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WASHINGTON, DC

August 11, 2021

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John Greenewald 27305 W Live Oak Rd Suite 1203 Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This is our final response to two of your 17 June 2021 Freedom of Information Act requests, requesting the following:

## Specifically, FOIA requests 2021-03111-F you requested the following:

1) All emails sent to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) USAF Spokesperson Malinda Singleton, with the e-mail of malinda.singleton.mil@email.mil (include all other email address that may be different utilized by Malinda Singleton), which contain the following phrases:
"Unidentified Aerial Phenomena"
and/or
"Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon"
and/or
"UAP"

#### And FOIA 2021-03112-F specifically, you requested the following:

1)All emails sent to, from, bcc or cc'd Air Force Spokesperson Laura McAndrews that contain the following phrases:

"Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" and/or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon" and/or UAP

The Secretary of the Air Force, Public Affairs (SAF/PA) office reviewed your request and determined the records are being partially denied under Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 Exemption (b)(6). Exemption (b)(6) applies to the withholding of information such as names and phone numbers of administrative personnel which could reasonably be expected to constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Should you decide an appeal to this response is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru: SAF/AAII (FOIA), 1000 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330¬1000, within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal, your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this matter at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CN), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, daf.foia@us.af.mil or (703) 614-8500.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please contact Ms. Monique Harris at (703) 692-9978 or via email at <u>SAF.AA.HAF.FOIA.workflow@us.af.mil</u> should you have any questions and refer to FOIA case numbers 2021-03311-F and 2021-03312-F. Department of Defense Manual 5400.07/Air Force Manual 33-302, *Freedom of Information Act Program*, indicates fees be assessed for processing this request; however, there are no applicable fees in this instance.

Sincerely,

MONIQUE N. HARRIS

Monique Harris

Government Information Specialist

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Cc: ACC/PA Operations; Worley, Alexandria P CIV USAF ACC PA (USA)

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:10:40 PM

Maj Singleton – Following up on The Drive query from yesterday about UFO sightings off coast of VA. – We spoke with the 633d Wing PA. They cannot confirm airmen from JBLE witnessed any such phenomenon sightings during that time frame.

V/R, Leah Garton Chief, Media Operations Air Combat Command Public Affairs Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA Comm (757) 225-8277 DSN (312) 574-5007 Govt iPhone (757) 848-3611 leah.garton@us.af.mil

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**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Mrs. Garton,

We coordinated with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing they cannot confirm JBLE Airmen have witnessed any such phenomenon sightings during that time frame. Hope that helps!

Respectfully,

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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Capt Harper, Nick,

Good morning! Please see media query below. Can you confirm whether or not airmen from JBLE experienced the same phenomenon?

If answer is no, I think a simple statement back that we cannot confirm will suffice. Please provide response back to our ACC PA team and we'll funnel up to SAF PA since OSD is lead on these queries.

Thanks, Leah

V/R,
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**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Good Morning ACC/PA,

We received a query from The Drive regarding UAP/UFO sightings off the coast of VA. This is based off of the stories that came out last week when the Navy's FOIA office released video of these sightings. Here is the NBC story that ran last week - <a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/navy-confirms-videos-did-capture-ufo-sightings-it-calls-them-n1056201">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/navy-confirms-videos-did-capture-ufo-sightings-it-calls-them-n1056201</a>.

The Drive came and asked us if the F-22s and T-38s at JBLE saw something similar during the timeframe that the aircrews at Oceana said they had a higher rate of sightings (2014-2015). Could you please check into it?

• Navy Super Hornet pilots out of NAS Oceana had *constant* encounters with these objects in 2014-2015, especially on radar. It got so bad that by early 2015 Oceana filed NOTAMs warning aviators about the phenomenon in the warning areas off Virginia. We have talked to the crews directly about this and are in the process of obtaining those NOTAMs and the paper trail leading to their posting. Langley's F-22s, which have superior sensor capabilities in some respects to the Super Hornets, as well the base's T-38 aggressors, are based right next-door and use the exact same warning areas for training daily. Did Langley aircrews experience the same phenomenon? If so to what extent? What about other USAF assets that use the same airspace for training?

In addition, OSD has taken the lead on all these types of queries – so if you do get any, please send them up there. The caveat being that we'll probably need your help to get the information ©.

Thanks!

V/R -

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Cc: STEFANEK, ANN M GS-15 USAF HAF U S AIR FORCE HQ/PA; Singleton, Malinda (Lindy) Lt Col USAF SAF-PA

(USA)

To:

Subject: FW: FYSA: "Forbidden subject': Air Force officers recount ridicule after sharing UFO experiences" (Wash. Times)

**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 6:50:20 PM

From: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Media Analysis <osd.pentagon.pa.mbx.media-analysis@mail.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 6:48 PM

**To:** Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) <susan.l.gough.civ@mail.mil>; OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations <osd.pa.dutyofficer@mail.mil>

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**Subject:** FYSA: "'Forbidden subject': Air Force officers recount ridicule after sharing UFO experiences " (Wash. Times)

'Forbidden subject': Air Force officers recount ridicule after sharing UFO experiences Washington Times | Ben Wolfgang

Public attitudes toward UFOs were much different when retired Air Force Capt. Robert Salas took the stage at the National Press Club in Washington nearly 11 years ago.

Far from the white-hot interest in the phenomenon that's spreading across the country today, Mr. Salas and six fellow Air Force veterans — accompanied by noted UFO researcher and author Robert Hastings — detailed their own personal experiences with unidentified craft at a time when the subject was often mocked, dismissed, and written off as tinfoil-hat conspiracy lore.

Still, the landmark press conference in September 2010 provided a major national forum for credible stories of encounters with unidentified craft, including Mr. Salas' 1967 account of strange lights over Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana that he says temporarily disabled nuclear missiles at the site. Other retired officers told similarly stunning tales of UFO sightings across the country and at least one incident in England.

Despite how rare it was for high-ranking officers to join together and publicly demand the Pentagon come clean about UFOs, Mr. Salas said the event quickly faded into the background as elected officials and major news outlets had little long-term interest in UFOs as a legitimate story. While the press conference did generate some serious news coverage, Mr. Salas recalled how at least one leading national newspaper sent a humor columnist — not a reporter — to cover it.

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"What happens here is that people get excited about this subject for a while and then a few days go by and something else takes over the news. And then there seems to be a deflation of interest," the 80-year-old Capt. Salas told The Washington Times in a recent interview. "We've seen this before. We've seen it many times before going back to 1952," when the Air Force launched its now-famous Project Blue Book program to track military interactions with unidentified flying objects.

Indeed, America's fascination with UFOs has ebbed and flowed over the past century, but interest is now approaching a fever pitch amid renewed inquiries from powerful lawmakers on Capitol Hill and an acknowledgment from the Pentagon that there are numerous UFO encounters that still cannot be explained.

The Defense Department and intelligence agencies later this month are set to deliver to Congress a major report on UFOs.

Congressional sources briefed on the study say it raises as many questions as answers and does not come to any definitive conclusions about whether UFO sightings are connected to extraterrestrial life.

It's also possible, the report is expected to say, that at least some of the unidentified objects could be Russian or Chinese military aircraft.

Capt. Salas and other military veterans who say they've seen UFOs doubt the report will provide real answers or reveal any truly game-changing information. But he said it's possible that it could open the door to congressional hearings, potentially providing momentum for those who have waited decades for the world to take them seriously.

"There's not enough accepted evidence ... unless and until we witnesses are allowed to speak in front of a congressional hearing and present our evidence," he said.

'Spinning our wheels'

There's unprecedented momentum in Congress to dig into UFO sightings. Some key lawmakers say the issue could represent a major national security threat.

"There is stuff flying in our airspace," Sen. Marco Rubio, Florida Republican, told Fox News in a recent interview. "We don't know what it is. We need to find out."

Even former President Obama has expressed a similar sentiment, saying in an interview last month that there are "objects in the skies that we don't know exactly what they are."

But UFO researchers have little faith that powerful senators or even ex-presidents have the influence necessary to force the federal government to finally open all of its UFO files. Only a sustained public pressure campaign, they say, will be effective.

"All of this public and media attention is going to be for naught if the people holding the secrets refuse to play ball. If they're going to stonewall like they've been doing since the 1940s, then we're all just spinning our wheels, I'm afraid," said Mr. Hastings, who helped organize the 2010 press conference with Mr. Salas and has written extensively on UFOs and how they've allegedly shut down U.S. nuclear arsenals on numerous occasions.

"But if there's enough pressure, then who knows? At some point it might reach critical mass," Mr. Hastings told The Times.

Mr. Hastings has spent decades interviewing military personnel who say they've had personal encounters with UFOs. Such accounts among service members date back even before World War II. Until recently, the Pentagon said little about them.

But a string of leaked Navy videos has put the Defense Department and intelligence agencies in a position where they can no longer ignore the issue. The most recent footage, captured in 2019 by the USS Omaha, seems to show an unidentified object disappearing into the waters off the coast of California. Last May, the Navy acknowledged as genuine three videos that showed military pilots tracking objects in the sky that were moving at incredibly fast speeds.

Shortly after the confirmation of those videos, the Defense Department publicly disclosed its Unidentified Aerial Phenomena [UAP] Task Force, designed to "detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security."

The UAP Task Force is producing the report expected to be delivered to Congress in the coming weeks.

#### Personal experiences

The startling Navy footage may have captured the public's imagination and sparked renewed interest on Capitol Hill, but many retired military officers have reported even more amazing encounters.

Retired Air Force Col. Charles Halt also appeared at the 2010 National Press Club event and recounted his own experience while stationed at the joint U.S.-British Bentwaters airbase in Suffolk, England, in 1980.

Col. Halt reported seeing strange lights in the area and an object that "began dropping something that looked like molten metal," according to his official statement. He and other military personnel in the area also reported seeing beams of light coming down from the object.

After his account became public several years later, Col. Halt said he "had to go into hiding" because of the intense backlash, though he has since embraced the incident and speaks about it publicly.

"It was a forbidden subject. It was the kiss of death for a military person to talk about UFOs," Col. Halt told The Times in an interview. "I think that's changed a bit ... I can't tell you how many pilots

have told me their stories but said, 'Don't tell anybody and don't use my name.'

"More and more people are coming forward with their experiences," he said. "People used to ridicule me for a long time."

Several of the other participants in the 2010 National Press Club event have passed away. Others shy away from further discussion of their encounters.

In his 1967 experience, Mr. Salas — who at the time was serving as an Air Force nuclear launch officer — said colleagues reported seeing a pulsating oval-shaped object hovering over the front gate of the Malmstrom Air Force Base. Shortly after the object was seen, he said that the missiles at the site seemed to have been disabled.

"Some of the missile indicators also had security violation lights illuminated, meaning a possible security incursion at those sites," he said in his official statement.

The incident, he said, was never explained.

Aside from extraterrestrials, another potential possibility is that some U.S. enemies may have technology far beyond our own, and that could explain many of the purported UFO sightings.

But researchers and eyewitnesses dismiss that theory.

"What is being described by military pilots now, in 2021, is identical to what was being described by their predecessors in 1950," Mr. Hastings said. "To suggest it is Russian or Chinese technology today is a real stretch, but to suggest it was earthly technology seven decades ago is absurd."

Mr. Salas also said such an explanation simply won't hold up.

"If the Chinese or the Russians had that technology in 1967, I'm sure it makes sense that they would have told the world about that in order to show their dominance in the air," he said. "No, I don't believe any of that baloney that this could be another foreign country."

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Subject: Navy PAG UFO

**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:07:17 PM

Attachments: 2019042 0930 RTQ Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Final.docx

Laura,

This is what we have been using!

V/r,

Andriana

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] CAGE L0FH6/87RE0 requesting OSD Malmstrom AFB UAP Acknowledgment

**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 1:21:06 PM

Thanks. That was my first inclination, but at first it wasn't clear whether he was asking in an official capacity/for an official contract.

From: Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) < laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 1:15 PM

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] CAGE LOFH6/87RE0 requesting OSD Malmstrom AFB UAP

Acknowledgment

Susan -

No specifics readily available on Malmstrom AFB. You can refer them to the base itself at 406-731-4050, <u>341mwpa@us.af.mil</u> ...though I suspect they'd probably have to FOIA to find those kinds of records.

The Malmstrom FOIA office can be reached at 406-731-3235 and more information on the process can be found at <a href="https://www.malmstrom.af.mil/Home/Freedom-of-Information/">https://www.malmstrom.af.mil/Home/Freedom-of-Information/</a>

V/R ~Laura

#### Laura M. McAndrews

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Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 12:49 PM

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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] CAGE LOFH6/87RE0 requesting OSD Malmstrom AFB UAP

Acknowledgment

SAF-PA,

Bouncing this one to you for input/response. While I am the OSD POC for UAP-related policies and the old AATIP program, I am NOT the POC for incursions at installations/bases — that's a Service or installation/base security issue. I know that he specifically asked for "OSD acknowledgement," but his updated question(s) [read down in this email] are usually more appropriately answered by the

Service or base involved. If you have a set answer on these, though, which I expect you might, I'll reply to him. If you want to take it, let me know!

Some additional info from email conversations with this guy:

- -- he is not a member of the news media
- -- he's an independent researcher that does some work with the Canadian Space Agency and some U.S. agencies:

I am not a journalist or reporter and have no intent to make any public releases or statements.

I am not reporting to anyone but may, with your permission, decide to inform a few close contacts of relevancy of your response to understand best the situation in terms of unacknowledgement/acknowledgement.

I mainly work for myself and generated this question in the course of my work and I have been involved in these matters if you look me up for what isn't redacted on JWICS/SIPRNET/NSANET/INTELINK

My organizations I am asking on behalf of you can investigate further if you wish as to our interest, but my main reason for my request is to understand accuracy of remote viewing and eliminate counterintelligence in our sources regarding these matters.

I recently told him that his query was too broad and vague, and he responded with greater specificity, so this is the question(s) that now needs answering:

"Does OSD acknowledge the 1967 UAP occurrence reported by Salas at Malmstrom AFB, or acknowledge further UAP occurrence in the 1970s at Malmstrom AFB, or even further acknowledge within the past year, as recently as January 2019, UAP occurrence at Malmstrom AFB?"

Regards, Sue

From: (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, December 7, 2019 5:27 PM

To: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) < susan.l.gough.civ@mail.mil>

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] CAGE LOFH6/87RE0 requesting OSD Malmstrom AFB UAP Acknowledgment

Hello Susan.

I have been told you are the point of contact to address this question:

"Does OSD acknowledge the repeat occurrence of UAP encounters at Malmstrom AFB?"

Thank you. Call me if you have any questions.



From: Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA)

To: Aycock, Joshua A CIV USAF (USA); Wright, Keith A CIV USAF AF-SE (US)

Cc: Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:52:09 AM

Thanks, Josh! I talked to our FOIA office up here, and they were supposed to be sending a note to the field asking that if they get any requests, to coordinate with them. So if you hear of anything, please make sure they are also chatting with our folks.

Just so you know too, OSD is now taking the lead for all queries on this issue ☺.

I hope you Gentlemen are doing well!

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

From: AYCOCK, JOSHUA A GS-13 USAF AFSEC AFSEC/PA <joshua.aycock@us.af.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:29 AM

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Lindy,

The flight folks do not believe we have anything in our system regarding unexplained phenomenon.

I also checked with my FOIA team to see if they have encountered anything like this. They said they typically send those requests to the FAA. I could see that as a potential repository for those types of events.

VR,

Josh

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**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Hello Gentlemen,

Were you able to find out any information yesterday? I've been doing searches as well, and haven't found much at least in databases that I have access to.

Thanks.

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

From: AYCOCK, JOSHUA A GS-13 USAF AFSEC AFSEC/PA < joshua.aycock@us.af.mil>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:45 AM

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Lindy,

Gut reaction is that we would not track these unless the pilot almost crashed into one or something like that.

Regardless, I have sent this over to our Flight division to see if they do have anything. It's possible someone could report it via ASAP as a hazard they encountered...but my guess is that number would be very small if it exists.

I've also asked, if we aren't...do they know any office that would track this sort of activity.

VR,

Josh

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**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

#### Hello Gentlemen.

I'm working this though HAF/A3 channels, but they also recommended that I reach out to you in case these proceedures are in Safety regs. We've started to receive a some queries based off of the Navy confirming that videos released last week did capture UFO sightings.

Here is what we've recevied from War on the Rocks:

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Also, here is what we've received from Aerospace America Magazine.

- 1) Does the USAF have formal guidelines or a formal process for Air Force personnel to report unidentified aerial phenomena?
- 2) How does the USAF define unidentified aerial phenomena or UAPs?

Are you gentlemen/the Safety Center able to assist at all?

Thanks.

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

From: Bailey, Jacob N Capt USAF SAF-PA (USA) < <u>jacob.n.bailey.mil@mail.mil</u>>

From: Tyler Rogoway

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**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2019 9:55:00 AM

Yep, all queries are being handled by Sue. We provided her with all our Air Force input.

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Hi, Laura,

Do you know which direction we were going with this query, if Sue Gough was going to take it?

V/R,

Jake

JACOB N. BAILEY, Capt, USAF

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From: Tyler Rogoway

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:59 PM

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Jacob, just checking in on the progress. How are we looking?

TR

On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 2:37 PM Tyler Rogoway

Jacob, one more quick thing I have in my notes I forgot to add to the questions:

• The Navy is saying these things are constantly (as in many times a month or more) busting into controlled or even secured airspace. In 2015, they were out there for days off Virginia in the warning areas, even causing the base to post the NOTAMs due to near misses etc. The USAF is tasked with protecting this airspace. Has the USAF launched alerts and investigated these when the Navy (or maybe even the USAF) was calling them out? What was done in regards to homeland defense when these were in the warning areas so persistently? How did the USAF and its NORAD arm take this issue up in 2014-2015 incidents and in what the Navy says has occurred constantly all over up through this very day?

Thanks a ton once again.

TR

# On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 10:53 AM Tyler Rogoway wrote:

Awesome, thanks Jacob.

As soon as possible considering there is such high interest on the story, but I quality of information is just as important. I will prioritize it over our normal workflow. Do you think middle of next week would be possible?

TR

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Received, Ty. We'll be back in touch soon. What timeframe are you working with for your story?

V/R,

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Subject: RE: Politico Story

**Date:** Friday, April 26, 2019 1:42:00 PM

Hi Sir -

The Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled air space.

They mentioned the Air Force by saying "For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report." (Which is true.)

What the Navy was trying to talk about was unmanned aerial systems. ...that got turned into UFOs and aliens.

I've checked with A3 and Space Command. No one is tracking any requests/requirements to update our reporting processes.

V/R ~Laura

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**Subject:** Politico Story

Hi Sir,

As discussed, here is the Politico story on how the Navy has changed their reporting procedures for "Unexplained Aerial Phenomena" that says the Air Force is looking into it as well. This is one of the questions that Barbara had, and Laura is meticulously trying to track this down.

https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/23/us-navy-guidelines-reporting-ufos-1375290

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you.

V/R -

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**Subject:** RE: Weird question

**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:49:10 AM

Hi Ryan –

Checked with the Safety Center, we do not have anything in our system regarding unexplained phenomenon.

If I learn anything of interest on this in the future I'll let you know.

~Laura

From: Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA)

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Hi Ann & Ryan –

As I understand it, we don't maintain records in this way that classify things as "unidentified" or the sort. The only way something like this would be officially reported would be if it came within an unsafe distance to our aircraft and would then generate a safety report.

I'll reach out to the Air Force Safety Center to be sure.

Cheers,

#### ~Laura

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I have no idea who to ask about this. I'm not tracking this at all. Laura, any idea? Ann

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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Weird question

Hello Ann,

Apologies for troubling you with this but given the Navy's recent move to declassify video of its encounters with unidentified aerial phenomena my bosses are asking if there is a similar effort to unclassify and release similar imagery from the Air Force.

Thanks,

Very respectfully Ryan

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