

EVENT:

Unidentified Helicopter Intrusion

LOCATION:

Wurtsmith AFB, MI

DATE/TIME OF EVENT:

30/2255E Oct 1975

TIME REPORTED TO AFOC:

30/2327E Oct 1975

SAC (Lt Col Giordano) reports that an unidentified helicopter with no lights came up over the back gate of Wurtsmith and hovered over the Weapons Storage Area and then moved on. RAPCON had it painted for a short period. A tanker at 2700 feet had visual and skin paint out over Lake Huron for about 20 miles heading SE. Tanker reports he thinks he saw a second skin paint. The tanker lost all contact about 35 miles SE of the base over the lake. Tanker is still flying trying to locate by means of telephonic search with FAA and RAPCON. Increased security initiated at Wurtsmith.

31/0030E Update: Lt Col Giordano (SAC Senior Controller) updates and corrects the above information as follows: An unidentified low flying aircraft came up over the back gate of Wurtsmith and was visually sighted in the vicinity of the motor pool. RAPCON showed several aircraft at the time, one near the WSA (there was no hovering as previously reported). A tanker was dispatched and had visual and skin paint out over Lake Huron of a low flying aircraft (with lights on) heading SE at approximately 150 knots. Tanker reports that the aircraft appeared to be joined by another aircraft (with its lights on also). Tanker reports that both aircraft then turned out their lights simultaneously, as if on signal. Tanker lost all contact approximately 35 NM SE of the base. Upon information that the Dept of Natural Resources sends out aircraft searching for hunters spotting deer, the Dept of Natural Resources was contacted; however, they maintain none of their aircraft were in the area at the time.

NOTIFICATION RECORD AND DISTRIBUTION

OFFICE	PERSON	TIME	TIME	OFFICE	PERSON	TIME	TIME
SAFOS	12			SAFIG	1		
SAFUS	1			SAFIGY	1		
SAFOSA	11			SAFED	1		
SAFOI	11			SAFEDD	1		
SAFLL	13			SAFIG	1	0330	
AFCC	11			SAFIGI	1		
AFCV	11			SAFISC	1		
AFXO	12			SAFOSI	1	0330	
AFXOX	11			SAFSP	1		
AFXOD	12			SAFDP	1		
AFXOOS	11			SAFDPXJG	1		
AFXOCC	11			SAFLC	1		
AFXOCCQ	1			INCS	1		
AFPE	11			(XNCC)	1	0330	
AFPRPL	1			SAFED	1	0330	
				SAFOS	1	0330	
				SAFIN	1		
				SAFOS	1		