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 WASHINGTON, D.C.



REPLY TO
 ATTN OF: AFISIIC 24C-0-2250

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
 Wright-Patterson, Ohio 45433

1. The attached report was received by our District Office in Saigon.
2. A representative from the 524th Military Intelligence Detachment, US Army, APO 96307, stated that Sp4 Harkinson (source of information) was known as a stable, mature member of that organization who has frequently observed aircraft flight patterns in the vicinity of Tan Son Nhut Air Base from the rooftop of the 524th Military Intelligence Detachment facility.
3. It was unknown by our District Office in Saigon if any other radar or visual sightings were made concerning the attached report.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

for *J. H. Sullivan*
 JOHN J. STAHL, JR.
 Chief, Special Activities Branch
 Directorate of Special Investigations (SC)

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HEADQUARTERS, 524TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT (CI)
APO 96307

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17 April 1967

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SPOT REPORT

1. FROM: SP4 Robert M. Harkinson, 524th MI Det (CI), APO 96307
2. SPOT REPORT NUMBER:
3. SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects.
4. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS SPOT REPORTS: None.
5. TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF INCIDENT: Approx 0220 hrs, 17 Apr 67, Saigon Field Office, 524th MI Det (CI), 205/8 Vo Tanh, Saigon, Vietnam.
6. PERSONNEL, ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION INVOLVED: N/A
7. SUMMARY: At approximately 0220 hours, 17 April 1967, I observed five (5) large, illuminated, oval shaped objects, traveling in a close formation and at a very high rate of speed across the sky. At that time, I was on the roof of the Saigon Field Office of the 524th MI Detachment, located at 205/8 Vo Tanh, Saigon. I first saw these objects near the horizon to my left and watched them cover the entire field of my vision in what I believe to be less than five (5) seconds. During that period of time, the objects traveled from where I first saw them, near the horizon to my left, passed almost directly over me at what seemed to be a very great height, and then moved out of sight behind a cloud formation at the horizon to my right. The sky was partly cloudy but at the time of the sighting, the area of the sky over which they traveled was very clear with the exception of a few small patches of scattered clouds, which they seemed to be above. As the objects passed over these clouds, they were obscured from my vision until they emerged on the other side. I also observed that, as they passed between my line of sight and a star, they covered the star and blocked out its light until they had passed. This indicated to me that the objects were not transparent. It was apparent that they were not any form of conventional aircraft due to their size, shape, rate of speed and the fact that they

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8. SIGNIFICANCE OR EFFECT UPON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, ACTIVITIES OR FACILITIES:

None

9. ACTION TAKEN BY REPORTING AGENCY: None

10. SOURCE OF INFORMATION: First hand eye-witness

11. EVALUATION OF SOURCE AND INFORMATION: N/A

12. TIME AND DATE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY REPORTING AGENCY: N/A

13. COMMENT OF REPORTING AGENCY: SUMMARY (Continued):

made no noise audible to me. Prior to the sighting of these objects, I had been observing various conventional aircraft, both propeller and jet powered, and there is no question in my mind that they were a great deal larger than any craft I have ever seen in the sky. They were also traveling at a rate of speed which I would estimate to be at least five times greater than a jet powered aircraft I have ever seen. They were too distant and traveling too fast for a detailed description to be possible. I was only able to see that they were definitely oval in shape and glowed a steady white. They seemed to be in a vertical attitude, rather than horizontal, in relation to the earth, and their formation slowly fluctuated as they passed. Approximately five (5) minutes after they passed out of sight, several jet powered aircraft, which seemed to be at a high altitude and traveling very fast, came from my far right and to my back as I faced the same direction as when I had seen the ovals. They proceeded to the area where I had lost sight of the objects, and upon reaching that point, they turned to their right and pursued the same course as the objects I had previously sighted. These aircraft were not in a formed pattern but were scattered. I'm not certain of the number of planes but there were several. I have never held any opinion concerning unidentified flying objects. Neither have I ever seen any previously. However, I believe that these objects were space craft of some kind. I am convinced that they were not reflections, conventional aircraft, meteorites or planets.

20 November 1967

PTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomenon Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: Major H. Quintanilla, Jr.

Re: Sighting of 17 April 1967
from Saigon

Dear Major Quintanilla:

As reported, this case is completely unidentified and much additional information is called for. It is inconceivable that military intelligence would not have looked further into this case and, therefore, I should like to request that any further information garnered in this case be forwarded to Project Blue Book. Saigon must certainly have 24 hour radar coverage: were these objects picked up by radar?

Witness indicates that jet interception may have been involved, although objects were traveling "at least five times faster than any jet-powered aircraft I have ever seen". The objects were oval in shape and were traveling in a vertical aspect. In view of the fact that the witness "was known as a stable, mature member of the 524th Military Intelligence Attachment," it appears that all persons concerned in this sighting should be further interrogated. I further suggest that a copy of this sighting be transmitted to the University of Colorado group.

Since the source of this information was himself a member of a military intelligence detachment, it appears all the more incomprehensible that this incident was not followed up in considerable detail.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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