

Possible Janet 737 sighting in Panama

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[Passed on to us from a correspondent who found it on the World-Wide Utility Network (WUN). <http://www.cybercomm.net/~slapshot/wun.html>]

Date: Tue, 31 Dec 1996 20:37:44 -0500
 From: "Robert J. Lewallyn"
 Subject: Re: [WUN] B737 in GUATEMALA

At 05:03 PM 12/31/96 -0600, Juan Carlos Munoz wrote:

>I was able to LOG:
 >On 6.739 With Albrook, Panama
 >At 1410z:
 >SPAR A4
 >.....
 >at 1510z:
 >Albrook call to check radio reception.
 >And SPAR A4 said we're 10 - 15 minutes to land in Guatemala.
 >Then they ramp on the Military ramp
 >.....
 >I went to the airport and saw the airplane a:
 >B737-200 (like)
 >HW 20283
 >
 >Does anyone has more info about it ???
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I am almost certain that, based upon past intercepts, the "SPAR A4" you heard was actually "SPAR 84". The interesting thing is that this aircraft has been identified several times as US Air Force 72-0284, a Boeing CT-43A transport operated from Howard AFB in the Panama Canal Zone (hence the 'HW' tail code) for the US Southern Command. The aircraft you heard and subsequently "optically" verified the identity of is USAF 72-0283, evidentially also Howard-based, and performing the VIP transport mission.

I wonder why the callsign wouldn't be SPAR 83, in keeping with the last two digits of the serial number?

As an aside, the Air Force purchased a number of these CT-43s (a version of the Boeing 737-200 series airliner, as you noted) in the early 1970s for radar/navigator training. A number of them were later converted for VIP transport duty. I saw something in one of the European aviation buff magazines recently to the effect that several of these CT-43s are somehow on "loan" to EG&G (the Las Vegas-based defense contractor), who uses them to ferry civilian personnel to the high-security test facility at Groom Lake, Nevada.

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