

February 13, 1990

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Ed DeMar
Re: Mysterious Black Choppers

The ominous presence over Sedona's skies for at least the past six months of two¹ black helicopters with no visible identification prompts me to urge the Council to determine their identity and purpose.

I have heard from a number of citizens who feel harassed and menaced by these spook ships and who have witnessed them in flight in the Boynton Canyon and Long Canyon areas, the Village of Oak Creek, as well as in landing and takeoff patterns at the Sedona Airport.

It is my understanding that the FAA requires a tail number or "N" number of all aircraft, including the military. I also believe the city has a shared jurisdiction with the FAA of its air space, as evidenced by the enactment of noise-control ordinances by various Arizona municipalities.

Observers at the airport say these Cobra gunships (with unknown ordnance configurations) land and refuel at an isolated, remote site away from the usual landing area for helicopters. They have been told these craft are from the Drug Enforcement Administration; others say they may be under control of the U.S. Customs Service.

However, others state they believe these choppers have interdicted them and others in the Boynton Canyon-Secret Mountain area, perhaps to prevent discovery or possible contact with interdimensional alien beings who have access to a "portal" that permits them to explore Sedona or perhaps to protect the existence of a secret government base.

A third proffered theory is that the unmarked choppers are part of a new (and patently illegal) CIA domestic surveillance operation. I have interviewed two residents, who understandably require anonymity, both of whom state the CIA attempted to recruit them into such an operation. This information is being included in a book that I am writing and hope to have published before this summer.

About two years ago, still another unverified report concerned the possible construction of an extra-low-frequency (ELF) transmitting installation operated by the U.S. Commerce Department deep in the canyons north of Sedona.

I suggest that the Council agendaize this question with a view to formally request our two U.S. senators to poll the federal agencies that might be involved (FAA, CIA, U.S. Army, Army National Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, NASA, National Security Council, USDA [Forest Service] and Commerce Department) to see if an explanation might be forthcoming to allay the concern of both Sedona visitors and residents alike, especially about flying below the 500-foot minimum which I believe applies to helicopters.

It has been mentioned that during World War II in Germany virtually the entire citizenry was aware that railroad cattle cars filled with people were regularly moving to certain destinations. Yet no one asked what was happening. Don't you agree that in this situation we should at least ask?

Respectfully submitted,

ED DeMAR

Note: I have also heard quite recently that a "black" Cobra gunship crashed within the past week in the Kingman vicinity, though without press or other media notice. This report has not been verified.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 1990, a flight of four and another of three of a similar helicopter landed at Sedona Airport. The choppers, with passenger seats for seven in addition to the pilot and co-pilot, had small yellow numerals on the front of the cockpit. The words "United States Army" had been overpainted on all of the craft; two of them carried an emblem on the side that said "U.S. Army National Guard." I counted 24 men in flight suits and caps in the contingent. Conversation overheard indicated the flight of four planned to "return" via Wickenburg and Lake Pleasant and upon departure the craft did fly south. The group of three headed out to Sycamore Canyon upon departure in a direction taking them toward the Navajo Army Depot. Whether these flights are connected with the usually observed formation of two black Cobras is not known. They well may be different operations. A number of photographs of the choppers in Sunday's flights were taken, as well as some of a cluster of about eight of the uniformed men. They are available if needed.

CC: Senators DeConcini and McCain