oath the event the

110
00:05:27,390 --> 00:05:22,340
incident I guess I'd I call it happened

111
00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:27,400
on the morning of March 16 1967.

112
00:05:31,370 --> 00:05:28,680
[Music]

113
00:05:34,070 --> 00:05:31,380

I was on duty along with my commander

114

00:05:36,370 --> 00:05:34,080

Fred bywald we were both on duty at

115

00:05:39,469 --> 00:05:36,380

Oscar flight

116

00:05:43,070 --> 00:05:39,479

was part of the 490th Strategic missile

117

00:05:45,230 --> 00:05:43,080

Squadron there are five

118

00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:45,240

launch control facilities assigned to

119

00:05:50,270 --> 00:05:47,520

that particular Squadron he will leave

120

00:05:52,570 --> 00:05:50,280

Mike November Oscar okay here's echo

121

00:05:57,170 --> 00:05:52,580

echo launch control facility is located

122

00:06:00,890 --> 00:05:57,180

uh or some 30 miles north of Lewiston

123

00:06:04,010 --> 00:06:00,900

Oscar was another 30 or 40 miles east of

124

00:06:06,409 --> 00:06:04,020

Lewiston November just south of Lewiston

125

00:06:08,510 --> 00:06:06,419

we were at Oscar flight it was still

126

00:06:11,150 --> 00:06:08,520

dark out of course we're 60 feet

127

00:06:12,529 --> 00:06:11,160

underground and there's no way we can

128

00:06:14,330 --> 00:06:12,539

see out

129

00:06:17,290 --> 00:06:14,340

but uh

130

00:06:20,990 --> 00:06:17,300

as I recall it was early in the morning

131

00:06:22,189 --> 00:06:21,000

and I got a I received a call from my

132

00:06:25,390 --> 00:06:22,199

top side

133

00:06:27,590 --> 00:06:25,400

uh security guard who's the

134

00:06:29,930 --> 00:06:27,600

light security controller I think we

135

00:06:31,370 --> 00:06:29,940

call them FSC

136

00:06:34,490 --> 00:06:31,380

uh

137

00:06:37,070 --> 00:06:34,500

and he said that he and some of the

138

00:06:39,409 --> 00:06:37,080

guards have been observing some strange

139

00:06:41,930 --> 00:06:39,419

lights flying

140

00:06:44,150 --> 00:06:41,940

around the site around the launch

141

00:06:45,830 --> 00:06:44,160

control facility

142

00:06:48,050 --> 00:06:45,840

um

143

00:06:51,650 --> 00:06:48,060

and he said they were acting very

144

00:06:55,730 --> 00:06:51,660

unusual just flying around

145

00:06:57,890 --> 00:06:55,740

and I said well you mean UFO I think I

146

00:07:01,189 --> 00:06:57,900

use that word uh

147

00:07:02,570 --> 00:07:01,199

you mean like UFOs and you say well he

148

00:07:04,070 --> 00:07:02,580

said he couldn't

149

00:07:05,809 --> 00:07:04,080

he didn't know what they were but they

150

00:07:07,969 --> 00:07:05,819

were lights they were flying around and

151

00:07:09,770 --> 00:07:07,979

they were they weren't airplanes they

152

00:07:11,629 --> 00:07:09,780

weren't making any noise they were not

153

00:07:13,129 --> 00:07:11,639

helicopters they were making some very

154

00:07:15,409 --> 00:07:13,139

strange

155

00:07:18,230 --> 00:07:15,419

uh maneuvers

156

00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:18,240

and he couldn't explain them

157

00:07:24,710 --> 00:07:23,039

well I told him uh yeah you know I I

158

00:07:25,730 --> 00:07:24,720

just kind of shook my head and just said

159

00:07:27,529 --> 00:07:25,740

well

160

00:07:29,870 --> 00:07:27,539

call me if anything more important that

161

00:07:32,270 --> 00:07:29,880

happens you know I basically and we just

162

00:07:37,129 --> 00:07:32,280

ended the conversation

163

00:07:39,890 --> 00:07:37,139

uh it wasn't more than uh well within it

164

00:07:41,870 --> 00:07:39,900

in a few minutes I'd say uh maybe half

165

00:07:43,909 --> 00:07:41,880

hour later

166

00:07:46,430 --> 00:07:43,919

he calls back and this time he's very

167

00:07:49,370 --> 00:07:46,440

frightened I can tell by the tone of his

168

00:07:51,529 --> 00:07:49,380

voice he's he's very Shook Up

169

00:07:55,010 --> 00:07:51,539

and said sir there's a

170

00:07:57,950 --> 00:07:55,020

there's a glowing red object hovering

171

00:08:00,830 --> 00:07:57,960

rights outside the front gate

172

00:08:02,450 --> 00:08:00,840

and I'll show you what a what where the

173

00:08:04,430 --> 00:08:02,460

gate might be located but he's got a

174

00:08:08,450 --> 00:08:04,440

where he's located he's got a large

175

00:08:10,189 --> 00:08:08,460

picture window of the front gate and he

176

00:08:12,170 --> 00:08:10,199

said I'm looking at it right now it's a

177

00:08:14,870 --> 00:08:12,180

glowing red object I've got all the men

178

00:08:17,390 --> 00:08:14,880

out here with her weapons drawn uh and

179

00:08:19,850 --> 00:08:17,400

of course he was All Shook Up while he

180

00:08:21,830 --> 00:08:19,860

was telling me this he was very excited

181

00:08:23,869 --> 00:08:21,840

I didn't know what to make of it you

182

00:08:25,909 --> 00:08:23,879

know but he wanted me to give him

183

00:08:26,629 --> 00:08:25,919

instructions or orders tell him what to

184

00:08:28,249 --> 00:08:26,639

do

185

00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:28,259

and uh

186

00:08:33,730 --> 00:08:31,199

I think I said something like make sure

187

00:08:35,690 --> 00:08:33,740

the perimeter fence is secure

188

00:08:38,269 --> 00:08:35,700

uh

189

00:08:40,370 --> 00:08:38,279

and then and then he said right away he

190

00:08:43,190 --> 00:08:40,380

said I've got to go through one of the

191

00:08:45,889 --> 00:08:43,200

guards has become injured he hung up

192

00:08:47,150 --> 00:08:45,899

hung up

193

00:08:48,949 --> 00:08:47,160

um

194

00:08:51,170 --> 00:08:48,959

I immediately went over to my commander

195

00:08:54,290 --> 00:08:51,180

who was taking a nap we have a little

196

00:08:57,650 --> 00:08:54,300

cut down there he's in a rest period

197

00:09:00,710 --> 00:08:57,660

and uh I was telling him about the

198

00:09:03,230 --> 00:09:00,720

telephone call we just received then and

199

00:09:05,389 --> 00:09:03,240

as I was relating this to him

200

00:09:06,889 --> 00:09:05,399

our missile started shutting down one by

201
00:09:08,990 --> 00:09:06,899
one

202
00:09:09,949 --> 00:09:09,000
by shutting down I meant they went into

203
00:09:28,130 --> 00:09:09,959
a

204
00:09:31,070 --> 00:09:28,140
the time it seemed like every one of

205
00:09:33,710 --> 00:09:31,080
them shut down but later in

206
00:09:35,750 --> 00:09:33,720
in recalling this this incident with my

207
00:09:37,850 --> 00:09:35,760
commander mywald uh

208
00:09:41,210 --> 00:09:37,860
uh he said he he thought we only lost

209
00:09:44,150 --> 00:09:41,220
about maybe maybe seven or eight of

210
00:09:47,509 --> 00:09:44,160
these weapons went down into a no-go

211
00:09:49,190 --> 00:09:47,519
condition these weapons are Minuteman uh

212
00:09:51,769 --> 00:09:49,200
one missiles

213
00:09:54,050 --> 00:09:51,779

these were

214

00:09:55,490 --> 00:09:54,060

of course nuclear nuclear tip nuclear

215

00:09:58,130 --> 00:09:55,500

warhead missiles

216

00:10:00,650 --> 00:09:58,140

the weapons here

217

00:10:03,769 --> 00:10:00,660

so they started shutting down and

218

00:10:06,110 --> 00:10:03,779

immediately he gets up and we both start

219

00:10:08,930 --> 00:10:06,120

querying the uh

220

00:10:11,750 --> 00:10:08,940

the status board we've got the ability

221

00:10:14,570 --> 00:10:11,760

to query and and determine what the

222

00:10:16,550 --> 00:10:14,580

cause of the shutdowns were as I recall

223

00:10:20,269 --> 00:10:16,560

most of them were guidance and control

224

00:10:25,250 --> 00:10:23,990

and then he he started reporting to the

225

00:10:28,430 --> 00:10:25,260

command post

226
00:10:30,650 --> 00:10:28,440
and in the meantime I called upstairs to

227
00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:30,660
find out what the status was

228
00:10:36,170 --> 00:10:33,600
of this object

229
00:10:39,710 --> 00:10:36,180
try to and the guard said well the

230
00:10:44,410 --> 00:10:41,870
it just

231
00:10:46,790 --> 00:10:44,420
just left at high speed

232
00:10:49,430 --> 00:10:46,800
I asked I asked him what the object

233
00:10:50,750 --> 00:10:49,440
looked like and all he could say there

234
00:10:52,550 --> 00:10:50,760
was a

235
00:10:56,210 --> 00:10:52,560
General

236
00:10:58,610 --> 00:10:56,220
oval shape but it was it was it was

237
00:11:01,730 --> 00:10:58,620
glowing red it was glowing a reddish

238
00:11:04,790 --> 00:11:01,740

orange around the object and it was

239

00:11:06,530 --> 00:11:04,800

generally oval shaped but he said it was

240

00:11:12,110 --> 00:11:06,540

very hard to distinguish any any

241

00:11:18,170 --> 00:11:14,389

well he said it was hovering right over

242

00:11:21,470 --> 00:11:18,180

the fence and to me it's that would have

243

00:11:23,210 --> 00:11:21,480

been within about I think 30 feet away

244

00:11:25,569 --> 00:11:23,220

from him

245

00:11:27,829 --> 00:11:25,579

the fence was maybe eight feet high

246

00:11:30,470 --> 00:11:27,839

there is another incident that happened

247

00:11:34,610 --> 00:11:30,480

just within a week of this week after

248

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:34,620

where there were radar reports and quite

249

00:11:38,750 --> 00:11:37,200

a few more witnesses

250

00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:38,760

the Air Force did an extensive

251
00:11:45,949 --> 00:11:41,839
investigation of the entire incident and

252
00:11:49,490 --> 00:11:45,959
was not able to come up with a probable

253
00:11:52,670 --> 00:11:49,500
cause for the shutdowns

254
00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:52,680
and I've got quite a few Witnesses

255
00:11:56,329 --> 00:11:54,959
that'll testify to that we've got a

256
00:11:57,949 --> 00:11:56,339
couple of

257
00:11:59,389 --> 00:11:57,959
people who worked on the investigative

258
00:12:00,110 --> 00:11:59,399
team

259
00:12:03,949 --> 00:12:00,120
um

260
00:12:06,170 --> 00:12:03,959
and uh I've got correspondence from the

261
00:12:07,730 --> 00:12:06,180
fellow that actually organized the

262
00:12:11,030 --> 00:12:07,740
investigative team

263
00:12:12,670 --> 00:12:11,040

and there was no viable explanation for

264

00:12:17,870 --> 00:12:12,680

this

265

00:12:21,949 --> 00:12:17,880

each missile each missile missile is

266

00:12:24,410 --> 00:12:21,959

basically self-supporting the the

267

00:12:27,170 --> 00:12:24,420

commercial most of them are powered by

268

00:12:30,250 --> 00:12:27,180

commercial par but each missile has its

269

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,509

uh the only

270

00:12:37,670 --> 00:12:35,279

connection between the the

271

00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:37,680

capsule and the missile sites themselves

272

00:12:42,350 --> 00:12:40,079

is what we call uh

273

00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:42,360

sin lines or their

274

00:12:49,310 --> 00:12:45,600

sensitive information Network sin

275

00:12:52,129 --> 00:12:49,320

lines that are basically buried cables

276

00:12:57,290 --> 00:12:52,139

and

277

00:13:00,110 --> 00:12:57,300

these lines go to the missiles directly

278

00:13:01,670 --> 00:13:00,120

the the missiles are not connected to

279

00:13:05,150 --> 00:13:01,680

each other

280

00:13:06,230 --> 00:13:05,160

so having a fault at one side would not

281

00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:06,240

affect

282

00:13:11,750 --> 00:13:09,600

missiles at another location

283

00:13:14,329 --> 00:13:11,760

how many total went down

284

00:13:17,449 --> 00:13:14,339

well at our side

285

00:13:20,030 --> 00:13:17,459

there were approximately anywhere from

286

00:13:22,430 --> 00:13:20,040

six to eight that went down but they

287

00:13:26,329 --> 00:13:22,440

went down in Rapid succession which

288

00:13:27,889 --> 00:13:26,339

again is a extremely rare

289

00:13:31,430 --> 00:13:27,899

uh

290

00:13:33,949 --> 00:13:31,440

happening we rarely had more than one

291

00:13:35,350 --> 00:13:33,959

missile go down for any reason at all

292

00:13:38,690 --> 00:13:35,360

you know

293

00:13:40,610 --> 00:13:38,700

and this was very rare there was weather

294

00:13:42,829 --> 00:13:40,620

was ruled out like I said the extensive

295

00:13:46,550 --> 00:13:42,839

investigation was done weather was ruled

296

00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:46,560

out power surges were ruled out

297

00:13:50,569 --> 00:13:47,760

um

298

00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:50,579

there was only one

299

00:13:57,110 --> 00:13:53,279

possibility that was

300

00:13:59,810 --> 00:13:57,120

was looked at by one of the one of the

301
00:14:02,750 --> 00:13:59,820
Boeing Engineers that that did some

302
00:14:04,790 --> 00:14:02,760
tests in a laboratory

303
00:14:07,850 --> 00:14:04,800
and he thought that some kind of an

304
00:14:11,690 --> 00:14:07,860
electromagnetic force or field

305
00:14:14,090 --> 00:14:11,700
might have might have caused a signal to

306
00:14:16,370 --> 00:14:14,100
go but it would have had to go have gone

307
00:14:19,129 --> 00:14:16,380
through these buried cable

308
00:14:20,810 --> 00:14:19,139
to each of these missiles after I talked

309
00:14:23,629 --> 00:14:20,820
to my guard upstairs got the information

310
00:14:26,449 --> 00:14:23,639
about about the

311
00:14:28,850 --> 00:14:26,459
the other guard had been injured

312
00:14:31,610 --> 00:14:28,860
my commander was talking the command

313
00:14:33,470 --> 00:14:31,620

post the command post and they finished

314

00:14:36,530 --> 00:14:33,480

talking the command post and and he

315

00:14:40,129 --> 00:14:36,540

turned to me my commander and said

316

00:14:43,129 --> 00:14:40,139

the same thing occurred at Echo flight

317

00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:43,139

Echo flight is another Squadron

318

00:14:49,189 --> 00:14:47,279

about I'd say 50 60 miles away

319

00:14:51,170 --> 00:14:49,199

from our location

320

00:14:55,069 --> 00:14:51,180

but they had the same sort of thing

321

00:14:56,810 --> 00:14:55,079

happened they had UFOs that were

322

00:14:58,490 --> 00:14:56,820

hovering not not the launch control

323

00:15:00,650 --> 00:14:58,500

facility but the actual launch

324

00:15:02,030 --> 00:15:00,660

facilities where the missiles are

325

00:15:04,970 --> 00:15:02,040

actually located

326

00:15:08,210 --> 00:15:04,980

uh they had some maintenance and and

327

00:15:10,129 --> 00:15:08,220

security people out there at the time

328

00:15:11,810 --> 00:15:10,139

um and they were

329

00:15:13,310 --> 00:15:11,820

they were observed the UFOs were

330

00:15:15,530 --> 00:15:13,320

observed by these people out at those

331

00:15:16,610 --> 00:15:15,540

sites now they lost all 10 of their

332

00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:16,620

weapons

333

00:15:19,610 --> 00:15:18,720

all 10.

334

00:15:21,710 --> 00:15:19,620

um

335

00:15:23,449 --> 00:15:21,720

this is around the same time around the

336

00:15:26,769 --> 00:15:23,459

same it was the same morning

337

00:15:30,650 --> 00:15:26,779

so that morning we lost anywhere from

338

00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:30,660

you know 16 to 18

339

00:15:41,810 --> 00:15:38,030

at the same time UFOs were in the area

340

00:15:45,170 --> 00:15:41,820

and were and were observed

341

00:15:46,670 --> 00:15:45,180

by uh Airmen top side guard observed

342

00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:46,680

UFOs

343

00:15:50,150 --> 00:15:48,480

at the time we launched our missile

344

00:15:52,490 --> 00:15:50,160

systems

345

00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:52,500

it also talks about the security team

346

00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:54,000

that um

347

00:15:59,090 --> 00:15:57,120

I had sent out to check the security

348

00:16:01,069 --> 00:15:59,100

infractions

349

00:16:04,490 --> 00:16:01,079

and while on route back they lost radio

350

00:16:06,350 --> 00:16:04,500

contact and one of these men again I

351

00:16:07,730 --> 00:16:06,360

said was very upset about this whole

352

00:16:10,129 --> 00:16:07,740

incident and

353

00:16:12,230 --> 00:16:10,139

was unable to return

354

00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:12,240

he says I heard second hand that one was

355

00:16:17,870 --> 00:16:15,300

released from security team duties those

356

00:16:19,910 --> 00:16:17,880

missiles were down the entire day

357

00:16:25,009 --> 00:16:19,920

because

358

00:16:28,850 --> 00:16:25,019

we've got uh testimony from

359

00:16:31,310 --> 00:16:28,860

what Colonel Don Crawford who who

360

00:16:33,290 --> 00:16:31,320

relieved the crew at Echo flight and he

361

00:16:34,610 --> 00:16:33,300

was there while the missiles were being

362

00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:34,620

brought up

363

00:16:38,030 --> 00:16:36,959

to alert status he said it took the

364

00:16:41,090 --> 00:16:38,040

whole day

365

00:16:47,350 --> 00:16:41,100

so I'm assuming it took our missiles the

366

00:16:52,310 --> 00:16:50,449

uh so we got relieved I went upstairs

367

00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:52,320

first thing I did was look in the

368

00:16:57,970 --> 00:16:55,199

guard's eye and say hey will you telling

369

00:17:01,310 --> 00:16:57,980

me the truth about this

370

00:17:03,170 --> 00:17:01,320

this object he swore up and down he was

371

00:17:06,409 --> 00:17:03,180

telling the truth I believed you know

372

00:17:07,730 --> 00:17:06,419

for a couple of reasons I I knew he was

373

00:17:09,230 --> 00:17:07,740

frightened when he called me down here

374

00:17:10,549 --> 00:17:09,240

and then when I looked him in the eye

375

00:17:13,130 --> 00:17:10,559

and he

376

00:17:16,250 --> 00:17:13,140

you know he told me about the situation

377

00:17:19,309 --> 00:17:16,260

I certainly believed it and again I

378

00:17:21,409 --> 00:17:19,319

wrote up a report on this incident it

379

00:17:23,630 --> 00:17:21,419

was in my log and I turned it over when

380

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:23,640

we got to the base I had to

381

00:17:27,890 --> 00:17:26,400

we had to report to our squadron

382

00:17:30,110 --> 00:17:27,900

commander right away

383

00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:30,120

and in that room with my squadron

384

00:17:36,890 --> 00:17:32,700

commander was a fellow from afosi we had

385

00:17:40,010 --> 00:17:36,900

a afosi uh Air Force officers special

386

00:17:41,870 --> 00:17:40,020

investigation on the base

387

00:17:43,490 --> 00:17:41,880

he was there in the office with the

388

00:17:47,450 --> 00:17:43,500

commander

389

00:17:52,730 --> 00:17:50,450

he wanted a quick briefing although it

390

00:17:54,890 --> 00:17:52,740

seemed to me he knew pretty much what

391

00:17:56,870 --> 00:17:54,900

had happened already but

392

00:17:59,590 --> 00:17:56,880

we gave him a quick briefing and then he

393

00:18:02,090 --> 00:17:59,600

asked us asked us both to sign a

394

00:18:04,490 --> 00:18:02,100

non-disclosure agreement

395

00:18:06,770 --> 00:18:04,500

saying this was classified information

396

00:18:09,490 --> 00:18:06,780

we were not to release this to anybody

397

00:18:12,350 --> 00:18:09,500

uh

398

00:18:14,510 --> 00:18:12,360

and that was it and we we couldn't talk

399

00:18:17,810 --> 00:18:14,520

he told us we could not talk about this

400

00:18:21,049 --> 00:18:17,820

to anyone including any of the

401
00:18:23,810 --> 00:18:21,059
any of the other crews are

402
00:18:26,810 --> 00:18:23,820
our spouses our family uh

403
00:18:29,390 --> 00:18:26,820
even amongst each other so

404
00:18:32,090 --> 00:18:29,400
we could not discuss this at all some

405
00:18:34,909 --> 00:18:32,100
weeks before my incident he received a

406
00:18:36,289 --> 00:18:34,919
report from an Airman on duty saying

407
00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:36,299
something was outside the perimeter

408
00:18:40,490 --> 00:18:38,640
fence he'd never seen before the object

409
00:18:42,590 --> 00:18:40,500
was lighted and seen to be watching the

410
00:18:47,090 --> 00:18:42,600
sided approached and repeated or

411
00:18:49,909 --> 00:18:47,100
retreated and something circled the site

412
00:18:53,150 --> 00:18:49,919
um he had this conversation they

413
00:18:55,250 --> 00:18:53,160

uh he told them and the the guard to go

414

00:18:56,510 --> 00:18:55,260

ahead and use his weapon but the but the

415

00:18:58,130 --> 00:18:56,520

guard said he didn't think it would do

416

00:19:01,130 --> 00:18:58,140

any good he tried to report it to the

417

00:19:03,289 --> 00:19:01,140

command post and the command post didn't

418

00:19:05,750 --> 00:19:03,299

want to receive the report

419

00:19:07,730 --> 00:19:05,760

that was the end of that that was Eric

420

00:19:09,710 --> 00:19:07,740

Malmstrom for

421

00:19:13,370 --> 00:19:09,720

another two years

422

00:19:16,250 --> 00:19:13,380

after that and uh in that time we were

423

00:19:17,750 --> 00:19:16,260

never given a debriefing on any of the

424

00:19:21,529 --> 00:19:17,760

incident

425

00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:21,539

or our own

426

00:19:27,169 --> 00:19:23,460

which is very unusual because we got

427

00:19:29,870 --> 00:19:27,179

briefed every morning on any anomalies

428

00:19:32,930 --> 00:19:29,880

that were going on with the equipment we

429

00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:32,940

got briefed and just we discussed these

430

00:19:37,130 --> 00:19:35,100

technical issues that were going on with

431

00:19:39,590 --> 00:19:37,140

the weapons and all that but we never

432

00:19:41,870 --> 00:19:39,600

heard anything else about these

433

00:19:43,789 --> 00:19:41,880

incidents and and these were major

434

00:19:45,529 --> 00:19:43,799

happenings they were major happenings

435

00:19:51,250 --> 00:19:45,539

I've got

436

00:19:55,570 --> 00:19:51,260

which we received under foia

437

00:19:59,630 --> 00:19:55,580

coming from Sac headquarters to uh

438

00:20:01,610 --> 00:19:59,640

Maelstrom and other bases saying right

439

00:20:03,370 --> 00:20:01,620

after the morning this happened saying

440

00:20:06,409 --> 00:20:03,380

that

441

00:20:08,930 --> 00:20:06,419

this incident was of extreme concern to

442

00:20:10,490 --> 00:20:08,940

SAC headquarters uh because they

443

00:20:12,470 --> 00:20:10,500

couldn't explain it nobody could explain

444

00:20:17,210 --> 00:20:12,480

what happened

445

00:20:19,010 --> 00:20:17,220

um but yet we never got debriefed and we

446

00:20:21,470 --> 00:20:19,020

were cleared for

447

00:20:23,510 --> 00:20:21,480

very high classification because these

448

00:20:25,130 --> 00:20:23,520

are nuclear weapons we're dealing with

449

00:20:31,370 --> 00:20:25,140

we had

450

00:20:33,830 --> 00:20:31,380

never debriefed on this at all

451
00:20:37,669 --> 00:20:33,840
and you see here

452
00:20:40,370 --> 00:20:37,679
there's a reference to a secret message

453
00:20:43,730 --> 00:20:40,380
on the same subject here this is the

454
00:20:45,890 --> 00:20:43,740
should be a copy an exact duplicate it

455
00:20:49,310 --> 00:20:45,900
should be an exact duplicate

456
00:20:51,710 --> 00:20:49,320
but as you see here under the subject

457
00:20:52,730 --> 00:20:51,720
here there was a reference but here it's

458
00:20:54,529 --> 00:20:52,740
missing

459
00:20:57,890 --> 00:20:54,539
the only other thing I might mention is

460
00:21:00,169 --> 00:20:57,900
we did get a security incursion alarms

461
00:21:02,690 --> 00:21:00,179
at those sites

462
00:21:05,090 --> 00:21:02,700
uh that went when the missile went down

463
00:21:07,970 --> 00:21:05,100

so which

464

00:21:10,610 --> 00:21:07,980

a little unusual well that is unusual

465

00:21:13,789 --> 00:21:10,620

because normally when a missile went

466

00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:13,799

down for for something like guidance

467

00:21:22,750 --> 00:21:18,000

failure we wouldn't get uh security

468

00:21:28,370 --> 00:21:25,370

means there's a perimeter breach that

469

00:21:29,710 --> 00:21:28,380

some object crossed the fence or

470

00:21:32,470 --> 00:21:29,720

something

471

00:21:35,289 --> 00:21:32,480

broke broke the security

472

00:21:39,169 --> 00:21:35,299

alarm system that we had

473

00:21:41,990 --> 00:21:39,179

on the perimeter of the launch facility

474

00:21:45,830 --> 00:21:42,000

so I did send out go I sent guards to a

475

00:21:50,390 --> 00:21:48,529

to investigate that

476

00:21:52,250 --> 00:21:50,400

well the only description I got a

477

00:21:54,649 --> 00:21:52,260

movement was like I said the first

478

00:21:57,669 --> 00:21:54,659

telephone call where they had erratic

479

00:22:00,710 --> 00:21:57,679

movement of these lights flying around

480

00:22:03,350 --> 00:22:00,720

above the launch control facility

481

00:22:05,870 --> 00:22:03,360

other than that the guard upstairs said

482

00:22:08,210 --> 00:22:05,880

that the object that was hovering

483

00:22:09,350 --> 00:22:08,220

took off at great speed I mean he just

484

00:22:11,450 --> 00:22:09,360

just

485

00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:11,460

left rapidly

486

00:22:15,350 --> 00:22:12,720

quickly

487

00:22:19,310 --> 00:22:15,360

the reason I think this story is really

488

00:22:24,409 --> 00:22:19,320

significant is because going back to um

489

00:22:26,990 --> 00:22:24,419

uh this August August of 1966 at Minot

490

00:22:29,750 --> 00:22:27,000

Air Force Base

491

00:22:31,130 --> 00:22:29,760

a very similar thing happened at one of

492

00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:31,140

the launch facility launch control

493

00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:33,840

facilities at Minot Air Force Base they

494

00:22:38,450 --> 00:22:35,520

had the same kind of weapon system we

495

00:22:43,570 --> 00:22:38,460

had man one missiles

496

00:22:46,250 --> 00:22:43,580

uh uh this was observed on radar

497

00:22:48,529 --> 00:22:46,260

uh there was some communication failure

498

00:22:51,049 --> 00:22:48,539

the object was observed over the launch

499

00:22:54,470 --> 00:22:51,059

control facility

500

00:22:57,710 --> 00:22:54,480

so uh and that happened in August 1966

501
00:22:59,750 --> 00:22:57,720
and that's documented well documented

502
00:23:00,590 --> 00:22:59,760
that incident

503
00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:00,600
um

504
00:23:05,870 --> 00:23:03,000
about a week prior to my incident of

505
00:23:07,190 --> 00:23:05,880
March of 67.

506
00:23:10,730 --> 00:23:07,200
uh

507
00:23:14,029 --> 00:23:10,740
I've got a record of it from

508
00:23:16,010 --> 00:23:14,039
well uh the crew Commander I got a call

509
00:23:17,510 --> 00:23:16,020
from one of his security guards who was

510
00:23:19,789 --> 00:23:17,520
out roaming

511
00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:19,799
looking at the launch facilities and saw

512
00:23:24,590 --> 00:23:23,280
an object very similar to what I just

513
00:23:27,110 --> 00:23:24,600

described

514

00:23:29,930 --> 00:23:27,120
over launch launch facility

515

00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:29,940
uh he reported in

516

00:23:33,110 --> 00:23:31,919
the commander reported to command post

517

00:23:35,750 --> 00:23:33,120
command post said they weren't

518

00:23:38,210 --> 00:23:35,760
interested in that report they just

519

00:23:41,450 --> 00:23:38,220
didn't even want to take the report

520

00:23:43,669 --> 00:23:41,460
and that happened a week before about a

521

00:23:47,090 --> 00:23:43,679
week before ours happened

522

00:23:50,149 --> 00:23:47,100
I bought a week to 10 days after our

523

00:23:51,710 --> 00:23:50,159
incident there's a very well documented

524

00:23:53,330 --> 00:23:51,720
incident that happened in Malmstrom Air

525

00:23:54,950 --> 00:23:53,340
Force Base

526
00:23:58,130 --> 00:23:54,960
and in this case

527
00:24:00,590 --> 00:23:58,140
well a near-malstrom Air Force Base and

528
00:24:02,270 --> 00:24:00,600
uh and again this was another one that

529
00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:02,280
was tracked by radar

530
00:24:07,870 --> 00:24:05,760
it was observed at close range

531
00:24:10,970 --> 00:24:07,880
relatively close range by a truck driver

532
00:24:13,190 --> 00:24:10,980
and highway patrolman

533
00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:13,200
uh and there's a there's extensive

534
00:24:18,169 --> 00:24:16,320
report on that and the Air Force did an

535
00:24:20,210 --> 00:24:18,179
investigation and there's an extensive

536
00:24:21,950 --> 00:24:20,220
report on the Air Force investigation of

537
00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:21,960
this uh

538
00:24:27,370 --> 00:24:24,720

of the sighting this UFO sighting

539

00:24:31,370 --> 00:24:27,380

because it flew

540

00:24:33,649 --> 00:24:31,380

around the base near the base and uh

541

00:24:36,890 --> 00:24:33,659

very very close to the base like I said

542

00:24:38,930 --> 00:24:36,900

it was seen by a truck driver and and uh

543

00:24:40,909 --> 00:24:38,940

highway patrolman and

544

00:24:42,289 --> 00:24:40,919

this incident was reported back to

545

00:24:43,909 --> 00:24:42,299

headquarters there's correspondence

546

00:24:45,970 --> 00:24:43,919

going back and forth and I've got some

547

00:24:50,450 --> 00:24:45,980

of that

548

00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:50,460

so this is a whole series of things that

549

00:24:55,850 --> 00:24:52,320

happened

550

00:24:58,610 --> 00:24:55,860

having to do with with the same kind of

551

00:25:01,549 --> 00:24:58,620

weapon system Minuteman missile

552

00:25:03,310 --> 00:25:01,559

the reports that were made to me by my

553

00:25:05,690 --> 00:25:03,320

guards were

554

00:25:07,250 --> 00:25:05,700

official reports

555

00:25:13,610 --> 00:25:07,260

these were not

556

00:25:15,830 --> 00:25:13,620

meant to be uh anything but official

557

00:25:16,970 --> 00:25:15,840

reports because we're dealing with

558

00:25:23,990 --> 00:25:16,980

weapons

559

00:25:27,890 --> 00:25:26,269

they were very professional these guards

560

00:25:30,649 --> 00:25:27,900

and they were not about to be joking

561

00:25:33,169 --> 00:25:30,659

about weapons being when we had weapons

562

00:25:35,810 --> 00:25:33,179

down about what they were seeing so

563

00:25:37,250 --> 00:25:35,820

these were not rumors they were official

564

00:25:40,970 --> 00:25:37,260

reports

565

00:25:42,230 --> 00:25:40,980

so if if they were recanted for any

566

00:25:43,930 --> 00:25:42,240

reason

567

00:25:46,310 --> 00:25:43,940

these these men should have been

568

00:25:49,549 --> 00:25:46,320

court-martialed for giving false reports

569

00:25:52,190 --> 00:25:49,559

or false information and during a very

570

00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:52,200

sensitive uh incident

571

00:25:57,830 --> 00:25:55,440

and none of that happened uh

572

00:26:00,070 --> 00:25:57,840

none of that happened these these were

573

00:26:02,990 --> 00:26:00,080

not rumors there's nothing about rumors

574

00:26:06,769 --> 00:26:03,000

the primary Witnesses it'll verify this

575

00:26:08,930 --> 00:26:06,779

incident are are the echo crew the

576

00:26:12,649 --> 00:26:08,940

commander and Deputy commander and my

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00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:12,659

own Commander Fred meywalt Bob Kaminsky

578

00:26:19,370 --> 00:26:14,240

was

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00:26:22,610 --> 00:26:19,380

headed up the organization team they

580

00:26:23,390 --> 00:26:22,620

organized the investigative team to look

581

00:26:31,310 --> 00:26:23,400

at

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00:26:32,269 --> 00:26:31,320

got it in writing

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00:26:33,909 --> 00:26:32,279

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00:26:37,789 --> 00:26:33,919

that

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00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:37,799

at some point he was told by his boss

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00:26:44,930 --> 00:26:40,620

that the Air Force had said

587

00:26:47,630 --> 00:26:44,940

stop the investigation uh do no more on

588

00:26:51,110 --> 00:26:47,640

this and in addition

589

00:26:54,110 --> 00:26:51,120

do not write a final report

590

00:26:55,610 --> 00:26:54,120

again this is very unusual especially

591

00:26:58,610 --> 00:26:55,620

knew of the fact

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00:27:02,450 --> 00:26:58,620

that Sac headquarters was stating and

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00:27:05,350 --> 00:27:02,460

this is sink Sac was stating that this

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00:27:08,090 --> 00:27:05,360

was of extreme importance

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00:27:10,730 --> 00:27:08,100

to find out exactly what happened here

596

00:27:13,370 --> 00:27:10,740

and yet the head of the investigative

597

00:27:15,950 --> 00:27:13,380

team was told that a stop work order was

598

00:27:18,409 --> 00:27:15,960

on the way from oama oama as the air

599

00:27:21,529 --> 00:27:18,419

material commanded Ogden Utah to stop

600

00:27:24,230 --> 00:27:21,539

any further effort on this project

601
00:27:26,750 --> 00:27:24,240
we stopped we were also told that we

602
00:27:30,590 --> 00:27:26,760
were not to submit the final engineering

603
00:27:33,830 --> 00:27:30,600
report and not write a final report

604
00:27:36,470 --> 00:27:33,840
I heard that uh many of the guards that

605
00:27:38,870 --> 00:27:36,480
had reported these incidents were were

606
00:27:42,110 --> 00:27:38,880
sent off and it to Vietnam as a matter

607
00:27:43,789 --> 00:27:42,120
of fact I know for a fact this I can't

608
00:27:47,210 --> 00:27:43,799
attest to that one of the guards I sent

609
00:27:51,470 --> 00:27:47,220
out to one of the launch facilities

610
00:27:54,169 --> 00:27:51,480
uh again observed an object and came

611
00:27:57,909 --> 00:27:54,179
back and was too Shook Up

612
00:28:00,310 --> 00:27:57,919
it was very shaken by the experience and

613
00:28:03,649 --> 00:28:00,320

was taken off

614

00:28:06,769 --> 00:28:03,659

uh guard Duty from then on he

615

00:28:10,190 --> 00:28:06,779

he was he was set somewhere else he he

616

00:28:12,950 --> 00:28:10,200

was just too shaken by the experience

617

00:28:16,730 --> 00:28:12,960

and to this day they had never forgotten