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A dark ball of fire was seen first; after about six seconds it reached the apex of a long-drawn-out trajectory. During this time the ball had developed a trail of fire. Its color, which was bright red at the apex point, changed in color from pale green to white. Smoke trails, noises, or detonations were not noticed.

The distance of the trajectory from the point of observation was estimated at 60 to 80 km. The trajectory ran approximately from southwest to northeast; its length to the apex, which was from 5,000 to 12,000 meters high, was estimated at about 80 km. At the apex the ball of fire seemed about one-fifth the diameter of the full moon.

Field Comment. The measurements stated with respect to the trajectory must be received with reserve. It must be considered that neither the discharge nor the noise developed by the projectile were heard. For trajectory of phenomena, see annex.

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Annex: One sketch showing trajectory.
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Fire ball → Trail of fire → Point of extinction → Culmination point → Trajectory → Blaze up point

Approx. 30°
Trajectory of Fire Balls Noticed East of Tashkent

- Fire ball
- Trail of fire
- Point of extinction
- Culmination point
- Blow up point
- Horizon

Approximately 30°