

2-28 PM

2-20-51

WASH 7- FROM NEWARK

URGENT

DIRECTOR

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED SEPTEMBER TEN AND ELEVEN, FIFTY-
 ONE IN VICINITY FT. MONMOUTH, N.J. INDIC. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY IN-
 STANT, ANDREW J. REID, C-720 FT. MONMOUTH, N.J., PROVIDED FOLLOWING RE-
 PORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED BY RADAR AT ABOUT ANY
 INSTALLATION. QUOTE ON SEPT. TEN, FIFTEEN, AN AIRCRAFT DASH ONE RADAR
 SET PICKED UP A FAST MOVING LOW FLYING TARGET, EXACT ALTITUDE UNDER-

MINED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TEN A.M., SOUTHWEST OF FT. MONMOUTH
 AT A RANGE OF ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND YARDS. THE TARGET APPROXIMATELY
 APPROXIMATELY FOLLOW THE COAST LINE, CHANGING ITS RANGE ON 11
 BUT CHANGING ITS AZIMUTH RAPIDLY. THE RADAR SET WAS SWITCHED TO
 AIDED AZIMUTH TRACKING WHICH NORMALLY IS FAST ENOUGH TO TRACK SET AIR-
 CRAFT, BUT IN THIS CASE WAS TOO SLOW TO BE REPORT D TO. TARGET WAS
 LOST IN THE N.E. AT A RANGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN THOUSAND YARDS. THIS
 TARGET ALSO PRESENTED AN UNUSUALLY STRONG RETURN FOR AIRCRAFT BEING
 COMPARABLE IN STRENGTH TO THAT USUALLY RECEIVED FROM A COASTAL SHIP.
 THE OPERATOR INITIALLY IDENTIFIED TARGET AS A SHIP AND THEN REALIZED

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THAT IT COULD NOT BE A SHIP AFTER HE OBSERVED ITS
 SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIFTEEN, AN SCR FIVE EIGHT FOUR
 FIFTEEN FIFTEEN A TARGET WHICH MOVED ABOUT
 OF FT. MONMOUTH A RANGE OF ABOUT FORTY TWO THOUSAND YARDS AT THE
 EXTREMELY UNUSUALLY STRONG RETURN FOR AIRCRAFT BEING
 APPROXIMATELY IN STRENGTH TO THAT USUALLY RECEIVED FROM A COASTAL SHIP.
 THE OPERATOR INITIALLY IDENTIFIED TARGET AS A SHIP AND THEN REALIZED

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