

1996 11 24 Sunday Linda Moulton Howe UFOs/Nukes (Dreamland)
Robert Salas

LMH: "... which might help explain the government's policy of silence about UFOs. And that is the intrusion of [audio breaks off] ... This is along the United States and Canadian borders in October, 1975.

Now I have learned there were other similar UFO intrusions at missile sites as early as 1967, eight (8) years earlier. This weekend I interviewed former Air Force Lieutenant Robert Salas, who was about eighty (80) feet underground at the capsule of a missile launch control center on March 16, 1967, at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

It was early morning when a security guard aboveground called to report a large unidentified light. This is First Lieutenant, former First Lieutenant Robert Salas ..."

AB: "Oh my!"

RS: "About past five (5) to fifteen (15) minutes later he called back. Um, at this time he was very frightened, very, um ... agitated ... said there was a UFO hovering right outside the front gate. It was, uh, silent. It was, uh, glowing red and it appeared to be saucer-shaped, although, ah, he said it was a bit hazy. Uh, it was just a bright red glow."

LMH: "Um-hmm."

RS: "Ah ... and ah, he wanted to know what to do. He was frightened. Um, I think I recall telling him to make sure, uh, the outer fence was secure with guards. Um, I couldn't think of anything else to do. I mean, I was, uh, kind of in shock myself that he ... that he would tell me this, and uh, the way he told it. Like I said, I thought he was very frightened and agitated."

LMH: "Um-hmm."

RS: "About that time he said that he had to go because one of the guards had been injured. And, um, he hung up abruptly."

LMH: "Was the implication that the object had somehow injured the guard?"

RS: "Well ... that's the first thing that came to my mind. Um, later on, I talked to him about it after I was relieved, but the guard had been in some way – either trying to approach the object or to avoid the object ...?"

About that time our missiles started shutting down. Um, and when that happens, we get a lot of, uh, bells going off and lights ... on our panel, so ... uh ...”

LMH: “And all of the missiles were shutting down?”

RS: “Well, ah, my recollection was that most of our missiles shut down.”

LMH: “The implication was that there was some connection between this red UFO at the gate and an electronic ... an electro-magnetic interruption with the missiles.”

RS: “Yesss ... or something? So this was very unusual. We reported it. We got ... got maintenance crews to go out there, and ... uh, while we were still down there before we were relieved, we got another call from another flight – and this was Echo Flight – uh, that um ...the same thing, uhh, had happened at their flight. *All of their missiles shut down. All ten (10) missiles ... of their ten (10) missiles shut down. (!)*”

LMH: “Was this on the same day – March 16, 1967?”

RS: “Yes.”

LMH: “So you’re saying that maybe at least five (5) in your command and, uh, ten (10) in another for a total of at least fifteen (15) missiles went down?”

RS: “Yes. And the Air Force has been on record – and I’ve got copies of ... of what they have stated, uh, that ‘No UFO incident has ever had any impact on national security of the United States.’”

LMH: “And that is false.”

RS: “That is false. Absolutely! And, uh, this was the statement made by the Air Force in 1969 ... this happened in 1967.”

LMH: “So why do you think they chose a policy of lying about it?”

RS: “Well, uh, that’s ... that’s a good question. And, ah, I think I can’t answer it. I’d like to have the government answer it. I’d like to have the Air Force answer it: Why they’re covering these incidents up ...? Um ... because, um ... I think the public has a right to know.”

LMH: “Right.”

RS: "They have a right to know that, uh, there's very strange and unexplained things that have happened, uh, involving UFOs, which are obviously not of this planet."

LMH: "And, uh, the manufacturer of the missiles, did they go over then, and ...?"

RS: "Yeah."

LMH: "And did they have any explanation for how this could have happened?"

RS: "No. Uh, we ... we've been able to contact, ah, two (2) of the engineers, uh, happened to ... work for Boeing at the time, that investigated this incident and, um, they both told us that they were never able to determine a cause ... a definitive cause.

The Air Force, uh, considered this a very critical incident. I have, um, the documents received under FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request – believe it was Fifteenth (15th) Air Force headquarters to, uh ... to, uh, Boeing asking for assistance in doing an evaluation and they said this was a, um, to use the words in the document, they ... um, 'was a cause of grave concern to ... to the Air Force.' And I don't think they would use that terminology if they had any ideas how this could have happened."

LMH: "... Cause the military of the United States accepted that as a benign warning or has there been an effort to be at conflict with this present?"

RS: "Well ... (laughs) I have no way of knowing what the military is thinking about this. All I can say is that our government has ... has made an effort to, uh, to get rid of nuclear weapons on a world-wide basis. I salute them for that, and all the other countries that have cooperated in reducing the presence of nuclear weapons, nuclear testing ... I think that's a worthy effort that we have to continue."

LMH: "Right. Um, you've come forward on this because another person had filed Freedom of Information Act requests on this incident, ..."

RS: "Right."

LMH: "... published some information, ..."

RS: "Right."

LMH: "... and now you would like to see if there are others who were there at Malmstrom in 1967?"

RS: “Yes, um, with regard to my flight, I know there were at least three (3) guards upstairs and other guards, um, out in the field that saw UFOs. At the Echo Flight, there were also, uh, guards and maintenance personnel that saw UFOs over the Echo Flight launch facilities. And I have to this date been unable to locate any of those individuals, or if there’s anybody out there that, um, that was present in [sic] March 16, 1967 and saw these UFOs over any of these facilities ...”

LMH: “At Malmstrom Air Force Base.”

RS: “... at Malmstrom Air Force Base, I sure would like to hear from them.”

LMH: “And how can they contact you?”

RS: “Ah, they can write to me: Robert Salas at P.O. Box 52721; Bellevue, WA 98015-2721.”

LMH: “Again, that’s Robert Salas, Post Office Box 52721; Bellevue, WA 98015 or you can contact me, Linda Howe at Post Office Box 300 in Jamison, PA 18929 or call my fax number ...”

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AB: “All right, Linda, that was a really ... that was a very major story (!)”

LMH: “I think so too.”

AB: “Ah, the Air Force when they closed Blue Book said that UFOs never have been, and are not now, a threat to national security. Obviously, they lied!”

LMH: “Yes, and this is what is bothering this man, who served underground in the missile silos. But, on the other hand, if the government of the United States and other governments were up against ‘unknowns’ that had the ability to not only close down their missile systems, but – as my own brother, who was stationed at Malmstrom in 1975, told me – to selectively change targeting information on the tape of the missiles, and they had no way to stop this (!)

I can understand being in the government’s position, not wanting to go to the public and say we have something we can’t control here.”

AB: “Of course not.”

LMH: “On the other hand, whatever this intelligence is, it does not seem – at least at this point – to be operating with some kind, I don’t think, of malevolent intent. In fact, this man himself said that in conversation with some other officers later on, that he had the impression that there was a

distinct, um ... these other officers had the distinct impression that there was a message here from whatever this intelligence was, that we should not be playing around with nuclear warfare and missiles. That is speculation at this point, ah, but nevertheless he made the statement that we have changed radically in the last fifteen (15) years.”

AB: “All right, Linda, we’re way out of time. Um, I want you to stay on the line for a moment, all right?”

LMH: ‘Sure.’”

AB: “All right, I’m going to keep you on the line. And, uh, we’ll be right back.”

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AB: “The ability to shut down missiles or, in the case of a Russian story, to put them into launch sequence ... There certainly is a message there all right. This is Dreamland, I’m Art Bell, there’s more in a moment. Stay right there.”

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AB: “Once again, here I am ... My God, that’s a big story! There’s a man who was in a missile silo and a UFO appeared and shut down our, uh, intercontinental ballistic missiles. That’s a very serious story.

I just spoke with that man during the break, thanks to Linda who got me the number, and I’m going to be interviewing him tomorrow night on Coast. So if you want to hear more about that incident, uh, put a little bookmark, uh, by something or another to remind you to hear Coast to Coast AM tomorrow night, beginning at 11:00 o’clock Pacific time, and we will interview that gentleman, or more accurately, re-interview him.”

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AB: “From the high desert and the Great American Southwest I bid you all Good Evening or Good Morning as the case may be and welcome to the best in live overnight talk radio. From the Tahitian–Hawaiian island chains in the west, eastward to the U.S. Virgin Islands, south into South America, north, well, to the pole and worldwide on the Internet, this is Coast to Coast AM.

Hello everybody! Lots of stuff going on.

I’m going to interview a man that was on Dreamland and was interviewed by Linda Moulton Howe yesterday, and it is a most remarkable, hair-raising story. Ah, this man was a military officer, ah, down about forty feet

(40 ft.) in a launch, ah, cubicle – we'll find out what they're really called here.

At any rate, um, he's got a story to tell that is absolutely amazing! You know, um, the armed services have always said – this government has said, in fact, after Project Blue Book and, um, just about, ah, I don't know how many years of investigation of UFOs, they're ... the official statement has always been that UFOs represent, ah, no threat to, ah, United States national security.

I'm not so sure that is a true statement (!) And we will explore it shortly.

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AB: "Now to

ROBERT SALAS

Robert, are you there?

RS: "Ah, yes I am."

AB: "Okay. Robert, am I pronouncing your name correctly?"

RS: "Yes you are, Art."

AB: "All right."

RS: "Thank you for having me on your show."

AB: "Ah, happy to have you!

Robert, um, are you, ah, you were in what service – the Air Force?"

RS: "I was in the Air Force, ah, up until 1971."

AB: "Till seventy-one ('71)."

RS: "I had a voluntary separation. Ah ... ah, resigned and, ah ... and, ah, so I'm not ... I hadn't been in the Air Force since 1971."

AB: "Okay, you were in the Air Force, ah, what ... officer?"

RS: "Yes. Uh-huh."

AB: "Okay. Ah, what rank were you? Lieutenant?"

RS: "No. I was a lieutenant in 1967. Ah, when I resigned I was a Captain."

AB: "All right.

Um, what years were you stationed, ah, at ... at Malmstrom [Air Force Base]?"

RS: "I was there from about August of 1966 until, ah, June of 1969."

AB: "Okay, so you were there about three (3) years?"

RS: "Right. Um-hmm."

AB: "Um, what did you ... what did you do there? What's at Malmstrom?"

RS: "Well, Malmstrom has, ah ... ah, strategic missiles. Ah, they ... they're responsible ... well, they did in ... at that time. I'm just not sure what ..."

AB: "Okay, well forget what's there now. Let's talk about what was there then."

RS: "Yeah ... right. Ahh, basically the Minuteman missile system. Ah, and ah ... and, ah that was, ah, that was the primary, ah ... ah, mission of ... at Malmstrom Air Force Base to, ah, maintain and, ah, monitor those, ah, weapon systems."

AB: "All right. Ah, what ... what can you tell us about the Minuteman?"

Um, I know of the Minuteman but I don't know the details. What is the Minuteman capable of doing?"

RS: "Well, it ... again this is back in 1967, because I certainly don't know anything about the current weapon systems."

AB: "Sure, sure."

RS: "Ah, but ... ah, back then the Minuteman I [One], ah, missile system, ah, was an intercontinental ballistic missile. Ah ... ah, of course nuclear warhead and ... and, ah, it ... it could have reached, ah, targets, ah, the ... you know, where, ah ... ah ... well, you know again I don't wanta even talk about the range of, ah, of the missile, ..."

AB: "All right. To say ICBM [Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile] ..."

RS: "... but it was a strategic missile."

AB: "... right ... to say ICBM ..."

RS: "It was a strategic missile."

AB: "Right. To say ICBM is to say that, um ... ah, it could reach another continent. Inter-Continental Ballistic ..."

RS: "Right."

AB: "... Missiles."

RS: "Right."

AB: "So ... coulda made it to the other side."

RS: "Right."

AB: "Ah, these are the big, bad ones."

RS: "Yes."

AB: "And, um, you ... you were stationed ... what do you call the area down below the ground? (AB and RS laugh). Is it a bunker?"

RS: "Yeah, it is a ... it's called a launch control ... well, a launch control center is the capsule that you're referring to that I was located in. And it's about sixty to eighty feet (60-80 ft.) underground."

AB: "Hmpf."

RS: "Um ..."

AB: "How many people, ah, man these things? Ah, two (2) ... two (2) officers?"

RS: "Two (2)."

AB: "Two (2) officers?"

RS: "Two officers."

AB: "What we always see in movies?"

RS: "Right ... right. That's ... that's what it was then."

And that's in the Minuteman system. Not the other, ah, weapon systems that we had – the Atlas, the, ah ... ah, I guess the Atlas and I'm not sure what the other ones were, but, ah, they may have had more than two (2). But, ah, we ... we only had two (2) down there."

AB: "All right."

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AB: "Ah, is it the old picture ... is it like in the movies, ah, Robert, where you wear a gun, the other guy wears a gun ... you've gotta put in keys simultaneously and turn them? I mean, is the movie depiction of the way it is roughly correct?"

RS: "Again, we're talkin' back, ah, 1967 period of time ..."

AB: "Right."

RS: "Ahh ... yeah, we wore weapons down there, and, ah, we had ... we had keys. And, ah ..."

AB: "Hmm."

RS: "... and, ah, you know, all ... all of this, ah, I ... I believe is ... is public information. Ah, I've seen ..."

AB: "Correct!"

RS: "... ah, photographs of what the LCS or LCC looked like down there then. And, ah, they're ... they're very accurate."

AB: "Right. I'm going to try and ask you about ... you know, if I refer to Hollywood, then you can either tell me something is right or wrong. I certainly don't want to ask you anything ... and be very careful, don't say anything that, ah ..."

RS: "Correct."

AB: "... that you ought not to say."

RS: "Right."

AB: "Um, I'm curious and I've gotta ask before we get on to the body of the story here – I was always 'captivated' I guess is the right word by the amount of responsibility that somebody like yourself would had down in a

launch, ah, command center [LCC?] and what were the psychological pressures like?

Ah, is it that you are so trained that you would just automatically do what you're supposed to do? Or do you constantly in your own mind agonize over what you might have to do if your job description ever was called on?" (AB laughs).

RS: "Well, I don't think we constantly agonized about it. Ah, but it ... it was a, ah, dire responsibility and we all understood what we had to do in the event we were given the order to, ah, to launch our missiles. Because of, ah, we understood why we had strategic weapons. We understood the necessity for them at the time. Um, and so we ... we wouldn't have hesitated to launch, ah, if ordered to.

Um, I don't believe there was a lot of stress involved with that."

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AB: "Um, so ... so there you are day after day.

How long were you stationed ... so stationed that every day and for how many, ah, hours every day would you be down there?"

RS: "Ah, we're down there for a twenty-four (24) hour tour."

AB: "Twenty-four (24) hours!"

RS: "Correct. So, ah, we ... we take turns, ah, with rest, you know, sleeping. Ah, but we ... we didn't have to be, ah, awake. One (1) of us would have to be awake for a twenty-four (24) hour period."

AB: "Ah, but the other could sleep, huh?"

RS: "Right."

AB: "All right."

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AB: "Um, the event that we're talking about now occurred where in that three (3) year, ah, period?"

RS: "Oh, it ... it occurred in March, ah, March 16th, actually, 1967."

AB: "March 16, 1967."

RS: "Right."

AB: "All right. What exactly happened? Were you in the middle of a shift or where were you?"

RS: "Right, ah, this was toward the end of our shift ... in the morning. Ah, and I got one (1) ... one (1) call first from, ah, my top-side guards. They'd seen UFOs or ... or lights – very strange lights – up above, ah, the launch control facility there. And, ah, others had seen 'em, and they'd been watching them for a while."

AB: "In other words that was, ah, when they say: 'above launch control,' there would have been a perimeter to the base itself? And so, this would have been within the perimeter of the base?"

RS: "No, we're not talking about on the Malmstrom Air Force Base. This is a launch control facility, ah ... ah, out away from the base."

AB: "Ah!"

RS: "It's a, ah, it's a facility where the, ah, launch control center [LCC] is located."

AB: "All right. And there must have been some sort of fence or some sort of ... something ..."

RS: "Yes, there was a perimeter fence."

AB: "Perimeter fence. And so they were calling you from the base or ... ?"

RS: "They were callin' me from ... right above me, actually."

AB: "Right a- ... oh, right above you? (!)"

RS: "Yes."

AB: "All right. So you're underground, they've got some guys, ah, above you ... ?"

RS: "Right."

AB: "... and they were seeing *lights*?"

RS: "They were seeing some very strange lights. And, ah, they didn't believe they were airplanes. And, ah, so he was just wantin' to report that ... and, ah, and I didn't pay ... give it much, ah, attention although, ah, he sounded very serious. He didn't sound like he was joking at all."

And, ah, but we hung up [the phone] and, ah, and then about five (5), ten (10) minutes later he called back and this time he was very frightened. I could tell by his voice he was, ah, very frightened ... agitated.

Ah, he said there was a ... a UFO directly in front of, ah, the gate ... the main gate of this, ah, facility upstairs.”

AB: “That would get your attention.”

RS: “Yesss! (AB laughs).

Ah, it was hovering there. It was, ah, glowing **red**, ah ... ah, he later told me it was somewhat disk-shaped, but, ah, he had a hard time getting a definite outline of ... of the object. Ah, but it ... it was very frightening.

One (1) of the guards either approached ... approaching it or, ah, trying to get away from it was injured.”

AB: “Oh?”

RS: “Ah, and had to be helicoptered out. Ah ...”

AB: “Oh!”

RS: “Ahh ... and, ah ...”

AB: “Injured in what way? Ah, just ...”

RS: “Ah ... ah, you know, I’m having a difficult time remembering exactly what his injury was, but it was ... it was relatively a minor injury. It was either a slight burn or a cut, or something like that. But, ah, I guess it was serious enough they had to get him back to the base hospital.”

AB: “Do you know how he got that injury? In other words, as a direct result of this object? Or did he bump into something?”

RS: “No, I ah ... it ... it’s kinda strange. Ah, when ... when we were relieved later that morning, I went up to talk to him – the ... the man who had been injured had already left. And our helicopter was waiting for us to take us back – they wanted to debrief us right away so”

AB: “I can imagine.”

RS: “I had, ah ... I didn’t have very much time to talk to this guard about any details of this injury.”

AB: "All right.

So anyway somebody was injured, the object was there hovering ..."

RS: "So ... somebody was injured, the object was up there hovering, and, ah, the ... the guard that had called me had to hang up and attend to this man who had been injured.

So when he hung up, I ... I woke up my commander – I was the deputy – and woke him up and, ah, started tellin' him about these phone calls, *and all of a sudden our missiles started shutting down (!)*"

AB: "Ha! Your missiles started shutting down?"

RS: "That's right! In other words, they ... they went, ah, no-go or off-alert and they could not be launched. Ah, and oh ..."

AB: "What does that mean? Does that mean that the system has detected that there is some sort of malfunction in the missile, ah, or in the, um, mechanism that would, ah, launch it? Something faulty and so it begins an auto-shutdown?"

RS: "That's correct. That's basically it. Ah, there's ... there was some, ah, problem within the system so that the missile could not be properly launched.

Ah, and so the ... the system, ah, warned us and, ah, that the missile had gone off Alert ... and not launchable. And, ah, this happened to at least ... ah, my original recollection was that we lost just about all of 'em. But, ah, I recently contacted my commander – the fellow that was in command – and, ah, with me down there in the capsule. And, ah, he seemed to think we had lost five (5) or so, and, ah, I seem to remember it was more than that, so we're both ..."

AB: "Did they ..."

RS: "It was somewhere between five (5) and ten (10) missiles that we lost that ..."

AB: "All right. Did they ..."

RS: "... that day."

AB: "... did they go offline simultaneously one after the other over what kind of period of time, can you recall?"

RS: “Yeah, a very short period of time. They ... they ... they, ah ... ah, started shutting down sequentially. Not ... not ... not numerically – sequentially, but one (1) right after another.”

AB: “Wow! Ah ...”

RS: “And, um ...”

AB: “...how reliable, generally, are those missiles? I mean, in the ... in the rest of the time that you were there, how frequently would a missile shut down?”

RS: “That was a very, very unusual occurrence that any missile would shut down, ah, and go into a no-go condition, ah, for, ah ... ah, other than a power loss. And even in a power loss, we had automatic generators that, ah, at the launch facilities that would pick up the power right away and usually they’d come right back up, so ... But, ah, more than one (1) going down was unheard of. We ... it just didn’t happen. We ... I never had that happen before or since, ah, in the three (3) years I was there.”

AB: “So five (5) ... five (5) going down, there’s no way that was a coincidence.”

RS: “No. That’s, ah, that was extremely improbable ... unusual. Ah, the system was ... is designed so that, ah, the fault, ah, that affects one (1) site does not affect another site, so to speak”

AB: “Sure.”

RS: “They ... they were not connected in that way.”

AB: “No that would make absolute sense.”

RS: “Right.”

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AB: “Ah, your commander, when this began to occur, what was his demeanor like?”

RS: “Well, we were all shook up. We were both shook up. *Ah ... ahhh, we were shocked!* (laughs).

AB: “All right.”

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AB: “Robert Salas is my guest, and I would imagine by now we’ve got your

attention. Ah, do you remember reading about any of this, ah, in any newspapers back then? [Rhetorical question to the audience, not to RS].

Ahh ... me either.

Interesting. Stay right where you are. We'll let the rest story unwind. This is CBC [Chancellor Broadcasting Company]."

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AB: "All right, back now to Washington [state] and, ah, Robert Salas. Ah, Robert, are you there?"

RS: "Yes."

AB: "All right. Um, so here are your missiles ... five (5) of your missiles were shuttin' down ..."

RS: "At least."

AB: "... and, ah ... at least. And your commander, um, was ... I ... I guess you guys are trained not to panic, right?"

RS: "Yeah. (laughs).

Well ... well, we didn't really panic. We went ahead and followed our procedures, which was to report the incident. Ah, we, ah ... ah, asked that maintenance crews come out and, ah, get the missiles back up. Ah, we also, ah, sent out a, ah, security team to the sites to, ah, to check and see what was going on out there.

Ah, as a matter of fact, while one (1) of our security teams was out at one of the launch sites, they also reported back, ah, seeing a UFO. Ah ..."

AB: "Now wait a minute. This was at *another* launch site?"

RS: "Well, I ... I'll get to that, but this was, ah, within our own launch complex. Like I said, we ... we, ah, dispatched a ... a team – a security team – to get out to, ah, the sites.

And while one (1) of them was out there and, ah, we got a report back from them that they had observed a ... a UFO, ah, over one of our launch facilities."

AB: "Hmm ..."

RS: “Now, ah, again, ah, soon after our ... our missiles shut down, we ... we received a ... a call from another, ah, launch facility ... launch control facility, and this was Echo Flight.

I was in, ah ... believe it was November Flight.”

AB: “Um-hmm.”

RS: “Ah ... ah, but the Echo Flight crew called and, ah, or we called them – I ... I don’t remember which – but, ah ... ah, they told us that the same thing happened at their flight. In other words, they ... **except they did lose all ten (10) of their missiles.**”

AB: (under his breath) “Wow!”

RS: *“Now we ... we’ve got this confirmed. Ah, we’ve got this in writing , ah, from the Air Force, ah, we ... under a Freedom of Information Act request that we processed. Ah ... ah, we were able to retrieve a, ah, what’s called a ‘Unit History,’ ...”*

AB: “Uh-huh.”

RS: “... ah, which outlined the, ah, the loss of ten (10) missiles at Echo Flight.”

AB: “Robert, who ... who filed this?”

RS: “Ahh ... friend of mine.”

AB: “Friend of yours?”

RS: “Yes.”

AB: “Um ... wow!”

RS: “Yep. (Both AB and RS grin). And ...”

AB: “This I take it never made, ah, headlines anywhere?”

RS: “No.”

AB: “Of course it would’ve made front page headlines all over the country ...”

RS: “No, this ... this was a classified incident.

It was classified for a long time. As a matter of fact, it was only *declassified* when we requested, ah ... ah, information about, ah, a

possibility of missile ... of missiles shutting down. We didn't even mention those.

Ah, we, ah, in our request, ah, we mentioned, um, you know, they sent us this information about any times that, ah, they've had, ah, major shutdowns of, ah, of those weapon systems."

AB: "So ..."

RS: "In this 1967 time period and, ah, this is what we got back, ah, and, ah, the incident ... the Echo Flight incident was declassified."

AB: "In ... in time how close was the Echo Flight incident to what you experienced?"

RS: "They both happened the same morning."

AB: "The same morning?"

RS: "Yes."

AB: (exclaims).

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AB: "Um, after this was all over, um, and you got to debriefing ..."

RS: "Yes?"

AB: "... what ... what did they, ah, what did they tell you? In other words, ah, did they say: 'Look here, ah, keep your mouth shut!' or the equivalent thereof? Or what did they say?"

RS: "Yes. It was classified. The, ah ... ah ... by the way, when we debriefed to our commander, ah, he was just as shocked as we are ... we were at the, ah, at the incident.

Ah, so I know it was not a ... an exercise of any kind. Ah ... ah, we lost, ah, to alert at least, ah ... ah, fifteen (15) weapons. Ahh, and that would not have ... that would not have been an exercise. I mean, we would not have ... have deliberately, ah, been unable to launch, ah, ten (10) of our nuclear, ah, missiles, ah, just for some exercise.

So, um, and we were never ... we nev- ... we were never, ah, briefed or debriefed actually on ... on anything that happened after that regarding this incident. But yes, it was classified, ah ..."

AB: “So the great cone of silence descended, ah, after your debriefing?”

RS: “Yes.”

AB: “And you were told you simply could never talk about it or ... ?”

RS: “Right.”

AB: (exhales with dismay).

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AB: “Um, the United States has always maintained that, ah, UFOs are no threat to national security. Ah, simple as that.

As a matter of fact, that’s how they closed out Project Blue Book with that statement.”

RS: “Right.”

AB: “You know, whatever they are, they’re not a threat to national security.”

RS: “Right.”

AB: **“That was a lie!”**

RS: “That was a lie.

Yeah, ah, the Air Force made that statement in, ah, 1969 I believe. Ah ...”

AB: “Um-hmm.”

RS: “... matter of fact I’ve got a copy of a letter ... or a statement that was made in that regard. And even in 1991, ah, we have a cover letter from, ah, the Air Force that says, ah ... ah, that that [sic] is still the policy ... or still the, ah ...”

AB: “Position?”

RS: “... position of the Air Force, ah, even in 1991.”

AB: “Now, you’ve had a lot of time obviously since, ah, this occurred to reflect on this – ah, a UFO, fifteen (15) missiles shutting down, ICBMs – ah, any thoughts on what the message was if there was one?”

RS: “Well, ah, yes! Ah, to me the message seemed clear that, ah ... ah, basically, ah, *stay away from nuclear weapons or ... or at least try to get rid of your nuclear weapons.*

Ah ...”

AB: “Hmm ...”

RS: “... ah, that ... that seemed to be the message, because that ... that was the only, ah, direct impact from those sightings. Ah, they shut these missiles down and, ah, that was about it.

I mean, ah ...”

AB: “All right. Well, I’m gonna raise the hair on the back of your neck right now, because in a ... in a similar timeframe, about two (2) years ago 20/20 ran a story on a Russian ICBM missile silo. Ah, an incident in which a UFO hovered over that facility and put, ah, some of their, ah, missiles in to launch mode. It actually began to go into launch mode *all by itself!*

And after the incident – it did not ... it ended up, ah, not launching – the Russians had the whole, you know, all the consoles torn apart. They tore apart the entire, ah, facility *and never found anything that was wrong!* But this ... this thing went in ... into launch sequence!

Now, the timeframe – if not exactly the same – was very similar. And, ah, it’s bloodcurdling enough to think about our missiles shutting down, but it’s even a little more worrisome to worry about ours shutting down while theirs go into launch sequence.”

RS: “Ah, yes, that is ... that is, ah, pretty frightening.

Ah, in ... in addition I believe there were sightings in, ah ... ah, South Dakota. Um ...”

AB: “I got a call ...”

RS: “... around the same time period.”

AB: “Yep. I got a call ten (10) minutes before the program tonight from a man in South Dakota, who said ... you know, he was worried that he couldn’t talk about this either. He said in South Dakota – and I ... I don’t know exactly ... I’ve never really personally seen a ‘blast door,’ but he said they’re gigantic and very heavy ... they weight tons.”

RS: “Yes.”

AB: “And he said: ‘One (1) was missing. Ah. just simply came up missing.’”

RS: “Hmm.”

AB: “And that’s absolutely impossible. It’s not something you throw into the back of a pick-up [truck] and haul away.”

RS: “Right, right.”

AB: (laughs).

RS: “Right. But there’s also a missile base in South Dakota and, ah ... and, ah, my understanding is that there, ah, there were sightings, ah, similar to ours, although I’ve not heard of an incident such as ours, ah, occurring there.”

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AB: “Have you corresponded, ah, with, um, your commander at the time or anybody else, ah, about ...”

RS: “Yes. I corresponded with my ... my commander at the time and also the commander and the deputy commander of the Echo Flight.

Ah ... so ...”

AB: “What ... what are there reflections about it? I mean, do they feel about the way you do?”

RS: “Well, ah, I think, ah, I ... I think one (1) of ’em does, ah, feel the same way I do about, ah, getting this out there in ... in the public and, ah, and making an appeal to the Air Force to, ah, to come clean on this thing. Um ... ah, the others, ah, I think were career Air Force people and ... and may be a little shy about talking about it. But they ... they weren’t shy with me and, ah, we discussed all these things. We ... we ... and all of what I’m telling you is really ... is, ah, is a composite of what we all agreed occurred, ah, on that day.”

AB: “Well, this is something the American people certainly should know about.

Ah, we still have missiles. They are aimed I don’t know where – maybe in the water temporarily or something. But the fact of the matter is we still have them. And, ah, so do the Russians.

Um, and I ... I think that until they’re all destroyed – and that ... that day may never come – ah, we will always have this hanging over us – maybe

to a lesser degree, but it will always be hanging over us. And that something like this could happen and on ... well, you know what?

I understand frankly, that they would not have told the American people about this. How do you feel about that ... *ah, at least at the time ... ?*

RS: "Ah, how did I feel at the time or how do I feel now?" (laughs).

AB: "Well ... now.

In other words, when you look back at the moment that it occurred, ah, would you have seen that information released to the public, and if it had been, what do you think the reaction would have been?"

RS: "Well, ah, I ... I certainly didn't quite understand when we were told not to discuss this with our spouses, ah, why?"

I mean, ah, this was just what we were told we were ... and we went ahead and followed orders and, ah, and what we ... we didn't, ah, we hardly even talked about it among ourselves."

AB: "Well, the public ... the public's reaction aside, ah, Robert, imagine, ah, that our people – our national security people, our military, our Pentagon – would not exactly like the Russians to know that our missiles were getting shut down."

RS: "No ... right."

AB: "So I can understand why they would not make it public."

RS: "No ... right."

AB: "So I can understand why they would not make it public."

RS: "Correct, right."

AB: "Now, a lot of years have gone by ..."

RS: "Um-hmm."

AB: "... but you ... you've gotta wonder if that sort of thing is still going on today."

RS: "Right. Well, the point is, ah, it ... the point is the public needs to be involved in the debate as to, ah, what we oughta do about this. In other words if we have been visited by these objects from, ah ... ah ..."

AB: "Wherever."

RS: "... not from this planet, ah, the public oughta be able to enter into the debate as to exactly what we ought to do about it. Ah, it should not be in the hands of, ah, a small group of, ah, military intelligentsia or whoever has this information. And, ah, they can do pretty much what they want about it – whatever it is.

Um, if ... if this is a threat to our, you know, to all of us ... so, we ought to know about it, be able, ah, to debate it ... to talk about it."

AB: "I could not agree more. I could not agree more. Ah, certainly we oughta have a public debate. At least we oughta know if they really are visiting us. I would like to know – I'm sure a lot of other people out there would like to know. And if they have the ability to, in effect, shut down our ICBMs to convey a message that you ought not be doing this sort of thing – *if that's what the message was (!)* – then yes, the public oughta know about it and they oughta be able to chew it over a little bit and see what they decide."

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AB: "What are you gonna do? You ... you've gone, ah, you've done an interview with Linda, now you've done one with me – how are you going to proceed in trying to get this public?"

RS: "Well, I've also done one with *Sightings*."

AB: "*Sightings*?"

RS: "Yeah, and that should be, ah, be aired, ah ... ah, probably around the first part of next year."

AB: "Ahh!"

RS: "Umm ..."

AB: "So we're out ahead of *Sightings* ... good."

RS: (laughs and Art joins in laughing).

AB: "Listen, ah, the documents that you got back, ah, from the Freedom of Information request that you made?"

RS: "Right."

AB: "Um, are those available?"

RS: "Ah, well, I've got the documents. Ah ... ah ... ah, I could send you a copy."

AB: "I would appreciate that, ah, because a lot of people are gonna want to see it. Put it up on the web. Let everybody take a look.

Ah, that would be one good way to proceed. In other words, that is, ah, good documentary evidence ..."

RS: "Yes."

AB: "... that this occurred."

RS: "Yeah, let me read you just one part of, ah, of the document ..."

AB: "Sure."

RS: "... that I received.

Now this is the only mention of UFOs. It says: 'Rumors of Unidentified Flying Objects around the area of Echo Flight during the time of fault were disproven. A mobile strike team which had checked all of November Flight's LFs on the morning of 16 March were questioned and stated that no unusual activity or sightings were observed.'

AB: "Really!"

RS: "Yeah. This is the, ah, just one (1) paragraph, ah, the only paragraph that mentions anything about UFOs in this, um, unit history that, ah ..."

AB: "Well, how do you ... how do you account for that? In other words people did see them."

RS: "Absolutely. And so this is just a ... a plain indication that the Air Force was covering this whole thing up, even ... even in ... and this document was classified. And even in this classified document, they were, ah, covering up the fact that many, many Airmen saw these UFOs. And these UFOs were reported to us, ah, officers in the capsules. And, ah, we reported 'em to our ... our commanders and at no time were ... were our stories disproven in any way, so, ah ... ah ... (RS laughs).

What else can I say?"

AB: (laughs). "Yeah.

Um, all right, another avenue of, um, underlying what you said here would be to get some of the others to come forward.”

RS: “Yes, and I’d like to make an appeal to anybody that’s listening that might’ve been, ah, present and saw these UFOs, ah, during this time period, ah, during this incident, ah, if they could, ah, contact me or ... or through you, ah ...”

AB: “All right.”

RS: “... I’d like to hear from ’em.”

AB: “All right.

What about your commander and some of the others, ah, at Echo Flight, for example? Ah, have you spoken with them? Are they willing to come forward?”

RS: “Well, ah, I’m going to leave that up to them. Ah, I gave that information, ah, on how to contact them to Linda and, ah ... so, ah, I’ll just leave it up to them if they want to come forward on this or not.”

AB: “So Linda’s gonna go ahead and contact them and, ah ...”

RS: “Right.”

AB: “... see if they wish to?”

RS: “I assume she is.”

AB: “Uh-huh.”

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AB: “Can you imagine that this is still going on? In other words, do you think this was just an isolated incident or in your imagination, do you imagine this has gone on for years?”

RS: “Ah, frankly I think it has gone on for years. Ah ... um, as a matter of fact even around the ... the Malmstrom or Great Falls area there ... there have been quite a few sightings. Um ... ah, even after ours I think. In 1975 there was another flap of sightings. Um, so ... ah, yes, I think this has happened, ah ...ah, since ... since our incident.”

AB: “All right.”

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AB: “One thing I never asked you was the technical follow-up. In other words, I’m sure after this incident they did as the Russians did and probably ripped things apart looking for what could be wrong.”

RS: “Yes.”

AB: “What did they find?”

RS: “Ah, *they found nothing*. They could not determine a definitive cause for the shutdown.

So, um, I talked to a couple (2) of the Boeing engineers, ah, that ... that did investigate this incident and, ah ... and they told me they did all kinds of electrical checks and tests and, ah ... ah, electromagnetic tests. And, ah, they checked out the, ah ... ah, launch control computers at the launch control facilities, ah, anything that might have, ah, had an impact, ah, in shutting these things down or ... or, you know, in terms of connectivity.

Ah, they checked out and they could not determine a definitive cause. So, as far as they’re concerned – and they were the ones investigating this thing. They were at least part of the team that was investigating this, ah, they could not determine a cause.”

AB: “Well anyway, the bottomline is clearly, ah, there was or is a threat to national security from UFOs, and, ah, it’s time that we got the truth.”

RS: “Yes it is. I agree.”

AB: “All right.

Robert, I really, really want to thank you for coming on. Ah, I appreciate it. I’m glad we’re able to tell the story. And if you could, ah, send me a copy of that Freedom of Information response, I will definitely get it up on the website for all to see.”

RS: “Very good.”

AB: “All right, my friend, thank you!”

RS: “You’re welcome.”

AB: “And ‘Good Night.’

That’s, ah ... ah, Robert Salas, and, ah, you just heard a man who lived down in the command launch center near Malmstrom and had, um, at

least five (5) of his intercontinental ballistic missiles shut down by an object that hovered right over the facility.

And then another at least ten (10) missiles or *all the missiles* at what was called E-Flight.

Now that is quite a remarkable revelation when you sit and think about it. Not a threat to national security, huh?

Heh, heh, heh, heh ... my foot!"

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BOB [ROBERT] KAMINSKI

AB: "Once again, here I am and we are going to do a follow-up to what we just did.

Now for the last hour for those of you that have missed it, ah, we have talked with Robert Salas up in the, ah, Seattle area, who many years ago on actually, ah, believe it was March 16th, 1967, was sitting down in a launch control facility for a Minuteman site near Malmstrom. A UFO hovered over that launch facility and began shutting down, um, intercontinental ballistic missiles. At least five (5) where my guest was.

It was an officer there – typical sidearm, that sort of thing – ah, shut down five (5) of our ICBMs. Then ... ah ... ah, another UFO apparently or the same one (who knows?) in roughly the same time period hovered over Echo, ah, Flight – another launch facility – and shut down all of their missiles. **All of them!**

Ten (10) ICBMs shut down!"

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AB: Now, in a moment, ah, I received a fax from a man – we'll let you, ah, let him give, ah, his name to you if he so desires – ah, who works for Boeing, ah, for the Material Improvement Project, whatever that is. I guess we're gonna find out, ah, here shortly. And, ah, he was responsible for dispatching the team to Echo Company to check all of this out.

And so in a moment ... that gentlemen."

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AB: "Now to, um, again the Seattle area, which happens to be where Boeing is and it happens to be where my present guest is.

Um, can we give your name?"

BK: "Ah, certainly."

AB: "All right. It's Bob [Robert] Kaminski, right?"

BK: "That's correct."

AB: "That's K-a-m-i-n-s-k-i?"

BK: "Yes, correct."

AB: "All right, Bob. Very good.
Um, do you presently work for Boeing?"

BK: "No. I am retired now."

AB: "Retired?"

BK: "But that did happen back in the mid-sixties [1960s]."

AB: "It did, huh?"

BK: "Yes it did."

AB: "And, ah, what had ... what were you told or what were you doing ... where were you working when it occurred?"

BK: "Well, it was my job to, ah, be one of the interface engineers with the Ogden Air Materiel Command of the Air Force, and we took, ah, engineering problems that they would have with the Minuteman sites ..."

AB: "Okay."

BK: "... and, ah, then we would do investigations, um ... ah, do engineering – whatever's required to help them out of a particular problem that they might have been having."

AB: "In other words you were the 'techno-geeks'?"

BK: "Rrrright."

AB: (laughs).

BK: "Right."

AB: “All right. Ah, how frequently, ah, Bob, did you guys get a call saying ‘Ten (10) ICBMs just shut down with a UFO bouncing over them’?”

BK: “Art, to my knowledge that happened only once ... to us.

Now, it happened other places according to what Bob Salas is saying. But the only project that I know of that I was handed was one of them. And it was on Echo Flight ...”

AB: “Echo Flight.”

BK: “... because it was the one that had ten (10) missiles go down.”

AB: “What are the odds of ten (10) missiles, ah ...”

BK: “**Impossible!**”

AB: “Impossible?”

BK: “*It’s absolutely impossible!*”

Even if the power leading to the sites go down. Um, these ... these sites are so complex, ah, in their design and electronics, and they’re so, ah, duplicated in circuitry and inter- ... intertied [sic] to other sites and other launch control facilities, ...”

AB: “Um-hmm.”

BK: “... it’s virtually impossible to shut down ten (10) sites.”

AB: “That’s what I would think!”

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AB: “All right. So you were responsible then for dispatching a team to Echo Company to go and find out what the hell happened?”

BK: “Exactly. I was hand- ... at the time I was handed it, I ... I was not told that there was a UFO involvement. I was just told ...”

AB: “Trouble?”

BK: “... we have a strange occurrence – ten (10) missiles went down. It’s your job to organize a team and send them out there *immediately* and have them investigate all over the place, look at everything, check out every possibility, and come back and write a report.”

AB: "Hmpf."

BK: "Well, we sent out glaciologists. We sent out engineers, electronics people, technicians ... *We sent 'em out there to check everything out.*"

AB: "And?"

BK: "**They found nothing.** The only thing they could find that would even come close to explaining any kind of a ... ah, any kind of a, um, abnormality was the power line leading in to one of the transformers in the commercial line, um, outside of the sites – it wasn't even inside the sites ..."

AB: "Right."

BK: "... and they found that there was a transformer that was, ah, slowly degrading, and they thought it might be setting up some kind of a, ah ..."

AB: "Spike or something."

BK: "Yeah, right. Several of them, of course.

And, ah, but when they came back, we had our meetings and I asked them: *'What happened?'* And the total amount of information was zero."

AB: "Zero."

BK: "*We had no explanation.*"

Then, Art, mysteriously I got a call from our representative – the one representative who I worked with, who ... the Ogden Air Materiel Area down in Ogden ..."

AB: "Um-hmm."

BK: "... and that's where he was stationed."

AB: "Right."

BK: "He called me and says: 'Bob, stop everything you're doin'.

I says: 'Stop everything? What do you mean?'

He says: 'Just stop it. ... Just don't do it anymore.'

I says: 'Well, we have to submit a final report.'

He says: 'No ... no final report.'

Now this is very strange because every time you spend government money ..."

AB: "You bet."

BK: "... on an engineering report, you have to send in a report of what 'chu did."

AB: "You bet!

And they ..."

BK: [unintelligible – perhaps "In this case ..."]

AB: "They said: 'Stop!'"

BK: "They said: 'Stop!' Do not submit a final report. And then he told me this is under the table. It's been rumored that there was a UFO over the launch control facility that knocked out those ten (10) 'birds.'"

AB: "Holy smokes!"

BK: "And with that we were ... we were just put on hold and put on stop.

Now I covered this, ah, Art in a book I just released two (2) months ago. Ah, this particular incident and then it's a whole bunch of things. I sent you a copy. It's called *Lying Wonders*."

AB: "*Lying Wonders*?"

BK: "*Lying Wonders*, yeah."

AB: (laughs).

BK: "It has a, ah, it has a Christian flavor to it, but I go into a lot of things. I mention this report because *I actually was involved in it!*"

AB: "Well, you know, it sounds Bob as though you oughta talk to Robert Salas."

BK: "It does indeed."

AB: "And, ah, I ... I can arrange that. I can arrange that for you."

BK: "Okay, good."

AB: "So, ah, what I would like to do ... if there's anything else you can think of that we oughta know ... I guess I could ask you the same question I asked Robert. **This is such an incredible, ah ... ah, revelation.**

Um, if the public had been told at the time ... or let me redo that.

Why do you think at the time this was slammed shut, classified, public wasn't told? And why do you think it's getting out now?"

BK: "Well, first of all I think people are getting a little bolder now and it's ... it's been past, ah, several years, then I think it declassified. That's the first thing.

But secondly, I think, ah, originally what it was is people were afraid to talk about it, because of scorn and laughter. And behind the scenes there may have been a second layer or another layer of, ah, governmental management pulling the string."

AB: "Oh, I'm not laughing. There's nothing funny at all about this thing."

BK: "Well no, not today! Everything's coming out today.

But years ago, ah, people just wouldn't talk about it. They just made fun about it.

But, ah, no ... I actually went through this and I didn't go out to the sites myself, but I was responsible for sending the team out."

AB: "I understand.

All right, I wanta put 'chu on hold, because I wanta get you together with, ah, Robert Salas, all right?"

BK: "Okay, sure."

AB: "All right, putting him on hold. Stay right there."

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AB: "Can you imagine that, folks? A total of fifteen (15) intercontinental ballistic missiles shutting down with objects hovering above them.

What do you think the message might be?

And if you put that together with the 20/20 piece coupla' years ago – and I'll *never, ever forget it!* – with a UFO hovering above a similar Russian facility, only there they went into launch sequence.

Somewhere there, there is a message.”

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AB: “I wonder how you feel about what you heard with regard to our missiles near Malmstrom?

That’s an absolutely incredible story, and, ah, I wonder what you think the message was?

Why would they simply shut down our missiles?

Ah, was the message that, ah, this kind of stuff has gotta stop?

Was the message that: ‘Look here! You are not as much in control as you think you were ... or are?’

Was the message: ‘Now you better begin talking to the other side and you better begin eliminating these weapons ... or else!’

(AB smirks to break the silence).

What do you think the message was? Why do you think they would have done such a thing?

Moreover, not being precisely certain of the date that the incident occurred in Russia, I can imagine that they were, um, fairly close. And, ah, while it’s bad enough to think about our missiles shutting down, it’s even worse to contemplate Russian missiles beginning to light up and going into launch sequence at the same moment, isn’t it?”

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