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Date: 03/02/2021

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Title: U American Airlines Flight 2292 on 02/21/2021

Approved By: [Redacted]

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Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted]

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Synopsis: U DOCUMENT SYNOPSIS CREATED ON 03-02-2021 11:45 AM--SEE [Redacted] FOR CURRENT ASSESSMENT DATA.

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On 02/23/2021, Public Affairs Specialist [Redacted] [AQ] notified Writer that he received information on the following flight:

American Airlines flight 2292, an Airbus A320, flying from Cincinnati to Phoenix on 02/21/2021, had a bizarre close encounter with what the crew described as a "long cylindrical object that almost looked like a cruise missile" moving extremely fast over the top of their aircraft as it cruised along at 36,000 feet at 400 knots. The incident occurred over the remote northwest corner of New Mexico, to the west of the town of Des Moines [located east of Raton]. American Airlines is instructing reporters to contact FBI AQ.

Writer has received inquiries from PX Division and [Redacted]

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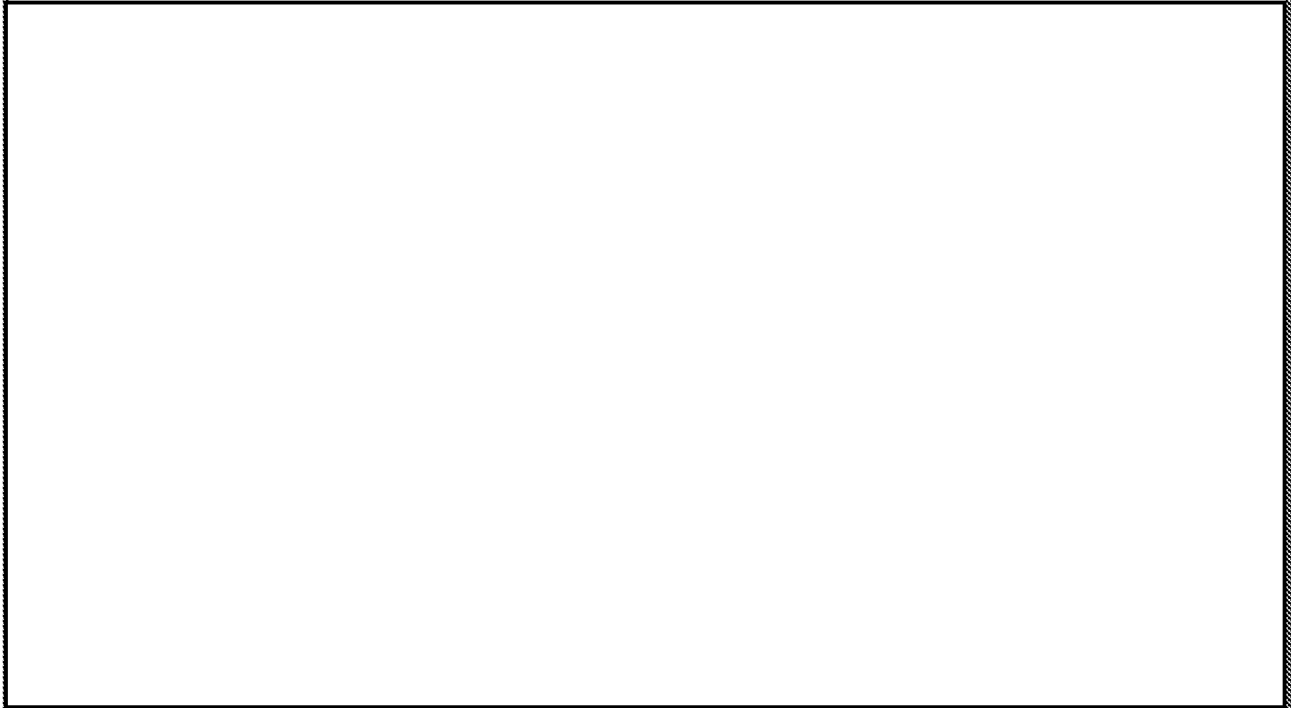
Incident Summary

[Redacted] (U) American Airlines Flight 2292 on 02/21/2021 [Redacted]

Unknown
(U) Unknown

[Redacted]
Status: Closed (on 03/02/2021)
Does not fall within the FBI's jurisdiction

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Notes

(U) FAA

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes.

Method:

Description: On 02/24/2021, Writer reached out to the FAA office in Albuquerque. The FAA is currently aware of the news articles that have been written on the incident. The FAA is currently checking their systems to determine if their equipment picked up any other aircraft in the area of AA flt 2292 at the time the flight was in the northeast region of NM.

Status: Completed

History: 02/24/2021 07:25:18 PM Created Note: FAA [redacted]

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(U) PX ALAC

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes.

Method:

Description: On 02/24/2021, Writer reached out to SA [redacted] ALAC for PX Division, as they received reporting on AA flt 2292. Writer intended to coordinate with other FBI entities that may be involved with investigating this incident. Writer reached out to SA [redacted] who provided the contact information for AA corporate security. AA Corp Sec Office [redacted] may be contacted at [redacted]

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Status: Completed

History: 02/24/2021 07:28:05 PM Created Note: PX ALAC [redacted]

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(U) AA Attempt to Contact

Authorized: Administrative note for informational purposes.

Method:

Description: As AA pilots were the reporting party [in short, complainants] concerning the sighting, Writer attempted to make contact with AA Corp Sec Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] Writer will make additional attempts to make contact with someone with AA should these attempts fail.

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Status: Completed

History: 02/24/2021 07:38:43 PM Created Note: AA Attempt to Contact [redacted]

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Interviews and Attached 302s

(U//~~FOUO~~) Contact With Las Animas Sheriff's Office

Authorized: Interview or request information from members of the public and private entities.

Method:

Description: On February 25, 2021 at approximately 10:20 A.M. Special Agent [redacted] spoke to [redacted] who works for Las Animas Sheriff's Office Dispatch. He advised no reports were made in regards to objects descending from the sky, or objects that had crashed in the area. [redacted] will contact SA [redacted] or SA [redacted] at the Albuquerque FBI Field Office if future reports are obtained.

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Status: Completed

History: 02/25/2021 12:54:49 PM Created Note: Spoke To Las Animas Sheriff's Office [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Contact With Union Sheriff's Office

Authorized: Interview or request information from members of the public and private entities.

Method:

Description: On February 25, 2021 at approximately 10:30 A.M. Special Agent [redacted] spoke to [redacted] who works for Union Sheriff's Office Dispatch. She advised no reports were made in regards to objects descending from the sky, or objects that had crashed in the area. [redacted] will contact SA [redacted] or SA [redacted] at the Albuquerque FBI Field Office if future reports are obtained.

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Status: Completed

History: 02/25/2021 12:56:24 PM Created Note: Contact Made With Union Sheriff's Office [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Contact with Colfax Sheriff's Office

Authorized: Interview or request information from members of the public and private entities.

Method:

Description: On February 25, 2021, at approximately 11:15 A.M., the Colfax County Sheriff's Office contacted Special Agent [redacted] via telephone, and advised no reports were made in regards to objects descending from the sky, or objects that had crashed in the area. The Colfax County Sheriff's Office will contact the Albuquerque FBI Office if any new reports or sightings are obtained.

Status: Completed

History: 02/25/2021 01:27:15 PM Created Note: Contact with Colfax Sheriff's Office [redacted]

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Referrals

Has this matter been referred to OGA/State/Local? No

Disposition

(U) Disposition

Assessment Subfile Number: [redacted]

Note:

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After consultation with FBI AQ Chief Division Counsel, it was concluded the FBI does not have federal jurisdiction to investigate this matter. Therefore this matter is being closed for Information Only. However, if additional information presents itself (within the scope of FBI's federal jurisdiction), the FBI could re-open this assessment and perform any investigative actions deemed necessary to have a successful resolution.

Disposition: Does not fall within the FBI's jurisdiction

It is noted that the individual or group identified during the Assessment does not warrant further FBI investigation at this time. Any dissemination of information from this Assessment regarding the individual or group identified must include an appropriate caveat with the shared information. It is recommended that this Assessment be closed.

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Workflow

02/24/2021 07:22:54 PM Created Incident

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02/24/2021 07:28:23 PM Incident submitted for opening

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02/24/2021 07:29:42 PM Incident assigned for pre-assessment
Please conduct the necessary investigative actions required.

Assigned By

Assigned To

03/02/2021 11:35:00 AM Incident recalled from pre-assessment

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03/02/2021 11:44:58 AM Closed as Information Only

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