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The United States government will neither confirm nor deny the existence of UFOs.

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But unofficially, a stream of retired military personnel are now coming forward with critical

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information about unidentified craft they encountered in the line of duty.

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Among them, Robert Jacobs, a former Air Force cameraman, who believes that there is film

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out there somewhere that proves that the government knows more than they are willing

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to tell.

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We had just come out of the most destructive war on the face of the planet.

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World War II, 50 million dead.

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We had just barely gotten beyond that.

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And suddenly, according to documents, there were mysterious objects maneuvering in American

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airspace.

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U.F.O. researcher and lecturer Robert Hastings has spent 22 years studying the United States

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interest in and reaction to reports of UFOs.

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Hastings has concluded that not only has the government fooled in the American public,

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they've been fooling themselves.

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I think it's not a coincidence that the phenomenon has accelerated its activity precisely at a

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time in human history when we've acquired nuclear weapons.

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I have interviewed 21 former and retired Air Force personnel associated with nuclear

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missile squadrons who have referred to incidents involving the presence of flying saucers.

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That theory is based in part on the personal experiences of Robert Jacobs, a former Air

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Force lieutenant.

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In 1964, Lieutenant Jacobs claims he sat in a room at Vandenberg Air Force Base and saw

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a UFO that haunts him to this day.

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The hair's going up on the back of my neck right now thinking about it, just remembering

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that day.

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I saw something that was so strange that it changed my life.

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It changed the way I believe about the universe and my place in it and our place in it.

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In 1964, Lieutenant Robert Jacobs was stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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He was in charge of a special photographic unit filming test flights of Atlas-F and Minuteman

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missiles, both nuclear weapon delivery systems.

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When you launch a piece of equipment that costs four or five million dollars just for

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the piece of equipment and it blows up 300 yards out of the hole, we want to know first

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of all why did it blow up.

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So my job was to provide photographic documentation from 30 or 40 different camera positions for

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each launch.

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In November of 1964, Jacobs was assigned to film a Vandenberg missile launch using a

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brand new state-of-the-art telescope developed at Boston University.

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It was the most powerful lens the Air Force had ever used.

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The biggest lens we had on our M45s was 180 inches.

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This telescope had an effective focal length of 1,200 inches, so you can see that it's

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enormously bigger.

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It was so big in fact that when the missile left Vandenberg with the Boston University

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telescope in one single frame, just the bottom three engines on an Atlas-F filled the frame.

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That was from a distance of about 130 nautical miles.

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In a top secret mission, the telescope was flown in from Boston aboard a Hercules aircraft.

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This is actual footage shot by Jacobs unit and only recently rediscovered in his archive.

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The telescope was so large it had to be hauled to its site in an 18-wheel big rig.

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Jacobs crew assisted the telescope's inventor, Walter Manning, with the installation of the

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lens.

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The camera was perched on a bluffing big sur, 130 miles from the launch site.

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We walked onto the missile and we saw all three stages of powered flight.

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Through our binoculars we could see that happen.

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It was a test of a top secret anti-missile missile, one designed to confuse enemy missiles

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and then go on to hit its target.

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The camera was programmed to follow the missile automatically and run for six minutes, long

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past the point where the missile was visible.

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What we didn't know is what else we had got besides the missile.

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After the film was developed, project director Major Florence Mansman called Jacobs into his

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office and Major Mansman was not alone.

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There were two guys in gray suits in there, civilian clothes.

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They were not in the Air Force, they were from somewhere else.

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They never identified themselves.

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They could have been CIA, OSI, OSS.

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Jacobs was asked to watch his test film in the presence of these mysterious officials.

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The nose cone spread out, the warhead was quite plainly visible.

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Something flew into the frame.

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What I saw was a circular object, it was a classic flying saucer and it shot a beam

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of something at our warhead.

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You have to imagine this thing is flying along, several thousand miles an hour.

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This stuff is flying all in.

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Something comes into the frame and chasing it and comes in like this and fires at it

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and goes around like this and fires at it and goes around like this and fires at it

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and fires at it and then goes back out that way.

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What the hell could do that?

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That was exactly what Major Mansman wanted to know.

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And he said, what was that?

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And I said, it looks to me like we got a UFO.

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And he said, you are never to say that again.

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As far as you're concerned Lieutenant Jacobs, this never happened.

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When I was sworn to silence, reminded of the security of the severity of a security breach

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and told to leave the room.

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Eighteen years went by with that image in my mind.

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After 18 years of silence, Jacobs felt compelled to go public.

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When he did, the official Air Force response was astonishing.

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The Air Force denied that I was ever there.

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There was no Lieutenant Robert M. Jacobs in the Air Force at that time.

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I was never at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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If I was at Vandenberg Air Force Base, I was never in charge of the photo-optical instrumentation

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section at the 1369 Photographic Squadron, right here at this base.

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They denied then that there was a tracking site at Big Sur.

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They denied that there was a telescope called the BU Telescope.

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They denied that there was a Dr. Walter Manny.

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They denied everything.

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However, Sightings has obtained documents that prove he was in the Air Force in 1964

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and that he was in charge of the photo-optical instrumentation site at Big Sur.

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In a letter to Sightings, Florence Mansman, Lieutenant Jacobs' direct superior and the

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man present when the infamous UFO footage was screened says, quote,

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I am writing to confirm Dr. Jacobs' account as he had described it.

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But by far, the most compelling evidence is this film, which proves the existence of

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an event the Air Force continues to deny.

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The Air Force is probably not going to like this film, but there's nothing they can do

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about it.

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It exists.

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It documents the telescope.

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The people who were there, including me.

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And if there are any ramifications about it, I guess I just don't care anymore.

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Recent disclosures from the former Soviet Union indicate that UFO overflights of military

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bases and nuclear facilities have not been limited to the United States.

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During the 1970s and 80s, several UFOs were cited at government installations in Russia

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and Siberia.