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Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOB)

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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. This regulation outlines the AAC requirements and reporting procedures for information and material pertaining to unidentified flying objects. The provisions of this regulation are applicable to all units assigned or attached to the Alaskan Air Command.

2. DEFINITION. Unidentified flying objects are defined as any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type.

3. BACKGROUND. The Air Force has been conducting a continuous analysis of all reports of unidentified flying objects for several years. An analysis of these reports has neither proved nor disproved the possibility of the existence of such objects. The possibility of future development of some type of flying object, unconventional by present standards, dictates a continuing need for reports of observation.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. Unit commanders will be responsible for informing personnel of the requirements for information and the procedures for reporting unidentified flying objects. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, has been assigned the mission of final study and analysis of all UFOB. The need for accurate, detailed reports is emphasized.

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5. **EXCEPTIONS.** Initial reports of unidentified flying objects (including guided missiles) observed from an aircraft in flight will be submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in JANAP 146(B) CIRVIS and AACR 200-3. Such reports will be followed up with the detailed report required by this regulation.

6. **MATERIAL EVIDENCE.** In the event any actual or suspected items of material pertinent to any unidentified flying object incident come into the possession of any personnel assigned or attached to the Alaskan Air Command, the following actions will be taken without delay:

- a. Safeguard the material carefully to prevent any defacing or alteration which would reduce its value for technical analysis.
- b. Notify ATIC and Headquarters AAC immediately and request shipping instructions or other special instructions as may be appropriate.

7. **REPORTS.** Information relating to unidentified flying objects will be reported without delay. Originators will select the priority appropriate for each incident in accordance with its apparent importance as intelligence. Reports will be concerned with a single incident. Reports will be forwarded immediately by electrical means and confirmed and elaborated upon by a written report within 3 days, or as soon thereafter as possible.

- a. **Identification Symbol.** The symbol UFOB will appear at the beginning of the text of electrical messages and will be used as subject of written reports to facilitate identification.
- b. **Security.** Reports will not be classified unless inclusion of data required by c and d below necessitates a classification. Local publicity concerning this reporting and analysis activity will be handled by Public Information Office, Alaskan Air Command.
- c. **Electrical Means.** Reports forwarded by this method will include, insofar as possible:

(1) Description of the object(s):

- (a) Shape.
- (b) Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (c) Color.

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- (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 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.
 - (c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.
 - (d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).
 - (e) Manner of disappearance of object(s).
 - (f) Length of time in sight.
- (3) Manner of observations:
 - (a) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, air-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type or radar.)
 - (b) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof.
 - (c) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.
- (4) Time and Date of sightings:
 - (a) Zulu time-date group of sighting.

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- (b) Light conditions (use one of the following terms):
Night, day, dawn, dusk.
- (5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or GEOREF position, or position with reference to a known landmark.
- (6) Identifying information of all observer(s):
 - (a) Civilian--Name, age, mailing address, occupation, and estimate of reliability.
 - (b) Military--Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability.
- (7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:
 - (a) Observer(s) account of weather conditions.
 - (b) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available.
 - (c) Ceiling.
 - (d) Visibility.
 - (e) Amount of cloud cover.
 - (f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant 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 materials and photographs.
- (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.

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- (12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sightings.

d. Written Reports. These reports will be submitted on AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report, or by letter, and will expand on the points enumerated in c above. Photographs, sketches, and signed narrative statements of observers will be appended. Statements should be recorded in as great detail as possible, with particular attention given to times, angles of observation, and flight paths or locations. The angles of observations, locations, flight paths, etc, should be drawn on aeronautical charts or maps.

e. Reporting Channels:

- (1) Electrical reports will be dispatched in multiple address to:
- (a) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF
 - (b) Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2C
 - (c) Commander, ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 - (d) Commander, AAC, ATTN: Intelligence Directorate
- (2) Written reports will be submitted through channels to:
- (a) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C., for ozalid-type reproduction and dissemination,
 - (b) Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2C, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, one copy for information.
 - (c) Commander, AAC, ATTN: Intelligence Directorate, one copy for reference.

8. REFERENCES:

- a. AFR 200-2
- b. JANAP 146(B) CIRVIS