

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW UFO INVESTIGATIONS AND SCIENCE

INTERVIEW : Robert Hastings



Robert Hastings (Photo by G. Cisneros / UVU)

Robert L. Hastings was born May 6, 1950, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Sandia Base, where atomic weapons were engineered. His father, Robert E. Hastings, was career U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1967 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. In 1966–67, the Hastings family was stationed at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, during one peak period of UFO activity at nearby Minuteman nuclear missile sites. In March 1967, Hastings witnessed five UFOs being tracked on radar at the base air traffic control tower. He later learned that these "unknown targets" had been maneuvering near ICBM sites located southeast of the base. This experience ultimately led to his decades-long research into the UFO-nukes connection.

U.I.S: You organized a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on September 27, 2010, at which seven U.S. Air Force veterans spoke of UFO incursions at nuclear weapons sites. Why did these persons reveal these important events?

R.H : *The USAF veterans who spoke about their involvement in these incidents simply believe, as I do, that people everywhere have a right to know about the reality of UFOs and the obvious interest on the part of their pilots in our nuclear weapons. (Even retired Soviet Army personnel have come forward in recent years to reveal that such incidents occurred in the former U.S.S.R. during the Cold War era.)*

Governments, primarily in the U.S. and Russia, should not be allowed to keep us all in the dark, decade after decade, about such a remarkable development in human history. The fact that these veterans—in both countries—are willing to discuss still-classified incidents proves that they are courageous and are determined to speak the truth, despite the potential consequences.

The CNN television network streamed the Washington press conference live. The full-length video of the event is at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jUU4Z8QdHI>

L.U.S : When did you become interested in UFOs' surveillance of nuclear weapons?

R.H : *In October 1966, my father, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Robert E. Hastings, was transferred to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. At that time, the 341st Strategic Missile Wing at the base controlled 150 Minuteman I and 50 Minuteman II ICBMs. My father's office was located within the high-security SAGE building which housed an intricate, computer-assisted radar tracking system, the most advanced in the world during that era.*

One night in March 1967, five unidentified "targets" were tracked at SAGE and at the base air traffic control tower. Two jet fighters were launched to investigate. As the fighters approached the UFOs, the mysterious aerial objects ascended vertically at enormous velocity, leaving the jets far behind. More importantly, at the time of the attempted intercept, the five UFOs had apparently been maneuvering near Minuteman missile sites located in the Judith Basin region, many miles southeast of Malmstrom.

I learned the details of this incident from my father shortly after it happened and was very intrigued. But I was only 16-years-old—almost 17—at that time and really couldn't do much with the information I had been provided.

However, six years later, in 1973, I learned of similar UFO incidents at other USAF missile bases which were briefly reported in American magazine articles. Consequently, thinking that it would be important to get the witnesses on-the-record, I began seeking out and interviewing USAF veterans, to attempt to learn what they knew of these events.

Most of the individuals I approached either did not know of such cases or, if they did, would not discuss them with me. However, over time, a few veterans did tell me of their involvement in incidents where UFOs seemingly monitored and even interfered with the functionality of American nuclear missiles.

As time passed, an ever-increasing number of persons divulged such cases to me during tape recorded interviews. Now, 39 years later, more than 130 U.S. military veterans have candidly discussed their knowledge of UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites, and I am constantly seeking new witnesses to add to the database, once their military records have been verified and analyzed.

In short, the events at Malmstrom Air Force Base in 1967 ultimately led to my researching the subject of UFOs, and the longstanding interest of those who pilot them in our nuclear weapons facilities. Since 1981, I have spoken at over 500 American colleges and universities, as well as Oxford University in England, in an effort to present this information to the public.

L.U.S : What is the most important event in the history of UFO activity in the Twentieth Century?

R.H : *I would say the Roswell Incident. According to retired (and now deceased) USAF Brigadier General Arthur E. Exon, a “craft from space” was recovered in the New Mexico desert in July 1947. Exon’s on-the-record comments may be read at:*

<http://www.roswellproof.com/exon.html>

At the time of the incident, Roswell Army Air Field was the world’s only atomic bomber base, home to the B-29 squadron that bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki two years earlier. Therefore, although this important fact is not widely known, there is also a nuclear weapons-connection with the most famous UFO event of all time.

L.U.S : What are some of the the most significant events related to the subsequent UFO incursions at American nuclear weapons bases?

R.H : *In some cases, several ICBMs mysteriously shut down as a UFO hovered near them—their guidance systems had been mysteriously disrupted and had to be repaired. Those particular missiles could not have been launched if the President of the United States had suddenly ordered a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union. This happened twice at Malmstrom AFB, in March 1967, according to former missile launch and targeting officers. Those who can read English may learn more about these cases at:*

<http://www.ufohastings.com/articles/the-echo-flight-icbm-incident>

In another incident, at Minot AFB, North Dakota in 1966, the launch countdown sequence in a number of missiles’ was temporarily activated as a UFO moved from one to the other, hovering over each one. The frightened missile officers had to perform an override procedure to halt the countdown in several missiles.

My opinion is that those aboard the UFO could have stopped the automated launch sequence themselves, and would have, if the missile officers had failed to do so. I think they were only trying to scare the hell out of the military. (A similar event occurred in Soviet Ukraine in 1982, according to declassified Soviet Ministry of Defense records and eyewitness testimony from Soviet Army personnel.)

Certainly these were the most frightening incidents. One may learn more about the Minot AFB and Ukrainian cases at:

<http://www.ufohastings.com/articles/recent-russian-newspaper-article-discusses-ufo-incidents-at-soviet-and-american-nuclear-weapons-sites>

I would also mention the “Big Sur UFO Incident” which occurred at Vandenberg AFB, California in 1964. According to two former USAF officers, a UFO was filmed through a high-powered telescope/camera as it paced and then circled a dummy nuclear warhead during a missile test flight. According to the officers, four beams of light were seen shooting from the domed-disc to the warhead in rapid succession, whereupon the warhead began tumbling, eventually falling into the Pacific Ocean hundreds of miles short of its target. Detailed information about this case may be read at:

<http://www.ufohastings.com/articles/deep-denial-or-disinformation>

Another, similar incident was reported in the New York Times on June 17, 1974. In that case, based on information provided by anonymous U.S. Army missile experts, radar picked up a UFO pacing a dummy warhead in flight, while three other UFOs maneuvered nearby. So, even though there was apparently no interference with that particular test, the story in the prestigious newspaper confirms that UFOs have monitored American nuclear missile tests more than once.

(Indeed, the first published account of a UFO flying near a missile in flight appeared in True magazine in 1950. A U.S. Navy commander leaked information about the incident to the media. Documents that were declassified many years later confirm that other UFO sightings occurred at that missile test area, White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico, in the 1940s and ‘50s.)

I.U.S : How many UFO sightings have occurred near nuclear bases?

R.H : *It is impossible to answer this question. It has taken me nearly 40 years to learn about approximately 100 of them. I am certain that many more—both in the U.S. and U.S.S.R./Russia—will never be uncovered. The secrecy surrounding these events is extraordinary.*

I should note here that UFO sightings occurred during French nuclear tests in the South Pacific in the Cold War era. For more information about these incidents, see:

<http://utenti.multimania.it/paolaharris/andronik.htm>

I.U.S : What are the most recent cases?

R.H : *Interestingly, less than a month after my September 27, 2010 press conference, on October 23rd, F.E. Warren AFB in Wyoming temporarily lost the ability to communicate with—or launch—50 of its ICBMs. The Air Force claims that an improperly replaced computer component caused the problem, however, I have information from two recently-retired USAF missile technicians who say that a huge, cigar-shaped UFO was observed by multiple technical teams shortly after the squadron-wide malfunction occurred. The technicians also told me that*

their commander warned his troops not to talk about the intermittent sightings, which extended over a two-day period.

I travelled to the region in December 2010 and spent four days interviewing several civilians who live in the area of the missile sites, who say they saw UFOs hovering over various ICBM sites in the weeks prior to, and following, the communications disruption event in late October. Much more about this case may be read at:

<http://www.ufohastings.com/articles/huge-ufo-sighted-near-nuclear-missiles-during-october-2010-launch-system-disruption>

I.U.S : What could be the reasons for UFOs interfering with the functionality of nuclear missiles?

R.H : *After researching the UFO “phenomenon” for 39 years, I must conclude that the technology involved is so advanced that a human origin for it can be automatically ruled out in almost every bona fide sighting case. The radar data alone substantiate the presence of craft operating in our atmosphere whose capabilities are vastly beyond our own aircraft and which defy known aerodynamic principles.*

The available facts suggest to me that extraterrestrial visitation, by one or more races of beings, is occurring. I further contend that such visitation accounts for all of the nuclear weapons-related incidents I have uncovered, as well as the secrecy surrounding those events.

In my view, the essential message being conveyed by our visitors is this: As long as nuclear weapons exist, they remain a potential threat to the future of mankind and to the planet itself. Get rid of them! To make their point, those aboard the UFOs periodically monitor and sometimes interfere with the operational readiness of the missiles.

To those who think this a radical or ridiculous idea, Captain Edward Ruppelt, first chief of the U.S. Air Force’s UFO investigations group known as Project Blue Book, once revealed that high-level officers at the Pentagon had seriously considered the possibility of an extraterrestrial interest in our atomic weapons testing. According to Ruppelt, that particular assessment occurred in 1952.

It’s clear why those in the Pentagon would speculate about such a possibility. In a July 1952 LOOK magazine article, Ruppelt mentioned an Air Force file summarizing 63 cases of UFOs sighted over nuclear installations. Significantly, that file is not among the currently-declassified Blue Book files. In other words, except for the brief mention of it by Ruppelt, its exact contents have been kept secret to this day.

It should be noted that some months after Ruppelt's public admission, in January 1953, the CIA effectively took control of the government cover-up of UFOs in my country. There are many questions about the exact chain of events but the basic facts are now known.

As a result, a more stringent censorship was imposed on the U.S. military and candid interviews about UFOs, such as those given by Ruppelt and other insiders, ceased to occur. Moreover, according to witness testimony, evidence collected in a number of important incidents was subjected to high-level classification. For example, after the Big Sur incident, in 1964, two CIA agents came to Vandenberg AFB and confiscated the dramatic film of the UFO shooting down the dummy warhead, according to one of the former USAF officers involved in the case. This is all discussed in my Big Sur article, the link to which I provided earlier in this interview.

In any event, given what my ex-military sources have divulged—certainly remarkable accounts but undoubtedly only a small part of the picture—I must assume that the current crop of UFO specialists at the Pentagon and CIA have a far clearer understanding of the reality of UFO activity at our nuclear weapons sites than did their predecessors half-a-century ago, and more or less grudgingly endure it.

Moreover, given the pattern of ongoing UFO incursions at nuclear weapons sites over the last six decades, one might predict that as long as such weapons exist, that activity will continue to occur.

I.U.S : What is the opinion of the U.S. government about these facts?

R.H : *Even in the face of the declassified documents, which conclusively confirm that UFOs have demonstrated a six-decade-long interest in U.S. nukes, my government denies that anything of significance has ever occurred. They deny, deny, deny, year after year.*

Actually, that's all they can do because to admit that even one of these cases is real would open Pandora's Box. To confirm that there exist unidentified craft which can pace our nuclear warheads in flight, traveling at 14,000 mph, and then shoot them down with light beams, would be to admit that Earth has extraterrestrial visitors, simply because no country in the world had that technology when the Big Sur incident occurred in 1964—or, for that matter, even today.

The Pentagon also ignored the public testimony of the ex-officers who spoke at my 2010 press conference for the same reason. Those involved in the ongoing cover-up just kept their silence, hoping that the massive media coverage of the event would fade away quickly, which it did.

Even though news stories and print/online articles on the press conference numbered in the hundreds—some of those are still accessible on the Internet—the story itself has basically died. Not a single major news organization, in any country, has approached me or the retired officers for follow-up interviews. It's almost as if the press conference, with all of the amazing revelations

that came out during that one hour, never even happened. This is very disappointing and frustrating.

L.U.S : Do you have a specific message for our readers?

R.H : *Based on the declassified documents and the witness testimony, it is my contention that there exists a credible connection between the appearance of nuclear weapons in the mid-1940s and the overall increase in UFO sightings worldwide since that time. Moreover, it is probable that one of the reasons the U.S. government has attempted to conceal its extensive knowledge of the UFO phenomenon is its apprehension about having to acknowledge that unknown observers, piloting enormously superior aerial craft, have been systematically monitoring and occasionally tampering with our nuclear weapons.*

As incredible as this claim may seem, it is nevertheless based on persuasive, documented data amassed over four decades. Many of the declassified documents may be reviewed online, to those who read English. Some of them are at:

<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2010/10/ufos-nukes-connection-press-conference.html>

While overwhelming empirical evidence is not yet available, at least in the public domain, to confirm an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs, it can at least be said that some as-yet unexplained mystery has been thrown in the faces of those who planned, and still plan, to use these terrifying weapons.

*I will conclude by saying that I am seeking an opportunity to publish my book, *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites*, in France. Perhaps one day a credible publisher—someone who understands the importance of the revelations by my ex-military witnesses—will translate my book into your language. But, alas, until that day, one must look to the English edition for a detailed examination of the *UFO-Nukes Connection*.*

Finally, let me say that I understand completely that while my research data are tremendously important, I myself am not. I am merely a determined messenger who has attempted for many years to disseminate the facts to anyone who is willing to review them with an unbiased mind.

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thank you, Mr. Hastings for giving us your time for this interview ...

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