

1
00:00:05,209 --> 00:00:14,910
what I'm about to tell you is about an

2
00:00:09,150 --> 00:00:16,679
event that never happened I used to tell

3
00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:19,500
the people before when we get done was

4
00:00:16,679 --> 00:00:23,039
it's one of these things that says who

5
00:00:19,500 --> 00:00:27,000
you going to believe your lying eyes or

6
00:00:23,039 --> 00:00:28,519
the government I'm John Callahan I was

7
00:00:27,000 --> 00:00:31,379
the vision chief of the accidents

8
00:00:28,518 --> 00:00:33,359
valuations an investigation division of

9
00:00:31,379 --> 00:00:38,039
the FAA in Washington for six years

10
00:00:33,359 --> 00:00:40,500
during the 1980s in early January 1987 i

11
00:00:38,039 --> 00:00:42,808
received a call from the air traffic

12
00:00:40,500 --> 00:00:46,500
quality control branch in the FAA's

13
00:00:42,808 --> 00:00:48,839
Alaskan region office they were

14
00:00:46,500 --> 00:00:52,429
requesting guidance and what to tell the

15
00:00:48,840 --> 00:00:54,660
media who were overflowing their office

16
00:00:52,429 --> 00:00:56,969
the meeting was requesting information

17
00:00:54,659 --> 00:01:00,479
about the UFO that chased is Japanese

18
00:00:56,969 --> 00:01:04,140
747 across the Alaskan skies for some 31

19
00:01:00,479 --> 00:01:08,569
minutes at flight level 310 31,000 and

20
00:01:04,140 --> 00:01:11,609
35,000 feet somehow the word got out

21
00:01:08,569 --> 00:01:15,169
what UFOs wanted this take place why

22
00:01:11,609 --> 00:01:19,049
wasn't Washington headquarters in forms

23
00:01:15,170 --> 00:01:20,640
hey the guy says who believes in UFOs I

24
00:01:19,049 --> 00:01:22,920
just need to know what to tell the media

25
00:01:20,640 --> 00:01:25,939
to get him out of here the answer was

26
00:01:22,920 --> 00:01:29,700
simple tell him it's under investigation

27
00:01:25,938 --> 00:01:32,099
and then I said wrap it all up I want

28
00:01:29,700 --> 00:01:33,930
the disk i want the tapes i want

29

00:01:32,099 --> 00:01:36,379
everything you have over the ni one at

30
00:01:33,930 --> 00:01:39,079
the FAA's tech center tomorrow morning

31
00:01:36,379 --> 00:01:41,728
that means he has to put it on the

32
00:01:39,078 --> 00:01:45,169
midnight flight from the red line and

33
00:01:41,728 --> 00:01:45,170
it's a pain to get all that done

34
00:01:45,799 --> 00:01:51,149
Japanese airline flight 1628 was a cargo

35
00:01:49,319 --> 00:01:53,688
jet with a pilot copilot and one crew

36
00:01:51,149 --> 00:01:59,218
member they were just north of Anchorage

37
00:01:53,688 --> 00:02:00,688
it was about 11 p.m. but that's the time

38
00:01:59,218 --> 00:02:03,089
is not really correct it was closer to

39
00:02:00,688 --> 00:02:05,879
five when the pilot first reported the

40
00:02:03,090 --> 00:02:07,200
UFO he described it as a huge ball with

41
00:02:05,879 --> 00:02:10,288
lights running around that he said it

42
00:02:07,200 --> 00:02:12,420
was about four times bigger than the 747

43
00:02:10,288 --> 00:02:12,669

he was riding and remembered a 747 as an

44

00:02:12,419 --> 00:02:14,708

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00:02:12,669 --> 00:02:16,479

aveda and he's looking out the window

46

00:02:14,709 --> 00:02:20,890

when he sees something that's four times

47

00:02:16,479 --> 00:02:23,709

the size of his aircraft he said he saw

48

00:02:20,889 --> 00:02:28,089

it with his eyes his lying eyes he saw

49

00:02:23,709 --> 00:02:32,289

it the copilot with them saw it and the

50

00:02:28,090 --> 00:02:34,060

other crewmember all saw it visibly over

51

00:02:32,289 --> 00:02:36,519

the course of next 31 minutes the UFO

52

00:02:34,060 --> 00:02:38,530

jumped miles in a few seconds the radar

53

00:02:36,520 --> 00:02:41,200

sweep at that antenna was like 10

54

00:02:38,530 --> 00:02:42,550

seconds so one time he says it's over

55

00:02:41,199 --> 00:02:45,759

here at twelve o'clock in eight miles

56

00:02:42,550 --> 00:02:49,989

and when the antenna goes by we see a

57

00:02:45,759 --> 00:02:52,750

target there ten seconds later it is now

58
00:02:49,989 --> 00:02:55,180
behind them six seven miles behind them

59
00:02:52,750 --> 00:02:57,639
so it's going from from eight miles out

60
00:02:55,180 --> 00:03:01,860
here to six or seven miles back here

61
00:02:57,639 --> 00:03:01,859
really in like five or six seconds okay

62
00:03:02,009 --> 00:03:06,310
after receiving the data from Alaska

63
00:03:04,509 --> 00:03:08,500
almost two months late aft this happened

64
00:03:06,310 --> 00:03:10,449
i briefed my boss hobby sofia and the

65
00:03:08,500 --> 00:03:13,090
faa ministry at the time was Admiral

66
00:03:10,449 --> 00:03:14,589
engine and the Admiral said to go to the

67
00:03:13,090 --> 00:03:17,739
text and to find out what's happening I

68
00:03:14,590 --> 00:03:19,659
want to know what's going on now the FAA

69
00:03:17,739 --> 00:03:21,819
had developed a program that was capable

70
00:03:19,659 --> 00:03:23,620
of recreating the traffic on the control

71
00:03:21,819 --> 00:03:27,250
of scope we call it today a plan view

72
00:03:23,620 --> 00:03:29,019
display pbd I instructed the FAA

73
00:03:27,250 --> 00:03:30,909
specialists to synchronize the voice

74
00:03:29,019 --> 00:03:32,230
tapes with the radar data so we could

75
00:03:30,909 --> 00:03:33,909
hear everything the control and the

76
00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:36,759
pilot said and we could be looking at

77
00:03:33,909 --> 00:03:38,650
the scope at the same time so it would

78
00:03:36,759 --> 00:03:42,689
be as if you were standing behind the

79
00:03:38,650 --> 00:03:45,340
controller watching what was going on

80
00:03:42,689 --> 00:03:47,680
the printout and radar playback

81
00:03:45,340 --> 00:03:50,979
displayed primary targets in the

82
00:03:47,680 --> 00:03:52,959
vicinity of the 747 these target returns

83
00:03:50,979 --> 00:03:57,488
were displayed about the same time place

84
00:03:52,959 --> 00:04:00,489
as the pilot advised viewing the UFO and

85
00:03:57,489 --> 00:04:05,109
if we had the capability of showing you

86

00:04:00,489 --> 00:04:06,759
this you would see it also cost the CIA

87
00:04:05,109 --> 00:04:09,390
he said you can't see it because it's

88
00:04:06,759 --> 00:04:09,389
not there now

89
00:04:10,729 --> 00:04:16,409
both the radar manual control observed

90
00:04:13,770 --> 00:04:19,170
the primary target the military control

91
00:04:16,410 --> 00:04:21,510
is also viewed the primary target a

92
00:04:19,170 --> 00:04:25,650
narrator and they identify it as a

93
00:04:21,509 --> 00:04:27,839
double primary a very large primary the

94
00:04:25,649 --> 00:04:30,000
pilot and crew viewed the target on

95
00:04:27,839 --> 00:04:33,469
their radar and they will also able to

96
00:04:30,000 --> 00:04:36,209
see the huge UFO LT with their own eyes

97
00:04:33,470 --> 00:04:39,060
now if this craft had been a legit or a

98
00:04:36,209 --> 00:04:41,370
military aircraft in today's the air

99
00:04:39,060 --> 00:04:42,720
traffic operations when the pilot looks

100
00:04:41,370 --> 00:04:45,240

out the window and sees somebody

101

00:04:42,720 --> 00:04:46,740

shooting across his nose or flying along

102

00:04:45,240 --> 00:04:48,870

with the first thing he does is call

103

00:04:46,740 --> 00:04:51,750

their traffic and say hey do you have

104

00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:53,550

traffic at my altitude and the control

105

00:04:51,750 --> 00:04:55,470

would panic looks at the scope and says

106

00:04:53,550 --> 00:04:58,170

no we don't have a traffic at your

107

00:04:55,470 --> 00:05:00,840

altitude well it's an unknown the

108

00:04:58,170 --> 00:05:03,780

traffic control then says we will track

109

00:05:00,839 --> 00:05:05,189

that guy until he lands and we'll have

110

00:05:03,779 --> 00:05:06,959

flight standards meet them down there

111

00:05:05,189 --> 00:05:08,509

we're going to write them up but Paul's

112

00:05:06,959 --> 00:05:13,430

ticket will do whatever we have to do

113

00:05:08,509 --> 00:05:17,219

but the pilot basically said it's a UFO

114

00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:19,079

who believes in UFOs and this is the

115
00:05:17,220 --> 00:05:24,060
kind of attitude that the air traffic at

116
00:05:19,079 --> 00:05:25,680
the time so when I went back to

117
00:05:24,060 --> 00:05:27,149
headquarters I gave Admiral England a

118
00:05:25,680 --> 00:05:29,400
quick briefing and showed him the video

119
00:05:27,149 --> 00:05:31,889
he set up a briefing with the President

120
00:05:29,399 --> 00:05:34,379
Reagan's scientific staff he told me my

121
00:05:31,889 --> 00:05:36,750
function was to hand this operation off

122
00:05:34,379 --> 00:05:39,149
to those people and those people ended

123
00:05:36,750 --> 00:05:43,160
up being the CIA the president's group a

124
00:05:39,149 --> 00:05:46,109
bunch of grunts that came to the meeting

125
00:05:43,160 --> 00:05:48,960
the Admiral says I want you to hand it

126
00:05:46,110 --> 00:05:55,819
off because the FAA does not control

127
00:05:48,959 --> 00:05:55,819
UFOs we want an out of our district now

128
00:05:57,240 --> 00:06:02,910
I brought a copy of the video tape I

129
00:06:00,810 --> 00:06:04,978
made I had bought a camera for Christmas

130
00:06:02,910 --> 00:06:08,580
just before this happened and I took a

131
00:06:04,978 --> 00:06:10,019
videotape of it when I got home I showed

132
00:06:08,579 --> 00:06:12,089
it to my wife and my neighbors I made a

133
00:06:10,019 --> 00:06:14,758
copy of it when i went to the to the

134
00:06:12,089 --> 00:06:17,638
briefing we put on this the video for

135
00:06:14,759 --> 00:06:19,410
the people there two or three times so

136
00:06:17,639 --> 00:06:21,000
it takes you know half hour so we'll

137
00:06:19,410 --> 00:06:22,319
talk about now and a half or so they

138
00:06:21,000 --> 00:06:24,389
asked a bunch of questions very

139
00:06:22,319 --> 00:06:25,800
intelligent questions they want to know

140
00:06:24,389 --> 00:06:27,329
the speed of the antenna they want to

141
00:06:25,800 --> 00:06:30,300
know the frequency of the antenna they

142
00:06:27,329 --> 00:06:32,129
want to know the beam width of the

143

00:06:30,300 --> 00:06:33,629
antenna they want to know the algorithm

144
00:06:32,129 --> 00:06:35,639
for the height find the equipment and

145
00:06:33,629 --> 00:06:39,389
the people i brought up in the room were

146
00:06:35,639 --> 00:06:41,280
all headquarters technical engineers

147
00:06:39,389 --> 00:06:43,110
hardware and software people and they

148
00:06:41,279 --> 00:06:45,568
gave those answers like they were a high

149
00:06:43,110 --> 00:06:47,550
school math coach a square b square c

150
00:06:45,569 --> 00:06:50,030
square they spit that stuff right out it

151
00:06:47,550 --> 00:06:58,259
was really amazing what these guys work

152
00:06:50,029 --> 00:07:01,168
when they got done the the CIA said to

153
00:06:58,259 --> 00:07:07,740
all the people there this event never

154
00:07:01,168 --> 00:07:11,639
happened we were never here and you're

155
00:07:07,740 --> 00:07:14,788
all sworn to secrecy we are confiscating

156
00:07:11,639 --> 00:07:16,560
all this data and they did they took

157
00:07:14,788 --> 00:07:18,180

everything that was in the room in those

158

00:07:16,560 --> 00:07:20,280

days when you print that out something

159

00:07:18,180 --> 00:07:24,810

from the computer it printed out boxes

160

00:07:20,279 --> 00:07:26,279

and boxes and boxes of the user these

161

00:07:24,810 --> 00:07:29,490

printouts you remember these from the

162

00:07:26,279 --> 00:07:32,788

from the days when we used to say it on

163

00:07:29,490 --> 00:07:36,990

TV boxes and boxes of this stuff this is

164

00:07:32,788 --> 00:07:39,629

titled UFO incident at anchorage 11 1886

165

00:07:36,990 --> 00:07:40,978

and it tells you what data is in here so

166

00:07:39,629 --> 00:07:42,839

we could take a chart and we could

167

00:07:40,978 --> 00:07:45,658

reproduce everything that the control is

168

00:07:42,839 --> 00:07:51,149

seen on a piece of paper well they took

169

00:07:45,658 --> 00:07:54,000

all that data a few days later they

170

00:07:51,149 --> 00:07:57,649

brought in a few weeks later i guess it

171

00:07:54,000 --> 00:08:02,939

was they brought in the FAA's report of

172
00:07:57,649 --> 00:08:04,468
the event that never happened I hadn't

173
00:08:02,939 --> 00:08:05,699
put it on a little table in my room in a

174
00:08:04,468 --> 00:08:07,468
corner and I said we'll leave it there

175
00:08:05,699 --> 00:08:08,699
and when the CIA wants the rest of the

176
00:08:07,468 --> 00:08:09,069
data element sure they're going to come

177
00:08:08,699 --> 00:08:11,170
and get

178
00:08:09,069 --> 00:08:13,149
it not too long after that they brought

179
00:08:11,170 --> 00:08:16,240
the voice tapes for the same incident

180
00:08:13,149 --> 00:08:18,389
and we put that on top of that package

181
00:08:16,240 --> 00:08:21,220
waiting for the CIA to come and get it

182
00:08:18,389 --> 00:08:25,990
now when I was at the tech center I had

183
00:08:21,220 --> 00:08:27,940
the software engineers and the hardware

184
00:08:25,990 --> 00:08:30,699
engineers put together a chart that

185
00:08:27,939 --> 00:08:33,909
would show every target along the route

186
00:08:30,699 --> 00:08:35,830
of flight and what they did is they

187
00:08:33,909 --> 00:08:37,689
commented on it this is when we first

188
00:08:35,830 --> 00:08:39,220
saw the UFO this is when the pilot sort

189
00:08:37,690 --> 00:08:41,979
of your focus was the military guy saw

190
00:08:39,220 --> 00:08:44,410
the UFO all the way down here this two

191
00:08:41,979 --> 00:08:45,639
of these it's it's ripped off here a

192
00:08:44,409 --> 00:08:47,529
little bit because it ended up in my

193
00:08:45,639 --> 00:08:50,319
bond for a couple of years and I didn't

194
00:08:47,529 --> 00:08:54,699
know it was in the box and the mice were

195
00:08:50,320 --> 00:08:57,550
eating it when I got down with this

196
00:08:54,700 --> 00:08:59,650
briefing now we're talking to the

197
00:08:57,549 --> 00:09:01,979
engineers that build the air traffic

198
00:08:59,649 --> 00:09:04,240
control system hardware and software

199
00:09:01,980 --> 00:09:05,860
when they get done hanging this up on

200

00:09:04,240 --> 00:09:08,740
the wall I said tell me what those dots

201
00:09:05,860 --> 00:09:11,399
are what is it the hardware engineers

202
00:09:08,740 --> 00:09:14,440
get up and said this problem over here

203
00:09:11,399 --> 00:09:17,279
that's a software problem and this one

204
00:09:14,440 --> 00:09:19,990
over here software problem every time

205
00:09:17,279 --> 00:09:22,600
all the way down it's a software problem

206
00:09:19,990 --> 00:09:25,450
there's nothing wrong with our hardware

207
00:09:22,600 --> 00:09:28,720
system so I should find it makes sense

208
00:09:25,450 --> 00:09:33,040
to me so the software guy gets up and he

209
00:09:28,720 --> 00:09:36,100
says this target over here that's a

210
00:09:33,039 --> 00:09:39,099
hardware problem and this one here a

211
00:09:36,100 --> 00:09:41,529
hardware problem there was no software

212
00:09:39,100 --> 00:09:44,889
problems and there was no hardware

213
00:09:41,529 --> 00:09:46,779
problems well what do we have if we

214
00:09:44,889 --> 00:09:49,240

don't have anything do we ever tied it

215

00:09:46,779 --> 00:09:53,709

there or not well one man get up and

216

00:09:49,240 --> 00:10:00,279

said my religion forbids me to believe

217

00:09:53,710 --> 00:10:01,920

in UFOs so I said fine i gave the the

218

00:10:00,279 --> 00:10:04,870

brief and they carried all the stuff

219

00:10:01,919 --> 00:10:07,479

they took it out this stuff stayed in my

220

00:10:04,870 --> 00:10:08,830

office for two years when i left one of

221

00:10:07,480 --> 00:10:10,090

the specialists commanded and i were to

222

00:10:08,830 --> 00:10:11,950

get me out they packed up everything

223

00:10:10,090 --> 00:10:13,870

that was hanging there all the stuff on

224

00:10:11,950 --> 00:10:18,270

the walls and they put it in boxes and

225

00:10:13,870 --> 00:10:18,269

shipped it to my house today

226

00:10:18,339 --> 00:10:22,870

I like to say that most people working

227

00:10:20,470 --> 00:10:25,709

as faa controllers they're not really

228

00:10:22,870 --> 00:10:29,110

familiar with how the fááá system works

229
00:10:25,708 --> 00:10:31,748
they don't know why aircraft traveling

230
00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:35,680
through our airspace is not displayed

231
00:10:31,749 --> 00:10:39,159
under scope they don't know why I do but

232
00:10:35,679 --> 00:10:41,438
they don't the system today in the

233
00:10:39,159 --> 00:10:44,740
organization of the FAA is not

234
00:10:41,438 --> 00:10:47,799
configured to identify and track these

235
00:10:44,740 --> 00:10:49,769
type of performances that's the end of

236
00:10:47,799 --> 00:10:55,049
my speech who are you going to believe

237
00:10:49,769 --> 00:10:55,049
you lyin eyes or the government