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1. Submitted by: HQ AFSPA/SPSS, Kirtland AFB NM
2. Operation/event name: Unauthorized Entry to Airdrome at Holloman AFB, NM, Nov 92.
3. Keywords: Security/Unauthorized Entry to Flightline
4. Title: Unauthorized Entry to Airdrome
5. Observation: On 8 November 1992, at approximately 1730 hours, a female was observed by the security police near the "back gate" to Holloman AFB. The gate is normally used for rush hour traffic only. She was dressed in all black clothing and was strumming on a guitar and singing. The local authorities were notified and responded. They identified her and found that she was not in violation of any state statutes. On 9 November 1992 at approximately 1730 hours, she was observed by air traffic control personnel from the tower, driving a Volkswagen "Beetle" across several taxiways and two runways, one of which was designated the active runway. Her presence on the active runway caused an inbound T-38 to abort a landing attempt. She proceeded to follow a taxiing F-117 fighter as it headed for its shelter. It is unknown how she got on base. The security force established a blocking force between the suspect and the F-117. The aircraft proceeded to its shelter and buttoned up without incident. No aircraft were damaged.
6. Discussion: The suspect was apprehended by the security force and violently resisted apprehension. Once subdued, she was searched by a female security force member. Searches of the suspect and her vehicle revealed she had numerous tattoos, including one of a hammer and sickle. The suspect's vehicle contained a Russian phrase book. The suspect stated that she "only wanted to meet an F-117 pilot." It was noted that the suspect was speaking in circles, that is, she would say one thing then say something totally different. The suspect was incarcerated in the Alamogordo City Jail overnight until she could be seen by the magistrate. The suspect is charged with violating the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 797). In her court appearance, the suspect's screaming and abusive language caused the judge to continue the case to Federal court in Las Cruces. The suspect refuses to wear clothes while incarcerated and remains in custody awaiting psychological evaluation.
7. Lessons Learned: Demonstrates the importance of erecting effective flight line barriers and implementing strong controls over flight line access.
8. Recommended Action: None
9. OPR Comments: None