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00:00:15,288 --> 00:00:22,670
good afternoon my name is Robert solace

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00:00:18,089 --> 00:00:24,570
in 1967 I was a first lieutenant

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00:00:22,670 --> 00:00:28,730
stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base

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00:00:24,570 --> 00:00:35,700
Montana I was a missile launch officer

5
00:00:28,730 --> 00:00:38,789
and in March on march 24th 1967 I was on

6
00:00:35,700 --> 00:00:45,440
duty at what we called Oscar flight

7
00:00:38,789 --> 00:00:49,259
it is a underground capsule

8
00:00:45,439 --> 00:00:52,049
Harden's site about 60 feet underground

9
00:00:49,259 --> 00:00:53,640
we had security guards topside

10
00:00:52,049 --> 00:00:58,378
the main guard is called a flight

11
00:00:53,640 --> 00:01:02,840
security controller my commander at the

12
00:00:58,378 --> 00:01:07,728
time was lieutenant Fred Maiwald now

13
00:01:02,840 --> 00:01:07,728
Colonel retired colonel Fred my wall

14
00:01:08,510 --> 00:01:13,710
sometime in the evening hours on March

15
00:01:10,890 --> 00:01:16,259
24th I received a call from one of my

16
00:01:13,709 --> 00:01:18,389
top side guards the flight security

17
00:01:16,259 --> 00:01:20,280
controller stating that they had been

18
00:01:18,390 --> 00:01:23,909
observing strange lights in the sky

19
00:01:20,280 --> 00:01:26,700
making odd maneuvers and wanted to

20
00:01:23,909 --> 00:01:30,290
report it I thought it was kind of

21
00:01:26,700 --> 00:01:32,189
strange report but I took it seriously

22
00:01:30,290 --> 00:01:34,549
you have to understand we were

23
00:01:32,188 --> 00:01:36,899
protecting nuclear weapons and we

24
00:01:34,549 --> 00:01:41,159
reports we generally got were very

25
00:01:36,900 --> 00:01:43,740
professional at any rate I kind of

26
00:01:41,159 --> 00:01:46,079
dismissed the call he called back about

27
00:01:43,739 --> 00:01:48,149
five minutes later this time he was

28
00:01:46,078 --> 00:01:53,429
screaming into the phone saying they're

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00:01:48,149 --> 00:01:56,430
looking at an object a red glowing

30
00:01:53,430 --> 00:01:59,399
object hovering just above our front

31
00:01:56,430 --> 00:02:02,670
gate the Asajj echt was about thirty

32
00:01:59,399 --> 00:02:05,489
feet in diameter he couldn't make out

33
00:02:02,670 --> 00:02:08,280
too much the details of the object only

34
00:02:05,489 --> 00:02:11,219
that it was pulsating and

35
00:02:08,280 --> 00:02:14,490
and he had all the guards out there he

36
00:02:11,219 --> 00:02:17,669
was very frightened wanted me to give

37
00:02:14,490 --> 00:02:19,680
him direction I think I said something

38
00:02:17,669 --> 00:02:22,459
like make sure nothing comes inside the

39
00:02:19,680 --> 00:02:26,090
perimeter fence

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00:02:22,460 --> 00:02:29,129
he immediately hung the phone up we I

41
00:02:26,090 --> 00:02:33,120
went to wake my commander Fred Maiwald

42
00:02:29,129 --> 00:02:36,030
who was taking a rest break started to

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00:02:33,120 --> 00:02:39,719

tell him about the phone call and just

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00:02:36,030 --> 00:02:41,750

as I told him our missiles began going

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00:02:39,719 --> 00:02:44,459

into what's called a no-go condition or

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00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:47,239

unlaunchable essentially they were

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00:02:44,459 --> 00:02:50,159

disabled when this object was still

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00:02:47,239 --> 00:02:55,080

hovering over our site our launch

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00:02:50,159 --> 00:02:57,120

control facility at that point we went

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00:02:55,080 --> 00:03:01,410

through our procedures he reported to

51

00:02:57,120 --> 00:03:04,590

back to the command post the incident we

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00:03:01,409 --> 00:03:06,719

also had some security lights meaning

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00:03:04,590 --> 00:03:10,830

security incursions at some of the

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00:03:06,719 --> 00:03:14,099

launch facilities so I called the guard

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00:03:10,830 --> 00:03:17,040

back upstairs and directed that a

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00:03:14,099 --> 00:03:19,979

security team be sent out at this point

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00:03:17,039 --> 00:03:25,459

the guard told me the object had left at

58
00:03:19,979 --> 00:03:25,459
high speed again silent no noise

59
00:03:25,610 --> 00:03:29,790
the security guards got out to the

60
00:03:27,719 --> 00:03:32,819
launch facility and reported back that

61
00:03:29,789 --> 00:03:38,489
they were seeing this object again they

62
00:03:32,819 --> 00:03:43,048
also lost radio contact the this

63
00:03:38,489 --> 00:03:47,420
incident terminate at that point we we

64
00:03:43,049 --> 00:03:50,599
reset the the security alarms but the

65
00:03:47,419 --> 00:03:52,819
missiles themselves were still disabled

66
00:03:50,599 --> 00:03:55,829
we had to call in for maintenance

67
00:03:52,819 --> 00:03:59,219
maintenance teams to come out and and

68
00:03:55,829 --> 00:04:01,290
bring them back up on alert the the main

69
00:03:59,219 --> 00:04:03,810
indication we got from our equipment was

70
00:04:01,289 --> 00:04:06,319
this was guidance and control system

71
00:04:03,810 --> 00:04:06,319
failure

72
00:04:06,539 --> 00:04:13,530
I want to I want to emphasize that the

73
00:04:10,250 --> 00:04:15,599
security people upstairs had no control

74
00:04:13,530 --> 00:04:19,478
authority over they had no equipment up

75
00:04:15,599 --> 00:04:21,788
there no ability to affect any kind of

76
00:04:19,478 --> 00:04:26,139
system shutdown on our missiles all the

77
00:04:21,788 --> 00:04:27,610
control systems were underground we were

78
00:04:26,139 --> 00:04:30,129
relieved the next morning I reported

79
00:04:27,610 --> 00:04:33,340
back to the command post I'm sorry the

80
00:04:30,129 --> 00:04:38,259
the base Nostrum reported to our

81
00:04:33,339 --> 00:04:39,909
squadron commander he was why does the

82
00:04:38,259 --> 00:04:43,150
she didn't know how to explain the event

83
00:04:39,910 --> 00:04:45,910
he asked him specifically if it could

84
00:04:43,149 --> 00:04:47,439
have been an Air Force exercise and he

85
00:04:45,910 --> 00:04:51,160
assured me that it was not an airforce

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00:04:47,439 --> 00:04:52,689
exercise there was also a member of the

87
00:04:51,160 --> 00:04:57,460
Air Force Office of Special

88
00:04:52,689 --> 00:05:03,279
Investigations in in the room he ordered

89
00:04:57,459 --> 00:05:05,168
us to not ever talk about this I even

90
00:05:03,279 --> 00:05:10,809
signed a nondisclosure statement to that

91
00:05:05,168 --> 00:05:16,269
effect this was and I didn't talk about

92
00:05:10,810 --> 00:05:19,329
it until 1994 I was able to come across

93
00:05:16,269 --> 00:05:22,418
a little paragraph in a book called

94
00:05:19,329 --> 00:05:24,810
above top secret by Timothy good and on

95
00:05:22,418 --> 00:05:28,418
page three on one of that book there's a

96
00:05:24,810 --> 00:05:31,509
short paragraph about missiles being

97
00:05:28,418 --> 00:05:34,839
shut down while UFOs were overhead at

98
00:05:31,509 --> 00:05:38,080
that point with the help of mr. James

99
00:05:34,839 --> 00:05:41,079
Klotz my investigator we requested the

100
00:05:38,079 --> 00:05:42,879

Air Force to send us documents about

101

00:05:41,079 --> 00:05:48,008

this shutdown not mentioning the word

102

00:05:42,879 --> 00:05:50,259

UFO we we did get the Air Force to

103

00:05:48,009 --> 00:05:53,169

declassify what was what we'll call the

104

00:05:50,259 --> 00:05:55,538

echo flight incident let me back up a

105

00:05:53,168 --> 00:05:58,000

little bit during the report to the

106

00:05:55,538 --> 00:05:59,620

command post my commander Fred Weil

107

00:05:58,000 --> 00:06:01,329

turned to me and said the same thing

108

00:05:59,620 --> 00:06:04,090

happened at another site that at the

109

00:06:01,329 --> 00:06:06,579

time I thought he meant that that

110

00:06:04,089 --> 00:06:08,319

evening but it turns out the same thing

111

00:06:06,579 --> 00:06:10,870

had happened a week earlier at another

112

00:06:08,319 --> 00:06:18,098

site and and he was probably referring

113

00:06:10,870 --> 00:06:20,379

to the echo flight at any rate at that

114

00:06:18,098 --> 00:06:23,529

point when we start when we got the echo

115
00:06:20,379 --> 00:06:25,779
flight incident Declassified I was able

116
00:06:23,529 --> 00:06:27,278
to or I felt I was able to come forward

117
00:06:25,779 --> 00:06:29,288
and start talking about it because I

118
00:06:27,278 --> 00:06:31,750
thought that's where I was it wasn't

119
00:06:29,288 --> 00:06:33,060
until later I found out it was an Oscar

120
00:06:31,750 --> 00:06:35,560
flight and

121
00:06:33,060 --> 00:06:38,949
that dotto lay our flight had gone down

122
00:06:35,560 --> 00:06:42,129
of ten missiles but the echo flight also

123
00:06:38,949 --> 00:06:45,699
went down about a week earlier on March

124
00:06:42,129 --> 00:06:47,949
16th we have extensive documentation on

125
00:06:45,699 --> 00:06:49,599
the echo flight incident that we

126
00:06:47,949 --> 00:06:53,170
received from the Air Force under

127
00:06:49,600 --> 00:06:56,800
Freedom of Information Act we have the

128
00:06:53,170 --> 00:07:00,009
testimony of Walt Fiegel who was the

129
00:06:56,800 --> 00:07:03,460
deputy missile crew commander at Echo

130
00:07:00,009 --> 00:07:07,500
flight we have I have a couple of

131
00:07:03,459 --> 00:07:07,500
letters from the commander Erik Carlsson

132
00:07:07,860 --> 00:07:13,110
Colonel Maiwald

133
00:07:09,399 --> 00:07:16,689
has I gave me a radio

134
00:07:13,110 --> 00:07:20,500
I'm sorry a telephone interview about

135
00:07:16,689 --> 00:07:22,589
this in 1996 and I've got that on tape

136
00:07:20,500 --> 00:07:25,300
and he's given me permission to use that

137
00:07:22,589 --> 00:07:27,669
so we've got auto wreck audio recordings

138
00:07:25,300 --> 00:07:29,050
of some of these witnesses we've got

139
00:07:27,670 --> 00:07:32,110
written statements we've got

140
00:07:29,050 --> 00:07:36,090
documentation from the Air Force all of

141
00:07:32,110 --> 00:07:36,090
us supporting what I just told you

142
00:07:36,939 --> 00:07:39,000
you