

1
00:00:18,439 --> 00:00:28,109
what am I about to tell you is about an

2
00:00:22,410 --> 00:00:29,939
event that never happened I used to tell

3
00:00:28,109 --> 00:00:32,730
the people before when we get done was

4
00:00:29,939 --> 00:00:36,780
it's one of these things that says who

5
00:00:32,729 --> 00:00:40,349
you gonna believe your lying eyes or the

6
00:00:36,780 --> 00:00:42,750
government I'm John Callahan I was the

7
00:00:40,350 --> 00:00:45,000
vision chief of the accidents valuations

8
00:00:42,750 --> 00:00:47,009
and investigations division of the FAA

9
00:00:45,000 --> 00:00:51,780
in Washington for six years during the

10
00:00:47,009 --> 00:00:53,939
1980s in early January 1987 I received a

11
00:00:51,780 --> 00:00:57,739
call from the air traffic quality

12
00:00:53,939 --> 00:01:01,409
control branch in the FAA Alaskan region

13
00:00:57,738 --> 00:01:03,149
office they were requesting guidance and

14
00:01:01,409 --> 00:01:05,688
what to tell the media who were

15
00:01:03,149 --> 00:01:07,799
overflowing their office

16
00:01:05,688 --> 00:01:10,199
the media was requesting information

17
00:01:07,799 --> 00:01:13,229
about the UFO that chased is Japanese

18
00:01:10,200 --> 00:01:15,270
747 across the Alaskan skies for some

19
00:01:13,228 --> 00:01:17,368
thirty one minutes at flight level three

20
00:01:15,269 --> 00:01:20,548
one zero thirty one thousand and

21
00:01:17,368 --> 00:01:24,359
thirty-five thousand feet somehow the

22
00:01:20,549 --> 00:01:26,270
word got out what UFOs wanted this take

23
00:01:24,359 --> 00:01:31,409
place why wasn't Washington headquarters

24
00:01:26,269 --> 00:01:33,599
informs hey the guy says who believes in

25
00:01:31,409 --> 00:01:35,700
UFOs I just need to know what to tell

26
00:01:33,599 --> 00:01:39,118
the media to get him out of here the

27
00:01:35,700 --> 00:01:42,030
answer was simple tell him it's under

28
00:01:39,118 --> 00:01:44,340
investigation and then I said wrap it

29

00:01:42,030 --> 00:01:46,469
all up I want the disc I want the tapes

30
00:01:44,340 --> 00:01:48,478
I want everything you have over there

31
00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:51,209
and I want at the FAA tech Center

32
00:01:48,478 --> 00:01:54,149
tomorrow morning that means he has to

33
00:01:51,209 --> 00:01:56,218
put it on the midnight flight on the

34
00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:58,430
redline and it's a pain to get all that

35
00:01:56,218 --> 00:01:58,429
done

36
00:01:59,140 --> 00:02:04,420
Japanese airline flight 1628 was a cargo

37
00:02:02,439 --> 00:02:04,780
jet with a pilot copilot and one crew

38
00:02:04,420 --> 00:02:08,110
member

39
00:02:04,780 --> 00:02:12,759
they were just north of Anchorage it was

40
00:02:08,110 --> 00:02:14,220
about 11 p.m. but that's the time is not

41
00:02:12,759 --> 00:02:17,590
really correct it was closer to 5:00

42
00:02:14,219 --> 00:02:19,359
when the pilot first reported the UFO he

43
00:02:17,590 --> 00:02:20,650

described it as a huge ball with lights

44

00:02:19,360 --> 00:02:23,770

running around that he said it was about

45

00:02:20,650 --> 00:02:25,659

four times bigger than the 747 he was

46

00:02:23,770 --> 00:02:27,939

riding and remember the 747 has an

47

00:02:25,659 --> 00:02:29,709

elevator and he's looking out the window

48

00:02:27,939 --> 00:02:34,120

when he sees something that's four times

49

00:02:29,709 --> 00:02:37,150

the size of his aircraft he said he saw

50

00:02:34,120 --> 00:02:38,009

it with his eyes his lying eyes he saw

51

00:02:37,150 --> 00:02:41,349

it

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00:02:38,009 --> 00:02:44,519

the copilot with them saw it and the

53

00:02:41,349 --> 00:02:46,930

other crew member all saw it visually

54

00:02:44,519 --> 00:02:49,450

over the course the next 31 minutes the

55

00:02:46,930 --> 00:02:51,760

UFO jumped miles in a few seconds the

56

00:02:49,449 --> 00:02:54,459

radar sweep at that antenna was like 10

57

00:02:51,759 --> 00:02:56,199

seconds so at one time he says it's over

58
00:02:54,459 --> 00:02:59,319
here at 12 o'clock in eight miles and

59
00:02:56,199 --> 00:03:03,639
when the antenna goes by we see a target

60
00:02:59,319 --> 00:03:06,340
there ten seconds later it is now behind

61
00:03:03,639 --> 00:03:09,458
them six seven miles behind them so it's

62
00:03:06,340 --> 00:03:11,530
going from from eight miles out here to

63
00:03:09,459 --> 00:03:16,090
six or seven miles back here really you

64
00:03:11,530 --> 00:03:18,009
know like five or six seconds okay after

65
00:03:16,090 --> 00:03:19,780
receiving the data from Alaska almost

66
00:03:18,009 --> 00:03:22,000
too much light up this happened i

67
00:03:19,780 --> 00:03:24,099
briefed my boss javi Saphir and the FAA

68
00:03:22,000 --> 00:03:26,530
ministry at the time was Admiral ingen

69
00:03:24,099 --> 00:03:27,969
and the Admiral said to go to the tech

70
00:03:26,530 --> 00:03:31,329
side to find out what's happening I want

71
00:03:27,969 --> 00:03:33,189
to know what's going on now the FAA had

72
00:03:31,329 --> 00:03:35,079
developed a program that was capable of

73
00:03:33,189 --> 00:03:37,120
recreating the traffic on the controller

74
00:03:35,079 --> 00:03:40,510
scope we call it today a plan view

75
00:03:37,120 --> 00:03:42,250
display pbd I instructed the FAA

76
00:03:40,509 --> 00:03:44,109
specialists to synchronize the voice

77
00:03:42,250 --> 00:03:45,519
tapes with the radar data so we could

78
00:03:44,110 --> 00:03:47,230
hear everything the control and the

79
00:03:45,519 --> 00:03:49,959
pilot said and we could be looking at

80
00:03:47,229 --> 00:03:51,909
the scope at the same time so it would

81
00:03:49,959 --> 00:03:55,920
be as if you were standing behind the

82
00:03:51,909 --> 00:03:55,919
controller watching what was going on

83
00:03:56,419 --> 00:04:00,919
the printout and radar playback

84
00:03:58,580 --> 00:04:04,219
displayed primary targets in the

85
00:04:00,919 --> 00:04:06,199
vicinity of the 747 these target returns

86

00:04:04,219 --> 00:04:11,000
were displayed about the same time place

87
00:04:06,199 --> 00:04:13,729
as the pilot advised viewing the UFO and

88
00:04:11,000 --> 00:04:18,350
if we had the capability of showing you

89
00:04:13,729 --> 00:04:20,000
this you would see it also cost the CIA

90
00:04:18,350 --> 00:04:23,980
he said you can't see it because it's

91
00:04:20,000 --> 00:04:26,300
not there now

92
00:04:23,980 --> 00:04:29,150
both the radar manual controller

93
00:04:26,300 --> 00:04:31,970
observed the primary target the military

94
00:04:29,149 --> 00:04:33,679
control is also viewed the primary

95
00:04:31,970 --> 00:04:37,669
target on their radar and they

96
00:04:33,680 --> 00:04:40,250
identified it as a double primary a very

97
00:04:37,668 --> 00:04:42,560
large primary the pilot and crew viewed

98
00:04:40,250 --> 00:04:45,980
the target on their radar and they will

99
00:04:42,560 --> 00:04:48,769
also able see the huge UFO LT with their

100
00:04:45,980 --> 00:04:51,340

own eyes now if this craft had been a

101

00:04:48,769 --> 00:04:54,409

legit or a military aircraft and today's

102

00:04:51,339 --> 00:04:56,060

air traffic operations when the pilot

103

00:04:54,410 --> 00:04:58,490

looks out the window and sees somebody

104

00:04:56,060 --> 00:04:59,750

shooting across his nose or flying along

105

00:04:58,490 --> 00:05:01,939

with them the first thing he does is

106

00:04:59,750 --> 00:05:04,610

call the air traffic and say hey do you

107

00:05:01,939 --> 00:05:06,110

have traffic at my altitude and the

108

00:05:04,610 --> 00:05:08,180

controller would panic looks at the

109

00:05:06,110 --> 00:05:10,189

scope and says no way you want to make

110

00:05:08,180 --> 00:05:12,709

traffic at your altitude well it's an

111

00:05:10,189 --> 00:05:15,829

unknown the air traffic controller then

112

00:05:12,709 --> 00:05:17,629

says we will track that guy until he

113

00:05:15,829 --> 00:05:19,370

lands and we'll have flight standards

114

00:05:17,629 --> 00:05:20,839

meet them down there we're going to

115
00:05:19,370 --> 00:05:23,360
write them up but poles take it we'll do

116
00:05:20,839 --> 00:05:27,679
whatever we have to do but the pilot

117
00:05:23,360 --> 00:05:30,800
basically said it's a UFO well who

118
00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:32,540
believes in UFOs and this is the kind of

119
00:05:30,800 --> 00:05:36,150
attitude that the air traffic had at the

120
00:05:32,540 --> 00:05:38,160
time so

121
00:05:36,149 --> 00:05:39,870
when I went back to headquarters I gave

122
00:05:38,160 --> 00:05:42,090
Admiral Engel a quick briefing it showed

123
00:05:39,870 --> 00:05:44,668
him the video he set up a briefing with

124
00:05:42,089 --> 00:05:46,500
the President Reagan scientific staff he

125
00:05:44,668 --> 00:05:49,319
told me my function was to hand this

126
00:05:46,500 --> 00:05:51,540
operation off to those people and those

127
00:05:49,319 --> 00:05:53,969
people ended up being the CIA the

128
00:05:51,540 --> 00:05:58,500
president's group a bunch of grunts that

129
00:05:53,970 --> 00:06:00,570
came to the meeting the Admiral says I

130
00:05:58,500 --> 00:06:04,259
want you to hand them off because the

131
00:06:00,569 --> 00:06:12,418
FAA does not control UFOs we want an out

132
00:06:04,259 --> 00:06:14,728
of our district now I brought a copy of

133
00:06:12,418 --> 00:06:16,918
the videotape I made I had bought a

134
00:06:14,728 --> 00:06:20,089
camera for Christmas just before this

135
00:06:16,918 --> 00:06:22,289
happened and I took a videotape of it

136
00:06:20,089 --> 00:06:23,879
when I got home I showed it to my wife

137
00:06:22,290 --> 00:06:26,430
and my neighbors I made a copy of it

138
00:06:23,879 --> 00:06:29,129
when I went to the to the briefing we

139
00:06:26,430 --> 00:06:31,530
put on this video for the people there

140
00:06:29,129 --> 00:06:33,209
two or three times so it takes you know

141
00:06:31,529 --> 00:06:34,829
half hour so we'll talk about nine and a

142
00:06:33,209 --> 00:06:36,689
half or so they asked a bunch of

143

00:06:34,829 --> 00:06:38,250
questions very intelligent questions

144
00:06:36,689 --> 00:06:39,449
they want to know the speed of the

145
00:06:38,250 --> 00:06:42,050
antenna they want to know the frequency

146
00:06:39,449 --> 00:06:44,400
of the antenna they want to know the

147
00:06:42,050 --> 00:06:45,840
beam width of the antenna they want to

148
00:06:44,399 --> 00:06:47,609
know the algorithm for the height

149
00:06:45,839 --> 00:06:49,489
finding equipment and the people I

150
00:06:47,610 --> 00:06:52,650
brought up in the room were all

151
00:06:49,490 --> 00:06:54,509
headquarters technical engineers

152
00:06:52,649 --> 00:06:56,370
hardware and software people and they

153
00:06:54,509 --> 00:06:58,800
gave those answers like they were a high

154
00:06:56,370 --> 00:07:00,810
school math coach a square B Square C

155
00:06:58,800 --> 00:07:03,288
square they spit that stuff right out it

156
00:07:00,810 --> 00:07:11,519
was really amazing watch these guys work

157
00:07:03,288 --> 00:07:14,399

when they get done the the CIA said to

158

00:07:11,519 --> 00:07:20,969

all the people there this event never

159

00:07:14,399 --> 00:07:22,939

happened we were never here and you're

160

00:07:20,970 --> 00:07:25,919

all sworn to secrecy

161

00:07:22,939 --> 00:07:28,918

we are confiscating all this data and

162

00:07:25,918 --> 00:07:30,750

they did they took everything that was

163

00:07:28,918 --> 00:07:32,430

in the room in those days when you print

164

00:07:30,750 --> 00:07:34,949

it out something from the computer it

165

00:07:32,430 --> 00:07:39,060

printed out boxes and boxes and boxes of

166

00:07:34,949 --> 00:07:41,788

the user these printouts you remember

167

00:07:39,060 --> 00:07:44,699

these from the from the days when we

168

00:07:41,788 --> 00:07:47,459

used to say it on TV boxes and boxes of

169

00:07:44,699 --> 00:07:49,289

this stuff this is titled UFO incident

170

00:07:47,459 --> 00:07:52,539

at Anchorage 11 18

171

00:07:49,290 --> 00:07:54,069

86 and it tells you what theta is in

172
00:07:52,540 --> 00:07:55,600
here so we could take a chart and we

173
00:07:54,069 --> 00:07:58,599
could reproduce everything that the

174
00:07:55,600 --> 00:08:03,389
control is seen on a piece of paper well

175
00:07:58,600 --> 00:08:06,850
they took all that data a few days later

176
00:08:03,389 --> 00:08:09,569
they brought in a few weeks later I

177
00:08:06,850 --> 00:08:13,990
guess it was they brought in the FAA z'

178
00:08:09,569 --> 00:08:17,259
report of the event that never happened

179
00:08:13,990 --> 00:08:18,790
I hadn't put it on a little table in my

180
00:08:17,259 --> 00:08:20,529
room in a corner and I said well leave

181
00:08:18,790 --> 00:08:21,760
it there and when the CIA wants the rest

182
00:08:20,529 --> 00:08:23,829
of the data I'm sure they're going to

183
00:08:21,759 --> 00:08:25,839
come and get it not too long after that

184
00:08:23,829 --> 00:08:29,079
they brought the voice tapes for the

185
00:08:25,839 --> 00:08:31,299
same incident and we put that on top of

186
00:08:29,079 --> 00:08:33,490
that package waiting for the CIA to come

187
00:08:31,300 --> 00:08:38,379
and get it now when I was at the Tech

188
00:08:33,490 --> 00:08:40,210
Center I had the the software engineers

189
00:08:38,379 --> 00:08:43,028
and the hardware engineers put together

190
00:08:40,210 --> 00:08:46,778
a chart that would show every target

191
00:08:43,028 --> 00:08:48,639
belong to route of flight and what they

192
00:08:46,778 --> 00:08:50,409
did is they commented on it this is when

193
00:08:48,639 --> 00:08:51,580
we first saw the UFO this is when the

194
00:08:50,409 --> 00:08:53,829
pilot sort of go for this one the

195
00:08:51,580 --> 00:08:56,800
military guy saw the UFO all the way

196
00:08:53,830 --> 00:08:58,389
down here there's two of these it's it's

197
00:08:56,799 --> 00:09:00,069
ripped off here a little bit because it

198
00:08:58,389 --> 00:09:01,480
ended up in my bond for a couple of

199
00:09:00,070 --> 00:09:07,570
years I didn't know it was in the box

200

00:09:01,480 --> 00:09:09,190
and the mice were eating it when I get

201
00:09:07,570 --> 00:09:12,550
done with this great thing now we're

202
00:09:09,190 --> 00:09:14,440
talking to the engineers that build the

203
00:09:12,549 --> 00:09:17,169
air traffic control system hardware and

204
00:09:14,440 --> 00:09:18,760
software when they get done hanging this

205
00:09:17,169 --> 00:09:21,309
up on the wall I said tell me what those

206
00:09:18,759 --> 00:09:24,069
dots are what is it the hardware

207
00:09:21,309 --> 00:09:24,789
engineers get up and set this problem

208
00:09:24,070 --> 00:09:27,670
over here

209
00:09:24,789 --> 00:09:31,179
that's a software problem and this one

210
00:09:27,669 --> 00:09:33,219
over here software problem every time

211
00:09:31,179 --> 00:09:35,799
all the way down it's a software problem

212
00:09:33,220 --> 00:09:38,860
there's nothing wrong with the hardware

213
00:09:35,799 --> 00:09:39,250
system so I said fine it makes sense to

214
00:09:38,860 --> 00:09:42,659

me

215

00:09:39,250 --> 00:09:45,120

so the software guy gets up and he says

216

00:09:42,659 --> 00:09:48,789

this target over here

217

00:09:45,120 --> 00:09:51,820

that's a hardware problem and this one

218

00:09:48,789 --> 00:09:54,278

here a hardware problem there was no

219

00:09:51,820 --> 00:09:57,370

software problems and there was no

220

00:09:54,278 --> 00:09:59,379

hardware problems well what do we have

221

00:09:57,370 --> 00:10:00,789

if we don't have anything do we ever

222

00:09:59,379 --> 00:10:04,240

target there or not

223

00:10:00,789 --> 00:10:08,969

while one man get up and said my

224

00:10:04,240 --> 00:10:13,930

religion forbids me to believe in UFOs

225

00:10:08,970 --> 00:10:16,509

so I said fine I gave the the brief and

226

00:10:13,929 --> 00:10:18,609

they carried all the stuff they took it

227

00:10:16,509 --> 00:10:20,830

out this stuff stayed in my office for

228

00:10:18,610 --> 00:10:22,330

two years when I left one of the

229
00:10:20,830 --> 00:10:23,830
specialists commanded in order to get me

230
00:10:22,330 --> 00:10:25,540
out they packed up everything that was

231
00:10:23,830 --> 00:10:27,400
hanging there all the stuff on the walls

232
00:10:25,539 --> 00:10:32,769
and they put it in boxes and shipped it

233
00:10:27,399 --> 00:10:35,110
to my house today I like to say that

234
00:10:32,769 --> 00:10:36,850
most people working as FAA controllers

235
00:10:35,110 --> 00:10:41,230
they're not really familiar with how the

236
00:10:36,850 --> 00:10:43,149
FAA system works they don't know why

237
00:10:41,230 --> 00:10:46,840
aircraft traveling through our airspace

238
00:10:43,149 --> 00:10:51,250
is not displayed under scope they don't

239
00:10:46,840 --> 00:10:53,980
know why I do that they don't the system

240
00:10:51,250 --> 00:10:57,250
today in the organization of the FAA is

241
00:10:53,980 --> 00:11:00,879
not configured to identify and track

242
00:10:57,250 --> 00:11:02,350
these type of performances that's the

243

00:11:00,879 --> 00:11:08,279

end of my speech who are you gonna

244

00:11:02,350 --> 00:11:08,279

believe you lyin eyes or the government