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FIRST ELINT EVIDENCE OF SCAN ODD RADAR IN  
CUBAN AREA

ON 1 MAY 1962 A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN THE CUBAN  
AREA INTERCEPTED SIGNALS FROM THE SOVIET AIRBORNE IN-  
TERCEPT RADAR, SCAN ODD. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FIRST  
ELINT EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY SOVIET AIRBORNE  
INTERCEPT RADAR IN THE CUBAN AREA. THE SIGNAL  
DISPLAYED NORMAL PARAMETERS OF 2125 PPS AND AN 8-BAR  
RASTER SCAN. AT THE TIME OF THE INTERCEPT THE MISSION  
AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN EASTWARD COURSE ABOUT 40 NM SOUTH  
OF THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF CUBA. THE BEARING OF THE  
INTERCEPT IS UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SIGNAL  
WAS IN THE BACKGROUND OF ANOTHER SIGNAL ON WHICH BEARINGS  
WERE BEING TAKEN. THE RADAR WAS IN THE SEARCH MODE AND  
IT DID NOT APPEAR TO FOLLOW THE MISSION AIRCRAFT. THE  
INTERCEPT OF SCAN ODD SIGNALS HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR  
SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF BOTH  
MIG 17 AND MIG 19 AIRCRAFT IN THE CUBAN AREA. SCP-3

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