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May 14, 1987

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Dear Correspondent:

We have received your inquiry about the Japan Air Lines sighting of unidentified air traffic on November 17, 1986. This report is now available for purchase from the National Technical Information Service.

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Sincerely,

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for  
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UNIDENTIFIED TRAFFIC SIGHTING  
NOVEMBER 18, 1986 UTC

(The event occurred on November 17, 1986 Alaska Standard Time)

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February 21, 1987

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST:

The attached order form is in response to your request for Federal Aviation Administration information regarding the unidentified traffic sighting by the flight crew of Japan Airlines flight 1628, on November 17, 1986.

We have described, itemized and listed all the materials that have been produced or obtained by the FAA in this investigation. They are listed on the attached order form.

Some persons may have found the cost of purchasing the entire inquiry package of materials to be expensive and contain items that they might not want. Hence, we have taken the opportunity to list and describe each item, with cost, so that your order can be tailored to fit your needs and budget. Please note that an order which totals \$5.00 or less will be provided free of charge.

Please read the instructions carefully and return your request with payment in full.

Sincerely,

Paul Steucke  
Public Affairs Officer





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PLEASE MARK ITEMS DESIRED.

- \$194.30 Complete package of all written records and photographs plus all tape recordings.
- \$94.30 Complete package of written records and photographs only.
- \$5.05 Complete Inspection/Investigator (Flight Standards) package, includes items 1 through 9.
- \$0.30 1. FAA Form 8020-5, Aircraft Incident Record. (Brief summary statement, submitted by Flight Standards Division, January 26, 1987) (2 pages)
- \$0.45 2. FAA Form 3112, Inspection and Surveillance Record; notes by Inspector Jack Wright after interview of pilot and crew, 11/17/86. (3 pages written plus 2 pages drawings)
- \$0.30 3. FAA Form 1600-32-1, Notes of interview with all three crew members of JAL Flight 1628; completed by Security Inspector Ronald E. Mickle, 11/17/86. (2 pages)
- \$0.40 4. FAA Form 1600-32-1, Notes on interview with all three crew members of JAL Flight 1628, map, and drawing by the pilot; completed by Special Agent James Derry, 11/17/86. (4 pages)
- \$1.15 5. Transcript of Interview with Captain Terauchi, 1/2/87, by Richard Gordon, manager of flight standards district office in Anchorage. (19 pages)
- \$1.10 6. Written Statement and Drawing by Captain Terauchi; in Japanese. (16 pages written, plus 2 pages drawings)

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\$57.25 12. Simulated Radar Data, JAL Flight 1628.  
(5 color 7 1/2" X 7 1/2" photos, 5 pages)

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\$0.55 13. Selected portions of voice transcriptions, pilot of JAL 1628 and FAA controllers, in chronological order; as released by FAA Public Affairs Office, March 5, 1987. (Data extracted from transcription in item #9)

\$10.00 14. Series of four black and white 5" X 7" glossy photographs of partially regenerated radar data, as photographed by Paul Steucke, January 7, 1987.

\$11.00 15. Series of four color 5" X 7" photographs of partially regenerated radar data, as photographed by Paul Steucke, January 7, 1987.

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\$25.00 16. Cassette tape of Interview with Captain Terauchi. 57 minutes. (Same data as item #5)

\$25.00 17. Cassette tape of Interview with First Officer Tamefuji. 45 minutes. (Same data as item #7)

\$50.00 18. Cassette tape of communications between Air Traffic Control and JAL Flight 1628. 1 hour 30 minutes. (Same data as 23 page transcription in item #9)

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FREE ITEMS:

free 19. News release by FAA Public Affairs (Information constructed from personal notes provided by Jim Derry, obtained in interviews with JAL Flight 1628 crew the evening of 11/17/86) (2 pages)

free 20. News release statement March 5, 1987, by FAA Public Affairs Office upon release of investigation materials.

free 21. Description of "Split-Beacon Target" by FAA Alaskan Region Airway Facilities Division. (1 page)

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- \$0.85 7. Written Statement by Captain Terauchi; translated by S. Mimoto of FAA Alaskan Region. English translation of item #6. (13 pages)
- \$1.35 8. Transcript of Interview with First Officer Tamefushi, on 1/5/87 by Inspector Peter E. Beckner. (23 pages)
- \$0.50 9. Transcript of Interview with Flight Engineer Tsukuba on 1/15/87 by Inspector Pete Beckner. (5 pages written, plus 1 page drawing)

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\$67.70 Complete AIR TRAFFIC PACKAGE, includes Items 10 through 12.

- \$3.05 10. Chronology of Events, report of Unidentified Traffic Sighting by Japan Airlines Flight 1628, November 17, 1986. (5 pages)  
Transcription of communication between air traffic control and JAL Flight 1628. (23 pages)  
Flight path chart. 1 page (map)  
Personnel statements. (Statements by seven air traffic control specialists at Anchorage Center.) (8 pages)  
FAA Form 7230-4, Daily Record of Facility Operations for Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center, showing time and watch supervisors' entries of major items in facility log. (3 pages)  
FAA Form 7230-10, Position Logs. (Record of which employees were working each position at what time.) (2 pages)
- \$7.75 11. Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center computer printout of Continuous Data Recordings (radar tracking data) (151 pages)

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22. Alert Report from Director of FAA Alaskan Region to FAA Administrator, 12/31/86. Record of telephone conversations of Deputy Director, FAA Alaskan Region with General Nichols, Colonel Wick, and Captain Jim Crickenberger (U.S. Air Force) on 1/2/87. Table of contents of file kept in FAA Alaskan Region Director's office, pertaining to 11/17/86 unidentified object sighting by Japan Air Lines flight 1628. (5 pages)

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