

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Statement on recent incidents involving UAPs

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WASHINGTON, D.C.- Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today released the following statement in response to several Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) being shot down over the weekend.

“This weekend, in addition to the customary fighter jet flyover at the Super Bowl, Americans witnessed several much more troubling flyovers. After downing the Chinese Communist Party’s spy balloon on February 4, American F-16s and F-22s have now shot down three more as yet UAPs over North America. Huge swaths of airspace have been closed for national security operations. The most recent object transited over the district I represent in Northeast Wisconsin and was described as ‘octagonal’ and having ‘strings’ hanging from it.

“We need answers from the Pentagon. We need answers from the President himself. There are times to err on the side of secrecy in national security operations. But when our fighter pilots are shooting down presumably hostile aerial objects all across America, it’s long past time for transparency. Where are these UAPs coming from? What is their purpose? Are they related to the CCP’s spy balloon or other CCP-directed espionage programs?

“The Washington Post reported that these objects were identified after ‘we basically opened the filters’ on radar and sensory equipment data. If true, we are potentially looking at one of the most staggering intelligence failures since 9/11. How long have these objects operated in our airspace with impunity? How long has the Pentagon been aware of them? Congress has urgent and vital oversight interests in all these questions, and most

importantly, the American people deserve to know what's going on in the skies above their homes. It's time for answers."