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NEW 1975 UFO OVERFLIGHTS REVEALED

We were recently contacted by G.F. (name withheld) who has provided details of several UFO and other incidents at Kincheloe AFB, Michigan in the fall of 1975. These new reports seem to expand the scope of the 1975 UFO overflights which we have already chronicled in CLEAR INTENT.

G.F. was a security policeman with the 449th Security Police Squadron (SPS) at Kincheloe. The base bomb wing was assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 8th Air Force, consisting mainly of B-52 aircraft.

Around the end of October or early November G.F. was stationed to protect B-52s in his Bomber Alert area, separated from the main base by a runway. G.F. and six other SPs were on foot along with two vehicular patrols, an area supervisor and a tower guard. It was between 9:30 and 11:30 PM with a clear sky and a small amount of snow on the ground.

One of the foot patrols first noticed a light moving overhead, traveling north to south. Most of the other personnel soon noticed it as well. Base radar was called for confirmation but nothing was detected. However the border radar installation, located near Sault Ste. Marie, Mi., was contacted and after a runaround they confirmed a stationary target.

The next day the men were scolded by their superiors for not notifying the shift supervisor or flight chief first before contacting the radar facilities. They were told that they saw nothing and to forget everything that happened. Later G.F. heard that interceptors had chased the object into Canadian air space where it disappeared.

Another incident, on a different shift than G.F.'s, occurred when an unknown aircraft apparently overflowed the weapons storage area (WSA) at Kincheloe. It was not seen but was heard and reports were that it sounded like a helicopter. G.F. was puzzled by the report because his barracks was a quarter of a mile from the WSA and no one there heard the overflight.

Yet another incident, this time involving G.F., took place while G.F. was on duty in the WSA about one or two nights after the last report. He was on a Security Alert Team (SAT) when one of the dog patrols reported something in the woods northwest of the perimeter.

The dog team left the WSA on foot to check. When they entered the woods the dog began to bark. The dog's handler then reported that gunfire was directed at him. The men in the perimeter heard the dog barking but no gunshots. No other evidence of an intruder was found, though a search was conducted for bullet casings; etc. Curiously, the dog subsequently cowered and would not work for the rest of the night.

Shortly after these incidents SAC sent orders to the 449th SPS to identify the alleged aircraft if they could and force them to land. They didn't say how to do it but G.F. said that there were no more incidents after that.

The overflights at Kincheloe seem to closely parallel those over Loring AFB, Maine in October 1975 and the "gunfire" reports certainly parallel the SP reports at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota in early November 1975 (see CLEAR INTENT, pgs. 48-50).

At the very least some kind of concerted effort was directed against numerous U.S. military bases by an unknown foe. Even removing all of these reports from a UFO/space alien connection, doesn't it seem prudent for the government to find out just what happened in the fall of 1975, and why?

READER'S REPORTS

Occasionally we will receive letters from subscribers or new readers of CLEAR INTENT with reports of UFO sightings at or near government installations. There is a backlog of cases which we would like to share with you so that the sightings may be on the record. Perhaps someone may recognize the reports and add to the file. We have changed names to protect confidentiality.

-Lake Mead Base (LMB), Nevada; August 9, 1967; 2:30 AM (approx.).

J.B. was a Marine stationed at Lake Mead, called the Defense Atomic Support Agency base, from April 1967 to January 1968. The base was administered by the Navy, guarded by Marine sentries and often received Air Force personnel from the overflow at nearby Nellis AFB, Nevada.

At the time in question J.B. and other Marines were on guard duty at LMB with a vantage point looking down towards Nellis, approximately three miles to the west. An object appeared in the north, flying a typical approach pattern for the C-130 aircraft frequently flying into Nellis. The object slowed as it drew near the base, then it stopped and hovered over, or in a line with, the control tower. Obviously this was not a normal C-130!

J.B. and his companions stopped their ½ ton pick-up patrol car and radioed a report of the object to the guard house, which was in fact being inundated with other calls about the sighting. The object proceeded towards a parked SR-71A "Blackbird" aircraft and stopped, hovering directly over it. With the backdrop of Las Vegas city lights brightening the background, the object became clearly outlined. J.B. described it as looking like the spaceship in the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" but about three times bigger than the SR-71A, which is over 100 feet long.

As the object hovered, a thick shaft of brilliant blue-white light shot down from the underbelly of the craft directly onto the SR-71A, lasting for about one minute. Radio traffic was going wild at the time. After the light went out the object moved back towards the control tower, stopped and hovered, then slowly accelerated back

in the same direction it had come from. It picked up additional speed and shot away to the west and disappeared.

J.B. heard more radio traffic, confirming that others were equally baffled as to the nature of the object.

J.B. has done some library work and located several clippings from Nevada papers describing similar sightings from the same time period, on file at CAUS.

-Key West, Florida; Early 1964.

R.W. was assigned to the U.S. Navy's Fleet Sonar School at Key West. He could not recall the precise date but at the time of the experience he was on watch duty at the Sub pier, which was empty.

At approximately 11:15 PM he spotted a gold-colored light southwest of his position. The light approached the pier and as it slowed it took on the shape of a disc. It came overhead at 500 feet giving R.W. a good view of a noiseless, 100-foot disc with red, green and white lights on the bottom. The hair on R.W.'s head and arms stood on end.

R.W. ran to the watch phone at the end of the pier and as he picked up the receiver he could hear calls from other watch points around the base reporting the object. The disc then moved off toward the Gulf of Mexico.

In response to the calls, two F-11 jets took off from the base at Boca Chica and chased the UFO. R.W. observed the disc suddenly reverse direction, putting both jets in front of the disc. The jets made a wide turn to pursue again and soon thereafter one of the jets fired a missile. Strangely, the missile hit the disc but did not explode. The jets closed in again for another run, however the UFO emitted a bright green light towards the jets and they both disappeared! The UFO then took off straight up and vanished.

A search was conducted for the jets but they were never found. R.W. was interrogated about the event along with other witnesses, with the thrust of the questioning being that the stories were made up and nothing had happened.

-Waters between Cuba and Florida; November 1954.

Two Cuban Navy frigates, the "Jose Marti" and the "Maximo Gomez," were on routine patrol between four and six miles from the coast of Mantanzas Province. They were on their way to Havana harbor at about 4:30 AM when intense lights appeared on the horizon in the northeast. The ship went on alert as the lights drew close to, then directly over the ships. There were three lights in "V" formation following the ships and they were witnessed for four to six minutes by most of the ships' two crews. The ships' radars also tracked the lights.

A photographer shot movie film of the formation as they watched, first filming the formation over the ships, then following their accelerating departure to the west. The UFOs maintained a constant distance from one another and the cameraman had to pan his shot to film all three objects. The film was about seven to ten minutes long, black and white, and of high quality. It was shown ten days later to the Cuban Navy's High Command. A witness who saw the film said one could see a form inside the brightness of the lights.

Our thanks to Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo of the Miami UFO Center for this interesting account. One additional fact that he relates is that the film eventually found its way to U.S. Naval Intelligence at Key West (via a defector?).

It is extremely hard to get admissions from the government that

UFO movie film exists. There are numerous examples in the Blue Book files alone of missing films, not to mention the classified material known to exist. Outside of the few Blue Book films available from the National Archives, the only other success we've have was obtaining a short propaganda film from the Air Force with mid-1960s interviews of Air Force officers debunking UFOs. Time will tell!

EDITORIAL

At a time when public awareness of the UFO phenomenon is at a very high level we note a disturbing situation. Serious controversy has developed in connection with the Gulf Breeze, Florida UFO photo case, a controversy which threatens the integrity of our subject (see recent issues of the MUFON UFO Journal and CUFOS Bulletin for details).

One may debate the merits or demerits of a sighting, this is what investigation and discussion of casework is all about. What has clearly developed here however is an exercise in character assassination with MUFON and Gulf Breeze supporters on one side and CUFOS and Gulf Breeze critics on the other side. Unfortunately the verbal muggings going on and their aftermath will hurt us all. UFO study will continue to be perceived as a fragmented, disorganized political boxing ring where those of differing opinions slug it out to see who can blacken the others' eyes.

Our position is that the burden of proof is on the Gulf Breeze supporters to prove their case, something we feel has not been done yet at this writing (8/23). It is entirely reasonable and necessary to raise critical questions and put a case through a ringer of tough scrutiny before it deserves the label "UFO." The questions posed by the Center for UFO Studies are serious, legitimate, and have not been adequately answered by the MUFON side of the fence. We are most dismayed at the removal of Robert Boyd, MUFON's State Director for Alabama and a former investigator and current critic of Gulf Breeze, from his directorship by MUFON's International Director, Walt Andrus. The reason given, alleged violations of MUFON's Field Manual, will undoubtedly be interpreted instead as retaliation for being vocally against what MUFON has now endorsed as authentic (see MUFON UFO Journal, August 1988). At the same time we've noted statements earlier in the year by Gulf Breeze proponents which were outrageously biased, yet no punishment seems to have been meted out at all.

The consequences of the current debate are clear. If an organization makes a policy decision to support a bizarre incident, or series of incidents, as authentic and then proceeds to attack all criticism, every question must be answered, not ignored; otherwise, the organization's support must be considered "lightweight" and without firm scientific foundation. The organization then becomes vulnerable to credibility questions and it's hard-earned influence fades quickly into obscurity.

We would like to see total and amiable cooperation between all organizations researching UFOs. It is obvious though that with four decades of experience behind us this will be nearly impossible. We can only hope that UFOs will be explained ultimately, despite the petty bickerings of those who embrace the subject the most.

We support a recent statement by CUFOS, The CUFOS Position on the Gulf Breeze Case, and look for a quick resolution to this very serious problem.

NOTE

We managed to absorb the last postage increase but upon enactment of a new one we will have to increase subscription rates.