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Multiple Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

Observed Maneuvering Erratically and In Formation Over Gulf of Oman During AC-130 Gunship Live Fire Training on 8 September 2021 - Attachment

SUMMARY:

On 8 September 2021 a USSOF AC-130 Gunship observed approximately 25 instances of UAPs while conducting a live fire exercise in the Gulf of Oman. The UAPs were observed as cold orbs flying at lower altitudes between 250 to 1300 MPH in different formations as well as maneuvering aggressively. UAPs also appeared to react to the aircraft firing its main cannon.

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SOURCE:

Classification	Source Identifier	Source Description	Context Statement
	(U// [REDACTED] 1.4c	1.4(c), 130b	(S//NF) Source had direct access to the reported information via the conduct of official duties. Source was aware information would be provided to the US government.

MESSAGE:

[REDACTED] INITIAL OBSERVATION. On 8 September 2021 a United States Special Operations Forces (USSOF) AC-130 Gunship was conducting live fire training the Gulf of Oman in the vicinity of (IVO) //MGRS: 40REN681 431 31 42// during period of darkness. The AC-130 first observed Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAPs) when the aircraft dropped a water-activated flare to use as a mock target. The AC-130 entered an orbit around the flare and the Combat Systems Officer (CSO) conducted collateral scans with the aircraft's Electro Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) sensor IVO the flare. When the CSO slewed the sensor in IR mode back to the flare they observed two approximately four-foot diameter cold orbs between 0 to 20 feet above the surface of the water stationary over the flare for approximately 15 seconds. After those 15 seconds passed, the CSO pulled the trigger firing the aircraft's 105mm cannon. Immediately upon pulling the trigger, during the slight delay between trigger pull and the cannon's recoil, the CSO observed the pair of UAPs rapidly fly away from the flare and out of the sensor feed without changing altitude.

[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT OBSERVATIONS. The AC-130 crew observed approximately 25 instances of UAPs viewed in IR as cold orbs in both white-is-hot and black-is-hot mode during the sortie. Two UAPs were observed flying in a loose but coordinated formation increasing and decreasing altitude like a wave while maneuvering around, over, and under each other in a manner similar to how dolphins playfully swim in a pod. (SOURCE COMMENT: They [The UAPs] knew they were flying together). UAPs were also separately observed flying in a formation of three and separately observed flying erratically and maneuvering aggressively. The attached videos depict a smoothly slewing EO/IR sensor or a stationary EO/IR sensor with multiple UAPs darting around the sensor feed. The AC-130's crew attempted to save entirety of the EO/IR footage of the UAP observations but the aircraft's Digital Video Recorder (DVR) inexplicably failed and the video data became corrupted.

[REDACTED] ESTIMATED SPEED. The CSO calculated the UAP's approximate speeds using the aircraft's TACTOOL and clocked their maximum observed maneuvering speed at 1300 miles per hour (MPH) and the UAPs minimum observed maneuvering speed at 250 MPH. No means of propulsion were observed.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED] 1.4c is the tag line for AFSOC personnel conducting debriefing.

(U//[REDACTED] This IIR was coordinated with USDAO Muscat and SOCCENT J2X without comment.

(U) Source A is available for recontact about information in this report.

(U//[REDACTED] Geographic coordinates were derived from AC-130 sensor feed GPS data.

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COUNTRY OR NONSTATE ENTITY: (U) Oman (OMN).
 SUBJECT: (S//NF) 1.4c Multiple
 Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Observed Maneuvering Erratically and
 In Formation Over Gulf of Oman During AC-130 Gunship Live Fire
 Training on 8 September 2021 - Attachment
 DATE OF INFORMATION: (U) 08 SEP 2021.
 CUTOFF: (U) 08 Sep 2021.
 SUMMARY: (S//NF) On 8 September 2021 a USSOF AC-130 Gunship observed
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CONTEXT A: (S//NF) Source had direct access to the reported
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TEXT: (U)

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40REN68 ~~4a1 3 4a2~~ / during period of darkness. The AC-130 first observed Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAPs) when the aircraft dropped a water-activated flare to use as a mock target. The AC-130 entered an orbit around the flare and the Combat Systems Officer (CSO) conducted collateral scans with the aircraft's Electro Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) sensor IVO the flare. When the CSO slewed the sensor in IR mode back to the flare they observed two approximately four-foot diameter cold orbs between 0 to 20 feet above the surface of the water stationary over the flare for approximately 15 seconds. After those 15 seconds passed, the CSO pulled the trigger firing the aircraft's 105mm cannon. Immediately upon pulling the trigger, during the slight delay between trigger pull and the cannon's recoil, the CSO observed the pair of UAPs rapidly fly away from the flare and out of the sensor feed without changing altitude.

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COMMENTS: 1. (Field Comment) (S//NF) [redacted] 1.4c is the tag line for AFSOC personnel conducting [redacted] 1.4c debriefing.

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ATTACHMENTS: (U) To follow - 1 ATTACHMENTS.

1. Video, 8 September 2021 UAPs (), Powerpoint containing six embedded videos of 8 September 2021 UAPs captured via AC-130 (SECRET//NOFORN).

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REQUIREMENT: (U) NTRI200AJ002421.

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