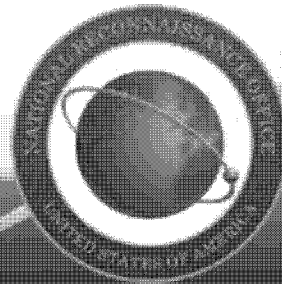


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~~(S//REL)~~ Recent Sentient Highlights

6 May 2021

R&D Data Only – Not finished intelligence.



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(S//REL) At 0038:17Z 6 May 2021, Sentient [redacted] image processing detected a possible airborne object ~78km southeast of [redacted]

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(S//REL) The object was small (<10m), and did not match the visual signature of typical aircraft detections

- The object did, however, vaguely resemble similar detections of airborne objects by US Navy aircraft and surface vessels in the [redacted] Operating Areas (“Unidentified Aerial Phenomena”)
- There is a rough similarity to the previously-reported “tic tac” shape
- The object was likely not a sensor artifact or focal plane anomaly (although more in-depth imagery analysis is warranted)

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(TS//SI//TK//REL) There were no correlating tracks present in [redacted] reporting, nor was there any correlating ELINT/SIGINT in [redacted] reporting, despite time-coincident [redacted] access/collection

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- Sentient detections did, however, detect the presence of the prob [redacted] in the same imagery ~25km to the west
- In recent reporting<sup>1</sup>, the [redacted] has been associated with command-and-control (C2) activities, as well as more traditional telemetry and space functions – the simultaneous presence of this high-interest vessel is notable, although possible merely coincidental

(TS//SI//TK//REL) Confidence is relatively low in this detection, but the potential linkage to similar phenomenon off of [redacted] may warrant further investigation

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