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Certified – Return Receipt

Mr. John R. Greenwald
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Re: FOIA Request No: 2021-002114 (SW)

This is in response to your request dated February 24, 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You requested all records pertaining to the February 21, 2021 encounter between American Airlines Flight 2292 and an unknown object over New Mexico.

We searched our files maintained in the American Airlines Certificate Management Office (CMO). Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request.

There is no fee associated with this request because processing was less than \$20.00.

We have identified additional records responsive to your request, however those records are the property of the Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD will determine whether any of those records maybe released. You may direct your question to the DOD Air Force Representative; Attn: Mr. Jeffrey M. Godzik, 9-csa-afrep@faa.gov or 817-222-5911.

We redacted personal information from the file, i.e., addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, etc., pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)]. Exemption 6 covers personnel, medical, and similar records. This exemption protects the privacy interests of individuals by allowing an agency to withhold from disclosure intimate personal data kept in government files. Disclosure of the redacted information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As the Air Carrier Safety Assurance Deputy Director, I am responsible for the determination that certain information in the records that you requested are exempt from disclosure. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-140), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 or through electronic mail at: FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov.

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If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Harper FOIA Officer at (404) 305-6129 or Tamara.Harper@faa.gov .

Sincerely,

Dennis Hill
Aviation Safety
Flight Standards Service
Deputy Director, Air Carrier Safety Assurance

Enclosures

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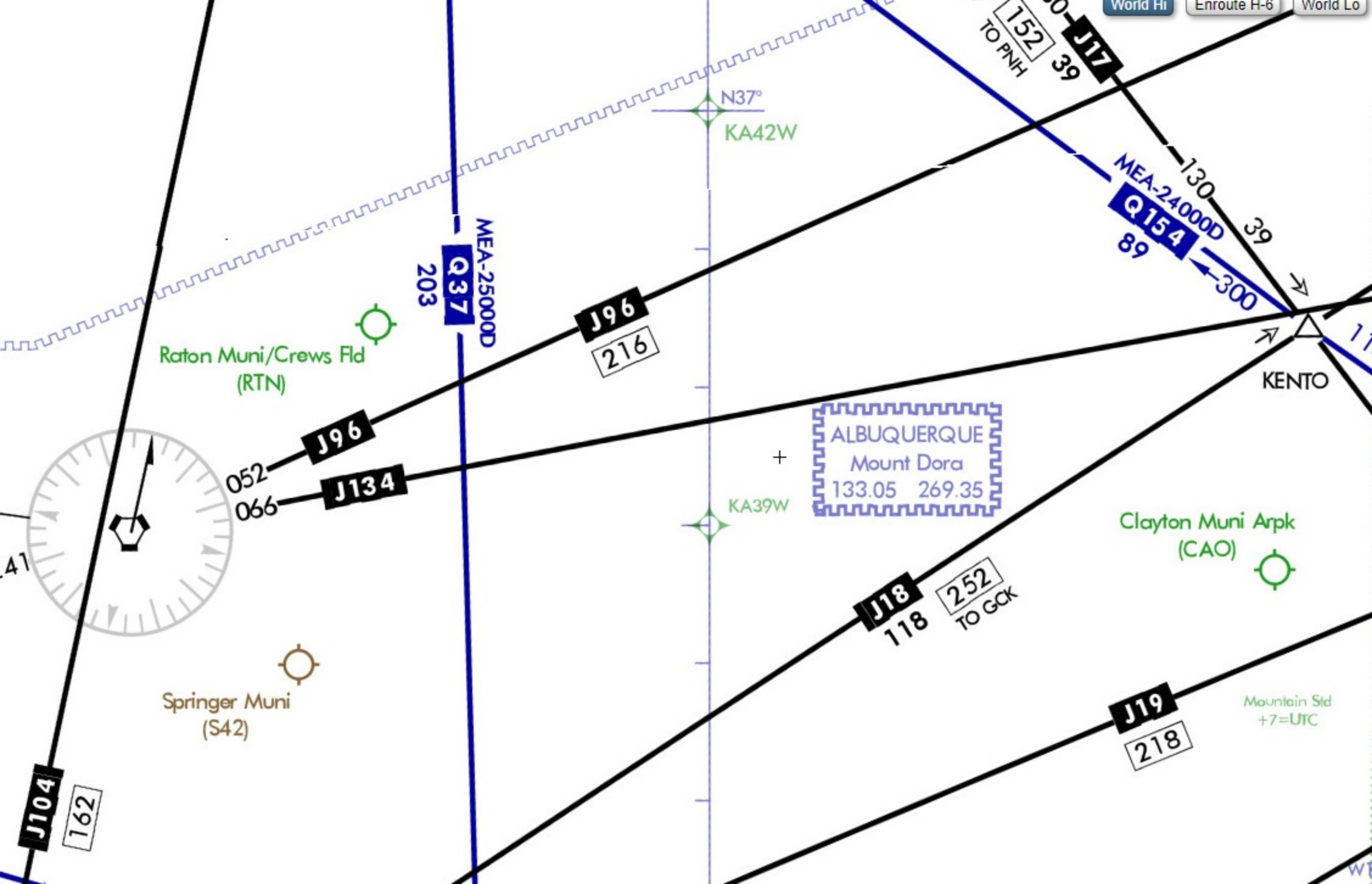
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: American Airlines Encounter
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2021 11:34 14 AM

OK, thanks. I'll try to get something to you by Friday.

V/R

LT Col Jeffrey 'GZ' Godzik
FAA CSA DAFREP (ASW-910)
Comm: 817-222-5911

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Cc: 9-ESA-AFREP (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: American Airlines Encounter

I do not.

Kirk Baldin, P.E.
Principal Oper at ons Inspector
American Airlines Certificate Management Office
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Do you have a timeline you need this by?

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Subject: RE: American Airlines Encounter

That'll work. Thank you.

Kirk

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Kirk

I have concluded my investigation on this incident. What do you need from me, if anything? My plan is to send you an official MFR stating what I was tasked for, what I did and my conclusions. Thanks!

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From: Cornett, Megan (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>
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Cc: Easley, Jonathan A (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>; Turkal, Joseph B (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>; Klaput, Bryce D (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: American Airlines Encounter

GZ: good morning. Looks like on 21 Feb at 1:00 CST AA 2292 from Cincinnati to Phoenix reported a missile or UFO in close proximity while over NE New Mexico. WSMR PA has already released a statement that they were not testing on Sunday (and the aircraft was 400 mi north of WSMR). Open source information provided.

TASK: Please help Kirk Baldin with Air Carrier Safety Assurance plug into the process for investigating such incidents.

I've cc'd the other HQ email reps for SA only.

V/R Mac

MEGAN A. CORNETT, Colonel, USAF
Senior DoD/DAF Rep to the FAA

Email: [REDACTED]
DoD Email: [REDACTED]

From: Baldin, Kirk (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Cornett, Megan (FAA) <[REDACTED]@faa.gov>; [REDACTED]
Subject: American Airlines Encounter

Colonel,
Thanks for taking my call. Below are links to two articles we discussed. Appreciate any clarity around the two...strictly from a safety perspective.
Read in Fox News: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks,
Kirk

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Cc: [9-CSA-AFREP \(FAA\)](#); [Baldin, Kirk \(FAA\)](#); [Easley, Jonathan A \(FAA\)](#); [Turkal, Joseph B \(FAA\)](#); [Klaput, Bryce D \(FAA\)](#); ["CORNETT, MEGAN A Lt Col USAF HAF AF/A3OJ"](#); [Beck, Robert \(FAA\)](#); [Beauvais, Mike \(FAA\)](#); [McIntosh, Franklin \(FAA\)](#); [Lowe, Rob \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: ACTION - USAF Playback Request for AA2292
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 3:58:23 PM
Attachments: [AA2292 Location on Hi Chart.jpg](#)

Maria

The USAF is requesting a playback for the following DTG involving American 2292:

Date: 21 Feb 2021

Time: 1850Z / 1150MST – Playback from 1840-1900Z

Location: 36.58N 103.88W; about 50nm East of CIM VORTAC on/near J-134, Southwest-bound

Altitude block: FL320-FL600

Callsign: American Airlines Flight 2292 (AA2292)

Please post to the KSN and email me the link when you post it. Thank you for your time with our request.

V/R

JEFFREY M. GODZIK, Lt Col, USAF

HQ DAF/A3OJ

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