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Re: C5 Galaxy's Near-Miss In Alice Springs

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Hi everyone

"Just a little news no big deal ha!!!"

On the morning of the 4th. 3. 1999 the Australian UFO Research Network visited the Alice Springs Airport hoping to catch a glimpse of the worlds 2nd largest cargo plane a USA C5 Galaxy. The C5 Galaxy makes frequent visits to Alice Springs most Tuesdays & Thursdays of each week, it is seen dropping off supplies which service Pine Gap.

I was interested in getting a birds eye few of this magnificent plane because I love flying. We arrived at the airport around 10.30am "my lucky day" the plane had just landed, our group watched for sometime whilst it unloaded its cargo "not being nosey at all <G>". I must say the cargo proved to be very interesting indeed.

Over the past couple of days we had talked to quite a few locals and they told us, it had been rumoured that Pine Gap was considering closing up its operation here in Australia.

But we think not from what we had observed "just an observation". <G>

Whilst watching the plane unload we noticed Alice Springs had Airport Security Guards different to Brisbane, they called themselves The Australian Protection Service, their job was to drive up and down the chain wire fence whistle the US Galaxy unloads its cargo.

We found these guys to be very nice and one even took our Hotline number. I was interested in seeing this large plane take off and I asked one of the guards what time does the plane leave, he said around 4.30pm, and don't worry love you will hear it. I said great lets come back later today and see this thing leave.

We arrived back at the airport around 4.35pm the Galaxy was loaded and almost ready to leave.

The crew of Galaxy waved goodbye to us all, we took their picture and they took ours "really" and not for one moment did I think it had anything to do with the Teashirts we where wearing ha!!. The Australian UFO Research Network.

Time 4.50pm approx:

The Galaxy taxied down to the end of the runway reved up its engines and started run, the Galaxy had only got quarter way down the runway and there was a sudden engine shutdown then bust of engine power. Robert called out there's something wrong. A man standing next to me yelled out "look at this, that bloody plane is going to land on the Galaxy "this is not good" he started to do a count down out load, he counted "15 seconds" before the Qantas Hawker Sidderley (HS 146} aborted its landing and started to ver left banking in a easterly direction. The HS 146 would have been only 200 meters above the tail of the C5 Galaxy has it banked, I had the video camera rolling and was filming most of what happened. The Galaxy made a dash to get clear of the runway, it made a sharp left turn. The HS 146 came around and landed. The Captain of the Galaxy was not impressed his face said it all, they taxied back into the terminal parked it and heated words where seen to be exchanged.

I was told later, the Galaxy was late leaving, and the control tower was at fault for not giving enough time for take off. I was also told don't worry it happens all the time "No big deal", they'll just have to buy more fuel and try again.

Regards Diane Harrison

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