

On March of 1967, the 6947th Security Squadron based with the Boca Chica Naval Air Station near Key West, Florida recorded this incident. The mission of the 6947th is the monitoring of all Cuban military communications. Cuban radar installations reported a bogey approaching the Cuban land mass from the north-east. 2 F4C-21 interceptors were scrambled when the bogey crossed Cuban air space at an altitude of approximately 10,000 meters and at a speed approaching Mach. The interceptors were directed to the bogey by Cuban Ground Control Intercept and were guided to within 5 kilometers of the object. The wing leader reported the object was a bright metallic sphere with no visible markings or appendages. After a futile attempt to contact the object for identification, Cuban Air Defense headquarters ordered the wing leader to arm his weapons and destroy the object. The wing leader reported his missiles armed and his radar locked-on. Seconds later the wing man began screaming to the ground controller that the wing leaders aircraft had exploded. After regaining his composure he further reported that there was no smoke or flame, the aircraft had disintegrated. Cuban radar reported the object quickly accelerated and climbed beyond 30,000 meters and at last report was heading south-south east towards South America.

A spot report was sent to National Security Agency headquarters, which is standard procedure in any case involving aircraft loss by an enemy country. NSA is required to acknowledge receipt of such a report, however they didn't and therefore we sent a follow-up report. Within hours we received orders to ship all tapes and pertinent intelligence to the Agency and were told to list the incident in the squadron files as aircraft loss due to equipment malfunction.

Received by Stanton T. Friedman, October 27, 1977 from writer who was describing a first hand experience. Numerous questions have been asked of the writer. Name and address on file by S.T. Friedman
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