

ROUTINE

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CRAFT 8 TO 9 MILES SW OF WAFB. NO LIGHTS ON CRAFT.

6. 0017: KC-135 REPORTED SECOND CRAFT WITH NO LIGHTS.

7. 0018: KC-135 OVER WAFB.

8. 0020: KC-135 REPORTED TWO CRAFT TAKING EVASIVE ACTION 6 MILES SE OF WAFB.

9. 0022: KC-135 REPORTED CRAFT WERE TRAVELING IN EXCESS OF 200 KNOTS.

10. 0024: KC-135 REPORTED THE CRAFT TURNED BACK (NO EXPLANATION).

11. 0025: KC-135 REPORTED ATTEMPT TO RECONTACT CRAFT.

12. 0026: KC-135 REPORTED VISUAL CONTACT WITH APPARENT FIXED-WING CRAFT, 16 MILES SE OF WAFB.

13. 0030: KC-135 REPORTED THEY HAD LOST CONTACT.

14. 0032: KC-135 REPORTED IT WAS LANDING DUE TO LOW FUEL.

15. 0042: K-9 SECTION, SECURITY POLICE, REPORTED

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POSSIBLE HELICOPTER LANDING, OFF-BASE IN EOD RANGE.

16. 0058: WAFB CONTROL TOWER REPORTED NO CONTACT.

17. 0106: APPROACH CONTROL RADAR (RAPCON) REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT LOCATED 1 1/2 MILES FROM WEST END OF RUNWAY. (SA VARNES, AFOSI DET 0509, AFOSI EVALUATION: b5)

F. ON 6 NOV 75, FREDERICK G. PAPPAS, MAJ, KC-135 COMMANDER, AND RANDALL HIGGINBOTHAM, INSTRUCTOR PILOT, STATED THEY HAD BEEN CONDUCTING PRACTICE LANDINGS WHEN THE WAFB CONTROL TOWER REPORTED RADAR CONTACT WITH UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT AND ASKED THEM TO ATTEMPT A VISUAL CONTACT. NO CONTACT COULD BE MADE. AFTER A SECOND "RACETRACK" OF WAFB, THE NAVIGATOR REPORTED CONTACT ON RADAR, AND RAPCON CONFIRMED THE POSITION, EAST OF WAFB, NEAR LAKE HURON. RAPCON VECTORED THE KC-135 TO THE AREA AND THEY MADE VISUAL CONTACT WITH UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT. IT APPEARED TO BE TWO CRAFT, WITHOUT NAVIGATION OR ANTI-COLLISION LIGHTS ON. THE CRAFT EACH DISPLAYED A DIM WHITE-LIGHT ORANGE LIGHT AT ENTIRELY RANDOM INTERVALS, AS IF TO SIGNAL THEIR POSITIONS TO EACH OTHER. TWO TURNS WERE MADE TO ATTEMPT TO CLOSE WITH THE CRAFT, AND EACH TIME THE CRAFT TURNED TO MAINTAIN THE DISTANCE

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BETWEEN THEM. AT A POINT ABOUT 35 MILES SE OF WAFB, THE CRAFT DECENDED AND CONTACT WAS LOST. THE WAFB COMMAND POST REQUESTED THE KC-135 MAINTAIN ORBIT TO THE EAST OF WAFB. RAPCON SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED A CONTACT DUE WEST OF THE KC-135, AND SOUTH OF WAFB. THE KC-135 HEADED WEST AND RAPCON REPORTED A CLOSING COURSE UNTIL THE TWO CONTACTS WERE ABOUT 10 MILES APART. THE UNIDENTIFIED THEN TURNED WEST AND CONTACT WAS LOST.

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