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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOB)

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 Definitions.

s. Unidentified flying objects (UFOBS)-ro-

lates to any airborno object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or nunsual fractures does not conform to any presently known agreraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object.

 b. Familiar objects—isolude balloons, antro nomical bodies, birds, and so forth.

 Objectives. Air Force interest in unidentified flying objects is twofold: First in a possible threat to the security of the United States and its forces and, secondly, to determine technical aspects involved.

a. 'Air Defense. To date, the flying objects reported have imposed no threat to the security of the United States and its Possessons. However, the possibility that have the size and of the results of musiles may first be regarded as flying objects by the initial observer is real and requires that sightings be reported rapidly and as completely as information permits.

b. Technical. Analysis has thus far falled to rightings reported. The Air Force will continue to collect and analysis reports until all sightings can be sutfactorily explained. Inclusion of all pertinent factors has a direct bearing on the success of the technical analysis.

4. Responsibility:

., a. Analysis. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Porce Hase, Ohie, has been designated the Air Force activity responsible for conducting analysis of information and ovidence.
b. Collecting. Commanders of all Air Force

activities are responsible for collecting and reporting all information and ovidence that may come to their eteration, including that received from civilian sources.

ce. Coppration. Air Force activities, when requested by ATIC, will conduct such investigations as are within their capability and furnish air and ground trusperstation to ATIC representatives when feasible. Direct communication between ATIC and sone of interior activities is authorized when essential to an investigation.

5. Guidance. The thoroughness and quality are report or investigation into incidents of unidentified flying objects are limited only by the resourcefulness and imagination of the individual reportation of the properties of the preparable for preparing the report. Guidance sot, forth below is based on experience and has book found helpful in ovaluating incidents:

a Theodolite measurements of changes of azimuth and elevation and angular size.

 b. Interception, identification, or air search action. These actions may be taken if appropriate and within the scope of existing air defense regulations.

c. Contact/with local aircraft central and warmay (AC&W) units, ground observation corps (IOC) posts, and filter centers, plots and cross of aircraft alpit at the time and place of sighting whenever feshabe, and any other persons or organizations which may have factual data bearing on the UFOB ye may be able to offer corrobonating evidence, destrontion or otherwise.

d. Consultation with military or civilian weather forecasters in order to obtain data on (1) tracks of weather balloons released in the area, since these are often responsible for sightAFR 200-2

ings, and (2) any unusual meteorological activity

e. Consultation with astronomers in the area to determine whether any astronomical body or phanomenon could account for or have a bearing

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1. Contact with military and civilian tower operators, air operations offices, and so forth, to

determine whether or not the sighting gould be the result of misdentification of known arcraft. g. Contact with persons who might have knowledge of experimental aircraft of unusual landing to the contact of the sight of these

knowledge of experimental aircraft of unusual configuration, rocket and guided missile firings, and so forth, in the area.

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General Information relating to UFOBS will be reported without delay. Appropriate methods and priority will be selected in accordance with the apparant intelligence value of the report. Normally an electrical report will suffice. However, when additional data is required, ATIC will specifically outline what information is desired by written reports, that is, narraite statements, sketches, marked maps,

narrasive statements, sketches, marked maps, charts, overlays, and so forth. For written reports AF Form 112b, "Air Intelligence Evaluation Record," will be used. a. Short, Tutis. UFOB will appear at the

beginning of the text of electrical messages and will be used as subject of written reports.

b. Report formal. All reports forwarded by

the following numbered items:
(1) Description of the object(s):

(a) Shape
(b) Size compared to a known object
(use one of the following terms:
hand of a prn. pea, dimc, neckel,
quarter, half dollar, silver dollar,
baseball, grapefruit, or baseball, or baseball,

held in the hand at about arms length.

(d) Number (e) Formation, if more than one.

(f) Any discernible features or details.
(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of

of same compared to siso of object(s).

(h) Sound. If heard, describe sound.

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features.

(2) Description of course of object(s):

 (a) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed.

the object(s) when first observed.

(c) Angle of elevation and azumuth of object(s) upon disappearance.

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

(e) Manner of disappearance of ob-

Length of time in sight.
 Manner of observation:

 (a) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, airvisual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type or radar.)

(b) Statement as to optical aids (teleacopes, hinoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof.

(e) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, beading, speed, and home station.

(4) Time and date of righting:

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting.
 (b) Light conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, dusk.

(5) Locations of observer(n). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark.

reference to a known landmark.

(6) Identifying information of all observer(a):

(a) Civilian—Name, age, mailing address, occupation, and estimate of reliability.
 (b) Military—Name, grade, organiza-

tion, duty, and estimate of reliability.

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at

time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer(a) account of weather con-

(b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 8,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available.

(c) Ceiling (d) Visibility

photographs.

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(e) Amount of cloud cover.
(f) Thunderstorms in area and quad-

rant in which located.

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for

the sighting.

(9) Existence of any physical evidence of the sighting, such as meterals and

to ATIC

- (10) Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives).
- (11) Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.
 - (12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause
- e. Addressees:
- (1) Electrical reports will be dispatched

of the sightings.

- in multiple address to: (a) Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado
- Springs, Colorado. (b) Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air
 - Force Base, Ohio. (c) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
- (d) Appropriate major air command headquarters. (2) Written reports will be submitted to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.,
- for osalid-type reproduction and dassemioation, with an information copy forwarded directly to ATIC.

 d. Nepative Data. The word "negative" in reply to any numbered item of the report format
- will indicate that all logical investigative leads were /developed without success. The phrase "not applicable" (N/A) will indicate that the question does not apply to the sighting being investigated. e. Security. Reports should be classified
- "Restricted" unless inclusion of data required by b above necessitates a higher classification. An exception would be the routine transmittal, without comment, of reports from open source publications (that is, pross or radio).

By Order of the Secretary of the Air Force:

K. E. THIEBAUD Colonel, USAF Air Adjulant General

DISTRIBUTION:

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whenever possible, both prints and negatives; will be titled or otherwise properly identified as to place, time, and date of the incident to which they pertain. Prints of radar scope photography will be titled in accordance with AFR 95-7 and forwarded in compliance with AFR 95-6. In addition, one copy of each print will be forwarded directly to ATIC.

7. Evidence. All evidence will be forwarded

a Photographic. All original film, including;

 Materiel. If any actual or suspected items of materiel pertinent to any unidentified flying object incident come into the presession of any Air Force echelon, two actions will be taken without delay:

(I) Safeguard the materiel carefully to prevent any defacing or alteration

which would reduce its value for . technical analysis. (2) Notify ATIC immediately and request

shipping instructions or other special instructions as may be appropriate. 8. Release of Information. Inquiries con-

cerning specific local aightings will be referred to the activity public information officer. The reporting officer may furnish the latter all raw information except names of principals, Air Force comments, details of intercept procedures involved, and elassified radar data. Examples of the type of information which may be released

are: a. The location, time, and date.

Chief of Staff, Unsted States Air Force

b. Description of the object(s). c. Maneuvers reported.

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- d. Type of physical evidence (if requestor knows that such evidence exists).
- a. Intercept or other identification attempt made.
- f. The fact that the object has been conclusively scientified by ATIC as a convectional serial device or other familiar object and no further evaluation is contemplated.

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