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On February 23, 2021, The Drive's WarZone [broke a story](#) about a UFO encounter on February 21, which involved American Airlines Flight 2292 and an encounter with a "cylindrical-shaped" object moving at a high speed.

According to articles written by [Tyler Rogoway](#):

“American Airlines Flight 2292, an Airbus A320 flying between Cincinnati and Phoenix on February 21st, 2021, had a bizarre close encounter with what its crew described as a “long cylindrical object that almost looked like a cruise missile” moving extremely fast over the top of their aircraft as it cruised along at 36,000 feet and 400 knots. The incident occurred over the remote northeast corner of New Mexico, to the west of the tiny town of Des Moines.”

Then he published:

“Less than 48 hours after our initial reporting on an outright strange incident involving American Airlines Flight 2292 as it flew at 36,000 feet over the northeastern corner of New Mexico on February 21st, 2021, we have confirmation that the event in question did indeed occur and that it is being investigated by the FBI. The incident involved pilots of the Airbus A320 being buzzed by an unidentified cylindrical-shaped object moving at high-speed, which resulted in them querying the FAA’s Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center.”

The Black Vault filed numerous FOIA requests, including ones to the FBI and to the FAA, based on the above reporting.

The FAA Records

On July 22, 2021, the FAA sent The Black Vault records pertaining to the above flight. Interestingly, some of the responsive records found were the property of the Department of Defense (DoD).

We have identified additional records responsive to your request, however those records are the property of the Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD will determine whether any of those records maybe released. You may direct your question to the DOD Air Force Representative; Attn: Mr. Jeffrey M. Godzik, 9-csa-afrep@faa.gov or 817-222-5911.

The portion of the FOIA letter.

The number of records is unknown that will be reviewed by the DoD, but the FAA did release a small number of their own.

Here they are:

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The FBI Records

Despite American Airlines recommending to The WarZone to contact the FBI for more information; the FBI told The Black Vault in a FOIA response dated March 2, 2021, that they were unable to find any records relating to the event.

(story continues below...)



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

March 2, 2021

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
SUITE 1203
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD

Request No.: 1490729-000
Subject: American Airlines Flight 2292
(February 21, 2021 Unknown Object
Encounter over New Mexico)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the places reasonably expected to have records. However, we were unable to identify records responsive to your request. Therefore, your request is being closed. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject of your request, please submit a new request providing the details, and we will conduct an additional search.

In addition, a request was filed with the FAA. In this case, as responded to on June 21, the FAA refuses to confirm or deny whether records exist on the event. Their letter is below.

Both requests mentioned here have been appealed by The Black Vault, and this page will be updated once something becomes available.



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

FAA National Headquarters
800 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20591

June 21, 2021

CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John R. Greenewald
The Black Vault, Inc.
27305 W. Live Oak Road
Suite 1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

[Subject: Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) Request 2021-002114](#)

This is in response to your FOIA request dated February 24, 2021, under FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552. You requested copies of certain records pertaining to an aircraft incident involving American Airlines flight 2292 between Cincinnati, Ohio, and Phoenix, Arizona, on February 21, 2021.

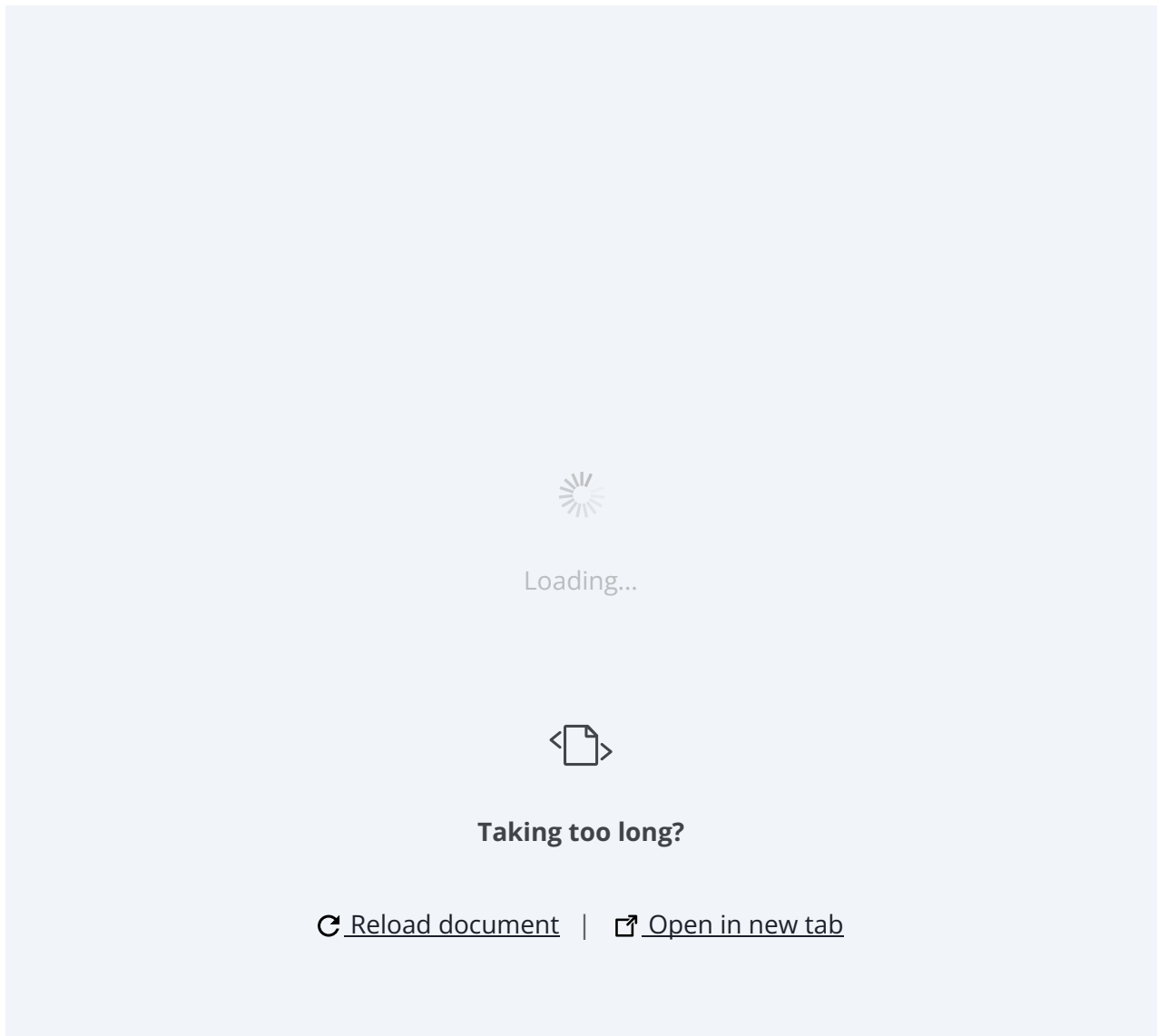
Pursuant to FOIA exemption (b) (7) (E) [5 U.S. C. §552 (b)(7)(E)], the FAA neither confirms nor denies the existence of records which would indicate whether an individual or organization is or has ever been of investigatory interest of the federal government. Further, acknowledging federal government interest invites the risk of circumvention of federal law enforcement efforts. Therefore, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence of the records that you seek. Your FOIA request was also multi-assigned to other Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) offices to search for applicable records. Those FAA offices will respond directly to you. There are no fees associated with this request.

** It should be noted that per the FAA's response above, the request was sent to other offices within the FAA which are still being processed. However, the likelihood of a different response as indicated from FAA HQ above is unlikely.

UPDATE - June 22, 2021

After the above article was published, it came to The Black Vault's attention that another FOIA request, William Puckett, received information from the FBI on this case. Despite the response given to The Black Vault above, there were responsive records. This is outlined at the video above, and the documents are archived here:



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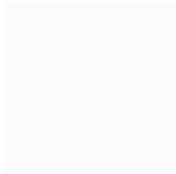


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