

# **SASHA'S DINOSAURS**

## **PART 1.**

**Commander Michael Foale, and Flight Engineer Alexander "Sasha" Kaleri may have had an unexpected encounter, suggested by some very odd words spoken by Cosmonaut Kaleri whilst outside the station.**

**The two crewmen of Expedition 8 had been preparing and training for this EVA literally for YEARS. NO aspect of the mission to be performed, no piece of equipment, no part to be installed should have come as any surprise. Every operation had been practiced over and over again. Yet, something did surprise not only Cosmonaut Kaleri, but his ground controllers in Russia as well!**

**As the spacewalk progressed that day, the men were very busy setting up a number of experiments on the exterior of the Zvezda Service Module. At the 2 hour 9 minute mark, Cosmonaut Alexander "Sasha" Kaleri made his cryptic remarks.**

**We will now turn our attention to what he actually said, and the responses of a ground technician at the Russian Mission Control Center (TsUP) in Korolyev outside Moscow.**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF "DINOSAURS" CONVERSATION**

**All italics mine for emphasis. Hesitations and grammatical errors are left in as originally spoken. JC.**

### **TRANSCRIPT OF COMMENTS MADE BY COSMONAUT KALERI**

**Kaleri –..... "So, dinosaurs are needed here. You can't do...can't do *anything* without them."**

**Korolyev – "Say it again??"**

**Kaleri -----"I say when the *dinosaur* is here. YES! I have *them* here!"**

**(Six second pause)**

**....."Uh...*these* are with me now!"**

**Korolyev – "Yes. Let them be with you."**

**Kaleri - ..... " Understood."**

**What was going on here? When Cosmonaut Kaleri made his remarks, my ears pricked up. This was a really weird thing to say during a spacewalk! Kaleri seemed excited or perhaps even bothered by the "dinosaur", or was it "dinosaurs". He said it both ways. "When the dinosaur is here. YES! I have THEM here. Uh...THESE are with me now!" This sounds like a man who is upset about something unexpected.**

**And what of the Russian ground response? When Kaleri first mentioned dinosaurs, Mission Control came back with a very surprised "Say it again??" They were quite obviously caught unawares by the Cosmonaut's startling words at first. But when Sasha became agitated, it sounds like they issued orders for him to shut up and calm down. "Yes. LET THEM BE WITH YOU" It's as if Kaleri were being told to accept a situation he couldn't control, and to stop speaking of it over an open radio link. Being a good Cosmonaut, Sasha acceded to his orders and simply replied "Understood". This appeared to be the end of the incident until...(Several Minutes Later)**

## **PART 2. TRANSCRIPT OF COMMANDER FOALE'S WORDS**

**Foale – ....."(unintelligable, possibly the first name of the man at TsUP)...Sasha is attaching the dinosaurs now..."**

**Now Commander Foale has joined in. He tells Russian Mission Control that Sasha is ATTACHING the dinosaurs. What makes Commander Foale's statement (That Sasha was attaching the "Dinosaurs") fall flat, was the fact that the Cosmonaut's conversation about these "Dinosaurs" with the Russian Mission Control Center in Korolev (TsUP) suggested surprise on his part. Every step of the EVA should have been extremely familiar. Yet, Kaleri expresses surprise and dismay that "Dinosaurs" should be present. Mission control advised him to accept them, and moments later, Commander Foale seemed to feel obligated to make up some cover story.**

**Shortly after the story of "Sasha's Dinosaurs" debuted in Filer's Weekly Files, a well known debunker threw in his "explanation" for "Dinosaurs". He was condescending, and insulting. Typical behavior for a debunker. ALWAYS attack the intelligence and integrity of the messenger. This person chided myself and George Filer (Filer's Weekly**

Files), for not mentioning him by name, implying that we were afraid of him. Nonsense. I simply will not feed this person's ego by providing free publicity on my website. BUT, I am willing to counter such unsatisfactory "explanations" that this person offers.

Here is what he had to say in an e-mail sent to me and Filer that first week of May 2004. Unlike what the writer did to me, selecting just a little of what I wrote out of context to twist the meaning, I'm presenting it to you unedited.

**BEGIN E-MAIL "UFOs Watch ISS Space Walk**

Jeff Chandler (That's *CHALLENGER* - JC) writes that he was closely following the ISS Space Walk on February 25, 2004, when the astronauts made the following comments. Cosmonaut Alexander 'Sasha' Kaleri (Crew Flight Engineer) states, "So, dinosaurs are needed here. You can't do-can't do anything without them." SNIP ...in his own words, to Cosmonaut Kaleri these "Dinosaurs" came as a great AND unwelcome, surprise. Why? As stated earlier in this examination, all aspects of the EVA should have been extremely familiar. Yet, Kaleri expresses surprise and dismay that "Dinosaurs" should be present. Mission control advises him to accept them, and Commander Foale seems to feel obligated to make up some cover story. High strangeness indeed....

Re the report posted at [www.georgefiler.com/](http://www.georgefiler.com/) "Weekly files" Views, and <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/apr/m28-017.shtml>

You can read more of Jeff's vivid (if warped) dinosaurian imagination on his website details on <http://www.projectprove.com/Arts/8aSD/8aSD.php>

An old friend of mine in Mission Control chuckled: "I know this is not as sexy as a UFO, or some other space related conspiracy, but the 'dinosaurs' that the crew is referring to are Russian built EVA cutters, nicknamed "dino-cutters" due to their shape. As I can recall, they got their name back on STS-106/2A.2b. They used to cut small wire-ties and lanyards."

He even sent me a few photographs, if anybody wants them, email me at [joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)

**An astronaut friend whose actually used these agrees: "I bet it is the plier like cutter hand tool whose name is almost the same as the Russian word for dinosaur (????????ik)[dinozavrik]."**

**It would help if Jeff, or Filer's Files, had the slightest clue how the space-to-ground comm links work through TDRSS (i.e., it does NOT use ground sites such as Hawaii), but Jeff has amply demonstrated over the years that he doesn't, and cluelessness is plenty good enough for FilersFiles. Even so, DINOSAURS is a stretch of brontosaurus neck length. . . ." END E-MAIL**

**First, let me make it clear I never said "UFOs" watched the spacewalk. That headline was added by Filer's Files to "jazz up" the story.**

**I must question the "testimony" of UN-NAMED Astronauts and "chuckling friends" at Mission Control. Debunkers say that "anecdotal" U.F.O. reports are not evidence, so the anonymous anecdotal quotes like those above are equally meaningless.**

**The man who wrote the above has a right to his opinion that I am "clueless" and have a "warped dinosaurian imagination". At least he didn't call me a moron this time.**

**This person, like all debunkers, does make a habit of casting such slander at anyone who disagrees with him, however, and that's not very nice. Interesting that debunkers have a strong tendency to tell us NOT to think for ourselves, but that THEY will tell us WHAT to think. Anyone who strays from their narrow dogma will be subject to ridicule and insult. At the conclusion of each article here, I invite the reader to come to his/her own conclusions. Debunkers will tell you to swallow theirs...or else!**

**In another e-mail, this man also sent me the following...**

**"Here's a picture of the "dino-cutters" used for cutting wire bundles and tie-downs on spacewalks.**

**Also referred to as 'dinosaurs', for obvious reasons of similarity.**

**When can I expect to see this posted on your site?"**

**WELL, HERE IT IS...**



**Odd that Kaleri would express surprise and dismay over the use of such a tool which he would necessarily have used many times in his accumulated years of space travel. Even ODDER is that Sasha's Commander, Mike Foale, would state that Kaleri was **INSTALLING** dinosaurs, when it's **NOW** (according to the debunkers anyway) supposed to be merely a simple **TOOL**!**

**Personally, I don't see the connection. If one takes the word "Dinosaur" by itself out of context, perhaps such a case could be made. But when one takes into account the entire conversation Kaleri had with Russian controllers in Korelyev, the tool explanation simply does not fit. Both Kaleri, and Russian Mission Control spoke of "Dinosaurs" in plural. Astronaut Michael Foale stated that Sasha was **INSTALLING** the dinosaurs. Regardless if this is true or not, the tool claim isn't the answer. There was never any talk about cutting or snipping any bundles, tiedowns, OR lanyards during the time in question as well.**

**Was it a tool, or some part to be installed on the exterior of ISSy? The debunkers will have to decide which story they're going to stick to, because..**

**"Ya Can't Have It Both Ways!"**

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