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We have some confirmed reports of some 185 flying objects in your area.

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At the height of the Cold War, in the skies above one of America's most restricted air force bases,

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seven objects appear without explanation.

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We're looking for Dr. Seller.

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00:00:19,494 --> 00:00:20,494

UFOs.

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Soon, other radar installations pick it up. Southern California is alive with strange activity.

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00:00:27,495 --> 00:00:31,495

We supposedly are having quiet invasion over here.

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00:00:31,495 --> 00:00:37,496

Were these top secret military aircraft a Soviet spy mission or something else?

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Whatever this was was not supposed to be in that area.

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For the first time on television, the team brings the key eyewitness forward to analyze declassified audio recordings.

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We have an object now. Open the field.

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Which revealed there's another side to this bizarre story.

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Are you a UFO officer?

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00:00:58,499 --> 00:00:59,499

Yes, sir.

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00:00:59,499 --> 00:01:00,499

Right there?

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00:01:00,499 --> 00:01:01,499

That's fascinating.

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They're calling for the UFO officer.

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Why was there a UFO officer at Edwards Air Force Base?

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And why did he scramble a jet to intercept these objects?

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Target on your right or on your left?

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He's climbing.

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00:01:14,501 --> 00:01:21,502

Will these tapes and the official radar images from that night finally provide the answer?

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This is case number 65102, Code Red.

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It's 1965. Edwards Air Force Base, located just 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles, California.

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This is the center of the U.S. military's top secret flight test programs.

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But on this day, Edwards highly restricted airspace is penetrated by objects of unknown origin.

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00:02:08,508 --> 00:02:14,509

Objects that continue to hover just outside the base for six hours.

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00:02:14,509 --> 00:02:21,510

Most UFO sightings are solitary encounters, but this is not a normal sighting.

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Nine different locations are a part of this astonishing incident.

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The Edwards Flight Control Tower, where the first visual contact is reported.

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Edwards' main runway, where the strange object is confirmed visually for a second time.

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00:02:38,512 --> 00:02:45,513

Edwards' radar approach control, which reports no aircraft in the area.

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00:02:45,513 --> 00:02:50,513

The Los Angeles Air Defense Sector, which checks its local radar contacts

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00:02:50,513 --> 00:02:57,514

and finds that four of their radar installations across Southern California have confirmed radar hits.

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00:02:57,514 --> 00:03:05,515

Boron, Riverside, Victorville, and San Pedro.

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00:03:05,515 --> 00:03:14,517

And finally, an F-106A Delta Dart, which has scrambled in an attempt to engage the objects.

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00:03:14,517 --> 00:03:20,517

Something is happening in Southern California involving five military installations.

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00:03:20,517 --> 00:03:24,518

And the entire event was captured on tape.

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00:03:24,518 --> 00:03:30,519

We supposedly are having quite an invasion over here.

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00:03:30,519 --> 00:03:37,520

This was an incredible night. In October 1965, the night the UFOs invaded our airspace.

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00:03:37,520 --> 00:03:42,520

And we're hearing this firsthand with the guy who was actually in the tower that night, narrating it.

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This is unbelievable evidence.

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The incident is first reported by an air traffic controller in the Edwards Flight Control Tower,

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technical sergeant Chuck Sorrells.

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00:03:54,522 --> 00:04:04,523

I saw a real bright object large out to the east of the field, and it sat there for a long period of time.

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00:04:04,523 --> 00:04:11,524

In a rare television appearance, former Sergeant Chuck Sorrells, the Edwards Air Force Base Tower controller

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00:04:11,524 --> 00:04:17,525

from that night, has come forward to discuss the event, and for the first time ever,

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00:04:17,525 --> 00:04:24,526

analyze the actual audio recordings from October 7th, 1965.

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00:04:24,526 --> 00:04:30,527

I can make out red and white flashing light.

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00:04:30,527 --> 00:04:36,527

Sorrells is responsible for all of the air traffic in and around Edwards from within the control tower.

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00:04:36,527 --> 00:04:41,528

He has 12 years of experience in directing all types of military aircraft.

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00:04:41,528 --> 00:04:48,529

And he is aware of most, if not all, of the different models at Edwards Air Force Base.

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00:04:48,529 --> 00:04:55,530

But he is about to witness something that he has never seen before, and he can't explain.

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00:04:55,530 --> 00:04:58,530

It's happened about 1.30 in the morning.

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00:04:58,530 --> 00:05:02,531

First I saw a real bright object.

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00:05:02,531 --> 00:05:07,531

I got a couple other people down to base operations, the weatherman,

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two or three other people there on the base that would be on duty that night to come out and take a look at it.

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Yeah, they were seeing the same thing I was seeing.

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00:05:15,532 --> 00:05:18,533

We have an object now, open the field.

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00:05:18,533 --> 00:05:20,533

He is right over the field.

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00:05:20,533 --> 00:05:21,533

Right over Edwards?

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00:05:21,533 --> 00:05:23,534

Moving southward.

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00:05:23,534 --> 00:05:27,534

I can make out red and white flashing light.

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00:05:27,534 --> 00:05:32,535

And the captain at step one has confirmed it.

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00:05:32,535 --> 00:05:35,535

It was too low to be a star or anything like that.

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00:05:35,535 --> 00:05:37,535

It was less than 5,000 feet.

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00:05:37,535 --> 00:05:39,536

And this went on for quite some time.

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00:05:39,536 --> 00:05:45,536

According to him, the object is light green with a pulsating red light at its base.

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00:05:45,536 --> 00:05:48,537

And the object is both large and bright.

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Three more of these objects show up.

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00:05:51,537 --> 00:05:56,538

And they're smaller, about half of the size of the original one.

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And they stayed together.

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00:05:58,538 --> 00:06:03,539

They were like in a formation or at least close together like in a beam.

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00:06:03,539 --> 00:06:08,539

They went down pretty much to the south of the base.

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00:06:08,539 --> 00:06:12,540

At some point there, there's three more of them up here.

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00:06:12,540 --> 00:06:15,540

These three are like independent flyers.

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00:06:15,540 --> 00:06:20,541

They fly north, south, east, west and all that.

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00:06:20,541 --> 00:06:26,542

This goes on from like 130 or so when I spotted the first one.

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00:06:26,542 --> 00:06:30,542

From one up to daylight and started getting light.

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00:06:35,543 --> 00:06:39,544

The team from UFO Magazine gathers at March Air Force Base,

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00:06:39,544 --> 00:06:43,544

approximately 90 miles south of the original sighting

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and the site of radar contact with the objects in 1965 to meet with sorals.

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The full audio recordings of the entire 6-hour 1965 event

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have been made available and are presented here for the first time.

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Pat, Chuck, Bill Scott, Ted Acworth and I are going over to review the audio cassettes

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00:07:05,547 --> 00:07:07,547

of the transmissions that night.

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00:07:07,547 --> 00:07:12,548

And then afterwards, you and Chuck and Jeff are going to go over the radar and the maps.

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00:07:12,548 --> 00:07:13,548

Excellent.

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00:07:13,548 --> 00:07:14,548

So let's go.

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00:07:14,548 --> 00:07:15,548

Sounds good to me.

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00:07:15,548 --> 00:07:16,548

Let's get to it.

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Edwards Air Force Base, 1965.

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A number of objects are sighted coming near the base.

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The entire event is recorded in tower conversations from Chuck Sorals.

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These transmissions were formally classified and thought lost.

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00:07:38,551 --> 00:07:42,552

Now they may be able to piece together one of the most incredible cases

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00:07:42,552 --> 00:07:45,552

of a UFO encounter ever recorded.

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00:07:46,552 --> 00:07:52,553

The team is joined by former U.S. Air Force Flight Test Engineer Bill Scott

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00:07:52,553 --> 00:07:56,554

to help analyze the now-declassified audio recordings.

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00:07:57,554 --> 00:08:02,554

These are the actual transmissions, the communications between you,

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00:08:02,554 --> 00:08:08,555

between the defense sector going on that night while the UFOs were in the air over Edwards.

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00:08:08,555 --> 00:08:09,555

This is an incredible audio.

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00:08:09,555 --> 00:08:10,556

That's correct.

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00:08:10,556 --> 00:08:16,556

And this were recorded from the Los Angeles Air Defense Sector.

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00:08:16,556 --> 00:08:23,557

The team cues up the transmissions, taking them back to October 7th, 1965.

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00:08:25,558 --> 00:08:26,558

Look to the north over there.

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00:08:26,558 --> 00:08:28,558

One coming pretty fast.

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00:08:29,558 --> 00:08:31,558

And he's coming from north to south.

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00:08:31,558 --> 00:08:33,559

North to south at this time from Edwards?

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00:08:33,559 --> 00:08:34,559

Right.

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00:08:34,559 --> 00:08:35,559

He's drinking red.

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00:08:36,559 --> 00:08:41,560

I have another red light and green light combination in sight moving very rapidly

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00:08:41,560 --> 00:08:43,560

over the ice beam this time.

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00:08:43,560 --> 00:08:46,560

I'm going to check on my RAPCON to see if they have any movement here.

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00:08:46,560 --> 00:08:53,561

Sorals in the tower calls RAPCON, the radar approach control, to check if they see anything.

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00:08:53,561 --> 00:08:58,562

If you have any reports of unknown flying objects over there,

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00:08:58,562 --> 00:09:01,562

we supposedly are having quite an invasion over here.

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00:09:01,562 --> 00:09:05,563

At this point, RAPCON has no aircraft in their area.

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00:09:05,563 --> 00:09:11,564

But reports of these mysterious objects continue to come in to the tower at Edwards.

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00:09:32,566 --> 00:09:38,567

The objects are confirmed by five independent military radar installations.

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00:09:38,567 --> 00:09:42,568

But identifying these objects won't be so easy.

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00:09:43,568 --> 00:09:46,568

It appears as if I watched the suit look out through the glasses.

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00:09:46,568 --> 00:09:49,569

At first it looked just like a star.

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00:09:49,569 --> 00:09:53,569

And then it started with white and green.

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00:09:53,569 --> 00:09:59,570

It splashed white and green somewhere to what aircraft anti-collision lights would do.

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00:09:59,570 --> 00:10:03,570

But at this point you believe these are not aircraft collision lights?

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00:10:03,570 --> 00:10:05,571

Oh, I know they're not.

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00:10:05,571 --> 00:10:10,571

Planes have anti-collision lights on the wingtips, top and bottom of the fuselage,

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00:10:10,571 --> 00:10:12,572

and vertical tail fin.

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00:10:12,572 --> 00:10:17,572

From the cockpit view, they are green on the right and red on the left.

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00:10:17,572 --> 00:10:23,573

The colors let other pilots know if the aircraft is approaching them or going away.

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00:10:23,573 --> 00:10:27,574

I know it wasn't an aircraft. I know it wasn't a helicopter. I know it wasn't a balloon.

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00:10:27,574 --> 00:10:31,574

I know it wasn't a star. I know it wasn't any test aircraft that I knew of at the time.

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00:10:31,574 --> 00:10:34,575

And we had plenty of test aircraft at Edwards.

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00:10:34,575 --> 00:10:40,575

While it is possible that the lights seen that night could have been top secret tests of new craft,

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Sorrell's discounts that theory.

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00:10:43,576 --> 00:10:48,576

They would have had to have notified me if they were going to fly anything in my control zone

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00:10:48,576 --> 00:10:53,577

so that I could keep other aircraft away from it for no other reason, just for safety reasons.

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00:10:53,577 --> 00:10:57,578

So even if this was a mysterious test, shock would have had to have known.

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00:10:57,578 --> 00:11:02,578

Sorrell's mentioned several secret programs at Edwards during this period.

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00:11:03,578 --> 00:11:06,579

If it was at Edwards, it was most likely secret.

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00:11:06,579 --> 00:11:10,579

We tested all the new aircraft that comes through Edwards for testing.

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00:11:10,579 --> 00:11:17,580

The SR-71, the Blackbird was in testing at that time. The B-70 was there at that time.

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00:11:17,580 --> 00:11:23,581

Even if it was a highly classified aircraft, they definitely wouldn't have done it in that area

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00:11:23,581 --> 00:11:26,581

without notifying the controllers on duty.

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00:11:26,581 --> 00:11:31,582

It's not that they would tell the tower nothing. They would just tell the tower there was something going on.

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00:11:31,582 --> 00:11:35,583

There was no way they would operate in that zone without a check knowing about it.

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00:11:35,583 --> 00:11:45,584

The tower at Edwards and multiple other military radar sites confirm several objects are invading the airspace over Edwards Air Force Base.

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00:11:45,584 --> 00:11:47,584

He's climbing. My tower. My tower.

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00:11:47,584 --> 00:11:49,584

It looks like it's right up there.

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00:11:49,584 --> 00:11:51,585

Right.

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00:11:51,585 --> 00:12:00,586

So many unidentified contacts at the height of the Cold War when a Soviet missile attack was of very real fear.

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00:12:00,586 --> 00:12:05,587

The decision to launch intercept aircraft would surely come soon.

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00:12:05,587 --> 00:12:15,588

But on the tape, the authority to launch an investigatory flight seemed to be in the hands of an officer with a most unusual title.

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00:12:15,588 --> 00:12:18,588

All of the bases had a UFO officer.

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00:12:18,588 --> 00:12:20,588

You're a UFO officer.

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00:12:20,588 --> 00:12:22,589

Yes, sir.

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00:12:22,589 --> 00:12:24,589

He's caught him.

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00:12:25,589 --> 00:12:34,590

The team is reconstructing the incident above Edwards Air Force Base that occurred on October 7th, 1965.

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00:12:34,590 --> 00:12:43,592

Starting at 1.30 a.m., an object with strange pulsating lights is hovering near the base's rocket test site.

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00:12:43,592 --> 00:12:52,593

And six smaller objects have joined it, three moving in formation to the south, and another three moving about the base freely.

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00:12:53,593 --> 00:12:58,593

Five Southern California military radar stations capture the event.

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00:12:58,593 --> 00:13:06,595

I'm getting some reports for Edwards Tower, Victimville Tower, and some other radar sites about UFOs.

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00:13:06,595 --> 00:13:13,595

The team not only has the key eyewitness to the event, the base's senior air traffic controller Chuck Soros.

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00:13:13,595 --> 00:13:23,597

But now, for the first time on television, the previously classified complete audio tapes from that night's radio and telephone communications.

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00:13:23,597 --> 00:13:29,598

I have another red light and green light combination in sight moving very rapidly.

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00:13:29,598 --> 00:13:39,599

On that evening, after making repeated visual contact for over an hour, Soros gets on the phone to Lads, the Los Angeles Air Defense Sector.

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00:13:39,599 --> 00:13:44,600

He discovers that they are now also in radar contact with the objects.

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00:13:44,600 --> 00:13:51,600

F.O. Lads here. Say if you want any reports of unknown flying objects over there.

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00:13:51,600 --> 00:13:56,601

The people at Lads got involved. They were in charge of the air defense of the area.

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00:13:56,601 --> 00:14:01,602

They was getting radar paints on it, and I had a visual on it. George Tower had a visual on it.

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00:14:01,602 --> 00:14:05,602

There were several people on the ground on Edwards that had visuals on it.

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00:14:05,602 --> 00:14:11,603

Through the period of talking back and forth with Lads, we decided to scramble an aircraft.

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00:14:13,603 --> 00:14:20,604

At 2 a.m., Edwards' alert pilot Captain Daryl Clark is notified of the incursion.

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00:14:20,604 --> 00:14:26,605

He goes outside next to runway aircraft with a radio and binoculars to get a clear view.

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00:14:26,605 --> 00:14:34,606

He makes visual contact. This is his voice when he gets on the radio and reports what he is seeing.

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00:14:34,606 --> 00:14:40,607

I got a good look at it with binoculars. It looks like a fairly full altitude.

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00:14:40,607 --> 00:14:47,608

Two trained military men, one an air traffic controller, the other an experienced pilot.

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00:14:47,608 --> 00:14:51,608

Both believe these are not typical aircraft.

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00:14:51,608 --> 00:14:57,609

But these descriptions aren't enough for the people at Lads to take the next step.

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00:14:57,609 --> 00:15:05,610

They will need to speak with a very specific officer to determine if they should launch an aircraft to intercept the objects.

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00:15:05,610 --> 00:15:10,611

Lieutenant Lieutenant is the UFO responsible officer in bed.

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00:15:10,611 --> 00:15:19,612

Do you want us to shake this lieutenant out of the bed and see if he wants to request going out for the lookie?

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00:15:19,612 --> 00:15:26,613

So right there, they're calling for the UFO officer at the base.

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00:15:26,613 --> 00:15:30,614

Lieutenant is the UFO responsible officer in bed.

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00:15:30,614 --> 00:15:37,614

I believe back in those days that Airbus Base had a designated UFO officer.

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00:15:37,614 --> 00:15:47,616

According to the Air Force, quote, investigators from the Foreign Technology Division may have been called unofficially UFO officer.

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00:15:47,616 --> 00:15:54,617

But this is not a term that was ever used by the USAF to denote an official position.

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00:15:54,617 --> 00:15:58,617

In my nine years in the Air Force, I never heard of a UFO officer.

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00:15:58,617 --> 00:16:07,618

Are they looking for extraterrestrial flying saucers or just any object that was unable to be identified?

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00:16:07,618 --> 00:16:12,619

I don't know that they were looking for any particular shape or size or anything like that.

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00:16:12,619 --> 00:16:18,620

It was just anything that was out of the ordinary that would be called an unidentified flying

object.

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00:16:18,620 --> 00:16:29,621

At the onset of World War I, the U.S. Army formed a foreign data section to study the aviation capabilities and progress of the powers in Europe.

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00:16:29,621 --> 00:16:36,622

By World War II, the division became the Technical Data Laboratory based at Wright-Patterson Field.

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00:16:36,622 --> 00:16:40,623

The group assessed captured enemy equipment and aircraft.

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00:16:40,623 --> 00:16:50,624

After the war, the division merged into a scientific and technical intelligence group, T2 Intelligence, with a primary goal to, quote,

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ensure the prevention of strategic, tactical or technological surprise from any source.

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00:16:57,625 --> 00:17:02,626

As the Cold War escalated, their primary focus was Russia.

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00:17:02,626 --> 00:17:18,628

However, in 1947, this division studied the emerging UFO phenomena under Project Sign, and in 1952, this division created Project Blue Book for the continued study of UFOs.

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In 1961, the division was officially changed to the Foreign Technology Division.

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00:17:26,629 --> 00:17:35,630

FTD personnel are not assigned to every base, only those which fall under their purview according to the Air Force, quote.

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It would not be unusual for FTD personnel to be at Edwards, given that Edwards functions as the test base for USAF aircraft and other aircraft, including foreign aircraft.

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00:17:48,632 --> 00:18:04,634

This officer would be consulted whenever something unidentified was sighted, whether this was a suspected Soviet craft or any other object that was not immediately recognized by Edwards personnel.

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00:18:04,634 --> 00:18:13,635

Objects that can't be identified, you don't know what they are, have penetrated airspace over Edwards Air Force space and have gotten close to the runways.

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00:18:13,635 --> 00:18:16,635

Why haven't we dispatched planes?

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00:18:16,635 --> 00:18:23,636

This doesn't happen very often. They were having to sort of explore it on the fly here as to what the regulations are, who had the authority to do what.

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00:18:23,636 --> 00:18:25,637

So this is an unusual event.

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00:18:25,637 --> 00:18:29,637

I would imagine back then it was just a fly-by-the-sea-your-pants type thing.

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00:18:29,637 --> 00:18:37,638

I had no particular policy to go by or anything to tell me what to do. You had to make a decision and act on it.

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00:18:38,638 --> 00:18:42,639

What these objects might be is still open for discussion.

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00:18:42,639 --> 00:18:54,640

But with no protocol in place and the object seeming to pose no immediate threat, it's determined that no further action can take place until the UFO officer contacts the tower.

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00:18:54,640 --> 00:19:04,642

They are scrambling their UFO also out of the pan and see if he wants to request space ops and things, and he's going out and looking.

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00:19:04,642 --> 00:19:11,643

In the radio transmissions and in the phone conversations, we suddenly find out, wait a minute, Edwards had a UFO officer?

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00:19:11,643 --> 00:19:15,643

What did the UFO officer do? Was he looking for flying saucers?

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00:19:15,643 --> 00:19:24,644

Well, even if he was not looking for flying saucers but only in charge of whatever unknown objects were up there, still, this is breaking news.

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00:19:24,644 --> 00:19:33,646

That despite all the denials of the Air Force, and I mean, year after year they would deny that UFOs are real, they have a UFO officer.

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00:19:33,646 --> 00:19:46,647

At 3 a.m., over 90 minutes after the initial sighting, the UFO officer contacts the tower and attempts to determine the origin of these objects with the Los Angeles Air Defense Sector.

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00:19:47,647 --> 00:19:52,648

LADS has confirmed radar sightings from five different points around Edwards.

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00:19:52,648 --> 00:19:57,649

Edwards, do you like to get any balloons out of Edwards? Any balloons?

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00:19:57,649 --> 00:19:58,649

Yeah.

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No, I got no one.

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Edwards don't have a Ravenstein unit, so I doubt that they lent you anything, there wasn't any

reason to.

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They don't have any reason to send any other destruction anyway.

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How about Edwards, huh?

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No.

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That's true.

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That was the director down at Los Angeles Sector talking to the weatherman on Edwards and asking the head day, lost a balloon.

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And he said, no, we don't have a Ravenstein site, which is a weather site that sends up balloons and does that kind of thing. We had no reason to do it.

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Edwards don't have a Ravenstein unit, they have no reason to launch any weather balloons.

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So he plainly says on the tape, they did not launch a balloon. However, in the written report of this thing, it plainly states that balloon was launched from there that night.

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In reality, it didn't happen, but it's in the classified written report.

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The official United States Air Force report clearly dismisses the multiple accounts as sightings of a weather balloon.

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If these objects were in fact weather balloons, why the next decision? To scramble a fighter jet. And what did that jet see?

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There was a approximately five to seven objects. They were quickly moving out east of the airport.

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Sometimes they had to quickly move straight up.

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On October 7, 1965, multiple eyewitnesses report several objects above Edwards Air Force Base.

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A formally classified document from the United States Air Force clearly states that this object was a weather balloon, although according to the Tower Audio, Edwards was not capable of launching such a craft.

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Did you see any balloons out of Edwards? Any balloons? Yeah.

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No, I don't know of. That was the only Ravenstein unit. So I doubt that they'd launched anything. It wouldn't have no reason to.

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But the UFO officer who has recently contacted the Tower is looking for a more rational explanation and continues to pursue the weather balloon theory.

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It's very hard for a balloon to go from north to south at a low altitude when a record to wind is out of the west at two knots.

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If the wind is out of the west and one of us going north to south and then turned west, it'd be very difficult for a balloon to turn into the wind.

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So what we're saying here is they don't have the flight characteristics of a balloon. There's a report that no balloons were launched that night.

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And yet in the classified report, there's a report of a balloon that's being launched.

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In fact, according to the report, the objects are described as weather balloons three times, despite all the evidence to the contrary.

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And these kinds of weather balloons that they were looking for, are they typically lit? No. They

have marking lights. No.

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The only other explanation offered by the UFO officer is that this object could have been a man-made aircraft,

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contradicting what is reported by Sorals and the alert pilot on the runway, Darrell Clark.

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Sorals makes his opinion known.

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The UFO officer saw this. He thinks it's an airplane. I do not.

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The UFO officer said it looked like an airplane to him. He is not a trained pilot. He has not trained anything other than he was a UFO officer assigned to.

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I don't know what his normal duty was. But here you've got an air traffic controller that says it's

not an airplane.

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You've got an alert pilot standing on the ground that says it's not an airplane. But the UFO officer thinks it's an airplane.

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Now, Bill, do you think that part of the UFO's officer's job is to say things are airplanes?

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Remember, the Air Force was in the UFO business, the flying saucer business, in 1965. They didn't get at it until 1969.

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So do you think part of that person's job was to discount these things and not pass along stuff to Blue Book?

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I think that's speculation, Bill. I'm with Chuck, that the guy was not trained. He had probably no aviation-related duties whatsoever.

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And all he knew about airplanes was that they had a red light, a green light, and a white light. And he said, it looks like an airplane to me.

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There was no conspiracy. It was just flat inexperience, and he didn't know what he was talking about.

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Whether the object is an airplane or something else, the consensus in 1965 is that they need to get a closer look at whatever is hovering in restricted airspace.

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But the only live planes at Edwards are armed with nuclear weapons, which require high-level authorization to launch.

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These alert birds are specifically designated to protect the U.S. from an incoming attack. They are armed with nuclear weapons in the event that an immediate strike or counter-strike is necessary.

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To launch one of these nuclear-armed F-106s over U.S. airspace is far too risky without knowing anything further about these objects.

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We can't use nuclear alert birds, but do you have another 106?

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No, that's all we have. That's all you have.

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So we have a DS6 on alert.

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00:25:26,692 --> 00:25:31,693

I suppose by this time it's getting on toward four o'clock in the morning.

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Imagine that it's been going on for two and a half, three hours by this time.

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But because the time the bird got up and got in position and tried to make a run on it, the things that risen in altitude,

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it moved in their position, they weren't as visible as they once were.

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Do you think that someone was holding it back or do you think this was normal procedure?

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Oh, this would be normal procedure because they didn't have a bird that was a knock arm and they didn't have a pilot to fly.

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We had one, on greater than one hour, but I believe that's because we don't have a pilot here for it.

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We'd have to have an indication on the scramble with the weapon of war.

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They couldn't take the alert guy in case he had to go with the alert bird, so they had to get an additional pilot that wasn't even on duty at the time.

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They had to go rack somebody out of the bed to get him down there and to fly the airplane.

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This time this bird is taking off. Is that a high bird?

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No, no, he's not loading.

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When the go ahead to launch a plane to intercept is finally given, the turnaround time is significant as it is after 3 a.m.

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and the pilot and ground crew have to be awoken to get the bird in the air.

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They were geared to look out, to look for Russian airplanes coming in from the water basically.

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This is inside our own airspace, so procedures really aren't laid out there.

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As the bird gets up into the air, both lads and sorals guide the pilot to get closer to the objects, but there's a problem.

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By this time, they have started to move away from the base.

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He went up and took a look at it and they run radar intercept on it.

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They were having a hard time getting him in the area.

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At one point I was directing the aircraft, I would line him up with the runway, give him a heading.

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Have he come right down the runway?

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I'm bringing the 0-1, I'm starting with the 0-4-0.

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At one point they run him through as high as 40,000 feet.

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And I was talking to the director and he was asking me how's he doing.

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I said, well he's closing on it.

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The 0-1, you should hold the 1-flip now.

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Talking on your right or on your left.

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Then as he got closer I said he's low.

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The tower has things up there.

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And he's low.

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Look, they're high, they're high.

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And the thing is rising very fast.

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00:27:59,712 --> 00:28:01,712

That thing is rising.

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Well he's at 40,000 feet, I said I don't hear he's still low.

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He's way low.

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00:28:06,713 --> 00:28:07,713

Way low.

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40,000 feet.

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00:28:09,713 --> 00:28:10,714

Still low.

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00:28:10,714 --> 00:28:18,715

But as the pilot gets closer, the objects get further and further away, until they finally disappear.

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Out of visual contact and out of radar contact.

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00:28:23,715 --> 00:28:34,717

He has moved now to approximately 1-4-5 degrees, estimated 40 miles and very, very high now.

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It is almost invisible now.

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What is your estimate of this?

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I think it was an unusual incident for all professionals involved.

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The only unprofessional I heard in there was a UFO officer.

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He's the only one who thought it was an airplane.

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The declassified tapes are just the beginning.

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The alert pilot, Captain Clark, who never spoke of this incident beyond that night and could never know it would be investigated in the future, would eventually write a letter to his wife, elaborating on what he saw that night in October.

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Captain Clark?

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Yes.

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What do you think of it?

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Well, I'll tell you, when I first saw it, it was approaching the base from the north.

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All I could see was the pulsating, not rotating, light.

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I got to just look at it with a binoculars.

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It seems to be pushing a little cloud in front of it.

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The team has just heard declassified recordings of an incident above Edwards Air Force Base on October 7, 1965.

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This is the power of Edwards.

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We have an object now moving southward.

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Chuck Sorrell's, the senior air traffic controller at the base that evening, has shed new light on the strange objects that were found hovering for almost six hours in restricted airspace.

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But Sorrell's and the recordings are not the only sources for the story behind what the Air Force refers to as the incident.

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Captain Daryl Clark was the alert pilot at Edwards Air Force Base that evening.

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It looks like a fairly slow altitude, probably about 10,000 feet.

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His voice is on the audio tapes.

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It turned a little bit more westerly and gained a tremendous amount of altitude.

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After decades of silence, Clark feels compelled to document his experience from that fateful night in a letter to his wife.

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The important thing about this letter is that Captain Daryl Clark was the senior ranking officer on duty.

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And his account corroborates Chuck Sorrell's account.

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Both men kept this a secret for as long as they could.

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Obviously this incident had played on his mind for decades before he decided to share the secret with someone.

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This letter was given to the UFO hunters by Sam Sherman, the architect of the reconstructed audio transmissions from Edwards that night.

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Sherman obtained it directly from Clark's son.

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I was on alert at Edwards Air Force Base in California and was the senior ranking officer on duty.

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At about 0200 hours, I got a call from the senior controller.

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He said they had reports of UFOs and had had some radar contacts.

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Hello, this is Captain Clark off Laman.

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00:31:16,738 --> 00:31:18,738

Okay, Captain Clark, Lieutenant Greed.

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00:31:18,738 --> 00:31:24,739

We have confirmed reports of some identified flying object here area.

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00:31:24,739 --> 00:31:25,739

Okay.

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As I scanned the sky, I observed a pulsating light to the northwest of my position, moving south at about 1,000 feet above the ground and around 300 knots.

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The UFO never leveled off.

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00:31:40,741 --> 00:31:41,741

It continued to climb.

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It appeared to move right out into space until it finally passed out of view.

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00:31:47,742 --> 00:31:49,742

Daryl A. Clark.

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The incident was also whispered about the following day amongst those on the base who hadn't witnessed the event.

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Test pilot George Merritt was stationed at Edwards at the time and remembers the energy surrounding this story.

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My name is George Merritt.

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I was a graduate of the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base.

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Well, when I came in to work the next morning, there was a buzz going on about these strange lights that had been seen south of the base late in the evening and into the early morning.

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And so everybody is talking just like the TV program from night before. What was it? What do you think it was?

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And Merritt confirms why it took the Air Force so long to scramble a bird to take a closer look.

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Starting with the president down, they have to determine at that level, Pentagon level, that there is a threat.

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We want these new armed interceptors to take off, identify and shoot them down. You take that very, very serious.

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These lights are presenting no hazard to Edwards Air Force Base. There is nobody dropping bombs, nobody firing missiles, shooting guns, no parachutes coming out.

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Nothing that is a threat to Edwards, nor is there at this time to the air defense of the United States.

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The report goes to someone called the Base UFO Officer, correct?

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This is Captain John Belendt.

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Captain John Belendt.

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He was part of the foreign technology provision out of Wright Patterson.

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And foreign technology, that means that there is classified secret things going on at Edwards that he needs to review and report to his higher headquarters.

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He is the one that wrote the official Air Force report, signed it and it went up through the chain of command.

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So that is the official report of this. That was not written by an Edwards person.

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This official Air Force report was the same report that dismissed one of the objects as a weather balloon.

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Could this in fact be classified technology that Ballant was not allowed to reveal or didn't know about?

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During his initial reconstruction of the audio tapes, Sam Sherman contacted Ballant to discuss the incident.

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But Ballant refused comment and was not interested in participating in Sherman's investigation.

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My take on it was that a year and a half earlier, when I was a student in the test pilot school,

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President Johnson announced that the YF-12 Blackbird was at Edwards.

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I saw one of them taxi in.

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00:34:39,765 --> 00:34:44,766

First time I'd ever seen the Blackbird, knew nothing about Groom Lake, nothing about Area 51.

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And here are the most magnificent fighter aircraft I had ever seen, comes taxing in.

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00:34:50,766 --> 00:34:53,767

And I'm a fighter pilot, you'd think I'd know about it, but I didn't know about it.

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What did that plane have to do with the UFO incident?

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Well, so my first feeling is if there's some kind of lights out there and it is in fact some kind of a vehicle,

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it's probably a classified program.

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The restricted area, the area where we as test pilots did all of our flight test,

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00:35:12,769 --> 00:35:14,769

was in what's called the Edwards restricted area.

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Same one that we have right now, 25-12.

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And it starts about five or six miles south of the runway and runs to the west, runs to the north and runs to the east.

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So the testing area for our aircraft were all north of the Edwards area, Edwards base.

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According to Merritt, the flight path of all classified technology at Edwards would take place in a specific area north of the base.

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But this does not match the reported locations and flight paths of the UFOs.

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The official report from the Air Force said that these were...

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Unidentified lights that were seen at Edwards.

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Okay, so that's what stood, even though Captain Blent said that these were planes.

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Well, they're just unidentified. That's not all you can say.

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But he still believes that there is more to this case.

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00:36:12,777 --> 00:36:19,778

I'm personally very happy that they've reopened the case of the unidentified flying object that went past Edwards.

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It's been something I've wondered about for 40 years myself.

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Are these UFOs that are repeatedly entering restricted military airspace?

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And what did Chuck Sorrell's Daryl Clark and the LAD's radar stations actually make contact with on October 7th, 1965?

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We're looking for about seven UFOs.

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The team examines the final piece of the Edwards puzzle, the radar readings from the Los Angeles Air Defense Sector.

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It looks like multiple targets.

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With eyewitnesses, declassified recordings and handwritten never-before-seen testimony,

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the team has uncovered a mountain of evidence regarding the night of October 7th, 1965 at Edwards Air Force Base.

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I'm getting some reports for Edwards Tower, Victimville Tower, and federal radar sites about the UFOs.

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Their final step is to authenticate the official radar images from the San Pedro Radar Station that evening,

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images that the official report later discount as anomalous weather propagation.

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This phenomenon is caused by a temperature inversion.

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The Earth's atmosphere usually cools as elevation rises, but an inversion can sometimes occur,

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where the temperature either does not cool or, in some extreme cases, gets warmer with height.

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When this occurs, this warmer layer acts like a lid, which can lead to haze or pollution being trapped beneath this layer,

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resulting in false radar hits.

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Edwards, it's observing them from the ground.

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Two towers observing them, and we're carrying the height and radar, and we have a track on them.

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Radar analyst John Kirk is assisting the team in authenticating the radar

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and discussing theories on what else these objects might have been.

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I'm about to meet a radar systems engineer, John Kirk, who has radar experience from the military and has worked with radar for over 50 years.

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My name is John Kirk. I'm a radar systems engineer.

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These are the actual images from the radar displays at Fort MacArthur,

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taken in San Pedro during that evening in 1965.

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The images were taken at intervals, creating a visual timeline that tracks the object's movement throughout the entire incident.

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They're moving slowly and climbing slowly, and they have been confirmed on radar.

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You look at the images and they're pretty standard. I mean, this is a display. These are just markers on it.

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So what this tells me is that this radar was looking. It did pick up some moving targets. It did put some information on them.

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00:39:15,801 --> 00:39:21,802

On the actual radar image, these areas are identified by Kirk as moving targets.

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00:39:21,802 --> 00:39:29,803

So we've got multiple targets here. Looks like there's multiple targets, and as you cycle through some of these things, you'll see the pictures changing.

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00:39:30,803 --> 00:39:37,804

It looks like there's maybe one, two, three. My guess is there's about four, five, six targets.

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00:39:37,804 --> 00:39:45,805

Kirk counts six targets on the radar image, but still, this does not discount the theories of anomalous propagation.

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00:39:45,805 --> 00:39:50,806

Anomalous propagation could be caused by a weather, an inversion or something,

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00:39:50,806 --> 00:39:55,806

there's going on clouds coming in, some moisture near. There's a lot of atmospheric anomalies.

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00:39:56,807 --> 00:39:58,807

To make any sense of what it could possibly be?

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00:39:58,807 --> 00:40:01,807

No, we're in as much dark as you are.

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00:40:01,807 --> 00:40:09,808

It's hard for me to think that that's anomalous propagation. If there's anomalous propagation, you'd think you'd see more of a blob rather than an individual.

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00:40:09,808 --> 00:40:11,809

So this doesn't look like anomalous propagation.

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00:40:11,809 --> 00:40:13,809

It looks like individual things.

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00:40:14,809 --> 00:40:22,810

According to Kirk, anomalous propagation would appear as a blob, while these images appear to be independent targets.

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00:40:22,810 --> 00:40:24,810

It looks like targets.

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00:40:24,810 --> 00:40:27,811

Yeah, it looks like targets to me. What kind, I can't say. I have no idea.

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00:40:27,811 --> 00:40:32,811

It just looks like there's targets out there, and the radars are working like they're supposed to be working.

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00:40:32,811 --> 00:40:39,812

In addition, five separate radar sites wouldn't pick up the same false reading at the same time.

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00:40:39,812 --> 00:40:48,813

While Kirk cannot speculate what the objects could have been, he is impressed with the amount of evidence surrounding this story.

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00:40:49,814 --> 00:40:54,814

For a pilot to write down, this is what I saw. For an operator to say this is what I saw.

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00:40:54,814 --> 00:40:57,815

It's a lot of collaborative information.

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00:40:57,815 --> 00:41:01,815

I can't refute it, but just on the basis of these, they do look like real tracks.

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00:41:01,815 --> 00:41:02,815

Okay.

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00:41:02,815 --> 00:41:07,816

That doesn't look like it would be anomalous propagation. These look like they're real.

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00:41:07,816 --> 00:41:12,817

There are three definite objects that's not weathered, not cluttered.

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00:41:12,817 --> 00:41:16,817

They can see the objects, but they don't see their aircraft.

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00:41:16,817 --> 00:41:19,818

No, they can't tell what they are.

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00:41:21,818 --> 00:41:32,819

Former National Weather Service meteorologist William Puckett also has evidence that suggests these radar images cannot be explained away by anomalous propagation.

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00:41:32,819 --> 00:41:44,821

On the night of October 7th, 1965, according to the National Climatic Data Center, the atmosphere was very dry and had no temperature inversions.

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00:41:44,821 --> 00:41:49,822

Two key characteristics that can create these false radar hits.

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00:41:49,822 --> 00:41:57,823

Without these conditions present, the likelihood of the radar hits being anomalous propagation is close to zero.

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00:41:57,823 --> 00:42:06,824

The surface weather at Edwards from midnight to 6 a.m. also shows clear skies, mild temperatures, and little to no wind.

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00:42:06,824 --> 00:42:10,824

Visibility is estimated to be 35 miles.

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00:42:10,824 --> 00:42:21,826

With these factors, the distortion or misidentification of celestial objects such as Jupiter, Saturn, or other stars is highly unlikely.

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00:42:21,826 --> 00:42:31,827

But after the incident and the subsequent investigation into it, the military decided to seal all the records and audio concerning the case.

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00:42:31,827 --> 00:42:45,829

Their explanation was that the radar hits were false positives and that the eyewitnesses had merely misidentified celestial objects, despite the overwhelming evidence ruling these theories out.

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00:42:45,829 --> 00:42:56,830

You know, it's just amazing to me to hear that possibly we have UFOs penetrating secure airspace, military airspace, in the United States with impunity.

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00:42:56,830 --> 00:43:08,832

According to the account, both on the tapes, the radar traces, and Cerell's account of it, that it was exceeding any known flight envelope characteristics of any aircraft of that time or since.

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00:43:08,832 --> 00:43:11,832

It is much, much higher when we first observe.

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00:43:11,832 --> 00:43:15,833

These audio recordings of actual events sent chills down my spine.

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00:43:15,833 --> 00:43:20,833

I have another red light and green light combination inside moving very rapidly.

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00:43:20,833 --> 00:43:28,835

When you sit down and you listen to all the people that were involved, there were a whole bunch of voices in that chatter that did not know what was going on.

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00:43:28,835 --> 00:43:30,835

Of course, raw Edwards, you'll see most of them.

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00:43:30,835 --> 00:43:33,835

The audio is the smoking gun.

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00:43:33,835 --> 00:43:34,835

He's climbing.

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00:43:34,835 --> 00:43:35,835

My tower, my tower.

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00:43:35,835 --> 00:43:38,836

It looks like it's right above you.

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00:43:38,836 --> 00:43:45,837

They classified the tape for 30 years. What was on the tape that had to be classified?

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00:43:45,837 --> 00:43:51,838

Secret weapons? No, special radar? No. What it was, was UFOs.

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00:43:51,838 --> 00:43:59,839

Over 40 years later, the incident at Edwards Air Force Base continues to be unexplained.

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00:43:59,839 --> 00:44:07,840

Today, the Air Force Flight Test Center's motto is Add in Explorata, Toward the Unexplored.

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00:44:07,840 --> 00:44:11,840

A fitting description for that night in October.

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00:44:11,840 --> 00:44:17,841

Perhaps the most compelling and little-known sighting of a UFO known to date.