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NMCC

THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

31 October 1975
0451 EST

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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Attachments
a/s

Distribution:

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FROM: AF/XC0COA

UNRECORDED RETURN

LOG SUP # 1-G

EVENT:

Identified Helicopter Intrusion
LOCATION:
Wurtsmith AFB, MI

DATE/TIME OF EVENT:

30/2255E Oct 1975
TIME REPORTED TO AFCC:
30/2327E Oct 1975

SAC (Lt Col Giordano) reports that an unidentified helicopter with no lights came up over the back gate of Wurtsmith and hovered over the Weapons Storage Area and then moved on. RAPCON had it painted for a short period. A tanker at 2700 feet had visual and skin paint out over Lake Huron for about 20 miles heading SE. Tanker reports he thinks he saw a second skin paint. The tanker lost all contact about 35 miles SE of the base over the lake. Tanker is still flying trying to locate by means of telephonic search with FAA and RAPCON. Increased security initiated at Wurtsmith.

31/0030E Update: Lt Col Giordano (SAC Senior Controller) updates and corrects the above information as follows: An unidentified low flying aircraft came up over the back gate of Wurtsmith and was visually sighted in the vicinity of the motor pool. RAPCON showed several aircraft at the time, one near the WSA (there was no hovering as previously reported). A tanker was dispatched and had visual and skin paint out over Lake Huron of a low flying aircraft (with lights on) heading SE at approximately 150 knots. Tanker reports that the aircraft appeared to be joined by another aircraft (with its lights on also). Tanker reports that both aircraft then turned out their lights simultaneously, as if on signal. Tanker lost all contact approximately 35 NM SE of the base. Upon information that the Dept of Natural Resources sends out aircraft searching for hunters spotting deer, the Dept of Natural Resources was contacted; however, they maintain none of their aircraft were in the area at the time.

NOTIFICATION RECORD AND DISTRIBUTION

OFFICE	#PERSON	TIME	TIME	OFFICE	#PERSON	TIME	TIME
SAEOS	2			SAFIG	1		
SAEUS	1			SAFIGY	1		
SAFOSA	1			SAFDD	1		
SAFOI	1			SAEDRO	1		
SAFLL	2			SAFIG	1	0330	
AFCC	1			SAFIGI	1		
AFCV	2			SAFISC	1		
AFXO	2			SAFOSI	1	0330	
AFXOX	1			SAFSP	1		
AFXOO	3			SAFDP	1		
AFXOOS	1			SAFDPXJG	1		
AFXOOC	1			SAFLC	1		
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	1				1	2330	
AFRPL	1			XCSC	1	0330	
				AFIN	1		
				XCSS	1		

ACTION: NONE-DC

INFO:

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PASS TO
WEST HEM
DESK

ADV CY

R UUUU ZNZ1
310549Z OCT 75
3788W CO WURTSMITH MI / JJ0065
7EN/SAC CP FORCE STATUS
4/SAC CP LOGISTICS
4/BAF CP FORCE STATUS
4/BAF CP LOGISTICS
EFHQA/CSAF
EXAAA/USAF FWD OPS DIV FT RITCHIE MD

UNCLASSIFIED JOPREP JIFFY 0065/FFDB40/IN/OPREP-3 BEELINE 76-021-01
0345Z CSC ADVISED CP THAT THE SECURITY GUARD AT BACK GATE
NOTED AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FLYING LOW OVER THE BASE AT
APPROX 0320Z. 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
ATTERN. AT 0330Z KC-135 SAID THAT THEY HAD SKIN PAINTED ON
AHEAD AN AIRCRAFT 8 1/2 MILES NE OF BASE BUT COULD NOT SPOT
THE AIRCRAFT VISUALLY. AT APPROX 0350Z THE KC-135 PICKED UP THE
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT NE OF THE BASE AT APPROX 090/21 ON A VISUAL
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IC TNG. KC-135 SAID HE SAW TWO AIRCRAFT IN A TRAIL FORMATION
AT APPROX 150 KIAS HEADING SOUTH. KC-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.
HUMB. 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 OI MINIMUMS. INVESTIGATIONS IN PROGRESS. REPORTS
TO FOLLOW AS INFO IS OBTAINED

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