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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:10:40 PM

Maj Singleton – Following up on The Drive query from yesterday about UFO sightings off coast of VA. – We spoke with the 633d Wing PA. They cannot confirm airmen from JBLE witnessed any such phenomenon sightings during that time frame.

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**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Mrs. Garton,

We coordinated with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing they cannot confirm JBLE Airmen have witnessed any such phenomenon sightings during that time frame. Hope that helps!

Respectfully,

Nicholas J. De La Pena (DLP) 633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office: 757.764.5701 This document is made available through the declassification efforts and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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Capt Harper, Nick,

Good morning! Please see media query below. Can you confirm whether or not airmen from JBLE experienced the same phenomenon?

If answer is no, I think a simple statement back that we cannot confirm will suffice. Please provide response back to our ACC PA team and we'll funnel up to SAF PA since OSD is lead on these queries.

Thanks, Leah

V/R,
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**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Good Morning ACC/PA,

We received a query from The Drive regarding UAP/UFO sightings off the coast of VA. This is based off of the stories that came out last week when the Navy's FOIA office released video of these sightings. Here is the NBC story that ran last week - <a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/navy-confirms-videos-did-capture-ufo-sightings-it-calls-them-n1056201">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/navy-confirms-videos-did-capture-ufo-sightings-it-calls-them-n1056201</a>.

The Drive came and asked us if the F-22s and T-38s at JBLE saw something similar during the timeframe that the aircrews at Oceana said they had a higher rate of sightings (2014-2015). Could you please check into it?

• Navy Super Hornet pilots out of NAS Oceana had *constant* encounters with these objects in 2014-2015, especially on radar. It got so bad that by early 2015 Oceana filed NOTAMs warning aviators about the phenomenon in the warning areas off Virginia. We have talked to the crews directly about this and are in the process of obtaining those NOTAMs and the paper trail leading to their posting. Langley's F-22s, which have superior sensor capabilities in some respects to the Super Hornets, as well the base's T-38 aggressors, are based right next-door and use the exact same warning areas for training daily. Did Langley aircrews experience the same phenomenon? If so to what extent? What about other USAF assets that use the same airspace for training?

In addition, OSD has taken the lead on all these types of queries – so if you do get any, please send them up there. The caveat being that we'll probably need your help to get the information ©.

Thanks!

V/R -

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To: Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)

Subject: Navy PAG UFO

**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:07:17 PM

Attachments: 2019042 0930 RTQ Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Final.docx

Laura,

This is what we have been using!

V/r,

Andriana

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Cc: Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:52:09 AM

Thanks, Josh! I talked to our FOIA office up here, and they were supposed to be sending a note to the field asking that if they get any requests, to coordinate with them. So if you hear of anything, please make sure they are also chatting with our folks.

Just so you know too, OSD is now taking the lead for all queries on this issue ☺.

I hope you Gentlemen are doing well!

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

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Lindy,

The flight folks do not believe we have anything in our system regarding unexplained phenomenon.

I also checked with my FOIA team to see if they have encountered anything like this. They said they typically send those requests to the FAA. I could see that as a potential repository for those types of events.

VR,

Josh

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**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

Hello Gentlemen,

Were you able to find out any information yesterday? I've been doing searches as well, and haven't found much at least in databases that I have access to.

Thanks.

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

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Lindy,

Gut reaction is that we would not track these unless the pilot almost crashed into one or something like that.

Regardless, I have sent this over to our Flight division to see if they do have anything. It's possible someone could report it via ASAP as a hazard they encountered...but my guess is that number would be very small if it exists.

I've also asked, if we aren't...do they know any office that would track this sort of activity.

VR,

Josh

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**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

#### Hello Gentlemen.

I'm working this though HAF/A3 channels, but they also recommended that I reach out to you in case these proceedures are in Safety regs. We've started to receive a some queries based off of the Navy confirming that videos released last week did capture UFO sightings.

Here is what we've recevied from War on the Rocks:

- Have Air Force pilots encountered any similar unexplained phenomenon on radar, electro-optically, or visually? If so, what is the general frequency and magnitude of these events?
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Also, here is what we've received from Aerospace America Magazine.

- 1) Does the USAF have formal guidelines or a formal process for Air Force personnel to report unidentified aerial phenomena?
- 2) How does the USAF define unidentified aerial phenomena or UAPs?

Are you gentlemen/the Safety Center able to assist at all?

Thanks.

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

From: Bailey, Jacob N Capt USAF SAF-PA (USA) < <u>jacob.n.bailey.mil@mail.mil</u>>

From: Tyler Rogoway <

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy UAP/UFO/Langley AFB/Air Force comment

**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2019 9:55:00 AM

Yep, all queries are being handled by Sue. We provided her with all our Air Force input.

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Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 9:54 AM

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Hi, Laura,

Do you know which direction we were going with this query, if Sue Gough was going to take it?

V/R,

Jake

JACOB N. BAILEY, Capt, USAF

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From: Tyler Rogoway < Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:59 PM

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Jacob, just checking in on the progress. How are we looking?

TR

Jacob, one more quick thing I have in my notes I forgot to add to the questions:

• The Navy is saying these things are constantly (as in many times a month or more) busting into controlled or even secured airspace. In 2015, they were out there for days off Virginia in the warning areas, even causing the base to post the NOTAMs due to near misses etc. The USAF is tasked with protecting this airspace. Has the USAF launched alerts and investigated these when the Navy (or maybe even the USAF) was calling them out? What was done in regards to homeland defense when these were in the warning areas so persistently? How did the USAF and its NORAD arm take this issue up in 2014-2015 incidents and in what the Navy says has occurred constantly all over up through this very day?

Thanks a ton once again.

TR

On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 10:53 AM Tyler Rogoway < <a href="tel:yellowfiles.com"><a href="tel:yellowfiles.com">>a href="tel:yellowfiles.com">>a href="tel:yellowfiles.com">>a href="tel:yell

Awesome, thanks Jacob.

As soon as possible considering there is such high interest on the story, but I quality of information is just as important. I will prioritize it over our normal workflow. Do you think middle of next week would be possible?

TR

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Received, Ty. We'll be back in touch soon. What timeframe are you working with for your story?

V/R,

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Subject: RE: Politico Story

**Date:** Friday, April 26, 2019 1:42:00 PM

Hi Sir -

The Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled air space.

They mentioned the Air Force by saying "For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report." (Which is true.)

What the Navy was trying to talk about was unmanned aerial systems. ...that got turned into UFOs and aliens.

I've checked with A3 and Space Command. No one is tracking any requests/requirements to update our reporting processes.

V/R ~Laura

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**Subject:** Politico Story

Hi Sir,

As discussed, here is the Politico story on how the Navy has changed their reporting procedures for "Unexplained Aerial Phenomena" that says the Air Force is looking into it as well. This is one of the questions that Barbara had, and Laura is meticulously trying to track this down.

https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/23/us-navy-guidelines-reporting-ufos-1375290

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you.

V/R -

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Cc: <u>Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)</u>

Subject: RE: UFOs/ The New York Times

Date: Friday, September 20, 2019 4:41:47 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.jpg</u>

Hi Sue,

Will do. Thanks!

V/R -

Maj. Singleton

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**Subject:** FW: UFOs/ The New York Times

FYSA. Nothing new in my response.

Malinda, Navy has requested that OSD take the lead from now on for these queries, so please continue to work any USAF-specific responses through me.

Regards,

Sue

From: Gough, Susan L (Sue) CIV OSD PA (USA) Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 12:45 PM

**To:** 'derrick.taylor@nytimes.com' <

**Cc:** OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations < osd.pa.dutyofficer@mail.mil>

**Subject:** RE: UFOs/ The New York Times

Hello, Derrick,

The Navy has confirmed that the three videos that are in wide circulation are indeed recordings made by naval aviators, recorded during their training evolutions. The Navy has always considered the phenomena observed in those videos as unidentified.

These three sightings/observations, however, are part of a larger issue of an increased number of training range incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena in recent years. DOD and all the services take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. Any incursion into military air space or training ranges by any aircraft, identified or not identified, is problematic from both a safety and security concern. Safety of our aircrews is paramount. Unauthorized and unidentified aircraft pose a risk to flight safety. Additionally, it is vital we maintain security on our operations. Our aviators train as they fight. Any intrusions that may compromise the security of our

operations, tactics or procedures is of great concern.

You may attribute the above to me. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

### Regards,

Sue Gough, Pentagon Spokesperson

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From: Taylor, Derrick <

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## Hi,

I'm trying to reach Joseph Gradisher, official spokesperson for the deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare about the Navy confirming that three videos showing UFOs are indeed real.

< Caution-mailto:Derrick.Taylor@nytimes.com >

Is there a statement someone can send or can I speak with him briefly?

I can be reached at

Thank you!

Derrick Taylor

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