



# *Sequence of Events*

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## August 29, 2007

- 8:20-8:49 a.m. Structures opened
- 8:44/9:12 p.m. Munitions moved out of shelters
- 9:25 a.m. Munitions control approved tow to aircraft location
- 9:25 a.m. Munitions exit weapons storage area
- 9:25-9:44 a.m. Pylons delivered to aircraft location
- 10:14-5:12 p.m. Crews upload munitions to aircraft

## August 30, 2007

- 6:45 a.m. Aircrew arrived at aircraft to prepare for flight
- 8:40-11:23 a.m. Aircraft flew from Minot AFB, ND to Barksdale AFB, LA
- 7:20-8:37 p.m. Pylons downloaded from aircraft
- 8:37-8:50 p.m. Unauthorized transfer of munitions identified ... security established
- 8:50-11:00 p.m. Pylon moved and secured in storage structure



# Door Opening to Wheels Up

## 5 Key Procedural Breakdowns

The central map displays an airfield layout with several key areas and roads labeled: "Rail Road", "Deference Drive", "Weapons Way", "Skeet Range Road", and "Unknown". Numerous buildings are marked with identification numbers such as 1119, 1117, 1118, 1122, 1125, 1116, 1115, 1114, 1132, 1146, 1144, 1142, 1113, 1108, 1127, 1133, 2053, 1134, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1127, 1105, 1840, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1857, 1859, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200. A "TAXIWAY 1" is also indicated. A dashed line labeled "ALTERNATIVE PARKING AREA" is shown near the bottom center. A small aircraft icon is positioned near the "ALTERNATIVE PARKING AREA".

The five inset photographs illustrate key procedural breakdowns:

- Top-left: A B-52D bomber taxiing on a runway with a control tower in the background.
- Top-right: A large hangar with a smaller inset showing a B-52D bomber inside.
- Middle-left: A close-up view of the B-52D bomber's engines and fuselage.
- Bottom-left: A B-52D bomber being towed by a tractor on a taxiway.
- Bottom-right: Two side-by-side views of a B-52D bomber being towed, with a white circle highlighting a specific point on the aircraft.



## *AF Responses*

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- **USAF-wide stockpile inventory; verified no additional discrepancies**
- **Commander, Air Combat Command, (COMACC), Commander-Directed Investigation (CDI); led by USAF Major General**
- **Commanders relieved**
- **Secretary of the Air Force-directed Nuclear Surety Inspections for all nuclear-capable units; Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) oversight**



## *AF Responses (2)*

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- **COMACC decertified 5<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing from handling munitions involved in this incident and suspended tactical ferry operations**
- **One-day stand-down for all appropriate USAF units to review operating procedures and COMACC directed a one-day stand-down of his entire command**
- **Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force sent messages to Airmen on discipline and responsibility**
- **Air Force Senior Leadership chartered a Blue Ribbon Review to examine fulfillment of USAF policies and responsibilities; led by USAF Major General**