MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: AFB Penetration

1. At 290200 EST AFOC informed NMCC that an unidentified helicopter, possibly two, had been sighted flying low over Loring AFB Maine, in proximity to a weapons storage area.

2. An Army National Guard helo was called in to assist in locating the unidentified helo(s).

3. NORAD was informed of the incident by SAC, requested and received authority from Canadian officials to proceed into Canadian airspace if necessary to locate the intruder.

4. At 0404 SAC Command Center informed NMCC that the army helo assisting on the scene had not sighted the unidentified helo(s).

5. A similar incident was reported at Loring the evening of 28 October 1975.

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At approximately 290200 EST Oct 75, AFOC relayed a report from Loring AFB, ME indicating that one unidentified helicopter, possibly two helicopters, had penetrated Loring AFB from Canadian territory with one helicopter landing briefly in proximity to a weapons storage area. Attempts to locate or identify the intruding helicopters by area. Sights of an Army National Guard helicopter were unsuccessful. Sightings of the unidentified helicopter(s) were limited to security guards. A similar incident with a single helicopter occurred during the early morning of 28 Oct 75. Permission has been granted by Canadian authorities to give pursuit into Canadian airspace if subsequent contact is effected by U.S. helicopters.
At approximately 290100 EST Oct 75, one unidentified helicopter was sighted 300 to 500 meters from the weapons storage area at Loring AFB, Maine. The helicopter was at an altitude of 150 feet and penetrated Loring AFB. An attempt to contact and identify the intruding helicopter was made by an Army National Guard helo, and was unsuccessful. At 290300 EST the helicopter was sighted over the weapons storage area and the Army National Guard helicopter again responded to make contact but was unsuccessful. Loring has coordinated with the Maine State Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and plans to pursue into Canada, if necessary, if there is a reoccurrence. (SOURCE: 42 BW OP LORING AFB 291140Z OCT 75.)
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AFB PENETRATION

At approximately 290100 EST Oct 75, an unidentified helicopter was sighted at an altitude of 150 feet at approximately 300 to 500 meters from a weapons storage area at Loring AFB, ME. At 290100 EST Oct 75, the unidentified helicopter was sighted over the weapons storage area. In both instances, an Army National Guard (NG) helicopter responded, but was unable to contact or identify the intruder. MG Sniffin, DA Director for Ops, DCSOPS, approved the following procedures for any similar incident effective until 300600 EST Oct 75:

- NG helicopter and crew placed in "full time training duty" (FTTD).

- NG helicopter may enter Canadian airspace with consent of Canadian authorities.

- NG helicopter employment limited to tracking and identification.

- Only U.S. military personnel and if considered necessary representatives from the FBI, FAA, and Border Patrol will be embarked in the NG helicopter.

(SOURCE: 42 BW CP LORING AFB 291140Z OCT 75; PHONCON DDO/INTERESTED ACTIVITIES).
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AND BOMB WING. LORING AIR FORCE BASE MAINE
AT 0517Z A VISUAL SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS REPORTED
AT LORING CRE WM WM OF LORING APB.

AT 0537Z ALERT HELO SAVE72 HAS LAUNCHED TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECT,
TAKE72 REACHED THE AREA AND WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT. LORING
CREWM THEN REPORTED A
POSSIBLE TARGET 6 MILES SOUTH OF THE BASE BUT TARGET COULD NOT BE
VULNERABLY CONFIRMED BY SAV372 WHEN VECTORED TO THE AREA, AT 0329Z.

THREE SECURITY POLICE PERSONNEL REPORTED SIGHTING AND HEARING A
HELICOPTER OVER THE BASE PROPER AT APPROXIMATELY 0307Z, ALTITUDE
1500 FEET EAST TO WEST.

THIS TARGET COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED BY RADAR ON SAV372. ROYAL
CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE OFFICIALS REPORTED THEY SPOTTED ONE HELICOPTER
FLYING LOW OVER THE ST. JOHN RIVER APPX 70 MILES SE-OF LORING AT
0329Z. CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN THAT AREA HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO CHERE
POSSIBLE LANDING SITES.

AT 0331Z SAV372 REPORTED A SLOW MOVING TARGET AT 7NM NNE OF BASE.
SAV372 HAS AGAIN LAUNCHED AND VECTORED TO THE AREA. TARGET DISAPPEA
FROM RADAR AT 0330Z IN THE AREA OF 230 DEGREES NO VISUAL CONTACT HAD BY SAV372. CORNACI
DID NOT CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FIGHTER LAUNCH TO BE AN APPROPRIATE.

NEITHER OF THIS SIGHTINGS.

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42ND BOMB WING LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE,
AT 290500Z A SIGHTING WAS MADE OF A HELICOPTER IN THE SAFE GENERAL
LOCATION AS THE SIGHTING LAST NIGHT.
(JPREP-3 PINEAPPLE JJ8033) VISUAL CONTACT WAS MADE 533 TO 333
METERS FROM THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA AT AN ALTITUDE OF 397FT.
AT 290617 AIR GUARD HELICOPTER
350722 WAS LAUNCHED BUT MADE NEGATIVE VISUAL CONTACT. THE HELICOPTER
WAS VISUALLY SIGHTED BY CSC AT 290828Z OVER THE WEAPONS STORAGE AT
THE LOCAL GUARD HELICOPTER WAS AIRBORNE AT 290937Z BUT AGAIN MADE
NO CONTACT. THE UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT DID NOT DISPLAY LIGHTING. GROUND PERSONNEL WERE ABLE TO DIRECT THE AIR GUARD HELICOPTER TO WITHIN 1000 FT OF THE UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT, WITH BOTH HELICOPTERS IN SIGHT, BUT VISUAL ACQUISITION WAS NOT MADE. DURING THIS PERIOD A KC-135 WAS EXITING AT 5330 FT TO AID IN IDENTIFICATION AND TO ACT AS RADIO RELAY.

AT 230322Z ALL CONTACT WAS LOST.

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE UNKNOWN HELICOPTER HAS DEMONSTRATED A CLEAR INTENT IN THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA. IT IS SMART AND A MOST CAPABLE AVIATOR.

LOCAL SECURITY HAS BEEN INCREASED. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER INCIDENTS ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL REQUEST THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AIR GUARD HELICOPTERS.

WE PLAN TO PURSUE INTO CANADA IF NECESSARY.

WE HAVE COORDINATED WITH MAINE STATE POLICE AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED OF THE COMPLETE COOPERATION OF BOTH.

R.C.M.P. WILL RESPOND TO ANY LANDING SITE IN CANADIAN TERRITORY.

LOCAL SECURITY POLICE ABOARD AIR GUARD HELICOPTER HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO USE DISCRETION AND WAIT R.C.M.P. ARRIVAL FOR ANY APPREHENSION IN CANADIAN TERRITORY.

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at 0310z aco to held save272 has launched to identify the object.
save272 returned the area and was not able to make contact. lori
absorbed then reported a

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VIRTUALLY CONFIRMED BY SATELLITE. WHEN VECTORED TO THE AREA, AT 0320Z,
THE SECURITY POLICE PERSONNEL REPORTED SIGHTING AND DEFENDING A
PARACHUTE SUSPECTED OF BEING A MIRV."
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Army National Guard Helicopter Support for Loring AFB

1. At 292035 EST Oct 75, LTC Dyer, Office of the Director of Operations, USAF, requested that the Army National Guard (NG) helicopter and crew currently located at Loring AFB, Maine, be made available to the Commander of the 42nd Bomb Wing until 300800 EST Oct 75. The NG helicopter would be employed to track and identify the unidentified helicopter that has violated the airspace in the vicinity of the weapons storage area at Loring AFB during their early morning hours of 28 and 29 Oct 75. LTC Dyer stated that international borders would not be crossed, and that apprehensions would not be attempted by personnel embarked in the NG helicopter. Any civil police on board the aircraft would participate only to the extent of communicating with appropriate police officials on the ground, with the latter singularly responsible for the apprehension of the suspect aircraft or crew.

2. This request was relayed to MG Sniffin, DA Director of Operations, DCSOPS, at 292100 EST. MG Sniffin indicated his intent to check with Army legal officials on the matter prior to making a decision.

3. The SAC Command Post was informed at 292050 EST of the request by LTC Dyer, and the fact that MG Sniffin was checking with Army legal authorities. Col Freeman, AF Operations Center, was also informed of the status.

4. Col Bailey, Mil Asst to the Special Asst to SECDEF/DEPSECDEF, has been advised of the helicopter request should DOD approval be required.

5. The State Department Canadian Desk Officer has been kept informed of the situation.

6. At 292230 EST MG Sniffin approved use of the helicopter with the following constraints:
   a. Tracking and identification only.
   b. Apprehension by U.S. personnel not authorized.
   c. No crossing of international borders.
d. Only U.S. personnel, preferably military, but including FBI, FAA, and Border Patrol representatives if necessary, will be on board the NG helicopter.

7. MG Sniffin will initiate appropriate action to place the Army NG helicopter and crew on "Full Time Training Duty" (FTTD). In essence, the NG helicopter will be federalized.

8. OSD, through Col Bailey, has been advised of the approval and constraints in this situation and has stated OSD has no objections to the action.

9. At 292249 EST the DDO (NMCC) established a conference call with SAC (MG Burkhart), AFOC, AOC, and Commander 42nd Bomb Wing, Loring AFB informing them of the approval to use the Army NG helicopter with the constraints listed in para 6 above. Commander 42nd Bomb Wing stated that there was no utility in using the helicopter if it couldn't cross the border. Air Force representative LTC Dyer was brought into the conference and stated that AF had no objection to the border crossing. At 292300 EST the DDO (NMCC) informed MG Sniffin of the border crossing issue.

10. At 292325 EST MG Sniffin informed the DDO (NMCC) that approval was granted for the NG helicopter to cross the border with the consent of Canadian authorities. The DDO (NMCC) assured MG Sniffin that the Canadians were cooperating and had already given consent to cross the border.

11. At 292334 EST another conference call was convened by the DDO (NMCC) with the above conferees, (para 9) informing them of the authority to cross the border if necessary. There were no further questions and all conferees were satisfied with the procedures established for the employment of the NG helicopter.

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HELCOPTER SITED AT LORING

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A copy of messages received regarding unidentified aircraft flying in the vicinity of air bases will be forwarded to the Military Assistant to the SECDEF. (SOURCE: MILASST TO SECDEF).
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Low Flying Aircraft/Helicopter Sightings at Wurtsmith AFB, MI.

1. The SAC Command Post notified the NMCC of reported low flying aircraft/helicopter sightings at Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan at 302342 EST.

2. The attached OPREP-3s give a summary of the reported sightings.

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Deputy Director for Operations (NMCC)

Attachments
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CLASSIFIED JOPREP JIFFY 065/IN/OPREP-5 SEE LINE 7/6-01-01
0432Z CSC ADVISED CP THAT THE SECURITY GUARD AT BACK GATE
NOTED AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FLYING LOW OVER THE BASE AT
APPX 0300Z. INITIAL REPORT TO CP SAID THAT AIRCRAFT WAS ALSO
OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF WSA; HOWEVER, LATER REPORTS SAID THAT
AIRCRAFT OBSERVED MAY HAVE BEEN A KC-135 IN THE LOCAL TRAFFIC
ALTERT. AT 0330Z KC-135 SAID THAT THEY HAD SKIN PAINTED ON
ADAP AN AIRCRAFT 8 1/2 MILES NE OF BASE BUT COULD NOT SPOT
HE AIRCRAFT VISUALLY. AT APPX 0345Z THE KC-135 PICKED UP THE
IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT NE OF THE BASE AT APPX 0345Z ON A VISUAL
AGE 02 RUCSHI 068 UNCLAS
IF TING KC-135 SAID HE SAW TWO AIRCRAFT IN A TRAIL FORMATION
ANDKC-135 SAID HE LOST CONTACT
WITH THE FORMATION AT 0413Z WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED FORMATION ON
THE KOSC 115/35 KC-135 TRACKED THE AIRCRAFT SOUTH TO THE MICH.
THUMB. AREA AND BACK NORTH TO THE BASE AREA A NUMBER OF TIMES.
EACH TIME THE KC-135 LOST VISUAL SIGHTING. KC-135 LANDED WHEN
FUEL APPROACHED 01 MINIMUMS. INVESTIGATIONS IN PROGRESS. REPORTS
TO FOLLOW AS INFO IS OBTAINED.

IMMEDIATE
DDO UPDATE

AS OF 3100EST OCT 1975

LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT/HELICOPTER SIGHTINGS

(U) The SAC Senior Controller notified the NMCC at 302342 EST of unidentified low-flying aircraft/helicopter sightings at Wurtsmith AFB, MI. One aircraft was visually sighted in the vicinity of the motor pool. RAPCON showed several objects on radar at the same time. A tanker was dispatched to the area and obtained both visual and radar skin paint of two aircraft. Both aircraft had lights on initially but appeared to turn them off simultaneously. (SOURCE: OPREP-3 302327 OCT 75)
DDO UPDATE

AS OF 081400 EST Nov 1975

UFO SIGHTING

(U) From 080253 EST Nov 75 to 080420 EST Nov 75, Malmstrom AFB MT and four SAC sites reported a series of visual and radar contacts with unidentified flying objects. Several reports from the same locations included jet engine sounds associated with the observed bright lights. Two interceptors scrambled from 24th NORAD Region failed to make contact with the UFO's.

(U) The UFO sightings occurred on an extremely clear night. Visibility was 45 miles. Although northern lights will cause phenomena similar to the received reports, weather services indicated no possibility of northern lights during the period in question. (SOURCE: NMCC MFR 080600 EST NOV 75.)
NORTH DAKOTA

(U) At 032115 EST a penetration of the flight line at Grand Forks AFB by unknown persons was reported by AFOC. At least two KC-135 aircraft were hit by small arms fire. Security forces with dogs are tracking the unknown attackers. (SOURCE: AFOC)
UFO SIGHTING

(U) Unknown sightings vicinity Malmstrom AFB, MT (See MFR). A follow-up with NORAD at 090430 EST provided no additional information. (LTG Smith indicated his continuing interest in phoneon with DDO OT #4 on 8 November 1975).
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2. (U) REPORTED UFO SIGHTING (U)
3. (U) NA
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5. (U) TEHRAN IRAN 20 SEP 76
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10. (U) NA
11. (U) "INITIATE" IPS 8 1940
12. (U) IRAN TEHRAN IRAN
13. (U) FRANK R. MCKENZIE COL USAF 8 DA-N
14. (U) NA
15. (U) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO IN IRAN ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1976 AT ABOUT 1230 AM ON 19 SEP 76. THE RECEIVED FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CITIZENS LIVING IN THE CHEHARAN AREA OF TEHRAN SAYING...
THAT THEY HAD SEEN STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY. SOME REPORTED
A KIND OF BIRD-LIKE OBJECT WHILE OTHERS REPORTED A HELICOPTER
WITH A LIGHT ON. THERE WERE NO HELICOPTERS AIRBORNE AT THAT
TIME.

AFTER HE TOLD THE CITIZEN IT WAS ONLY
STARS. AND HAD TALKED TO MENHADAD TOWER HE DECIDED TO LOOK FOR
HIMSELF. HE NOTICED AN OBJECT IN THE SKY SIMILAR TO A STAR
RIGIDER AND RIGHTER. HE DECIDED TO SEPARATE AN F-4 FROM
SHAKOPOKH AFB TO INVESTIGATE.

AT 2130 HRS ON THE 19TH THE F-4 TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED
to a point about 40 NM NORTH OF TEHRAN. Difference of its brilliance
the object was fastly visible from 70 MILS AWAY.
AS THE F-4 APPROACHED A RANGE OF 25 NM HE LOST ALL INSTRUMENTATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERCOM). HE PLOWED OFF THE
INTERCEPT AND MANEUVER BACK TO SHAKOPOKH. WHEN THE F-4 TURNED
AWAY FROM THE OBJECT AND APPARENTLY WAS NO LONGER A THREAT
TO IT THE AIRCRAFT REGAINED ALL INSTRUMENTATION AND COM-
MUNICATIONS. AT 0140 HRS A SECOND F-4 WAS LAUNCHED. THE
BACKSFAHR ACQUIRED A RADAR LOCK ON AT 27 NM. 12 0 CLOCK
HIGH POSITION WITH THE VC (ATG OF CLOSURE) AT 150 MPH.
A HF RANGE DECREASED TO 25 NM. THE OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT A
SPEED THAT WAS VISIBLE ON THE RADAR SCOPE AND STAYED AT 25NM.
THE SIZE OF THE RADAR RETURN WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF
A 707 TANKER. THE VISUAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS DIFFICULT
TO DISCRIMINATE BECAUSE OF ITS INTENSE BRILLIANCE. THE
LIGHT THAT IT GAVE OFF WAS THAT OF FLICKERING STORE LIGHTS
ARRANGED IN A RECTANGULAR PATTERN AND ALTERNATING BLUE-
GREEN, RED AND ORANGE IN COLOR. THE SEQUENCE OF THE LIGHTS WAS SO
FAST THAT ALL THE COLORS COULD BE SEEN AT ONCE. THE OBJECT
AND THE PURSUING F-4 CONTINUED ON A COURSE TO THE SOUTH OF
TEHRAN. WHEN ANOTHER BRIGHTLY LIGHTENED OBJECT, ESTIMATED TO BE
ONE HALF TO ONE THIRD THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE MOON, CAME
OUT OF THE ORIGINAL OBJECT. THIS SECOND OBJECT HEADED STRAIGHT
TOWARD THE F-4 AT A VERY FAST RATE OF SPEED. THE PILOT
ATTEMPTED TO FIRE AN AIM-9 MISSILE AT THE OBJECT BUT AT THAT
INSTANT HIS WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL WENT OFF AND HE LOST ALL
COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERPHONE). AT THIS POINT THE PILOT
INITIATED A TURN AND NEGATIVELY DIVED TO GET AWAY. AS HE
TURNED THE OBJECT LEFT IN TRAIL AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT
3-4 NM, HE CONTINUED IN HIS TURN AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY
OBJECT. THE SECOND OBJECT JOINED UP WITH THE INSIDE OF HIS TURN, THEN
RETURNED TO THE PRIMARY OBJECT FOR A PERFECT RF JOIN.

SHORTLY AFTER THE SECOND OBJECT JOINED UP WITH THE
PRIMARY OBJECT ANOTHER OBJECT APPEARED TO COME OUT OF THE

PRIORITY
OTHER SIDE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECT GOING STRAIGHT DOWN AT A
GREATER RATE OF SPEED. THE F-4 CREW HAD REGAINED COMMUNICATIONS
AND THE WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL AND WATCHED THE OBJECT APPROACH
THE GROUND ANTICIPATING A LARGE EXPLOSION. THIS OBJECT APPEARED
to come to rest gently on the earth and cast a very bright
light over an area of about 7-3 kilometers.

THE CREW DESCENDED FROM THEIR ALTITUDE OF 25K TO 15K AND
CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AND MARK THE OBJECT'S POSITION. THEY
HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN ADJUSTING THEIR NIGHT VISION FOR
LANDING SO AFTER ORBITING MEHRABAD A FEW TIMES THEY WENT OUT
FOR A STRAIGHT IN LANDING. THERE WAS A LOT OF INTERFERENCE
ON THE UHF AND EACH TIME THEY PASSED THROUGH A MAGNETIC
FIELD OF 450 DEGREES FROM MEHRABAD THEY LOST THEIR COMMUNICATIONS (UHF
AND INTERPHONE) AND THE INS FLUCTUATED FROM 30 DEGREES TO 50 DEGREES.

THE CREW CIVIL AIRLINER THAT WAS APPROACHING MEHRABAD DURING THIS
SAME TIME EXPERIENCED COMMUNICATIONS FAILURES IN THE SAME
VICINITY (4 KILO 700M BUT DID NOT REPORT SEEING ANYTHING.
WHILE THE F-4 WAS ON A LONG FINAL APPROACH THE CREW NOTICED
ANOTHER CYLINDER-SHAPED OBJECT (ABOUT THE SIZE OF A T-BIRD
BY 10M) WITH BRIGHT STEADY LIGHTS ON EACH END AND A FLASHER
IN THE MIDDLE. WHEN QUIETED THE TOWER STATED THE AREA WAS NO
OTHER KNOWN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. DURING THIS TIME THE
OBJECT PASSED OVER THE F-4. THE TOWER DID NOT HAVE A VISUAL
ON IT BUT PICKED IT UP AFTER THE PILOT TOLD THEM TO LOOK
RETURN TO THE MOUNTAINS AND THE REFINERY.

E. DURING DAYLIGHT THE F-4 CREW WAS TAKEN OUT TO THE
AREA BY A HELICOPTER WHERE THE OBJECT APPARENTLY HAD LANDED.
NOTHING WAS NOTICED AT THE SPOT. WHEN THEY THOUGHT THE OBJECT
LANDED (A DRY LAKE BED AND AS THEY CIRCLED OFF TO THE
WEST OF THE AREA THEY PICKED UP A VERY NOTICEABLE REPEATER
SIGMA. AT THE POINT WHERE THE RETURN WAS THE LOUDEST WAS
A SMALL HOUSE WITH A GARDEN. THEY LANDED AND ASKED THE PEOPLE
WITHIN IF THEY HAD NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE LAST NIGHT. THE
PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT A LOUD NOISE AND A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT
LIKE LIGHTNING. THE AIRCRAFT AND AREA WHERE THE OBJECT IS.
BLWVF VN TO HAVE LANDED ARE BEING CHECKED FOR POSSIBLE RADIATION.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
FORWARDED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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(U) CJCS, at 10 Nov morning briefing, indicated that when UFO sightings are reported, the NMCC should ask for temperature gradients in the area (i.e., for possible aloft inversions). The CJCS also questioned the advisability of scrambling aircraft against reported UFOs.
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Unidentified Sightings

1. 0308 EST FONECON from NORAD Command Director: at 0253 EST Malmstrom AFB Montana received seven radar cuts on the height-finder radar at altitudes between 9,500' and 15,500'. Simultaneously, ground witnesses observed lights in the sky and the sounds of jet engines similar to jet fighters. Cross-tell with FAA revealed no jet aircraft within 100NM of the sightings. Radar tracked the objects over Lewistown, Montana at a speed of seven (7) knots. Two F-106 interceptors from the 24th NORAD Region were scrambled at 0254 EST and became airborne at 0257 EST. At the time of the initial voice report personnel at Malmstrom AFB and SAC sites K1, K3, L3 and L6 were reporting lights in the sky accompanied by jet engine noise.

2. 0344 EST FONECON, same source:

Objects could not be intercepted. Fighters had to maintain a minimum of 12,000' because of mountainous terrain. Sightings had turned west, increased speed to 150 knots. Two tracks were apparent on height-finder radars 10-12 NM apart. SAC site K3 reported sightings between 300' and 1,000' while site L-4 reported sightings 5NM NW of their position. Sightings disappeared from radar at position 4650N/10920W at a tracked speed of three (3) knots.

3. At 0440 EST, NMCC initiated contact with the NORAD Command Director who reported the following:

0405 EST: Malmstrom receiving intermittent tracks on both search and height-finder radars. SAC site C-1, 10NM SE of Stanford, Montana, reported visual sightings of unknown objects.

0420 EST: Personnel at 4 SAC sites reported observing intercepting F-106's arrive in area; sighted objects turned off their lights upon arrival of interceptors, and back on upon their departure.
0440 EST: SAC site C-1 still had a visual sighting on objects.

4. NORAD stated that Northern Lights will sometimes cause phenomena such as this on height-finder radars, but their check with weather services revealed no possibility of Northern Lights.

5. NMCC notified Washington FAA at 0445 EST of the incidents described above. They had not received any information prior to this time.

6. 0522 EST FONECON with NORAD Command Director: At 0405 EST SAC Site L-5 observed one object accelerate and climb rapidly to a point in altitude where it became indistinguishable from the stars. NORAD will carry this incident as a FADE remaining UNKNOWN at 0320 EST, since after that time only visual sightings occurred.

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WILMAN D. BARNES
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Deputy Director for
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UFO ANALYSIS

(U) In future UFO sightings, the WEST EEM Desk Officer will initiate telephone requests to the Senior Duty Officer at the Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC) for a temperature inversion analysis in the vicinity of unusual sightings. The telephone response by AFGWC will be followed with a priority message. (SOURCE: NMCC MFR 132035 EST NOV 75)
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Requests for Temperature Inversion Analysis

1. LTC Schmidt, representing Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC), visited the NMCC at 131500 EST to discuss arrangements to implement the procurement of weather information desired by CJCS, which is the subject of DDO Environmental Services memo of 13 November 1975. The following agreements with LTC Schmidt were reached:

   a. The West Hem Desk Officer will act as the control officer for temperature inversion analysis requests initiated by the NMCC. These requests will be made in conjunction with sightings of unusual phenomenon along the northern US border.

   b. Each telephone request will be serialized, i.e., (TIA #1, etc.) and directed to the duty officer at AFGWC, autovon 866-1661 or 271-2586. AFGWC will provide the requested analyses by telephone followed up by a priority message.

   c. A record of the serialized requests/responses will be maintained by the West Hem Desk Officer.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Report of UFO - Cannon AFB NM

Reference: AFOC Phonecon 21055 EST Jan 76

The following information was received from the Air Force Operations Center at 0555 EST:

"Two UFOs are reported near the flight line at Cannon AFB, New Mexico. Security Police observing them reported the UFOs to be 25 yards in diameter, gold or silver in color with blue light on top, hole in the middle and red light on bottom. Air Force is checking with radar. Additionally, checking weather inversion data."

U.S. MORIN
Rear Admiral, USN
Deputy Director for Operations, NMCC
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

1. At 310805 received phoncon from AFOC: MG Lane, CG, Armanent and Development Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida called and reported a UFO sighting from 0430 EST to 0600 EST. Security Policemen spotted lights from what they called a UFO near an Eglin radar site.

2. Photographs of the lights were taken. The Eglin Office of Information has made a press release on the UFO.

3. The temperature inversion analysis indicated no significant temperature inversion at Eglin AFB at that time. The only inversion present was due to radiation from the surface to 2500 feet. The Eglin surface conditions were clear skies, visibility 10-14 miles, calm winds, shallow ground fog on the runway, and a surface temperature of 44 degree F.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

1. At approximately 0345 EDT, the ANMCC called to indicate they had received several reports of UFO's in the vicinity of Fort Ritchie. The following events summarize the reports (times are approximate).
   
   a. 0130 - Civilians reported a UFO sighting near Mt. Airy, Md. This information was obtained via a call from the National Aeronautics Board (?) to the Fort Ritchie Military Police.
   
   b. 0255 - Two separate patrols from Site R reported sighting 3 oblong objects with a reddish tint, moving east to west. Personnel were located at separate locations on top of the mountain at Site R.
   
   c. 0300 - Desk Sgt at Site R went to the top of the Site R mountain and observed a UFO over the ammo storage area at 100-200 yards altitude.
   
   d. 0345 - An Army Police Sgt on the way to work at Site R reported sighting a UFO in the vicinity of Site R.

2. ANMCC was requested to have each individual write a statement on the sightings. One individual stated the object was about the size of a 2 1/2 ton truck.

3. Based on a JCS memorandum, subject: Temperature Inversion Analysis, dated 13 November 1975, the NMCC contacted the Air Force Global Weather Central. The Duty Officer, LTC OVERBY, reported that the Dulles International Airport observations showed two temperature inversions existed at the time of the
Object: Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

alleged sightings. The first extended from the surface to 1,000 feet absolute and the second existed between 27,000 and 30,000 feet, absolute. He also said the atmosphere between 12,000 and 20,000 feet was heavily saturated with moisture. A hard copy message will follow.

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(a) Tracer Bullets (b) Misinterpretation of Conventional Objects (c) Metal Ball (d) Developer Smear (e) Anomalous Propagation (f) Kites (g) Electronic Counter Measures (h) Debris in Wind (i) No Image on Film (k) Poor Photo Process (l) Free Falling Object (m) False Targets (n) Weather Returns (p) Emulsion Flaws (r) Plastic Bags (s) Man on Ground (t) Lightning (u) Chemical Trails from Research Rocket (v) Missile Launch Activity (w) Gourd
Persons observing a fireball or meteor should report the information to the American Meteor Society. The information desired is contained below.

A very brilliant meteor or fireball is reported to have passed in your vicinity on .... at the hour of ....... Will you please answer as fully as possible the following questions, which are asked on behalf of the American Meteor Society in order that permanent records of such phenomena may be obtained. When these reports are published each contributor whose report is fairly complete will be mentioned, if possible, and due credit given. It is only by the help of those who can give personal information that data can be secured for the computation of the orbits of meteors. These data are of great scientific value and all reasonable efforts should be made to obtain them. You will be unable probably to answer all questions below, but answer those you can, as they may be of the greatest importance.
(1) Give your name and address.

(2) Where were you when you saw the meteor? (If the town is small please give county as well.)

(3) Give the date, hour and minute when the meteor appeared; also kind of time used.

(4) In what direction did it appear (or in what direction was it first seen)? This is not asking in what direction it was going!

(5) In what direction did it disappear (or in what direction was it last seen)? For questions 4 and 5, simply N, E, S, or W is not accurate enough, unless these were the exact directions. If compass is used, state it; also if magnetic correction has been applied to compass reading.

(6) At what height did it appear? (Use degrees in answering.)

(7) At what height did it disappear? (Use degrees in answering.)

(8) Did it pass directly overhead (i.e., through the zenith)?

(9) If not, to which side of the zenith did it go, and how far from it? (Use degrees in answering.)

(10) Did it appear to reach the horizon? What sort of a horizon have you?

(11) What angle did the path of the meteor make with the horizon and in which direction was it then going?

(12) If you are familiar with constellations describe the path of the meteor through the sky with reference to stars.

(13) Did the meteor appear to explode?

(14) What was the duration of its flight in seconds?

(15) Describe the train if one was left. If it lasted long enough to show drift, most carefully tell in what direction train drifted. Give sketch, if possible, showing this with regard to horizon.

(16) What was the duration of the train in seconds?

(17) Did you hear any sound? How long after seeing the meteor was it before you heard this sound?

Did you hear an actual explosion? How long after seeing the explosion was it before you heard it?

(18) Of what color was the meteor?

(19) What was the size of the meteor? (Compare it with the Moon or with a planet or star.)

(20) Was more than one body seen before the explosion (if any)?

(21) What was condition of sky at time?

(22) Give names and addresses of others who saw the meteor.

(23) Please mail this reply to

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