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00:00:00,900 --> 00:00:05,749  
and this is weapons

2  
00:00:10,370 --> 00:00:07,309  
we've really got to get into right now

3  
00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:10,380  
what people are saying is that this ship

4  
00:00:17,330 --> 00:00:13,920  
called the bass straight launched you

5  
00:00:18,349 --> 00:00:17,340  
know the these uh objects these units

6  
00:00:20,929 --> 00:00:18,359  
okay

7  
00:00:23,330 --> 00:00:20,939  
and that's been now propagated and it is

8  
00:00:25,370 --> 00:00:23,340  
100 false and I want to hear from

9  
00:00:27,650 --> 00:00:25,380  
somebody who has direct knowledge of

10  
00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:27,660  
this and that's why this is uh the next

11  
00:00:32,569 --> 00:00:29,760  
little little bit of audio one of the

12  
00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:32,579  
duties of this person was to monitor the

13  
00:00:36,650 --> 00:00:34,800

bastrate in real time

14

00:00:38,330 --> 00:00:36,660

and let's see what this person has to

15

00:00:40,729 --> 00:00:38,340

say

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00:00:43,610 --> 00:00:40,739

I want to talk about origin there's been

17

00:00:45,650 --> 00:00:43,620

a lot of talk that these objects if if

18

00:00:48,049 --> 00:00:45,660

not launched from land that they were

19

00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:48,059

launched from a merchant vessel so the

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00:00:51,529 --> 00:00:49,680

Bass Strait is a lot of people are

21

00:00:53,630 --> 00:00:51,539

trying to pin this on the bass straight

22

00:00:55,790 --> 00:00:53,640

can you tell me a little bit about that

23

00:00:58,970 --> 00:00:55,800

about origin and what you know about the

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00:01:02,750 --> 00:00:58,980

Bass Strait this was the closest that we

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00:01:05,929 --> 00:01:02,760

ever came to on our ship figuring a

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00:01:07,370 --> 00:01:05,939

possible origin outside of coming from

27

00:01:09,649 --> 00:01:07,380

Land somehow

28

00:01:11,630 --> 00:01:09,659

like you said traversing those 30 to 50

29

00:01:14,330 --> 00:01:11,640

miles that we were

30

00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:14,340

um from nearest Islands so

31

00:01:20,030 --> 00:01:17,640

at one point we did see

32

00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:20,040

what looked like multiple air contacts

33

00:01:24,890 --> 00:01:23,040

around a merchant ship that was

34

00:01:27,710 --> 00:01:24,900

operating in our vicinity of our strike

35

00:01:30,109 --> 00:01:27,720

group and uh it was a foreign flag

36

00:01:33,410 --> 00:01:30,119

merchant ship and we reached out to them

37

00:01:35,090 --> 00:01:33,420

they denied they weren't a vessel of

38

00:01:38,210 --> 00:01:35,100

interest that we had been worried about

39

00:01:41,330 --> 00:01:38,220  
or anything but I think it was like

40

00:01:43,370 --> 00:01:41,340  
five to ten of the aircraft circling

41

00:01:46,609 --> 00:01:43,380  
around it and we never saw it actually

42

00:01:49,069 --> 00:01:46,619  
land on this vessel

43

00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:49,079  
was it your impression that the contacts

44

00:01:53,149 --> 00:01:50,880  
did not belong to the merchant vessel

45

00:01:55,130 --> 00:01:53,159  
and can you verify that you asked the

46

00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:55,140  
merchant vessel and they denied that

47

00:01:58,969 --> 00:01:57,060  
they were theirs

48

00:02:01,010 --> 00:01:58,979  
yeah I could verify the latter for sure

49

00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:01,020  
and that was also why I sort of skirted

50

00:02:04,969 --> 00:02:03,360  
around saying many details about that

51  
00:02:06,770 --> 00:02:04,979  
Merchant vessel because I wasn't I'm not

52  
00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:06,780  
sure where the investigation went

53  
00:02:11,869 --> 00:02:09,599  
afterwards I sort of helped compose the

54  
00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:11,879  
message that we sent off because I'd

55  
00:02:15,770 --> 00:02:14,160  
seen it and like I said we didn't see

56  
00:02:17,150 --> 00:02:15,780  
them land on it and that was what we

57  
00:02:18,650 --> 00:02:17,160  
really wanted to see like we really

58  
00:02:20,690 --> 00:02:18,660  
wanted to see either a launch or a

59  
00:02:23,150 --> 00:02:20,700  
landing we didn't know if possibly this

60  
00:02:25,190 --> 00:02:23,160  
vessel had a foreign nation's

61  
00:02:27,830 --> 00:02:25,200  
intelligence Detachment on board or

62  
00:02:30,530 --> 00:02:27,840  
something like that doing this they did

63  
00:02:33,650 --> 00:02:30,540

deny they were the source and they also

64

00:02:35,270 --> 00:02:33,660

never landed or launched them so right

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00:02:36,830 --> 00:02:35,280

really wanted to see that because we

66

00:02:39,050 --> 00:02:36,840

just wanted an answer because we were we

67

00:02:40,670 --> 00:02:39,060

were tired of it it was not launching

68

00:02:42,589 --> 00:02:40,680

was not receiving the drones as much as

69

00:02:44,509 --> 00:02:42,599

we wanted it to like we we were like

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00:02:46,670 --> 00:02:44,519

this is the source this has to be it we

71

00:02:48,530 --> 00:02:46,680

finally figured it out and it seemed

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00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:48,540

like it probably wasn't just based on

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00:02:51,949 --> 00:02:50,340

the fact that we never saw them land or

74

00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:51,959

take off

75

00:02:56,330 --> 00:02:54,480

why is this important you know and again

76  
00:02:58,130 --> 00:02:56,340  
this kind of goes back to the you know

77  
00:02:59,930 --> 00:02:58,140  
the Warfighter and all of us you know

78  
00:03:02,449 --> 00:02:59,940  
like you've talked about before you know

79  
00:03:04,430 --> 00:03:02,459  
you've spoken to folks who you know

80  
00:03:05,570 --> 00:03:04,440  
they're not happy with how this unfolded

81  
00:03:07,070 --> 00:03:05,580  
you know

82  
00:03:09,050 --> 00:03:07,080  
um we're out there we're trying to do

83  
00:03:10,190 --> 00:03:09,060  
our job and yet we're getting peppered

84  
00:03:11,809 --> 00:03:10,200  
you know almost like we're in the boxing

85  
00:03:13,250 --> 00:03:11,819  
room getting jab getting jab getting

86  
00:03:15,890 --> 00:03:13,260  
jabbed and jam we can't we can't punch

87  
00:03:18,589 --> 00:03:15,900  
back and so finally like you hear and

88  
00:03:20,330 --> 00:03:18,599

it's you know I I I can commiserate with

89

00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:20,340

that feeling of almost uh not

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00:03:25,250 --> 00:03:22,319

helplessness but just frustration that

91

00:03:28,190 --> 00:03:25,260

you that you've got a job to do uh you

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00:03:30,410 --> 00:03:28,200

know we're all uh trained warfighters to

93

00:03:33,710 --> 00:03:30,420

uh you know defend the country but each

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00:03:35,149 --> 00:03:33,720

other and our ship right and um and

95

00:03:38,509 --> 00:03:35,159

we're getting harassed by these damn

96

00:03:40,610 --> 00:03:38,519

things and finally we see okay aha

97

00:03:42,289 --> 00:03:40,620

there's the culprit right there you know

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00:03:44,210 --> 00:03:42,299

and we're gonna you know we're gonna

99

00:03:45,410 --> 00:03:44,220

queer the hell out of them and and tell

100

00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:45,420

them to knock it off or whatever the

101  
00:03:48,110 --> 00:03:46,560  
case is right

102  
00:03:50,270 --> 00:03:48,120  
and what do you hear the you know what

103  
00:03:52,729 --> 00:03:50,280  
do you hear that guy say he goes so we

104  
00:03:55,430 --> 00:03:52,739  
finally see them there and we wanted it

105  
00:03:57,289 --> 00:03:55,440  
so bad for it to be the the source of

106  
00:04:00,050 --> 00:03:57,299  
our of our frustrations over these past

107  
00:04:02,210 --> 00:04:00,060  
few nights and not once did they see

108  
00:04:04,130 --> 00:04:02,220  
anything either land or take off from

109  
00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:04,140  
you know from from this Merchant vessel

110  
00:04:08,869 --> 00:04:05,760  
so

111  
00:04:09,949 --> 00:04:08,879  
um it just speaks to the you know I can

112  
00:04:17,330 --> 00:04:09,959  
I

113  
00:04:19,789 --> 00:04:17,340

Express you wanted an answer you know

114

00:04:22,009 --> 00:04:19,799

you wanted an answer and uh and it's

115

00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:22,019

almost like you know you you you're

116

00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:24,180

you're harassed by these things for so

117

00:04:27,110 --> 00:04:25,680

many nights in a row and finally you

118

00:04:29,150 --> 00:04:27,120

think you've got that answer and then

119

00:04:31,010 --> 00:04:29,160

the carpets pulled from from underneath

120

00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:31,020

you you know and it's not so the big

121

00:04:34,969 --> 00:04:32,880

thing for me is that people can just

122

00:04:37,249 --> 00:04:34,979

make up any they want and they can

123

00:04:39,409 --> 00:04:37,259

publish it and it starts to be trickled

124

00:04:41,870 --> 00:04:39,419

down as truth through tabloids all the

125

00:04:44,270 --> 00:04:41,880

way to Wikipedia and it's it's

126  
00:04:46,189 --> 00:04:44,280  
and and it's direct and knowing

127  
00:04:48,290 --> 00:04:46,199  
that is one thing you and I will know

128  
00:04:50,990 --> 00:04:48,300  
certain things but getting somebody

129  
00:04:52,550 --> 00:04:51,000  
who's there whose job it was to to watch

130  
00:04:54,890 --> 00:04:52,560  
the bass straight and make sure it was

131  
00:04:58,430 --> 00:04:54,900  
not the source of these now we finally

132  
00:05:02,150 --> 00:04:58,440  
have that person on record verified that

133  
00:05:04,430 --> 00:05:02,160  
was his duty and he sadly can't report

134  
00:05:06,230 --> 00:05:04,440  
to us that this was some sort of

135  
00:05:07,969 --> 00:05:06,240  
adversarial drone being launched off

136  
00:05:09,890 --> 00:05:07,979  
this ship which of course it wasn't with

137  
00:05:12,530 --> 00:05:09,900  
over a hundred and a hundred mile radius

138  
00:05:15,050 --> 00:05:12,540

this right that never made sense this

139

00:05:17,270 --> 00:05:15,060

excuse the case close never made sense

140

00:05:19,610 --> 00:05:17,280

but to get it through you have to hear

141

00:05:21,170 --> 00:05:19,620

from people directly there we also know

142

00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:21,180

that there was further investigation

143

00:05:25,550 --> 00:05:23,400

that the best rate was in Port when this

144

00:05:26,990 --> 00:05:25,560

was still going on that it was not

145

00:05:29,150 --> 00:05:27,000

responsible for launching what was

146

00:05:31,129 --> 00:05:29,160

buzzing around these ships so you and I

147

00:05:33,710 --> 00:05:31,139

have already reported on that numerous

148

00:05:35,870 --> 00:05:33,720

times and now let's just give it one

149

00:05:38,689 --> 00:05:35,880

more go which is that we have direct

150

00:05:40,909 --> 00:05:38,699

information and knowledge of who and how

151

00:05:42,650 --> 00:05:40,919

the bass rate was investigated after the

152

00:05:45,770 --> 00:05:42,660

day of events and they were determined

153

00:05:48,529 --> 00:05:45,780

not to be the place of origin Landing or

154

00:05:51,170 --> 00:05:48,539

launch of these hundred plus units in

155

00:05:52,890 --> 00:05:51,180

the 100 mile radius so guess what case