

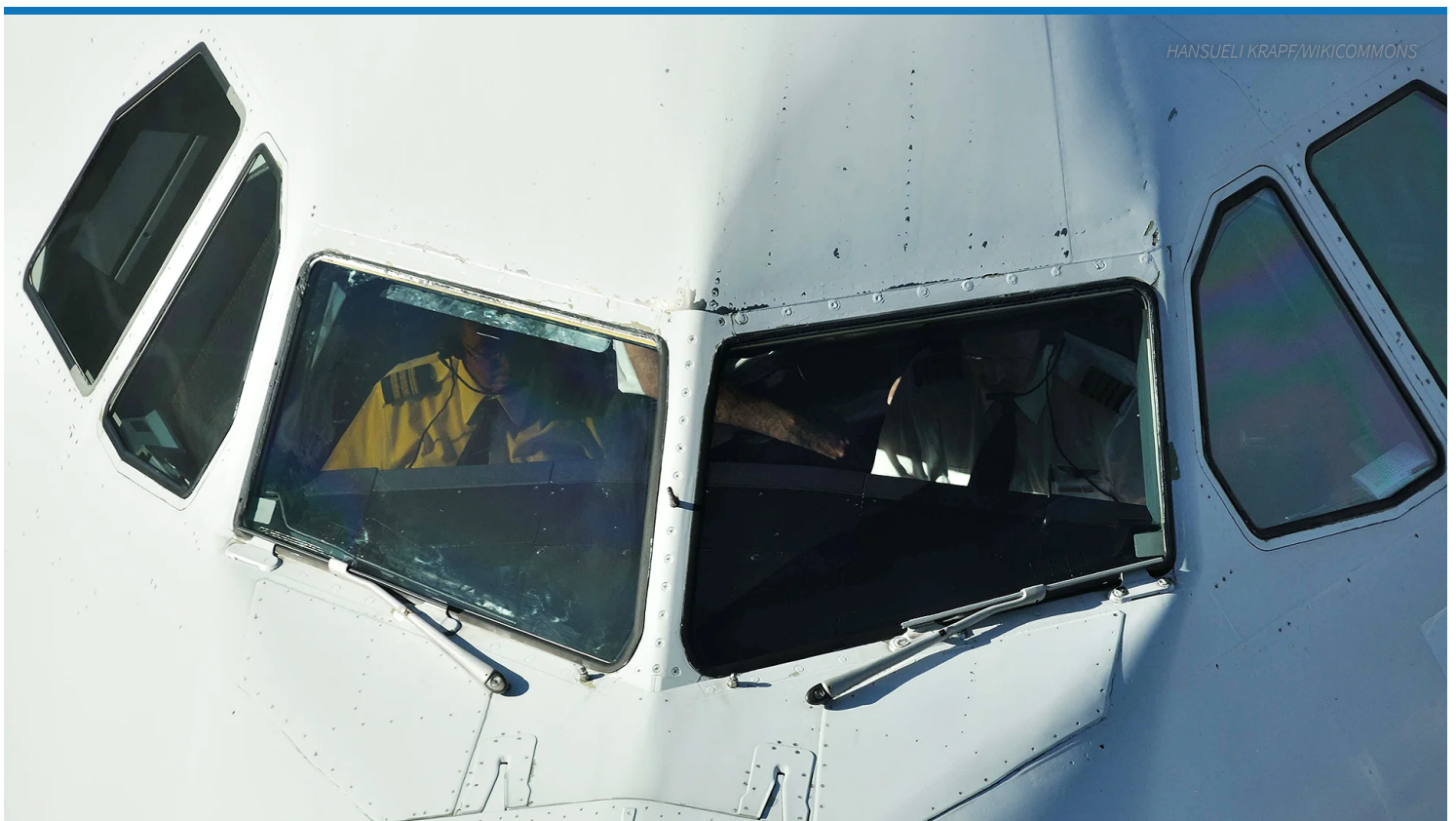


FAA Releases Statement On Airliner's Encounter With Unidentified Object Over New Mexico

The American Airlines Airbus A320 was buzzed by a mysterious "cylindrical object" at high speed as it traveled from Cincinnati to Phoenix.

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After nearly three days of waiting, and following [American Airlines confirming the incident](#) to *The War Zone*, we finally have received a statement from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the recent bizarre encounter between American Airlines Flight 2292 and an unidentified fast-moving cylindrical object over New Mexico.

The events occurred on the afternoon of February 21, in the remote northeastern corner of the state. The pilots on board the Airbus A320, which was heading from Cincinnati to Phoenix, came on the radio channel with the Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center and stated: *"Do you have any targets up here? We just had something go right over the top of us - I hate to say this but it looked like a long cylindrical object that almost looked like a cruise missile type of thing - moving really fast right over the top of us."*

Flight 2292 Encounter With Unidentified Object Over NE New Mexico





reply from the air traffic controllers because Steve's multiple scanner setup had another transmission that may have blotted out the response. Regardless, American Airlines told *The War Zone* that the transmission was indeed authentic and forward any further inquiries to the FBI. This was a clear indication that the incident was under serious investigation outside the purview of the FAA.

Now, the FAA has released a short statement, which reads:

A pilot reported seeing an object over New Mexico shortly after noon local time on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021. FAA air traffic controllers did not see any object in the area on their radarscopes.

While very little detail is provided in this official message, we know now that this was not a case of mistaken identity with another normal aircraft that was operating in the vicinity of Flight 2292. There had been some speculation, and rightfully so, that what the pilots may have seen was a [Learjet 60](#) that passed at an angle in front of and above Flight 2292 during this portion of its flight. One major issue with this theory was that this occurred about nine minutes before the radio call was supposedly made. In addition, the Learjet was traveling 5,000 feet above the Airbus and passed in front of it at an angle about eight miles in distance. This is not something out of the ordinary that the pilots should have reacted to in such a puzzled fashion.

There are other factors, as well, that made this theory unlikely to be true. You can see my Twitter responses to [Mick West](#), who works to solve seemingly otherworldly events with real-world answers, especially in terms of classical UFO encounters, below:



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All that being said, this could turn out to be a case of misidentification with a number of contributing factors. Absolutely! Hopefully, we will get the whole picture very soon. FAA is key here. Awaiting another update on situation.

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3.) It should have shown on TCAS & ATC would have had it
4.) The timing is off based on the limited info we have, but that could change
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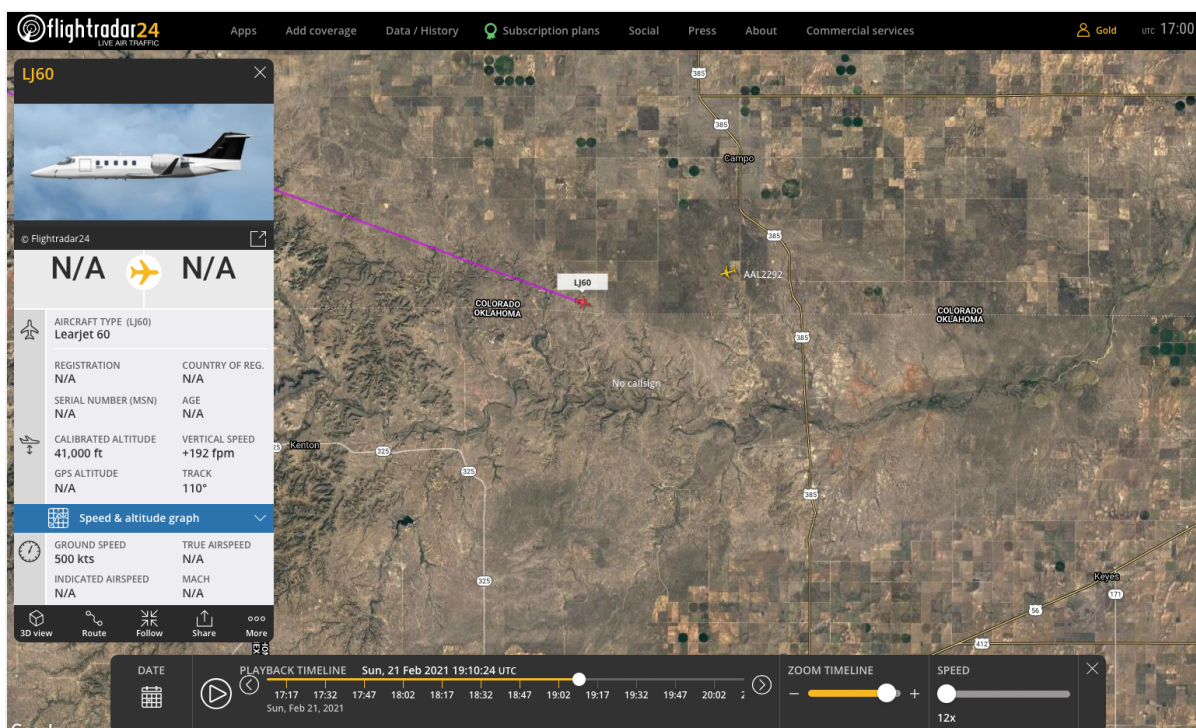
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The bottom line, people are fallible. Even the best witnesses can get it wrong. Many factors including atmospheric conditions can come into play. Equipment can malfunction. Etc. Etc. So absolutely keeping this type of traffic as a very real potential explanation is totally relevant.

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The Learjet's flightpath in front of AAL 2292 roughly nine minutes before the radio transmission was supposedly made. The distance between the two aircraft was roughly eight miles with a vertical separation of 5,000 feet.

The Learjet in question flew from Salt Lake to Boca Raton without any deviations according to online tracking software. Regardless, the FAA would have known about the Learjet and where it was in time and space in relation to American Airlines Airbus when it made the radio call, especially after three



statement.

We have executed a full FOIA request on this case with the FAA. At this time, they are declining to hand over any more information, including the basic radio recordings between the AAL 2292 and Albuquerque Center. This is more common than not, but in the past, on certain occasions, we have gotten additional information from the FAA without having to go through the FOIA process when it was readily available.

We will continue to report on this deepening mystery with new info as soon as we have it.

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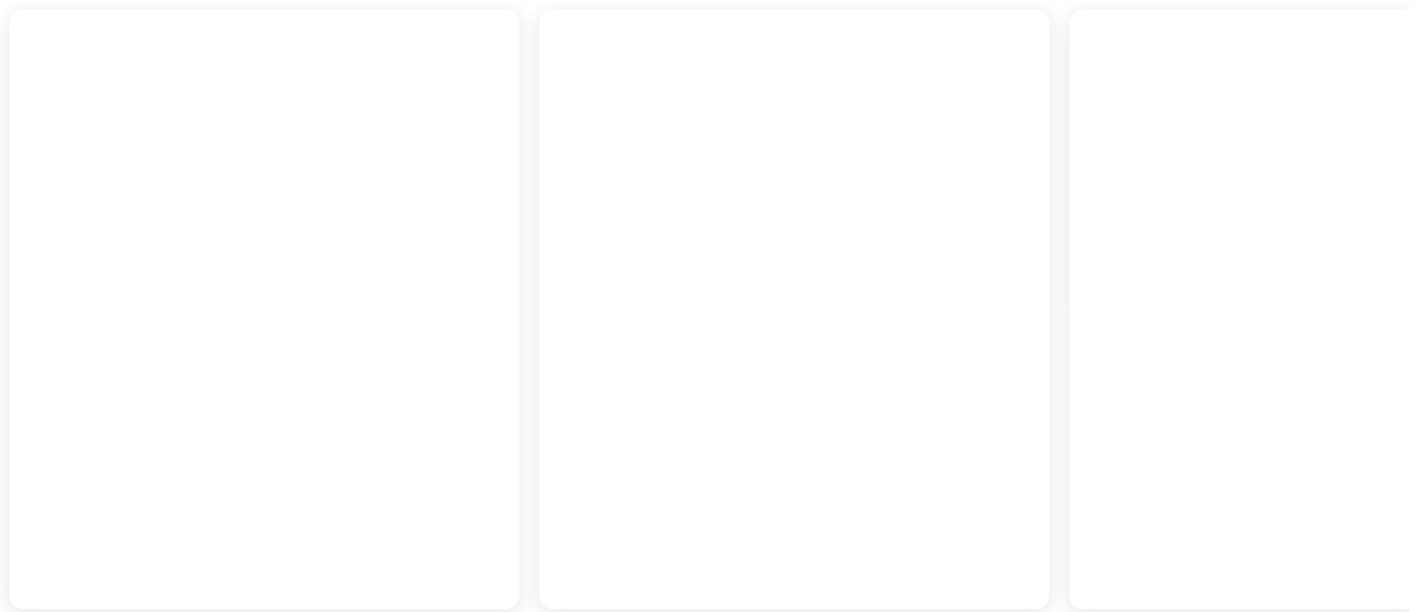
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1 day ago

God bless Mick West. He just keeps trying. At least he didn't say it was a seagull. Hope you get a response soon from the FOIA request.

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Ramon Carbó-Dorca

1 day ago

Curious indeed. However some explanation is due. Possibly a secret test of some missile went rogue. Otherwise we have another sighting of an aerial object without control from the authorities. Billions expend in safety and still something escapes control...



SriAbey

25 February, 2021

O/T - Seems like a grand product for SEALs

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WingZeroEW

25 February, 2021

The plot thickens. But let's all recall that if an aircraft has transponder off, it is still difficult to spot on air traffic radars. More pilots are feeling comfortable talking about this subject so I hope this crew does talk about it soon.

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LL65 > WingZeroEW

25 February, 2021

Yep just like a smuggler running in with regular traffic on a slow day would. Want to bet the FAA reviewed the tapes saw where it came from and where it went and called the FBI.

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Bob Spidell

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FWIW, I once attended an 'open house' for pilots at Moffett Field/NASA Ames in Mountain View, sponsored by a local pilot's group. We got a tour of their wind tunnel and aircraft stable, and a talk by one of the NASA test pilots who flew, among other aircraft, NASA's U2 (IOW, not your average pilot). He said he was once convinced he had seen a UFO while flying, somewhere over the southern US IIRC. He found out later what he had seen were the navigation lights of a civilian aircraft that had been refracted and reflected by unusual stratus cloud formations.

I think it's a fair bet--given we already have stealth technology that makes aircraft only minimally visible to radar--that any ETs capable of interstellar flight would be able to make themselves invisible to human eyes. Certainly, Klingons and Romulans could do so (then again, they might get a good laugh out of scaring the crap out of humans). *(Edited)*

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Anybody check what Boeing has done? Maybe don't like Airbus flying in the USA.

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sam wijnberg

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The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO. Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket and reflected the light from Venus.

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z **ZombieSushi666** > sam wijnberg

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"No other object has been misidentified as a flying saucer more often than the planet Venus."

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I thought swamp gas existed on the back side of Uranus

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When the hair on the back of your neck stands up you'll know you've seen some thing weird.

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Malocchio

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Really big score for Turkey, India apparently not particularly bothered that the country also sells warships to Pakistan:

https://www.defenseworld.net/news/29045/India_s_HSL_to_Build_2B_Vessels_with_Tech_Transfer_from_Turkey

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That's a nice little islamic coalition forming, there.

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s Sherpa23

24 February, 2021

Having followed UFO reports and history with skepticism for years, it changed for me in 1984. I was waiting as a company pilot for my boss at the Blackfoot ID airport at noon on a bright blue clear day when a passenger who was waiting with me asked me about objects he was watching probably 10K AGL while I was in a phone booth. I looked up and saw three of the now classic white triangles in a ragged gaggle moving silently from North to South. One object fell back from the other two. I estimate their speed at 300 knts and the lagging triangle suddenly in a non aeronautical burst of speed caught up with the other two in a nano second. They disappeared together over the southern horizon. I read the skeptical comments about the AA crew's cylindrical object. They are always the same and can be categorized as : 1) the comic debunkers with their unfunny GIF's, 2) the engineers with their angular calculations and 3) the agency lurkers who follow this and other sites to place their cover explanations of uncomfortable events (the mysterious 2009 SLBM launch off Catalina explained away as a contrail comes to mind). To those who seldom if ever have looked out the front windshield of a jet, an ATP rated captain of a major airline can easily make out a Learjet even even with a 1000 knot closure rate and I suspect my category 3 of commenters worked hard with the FAA to come up with that one. UFO'S are real, professional pilot reports are the best evidence we have. Or-wait for the FBI ! *(Edited)*

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Valentine Xavier > Sherpa23

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