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Horizon Near Iranian/USSR Border

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1. On 17 Jun 66, at 2142 hours, local time, while piloting a jet airliner into Teheran, Iran, on an international flight, I observed a strange phenomenon on the horizon. As we were approaching the Rudeshur beacon, located approximately 25 miles WSW of Mehrabad Airport, Teheran, we suddenly observed a brilliant white sphere approximating the coloration and intensity of full bright moon. The sphere appeared suddenly and at the first sighting was approximately three times the size of a full moon. At the moment, we were flying at approximately 18,000 feet on a course of 070 degrees at a speed of about 200 knots. The sighting occurred just as we prepared to fly a circular pattern over the Rudeshur beacon prior to descending to a lower altitude and heading for Mehrabad Airport. We observed the sighting throughout the time we circled the Rudeshur beacon, a time we later calculated to be of four to five minutes duration. I would estimate the position of the sphere to be on a heading of 010 degrees and deep within the Soviet Union, perhaps north of 60 degrees latitude. During the four to five minutes that I observed the sphere, it continued to grow in size as its intensity diminished. Toward the end of this period it became very faint and its enormous size seemed to fill the sky. The base of the sphere appeared to rest on the horizon throughout the period it was observed, indicating that the center of the sphere was rising during the time that it was expanding. The weather conditions were excellent and the unusually clear sky afforded unlimited visibility.

2. Another airliner at a slightly lower altitude also observed the phenomenon and we exchanged remarks about it. Upon landing at Mehrabad Airport some 20 minutes later, we discovered that the phenomenon was not seen from the ground except possibly during the very last stages. At that point, since the intensity had so markedly diminished, it would go unnoticed unless

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O. Bimunek, Central Committee Presidium candidate A. Strych, Party Secretaries V. Koucky, F. Penc and L. Strougal. Other attendees included government officials, the National Front of Czechoslovakia, Kysely, DR A. Neuman and DR J. Plohar, general officers and others.

LOMSKY's report was followed by a lengthy address by President Novotny in which he stressed responsibilities placed on the military corps, denounced the foreign policy and military strategy of the United States and proudly proclaimed that "Czechoslovakia's military society is doing everything possible" to ensure that its armed forces keep abreast of the demands of contemporary military science and to make its army a thoroughly modern force". (EEDPR, 15 Sep 65)

FLYING SAUCERS OVER SLOVAKIA -- Bratislava, Pravda, 4 Sep 65, p 8

Flying saucers, traveling from south to north, were observed over Kosice at 1800 hours on 3 September. According to Kamil DOMANSKI, who was strolling down Kozensky Street with his wife, he saw a large crowd scanning the sky, he looked up and saw a red, circular object flying from the direction of the East Slovak mountains towards Bankov. Simultaneously he observed a black colored object rotating in place at a height of about 3,000 meters and about 7,000 meters from Kosice. When the red circular object passed the rotating object, the latter moved and disappeared.

The newspaper office has been flooded with calls from citizens who witnessed the phenomenon. According to information from the State Airline Administration, the Kosice radar station recorded no objects in the air at that particular time because they monitor only the flight routes of incoming and outgoing airplanes. (EEDPR, 15 Sep 65)

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MILITARY MEDICAL CONFERENCE -- Prague, Vojenske Zdravotnicke Listy, No 4, Aug 65, p 145

A working conference on acupuncture will be held on 29-30 October 1965 at the Slovak National Uprising Military Hospital in Ruzomberok. The session is designed to facilitate the exchange of experiences and refine the further development of acupuncture under Czechoslovak conditions. The program will include theoretical reports, contributions on the mechanism of the effects of acupuncture, and reports of a clinical nature.

Applications to attend and information on proposed presentations (exact title, length and required aids) are to be submitted to Richard Umlauf, Slovak National Uprising Military Hospital, Ruzomberok. (EEDPR, 15 Sep 65)

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### FLOOD AID CRITICIZED

The 27 August 1965 issue of Bratislava Pravda carries the Ministry of Construction's rebuttal to criticism that it is mismanaging the publicly subscribed flood disaster aid. Criticism is being leveled by the Slovak Danube River flood victims who are becoming disenchanted with daily press and radio broadcast accounts of accumulated donations and who have yet to see tangible proof in the form of bricks, cement, and various prefabricates.

S. Malik, secretary of the flood commission and the man who keeps the Ministry of Construction informed on disbursements, gave the following explanation: According to plans the flood victims will receive, among other things, a total of 10 million bricks by the end of August and an additional 10 million by the end of September. Between 17 July and 22 August a number of brick kilns have contributed the allotted quota. These were delivered to certain disaster areas in overabundance whereas other areas received none. Responsibility for delivery and distribution does not lie with the Ministry of Construction but with the railroad and business concerns. It has been shown that sufficient amounts of cement have been delivered to the flood areas but because of unsatisfactory storage the cement is hardening. By 19 August the Ministry of Construction issued 870,000 slate shingles, 100,000 pieces of asbestos cement roofing, 34,000 meters of square tiles, 5,933 meters of prefabricates. The Ministry of Construction has been conscientiously fulfilling its tasks. However, it is sending these items where it is told to send by the organs that control the rehabilitation of the devastated areas. (EFDPR, 7 Sep 65)

### FLYING SAUCER REPORT

[Note: For several weeks, the Hungarian language Daily Uj Szó, published in Bratislava, has given extensive, frequently front page, coverage to flying saucer reports, usually from South America but sometimes from other areas, attributing them to the French news service AFP, Reuters, etc. Occasionally, these articles included explanations by Czechoslovak experts who dismantled the stories and offered alternatives to the extraterrestrial mythologies. The 20 August 1965 issue of Uj Szó published a front page CTK (Czechoslovak Press Office) dispatch from San Salvador reporting a photograph of a flying saucer published in Prensa Grafica, Salvador. The following is a full translation of a page 2 CTK story in the same issue of Uj Szó.]

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LUMINOUS OBJECT DETECTED FLOATING IN THE SKY AT MASHHAD

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reports that at 9:30 p.m. a sudden luminous object was seen floating over Meshhad. The course of its direction was from south-east moving toward north-west. It was clearly visible for a period of 4 minutes and 39 seconds. The local residents were reportedly apprehensive of a start of a missile attack over Meshhad.

STUDENTS STUDYING IN IRAQ SPENDING VACATION AT HOME -- Tehran, Peyghan Imruz, 30 Jul 65

Recently, 72 Iranian students who study in Iraq have arrived to spend their vacation in Iran. All students are reported boarding at the Danesh Saray-1-All (Teachers College) in Tehran.

AN IRAQI KURD ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE MILITARY OFFICER -- Tehran, Keyban, 20 Jul 65

An Iraqi Kurd identified as Jeriyyu was apprehended by the gendarme forces stationed on the Iraq-Iran border line when he attempted to assassinate Major Khatemi stationed at the local gendarmerie post. During the questioning Jeriyyu confessed to have aided smugglers moving across the Iraqi borderline.

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