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> By GENE KRAMER  
> WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. officials worried during the Cold War  
>that the Soviets might try to disrupt America's air defense system  
>or the government itself by orchestrating mass UFO sightings, says  
>an historian who scrutinized CIA documents of the period.

[snip]

> But by 1956, the Air Force was able to attribute 96 percent of  
>all UFO sightings to the high altitude U-2 and SR-71 intelligence  
>gathering planes, Haines said. But it took care ``not to reveal the  
>>true cause of the sightings to the public,'' linking them instead  
>to ``natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature  
>inversions.''

Actually the article did not say the SR71 was flying in 1956,  
because it wasn't.

But to assert that the USAF could attribute 96 pct of all UFO reports to  
reconnaissance planes is quite ridiculous. In the first place,  
because the U2 and later the SR71 flew so high that they could only  
be seen from other airplanes while by far the majority of UFO sightings  
come from ground observers. Secondly, while the planes  
were painted black in 1962, there was no marked decrease in  
UFO sightings in the following years, on average.

/ Met vriendelijke groet/Best wishes \  
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