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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (MIA-IFO)

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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: SBGR Balloon Hazard

We recently received an ASRS report describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN: 1761373

Time

Date: 202009

Local Time Of Day: 1801-2400

Place

Locale Reference.Airport: SBGR.Airport

State Reference: FO

Altitude.MSL.Single Value: 6000

Environment

Flight Conditions: VMC

Aircraft 1

ATC / Advisory.Center: SBBS

Make Model Name: Commercial Fixed Wing

Aircraft 2

Make Model Name: Balloon

Person 1

Function.Flight Crew: Pilot Not Flying

Function.Flight Crew: First Officer

ASRS Report Number: 1761373

Events

Anomaly.Conflict: NMAC

Anomaly.Inflight Event / Encounter: Other / Unknown

Detector.Person: Flight Crew

Result.Flight Crew: Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

Narrative 1

An airborne object passed within 100 yards of my aircraft on departure. No evasive maneuvering as it passed the same time we saw it off the right side of the aircraft. It was a balloon or something lit by some sort of incendiary device obviously designed to float the object to high altitude. It was large, in excess of 100 feet tall. I gave a PIREP to ATC Departure. They didn't care or lost in translation. Hot air balloons are prevalent on morning arrival into this airport. We see them every other flight. They are typically large and with some sort of picture or photo attached visible to the naked eye. However, this was the closest encounter I've had with one that I knew about and it was on the night departure. Just recommend an advisory to pilots that hot air balloons are a constant threat in the terminal area. They are sometimes on ATIS, NOTAMs, but maybe an operations bulletin might be more of a mitigating warning for new pilots.

Synopsis

Air Carrier pilot reported a NMAC with a hot air balloon on departure at night from SBGR airport.