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PRC: SCIENTISTS IDENTIFY XINJIANG UFO AS PLASMA FIREBALL

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BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 0548 GMT 20 APR 88

((TEXT)) BEIJING, APRIL 20 (XINHUA)--THE UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT (UFO) SPOTTED IN XINJIANG LAST MONTH WAS A "PLASMA
 FIREBALL SPINNING AT HIGH SPEED IN THE ATMOSPHERE", ACCORDING TO
 SCIENTISTS AT THE INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS OF THE
 CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT AT 21:35 ON MARCH 18, AS THE NO. 2606
 AIRLINER FROM BEIJING TO URUMQI WAS APPROACHING THE QIJIAOJING
 AREA IN HAMI IN THE XINJIANG UYGUR AUTONOMOUS REGION,

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PASSENGERS SAW A FLYING OBJECT OUT OF THE WINDOWS.

THE OBJECT, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL, WAS "BEAMING LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT" AND FLYING ALONGSIDE THE PLANE. THEN THE OBJECT CHANGED DIRECTION AND SPLIT INTO TWO--A SMALLER BALL ABOVE AND A BEAN-SHAPED BELOW. PASSENGERS SAID THEY SAW A GREEN RING OF LIGHT AROUND THE OBJECT.

SCIENTISTS NOW BELIEVE THAT WHAT THE PASSENGERS SAW WAS AN IONIZED BALL OF GAS WHICH, ACCORDING TO HYDROKINETIC THEORY, RESULTED FROM THE ELECTRIC DISCHARGE OF LIGHTNING AND SEISMIC ROCK, AS WELL AS THE VIOLENT OSCILLATION OF ELECTROMAGNETISM IN THE AIR.

"THE EXISTENCE OF PLASMAS IN THE IONIZED STRATUM OF THE ATMOSPHERE IS COMMON," SAID ZOU YOUSUO, ONE OF THE RESEARCHERS AT THE INSTITUTE.

IN THE XINJIANG CASE, HE EXPLAINED, THE GAS FORMED BY ELECTRONS, IONS, AND UNIONIZED NEUTRAL PARTICLES WAS A HIGH-FREQUENCY DISCHARGE PLASMA APPEARING IN THE FORM OF A FIREBALL.

THE GREEN RING OF LIGHT WAS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF ELECTRIC DISCHARGE OF A HIGH-FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELD.

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