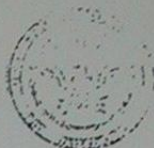


DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SP

29 OCT. 1976

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft Siting - Loring AFB

TO: Command Section

1. I received a phone call from Col Burkette of Mr. Cotter's office requesting additional information of the helicopter siting at Loring AFB (see Atch 1 and 2). I provided the following additional data.

a. The unit presently has on hand a starlight scope borrowed from the border patrol. In addition, action is being taken to provide the unit two additional starlight scopes presently located at Pease AFB. The scopes can be used to identify the aircraft during darkness.

b. According to information obtained from the radar track it was a small aircraft, with limited range, possibly coming from the New Brunswick area of Canada.

c. Additional security measures will involve two more patrols on the Northern side of the storage area and starting at 1630 hours, a ten-man Reserve Force will be on full alert with a response time of 10 minutes. There is a Air National Guard helicopter available to assist in identification and possible airborne pursuit. Representatives from the U.S. Border Patrol, OSI, Security Police, State Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be aboard the ANG aircraft.

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d. I was asked by Col Burkette if any consideration had been given to firing upon the aircraft in question. I informed him that such action was not deemed appropriate as the aircraft had not demonstrated any hostile intent to USAF resources. To my knowledge the only possible violation was aerial border crossings. He further asked if we had alerted our Northern Tier installations. Since the aircraft had not taken any direct hostile action, it is not considered necessary to place the remainder of the command in an alert status. However, a message informing Northern bases of the situation and recommending increased vigilance has been sent.



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Tab A