

SAFO1PC

Answers

1. No, the overflights were not identified as helicopters. Unsuccessful attempts were made to trace the sighted craft.
2. No, the helicopter assumption was based on the sound and light perceptions of the eyewitnesses.
3. No markings were identified.
4. Type of aircraft could not be identified due to limited visibility.
5. On the dates in question the unidentified aircraft entered the airspace of each base at night and were detected.
6. No explanation of this occurrence has been postulated.
7. Unknown.
8. Unknown, refer question to ADCOM/NORAD.
9. SAC bases do not maintain an active air defense system during peace time.
10. Unknown.
11. It is long standing U.S./DOD policy to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons at specific locations.
12. Since they were not clearly seen, the craft could have been anything that is capable of sustained controlled flight.
13. Yes, the Air Force HH-53c and CH-53c fly just above 200 knots.
14. FAA Federal Aviation Regulation 71 and 73.
15. Air Force helicopters colors are olive drab camouflage and/or blue.
16. All overflights occurred during hours of darkness, thereby precluding positive identification by eye witnesses. Craft are suspected to have been helicopters due to hovering ability of the craft, witness interpretations of the sound produced and placement of lights on the craft.