

17 November 1975

42BW/OI (Lt Barca/2170)

Unauthorized Helicopter Overflight of Loring AFB

SAF/OI
SAC/OI

1. References:

A. CINCSAC/OI message 300025Z OCT 75, Subject: News Media Queries - Loring AFB.

B. 42BW/CC letter (C) to 8AF/CC dated 12 Nov 1975, Subject: Unauthorized Helicopter Operations in the Loring Area (U).

2. The following queries have been received by 42BW/OI:

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CALLER</u>	<u>MEDIA REPRESENTED/LOCATION</u>
A. 29 Oct/0805L	Janet Cooperstein	AP, Ft. Fairfield, Me.

QUERY: "The Caribou (Me.) Police Department said that they were contacted by the Loring Security Police about 1 a.m. this morning. The SPs told them that there was a helicopter over the weapons storage area. Do you have any further information?"

ACTION: Major Quimby, 42BW/OI, took the call, stated that he had no knowledge of the incident, but would check it out and call back. Information was then obtained from other staff agencies, and 8AF/OI was called to obtain clearance for and definition of "weapons storage area" and associated information. A release with Qs and As was then written, cleared by 42BW/CV, and read by phone to 8AF/OI and SAC/OI. Major Quimby then called Mrs. Cooperstein and confirmed the fact that an unauthorized helicopter had flown over the base about 1 a.m., that it was seen from the ground and on radar. In answer to further queries, he stated that it had "passed over the northern end of the base and disappeared to the northeast." He also confirmed that it was at low altitude and had a light on. At 2030 hours Major Cunningham, SAC/OI, called Major Quimby and stated that a message of the approved release was on its way. The message was received at 2140 hours.

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