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SUBJECT: Sightings of Unconventional Flying Object

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USA

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DATE OF INFORMATION (Time or date on which event occurred or in which event described in report occurred) 4 Oct 55

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER 1968

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1. All tickets and reservations for us were arranged by Intourist, the trip from Baku to Tiflis being part of our itinerary approved by Soviet officials. We

originally were scheduled to depart from Baku in early afternoon on 4 Oct 55 but due to a change in train schedules we were delayed and actually departed on a later train which had better accommodations. Departing from Baku at about six o'clock, we traveled south at a speed of 25-30 mph, reaching the Caspian Sea before dark. After stopping at Alatau, our direction of travel changed from south to east. At 4:10 a.m. we stopped after looking Alatau and 15 or 20 minutes before our arrival at Adzhikabul (Kvasi Logomen) one of the party was in an adjoining compartment usually and exclaimed "I saw it!" I just saw a flying saucer!" We had been talking and had not looked outside for some time. When we turned our attention to the window, we did not see anything unusual as the light was on in the compartment and it was twilight outside.

2. We turned the light off as quickly as possible. At this time, I saw a shadow

form above the horizon to the south. Its profile was not clearly outlined

but it seemed to be shaped like a partially inclined balloon

with a white dome on top. Then I first saw it, it was off the ground and

rising rather slowly in vertical direction. There were two sources of light

connected with the object, a white light on top and on the perimeter, a glow

which was about the same color as an aircraft engine exhaust, white with a

trace of pink. I have no estimate of its distance from us, possibly 1-2 miles.

From this perspective it appeared to be about the size of a MIG-15 which is

rather small, but a direct aircraft, it continued to rise vertically and the

glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction giving the

appearance of a pinwheel. When it reached an altitude of 10-15 degrees from

the horizon, it progressed in an arc away from us, and it then moved towards us at tremendous speed passing over the track. I would estimate that it ran much faster than a jet plane doing a fly-by.

The light on top disappeared as it came toward us. The object did not seem to change shape but rotated as it came toward us. By viewing position at the window, incidentally, was approximately six feet above the level of the

railroad track. I am six feet tall and I remember that once while standing

beside the train my head came up to the bottom of the window, then I was viewing the object in a stopped position and was looking out of the window.

[Diagram]

The sightings of UFOs were reported to the authorities and the information was sent to the Central Intelligence Agency. The information was evaluated and disseminated to relevant agencies.

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