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CHAPTER III. TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND TRAINING, CONTINUED

On 27 December an RB-50 aircraft, number 6281, of Detachment Seven, 55th Strat Recon Wg, Ramey AFB, PR while on a mission pertaining to project 5OAFS-7, overflew the Dominican Republic. The aircraft was intercepted and fired upon by a Mosquito type fighter aircraft of the Dominican Air Force. 4/

Radio Trujillo (Dominican Republic) requested that the aircraft land at Ciudad Trujillo; the aircraft commander 5/ refused because of the excessive weight of the aircraft and the short length of runway at the Ciudad Trujillo airport.

The Detachment commander had briefed the Dominican Air Force on proposed flights of this nature in November. 6/ It was agreed at that time that overflight could be made anywhere within the Dominican Republic with the exception of certain specified areas, namely, the city of Ciudad Trujillo, training areas located approximately five miles west of the city, and the navy yards. The aircraft did not violate any of these restricted areas.

Headquarters SAC is investigating the incident.

On 31 December at 0445Q RB-36, number 2007, 60th Strat Recon Sq, 72d Strat Recon Wg, while flying a 73 degrees outward heading on the Ramey radio beacon, altitude 8,000 feet, visibility excellent (a clear moonlit night), observed an unidentified object in the sky. 7/ The object, which appeared to be a reddish-orange ball of flame, was

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seen on the horizon and approached the aircraft's left side, passed over the wing at a distance of approximately 300 feet, and then traveled away from the tail and climbed out of sight. The aircraft commander, <sup>8/</sup> first pilot, <sup>9/</sup> and left scanner <sup>10/</sup> all observed the "flying saucer."

Training administered and manhours utilized by the Air Base Training Flight, attached to the 72d Operations Sq, 72d Air Base Group, during the period 1 December thru 31 December were as follows:

<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>STUDENT HOURS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR HOURS</u>
Judo Training	43	14
Physical Conditioning	1417	57
Physical Reconditioning	297	16
Link Trainer	130	130
Code	240	20
Film Library	2310	85
Range (skeet)	362	104
Range (carbine .30 cal)	82	8
Range (pistol .45 cal)	32	4
Range (sub-machine gun)	1	1
On-The-Job-Training	8119	312

Sixteen airmen attended the Base Drivers School and upon completion of three day course fifteen of the airmen were awarded driver's permits.

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