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SUBJ: INTERIM FEEDBACK, CNN QUERIES								
REF: HQ USAFE/PAM 201700Z AUG 84, QUERY FROM CNN TV RE UFO SIGHTING (S).								
1. STILL RESEARCHING ANSWERS TO MOST QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF MSG. SINCE FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE SUBJECT INCIDENT, MANY OF THE CONTACTS AND PRINCIPALS HAVE SINCE DEPARTED. MUCH OF WHAT REMAINS IS ONLY HEARSAY AND SECOND HAND REPORTING. VERY LITTLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH THUS FAR.								
---06, & 07, & 018: GENERAL WILLIAMS IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO AFISC AT NORTON AFB, CA. SUGGEST OSAF/PA, REFER THESE QUESTIONS TO HIS SERVING PA OFFICE.								
---012, 018 & 019: COLONEL HALT IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WITH AFLC AT TINKER AFB, OK. SUGGEST OSAF/PA, DISCUSS HIS DESIRE TO GO ON RECORD AND GRANT INTERVIEWS TO CREDIBLE PRESS. HE HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO DO SO WHILE ASSIGNED HERE. WE DISCOURAGED THIS AT THE TIME, FEELING								
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<p>IT WOULD ONAM FAN THE FIRE. INTERVIEW NOW COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS. HE WOULD BASICALLY SAY HE SAW LIGHTS HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN. DOES NOT MEAN HE'S DRAWN A CONCLUSION IN FAVOR OF UFOS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND HALT COULD HAVE A CASSETTE TAPE WHICH HE MADE DURING THE INCIDENT ON A PORTABLE RECORDER.</p> <p>---09, 010, 011 AND 012 -- WHEREABOUTS OF MAJOR ZIEGLER, LT ENGLAND AND SGT BURROUGHS UNKNOWN AT THIS LOCATION. SUGGEST OSAF/PAM ASK AFMPC TO INITIATE PERSONNEL SEARCH.</p> <p>---016 -- 3AF/PA HAS LETTER ON FILE FROM OSI COMMANDER DURING PERIOD OF INCIDENT SAYING OSI DID NOT DO ANY INVESTIGATION. MATTER WAS REFERRED TO BRITISH MOD WHO WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION. I HAVE ANOTHER LETTER FROM MOD SAYING THEY DID NOT INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT, SAYING THE INCIDENT "WAS NOT CONSIDERED TO INDICATE ANYTHING OF DEFENSE INTEREST." FULL TEXT OF LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED IF YOU DESIRE.</p> <p>---019 -- 3AF/PA ALSO HAS A LETTER ON FILE WRITTEN BY COL COCHRAN, THE BASE CC AT THE TIME, SAYING NO AUDIOVISUAL DOCUMENTATION WAS DONE, NOR WAS ANY REPORT OR INVESTIGATION INITIATED BY THE USAF.</p> <p>---020 -- BASE NEWSPAPER FILES AND INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION INDICATE THAT FIRST VISIT TO BENTWATERS BY SECAF FOLLOWING INCIDENT WAS 24 SEPT 81. ARTICLE ONLY MENTIONS HIS WIFE ACCOMPANYING, BUT I'D EXPECT</p>							
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1. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND MANY MORE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF.A. AS MENTIONED IN REF.B., MOST PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH THIS INCIDENT HAVE SINCE DEPARTED THIS INSTALLATION. VIRTUALLY NO DOCUMENTATION OF INCIDENT HAS BEEN RETAINED. PREVIOUS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS HAVE DISCOVERED NO "HIDDEN" FILES. THE BEST SOURCE FOR POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, COL HALT, WAS REASSIGNED TO TINKER AFB THIS SUMMER. SUGGEST SAF/PA WORK WITH HIM TO FLESH OUT HARD ANSWERS. BASED UPON WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH LOCALLY, HERE ARE OUR PROPOSED ANSWERS:							
---Q1: COL HALT'S REPORT MADE REFERENCE TO TWO SIGHTINGS.							
---Q2: COL HALT'S REPORT SAID THE FIRST SIGHTING TOOK PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY 3 A.M. ON 27 DEC 80. THE SECOND SIGHTING IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME DURING THE NIGHT OF 29 DEC 80							
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---Q3: UNKNOWN. HALT'S REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY CORDONS. NO OTHER DOCUMENTATION CAN BE FOUND ON THIS SUBJECT.

---Q4: UNKNOWN. COL HALT'S REPORT ONLY MAKES REFERENCE TO SECURITY POLICE PERSONNEL. THE LOCAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND BIOENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE SAY THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT. A LETTER WRITTEN BY THE BASE COMMANDER DURING THE INCIDENT SAYS NO AUDIO-VISUAL DOCUMENTATION WAS DONE, NO INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED, OR REPORTS ACCOMPLISHED.

---Q5: UNKNOWN. DUE TO LACK OF ANY DOCUMENTATION, BEYOND COL HALT'S REPORT TO THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NO OTHER REPORTS WERE INITIATED OR COMPLETED.

---Q6: GEN WILLIAMS DID NOT WITNESS THE INCIDENT. COL HALT WROTE THE REPORT AS THE SENIOR RANKING PERSON PRESENT AT THE INCIDENT SIMPLY AS A COURTESY TO THE BRITISH MOD, WHO WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION FOR HANDLING THE MATTER. INCIDENTALLY, THE MOD SAID THE MATTER DID NOT HAVE ANY DEFENSE IMPLICATIONS, AND CHOSE NOT TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT FURTHER.

---Q7: SUGGEST YOU ASK GEN WILLIAMS. INCIDENTALLY, WILLIAMS HAS BEEN QUOTED IN ONE BRITISH PAPER AS SAYING "I RECALL THE REPORT. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. (HALT) IS NOT A MAN WHO WOULD

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HOAX THE BRITISH MOD OR DEPT OF AIR FORCE. I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO THE SUBJECT.

---08: UNKNOWN. HALT'S REPORT REFERS TO "NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS" INCLUDING HIMSELF WITNESSING THE ACTIVITIES, BUT DOES NOT ELABORATE FURTHER.

---09: UNKNOWN. MAJOR ZEIGLER IS NO LONGER ASSIGNED TO THIS INSTALLATION.

---10: UNKNOWN. SGT BURROUGHS IS NO LONGER ASSIGNED TO THIS INSTALLATION. (INCIDENTALLY, WE THINK SGT BURROUGHS IS THE ANONYMOUS AIRMAN WHO GAVE THE INTERESTING ACCOUNT TO THE PRESS OF SEEING LITTLE SILVER MEN, DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SILVER MEN AND USAF PEOPLE, DANCING BALLS OF LIGHT ON PEOPLE'S FOREHEADS, AND BLACKING OUT TO UNEXPLAINABLY AWAKEN CAKED WITH MUD IN HIS DORM ROOM TO BE LATER VISITED BY BLACK-COATED HUSH MEN, ETC).

---11: UNKNOWN. NO ONE BY THAT NAME IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THIS LOCATION.

---12: WILLIAMS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WITH AFISC AT NORTON AFB, CA. COL HALT IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WITH THE AIR LOGISTICS CENTER AT TINKER AFB, OK. WE DO NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE OTHER PEOPLE.

---13: THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS OFFICE HERE SAYS THAT NO SUCH

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TEAMS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT. CONSEQUENTLY NO REPORTS WERE MADE.

---Q14: UNKNOWN. LOCAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BRANCH SAID THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT. DON'T BELIEVE ANY OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS OR REPORTS WERE EVER COMPILED OR MAINTAINED.

---Q15: UNKNOWN.

---Q16: OSI INFORMS THEY WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT. DID NOT INVESTIGATE OR COMPILE A REPORT. THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT BRITISH MOD WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION FOR ANY SUCH INVESTIGATION.

---Q17: NO - BECAUSE IT IS UNKNOWN WHO EXACTLY WITNESSED THE INCIDENT.

---Q18: THIS IS STRICTLY A PERSONAL INTERPRETATION BUT WILLIAMS PROBABLY DID NOT WISH TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE INCIDENT, HALT THEN MADE HIS REPORT TO THE MOD AND HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AND WE FEEL THAT BURROUGHS DID GIVE OFF THE RECORD INTERVIEWS.

---Q19: THE BASE COMMANDER AT THE TIME SAID THAT NO DOCUMENTATION WAS DONE. WE HAVE HEARD THAT COL HALT DID MAKE A CASSETTE RECORDING WHILE OBSERVING THE INCIDENT, HOWEVER, THE DISPOSITION OF THIS TAPE IS UNKNOWN.

---Q20: UNKNOWN. SUGGEST YOU ASK THEM. SECAF DID NOT VISIT THE

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BASE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT, SECAF'S FIRST VISIT CAME NINE MONTHS AFTER INCIDENT AND ONLY TWO TO THREE MONTHS AFTER HIS TAKING OFFICE. VISIT WAS PART OF HIS OFFICIAL OVERSEAS ORIENTATION. SOME SECAF STAFF LIKELY ACCOMPANIED, BUT IT IS UNKNOWN WHO THEY WERE.

2. WISH WE COULD HAVE BEEN OF MORE ASSISTANCE. ADVISE SAF/PAM CONTACT COL HALT AND WORK UP APPROPRIATE PA GUIDANCE. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE HAVE TOLD EVERYTHING WE KNOW.

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1. QUESTIONS 1 AND 2: COMMANDER OF THE 81ST SECURITY POLICE SQUAD-
RON AT THAT TIME WAS MAJOR MALCOLM S. ZICKLER, [REDACTED] 81
SPS PROVIDES SECURITY FOR BOTH BASES.

2. QUESTIONS 3, 4 AND 6: AM UNABLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION.
SUCH RECORDS HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN DESTROYED IN KEEPING WITH ROUTINE
ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES.

3. QUESTION 10: NO.

4. QUESTION 12: NAMES OF ORIGINAL PATROLMEN FIRST SENT TO INVESTI-
GATE THE LIGHTS ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS LOCATION. PERHAPS COL HALT CAN
PROVIDE ANSWER. NO ONE WAS LATER INTERVIEWED BY OSI, AS THEY DID NOT
CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION.

5. QUESTION 13: THERE WAS NO USAF INVESTIGATION OF ANY NATURE CON-

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CERNING THIS INCIDENT OR ITS AFTERMATH. COL HALT'S REPORT REFERRED THE MATTER TO BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHO HAD JURISDICTION. MOD CHOSE NOT TO INVESTIGATE, SAYING THE INCIDENT "WAS NOT CONSIDERED TO INDICATE ANYTHING OF DEFENSE INTEREST".

6. WE ARE USING FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL QUERIES ABOUT THE INCIDENT: "WE ARE AWARE OF THE BOOK AND ITS ACCUSATIONS. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO COMMENT ON THESE SPECULATIONS. NOR WILL WE BE DRAUN INTO A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THE BOOK. A REPORT OF THE INCIDENT WAS REFERRED TO THE BRITISH MOD, WHO, FAILING TO FIND ANY DEFENSE IMPLICATION, CHOSE NOT TO INVESTIGATE. CURRENT USAF POLICY IS THAT WE NO LONGER INVESTIGATE UFO SIGHTINGS AND WE HAVE NOT DONE SO FOR MANY YEARS. EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE INCIDENT HAS SINCE BEEN REASSIGNED FROM THIS INSTALLATION. IN SHORT, WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL INTEREST IN WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INCIDENT DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE INSTALLATION."

7. 81 TFW/PA IS CAPT WARZINSKI, AV 225-2381 OR 2945.

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