



MADAR UPDATE

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Multiple Anomaly Detection & Automated Recording Update

Data Integration for Sighting Correlations

In the process of trying to find correlations between MADAR anomalies and potential sightings of interest (PSOI), sometimes we find good sightings first. Normally we look for sightings that might correlate with our dates, but working backward on a PSOI, we check to see if MADAR might have picked it up. Rob Swiatek contacted me on June 30th and ran a couple of interesting Illinois sightings by us. The first one was really good, but there were no MADAR sites even close, so we added the sighting to our growing list of good cases for 2021. The second one was an oddity that Rob asked me about to see if I had ever run across one like it. I hadn't.

The sighting occurred on March 5, 2021, in Algonquin, Illinois. The witness lives by the Fox River. At about 1 p.m. CST, he turned right, out of his driveway, to drive to the Jewel-Osco food store on East Algonquin Road. As soon as he turned, he immediately noticed a bright object with sunlight reflecting off it above the road. He immediately realized it must be a UFO because he had never seen anything like it before. The object was heading from left to right, and as he drove, he was trying to keep his eye on it and attempting to grab his phone to take a photo. There are tall trees along the right side of nearby River Road, and he was able to view the object because there were no leaves on the trees. He sped up to get to a spot 300 feet north of his driveway, where there is an open area and the road goes up

a hill to four or five houses on the right. He was planning to stop and take a photo, all this time he was viewing the object through his windshield. Once he reached the open area, the object was passing over the hill. He sped up to Haegers Bend Road, about a third of a mile north on River Road. He turned right and sped down Haegers Bend Road but lost sight of it. The UFO consisted of two cylindrical objects linked together; each cylinder looked to be about 40 to 50 feet long and 12 feet high. They were hooked together by a mechanical link and followed each other in a straight line. They were very bright because the sun was reflecting off them against a blue sky, very visible and clear to view. It was the first time he had witnessed what he suspected to be a UFO in bright daylight conditions. They came from a westerly direction and should have been noticed by others because they were relatively low, about the height a helicopter would fly, i.e., 800 to 1000 feet AGL. He had helicopter flight time but was not a licensed pilot. It was a great experience that only lasted about 15 to 20 seconds. (MUFON CMS 114010)

I filled out an FI-4 with the basic information. The first thing I wanted to do was see how close the sighting was to any of our Illinois nodes. I looked up the latitude and longitude and punched the numbers into our MADAR map for a test node to run a tracer. The light blue "502" tracer dot popped up surprisingly close to our two nodes, 98 at Northbrook and 148, also to the right at Northbrook. A Google search showed 98 was only about 25 miles east of Algonquin!

I converted the sighting time to Universal Time Code and entered the date into our online MADAR Alert Search (MAS) for anomalies detected and was disappointed that there were none. Unlike our anomalies database of processed hits, the MAS displays all "hits," including false alarms and many that were pulled for one reason or another. So checking this list makes sure a correlation doesn't slip thru the cracks. Curiously, the MAS did show an alert three days later at Northbrook node 98 at 17:30 UTC, which converts to 12:30 p.m. CDT! Surprisingly close in time frame to the Algonquin sighting and only 25 miles away!



Where River Road and Haegers Bend Road meet.

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Next, I ran a MADAR spreadsheet data check for the day of the sighting, March 5, looking at data for the 1 p.m. time frame in hopes of finding some perturbations “under trigger,” since apparently there were none high enough over 98’s threshold to put the node into alert mode. It is always better to have precise sighting times, but in the Algonquin case it was listed as having occurred at 1 p.m., so I picked data five minutes prior and five minutes subsequent to 1 p.m. And since the MADAR never went into ramped-up alert status of one line per second, all we have is one line per minute. There was an interesting increase in the field reading of the magnetometer of 9.75 during the 6:03 UTC or 1:03

p.m. minute line. Two minutes prior to this, the compass heading was 115.38 degrees but changed to 120.17 at the time of the higher field reading. Three degrees is considered significant, but this was almost five degrees.

This is all very interesting stuff, but not conclusive enough for our satisfaction. It is extremely interesting to find good daylight sightings and anomalies at similar times and within reasonable distances of our MADARs. It strongly suggests UFO activity in an area where we are “armed and ready” for much more in the days ahead. ●

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Congress. In simple terms, UFO/UAP activity involving the USS Nimitz during a military exercise in 2004 has resulted in the production of a preliminary report namely “Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena” dated 25 June 2021 by the Office Of The Director Of National Intelligence.

This preliminary report was provided by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) in response to the provision in Senate Report 116-233, accompanying the Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA) for Fiscal Year 2021, that the DNI, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF), is to submit an intelligence assessment of the threat posed by unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) and the progress the Department of Defense Unidentified Aerial

Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF) has made in understanding this threat. Further reading can be obtained by referring <https://theconversation.com/pentagon-report-says-ufos-cant-be-explained-and-this-admission-is-a-big-deal-161806>

In simple terms there is a greater interest in the phenomena at a political and defence level that has not occurred since the early post second world war era. As you can appreciate, Australia being an ally of the USA, it would only seem fair and reasonable that the RAAF and other defence departments had a policy concerning the investigation of UFO/UAP to reflect contemporary interest.

It would be fair to expect that the RAAF and other Australian defence departments would develop a policy of how it would investigate reports of such phenomena. This policy should be detailed enough to state:

1. That an incident(s) will be given a reference and/or serial number.
2. The reporter of the incident(s) will be advised of this number.
3. The reporter of the incident(s) is given written progress and an outcome of the matter.
4. The reporter, of the incident(s), if an employee of the defence department, or the general public, will not be treated in an adverse matter that results in any detriment.
5. The outcome of the investigation if deemed to be classified, secret or in the national security interest of Australia, be reported with full disclosure to the minister of defence and leader of the opposition.

A written response to this correspondence will be gratefully appreciated.

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