

Shekhalin Island

3. DATE-TIME GROUP					
Local	4/1025	☐ Ground-Visual	☐ Ground-Radar	☐ Was Aircraft	
GMT	4/0125	☐ Air-Visual	☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Probably Aircraft 20/100	
5. PHOTOS	☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE		☐ Possibly Aircraft	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	☐ Was Astronomical	
		1		☐ Probably Astronomical	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS			
Three visual sightings at 1025H, 1105H, 1125H of unidentified single engine aircraft.		Whether or not all three sightings were the same aircraft was not determined. No friendly a/c in area at time of sighting. No radar contact with object.			

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SUBJECT REPORT OF UNUSUAL INCIDENT		
AREA REPORTED ON WESTERN HOKKAIDO	FROM (Agency) 10, 511TH AC&W GROUP	
DATE OF REPORT 7 NOVEMBER 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 4 NOVEMBER 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Name) FRANCIS, S DOLE, MAJOR, USAF	SOURCE SAPPORO CIC	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Write concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

An unusual incident was reported to this office on 5 November 1952 at 1300I from CIC Headquarters in Sapporo. The report consisted of information of 3 visual sightings of an unidentified single engine aircraft at 1025I, 1105I and 1125I. The first sighting was made by a member of the NRP as the plane was over RABUN (WF6415), west of WAKKANAI, HOKKAIDO. The second sighting was of the plane over HORONOE (WF6684), 10 mile north northeast of TESHIO. The plane was flying north to south at 1000 feet. Sighted by NRP. The third sighting was of the plane over TESHIO (WE5370), flying north to south at 1000 feet. Sighted by NRP. Whether or not all three were the same plane is not determined.

- a. Friendly aircraft in area at the time: None
- b. No radar plots obtained.
- c. Weather at the time in the area as delivered by Base Weather Station: 1000 feet ceiling, visibility - 10 miles, broken clouds.
- d. Remarks: Information verified by 6th District CIC Headquarters, SAPPORO, HOKKAIDO. Subsequent investigation by CIC established the fact that these sightings were not of a Japanese newspaper plane nor 1st Cavalry Division Observation plane. Investigation being further conducted to determine whether or not it was a Japanese plane.

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

The proximity of Sakhalin Island to the areas of sighting, increase the possibility of the aircraft being of Soviet origin. Slow flying aircraft at low altitude could conceivably escape detection by EW Radar.

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