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00:00:17,629 --> 00:00:23,219
hello everybody I'm Bruce fenstermacher

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00:00:21,059 --> 00:00:26,759
I don't have any exciting stories like

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00:00:23,219 --> 00:00:31,229
rolling a truck with 18 miles on it in

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00:00:26,760 --> 00:00:32,789
from 1974 to 1976 I was a combat crew

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00:00:31,230 --> 00:00:36,299
commander and a captain in the Air Force

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00:00:32,789 --> 00:00:40,799
Station fe warren air force base at the

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00:00:36,299 --> 00:00:44,250
400th SMS and signed to romeo flight in

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00:00:40,799 --> 00:00:46,378
the fall of 76 my deputy who I'll call

9
00:00:44,250 --> 00:00:49,109
Sam because he's not given me permission

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00:00:46,378 --> 00:00:51,539
to release his name we were on alert

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00:00:49,109 --> 00:00:53,969
trying to stay awake we were listening

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00:00:51,539 --> 00:00:56,039
to the conversation between the flight

13
00:00:53,969 --> 00:00:58,739
security controller of the topside NCO

14
00:00:56,039 --> 00:01:01,920
and the strategic alert team was

15
00:00:58,738 --> 00:01:04,679
security alert team SATs kind of that

16
00:01:01,920 --> 00:01:08,189
was one way to stay alert because this

17
00:01:04,680 --> 00:01:11,580
sack duty is moments of terrorists with

18
00:01:08,188 --> 00:01:14,639
hours of boredom and suddenly we heard

19
00:01:11,579 --> 00:01:17,819
the FSC call the SAT team and say stop

20
00:01:14,640 --> 00:01:19,469
the vehicle get out of the vehicle look

21
00:01:17,819 --> 00:01:23,069
around and didn't tell him where to look

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00:01:19,469 --> 00:01:26,670
or anything and Sam and I look at each

23
00:01:23,069 --> 00:01:28,709
other and then said what do you see any

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00:01:26,670 --> 00:01:33,629
so oh I don't see anything I don't see

25
00:01:28,709 --> 00:01:38,069
anything holy bleep I do see a white

26
00:01:33,629 --> 00:01:40,259
pulsating light in the sky that's maybe

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00:01:38,069 --> 00:01:43,349
seven or eight miles away the FSCS where

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00:01:40,259 --> 00:01:45,899
it was he set us to the north he said

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00:01:43,349 --> 00:01:49,500
it's pretty close to where the the

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00:01:45,899 --> 00:01:51,299
launch control facility is so my deputy

31
00:01:49,500 --> 00:01:54,450
I did a double take we called upstairs

32
00:01:51,299 --> 00:01:55,860
and we said what's going on he said

33
00:01:54,450 --> 00:01:59,129
you're not going to believe this captain

34
00:01:55,859 --> 00:02:04,500
but right above us there's a huge white

35
00:01:59,129 --> 00:02:05,849
thing pulsating light above us and I had

36
00:02:04,500 --> 00:02:09,360
to call them to make sure I wasn't

37
00:02:05,849 --> 00:02:12,120
seeing anything of pond prodding he told

38
00:02:09,360 --> 00:02:12,730
us it was shaped like a fat cigar I

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00:02:12,120 --> 00:02:15,580
think he's

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00:02:12,729 --> 00:02:18,219
pregnant cigar white pulsating light

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00:02:15,580 --> 00:02:22,150
between the pulsations he saw red in red

42
00:02:18,219 --> 00:02:24,699
and blue lights it was silent because I

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00:02:22,150 --> 00:02:27,539

prodded him saying is it some for a

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00:02:24,699 --> 00:02:30,098

helicopter he said no it's very silent

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00:02:27,539 --> 00:02:32,019

we're talking to him for several minutes

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00:02:30,098 --> 00:02:36,518

and he says it's starting to move away

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00:02:32,019 --> 00:02:39,430

along our access road so we hung up by

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00:02:36,519 --> 00:02:42,549

Deputy saying what do we do we got to

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00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:45,459

report this he calls down the FSC call

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00:02:42,549 --> 00:02:47,290

down shortly and says it's over a one of

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00:02:45,459 --> 00:02:49,479

our launch facilities a missile silos

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00:02:47,289 --> 00:02:53,259

and it was the closest one along the

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00:02:49,479 --> 00:02:57,250

access road so I ordered the SAT team to

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00:02:53,259 --> 00:02:58,840

go to that site and they called in to

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00:02:57,250 --> 00:03:03,579

through the FSCS so they had to go back

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00:02:58,840 --> 00:03:05,140

for batteries all and they were little

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00:03:03,579 --> 00:03:07,269

slow getting out so I was kind of

58
00:03:05,139 --> 00:03:10,119
ordering them come on get get on get

59
00:03:07,269 --> 00:03:12,909
going and in at the same time we

60
00:03:10,120 --> 00:03:16,420
contacted sacked command post at fe

61
00:03:12,909 --> 00:03:19,209
warren and NCO answered and we told him

62
00:03:16,419 --> 00:03:26,339
the story and he laughed and said when

63
00:03:19,209 --> 00:03:29,560
it eats the SAT team call me back so

64
00:03:26,340 --> 00:03:31,598
satine never got to that LF it silently

65
00:03:29,560 --> 00:03:33,370
moved again to another launch facility

66
00:03:31,598 --> 00:03:36,039
we called the SAT team three or four

67
00:03:33,370 --> 00:03:39,009
times I'm sorry we called command post

68
00:03:36,039 --> 00:03:42,098
via fax the last time and we got the

69
00:03:39,009 --> 00:03:44,229
same nonchalant attitude the last time I

70
00:03:42,098 --> 00:03:47,318
said are you logging this and they said

71
00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:49,689
no so I said give me the officer in

72
00:03:47,318 --> 00:03:51,818
charge and he said well he's busy ice

73
00:03:49,689 --> 00:03:53,039
well either give me the office charge or

74
00:03:51,818 --> 00:03:55,388
I'm going to wake up the base commander

75
00:03:53,039 --> 00:03:56,888
the squadron commander because there's

76
00:03:55,389 --> 00:03:59,019
something going on something's messing

77
00:03:56,889 --> 00:04:04,150
with my lfs they were mind for that

78
00:03:59,019 --> 00:04:05,560
period so the officer came on I said you

79
00:04:04,150 --> 00:04:07,840
need to log this or I'll wake everybody

80
00:04:05,560 --> 00:04:09,819
up he said he would he called us his NCO

81
00:04:07,840 --> 00:04:11,949
a different NCO called us back a few

82
00:04:09,818 --> 00:04:15,250
minutes later took the log of what had

83
00:04:11,949 --> 00:04:17,739
happened in a timely sequence so it went

84
00:04:15,250 --> 00:04:21,098
to another LF the SAT team had to come

85
00:04:17,738 --> 00:04:23,829
back for gas then it said it had car

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00:04:21,098 --> 00:04:24,889
trouble it could only go five miles an

87
00:04:23,829 --> 00:04:28,938
hour

88
00:04:24,889 --> 00:04:31,550
so a long story short after several you

89
00:04:28,939 --> 00:04:33,590
know about an hour and a half the flight

90
00:04:31,550 --> 00:04:35,870
security controller said he could see it

91
00:04:33,589 --> 00:04:38,778
over another launch facility down still

92
00:04:35,870 --> 00:04:41,749
down the road and then he said it

93
00:04:38,778 --> 00:04:46,550
suddenly and silently just went away up

94
00:04:41,749 --> 00:04:48,319
to a star sighs and then disappear so

95
00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:50,240
that was it was exciting rest of the

96
00:04:48,319 --> 00:04:53,539
tour the next day we were leave by

97
00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:56,840
another crew to go back home and I went

98
00:04:53,538 --> 00:04:59,658
upstairs and the FSC is lying like in a

99
00:04:56,839 --> 00:05:02,089
chair in almost a fetal position and I

100
00:04:59,658 --> 00:05:04,250

talked to him and he was scared he said

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00:05:02,089 --> 00:05:06,560

I can't sleep I can't hit that thing out

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00:05:04,250 --> 00:05:10,399

of my mind and I said what the heck was

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00:05:06,560 --> 00:05:11,870

with the SAT team he said both my deputy

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00:05:10,399 --> 00:05:14,418

I were prior service so we got a long

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00:05:11,870 --> 00:05:18,379

wall with enlisted guys so I said if he

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00:05:14,418 --> 00:05:21,620

promised not to tell anybody they told

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00:05:18,379 --> 00:05:25,009

me they were not going to go to any LF

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00:05:21,620 --> 00:05:27,110

with that thing over no direct orders no

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00:05:25,009 --> 00:05:30,050

nothing and in fact they never left the

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00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:32,538

launch control facility we picked up the

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00:05:30,050 --> 00:05:36,020

Quebec Quebec team on the way back look

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00:05:32,538 --> 00:05:39,050

what Kubek crew cuz Quebec was in a way

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00:05:36,019 --> 00:05:43,430

to Romeo and cyclic the save little gas

114

00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:46,310

so we wrote share and they told us that

115
00:05:43,430 --> 00:05:50,778
earlier that evening they had the same

116
00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:54,139
sort of thing flying over several over

117
00:05:50,778 --> 00:05:56,180
their launch facilities and I said what

118
00:05:54,139 --> 00:05:59,028
happened you were reported it and they

119
00:05:56,180 --> 00:06:01,250
said are you crazy we didn't report it

120
00:05:59,028 --> 00:06:03,259
we're not going to report it I said well

121
00:06:01,250 --> 00:06:04,939
I did he said well if you tell them

122
00:06:03,259 --> 00:06:08,360
about us we're going to say it never

123
00:06:04,939 --> 00:06:10,699
happened they so we went back home I

124
00:06:08,360 --> 00:06:12,800
reported to my squadron commander the

125
00:06:10,699 --> 00:06:14,389
next few fluck we always have departure

126
00:06:12,800 --> 00:06:16,310
meetings when you go out for alert the

127
00:06:14,389 --> 00:06:19,519
next several departure of meetings we

128
00:06:16,310 --> 00:06:24,408
had an unusual visitor we had an officer

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00:06:19,519 --> 00:06:26,598

in a uniform telling us that he may have

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00:06:24,408 --> 00:06:29,360

heard rumors about this it didn't happen

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00:06:26,598 --> 00:06:32,329

it's top secret and I wanted to stand up

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00:06:29,360 --> 00:06:34,990

and say which is it didn't it happen or

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00:06:32,329 --> 00:06:40,289

as a top secret

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00:06:34,990 --> 00:06:40,290

so that's my event I think mr. Salas