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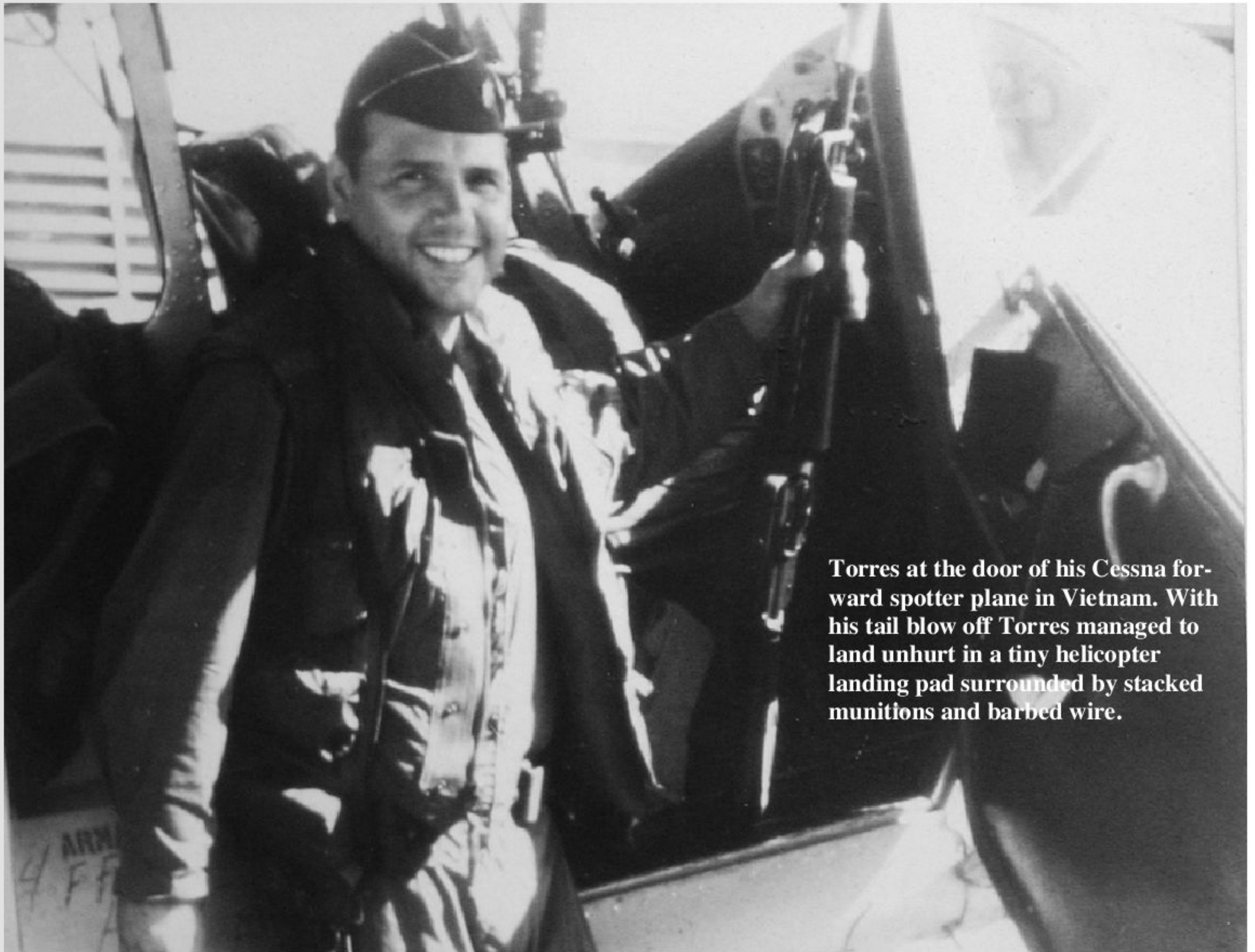
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Torres at the door of his Cessna forward spotter plane in Vietnam. With his tail blow off Torres managed to land unhurt in a tiny helicopter landing pad surrounded by stacked munitions and barbed wire.

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Was there a fleet of Soviet bombers heading over England?

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Torres was told to report any visual observations and replied, "I'm in the soup and it's impossible to see anything."

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Cockpit of the F-86 Sabre jet. The small radar scope screen shown sweeps out 30 miles and on Torres' jet reflected a huge stationary object, 'big as an aircraft carrier'.

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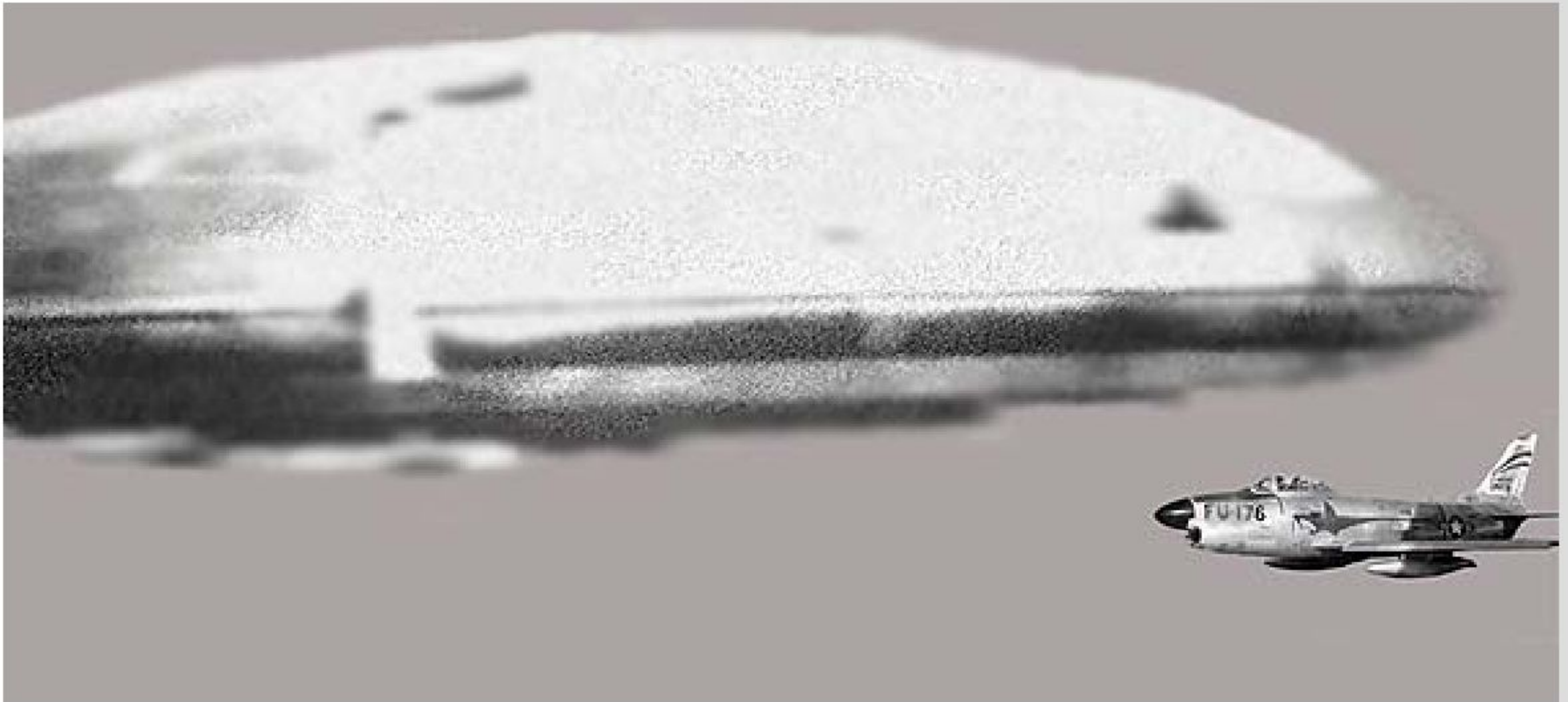
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"Whatever he did, I have no idea of how he did it. These people had incredible control of where they are, where they're going and how they're going. There was no way we could understand it.

Someday if I live long enough I will find out. This guy was far beyond anything we had on the drawing board. I had gotten involved in a ball game designed for futuristic airplanes. It was not for us."



Emblem of Royal Air Force Base Manston from which Torres flew the night he was ordered to shoot down a UFO.



Milton Torres says the UFO in this illustration was tiny compared with what he and ground control saw on their radar receivers.

Ground control operators below were also shocked. They had a radius on their big radar screen covering 250 miles out each way from the target. It took this huge target 1.6 seconds to travel out past 250 miles.

‘We estimated it’s speed at about 10,000 miles an hour,’ confirmed voices in ground radar control. The usually calm, tea-drinking, British ground controllers were excited, their voices, shaky.”

Lt. Torres put the nose of his jet down, turned off his afterburner and circled back towards Manston Airbase. He was stunned. What in the world could fly this fast? What had he been near?

“I began to realize I had just missed being killed. I was a dumb little kid going to be slaughtered. If I had hit that unknown thing I probably would have been vaporized.”

As he landed the American pilot received a radio message telling him to call his duty officer immediately using a highly secure telephone land line.

“Soon, still in my flight suit, I stood at attention beside the telephone. I was told I had been on an extreme high secret mission; that I was to discuss it with no one, colleagues, no one. I was ordered to sleep that night at the air base and warned I would be getting a visit from someone from the US Embassy tomorrow.”

Next morning in the Squadron Operations area, a sergeant came for Torres and took him to an American sounding civilian in a dark trench coat.

The stranger flashed National Security Agency ID papers at him, then debriefed the pilot on last night’s mission and declared it was highly classified and was not to be discussed with anyone, not even his commander.

He threatened the young pilot with a national security breach. If he breathed one word about it - he’d never fly again!

“He would not answer any of my questions. I was told not to talk to my wingman and so I didn’t enquire who he was. I didn’t for a moment wonder if this thing was American or Russian. No! This was something no one had heard of or ever seen.”

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Similar to the rockets Milton Torres's F-86 Sabre was carrying and ready to fire at the UFO.

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OUR REF: ISI/JP
YOUR REF: For the attention of Section 40

20th July 1988.

Secretariat Air Staff (2),
Room Section 40
Ministry of Defence,
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Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB.

Dear Section 40,

Re: "Radar Blip".

Herewith copy of a narrative which I have recently received from a former American Pilot for your consideration and comment.

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To Lt 21/2
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the F-80s could go straight into action.
Then the order came to fire a full salvo of rockets at the UFO. I was only a Lieutenant and very much aware of the gravity of the situation. To be quite candid I almost shit my pants! At any rate I had my hands full trying to fly, search for bogeys, and now selecting a hot load on the switches. I asked for authentication of the order to fire, and I received it. This further complicated my difficulty as the matrix of letters and numbers to find the correct authentication was on a piece of printed paper about 3 by 8 inches, with the print not much bigger than normal type. It was totally black, and the lights were down for night flying. I used my flashlight, still trying to fly and watch my radar. To put it quite candidly I felt very much like a one legged man in an ass kicking contest.

With the loss of the blip off their scope the mission was over. We were vectored back to home plate (Manston) and secured our switches. My last instructions were that they would contact me on the ground by land line.

So far The UK Ministry of Defence has released through Britain's National Archives 4,500 declassified pages of UFO sightings in British airspace. The Milton Torres 'order to shoot down a UFO' is well documented over many pages.

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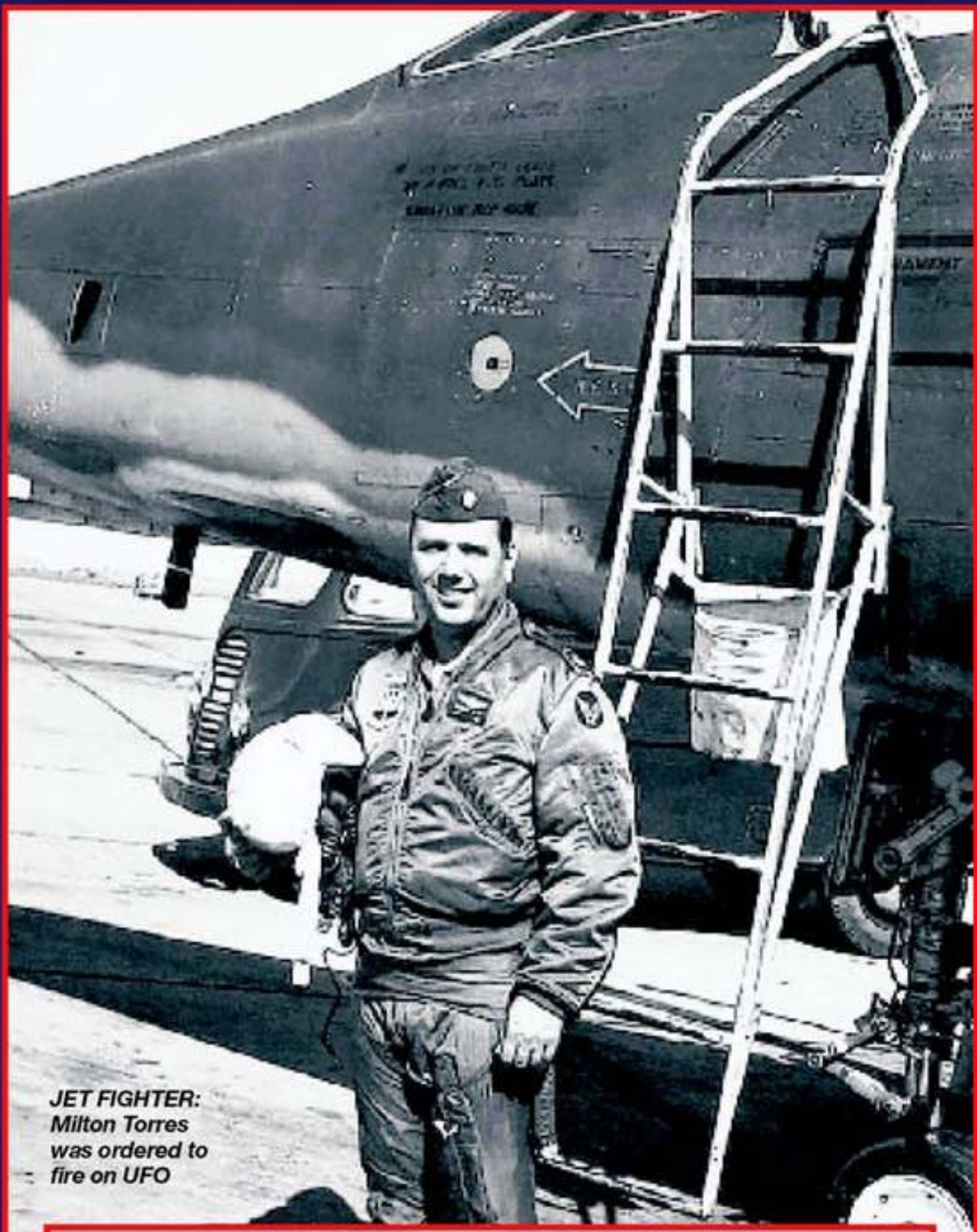
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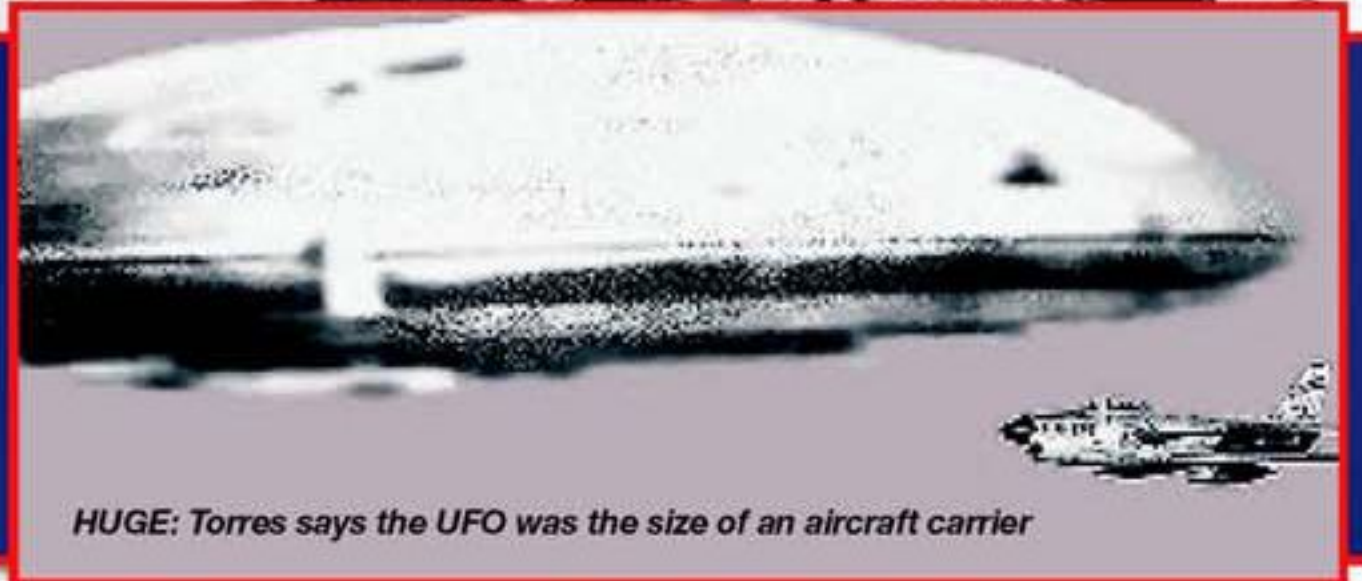
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HUGE: Torres says the UFO was the size of an aircraft carrier



SHOT DOWN: Torres was told to tell no-one about the mission

