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Aerial Invasion of an object that looks like a drone

From 10:52 to 10:56 on May 18th of 2017, when China Coast Guard vessel 2308, which had been intruding the territorial sea of Senkaku Islands, navigated approximately 14 kilometers off in the west-northwesterly direction from Uotsuri Island, an object that looks like a drone flew just in front of the CCG vessel's bridge.

The SDF received the above information from Japan Coast Guard and immediately directed two F-15, one E-2C and one AWACS to the territorial airspace of Senkaku Islands and its surrounding airspace, and had them issue warnings to CCG vessel.