

TOPIC 1 THE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION

1 Public attention focused on the long-awaited first shuttle launch.



2 Mission audio, camera angles, and broadcast timing were prepared in advance.



3 I believed the public broadcast would conceal a military mission.



BETER'S CLAIM.

4 Beter alleged that training footage and staged images could be presented as orbital scenes.



ALLEGATION — NOT PROOF.

5 Real shuttle training used aircraft, simulators, and glide tests.



6 Beter placed secret preparations at White Sands; this was his interpretation.



7 He further claimed Soviet planners anticipated the mission.



UNVERIFIED.

8 Separate documented training from Beter's disputed narrative.



TOPIC 2 THE ABORTED FLIGHT OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

1 The public saw Columbia rise successfully from the launch pad.



2 I claimed the real mission followed a secret reconnaissance path.

BETER'S ACCOUNT.



3 Beter alleged that Russian forces knew the mission plan.

UNVERIFIED.



4 In his narrative, experimental cosmospheres moved to intercept.

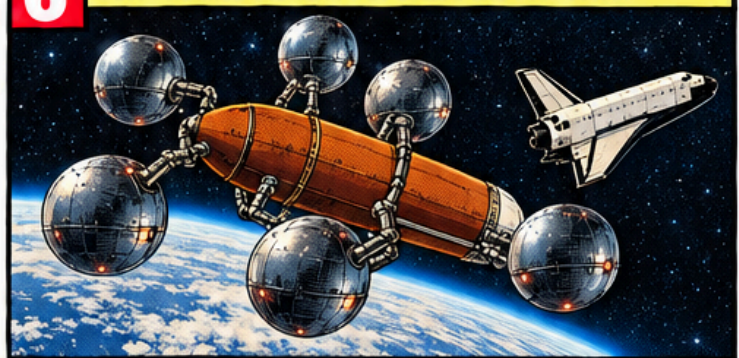


5 He said beam weapons disabled the crew and most flight systems.

DRAMATIZED CLAIM.



6 Beter claimed the tank was seized and redirected.



7 His account ended with an onboard explosion and scattered wreckage.

NOT ESTABLISHED.



8 The official record says Columbia completed its first orbital mission and landed safely.



TOPIC 3 THE NASA COVERUP OF THE COLUMBIA DISASTER

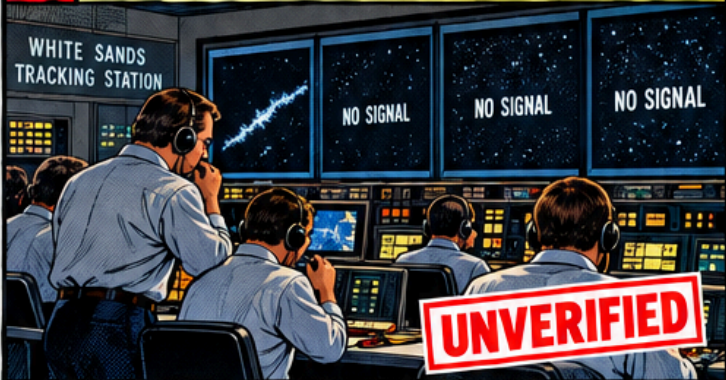
1 NASA and the networks presented the flight as a historic success.



2 Peter Beter listened to launch audio beside a tape recorder.



3 In Beter's account, secret controllers lost contact soon after launch.



4 The public continued to receive a confident success narrative.



5 Beter claimed a training shuttle later stood in for Columbia.



6 He called the returning crew 'synthetics'—a claim without established evidence.



7 Aerospace reporters and engineers examined landing photographs, tile condition, and timing notes.



8 The documented record states STS-1 orbited Earth and landed at Edwards.

