

1 - Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. during this same period of time. The wing reported the incident to both the Eighth Air Force Command Post and the SAC Command Post. Included in that report was the fact that no positive identification of the object had been made.

2. Only three crew members aboard that flight have been identified. The aircraft commander was Captain Randy Higginbotham, the navigator, Captain Rick Meier and an instructor navigator, Captain Myron Taylor. All have since separated from the USAF but, Captain Taylor was located and interviewed by telephone by SSgt Cahill on 16 January. The following is an account of the KC-135 intercept mission as recalled by Mr Taylor:

We were returning from a refueling mission and during our first approach into the traffic pattern, RAPCON vectored us to check-out a reported UFO in the area of the Wurtsmith Weapons Storage Area. As I recall, this activity occurred between 10:30 and 11:00 in the evening around the 1st of November. I remember seeing lights similar to strobe lights which were flashing irregularly. We followed the lights north out over Lake Huron and then the UFO swung south still over the lake toward the Saginaw Bay area of Michigan. At first it was difficult to determine whether there were two different objects because of the irregular flashing of the lights. But, after observing the lights we determined that there were in fact two objects and the irregular flashing appeared to be some sort of signal being passed from one to the other in an effort to maintain the same position. We were able to maintain visual contact most of the time and I was only able to paint an object on the radar scope for about 10 seconds. I would estimate that our altitude was about 2,000 feet and our speed approximately 200 knots. Shortly after turning south in pursuit of the UFO, we called Approach Control and received blanket clearance to follow the UFO at all altitudes

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