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Dear Mr. Gersten

Please refer to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 28 September 1981 and our letters 5 and 20 November 1981.

The document "Now You See It, Now You Don't", has been reviewed, determined releasable, and is attached.

Sincerely

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NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'TI (U)

Captain Henry S. Shields, HQ USAF/INOMP

Sometime in his career, each pilot can expect to encounter strange, unusual happenings which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. The following article recounts just such an episode as reported by two F-4 Phantom crews of the Imperial Iranian Air Force during late 1976. No additional information or explanation of the strange events has been forthcoming; the story will be filed away and probably forgotten, but it makes interesting, and possibly disturbing, reading.

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Until 0030 on a clear autumn morning, it had been an entirely routine night watch for the Imperial Iranian Air Force's command post in the Tehran area. In quick succession, four calls arrived from one of the city's suburbs reporting a series of strange airborne objects. These Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were described as 'bird-like', or as brightly-lit helicopters (although none were airborne at the time). Unable to convince the callers that they were only seeing stars, a senior officer went outside to see for himself. Observing an object to the north like a star, only larger and brighter, he immediately scrambled an IIAF F-4 to investigate.

Approaching the city, the F-4 pilot reported that the brilliant object was easily visible 70 miles away. When approximately 25 NM distant, the interceptor lost all instrumentation and UHF/Intercom communications. Upon breaking off the intercept and turning towards his home base, all systems returned to normal, as if the strange object no longer regarded the aircraft as a threat.

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adjusting their night vision devices for landing. The landing was further complicated by excessive interference on UHF and a further complete loss of all communications when passing through a 150 degree magnetic bearing from the home base. The inertial navigation system simultaneously fluctuated from 30 to 50 degrees. A civil airliner approaching the area also experienced a similar communications failure, but reported no unusual sightings.

While on a long final approach, the F-4 crew noted a further UFO. This was described as a cylinder-shaped object (about the size of a T-33 trainer) with bright steady lights on each end and a flasher in the middle. It quickly approached and passed directly over the F-4. In answer to the pilot's query, the control tower reported no other air traffic in the area, although they subsequently obtained a visual sighting of the object when specifically directed where to look.

The following day, the F-4 crew was flown by helicopter to the location where they believed the object had landed. This turned out to be a dry lake bed, but nothing unusual was noticed. As the helicopter circled off to the west, however, a very noticeable beeper signal was received, and eventually traced to a nearby house. They immediately landed and asked the inhabitants if anything strange or unusual had occurred the previous night. Yes, they replied, there had been loud noises and a very bright light, like lightning. The helicopter returned to base and arrangements were made to conduct various tests, such as radiation checks, in the vicinity of the house. Unfortunately, the results of such tests have not been reported.

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A second F-4 was scrambled ten minutes after the first.

The backseater reported radar-lock on the UFO at 27 NM/12 o'clock high position, and a rate of closure of 150 knots. Upon reaching the 25 NM point, the object began rapidly moving away to maintain a constant separation distance while still visible on the radar scope. While the size of the radar return was comparable to that of a KC-135, its intense brilliance made estimation of actual size impossible. Visually, it resembled flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern and alternating blue, green, red, and orange. Their sequence was so fast that all colors could be seen at once.

As the F-4 continued pursuit south of Tehran, a second brightly-lit object (about one-half to one-third the size of the moon) detached from the original UFO and headed straight for the F-4 at a high rate of speed. The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the new object but was prevented by a sudden power loss in his weapons control panel. UHF and internal communications were simultaneously lost. The pilot promptly initiated a turn and negative-G dive to escape, but the object fell in behind the F-4 at 3-4 NM distance. Continuing the turn, the pilot observed the second object turn inside of him and then away, subsequently returning to the primary UFO for a perfect rendezvous.

The two UFOs had hardly rejoined when a second object detached and headed straight down toward the ground at high speed. Having regained weapons and communications systems, the aircrew watched the third object, anticipating a large explosion when it struck the ground. However, it landed gently and cast a bright light over a two-three kilometer area. The pilot flew as low over the area as possible, fixing the object's exact location.

Upon return to home base, both crewmen had difficulty in

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Dear Walt,

Aug. 17, 1993

re: Teheran UFO/1976

Enclosed find copies of letters I discussed with you. The letter in Farsi went to the writer's son. The 5 page translation was prepared by this son. The 8 page translation was done by an acquaintance. Both translations were done for me.

I was advised by the letter writer's son that his father had been a 4 Star General under the Shah of Iran. Fawcett (Larry) said (my rough recollection?) he was able to confirm that status. In any event, I have no reason to suspect this claim, as father & son were well known to me. If father enjoyed such rank, he well might have gained the claim access.

Also, find USA weekend UFO poll results & explanatory letter.

Respectfully
Bob

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The only thing I could do to look at the official documents and write to you briefly. Of course maybe I could at least get the copy of the documents by one of my friends, and send it to you diplomatie mail. so this way no one would find out anything.

Tell Bob I nevered believed in UFO, but after I read these official documents although it is unbelievable but very interesting I my self got interested to this subject.

The situation starts this way
On 8/19/76 at 9:pm a french ~~private~~ freight airplane which was flying on Iran's sky suddenly lost it's power, (motor and other naregations instruments). Pilot of airplane made an effort to control the air plane as much as he could but could not get anywhere. According to the pilot it was like someone was controlling the airplane in one direction and I couldn't take the airplane to left or right. anyway the pilot comes down with the parachute but according to the documents, still

there is no evidence of airplane or it's
frate and they don't know whether the
airplane had collapsed or not.

At 10:30 pm a very strange light ~~had~~
had been seen with some astronomist
students and it attracted them to itself
according to them it was a light that
had shape. After a little study on that
light they called Iranian air force and
they mentore situation ~~but~~ but unfortunately
the air force didn't take the matter to
consideration. At 10:30 ~~pm~~ ^{am} one of army's

general (Ovaisy _{name}) he was coming back
from a party and he saw a strange
light first he thought because he had too
much to drink, he was seeing things but
because his wife was with him, she had
seen the same light. As soon as they
got home he called one of his friends

which was a general at the air force
he told him the situation (Azrbarzyn)
He called to the head Quarter of NAME
air force and he talked to general- (Yousefy _{name})
and he told him about the light and the
said general send ~~to~~ ^{two} F-4 Phantom
toward Tehran so they could navigate

③ the area about the light that had been seen so they could make a report. When these two Phantoms got close to the light, the light changed it's shape and change it's shape #2 which is indicated below -

I should mention this to that this light was 500 ft. by 500 ft. After 30 seconds it disappeared from Iran's sky after the pilot had contact General Yousefy. General Yousefy told them to come back to the base and General Yousefy declared Red Emergency

At 12:10 for the second time this strange light appeared near Tehran's air port and Pirouzy that was in charge of airport tower he called the air force and told them the situation for the second time Yousefy send two ~~F-4~~ F-4 at ~~12:35~~ 12:35 one of the pilots contacted general Yousefy and told him they are in 10 KM. of light (#1). Yousefy ~~told~~ ~~ordered~~ ordered them to follow the light where ever it goes the light was turning around and after few min. ~~simply~~ started going toward salt desert

(4) at 1:00 AM the pilot contacted

General Yousefy and tells him that the light went into something strange. (implied light went into a physical something).

at that second the connections were cut off.

Yousefy mentioned this to Shaw of Iran.

Shaw of Iran ordered him to send two F-4 Phantoms to that area. General Yousefy sends two F-4 when they get to beginning of salt desert.

(Kavir/Out) the connections cuts off.

According to one of the pilots, he says when the got close ~~thing~~ one of the F-4 was on top of this thing and the other one was on the bottom and they were moving I could not make contact with either of them but because we had orders if we see any thing surrender! and use our own thoughts and experience and the F-4 went to the front and one of the F-4 went to the back of this thing and I went to the back of the picture. and we were moving according to the drawing.

Suddenly after 50 seconds a very bright & strange light appeared on the drawing. and we had a very strange color which is

myself had never seen it before and I am not able to define it. ~~It~~ ^{It surrounded the} top & bottom part of this thing.



I could not see the other Phantoms and neither the U.F.O.'s after a few seconds the ~~phantom~~ F4 that was on top & ^{the F-4 on the} bottom and also this thing, ~~was~~ ^{all} disappeared from my eyes.

Me and the other pilot ~~we~~ had this area under ~~sur~~veillance but we could not find anything and my gas was ~~was~~ running out too, and we had to return towards the base. When we got around Sara ^(town) area

our connection were restored and we called Yousefy & told him about this matter. General Yousefy sent 3 F-4 so maybe they can find something, but unfortunately they come back without anything.

Name of one of the pilots was crossed out but one of ~~them~~ my friends knows the other pilot that came down and says that he is living in Georgia and he says that U.S.A government gave him New identity. Tell Bob I will make an effort to get the documents and I wish these are useful to him

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6/6/84

Hello! I hope you are doing well. I did every thing here until you your self come here and do all the things you want to do. If you come until fourth go to the address I gave you. Every thing is ready over there I talked to ? to day. He was okey. He wants to come to see you tomorrow night. What do you do. Did you sell those things I bent you of not. How are relatives and friends. BUT about UF I did not want to ask some one. I thought since Bob asked for it and because Bob is your friend, for that reason I gave a party with few of my old friends and ~~we~~ went to air command room to see the documents. To tell you the truth it was very difficult. I could only ^{look at} see the documents

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and write a brief description for you
Of course I will send you a copy of the
document in the future if I can get it
by one of my friends then I will send it by
diplo mat mail This way nobody will find out
about it. Tell Bob I did not believe a his

O.F. But after I read those documents
even though it was unbelievable I became very
interested to find out about this subject

On 8/19/76 a french airplane was
flying on an op Bran at one o'clock at night

Suddenly the engine was dead. The pilot
tried to control the airplane but he could

not do any thing as far as the pilot said
he thought something or someone was

controlling the airplane on one side. He said
he wanted to direct the plane to the right



side but he could not. finally the pilot
 rescue himself and came down with
 Parachute. But there was no information
 about airplane. Did it crash or not
 nobody knows. There is no document
 about airplane. At 10.30 pm a strange light
 was at sky. Star Searchers said that light had
 a shape. They called it TEHRAN air comment after
 a little study. but unfortunately the air comment
 don't pay attention to this subject and they
 agreed it. ^{one of the General}
 At 11.30 pm ~~at 11.30 pm~~ ~~at 11.30 pm~~ ~~at 11.30 pm~~ ~~at 11.30 pm~~
~~at 11.30 pm~~ by the name of Ovesi was
 coming back from a party. He saw a strange
 light on the sky. He thought since he was
 drunk his eyes was seeing strange things.
 but since his wife who was with him saw the

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same thing at the sky. General QVibi called one of his friend and told him about what they saw at the sky. General Azarbarin called to the center of air command and he talked to General Yousefi. General Yousefi sent two FANTOM (F-4) ^{F-4} to TEHRAN. They went to search about the strange light. When these two fantoms got close to lights, light change the shape and as you see in the picture it will change to this shape.

By the way the size of the light were 500 feet to 500 feet. It got disappeared after 30 second from IRAN sky. General after telling to General Yousefi ordered they should be prepared. At 12:30 pm again these strange light was seeing in TEHRAN sky. At 12:10 this strange light was seeing near MAABUD

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air port and Perce who was in the operating room called to air commands and

told the situation. Yosefi sent two

forward F-4 again. At 18:35 one of the

pilot got in touch with MR Yosefi and told

him 10 kilometer from there there was

light (#1). MR Yosefi ordered they must

follow the light to see where it goes.

Light goes around that area and after

few minutes went slowly to Loat desert.

At 1:00 pilot called Yosefi and said that light

went to a strange things and there was

no connection that second. Yosefi explained

every thing to Shah and Shah ordered two

forward F-4 sent to that area. Yosefi two

forward F-4 sent and when they got near

Loat desert the connection was off.

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One of the Pilot who came back said when they got near to this strange object one of the F-4 one top of this object and the other one at the bottom of this object was moving. The Pilot could not get in touch with anybody. BUT since they told us what ever we see or we think we should do. Pilot said one of the F-4 in the front and the other in the back of ~~with~~ this object went and (see the picture at the (page 4).)

We were moving. Suddenly this object started moving around itself and after 60 ^{second} ~~second~~

I saw a strong and strange light that I have never seen before. I could not describe it. The

light was at up and down of this object

I could not see ^{other} ~~of~~ fantoms and after few

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Second this things were disappeared. Also
F-4 which was at the top of the object
and the other one which was at the bottom
was disappeared. I and other pilots were
watching that area, but we could not find
anything. We were going to go out of gas and
we had to come back. On the way back
when we were going to our next, near to
Savah we got connected again. Pilots told
Kosefi. He sent 3 Farvard F-4 maybe they
could find something. But unfortunately ~~but~~
they did not find anything either and they
came back. The names of those pilots
were killed but my friend knows one of the
pilot who came back and said he is ~~in~~
Georgia and said this pilot has changed
his name in U.S. Tell Bob I will try by

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best to prepare these documents and I
hope these documents are useful for
him.

بعد از سلام امیدوارم حالت خوب باشد حال ~~بسیار خوب است~~ ~~در این~~ ~~محیط~~ ~~بسیار~~ ~~خوب~~ ~~است~~

باید تا ترتیب کار را ببینیم. ~~بسیار خوب است~~ ~~در این~~ ~~محیط~~ ~~بسیار~~ ~~خوب~~ ~~است~~ این و در آن گارت چه در آن بود

به آن کسی که دارد آن رویه را آنچه می بیند آماده است امروز با ~~بسیار خوب است~~ ~~در این~~ ~~محیط~~ ~~بسیار~~ ~~خوب~~ ~~است~~ ~~در~~ ~~این~~ ~~محیط~~ ~~بسیار~~ ~~خوب~~ ~~است~~

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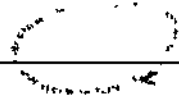
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ادگار

نشد بیرون
بود

ناله نهانند اندازند این نزد در هر دو ۵۰۰ قیمت در ۵۰۰

و بعد از ۲۰ ثانیه از آسمان ایران محسوس شد. خیلی بعد از مطلع شدن تیب ریسی بر لانه ریسی (در)



وتیب ریسی آنگاه باکی قومی دهد.

ساعت ۱۰:۱۵ در باره این خبر عجیب در فرستادن آنگاه فرودگاه مهرآباد دیده می شود و بیرون می آید

در هر فرودگاه مهرآباد در هر سوی هر ای تلفن می کنند و جویان را می دید و بعد ریسی دو فرودگاه می خواند

در ساعت ۱۰:۳۵ ای از فلان بایستی آنگاه در فستیواری در ۱۰ کیلومتر کن کنده (لا) است ریسی گفته

می دهد هر یک بود تا قبلی بنید. نه آن منطقه را در می زند و بعد از چند دقیقه آنگاه بیرون می آید

در حرکت در می آید. ساعت ۱۰:۴۵ فلان بایستی آنگاه می آید و می آید که در به داخل یک چیز

عجیب رفت در همان ثانیه ارتباط قطع می شود ریسی تا ۱۰:۵۰ را در جویان می گذارد و در ۱۰:۵۵ در می آید

۳ فرودگاه می آید که آن منطقه می خواند. ریسی دو فرودگاه می خواند. وقتی به او یک دور در دست کرد که

می آید ارتباط قطع می شود به گفته یکی از فلان آن در می آید. او می آید وقتی به این چیز عجیب

رسیدیم که یکی از فلان در بالای این چیز در می آید. در این در حرکت بودند و می آید آنهم با هیچ کس

صفت طهارت مثل آینه هادی را کسی درید جهت هدایت یا کریم و استم هادی پدید می آید

راست هدایت کند و نداشتن آن نیز فلک فریبگرا ~~و~~ چهره بر بالین می اندازد و ولی نهد که مدارک

هدیه هم از هادی استری ~~بسیار~~ زندگی و دانش ~~توان~~ که هادی ~~توان~~ و آورده یا چهره هیچ مدتی

از هادی در آینه وجود ندارد

استقامت و با سبب در سبب ~~و~~ چنانچه از دانش ~~توان~~ که استقامت را می دهد و سبب است به سبب

آنرا در می آورد که شکل است. بعد از آن مطالعه به نیروی هادی ~~توان~~ که تلویزیون و چرخ را از آنها

اطلاع میدهد و ولی ~~توان~~ که از نیروی هادی ~~توان~~ که از راه ~~توان~~ که در جاگاه است

سخت است. ~~توان~~ که از نیروی زمین ~~توان~~ که از راه ~~توان~~ که در آن است و در آن است

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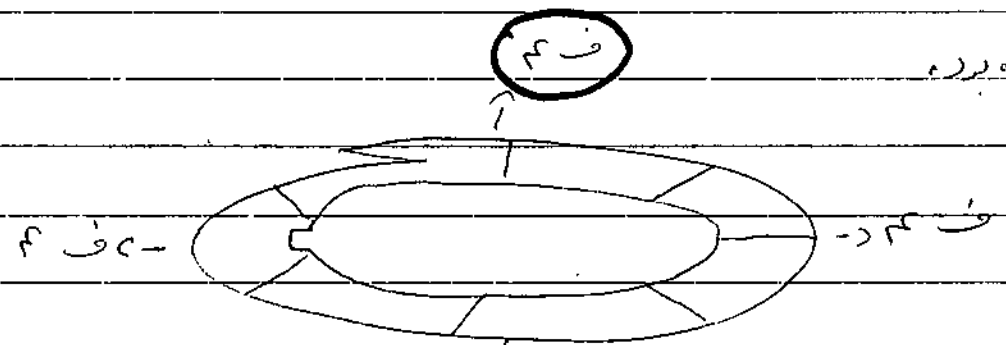
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Mr. Andrus,

6 Sep 83

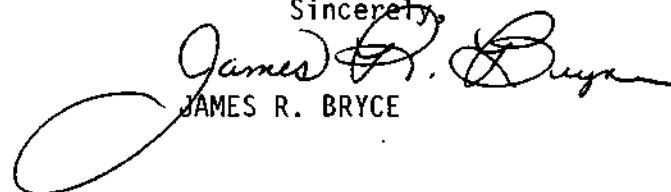
Concerning the Tehran, Iran UFO incident. I appreciate the USAF release and Tehran Journal clipping. As you stated, both the USAF release and the report of the USAF Captain are similar in nature. It is my hope that you can find contacts to research further into this case in an effort to give credence to the Captains report. I would like to help in this area, but am not in the position to do so at this time. If you find any additional information pertaining to this case in particular, please keep me informed.

It is my belief that the information given by the Captain concerning this matter is probably still classified for the following reasons:

1. The public knew about the U.S. arms shipments and advisors sent to Iran but, at the time, did not know the extent of U.S. - Iran involvement, such as the joint military exercises etc.
2. It is common knowledge that the USAF still investigates UFO sightings and withholds case information from the public because of the case classification. The information concerning the US F-4 aircraft with American pilots intercepting the UFO over Iran was changed to the current version stating it was an Iranian encounter with Iranian aircraft. This was probably due to the usual fashion in which the USAF handles these types of incidents, that is non-acknowledgement.

Maybe someday the truth will be found pertaining to this case; in the mean time I hope I've been of service by gathering this current information. If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,


JAMES R. BRYCE

James R. Bryce
1008 Wallace ST. APT 2
LOVIS, NEW MEXICO 88101

Mr. Andrews;

4 AUG. 83.

Concerning the information in which
is included in this envelope. Sorry it is
second hand but I feel it is a start in
getting to the truth of the matter. With
other investigators we could look into the
matter more thoroughly to find the
real truth about the Tehran, Iran sighting.

As I stated previously - I feel it
necessary to have this second hand
information put in the MUFON JOURNAL.
It would inform other people of the
situation and might lead to more evidence
in this case. You may do with the report
as you wish, but I hope it hasn't been
all in vain.

The Captain in which told me the
story will remain anonymous because of
concern for family and career. I do trust
his judgement of sincerity on this case as
given to me.

I could probe further into this case
but it could lead me into trouble, so I
hope with this information just given to
you - find out about the 52nd Wing 181st
Squadron and its whereabouts at the
time of the Tehran, Iran UFO Sighting.
It might not lead to anything, but
someone should try to uncover anything
important leading to this case.

Appreciate your understanding and time
with this case.

I've also called and spoken with my
State Director which was interesting.

Please get back to me on what you think
of the Case Report and further steps to be
taken when and if need be.

SENT IRAN U.S.A.F. STORY

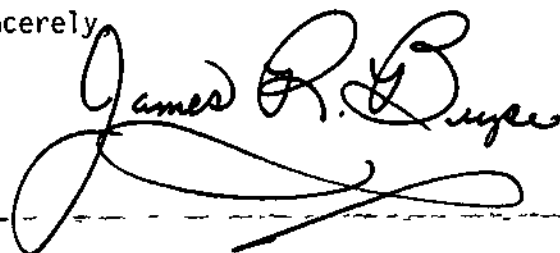
& NEWS CLIP ON 9/1/83 JH

Sincerely James R. Dyer

Sorry the information was not first hand, but I feel that the information source (a USAF Captain with 1000 hours in an F-4 and 150 hours in an F-111 is telling the truth) he is of good character, well liked and respected by other officers, and has a sound reputation.

I feel this information should be brought out in the journal. It would help bring out more information sources

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Bryce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,". A horizontal dashed line is drawn across the page, passing through the middle of the signature.

JAMES R. BRYCE
1008 WALLACE ST., APT. 2
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4 Aug 83

Mr. Andrus:

Concerning the Tehran, Iran UFO case. I have gone further into the case and found out that what information the Captain had pertaining to the case was second hand information.

His information was; while stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, he conversed with other pilots whom he knew well. In one of the offices of the squadron noticed a plaque with nothing but the inscription 81st Squadron The UFO Chasers. He inquired to other pilots into what the plaque meant. Information given to him as follows:

1. Sighting Place - Tehran, Iran
2. Date - 1976
3. 52 Tactical Fighter Wing/81st Squadron was detached down to an Air Base near Tehran, Iran.
4. This sq. of F-4s (American) from Spangdahlem, Germany was called upon to intercept a UFO seen by civilians near Tehran. (No note if military radar painted UFO).
5. Two American F-4s with American Pilots scrambled to intercept UFO near Tehran..
 - (a) One of the F-4s has trouble with electrical systems and returns to base.
 - (b) Remaining F-4 continues own course to intercept UFO
6. The F-4 intercepts UFO with visual on target acquisition lock on (Radar Paint)
7. The F-4 locks on target (UFO) and arms sidewinder missiles to fire on the UFO.
 - (a) F-4 electrical system fails and Weapons Arming malfunctions.
 - (b) F-4 pilots reports complications to ground base. Base Command orders F-4 back to base.
8. The F-4 is orderd back to the Air Base after reporting to base of its systems dump (malfunction).
9. UFO shoots small glittering projectile towards american F-4, while F-4 is heading back to base.
10. F-4 makes tight manuevers to out run pursuing small projectile.
11. As the F-4 nears the Air Base projectile discontinues chase and leaves area.
12. The F-4 lands with crew shaky (in shock) and pilots are told to keep sighting and interception of UFO to themselves.

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REMARKS. (Number and Classify each Paragraph)

1. An outstanding report. This case is a classic which meets all the criteria necessary for a valid study of a UFO phenomenon.

2. The object was seen by multiple witnesses from different locations (i.e. Shirvan, Larabed and the dry lake bed) and viewpoints (both).

3) The credibility of many of the witnesses was high (an air force general, qualified aircrews, and experienced tower operators).

4) Visual sightings were confirmed by radar.

5) Similar electromagnetic effects (EM) were reported by three separate aircraft.

6) There were physiological effects on some crew members (i.e. loss of night vision due to the brightness of the object).

7) An inordinate amount of maneuver-ability was displayed by the UFO's.

Helping Hand	-	Minor Security Violation
Covered Wagon	-	More Serious Violation
Com Plotter	-	Communications Plotter
AIC	-	Airman First Class
WSC	-	Wing Security Control
OZ	-	Outer Zone
L-9	-	LIMA 9 Code name for missile site number 9 in the Lima Missile flight, consisting of 10 Missile sites.
FSO	-	Flight Security Officer
Security Option II	-	Pre-set response to serious security breach, involving the recall of all off-duty security personnel and additional manning of all missile sites.
Base CSC	-	Control Security Control for entire base
BAF	-	Backup Alert Force
SAT Vehicle	-	Truck used by Security Alert Team for response to alarms.
10-13 Distress	-	Radio code signal for "security policemen need assistance"
MOD	-	Medical Officer of the Day
SAC	-	Strategic Air Command
44SMW	-	44th Strategic Missile Wing
AFOSI	-	Air Force Office of Special Investigation
MSS	-	Missile Security Squadron
68th SMSg	-	" " "
ETA	-	Estimated Time of Arrival
IZ	-	Inner Zone

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Mensa as an organization holds no opinions, champions no causes, and is not affiliated in any way with any other organization.

A long, expensive struggle with the U. S. Government has finally drawn to a close with the release of a three page classified message concerning a UFO incident that took place in Iran on 19 September 1976.

During the UFO conference in Acapulco it was announced that a 1-2 inch thick document had been prepared on the Iran case and that it had been distributed to the highest levels of the U. S. Government. (This thick document never did surface during my investigation.)

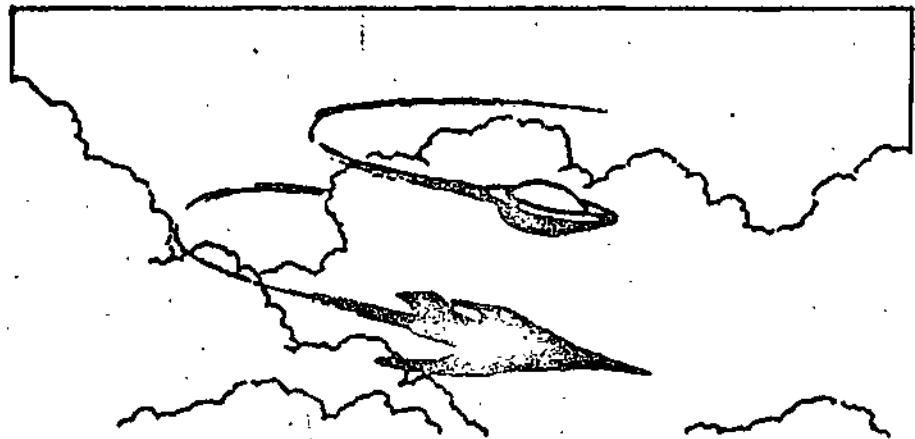
When I returned from Acapulco in April, 1977, I made some inquiries but without results. Finally, I filed three Freedom of Information Act requests. I chose Naval Intelligence, Air Force Intelligence and the C. I. A. as likely possibilities. The Central Intelligence Agency has not yet stated whether or not they have the Iran document. The Agency has responded only by stating that they are behind on fulfilling FOIA requests. I was told that last May! The C. I. A. is on the distribution list of the document that I received, however. Reports in the newspapers have indicated that the C. I. A. is allowed to operate rather freely in Iran in exchange for the Iranian counterpart being able to operate in this country in order to be able to keep tabs on the Iranian students studying here. I am not aware that the C. I. A. or the U. S. Government has confirmed this however. If it is true, it is to be expected that the C. I. A. has done its usual thorough job and that a very important report exists somewhere within the C. I. A.

Sept. 19, 1976.

By the time of my departure to the U. S. in mid-June, I had heard from all three Agencies in one form or another. As usual, the efficient Navy was first to answer. The Command files were being searched and that I would be notified of the results. The Air Force had also been contacted and "...while that office (Office of Information, Secretary of the Air Force) has had a similar request for information, it is unaware of the existence of any report pertaining to the events described." The Naval Intelligence Command was able to find nothing although the Chief of Naval Operations was on the distribution list of the document.

In a letter from Air Force Intelligence dated 27 May 1977 is the following statement: "A copy of an intelligence report

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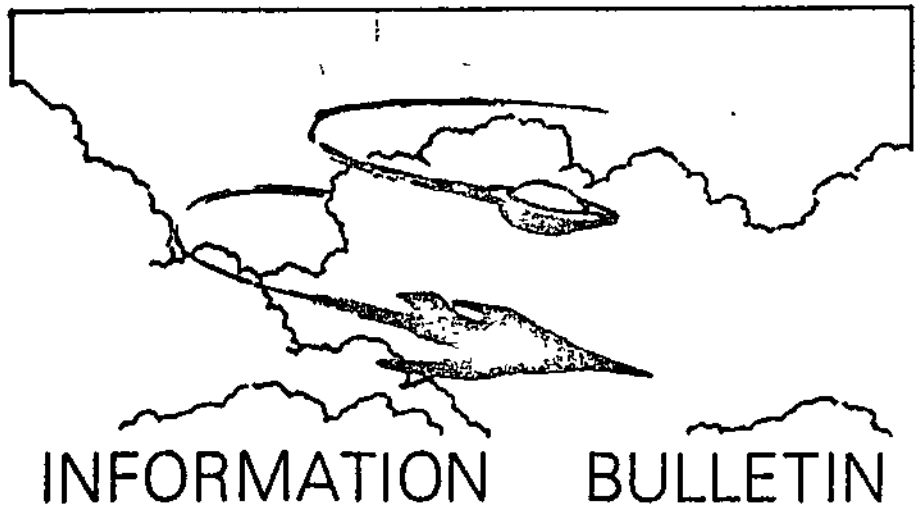
concerning the incident was found within this Headquarters; however, the Air Force does not have disclosure authority for this report. Your request has been forwarded to the Defense Intelligence Agency."

The reason for my trip to the U. S. was to attend two UFO conventions as well as to visit the Pentagon. During the next three weeks I was in the Chicago area staying with a friend of many years standing. Since I had heard nothing in several weeks concerning my FOIA request, I decided to call Mr. A. V. Krochalis of the Naval Intelligence Command. I explained what had happened and he gave me the telephone number of Mr. John Brock, a lawyer with the D. I. A. If the report mentioned by the Air Force were denied, my appeal would probably go through his office. I called Mr. Brock. No decision had been made concerning my request and would I mind calling back the next day. I called the next day and was asked to call again in two days. I called at the time and Mr. Brock told me the matter had been taken out of the hands of the office with which he was in contact and that there were now "six or seven other agencies involved." A few days later a letter dated 17 June 1977 from the D. I. A. arrived. "The Defense Intelligence Agency does not have a requirement for the information you seek. Your request has been deferred to the Agency having an interest in this subject and we have requested it provide you an expeditious reply on this matter."

I made a few more telephone calls in order to learn more about that Agency having an interest in the subject matter of my request. Although I was not requested to keep the information I was given confidential, the person who gave it to me has apparently been subjected to discipline procedures. Until I can personally verify that this is so, I have decided to withhold the name of the person involved as well as the information I was given. If this person has suffered, I find it reprehensible that something like this can take place in an Administration that has loudly proclaimed that it is going to tell the people the truth. If it is within my power to do so, I am going to protest this incident to the highest levels of the Executive Branch of the U. S. Government.

My request was being handled by the Office of Information and Security Review. Lt. Col. Ozrow E. Baker informed me that the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the

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Secretary of Defense were now involved, My request was being examined from three viewpoints: operations, intelligence, and foreign policy. Several days and many phone calls later I was informed by LTC Baker that my request had been denied. In the interest of national security, not one word of the document would be released to me. A letter to that effect had been sent to Berlin. I informed LTC Baker that I wished to appeal the decision. He stated he had assumed I would do so. I planned to visit Washington, D. C. soon and I would personally deliver my appeal letter.

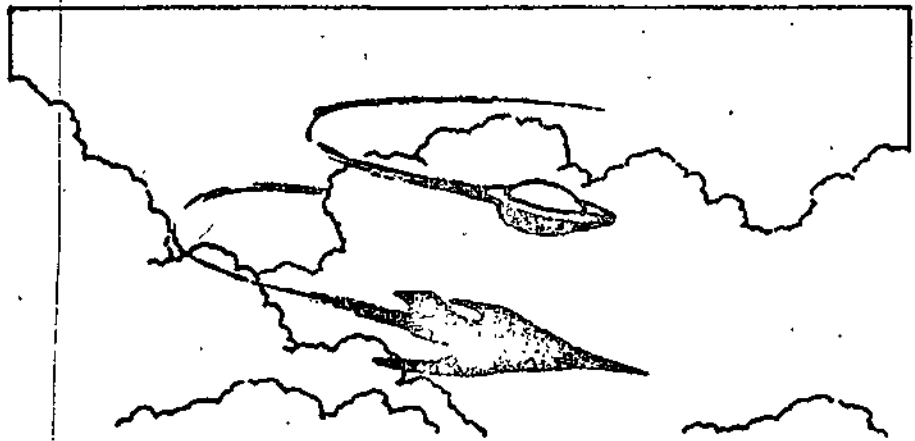
During my stay in the Chicago area, I had met the President of the Center For UFO Studies, Mr. Sherman J. Larsen. He was most interested in this case and when he learned of the denial he stated he would attempt to have U. S. Senator Adlai Stevenson make an inquiry about the situation.

Later, I learned that Phil Klass had expressed an interest in my work on this case and I called him. He invited me to spend a few days with him. I accepted and after the MUFON Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, flew to Washington, D. C. Phil was a fine host.

While staying with Phil I wrote my appeal. Phil suggested that I enclose a copy of the NICAP article on the Iran case as part of my appeal. He also suggested a small change in the interest of clarity. I accepted both suggestions. He then typed the letter, which I delivered to the Pentagon. Phil also visited Charles W. Hinkle, Director, Freedom of Information and Security Review as well as Mr. Leslie A. Janka, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. Phil requested that the document be released in its entirety.

My appeal was in and I departed for Berlin 25 July 1977. After nearly five weeks I received two calls from the U. S. from persons interested in the case. I decided to call LTC Baker (He had been on vacation when I was in Washington, D. C.) and was informed that a time extension was needed and that a letter was on its way to me. The letter arrived and mentioned consultation with an agency having substantial interest in the subject matter of my request, which was a UFO incident. I called LTC Baker again and asked if I could be told the name of the "agency". He stated he did not see why not--The Department of State! He also stated that the message, with three small

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deletions, had been mailed to me. I made arrangements with him to have a copy released to the NATIONAL ENQUIRER. The Pentagon had decided that in fairness to me, they would wait until I had my copy before the document was released to the public.

Why the NATIONAL ENQUIRER? In Acapulco, I had met Bob Pratt, UFO reporter for that paper. I was impressed with his "no nonsense, just give me the facts" approach and I agreed to stay in contact with him. I kept him informed as to the progress of this case. Also, the NATIONAL ENQUIRER has, in my opinion, done more over the years to keep the UFO controversy before the public than any other newspaper. I realize there is a great deal of junk in the paper but they have helped the Ufologists. However, to the best of my knowledge the paper has not yet run the story.

Why was the message released? When Bob Pratt spoke with LTC Baker a few days previous to my calls, he had received the impression the message would be denied a second time. It appears that in the meantime the inquiry from Senator Stevenson arrived at the Pentagon. This was perhaps the deciding factor.

My copy arrived 9 September 1977 by registered letter. I was departing in a few hours for the MUFON, Central European Section, Conference in Munich so, without even having read the document, I visited an office within the Berlin Brigade to have the "Governmentese" deciphered. While there, I received the impression that this document had been taken seriously by the U. S. Government. The document originated in the Military Attache Office (Tehran) and was sent to the following: D. I. A., Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Air Force, Europe, Commander in Chief of U. S. Forces, Europe, etc. The message was retransmitted by the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the following: Secretary of State, C. I. A., N. S. A., White House, Chief of Staff U. S. Air Force, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Chief of Staff U. S. Army.

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The U. S. Government must be given credit for releasing this document. In my opinion, it shows a respect for the common sense of the American people. There will be no panic or fear aroused among the populace. Let us hope that this is only the beginning of a new openness on the part of the U. S. Government.

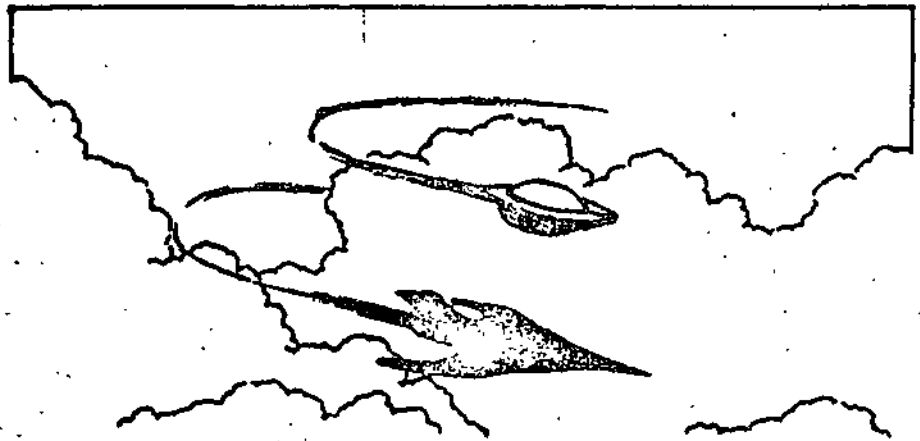
Here is the text of the message: "...This report forwards information concerning the sighting of an UFO in Iran on 19 September 1976.

A. At about 1230 AM on 19 Sep 76 the -----(Deleted by the State Department)----received four telephone calls from citizens living in the Shemiran area of Tehran saying that they had seen strange objects in the sky. Some reported a kind of bird-like object while others reported a helicopter with a light on. There were no helicopters airborne at that time. -----(Deleted by the State Department)-----after he told the citizens it was only stars and had talked to Mehrabad tower he decided to look for himself. He noticed an object in the sky similar to a star bigger and brighter. He decided to scramble an F-4 from Shahrokhi AFB to investigate.

B. At 0130 hrs on the 19th the F-4 took off and proceeded to a point about 40 NM north of Tehran. Due to its brilliance the object was easily visible from 70 miles away. As the F-4 approached a range of 25 NM he lost all instrumentation and communications (UHF and intercom). He broke off the intercept and headed back to Shahrokhi. When the F-4 turned away from the object and apparently was no longer a threat to it the aircraft regained all instrumentation and communications. At 0140 hrs a second F-4 was launched. The backseater acquired a radar lock on at 27 NM, 12 o'clock high position with the VG (rate of closure) at 150 NMPH. As the range decreased to 25 NM the object moved away at a speed that was visible on the radar scope and stayed at 25 NM.

C. The size of the radar return was comparable to that of a 707 tanker. The visual size of the object was difficult to discern because of its intense brilliance. The light that it gave off was that of flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern and alternating blue, green, red and orange

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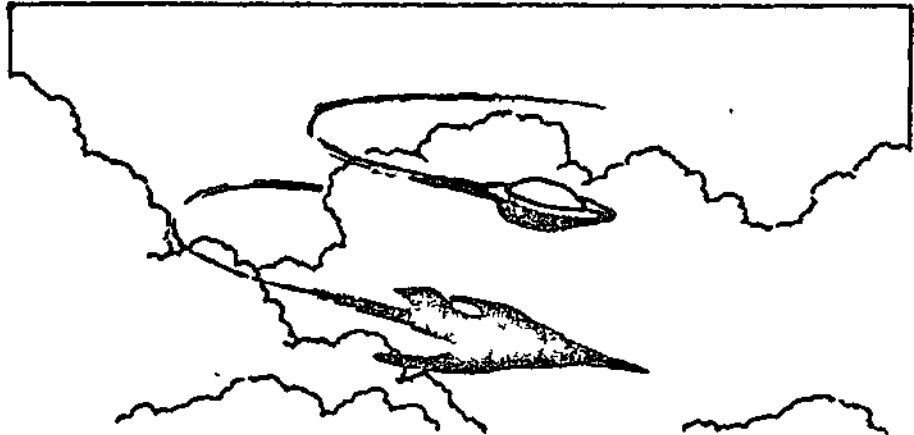
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in color. The sequence of the lights, was so fast that all the colors could be seen at once. The object and the pursuing F-4 continued on a course to the south of Tehran when another brightly lighted object estimated to be one half to one third the apparent size of the moon came out of the original object. This second object headed straight toward the F-4 at a very fast rate of speed. The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the object but at that instant his weapons control panel went off and he lost all communications (UHF and interphone). At this point the pilot initiated a turn and negative G dive to get away. As he turned the object fell in trail at what appeared to be about 3-4 NM. As he continued in his turn away from the primary object the second object went to the inside of his turn then returned to the primary object for a perfect rejoin.

D. Shortly after the second object joined up with the primary object another object appeared to come out of the other side of the primary object going straight down at a great rate of speed. The F-4 crew had regained communications and the weapons control panel and watched the object approach the ground anticipating a large explosion. This object appeared to come to rest gently on the earth and cast a very bright light over an area of about 2-3 kilometers. The crew descended from their altitude of 26 M to 15M and continued to observe and mark the object's position. They had some difficulty in adjusting their night visibility for landing so after orbiting Mehrabad a few times they went out for a straight in landing. There was a lot of interference on the UHF and each time they passed through a mag. bearing of 150 degree, from Fhrabad they lost their communications (UHF and interphone) and the ins fluctuated from 30 degrees-50degrees. The one civil airliner that was approaching Mehrabad during this same time experienced communications failure in the same vicinity (Kilo 7ul11)(?) but did not report seeing anything. While the F-4 was on a long final approach the crew noticed another cylinder shaped object (about the size of a T-bird at 10M) with bright steady lights on each end and a flasher in the middle. When queried the tower stated there was no other known traffic in the area. During the time that the object passed over the F-4 the tower did not have a visual on it but picked it up after the pilot told them to look between the mountains and the refinery.

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E. During daylight the F-4 crew was taken out to the area in a helicopter where the object apparently had landed. Nothing was noticed at the spot where they thought the object landed (a dry lake bed) but as they circled off to the west of the area they picked up a very noticeable beeper signal. At the point where the return was the loudest was a small house with a garden. They landed and asked the people w thin if they had noticed anything strange last night. The people talked about a loud noise and a very bright light like lightening. The aircraft and area where the object is believed to have landed are being checked for possible radiation.----- (Deleted by the State Department)-----More information will be forwarded when it becomes available."

End of text. It is clear why the U. S. Government denied this document to me originally. Its release is certainly the most important thing with which I have been associated in the field of Ufology. I am looking forward to further developments in this area from the Carter Administration.

NM stands for nautical mile, about 6076 feet. Also, blue flashing lights are not allowed on aircraft from our planet. international agreements are quite precise which colors are used; where they are to be placed. Fortunately, whatever the UFOs are, they do not seem to be aware of these agreements. Perhaps they are aware and simply do not care. Either way it is an interesting thought.

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UFOs seen near nuclear missile

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WASHINGTON — During two weeks in 1975, unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects were sighted near a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department

records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

In several instances, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes to carry on the unsuccessful pursuit. The records released Thursday do not indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of the secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings un-

less specifically asked.

The Defense Department position, cited in that memo and reiterated Thursday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their

sites, Defense Dept. report says

electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

The report, compiled by American officials, said that the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

The planes' electronic equipment reportedly became operative after they veered away from the smaller object, which had returned to the larger light, the report said. Iranians described the larger object, with colored, fast-flashing lights, as the size of a Boeing 707 jetliner.

The information on the 1975 and 1976 sightings — records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) — was turned over

to Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

GSW obtained the information through a Freedom-of-Information request to the Air Force, one of a number it has made to government agencies involved in UFO investigations.

A similar request to the CIA, made both by GSW and the Washington Post, resulted in the CIA's turning over almost 900 pages of documents related to its monitoring of UFO reports since the 1950s.

The CIA was directed by a U.S. District Court judge here last year to turn over to Ground Saucer Watch UFO data unrelated to national security.

The agency, according to GSW officials and attorneys, apparently has withheld

some UFO records, and GSW says it intends to seek further court action in the case.

The CIA documents are largely a collection of worldwide intelligence reports, newspaper articles and agency memoranda relating to UFO sightings and theories of extraterrestrial life.

The CIA's position, reiterated Thursday by a spokesman, is that it has had no involvement with UFOs since 1953, when a special study panel concluded that they presented no threat to national security.

While memos from as recently as 1977 are included in the 879 pages, the CIA spokesman said the agency continues to be "a passive recipient" of UFO data, even though none of the material is analyzed

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UFO - Phantoms in chase over South Tehran

TEHRAN — Two jet fighters of the Imperial Iranian Air Force were chased by a brightly lit, unidentified flying object over the suburbs of Tehran on Saturday night, authorities revealed Sunday.

The UFO was first sighted by Mehrabad Airport Control Tower officials who said the object was flying at an altitude of about 6,000 feet over the southern area of the city flashing alternate red, blue and green lights.

The control tower authorities immediately informed the Air Force which sent two Phantoms off in pursuit of the reported UFO.

The two Phantom pilots eventually caught up with what they described as a "round body" due south of Tehran but, as the aircraft approached, the UFO increased speed to what was reported as "many times the speed of sound" and then turned in its course to chase the Phantoms.

One of the pilots said that although the Phantoms broke the sound barrier, it was impossible to catch up with the object.

Late Saturday night the Ettela'at evening daily reporter who broke the story in Tehran, said that highly informed sources had told him that the pilots tried to open fire on the object when it became obvious it was changing its course against them but, inexplicably, their electronic appliances on their aircraft failed to respond.

The same sources told the Ettela'at reporter that once the object came into a five kilometer radius with the Phantoms all electronic appliances on their aircraft went out of action and they lost radio control.

The UFO reportedly gave chase only for a short while before taking off at great speed and disappearing over the hills south of Rey.

One of the pilots, authorities said, reported to Mehrabad Control Tower during the chase that he had seen a "bright object" separate from the UFO and fall into

the hills below. He described it as a "round body" with a circumference of about 4.5 meters which would indicate the reported UFO was of quite massive size.

The Gendarmerie post at Aminabad outside of Rey, was immediately alerted and an all-night search took place over the hills in the region to try and find the object.

Late Sunday night reports on whether or not the Gendarmerie search party had found anything were conflicting. One source said that nothing had been found in the hunt that continued on into Sunday morning while others reported that "something" had been found.

The authenticity of the object, however, already confirmed by several control tower officials at Mehrabad and the two pilots, was further backed up Sunday night by eyewitness reports from the area. People in the vicinity reported having seen a "bright body" flit across the sky while others claimed to have seen "some bright thing" falling from the sky.

Investigations into the unusual circumstances are still continuing.

Saturday's spotting of a flying saucer was not the first reported in Iran. Many cases of people spotting unidentified flying objects have been previously investigated with the last being reported from Buyril, near Bushehr last May.

There, people claimed they had seen a "flying object encircled by light and purple lights" landing in a deserted spot. No evidence was found to support this claim, however.

Earlier in April a less serious claim was made by a man from Chalus who said he had been "whisked aboard a flying saucer in the woods and carried off to Isfahan."

The last event occurred on the 13th day of the Persian new year, a day of national picnics, and dozens of people out in the same area reported that they too had seen a mysterious object passing by.

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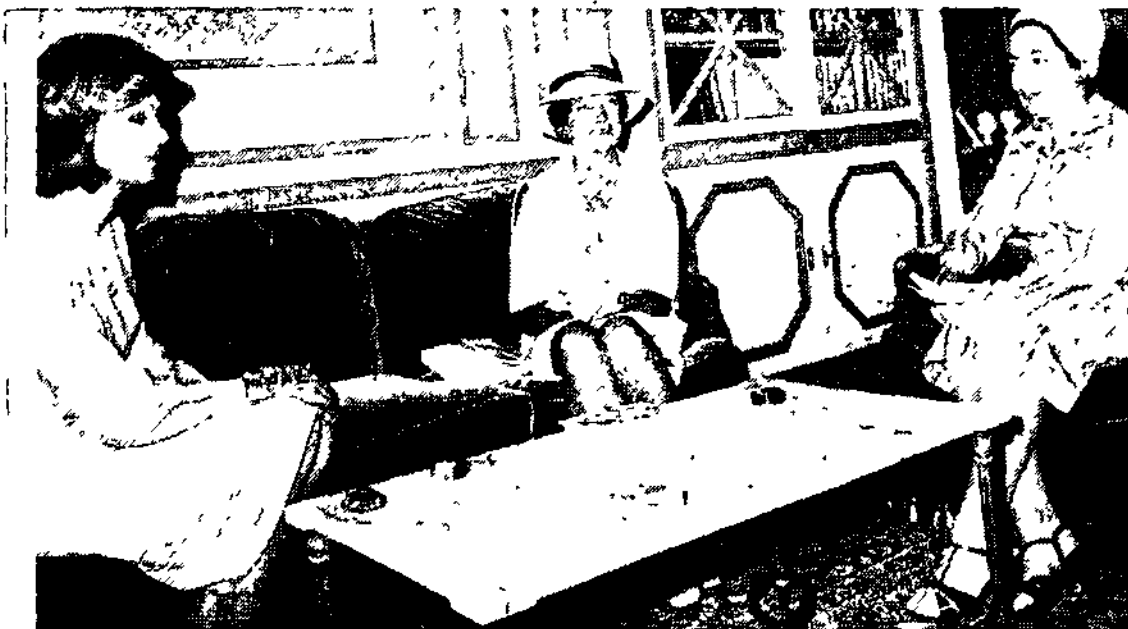


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The Air Force and the bright thing in the sky

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AND now ... the REAL story about that "UFO". Unfortunately, it's not quite as exciting as the tales we've been hearing over the last day or two about the bright light "thing" that allegedly had the audacity to chase two jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force across Tehran. Nevertheless, the true facts as outlined by an official source yesterday still have the ring of science fiction about them.

The source said individuals telephoned Mehrabad Airport's control tower to report a bright light in the night sky. Two jets were scrambled to investigate and one of the pilots reported seeing an object with a light so bright it illuminated the ground below. But the apparition soon disappeared and ... that's it.

The pilot did not report seeing red, blue and green flashing lights as the newspaper reports said. And most emphatically, said the source, it did not switch round and chase the jets.

between Pilot 'J' and ground control, in which he reported the different lights and the chase, left the official "frankly puzzled."

But he agreed that there was no apparent explanation for what the pilot DID see.

Well, far be it from us to scoff at the UFO theory. After all, they have just opened a special airport

in France for UFOs, arguing that the reason none have landed on earth before is that there was nowhere for them to land.

Perhaps our UFO lost its way in the dark.

Investigations are continuing.

Empress visits

The newspaper reports also said that when the object came to within five kilometres of the jets, all electrical appliances on the aircraft went out of action, they lost radio contact with the ground and could not fire on the object as they intended.

Not so, said the official. The pilots made no attempt to open fire and at no time did the aircrafts' electronic gear fail to function.

And, since everything on the plane from controls to fuel pump is electronically operated, it's a little puzzling to figure out how the plane could possibly have kept in the air anyway.

The official summed it all up by saying the reports, which first appeared in afternoon papers on Sunday, were "exaggerated" A reported verbatim conversation

REVEALED: THE CIA'S SECRET UFO FILE

By ART BENTLEY

A CONSPIRACY by the CIA is denying Americans vital information about UFOs visiting earth, according to one of the world's most reputable UFO investigation organizations.

"For years, everybody has blamed the Air Force for suppressing evidence," Bill Spaulding, head of the Ground Saucer Watch of Phoenix, AZ., told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE. "We assumed they were the culprits. But the CIA is the major agency suppressing evidence."

"It appears to us now that all intelligence agencies had something to do with this. We consider the Air Force to be merely the data collecting house. It appears when one goes through Project Bluebook, some of the better military cases are missing."

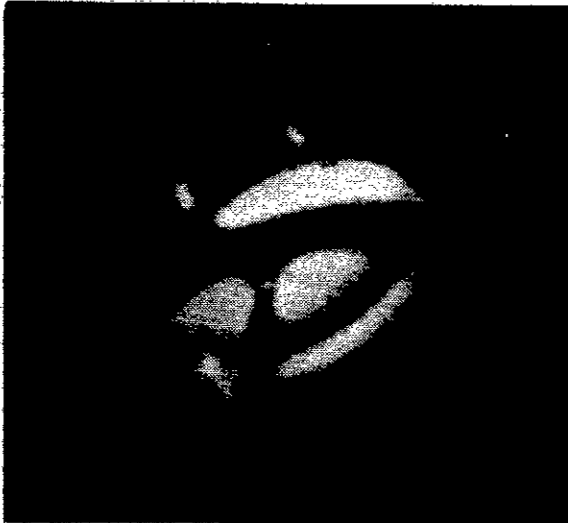
Project Bluebook, discontinued in 1969, was the running account the Air Force kept on flying saucer reports for more than 20 years. If Spaulding and the GSW are correct, the missing pages are in the voluminous files of the CIA.

They are suing the agency for release of its secret UFO files under the Freedom of Information Act.

Three astounding eyewitness accounts of alien sightings they never wanted you to know about



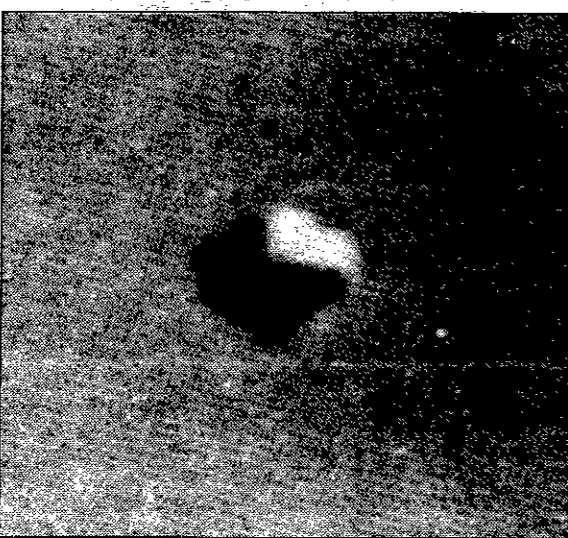
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MESA, AZ., Nov. 11, 1972.

The flying saucer that attacked a jet fighter

One of the files the GSW hopes to get released is that of a mysterious case in Teheran, Iran, in 1975, which the U.S. Air Force investigated. A bright object was reported in the sky and subsequently spotted by two radar stations.

Traffic controllers at Teheran Airport were worried. The craft had flashing blue and orange lights. Conventional aircraft throughout the globe are required to have only red, green or white lights.

The Iranian air force sent up two jet fighters to intercept the mysterious craft. Both were armed with missiles.

The first jet lost all communications 25 nautical miles away from the UFO. Its pilot could not contact the control tower or his companion. He returned to his base.

Meanwhile, the other jet got within 22 miles of the object when it emitted a small projectile, cylindrical with no wings or markings. It flew directly at the jet on a collision course.

Suppressed

The pilot attempted to fire his heat-seeking missile. As he did so, he too lost control of his communications and weapons systems. He also had to dive out of the way. The object barely missed him, circled behind him, then returned to the UFO, which the pilot described as being about the size of a commercial jet aircraft.

Still another object then appeared to leave the UFO and descend at a high rate of speed. To the crew of the Iranian fighter plane, it appeared to land gently on the earth and cast a bright light over an area of two to three kilometers.

The fighter returned to its base, its instruments having been restored, and directed a helicopter to the area where the object was thought to have landed.

Nothing was found.

This suppressed report of the Iranian incident, made available to GSW through secret sources, is one on which its suit is based.

Another is a directive of the North American Air Defense System (NORAD), which accumulated massive evidence that in 1975 UFOs violated the air space over every air base of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) in the world, appearing visually and on radar.

The bases attempted interceptions, only to witness the

UFOs take off at tremendous speed.

The NORAD directive urged the bases to play down the sightings so the news media would not think the incidents were widespread and related. "Care should be taken to avoid speculation or to imply Air Force interest beyond the security of the installation," the directive stated. "Responses should be direct, forthright and emphasize that the action taken was in response to an isolated or specific incident."

The 'blue light' that engulfed a convoy on a busy freeway

UFOs are not confining their activity to airports and air bases, however.

One of the more curious recent incidents occurred last spring in Indianapolis, IN., according to Charles Tucker of the Mutual UFO Network, another respected UFO organization. Roger Allen German, a truck driver from Nappanee, IN.,

was leading a three-truck convoy on a busy interstate highway around the city. The sky was clear, the road was full of traffic and German and the two others drivers were talking on their CB radios.

Crazy

Suddenly, their CB transmissions were cut off. All noise ceased and the three trucks were enveloped in a bright blue light, like a giant lampshade. In the words of one witness, The drivers couldn't see beyond their hoods or out of their windows.

On the other side of the road, some 50 cars stopped to view the spectacle. According to witnesses, the "lampshade" had a spout about 50 feet long on top.

After the incident, it took German's truck 90 minutes to build its battery back up to full charge.

The clock in his cab, which was knocked out at the time, is still haywire.

"I never believed in these crazy things," he told Charles Tucker, "but I do now."

"I don't drink or use drugs and I've never experienced anything like this before."

Mom, then daughter see strange alien craft

Another sighting in Indiana, this one in the town of Carmel, was equally strange. Patrolman Conrad Brown investigated a call from the wife of an FBI agent who reported the presence of a large bright light moving around in the sky.

Ten minutes later, her 14-year-old daughter burst into the house, screaming hysterically and demanding that her mother call the police. According to Brown, while the daughter and her girlfriend were riding motor bicycles, a large object, "bigger than a house," appeared low in the sky directly in front of them.

It had a green top, white sides, a reddish purple tail and lights of purple, green, gold, red and blue. It made no sound. The girls' bicycles lost power, and as the young riders pushed them toward some friends, they felt in a "weird state."

They saw the craft sink behind some trees where it hovered for a time 100 feet above the ground. Then, with a whistling

sound, it left at a high rate of speed.

Officer Brown described the girls as "hysterical, wide-eyed and unable to believe what had happened."

Such reports as these are even more startling when you consider that for every case made public, many more are kept secret, either by the CIA or by people afraid to report sightings for fear of being branded as lunatics.

That's the estimation of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, IL., and a distinguished astronomer who headed the Air Force's Project Bluebook investigation.

"For every report made, there are probably a dozen or two dozen kept secret," he says. "We're seeing less than the tip of the iceberg."

GSW, with its lawsuit, wants to change that ratio.

"What gets us is that the government — and the CIA — is denying that they have any secret files on UFOs, and we know definitely that isn't true," Spaulding says. "We have letters from government agencies saying UFOs don't exist, but we know they have files proving otherwise."

Spaulding hopes to have them in the hands of his organization soon. A judgment is expected in a few weeks.

Meanwhile a panel of leading psychologists predicts how Americans would react to an invasion from outer space

MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T PANIC IF ALIENS LANDED

ALIENS from outer space could land on the White House lawn tomorrow, and most Americans — conditioned by years of UFO tales and science fiction movies — would hardly bat an eye, says a blue-ribbon panel of leading psychologists.

There would be no panic in the streets, no mass hysteria, no epidemic of fear — at least not in the U.S., the experts say. In fact, they conclude, the majority of Americans would simply go on with their everyday business, and — unless the aliens attacked — would probably soon lose interest in them.

Predict

The psychologists' surprising findings are revealed by author Robert Emenecker in his new Ballantine paperback, "UFOs Past, Present & Future." In it, Emenecker says the prestigious

scientific panel — supervised by Dr. Leon Festinger of New York's School for Social Research — was asked to predict how Americans would respond to official reports of a visitor from outer space.

Typical was the conclusion reached by panelist Dr. Elliot Aronson of the University of Texas: "The news that a humanoid from outer space exists will not be terribly startling to most people," he said. "I do not believe that there will be many extreme reactions; people will not panic, they will not become aggressive, they will not leave the cities, they won't absent themselves from their workaday world."

Unite

Dr. Aronson predicted that most Americans would react in one of two ways: those who already believed in UFOs and life on other planets would

accept the news readily; and those who did not, would probably decide that the event was a government-backed hoax.

Other panelists, said Emenecker, agreed that it would take more than the mere presence of extraterrestrial tourists to frighten Americans.

The scientists concluded that only the "clear and present danger" of a UFO attack would cause any serious fright, and felt that even if aliens armed with superior weapons threatened attack, "the mere warning message itself" would not produce panic.

One panelist even thought the threat of a UFO attack might benefit mankind, explaining that "what we really need is an enemy invader from outer space, then we would unite as one species to drive the invader away, and live in peace."

Panelist Dr. Elaine Walster of the



University of Wisconsin conceded that Americans would probably be suspicious about why any superior space beings would make contact in the first place, Emenecker reports.

"Most Americans have learned that

one rarely gets something for nothing," he quotes Dr. Walster as saying. "They know that when they accept benefits which they cannot repay in kind, they may be obligated to repay their benefactor in unspecified ways. Americans are usually unwilling to extend such unlimited blanket credit."

Cure

Dr. Walster said that if and when a UFO does make contact, it will be important for the government to reassure people — if it is possible — about what the space visitors want from us.

It may simply be, she said, that the aliens will give us "things we want — universal peace, a cure for cancer, or solar energy" — in return for things they want — "jazz, achievement motivation... and Colonel Sanders Chicken."

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communication occurred to the first plane, the ETI (Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) craft began to accelerate at a faster pace than the jet was traveling. An attempt was made by the pilot (Lt. Fafari) to close the distance on the UFO. He continued to chase the object through the night sky over Iran.

Something unusual now takes place. The UFO ejected a smaller brilliant object and it immediately became apparent, too, that this mystery light was zeroing in on the F-4 interceptor. What would you do if you were in command?

The object was approaching at a high rate of speed. The decision was made by Lt. Fafari to cut loose with an AIM-9 missile. Was this your decision also? Let's see if it was a correct one.

When the pilot attempted to fire the missile, immediately the weapons control panel became inoperative and at the same time he also lost all communications. He was now experiencing the same thing the first interceptor's crew went through. Now we have a real problem. He could not contact his base to call for assistance, for his communications unit is dead. He could not fire his missile, because the weapons panel board was dead. What next?

With no other defense left, the next decision was to turn the F-4 sharply and dive in an attempt to evade the approaching projectile from the space craft. This was another wrong decision, for the object immediately changed course when the jet made its maneuver to dive and continued to trail the interceptor.

As if tired of playing games, the pursuing object increased its speed, cut to the side of the turn by the F-4, climbed up and away, and returned to the huge ETI craft.

Those Iranian Air Force interceptor pilots just refused to give up. When the smaller object returned to the main craft, Lt. Fafari brought to an end the dive and began chasing the spacecraft. Once again the weapons control panel and the communications unit were in full operation.

The F-4 crew was amazed to see another object emerge from the side of the ETI craft and go into a fast dive toward the earth. As the object approached land, it slowed and gently landed in the hills below. When this occurred, the main space craft put on a burst of speed and left. The landed object cast an extremely bright light over an area estimated to be 1½ miles in diameter.

Lt. Fafari took the jet interceptor at a lower attitude and circled carefully, noting the position of the object on earth

...the crew then neared back toward Shahrokh Air Force Base with some difficulty in regaining their night vision as the result of watching the brilliant lights of the landed UFO. While returning, they noticed the UHF radio unit had unusually heavy interference. At times they lost all communications each time their plane passed through a certain magnetic bearing. Another plane was in the area and it, too, experienced the same thing with its communications unit when in the same magnetic bearing.

The next morning a helicopter was dispatched to the area where the landed UFO settled. Nothing could be found, but a strange beeping tone was heard on their communications unit inside the helicopter. A nearby farm house was noticed and they landed the chopper, approached the farm house, and questioned its occupant if he had noticed anything unusual the night before. Yes he did. He saw a brilliant lighted object land on his property some distance from the house and also heard a loud beeping noise coming from it. Is it possible whatever landed had something to do with a "homing device"? And if so, what will it be used for? Though they could not find the landed object from the night before, the beeping tone was still being heard on the military plane's communication unit.

The United States government is aware of this case but has decided to remain silent about it, and the national news media has been deprived of the report as a result. Certainly this is an incident that could be classified as a "fearful" sight in the heavens!

We are living the times the Bible prophecy speaks of with all such events as fearful sights and great signs from heaven, earthquakes in many places, wars and rumors of wars. Famine and other predicted events all occurring in our time point to the soon return of Jesus Christ, God's Son, to claim those that have repented of their sins and believed on Him. When this event takes place, will you be ready?

A closing reminder of the annual week-long UFO conference at the Cape Canaveral Bible Conference, Cape Canaveral, Florida, beginning February 19, 1977. Watch for the next column, as I will relate part of the planned presentations - a conference that should top them all in slide presentations and discussions. Plan to attend and make reservations now. Come and have fellowship with others nationwide and from Canada that are extremely interested in what's going on in the skies above us and of prophetic up-coming events. For your reservations write or call the Gateway to the Stars Motel, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920. Phone 305-783-0361.



UFO REPORT

By Robert Barry, Director
20th Century UFO Bureau

In our last column we told of an Iranian Airforce pilot's pursuit of an unidentified brilliant flying object on September 19, 1976, near the city of Tehran. As his plane drew closer to the object, his communications equipment and instrumentation became inoperative, so the pilot decided to return to his base. Shortly after this, when he was returning to Shahrokh Air Force Base, near Tehran, all communications and instrumentation in the plane once again performed normally.

Ten minutes later, at 1:40 a.m., another scramble was ordered and a second F-4 thundered down the runway and was airborne with instructions to accomplish what the first jet was unable to do - intercept and identify.

Drawing nearer to the mystery object, contact was made on radar by the plane's crew. The size of the return on the scope gave the indication that the sky craft was as large as a 707 jet airliner. To the naked eye, it was difficult to determine the size due to the brilliance of the object.

As the interceptor continued its flight path, it was confirmed that they were closing the gap between the two. When the F-4 reached the same distance from the mystery craft that the prior loss of

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Date of Actual Sighting: September 18, 1976

Location: Tehran, Iran

From: Joe M. Brill

Newspaper: "Townsville Daily Bulletin" of September 22, 1976
Townsville, Queensland, Australia

U F O C H A S E

Tehran - September 21 -- (Australian Associated Press) - Iranian authorities confirmed here today that two Air Force Phantom jet fighters chased a flying saucer over the capital on Saturday, Agence France Presse reported. The two pilots reported they were chased in their turn by mysterious objects. The interceptors took off after Mehrabad Civil Airport controllers spotted a round object giving off red, blue and green lights. The Tehran press quoted the pilots as saying that when they intercepted the saucer at an altitude of 1800 meters, it shot off at several times the speed of sound only to return and pursue them. When the pilots attempted to open fire on it, their electronics and radio-communication systems were suddenly paralysed.

(End of Article from Australia)

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From: J.L. Warren
Aug. 5, 1979

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To: Dialogue/FORUM, Omni Magazine.

UFO Over Iran

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James Oberg's article for UFO Update in the August issue is rhetorical prose at its worse. He has used inuendo, guilt by association, introduced facts that were not part of the original story and shown them to be false, introduced the presence of Jupiter and all but stated that it is the cause of the event while choosing to ignore radar lockons by the F-4 chasing the object. I could go on but it would serve no purpose. Those of us who have studied the Iranian case know that Oberg's presentation of the case is distorted by his perspective. The fact of the matter is that neither Oberg nor the National Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel were in Iran that night. The events occurred 3 years ago and are becoming dim memories in the minds of the people who experienced them. All we have left are second and third hand stories. This is the fate of all UFO events to date.

I was on the Enquirer's Panel that judged this case as "the most scientifically valuable UFO case reported in 1976." I would like to think that we did a little more than "merely agree that it sounded like a good story" as Oberg stated. We found lots of inconsistencies in the documents available. I have identified at least three versions of the story. Furthermore I compiled a list of questions and tried to talk to the Iranian general who authorized the release of the original story. He insisted that the questions be submitted in writing through the embassy. This I did, but received no reply. It is no longer possible to use this case as evidence that UFOs are vehicles for an intelligent species of beings. If, however, you believe that UFOs are vehicles based on the enormous number of reports over the past thirty years, then you can try to separate the wheat from the chaff and look for clues, as a detective would, which might lead us to an understanding of how these vehicles operate. We are almost in the position of an aborigine trying to deduce the operation of the internal combustion engine without being able to lift the hood of the car.

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Subject: UFO Over Iran (continued)

JLW, Aug. 5, 1979

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The tentative clues that I got from this sighting are the following. Electrical and electronic gear can be selectively turned off or jammed at a distance of 15 to 25 miles. The UFO was observed to change shape by the air traffic controller at Mehrabad airport. We have several sketches by the same observer. Furthermore the object was observed to disappear and reappear some distance away. Another, but much weaker clue, comes from one version of the story which says that 20 degree swings of the indicator on the inertial guidance system were noted along some directions of flight. If the guidance system operates with a fairly stable gyroscope, then we may be seeing distortions of the gravitational field. The fact that smaller objects were seen emerging from the main UFO whose estimated size by radar was about that of a Boeing 707 is a further clue. Let me speculate about these clues. Feeble forms of psychokinesis have been demonstrated by such people as Ingo Swann during a series of experiments at SRI. An advanced form of this laboratory demonstrated phenomena could explain the jamming of aircraft electronics and the turning off of automobile engines in other cases. The changing shape may tell us that we are not dealing with a solid object which must obey the ordinary laws of physics, but rather with a "hole" in the fabric of space. The lights associated with the UFO may be the energy price that must be paid for opening up this hole. Disappearing and reappearing is closing one hole and opening another. It is very likely that anything that effects the fabric of space must effect gravity. Einstein's general theory of relativity showed that gravity is a distortion or curvature of space around massive objects. The inverse must also be true. The fact that objects came out of this luminous UFO suggests that this hole in space is in fact a door through which matter from another star system may enter our world. Perhaps we had better start examining the topology of a five dimensional universe. It is one thing to speculate but is another thing to prove that you are right. We are a long way from that.

To: Omni Forum
Subject: UFO Over Iran (continued)

JL. , Aug. 5, 1979

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Olberg takes the Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel to task for endorsing the Iranian case without a thorough investigation. The Panel is not a scientific investigative body. It is a group of scientists who meet ^cone or twice a year to discuss stories selected by the Enquirer's Minipanel of representatives from the major civilian organizations: NICAP, APRO and MUFON. We have not seen a reported case strong enough to be considered proof that UFOs are vehicles, but we have seen many cases that provide us with tentative scientific clues which may help ~~someone in the future unravel this mystery.~~^e The purpose of the reward money is to encourage more people to make good reports, i.e., multiple witness, investigated by government sanctioned bodies like the police or Air Force, demonstrating new physical effects.

What would be scientific proof? The only acceptable proof is a close encounter of the 3rd kind as depicted in the movie or the nearly complete wreckage of a flying saucer in the Smithsonian Museum for all to look at. I personally do not think that we will see either during our life time. I think that we must take the clues that we have, although many of them may be false, and try to explain them by mathematical theories and then by laboratory experiments.

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Sept. 2, 1978

Mr. W. Todd Zechel
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Because I am about to depart for a brief holiday and a business trip to the mid-west, I will reply here only to one of the gross errors and falsehoods to be found in your recent White Paper FL-3 of unknown date. This is your claim that I resorted to falsehoods in matters pertaining to the Iranian UFO incident in communications with you and Stan Friedman. You claim:

To Summarize: Klass told Friedman on Dec. 21, 1977, that he had received a "full, unexpurgated version of the 'Iranian UFO Report' a few weeks before the Pentagon finally got approval from Iran to release it." This would mean that Klass possessed a classified document which had been transmitted to him through the mail, which is in serious violation of the national security and espionage laws. One certainly would expect that "the commander of the U.S. Military Assistance Group in Iran" would not violate these laws merely in order to provide Klass with a copy of the message.

On 07 August 1977, Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Miles, Chief of MAAG in Iran, in reply to my request, wrote to enclose several items about the UFO incident. (See Exhibit "A"). One of these items was a photo-copy of a two-page UNCLASSIFIED summary of the debriefing of the second F-4 crew in which USAF officers participated. (See Exhibit "B") Why a security classification of "Confidential" was added, and by whom, when this unclassified debriefing report later was sent by teletype dispatch to Washington is beyond me!

Continuing with your allegations:

However, since Klass indicated on September 4, 1977 [in telcon with Zechel] that he had not seen the report [the classified teletype dispatch], only Klass can clarify in which instance he was lying. Was he lying when he indicated to me [on Sept. 4] he hadn't seen the report some five days after it had been released? Or was he lying when he told Friedman he obtained the report "a few weeks" before it was released.

NEITHER! The declassified copy of the teletype dispatch was sent to me on Friday, Sept. 2, 1977, by Capt. John A. Worthington, DoD Public Affairs, as indicated by Exhibit "C". Because he sent the letter to my office, and because there are no Saturday/Sunday deliveries even if I had gone into the office over the weekend, it should be clear to you that the earliest possible date I could have received his letter would have been Monday, Sept. 5.

Thus, when you called me at my home on Sunday, Sept. 4, and I said that I had not yet received a copy of the recently declassified teletype dispatch, I was telling the truth. And until I did receive it, and could compare it with the unclassified debriefing summary report supplied to me by Gen. Miles, I had no way of knowing whether the two were identical.

Thus, what you interpret as falsehoods on my part are in fact gross errors of interpretation on your part.

Sept. 2, 1978

I assume that after you have carefully examined the three enclosed exhibits you will publicly admit that you made a serious error in charging me with falsehoods on this issue.

While examining Exhibit "B" you will discover you made still another error. The debriefing summary was not written by USAF Col. Frank McKenzie, as you claim, but by Lt. Col. Olin Mooy, who signed the report. When I interviewed Mooy in his home last December, he told me that he and Col. Jerry Johnson (now retired) were invited to the debriefing by the Imperial Iranian Air Force. Mooy said that Johnson wrote the original draft report and that Mooy wrote the final version.

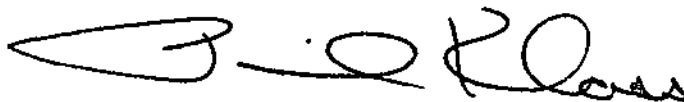
When I return from my mid-west trip on Sept. 8, I would hope to find a copy of the tape recording of our telcon of May 16, 1977, which can quickly resolve many of the issues you have raised about Cmdr. Vtorygin and my relations with him to allow all interested parties to compare what I actually told you with what you claim I told you. I find it interesting that you never quote verbatim from that telcon of 5/16/77 -- only paraphrase in your words--although you delight in quoting verbatim elsewhere in FL-3, including portions of my telephone conversation with Allan Hendry on Aug. 10, 1978. Even here, you omit important portions of our conversation to warp the impressions.

Your reluctance to make public the tapes of our 5/16/77 telcon despite my many months of urgings, reminds me of Nixon's reluctance to make public the now-famous Watergate Tapes. Like Nixon you come up with a variety of excuses for not doing so. Nixon, you recall, first claimed Executive Privilege, then National Security, then that the tapes were his personal property. When the Watergate tapes finally became public, we learned the real reason: the tapes proved that Nixon was a liar.

Finally, I repeat what I told you in my letter of July 1, 1978. IF YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT MY RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE USSR EMBASSY HAVE BEEN IMPROPER, OR INJURIOUS TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE U.S., THEN I URGE YOU TO PROMPTLY PRESENT THAT EVIDENCE TO THE FBI HERE IN WASHINGTON WHEN YOU VISIT HERE SOON TO PURSUE YOUR FOIA ACTION AGAINST THE CIA.

It is your patriotic duty to do so, and you ought not delay any further!

I agree here and now to accept the FBI's verdict!



cc: et al

Philip J. Klass

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Office of the Chief

07 AUG 1977

Mr Philip J. Klass
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Dear Mr Klass:

Attached is all the information that we in the MAAG-Iran have regarding the UFO incident which occurred 19 Sep 76. I am unable to provide any additional information or insights beyond the attached. I share your view that there is no evidence to suggest that the earth is being visited by extra-terrestrial spaceships. We looked at these places the next day but were unable to find anything. Sorry I cannot be of more help but hopefully this will substantiate the news article.

The MAAG has a very small but excellent library and we would be happy to receive a copy of your recent book.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



KENNETH P. MILES
Major General, USAF
Chief, ARMISH-MAAG

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1. ARAF-O MFR, undtd
 2. Newspaper clipping,
"UFO - Phantoms in chase over
South Tehran."
 3. Newspaper clipping,
"The Air Force and the bright
thing in the sky."

FROM: ARAF-0

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: ARCG

1. At about 1230 AM 19 September 1976 the IIAF Command post received a telephone call from the ADOC representative at Mehrabad. He said that Mehrabad had received four telephone calls from citizens living in the Shemiran area saying that they had seen strange objects in the sky. One lady described them as a kind of bird while another lady said, "please tell this helicopter with a light on to get away from my house because I'm scared," (there were no helicopters airborne at that time). The citizens were told it was probably stars.

2. The Command post called Brigadier General Yousefi, Assistant Deputy Commander of Operations. After Yousefi talked to Mehrabad tower and determined Babolsar and Shahrokhi radar did not have the object he decided to look for himself. He noticed an object in the sky similar to a star but bigger and brighter. He decided to scramble an F-4 from Sharokhi to investigate.

3. The F-4 took off at 0130 AM and proceeded to a point about 40 NM North of Tehran. Due to its brilliance the object was easily visible from 70 miles away. As the F-4 approached a range of 25 NM he lost all instrumentation and communications (LHF and Intercom). He broke off the intercept and headed back to Shahrokhi. When the F-4 turned away from the object and apparently was no longer a threat to it the aircraft regained all instrumentation and communications.

4. A second F-4 was launched at 0140 AM. The backseater acquired a radar lock on at 27 NM, 12 o'clock high position with the Vc (rate of closure) at 150 MPH. As the range decreased to 25 NM the object moved away at a speed that was visible on the radar scope and stayed at 25 NM.

5. The size of the radar return was comparable to that of a 707 tanker. The visual size of the object was difficult to discern because of its intense brilliance. The light that it gave off was that of flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern and alternating blue, green, red and orange in color. The sequence of the lights was so fast that all the colors could be seen at once.

6. The object and the pursuing F-4 continued a course to the South of Tehran when another brightly light object, estimated to be 1/2 to 1/3 the apparent size of the main, came out of the edge of the object. The second object headed straight to the F-4. The pilot at that time attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the object but at that instant his

weapons control panel went off and he lost all communications (UHF and Interphone). At this point the pilot initiated a turn and negative G dive to get away. As he turned the object fell in trail at what appeared to be about 5-4 NM. As he continued in his turn away from the primary object the second object went to the inside of his turn then returned to the primary object for a perfect rejoin.

7. Shortly after the second object joined up with the primary object another object appeared to come out of the other side of the primary object going straight down, at a great rate of speed. The F-4 crew had regained communications and the weapons control panel and watched the object approach the ground anticipating a large explosion. This object appeared to come to rest gently on the earth and cast a very bright light over an area of about 2-3 kilometers.

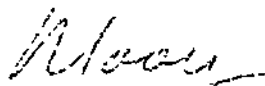
8. The crew descended from their altitude of 26 M to 15 M and continued to observe and mark the object's position. They had some difficulty in adjusting their night visibility for landing so after orbiting Mehrabad a few times they went out for a straight in landing. There was a lot of interference on the UHF and each time they passed through a Mag. bearing of 150° from Mehrabad they lost their communications (UHF and Interphone) and the INS fluctuated from 50° - 50°. The one civil airliner that was approaching Mehrabad during this same time experienced communications failure in the same vicinity (Kilo Zulu) but did not report seeing anything.

9. While the F-4 was on a long final approach the crew noticed another cylinder shaped object (about the size of a T-bird at 10M) with bright steady lights on each end and a flasher in the middle. When queried the tower stated there was no other known traffic in the area. During the time that the object passed over the F-4 the tower did not have a visual on it but picked it up after the pilot told them to look between the mountains and the refinery.

10. During daylight the F-4 crew was taken out to the area in a helicopter where the object apparently had landed. Nothing was noticed at the spot where they thought the object landed (a dry lake bed) but as they circled off to the West of the area they picked up a very noticeable beeper signal. At the point where the return was the loudest was a small house with a garden. They landed and asked the people within if they had noticed anything strange last night. They people talked about a loud noise and a very bright light like lightning.

11. The aircraft and area where the object is believed to have landed are being checked for possible radiation. More information will be forwarded when it becomes available.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR FORCE SECTION.


OLIN R. MOORE, Lt Colonel, USAF
Executive Officer



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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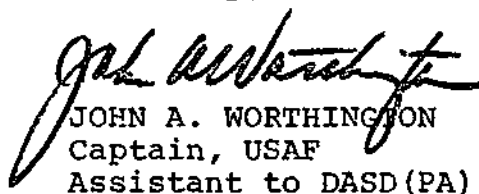
Mr. Phillip Klass
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Dear Mr. Klass:

Attached is a copy of the message regarding Iranian F-4 pilots' reports of "UFO" sightings in September 1976, which you requested. This message was declassified and released August 31, 1977.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please give me a call if I can help you further.

Sincerely,


JOHN A. WORTHINGTON
Captain, USAF
Assistant to DASD (PA)

Attachment

NOTE: Sept. 2, 1977 was a Friday



6 Awarded \$5,000 by Enquirer for Most Scientifically Valuable UFO Case

Six Iranians have been awarded \$5,000 for providing The ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects with the most scientifically valuable UFO case reported in 1977

Engraved plaques were given to the Iranians because they are military and government personnel who are not permitted to accept cash awards, and the \$5,000

went to The Red Lion and Sun — an Iranian charity similar to the Red Cross.

They were accepted by Iran's Ambassador to the United States, Ardeshir Zahedi, on behalf of his countrymen and the charity.

The case involved a UFO

that was spotted over Tehran, Iran, and chased by two Imperial Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom jets on Sept. 18, 1976

The plaques went to the pilots and crew members of the two jets, to an air traffic controller who witnessed much of the confrontation between the Iranian jets and the UFO, and to an Iranian Air Force general.

"The case was particularly important because it provided evidence of long-range jamming of fire control electronics of the F-4," said Dr. James Harder, a Blue Ribbon Panel member and professor of engineering at the University of California at Berkeley.

Earlier this year Lieut. Gen. Abdulah Azarbarzin, deputy commander of operations for the Imperial Iranian Air Force, told The ENQUIRER that virtually all communications, navigation and weapons control systems aboard the two Phantom jets were jammed by the UFO.

"You can always jam communications," Dr. Harder said. "But to jam the electronics of fire control within the plane is something that has not been firmly established before."

Shortly after the UFO was spotted over Tehran at 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, 1976, an F-4 with its two-man crew was dispatched to intercept it. After a wild chase, the jet returned to base with its fuel almost gone and its communications systems jammed.

A second F-4 was scrambled and another chase ensued. The pilots of the two planes said



IRAN'S AMBASSADOR to the U.S., Ardeshir Zahedi (right), accepts \$5,000 check from ENQUIRER's Edward Tropeano at The Iranian Embassy in Washington.

they chased the UFO all over the sky; that the UFO ejected a smaller UFO which chased one of the jets; and that the UFO finally sped off and vanished while being chased at almost 1,400 miles an hour. When the second jet returned to base, its electronic systems were also jammed.

"This technology it (the UFO) used for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have," said Lieut. Gen. Azarbarzin "It was extremely strange and unexplainable."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, another member of the Blue Ribbon Panel and a professor at Utah State University, commented on the Iranian UFO case, which was reported in depth in The ENQUIRER of March 22, 1977

"If a UFO cannot be explained as a natural or psychological phenomenon, hoax or secret weapon, then it's of high interest to scientific UFO investigation," Dr. Salisbury

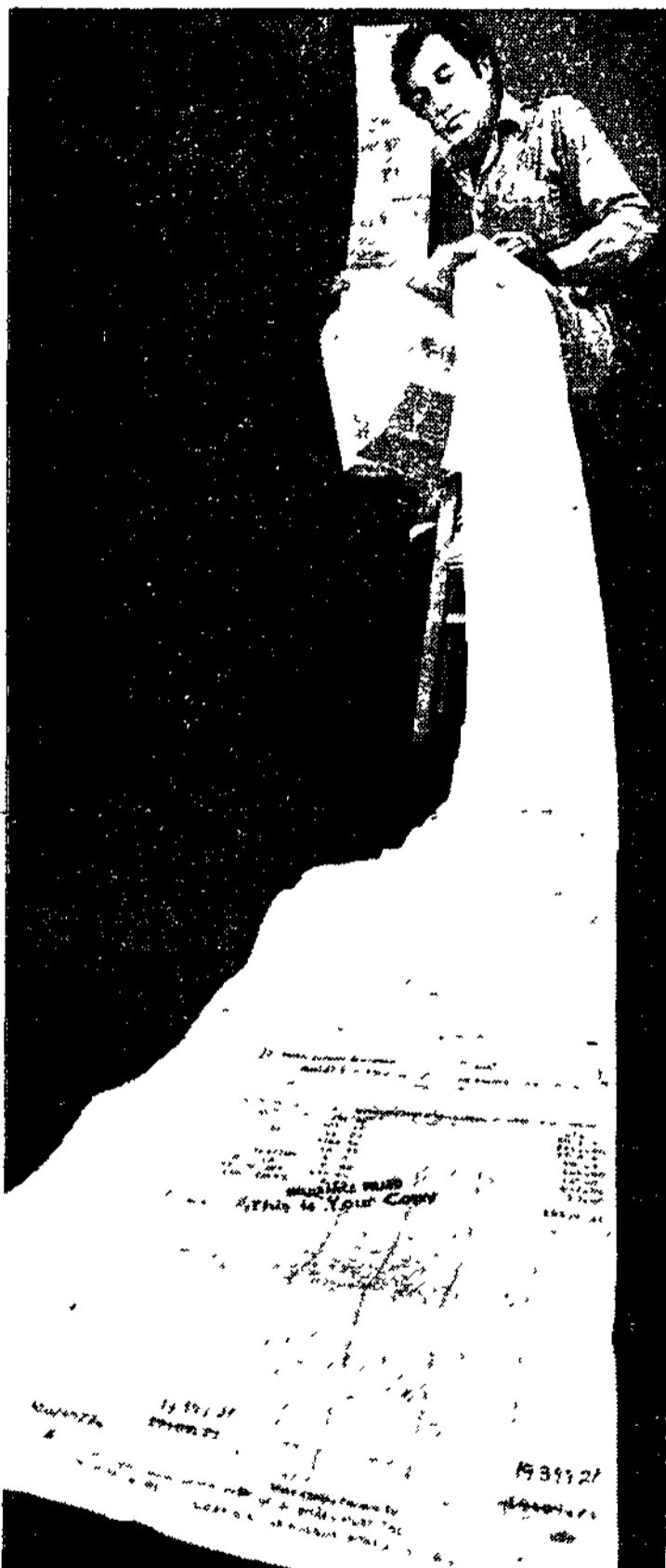
said. "This case meets this criterion. Too many witnesses in highly responsible positions were involved to think of hoaxes or hallucinations."

Members of the Blue Ribbon Panel met twice to consider a half-dozen UFO cases for the \$1 million reward being offered by The ENQUIRER for positive proof that UFOs come from outer space and aren't a natural phenomenon.

The panel members felt that none of the cases merited the \$1 million award, but voted unanimously in favor of the Iranian case as the one which provided the most scientifically valuable evidence that UFOs exist

Other members of the Blue Ribbon Panel include Dr. John L. Warren, a physicist at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico, and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, head of the dept. of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming in Laramie

— BOB PRATT



Long Bill for Short Hospital Stay

Newsman John Langone examines a hospital bill stretching an incredible 15 feet and totaling over \$19,000. It covers just 12 days of care for a man who died at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage. Hundreds of charges for medical services and supplies are itemized on the bill — but the computer that prepared it made one mistake. It billed the patient for a telephone call he never made . . . so the hospital knocked \$10 off the bill, reducing the grand total (bottom right) to \$19,399.21.

\$1,000,000 REWARD

2 Distinguished Jurists Will Make the Final Decision

The ENQUIRER is continuing to offer \$1 million for positive proof that UFOs come from outer space and are not a natural phenomenon.

Final judges for this colossal reward will be two outstanding jurists — former New York Court of Appeals Judge Francis Bergan and Emilio Nunez, retired Associate Justice in the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court. Justice Nunez agreed this summer to fill a vacancy on the Judicial Review Board created by the death of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark.

All evidence sent in will be screened by our editors and more promising entries will be sent to Jim Lorenzen, international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, and John Schuessler, deputy director of the Mutual UFO Network.

The claims with the best evidence will be submitted to The



Emilio Nunez Francis Bergan

ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects, which is made up of top scientists and educators.

This panel will examine the evidence thoroughly. If they agree that the UFO is not a natural phenomenon and came from outer space, they will recommend payment of the award and pass the case on to the Judicial Review Board for final judgment.

The two jurists on this board have no connection with The ENQUIRER other than their agreement to review the evidence for the final award.

Judge Bergan was associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals from 1963 to 1972, with a long and distinguished career before his retirement.

Justice Nunez, a native of

Spain and a resident of New York City since 1924, has also had a long and distinguished career in law.

If the two judges on the Judicial Review Board agree that the award recommended by the Blue Ribbon Panel is correct, this newspaper will give \$1 million to the person or persons who supplied the evidence.

The ENQUIRER also offers awards up to \$10,000 each year to anyone judged by the panel to have supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs, even though that evidence is not sufficient for the \$1 million award.

If several informants are involved in any one case, the panel will decide how the award money will be distributed. This offer is valid throughout the world. It shall not be construed as an inducement to betray any military secrets of the United States.

Anyone possessing evidence on UFOs which he or she believes might qualify for an award should write to: UFO Reward, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, Lantana, Fla. 33464.

Enclosed is The Enquirer's story on the UFO over Tehran that was chased by two Iranian Air Force jets. It is based on two files, one by a free lance journalist in Tehran and the other by John Checkley, a roving editor for the Enquirer based in London, plus a telephone interview by John Cathcart with an Iranian Air Force general. We have deleted the Iranian journalist's name because one of the conditions under which he obtained the story was that he not be identified with it in any way. We do not have transcripts of the interviews conducted by either him or Checkley. However, the details of what they wrote are fairly well known anyway. Perhaps the most interesting item in this package was Cathcart's interview with the Iranian general. Several things the general said were quite interesting but the most significant was a statement to the effect that the Iranian and U.S. air forces exchange information on UFOs. We were never able to verify anything of this nature from the Pentagon or the Air Force or the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG) in Tehran. The best we could get out of the U.S. military in Tehran was that the Iranians invited MAAG to have someone ~~xxxx~~ sit in on the debriefing of the two jet pilots. An Army colonel in charge of public information for MAAG told us that two relatively low-ranking staff officers from the U.S. Air Force did sit in on the debriefing but no report was ever made on the session and none was ever sent to the Pentagon.

Bob Pratt 3/15/77

It's Following Me, Cries Fighter Pilot as . . .

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UFO Jams Jets' Electrical Systems in Supersonic Chase

By JOHN M. CATHCART

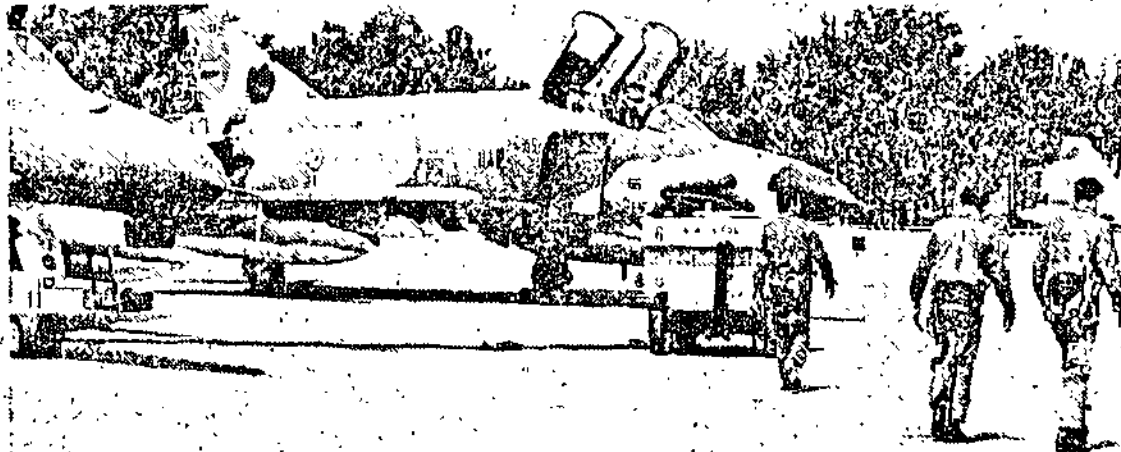
The UFO split in two and a glowing section of it shot out at the Phantom jet fighter. "It's about 20 miles behind!" the alarmed air force pilot radioed the tower. "It's following me! Oh! Now . . ." The radio went dead.

Stunned air traffic controllers sat in disbelief as they watched the jet scream low over the control tower — the brilliant object now a dark rectangle atop the jet plane.

The bizarre incident was only part of the mysterious series of events that occurred last September when a UFO staged a spectacular aerial display in full view of airport tower personnel and baffled commanders of the Imperial Iranian Air Force.

The UFO jammed communications on two Iranian fighter planes sent up to intercept it — and launched a smaller UFO to chase one plane away.

"Two jets were scrambled and they locked onto the target (with radar) but they received very strong jamming," said deputy commander-in-chief of operations Lt. Gen. Abdulah Azarbarzin, who confirmed that the UFO maneuvered for hours over Tehran, the capital of Iran.



PHANTOM JETS like the ones that encountered UFO sit on apron at Tehran Airport.



SKETCH of UFO, which one eyewitness said was "like a fan with blades."

on the porch of his house and on the telephone said to me: "Yes, I can see something. It isn't a star."

"So he ordered one of the Phantom jets on standby to scramble."

The second jet was sent up

pened to both of them — and one airliner which was flying in the area at the same time.

"This technology they (in the UFO) were using for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have it. It was extremely strange and unexplainable."

The general described the UFO as being unlike any known aircraft. He said: "It was quite circular and just like a saucer and the shape of the cockpit was a ball — half a ball."

Pirouzi, in direct radio contact with the jet pilots, said he told the first one up to get close to the object, and the

by the second Phantom to approach the UFO — with his electrical systems going out every time — the pilot was ordered to return to base. It was then 4 a.m.

Although the object emitted by the UFO was seen to descend to the ground, no trace was ever found of it afterward.

When the second Phantom left the area, the UFO started to climb higher and higher — until it eventually disappeared in the sky.

But, incredible as these events were, there was to be a bizarre sequel.

Some 45 minutes after the UFO left the Iranian sky, a Boeing 707 jet of the TAP airline leaving Lisbon, Portugal — more than 3,200 miles from Tehran — almost crashed into a brightly lit object that shot across its course.

The ENQUIRER reported this hair-raising encounter with a UFO in its issue of Nov. 30, 1976.

And the object over Lisbon, as described by the pilots and crew of the 707, closely corresponds with descriptions of the UFO seen over Tehran earlier that night.

ATLANTIC OCEAN	Pilots Spot UFO 3,200	U.S.S.R.
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Lt. Gen. Azarbarzin, deputy commander in chief of operations of the Imperial Iranian Air Force, headquarters, Tehran, Iran, 345-000, phone interview 1/4/77 with John Cathcart, exclusive.

Q . . . The story that we have indicates that two jets were scrambled after a UFO--is that true?

A. That is true. They both were scrambled and they locked on the target but they received a very strong jamming. And then they lost almost every avionics systems they had on the airplane.

Q. Is it true that they were unable to fire their missile?

A. No, they could not because they had a very strong jamming.

Q. Jamming--some jamming you obviously couldn't find a reason for?

A. No we couldn't because that has happened to three different airplanes. We had two fighters--that happened to both of them--and one airliner, which was flying in the area at the same time.

Q. Right. The equipment on the airliner was also jammed?

A. Well, yes, it was jammed. Of course, they only had radio.

Q. Was the order given to the fighters to shoot and--

A. No, no. We have not given such instruction. We asked the pilot--he said 'I have everything locked on, ~~but~~ but when I reached firing range the whole system went out.' That means the fire control, radio, navaid (?) even the interphone. the intercom.

Q? On the airplane?

A. Yes.

Q. But where you say the firing mechanism was jammed the--

A. It was in the range of 15 to 20 miles--

Q. Right, but the firing equipment that would have fired the missile was jammed?

A. Yes it was jammed.

Q. But the order was not given to fire?

A. No, it was not given.

Q. If the system hadn't been jammed, might the order have been given to fire the missiles?

A. ~~It~~ No, no, no! Why? Why would we? You do that in the States?

Q. No--

A. It was harmless. No reason to shoot at them. We wanted to get as much close as we could.

Q. Have you come up with any information as to what the UFOs were?

A. Uh, well, of course, we pass all the information to the U. S. Air Force, but no, we don't know yet.

Q. But as far as you're concerned they are still unidentified flying objects.

A. It was unidentified, definitely it was. Because we had six witnesses

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that they were all the (airport? airborne?).

Q. Yes, we had some comments from them in the control tower.

A. Well, in addition to the control tower we had four crews that ~~that~~ they have reported and of course one of the general officers.

Q. When you say four crews, Sir, what do you mean by four crews?

A. Well, there were two F-4s. Two Phantoms and each one of them had two crews (crewmen).

Q. So you had four crews all together?

A. Yes.

Q. And these crews have reported the object as the same as reported by the people on the ground?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you planning to take any further action?

A. No, no, we do not but we have--all we have done we have given all the information--of course that was the request from U.S. We have given all this information to our ~~MAAG~~ ^{MAAG*}. I think they send it to the organization in the States and--we haven't done anything since that time.

Q. You mean you passed the information to the United States Air Force?

A. Yes.

Q. They requested it, did they?

A. Well, actually, they have this procedure if we have some information on UFO we're just exchanging all this information and we did it.

Q. Right. As far as you are concerned, Sir, this ~~an~~ incident is extremely strange and unexplainable, is it?

A. It is. I can say it is because what we found out, this technology they were using for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have it. It doesn't exist because it was a very wide band and this jammer could jam different bands, different frequencies at the same time. It's very unusual.

Q. Have you seen reports or spoken to the crews involved yourself?

A. Ahh-I ~~have~~ interview with them and ~~a~~ I have talked with them.

Q. And you ~~are~~ obviously believe what they say because they're experienced pilots?

A. Yes. Yes, we could believe. There is no doubt. There is no doubt.

Q. Apparently at one period the UFOs went out as far as the Afghan border?

A. Uh--where?

Q. Apparently one of the fighter planes had to follow the UFO almost to the Afghanistan border?

A. No, no, no, we didn't. This was only in the vicinity of Tehran. And it went to westbound instead of east. Afghanistan is on the east.

* Military Assistance + Advisory Group

Q. Do you know what heights the pilots went to?

A. That I don't have all these details.

Q. We understand he was about 50,000 feet--is that seem reasonable?

A. That might be but I can't say definitely. But according to the pilots' report they said they were about 30, 35,000 feet high. Since they were 20,000 feet high (?) that might be 45,000 feet.

Q. But as far as you were concerned, we had one report there was an order went out to fire the missiles but you say in fact that wasn't true?

A. Oh, no! Why should we.

Q. They were posing no danger to anybody?

A. No, why should they? And actually since it was unknown we just wanted to identify it, so we did.

Q. But so far you haven't been able to identify these UFOs and as far as you're concerned they go down as unexplainable?

A. No, that's true. But I think that if you get the report from our military attache, it would give you more information and more detail. So we're trying to send this information to (military attache) . . .

Q. This is an extremely interesting story, General. It's one of the most bizarre--

A. I think so. This was the first time actually we had--we were trying to intercept that--

Q. What were you hoping the planes would be able to do when they went up?

A. Well, we just wanted to see--we didn't know if that was a UFO at the beginning. But then later on we just wanted to get as close as we could to get more information.

Q. But no intention to destroy the UFO?

A. No, no.

Q. Were you a skeptic ~~before~~ yourself before now--has your attitude changed somewhat to these objects or is it just a daily occurrence to you?

A. I don't understand you.

Q. What I'm saying is, you know, obviously as a general were you previously skeptical about the reports of UFOs and strange vehicles ; are you now, have you changed your mind somewhat?

A. No, we haven't changed our mind yet. But we know there is something and we have seen even the shape because according to the report from one of our pilots who was almost crossing under the UFO he explained the shape of the cockpit and the kind of lighting and all these things.

Q. Apparently the shape and the objects were nothing like any airplane known to us anywhere?

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A. No. It was quite circled and just like saucer and the shape of the ~~xxxx~~ cockpit was a ball, a half a ball, and then the color of lighting inside the cockpit was different with what it had on the outside. It was close to yellow.

Q. Nothing like any vehicle we have up in the sky?

A. No, no, no. Not at all.

Q. ~~X~~ They were Phantoms were they?

A. Right.

Q. I understand that at times the UFOs were extremely more fast, had more speed than the Phantoms themselves?

A. Oh, yeah. We were estimating at 3 Mach.

Q. 3 Machs? How fast is the Phantom capable of?

A. Well, it much depends on the targets--

Q. But certainly not 3 Mach

A. --and the configurations

Q. --certainly not 3 Mach, though?

A. No, it's not. But it's--the way we saw it it could go faster. It could go faster. This is what we estimated and calculated.

Q. Have you spoken to any of the people in the control tower?

A. Yes, this I have done?

Q. Do you believe what they were saying also?

A. Well, they were not the only ones. They did inform the Air Force and various senior officers in the ~~xxxxxx~~ air force, they ~~had~~ have reported they have seen the object.

Q. But as far as you're concerned, you're conducting no further investigation?

A. No.

Q. After having chased these objects with your jets, General, do you now intend to keep any special watch on them, jets on alert for this type of thing or--

A. Well, we don't know if we saw it again we might try.

Q. I mean, try to find out more about these objects or--

A. We want to get as much information as we could.

Q. But you were unable to gather much information this time other than the shape, the speed, etc.

A. Well, this is all we got this time. And what I can add actually was very fast acceleration, especially when going from zero speed maybe to Mach 3.

Pretty fast. And this is something you don't find in any other flying object

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Q. There was also one report of a very bright object apparently falling from one of the UFOs into some of the hills below Tehran there and there had been

a search by the gendarmesrie. Was there any truth to that or was anything found?

A. Well, that I cannot answer at the moment because I don't have the file. I'd have to look in the file. So, these are the things we're sending to our military attache. . . . I don't have that informat on here right now.

Q. But if something had been found, ~~you~~ presumably you would know about it?

A. Well, we have mentioned something in that report. But we haven't found anything?

Q. You haven't found anything?

A. No. . . .

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UFO (Intro) #1

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Tehran, December 22, 1976.

THREE MONTHS ago a UFO was reported over Tehran, the capital of the Middle East country of Iran. The next day there were excited but sketchy reports in the Persian newspapers, quoting the airport control tower supervisor and other eye-witnesses -- including an elaborate chase by two Phantom jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force. A search party was sent to look for "a luminous object" which landed on the ground south of Tehran. There were reports of the Phantoms trying to shoot down the UFO with air-to-air missiles but failing because of "jamming".

Two days later one newspaper carried a story ridiculing the whole affair.

And that was the last public news on the subject.

What happened? Was there a real UFO and then a cover-up? Or was it just another of those UFO fantasies?

The Enquirer has now obtained details of the incident, previously hidden behind a veil of official secrecy.

The illustrations accompanying the story are exclusive. They are reconstructions of the UFO based on an unpublished first-hand account.

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Tehran, December 22, 1976.

IT WAS 10.30 at night in the busy Iranian capital of Tehran. But this night on September 18 was not like any other: in the north-eastern part of the city, hovering about 1,000 feet above ground, there was an object that didn't belong there.

At the Mehrabad Airport control tower, night shift supervisor Hossain Pirouzi was not aware of anything unusual: the radar was under repair and the small screen near him was blank.

And then the telephone rang. It was a woman, and in an excited voice she said she wanted to report a strange airborne object above her house.

The 35-year-old Pirouzi asked her to describe it.

"It's kind of difficult," she said, "but the closest thing it looks like is a fan with four blades. Actually I think there are two different objects. Sometimes there is just one of them and then it seems to separate and become two. Could you tell me what it is?"

Pirouzi told the distraught lady he didn't know, but not to worry -- he would check.

Of course, Pirouzi didn't check. He wasn't interested.

Fifteen minutes later the control tower telephone rang again. It was another excited woman wanting to report a strange object

in the sky. Within the next half hour there ~~was~~^{WERE} another two such calls.

Pirouzi had asked them all for their general addresses. They all lived in the northeastern part of the city.

"By the fourth call," he says, "I was worried. I took my binoculars and went to the terrace area next to the tower."

Pirouzi didn't have much difficulty finding the object:

"Suddenly I saw it! It was rectangular in shape, probably about seven to eight meters long and about two meters wide. From the later observations I made, I would say it was probably cylindrical. The two ends were pulsating with a whitish blue color. Around the mid-section of the cylinder there was this small red light that kept going around in a circle. It reminded me of the flashing light of an ambulance, but this one was not flashing.

"The circular motion of the red light was not continuous. Every 90 degrees it paused just for a fraction of a second. I would say it took about a second or two to make a full circle."

From his vantage point atop the tower, Pirouzi was able to observe another strange movement. The unidentified object itself was oscillating like a see-saw -- with the two ends describing 20 degree arcs.

But back to Pirouzi for his account of what happened next: "I was amazed, flabbergasted. I didn't know what to think. There definitely was a very strange object there in the sky right over Tehran.

"I could see the details I've described only through the binoculars. To the naked eye, from the distance I was at, it looked like a very large star low in the sky, but without the twinkle, of course.

"I watched it in this position for a total of perhaps five minutes. And then it disappeared. I swept the sky with my binoculars until I located an object about two miles further south.

"I am sure it was the same object, but this time it looked different. It was a circle of blue color -- probably about six meters in diameter. I was able to observe it for about three minutes before it too disappeared. But this time it was easy to locate, ~~it~~. It was only slightly further south and a little higher.

"Once again it was a different shape. It looked like a fan with sometimes three, sometimes four, drooping and tapered blades.

"The blade sections were not clearly outlined. They were fuzzy. They were a dark orange near the hub, gradually

dissolving into yellow at the tips. The hub itself was made up of two concentric areas of color. There seemed to be a large green surface, and then a smaller core which glowed like a piece of red hot coal."

By this time half-a-dozen of Pirouzi's colleagues were out on the terrace. All except one saw the same general shapes as Pirouzi. That one person thought the object looked more like an orange-red horseshoe with the space in between blue.

Pirouzi is not prepared to argue. He says the object seemed to change shape so often, no single description would suffice. He himself saw four distinctly different shapes: the initial "Cylinder" with blue base and top; the blue disc six meters in diameter; the fan-like object; and a later sighting of a "cylinder" on its side whose top-left corner was curved instead of angled.

While stationary, the UFO seemed like a beehive of activity: rhythmically glowing, oscillating, and ^Aemitting lights that rotated around it.

Every few minutes the UFO would also change positions -- seemingly disappearing ^{FROM} to the observers at the control tower, and almost instantaneously reappearing at another spot in the sky miles away.

It was now past midnight, and Pirouzi was worried enough to call the Air Force and pass the responsibility on to them. Soon, one of the deputy Air Force commanders was on the phone wanting to know what was going on.

Pirouzi says he told the General about the object he and his colleagues had seen and its strange behaviour. The general told him to hang on while he went up to the roof of his north Tehran house to have a look for himself. When he was back on the line, the general was brief: "Yes, I confirm it. There is something there."

An F-4 Phantom jet from the Shahrokhi airbase south of Tehran was ordered to scramble and investigate the UFO. It was close to 1 a.m. In 15 minutes the plane was over the airport in west Tehran.

"OK, what can I do for you?" ^{the pilot} ~~he~~ radioed down.

With the general now back on the phone and giving instructions, Pirouzi ordered the pilot to head for 10 o'clock and investigate an unidentified object flying at 12,000 feet.

The pilot reported back: "Yes, I can see it. Are you sure you don't have an aircraft there?"

Pirouzi says he explained the airport radar situation, adding that there was no question of the object being an ordinary

aircraft. The Phantom pilot was ^Whowever able to see it on his own radar screen. Says Pirouzi: "I ordered the pilot to approach the object and recognize it, but not to take any action.

"But when the pilot got to within about 15 miles of the UFO, his communication system and some of the electronic equipment went out of action. Then, with the plane still on course, the object suddenly disappeared. When the pilot had his radar operating again the UFO was now 50 miles away."

Then began a cat-and-mouse chase that took the Phantom all the way to the Afghanistan border in the east and back again to Tehran. At no time during this chase was the jet able to get any closer than 50 miles to the UFO.

Approaching the Afghan border at twice the speed of sound, the pilot decided he was in danger of accidentally crossing the border and turned back for Tehran. While he ~~was~~ was still 170 miles out of Tehran, says Pirouzi, the UFO was back again over the capital city -- this time over the suburb of Rey in the southeast. Sometime during this period, the pilot was ordered to shoot down with an air-to-air missile. But when the plane was with the pilot could not activate the firing system. Running short of fuel, the pilot now radioed for another jet. After a midair briefing, the second Phantom now took over the vigil. But this time the mouse had become the cat, and the cat the mouse.

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The following account is based on what the second Phantom pilot told Pirouzi after it was all over:

"When I first went towards it, it suddenly shifted to the right. As I changed course it kept shifting positions. We went around like this for a full 70 degrees. It was obvious to me that this thing was very, very powerful and could do anything.

"When it was obvious to it that I meant to continue following, the UFO ejected a luminous object at me. That's when I headed straight back for Mehrabad Airport."

Back at the control tower, Pirouzi and his colleagues also saw the bright object detaching itself from the "mother UFO" and approaching the Phantom. Pirouzi says it seemed like three times the size of the full moon. On the radio, the pilot could be heard saying: "I'm coming back. It's about 20 miles behind. It's following me Oh! now..." And the radio went dead.

As the plane came screaming past low over the control tower, Pirouzi and his colleagues say they saw a dark, rectangular form almost sitting on top of ^{THE JET} it. That was when radio communication with the pilot had been cut off in mid-sentence.

With the pilot now over Saveh, some distance south of Tehran, communications were restored.

"It overtook me," he reported, "and my radio went dead. I couldn't even communicate with my co-pilot."

A little later: "They're back together again. They're (the "mother UFO" and the luminous object) hovering next to each other, almost like talking with each other. Now they've reunited."

From the ground, says Pirouzi, the luminous object ^{HAD BEEN} ~~was~~ visible only when it had detached itself from the "mother UFO" and in the initial stages of the chase. Thereafter he was able to notice only the dark, 2x2 meter, rectangular form above the passing Phantom.

The pilot now took the Phantom to 50,000 feet and again approached the UFO. Then he changed his mind. "It's too dangerous," he radioed the control tower. "I'm returning."

On his descent, he radioed down again: "The luminous object is separating again... It's descending... It has landed by the refinery (the oil refinery near the suburb of Rey). It has such a strong light I can see almost everything on the ground for two miles around."

The descent was also visible to Pirouzi and the other men at the tower. But buildings hid the landing spot from their view. All they could now see was a glow in the sky near the refinery.

A quick briefing was given to the Air Force general waiting on the phone. He ordered the pilot to go back in at 6,000 feet -- midway between the object on the ground and the mother ship above. But it was the same story all over again: when the Phantom came within about 15 miles of the UFO, the pilot lost all his navigation aids. During This second pilot was also ordered to track the UFO. But he also could not activate the Phantom. RUNNING SHORT ~~Almost out~~ of fuel, ~~he was~~ the pilot was ordered to return to base. It was 4 o'clock in the morning now. The light from the ground was no longer visible. The sky was clear of all flying objects except the mother UFO.

Slowly, it started to climb. It became smaller and smaller. And then it was gone.

That morning a search party made up of gendarmes was sent out to try to investigate. According to a local newspaper report, they found nothing unusual, luminous or otherwise.

And what about Hossain Pirouzi? What does he have to say?

Nothing. He has been told to shut up.

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object on the ground and the mother ship
same story all over again: when the
about 15 miles of the UFO, the pilot lost all

During This second pilot was also ordered to try and shoot down the
UFO. But he also could not activate the Phantom's firing system.

the pilot was ordered to return to
in the morning now. The light from the
visible. The sky was clear of all flying
er UFO.

climb. It became smaller and smaller. And

party made up of gendarmes was sent out to
according to a local newspaper report, they
luminous or otherwise.

Piracci? What does he have to say?

told to shut up.

plenty to say. It is all in a report now gathering dust in the Iranian Air Force's archives. So how is it now possible to be certain of what happened on that September ¹⁸ night. Was there a UFO or was it all just fantasy?

Many of the marginal questions raised by the story do not have definitive answers. But the basic question of the UFO's presence and behaviour does.

Starting with the marginal issues:

-- On close approach to the UFO, the electrical equipment of the Air Force Phantom, seems to have failed on a surprisingly selective basis. Why didn't all of the aircraft's electrical system go out, thus forcing it to crash?

The pilots' own reports perhaps supply ^y part of the answer. They told ground personnel that even though the radar screen went blank, the warning light above showed the radar to be in operation. The same was true of the instrument panel: while the dials had gone haywire, the instruments were lit normally.

This would seem to indicate some form of sophisticated electronic jamming.

-- Why the curtain of secrecy? What interest would the Air Force have in denying the whole thing?

Without getting involved in too many suppositions, there is at least one reasonable explanation. The Iranian Air Force is highly sensitive about its efficiency and competence. Newspaper reports that its air defence system is "ineffective" and that its Phantoms can so easily be prevented from firing their missiles are not exactly welcome.

-- Pirouzi's descriptions of the various shapes he saw are somewhat vague and seem confused in the retelling. He is also loose in assigning colors to the different "sections" of the UFO. In his defense, it must be said that he admits to being overwhelmed and confused.

There is, however, an interesting factor, which Pirouzi himself had apparently not noticed until it was brought to his attention. His sightings, no matter how different in shape from ~~the~~ ^{EACH} others, have the "magic" number "4" in common. This is also true of a second-hand description received from one of the pilots.

Except for Pirouzi's second sighting of a blue circle, the factor "4" keeps recurring: first it's the small red light that keeps pacing every quarter turn on its way around the circle (diagram No. 1); then it's the orange "fan" blade that creates the illusion

of four blades (diagram No. 3); then again it's the red and orange rectangle-cylinder with three angular and one curved corner (diagram No. 4); and finally there is the pilot's account of four green round objects grouped around a circular main body.

Without the recurrence of the factor "4", the different UFO shapes do not really seem to relate to the same object.

-- And now, to deal with the central issue of the puzzle: is the basic story fact or fiction?

Ironically, this is the easiest question to settle.

The undisputed facts: Pirouzi's initial claim that a strange object was ~~sighted~~^{SIGHTED}; that Air Force jets were called in; that they chased it and were in turn chased -- ~~AND THAT ALL THIS INFORMATION WAS~~ published in the local papers. An airport control tower supervisor is therefore on public record as saying he "saw things in the sky". He has then "compromised" the Air Force with a story about aerial chases.

Airport control tower personnel are not supposed to "see" strange "things" in the sky. The moment they start hallucinating and then letting everyone know through newspapers, they are certain to be fired.

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~~REDACTED~~, Tehran.

The Enquirer has carried out a check. Mr. Hossain Pirouzi is still on the job at Tehran's Mehrabad airport control tower.

One thing is thus certain, even if no one believes Mr. Pirouzi's story, the Iranian Air Force and Civil Aviation authorities do.

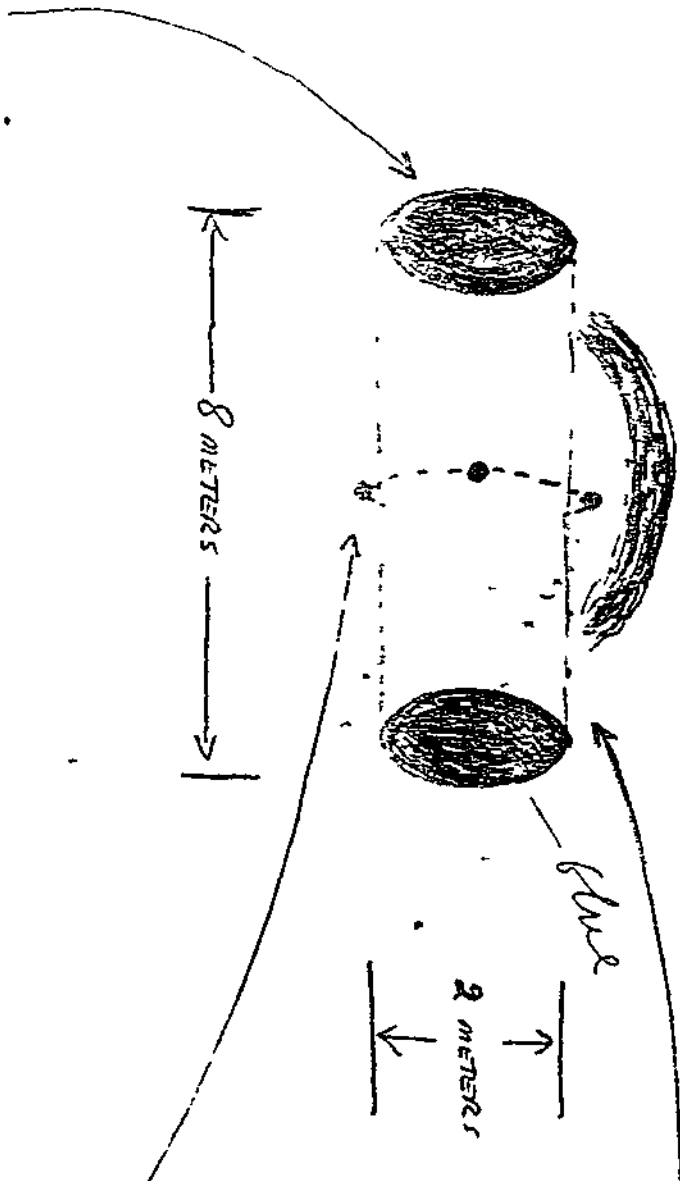
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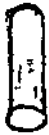
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OR CYLINDRICAL.

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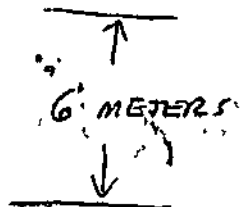
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SAYS IT MUST EITHER HAVE BEEN AN
IRREGULAR CYLINDER, OR THE LIGHTS WERE
SUCH THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY FOOLED ON THE

SECOND SIGHTING



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THIRD SIGHTING



GLOWING RED COLE

GREEN RING

~~RED~~ DARK ORANGE EXTENSION AS
THOUGH FLOWING OUT OF
GREEN AREA. TOWARDS THE
TIP IT BECAME MORE YELLOW
THAN ORANGE.

PIROUZI IS CERTAIN THERE
WAS ONLY ONE SUCH EXTENSION
WHICH KEPT REVOLVING AND
CREATED THE ILLUSION OF
4 AND SOMETIMES 3 (DIFFERENT)
EXTENSIONS

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ABOUT 2 METERS LONG.

(THE OUTLINES OF THE
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GLOWING RED

THE REST OF THE BODY
FADING INTO ORANGE
TOWARD THE RIGHT.

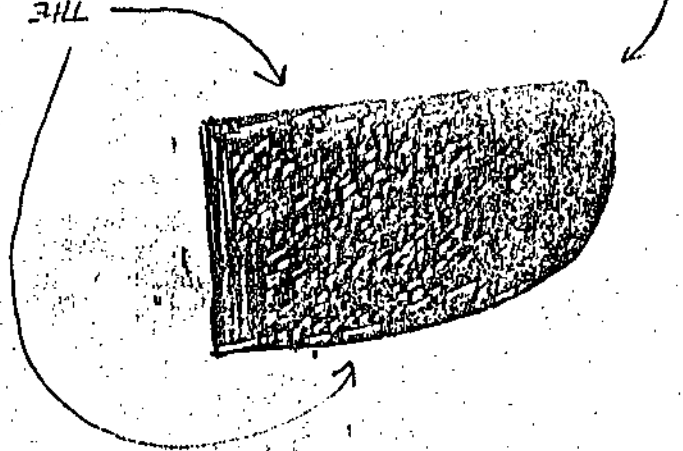
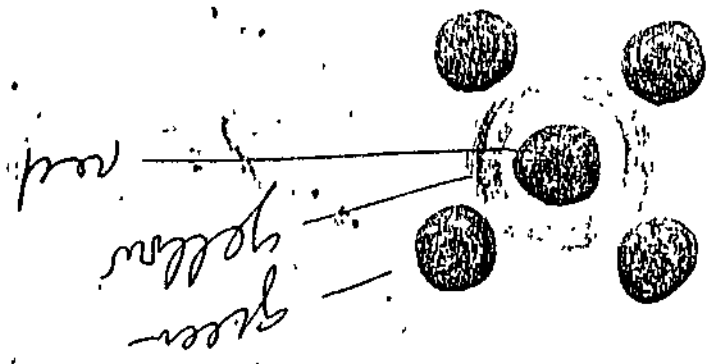


ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT
ONE OF THE F-4 PILOTS
PILOTS SAW -- AS DRAWN
FROM A SECOND-HAND REPORT
OF THE PILOT'S DESCRIPTION.
DIMENSIONS UNKNOWN.



From JOHN CHECKLEY, NEW YORK 1/25/77
ANTHONY PERSON - ON TAPE #391654 VIA PHONE

Two crack jet fighter pilots who fought a battle of wits with a UFO in the night sky over Tehran, capitol of Iran, reported to their commander on landing, "It seemed as though the UFO could outthink us. It knew what we were going to do before we did it, or even photographed it ourselves."

The UFO was over Tehran for more than four hours. During that time, the two fighter pilots of the Imperial Iranian Air Force, using F-4 fighters, found that:

- -When they got close to the UFO, their navigation aids and weapons firing systems went out of action.
- - Radio conversations were cut or interfered with as they tried to close with the UFO.
- - The UFO launched a "satellite" which gave chase to the Phantoms, hovering 500 feet above and just behind the jet fighters.
- - When they chased the UFO at twice the speed of sound, Mach 2, they could not get within 50 miles of it.
- - And at one point, the UFO and its satellite "conferred" in mid air and the satellite landed while the mother ship orbited protectively overhead.

News of the mid-air battle of wits came out last September because Tehran residents reported the presence of a UFO to the airport control tower at MEHRABAD AIRPORT, (TEHRAN AIRPORT)

But, immediately after the incident, a security clampdown was ordered in this sensitive area, less than 300 miles from the Soviet border, and full details of the ~~subject~~ "dogfight" between the sophisticated jet fighters and the UFO have never been revealed.

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OF
SOUND
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750 MPH

And now, one of the central figures in the drama which occurred in the night skies over Tehran last September, the controller who, by radio, handled the aerial guessing game, has told the ENQUIRER his full story.

Hossain Pirouzi, 33 years an air traffic controller at

Tehran airport, one of the world's busiest, who handles 800 or more civil takeoffs and landings a day, countless overflights and, a rarity in modern civil aviation, a tower that handles both military and civil jets, was on duty that strange night in September when his telephone started ringing.

"I was on duty from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. A lady called on the telephone and said, 'I see a strange object, like a sun in the sky, about 1,000 meters above me. The colors changed from blue through orange, red and yellow.'

"I told her we didn't have any aircraft in that area. Our radar was not working, but it was out of operation for 24 hours of maintenance, so we had nothing on radar either. I told the lady that I would see if anything was in the area, and would she please call me again if she saw anything special.

"I did nothing about it then, because I was busy with overflying aircraft and I thought, frankly, that she had been seeing a star. I didn't believe there was anything there. We had no radio contact or anything in the area. After 10 minutes, another lady called. I asked her where her house was, and she told me the general area was in the northeast of Tehran, the same as the first person, and she said, 'I was walking on the roof of my house with my child and suddenly saw, and I am still seeing now, a strange object, lighting up and changing direction and sometimes dividing into two and joining together again.'

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"I began to think, I began to wonder what was happening over there. It was now 11 p.m., about 10 minutes after the lady first called.

"The caller said, 'I can still see it and I am sure it is not a star, and it is definitely something not an aircraft. It looks like the sun.'

"I had three trainees on duty with me and asked them if they could see anything. They couldn't. Then came a third call, this time from a man also living in northeast Tehran, and he said, 'I'm sure I'm seeing an object that is not an aircraft. What is it?'

"This is five minutes later. I was busy for another 10 minutes with traffic, then one of the trainees got another telephone call which said, almost like the others, that her husband had seen the object. 'We don't know what it is. Can you tell us whether it is an aircraft or not?'

"I reassured her, 'You can be sure it is nothing coming against you, but I will report it. Call me again if you see anything.'

"I then really wondered what was going on. We had four callers, all from the same area, and they were worried about what was happening, so I went out onto the terrace with my binoculars.

"First, I focused them carefully on the tail of an aircraft parked on the ground, so I could read the registration letters. When I was sure they were focused properly I then changed them to look towards the area of north-east Tehran very carefully.'

"After about five minutes, I saw the object, a rectangular shape about five miles away at a height of about 6,000 feet and northeast of my tower."

"The right end was blue, the left end was blue and in the middle was a flashing red light. The object was seesawing up and down and

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moving towards the north, very, very slowly.

"Suddenly, it appeared at another position one mile further on. In other words, it was travelling slowly north, then momentarily disappearing, then suddenly reappearing one mile further on, just a few seconds later."

"Just a few seconds later, one mile from where it had been, I could see it this time as bright as a sun."

"It was all yellow, like a star, but much bigger. Then it appeared to me to be like a starfish."

"I ~~thought~~ can't be sure of the order of the colors but there were blue, orange, red and yellow lights. I gave the binoculars to one of the others on duty and they saw the object as a half-circle, in the same colors, blue, orange, red and yellow."

"We have no aircraft expected to land, although around this time, several aircraft were due to cross into our flight information (FIR) region. They started to report by radio that they could hear emergency signals coming from an automatic aircraft distress transmitter. The first report in was a BOAC, who called and said, 'Do you have any crashed aircraft in your area? We are receiving an automatic signal on 121.12 megacycles.' We said we had no crashed aircraft or missing in the area, nor had we any that had made a forced landing."

now British Airways

"Then a Swissair, a Lufthansa and an Iran Airlines plane all reported hearing the emergency signal. I decided to report the ~~whole~~ whole thing to the Air Force base because, by now, I was getting really worried."

(12.30 AM)

"At 0030 local time, I reported to the Air Force. I told them I was sure that all the aircraft in our area had either landed or were

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overflying safely. And I told them now, 'I can see this UFO to the northeast of us at 6,000 feet, and it is changing positions and its color is changing. I am sure it is not a star or an aircraft. I told t'em we didn't have anything on radar because our radar was inoperative, but visually I could see this object. It was my duty to report to them what I have seen and I asked them, 'What is your decision?'

PAC. Gen

GETTING FIRST NAME

Youssefi

"The officer on duty called Gen. ~~Youssefi~~, who was the senior officer responsible on duty, and the general himself called me.

"He went out onto the porch of his house and on the telephone he said to me, 'Yes, I can see something. It isn't a star.'

ALSO KNOWN AS SHAHROKH AIRBASE, SOUTH OF TEHRAN

"So he ordered one of the Phantom jets on standby at Hamadon, 200 miles away, to scramble. This was about 10 minutes flight time away. One took off and arrived over Tehran at 0100 and came under my control. The pilot reported he was over Tehran and I gave him radio instructions. At this time, the object was at about 15,000 feet.

(1 AM)

"I was getting instructions from Gen. Youssefi and passing them on to the pilot on radio. I told him to go higher, and he said, 'Yes, Yes, I can see it. Are you sure it is not an aircraft? What is the order? What can I do if I reach it?'

"I told him, 'Get close, describe its shape and do no more.' On the radio, he replied, 'Okay, I will follow.' A few minutes later he reported passing the speed of Mach Two and radioed, 'I'm going Mach Two and I'm 50 miles behind the object, I can't catch him. It's no use to follow anymore. I can't catch him.'

"He described the object as rectangular shaped, more like a star. The object was going faster than Mach Two and I, at this

time, was in contact with the pilot on UHF radio.

"I ordered him to return towards the Tehran base. He turned back. By this time, he was heading toward the border with Afganistan. When he was about 150 miles away, still coming back toward me, the object suddenly appeared over Tehran. It had beaten him back and was now ahead of the Phantom jet fighter. The pilot radioed, 'I see the object ahead of me, the same shape as before.' At this time, the pilot was about 14 miles away from the tower, and reported that every time he came close to the object, it affected his radio and all his instruments. He radioed to me, 'My navigation aids are not working,' and he asked, 'What was that emergency call?' I told him that four planes had already heard the emergency call, and he said, 'Yes, I am getting some emergency signals now.' But, every time he got close to the object, his navigation aids went out, his radio went dead, but his engines were working normally, the lights on the instrument panel were working, all his navigation aids were out and, at one point, as he was talking to me, his radio went dead completely as he got closer to the object.

"I ordered him to close again and said, 'Maybe you can recognize him better,' so he came within 20 miles of the object again, and this time, he lost all his navigation aids again, this involved all the electronic equipment aboard the aircraft.

"Finally he said he would have to come to base because his navigation aids were gone, his fuel was running short. When he turned for base, the object was about 15 miles from me at about 12,000 feet. By now, a second jet had been scrambled by the Air Force and the pilot called the second plane on the radio and said, 'You go back to base... I'll follow the object.'

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"I told the first pilot, 'Ask him. Can you see the object?' The second pilot, who was still 100 miles away, said, 'Yes, I can see the object.' This was visual."

"The second plane then got within 25-30 miles of the object and reported, suddenly, 'I've lost all my navigation aids. My needles are fluctuating. I cannot get near the object. I can't get close because I've lost every aid I've got. What can I do?'"

Gen. Youssefi ordered him to remain over Tehran, orbiting at 15,000 feet. At this time, the object was below him. The general could hear all our radio conversations and I was passing on his orders. Then the second pilot reported, 'I can see his lights. He keeps changing his position very fast indeed. I cannot follow the path of the object. I can see his position but cannot follow his track. He appears here, suddenly he appears there, and I can't track him.' We could all see the object with the naked eye."

"His pilot had decided to come back to land, but when the object was about 10 miles away, he radioed, 'It had divided into two and an illuminated object has separated and is following me.'"

"He reported on the radio, 'It keeps coming towards me.' He swung the jet around in a tight turn and the light followed him, and as they swept over the tower at Tehran, the which was chasing him by now was 500 feet above and just behind him. I saw this light for the first time, though only for a few seconds. Then the pilot reported that the light had come back, and was stopped only one or two meters from the main object, and he reported, 'They now appear to be discussing together.'"

"This was about 15 miles away from my control tower. Then the pilot radioed, 'Now they have joined together.' The Phantom jet pilot more..."

it was too dangerous to go any closer and decided he would come in to land.' He also reported that every time he got close, his navigation and all his electronic systems went crazy.' Then he radioed, 'Oh!' The illuminated object has separated again and is coming toward the ground.' Now he is settling on the ground.' Can you see him?'

"I couldn't see him because we didn't have enough height from the tower, but the pilot radioed that the object had settled on the ground southeast of Tehran near a place called Rey, and he radioed, 'The main object is orbiting slowly over the illuminated object on the ground. It is so bright I can see stones on the ground. It is like daytime.'

"The pilot did not try to fire on it, but their navigation systems went out of action every time they got close.' There was strong interference on the radio and they heard these emergency signals which were false. They couldn't get locked onto the object at all. Their radar was not working when they got close, even though all indications were aboard the aircraft that their radar was working.

The screens just went blank.' The distance was 15 to 20 miles, where his navigation aids ~~failed~~ failed.' The second pilot reported that sometimes it was 10 miles and sometimes as much as ³⁵ miles away from the UFO when his systems went haywire.

"Both pilots said when they landed that it seemed as though the object could appear or disappear just as they liked, and could judge in advance what they were going to do. One told me, 'It was as though they could read my mind.'

"One pilot told me, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ 'It was as if the object was very wise and didn't want to hurt me. When I got close, it went away and moved about as if telling me, 'Go away, don't bother me.'

↳ the UFO finally ^{more...} disappeared SHARPLY AFTER 4 PM LOCAL TIME (2)

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The air traffic controller made his report to Air Force headquarters the next day, in which he reported full details of the aerial battle of wits, including the fact that both pilots reported their navigation aids and their missile-firing equipment both went out of action when they got close to the UFO.

UFO Report

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UFO - PHANTOMS in chase over South Tehran

TEHRAN — Two jet fighters of the Imperial Iranian Air Force were chased by a brightly lit, unidentified flying object over the suburbs of Tehran on Saturday night authorities revealed Sunday.

The UFO was first sighted by Mehrabad Airport Control Tower officials who said the object was flying at an altitude of about 6,000 feet over the southern area of the city flashing alternate red, blue and green lights.

The control tower authorities immediately informed the Air Force which sent two Phantoms off in pursuit of the reported UFO.

The two Phantom pilots eventually caught up with what they described as a "round body" due south of Tehran but, as the aircraft approached, the UFO increased speed to what was reported as "many times the speed of sound" and then turned in its course to chase the Phantoms.

One of the pilots said that although the Phantoms broke the sound barrier it was impossible to catch up with the object.

Late Saturday night the Ettela'at evening daily reporter who broke the story in Tehran, said that highly informed sources had told him that the pilots tried to open fire on the object when it became obvious it was changing its course against them but, inexplicably, their electronically operated devices failed to respond.

The same sources told the Ettela'at reporter that once the object came into a five kilometer radius with the Phantoms all electronic appliances on their aircraft went out of action and they lost radio control.

The UFO reportedly gave chase only for a short while before taking off at great speed and disappearing over the hills south of Rey.

One of the pilots, authorities said, reported to Mehrabad Control Tower during the chase that he had seen a "bright object" separate from the UFO and fall into

the hills below. He described it as a "round body" with a circumference of about 4.5 meters which would indicate the reported UFO was of quite massive size.

The Gendarmerie post at Aminabad outside of Rey, was immediately alerted and an all-night search took place over the hills in the region to try and find the object.

Late Sunday night reports on whether or not the Gendarmerie search party had found anything were conflicting. One source said that nothing had been found in the hunt that continued on into Sunday morning while others reported that "something" had been found.

The authenticity of the object, however, already confirmed by several control tower officials at Mehrabad and the two pilots, was further backed up Sunday night by eyewitness reports from the area. People in the vicinity reported having seen a "bright body" flit across the sky while others claimed to have seen "some bright thing" falling from the sky.

Investigations into the unusual circumstances are still continuing.

Saturday's spotting of a flying saucer was not the first reported in Iran. Many cases of people spotting unidentified flying objects have been previously investigated with the last being reported from Buyril near Bushehr last May.

There, people claimed they had seen a "flying object encircled by blue and purple lights" landing in a deserted spot. No evidence was found to support this claim, however.

Earlier in April a less serious claim was made by a man from Chalus who said he had been "whisked aboard a flying saucer in the woods and carried off to Isfahan."

The last event occurred on the 13th day of the Persian new year, a day of national picnics, and dozens of people out in the same area reported that they too had seen a mysterious object passing by.

Civil Commission on Aerial
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What is particularly interesting about the document is the list of official agencies which received copies of the message. Briefly translating the official acronyms, the document was received by the following offices and agencies: the Secretary of State, the Central Intel-

ligence Agency, the White House, the Air Force and Army Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Commander in Chief of U.S. Naval Forces in the Middle East, the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Air Force in Europe, the European Defense Air Command, and the Commander in Chief of Forces in Europe. An impressive list!

VERBATIM WIRE MESSAGE

This report forwards information concerning the sighting of an UFO in Iran on 19 September 1976.

A. At about 12:30 AM on 19 Sep. 76 the _____ received four telephone calls from citizens living in the Shemiran area of Tehran saying that they had seen strange objects in the sky. Some reported a kind of bird-like object while others reported a helicopter with a light on. There were no helicopters airborne at that time.

After he told the citizen it was only stars and had talked to Mehrabad Tower he decided to look for himself. He noticed an object in the sky similar to a star bigger and brighter. He decided to scramble an F-4 from Shahrokh AFB to investigate.

B. At 0130 hrs on the 19th the F-4 took off and proceeded to a point about 40 NM (nautical miles—Ed.) North of Tehran. Due to its brilliance the object was easily visible from 70 miles away. As the F-4 approached a range of 25 NM he lost all instrumentation and communications (UHF and intercom). He broke off the intercept and headed back to Shahrokh. When the F-4 turned away from the object and apparently was no longer a threat to it the aircraft regained all instrumentation and communications. At 0140 hrs a second F-4 was launched. The backseater acquired a radar lock on at 27 NM, 12,000 ft high position with the VD (rate of closure) at 150 NM/PH. As the range decreased to 25 NM the object moved away at a speed that was visible on the radar scope and stayed at 25 NM.

C. The size of the radar return was comparable to that of a 707 tanker. The visual size of the object was difficult to discern because of its intense brilliance. The light that it

gave off was that of flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern and alternating blue, green, red and orange in color. The sequence of the lights was so fast that all the colors could be seen at once. The object and the pursuing F-4 continued on a course to the south of Tehran when another brightly lighted object, estimated to be one half to one third the apparent size of the moon, came out of the original object. This second object headed straight toward the F-4 at a very fast rate of speed. The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the object but at that instant his weapons control panel went off and he lost all communications (UHF and interphone). At this point the pilot initiated a turn and negative G dive to get away. As he turned the object fell in trail at what appeared to be about 3-4 NM as he continued in his turn away from the primary object the second object went to the inside of his turn and returned to the primary object for a perfect rejoin.

D. Shortly after the second object joined up with the primary object another object appeared to come out of the other side of the primary object going straight down at a great rate of speed. The F-4 crew had regained communications and the weapons control panel and watched the object approach the ground anticipating a large explosion. This object appeared to come to rest gently on the earth and cast a very bright light over an area of about 2-3 kilometers. The crew descended from their altitude of 25M to 15M and continued to observe and mark the object's position. They had some difficulty in adjusting their night visibility for landing so after orbiting Mehrabad a few times they

went out for a straight in landing. There was a lot of interference on the UHF and each time they passed through a mag. bearing of 150 degree from Fhrarad they lost their communications. (UHF and Interphone) and the ins fluctuated (instruments —Ed.) from 30 degrees-50 degrees. The only civil airliner that was approaching Mehrabad during this same time experienced communications failure in the same vicinity (KILO ZULU) but did not report seeing anything. While the F-4 was on a long final approach the crew noticed another cylinder shaped object about the size of a T-bird at 10M (10,000 ft.—Ed.) with bright steady lights on each end and a flasher in the middle. When queried the tower stated there was no other known traffic in the area. During the time that the object passed over the F-4 the tower did not have a visual on it but picked it up after the pilot told them to look between the mountains and the refinery.

E. During daylight the F-4 crew was taken out to the area in a helicopter where the object apparently had landed. Nothing was noticed at the spot they thought the object landed (a dry lake bed) but as they circled off the west of the area they picked up a very noticeable beeper signal. At the point where the return was the loudest was a small house with a garden. They landed and asked the people within if they had noticed anything strange last night. The people talked about a loud noise and a very bright light like lightning. The aircraft and area where the object is believed to have landed are being checked for possible radiation.

More information will be forwarded when it becomes available.

It's Following Me, Cries Fighter Pilot as . . .

UFO Jams Jets' Electrical Systems in Supersonic Chase

By JOHN M. CATHCART
The UFO split in two and a glowing section of it shot out at the Phantom jet fighter. "It's about 20 miles behind!" the alarmed air force pilot radioed the tower. "It's following me! Oh! Now . . ." The radio went dead.

Stunned air traffic controllers sat in disbelief as they watched the jet scream low over the control tower — the brilliant object now a dark rectangle atop the jet plane.

The bizarre incident was only part of the mysterious series of events that occurred last September when a UFO staged a spectacular aerial display in full view of airport tower personnel and baffled commanders of the Imperial Iranian Air Force.

The UFO jammed communications on two Iranian fighter planes sent up to intercept it — and launched a smaller UFO to chase one plane away.

"Two jets were scrambled and they locked onto the target (with radar) but they received very strong jamming," said deputy commander-in-chief of operations Lt. Gen. Abdulah Azarbarzin, who confirmed that the UFO maneuvered for hours over Tehran, the capital of Iran.

The intercept was further verified by the veteran air traffic controller at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport, Hossain Pirouzi, who directed the fighter pilots by radio and saw the object himself.

And a second Iranian air force general, the senior in command at the time, also saw the UFO for himself and gave the order to intercept, the controller revealed.

The sensational chain of events began at 10:30 p.m. last September 18, when calls began to come in to air controller Pirouzi from excited citizens who had sighted a strange object in the sky. It seemed to be changing shape rapidly — one caller described it as "like a fan with four blades," another as "sometimes dividing in two and joining together again." After the fourth such call, Pirouzi, controller at Mehrabad for 13 years, went to an outdoor terrace and searched the sky with binoculars.

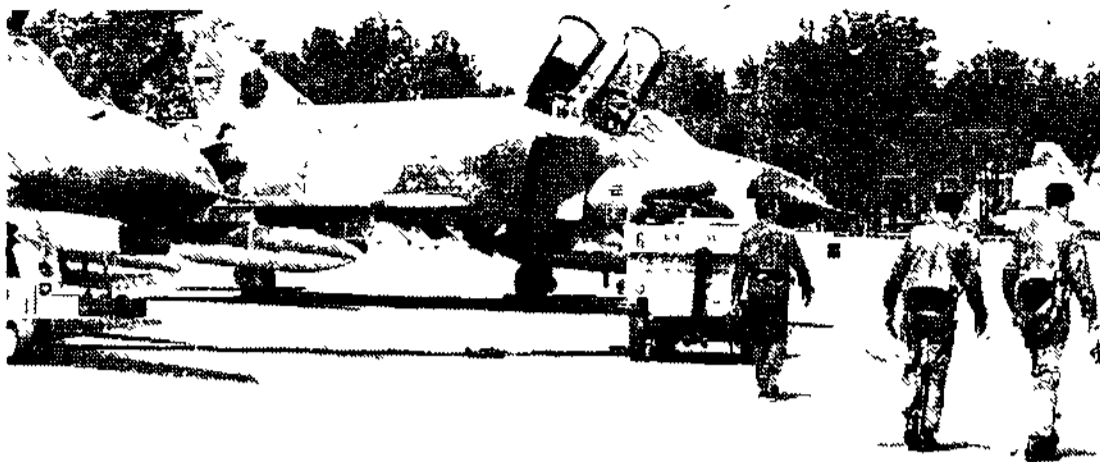
"After about five minutes, I saw the object, a rectangular shape about five miles away at a height of about 6,000 feet and northeast of my tower," he told The ENQUIRER.

"The right end was blue, the left end was blue and in the middle was a flashing red light.

"The object was seesawing up and down and moving toward the north."

Pirouzi notified the Air Force, and Gen. Abdulah Yousefi, senior officer on duty, responded by phone.

Said Pirouzi: "He went out



PHANTOM JETS like the ones that encountered UFO sit on apron at Tehran Airport.



SKETCH of UFO which one eyewitness said was "like a fan with blades."

on the porch of his house and on the telephone said to me: "Yes, I can see something. It isn't a star."

"So he ordered one of the Phantom jets on standby to scramble."

The second jet was sent up later, when the first ran low on gas after its chase.

Gen. Azarbarzin said that whenever the planes got within 15 miles or so of the UFO, most of their electric and electronic systems were suddenly and mysteriously knocked out — until they moved away.

"That happened to three different planes," he noted. "We had two fighters — that hap-

pened to both of them — and one airliner which was flying in the area at the same time.

"This technology they (in the UFO) were using for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have it. It was extremely strange and unexplainable."

The general described the UFO as being unlike any known aircraft. He said: "It was quite circular and just like a saucer and the shape of the cockpit was a ball — half a ball."

Pirouzi, in direct radio contact with the jet pilots, said he told the first one up to get close to the object, and the pilot reported:

"I'm going to Mach 2 (about 1,400 miles an hour) and I'm 50 miles behind the object. I can't catch him. It's no use to follow anymore, I can't catch him."

From that time on, Pirouzi said, the Phantom and its replacement were chasing the object all over the Iranian sky to the north and west, with the

UFO showing fantastic speeds and seeming to disappear and reappear.

Pirouzi said the second Phantom pilot reported that the UFO had ejected a luminous object at him, and that he was flying back. Then the radio went dead as the Phantom jet reached the control tower and screamed past — a dark rectangular object appearing to be on top of it.

Radio communication with the plane was later reestablished.

After several more attempts

by the second Phantom to approach the UFO — with his electrical systems going out every time — the pilot was ordered to return to base. It was then 4 a.m.

Although the object emitted by the UFO was seen to descend to the ground, no trace was ever found of it afterward.

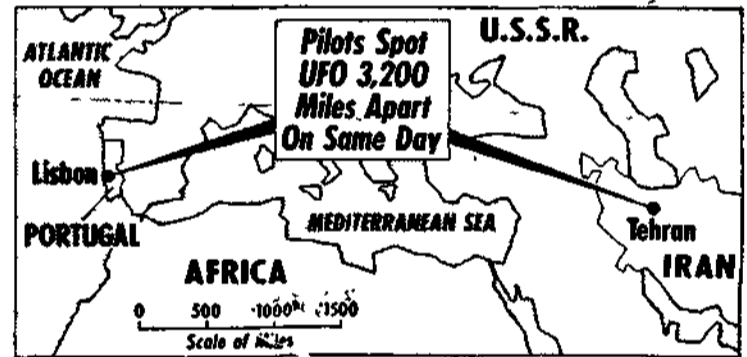
When the second Phantom left the area, the UFO started to climb higher and higher — until it eventually disappeared in the sky.

But, incredible as these events were, there was to be a bizarre sequel.

Some 45 minutes after the UFO left the Iranian sky, a Boeing 707 jet of the TAP airline leaving Lisbon, Portugal — more than 3,200 miles from Tehran — almost crashed into a brightly lit object that shot across its course.

The ENQUIRER reported this hair-raising encounter with a UFO in its issue of Nov. 30, 1976.

And the object over Lisbon, as described by the pilots and crew of the 707, closely corresponds with descriptions of the UFO seen over Tehran earlier that night.



MAP pinpoints UFO sightings only 45 minutes apart.

8 May 1977

Director of Intelligence
U. S. Air Force Intelligence Command
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Presently making the rounds in the upper levels of the U. S. Government is a classified report of a UFO incident that took place in Iran on 18 September 1976. The report is said to be 1 - 2 inches thick. I had heard some time ago that there was much more to this case than had been reported in the press. The story of this report seems to confirm that this is so.

what I heard was that the two planes sent up to intercept the UFO both fired missiles at the UFO, but they had no effect. Shortly thereafter there was an explosion involving both planes and both planes crash landed or were destroyed in the air. That point was not clear. Two pilots were killed. Again it was not clear if the pilots died in the air or as a result of the crash. I expect that the report mentioned above does give an opinion, if what I heard was true.

Therefore, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U. S. C. Sec. 552) I am requesting a 'sanitized' version of this report.

If a substantive reply to this request is not received within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter, I will deem my request denied. If any expenses in excess of five dollars (\$5) are incurred in connection with this request, please inform me of all such charges prior to their being incurred for my approval.

Sincerely,





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE COMMAND
2461 EISENHOWER AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301

IN REPLY REFER TO

23 MAY 1977

Mr. C
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Dear

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 May 1977 and the materials enclosed therein. The various components of this Command are presently searching their files in order to determine if they hold a report such as you described in your letter. You will be further advised of the results of this search upon its completion.

This office has also contacted the Office of Information, Secretary of the Air Force regarding the alleged incident and, while that office has had a similar request for information, it is unaware of the existence of any report pertaining to the events described.

Sincerely,

A. V. KROCHALIS
Special Assistant to COMNAVINTCOM
For Freedom of Information and
Privacy Act matters
By direction of the Commander





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE COMMAND
2481 EISENHOWER AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22301

IN REPLY REFER TO
Ser 00BF/62

6 JUN 1977

Mr.
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Dear

As indicated in our letter of 23 May 1977, we have requested that the various components of this Command search their files in order to determine if they hold a report such as you described in your letter of 8 May 1977. Regretfully, I must inform you that a thorough search of our files has failed to reveal any information concerning the incident mentioned in your letter. To our knowledge such a report does not exist within this Command.

The tape cassette that you forwarded is returned, herewith. I found it informative and interesting. However, much of the information mentioned on the tape appears to be based on probabilities more than on documented facts.

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the Secretary of Defense's Schedule of Fees which will be applicable to future requests.

Sincerely,

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- Enclosure (1) Schedule of Fees contained in DOD Directive
5400.7 of 14 Feb 1975
(2) Tape cassette

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

25 MAY 1977

Mr.
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Dear Mr.

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 8 May 1977 requesting, under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, access to any CIA records dealing with the UFO incident that took place in Iran on 18 September 1976.

I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed any any records found reviewed for releasability under the Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. If we do not respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denials of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our fee schedule. You will be notified if the charges exceed \$5.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure: as stated

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D C 20330



Mr.
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27 MAY 1977

Dear

Reference is made to your letter dated 8 May 1977 in which you requested information pertaining to a UFO sighting in Iran on or about 18 September 1976.

A copy of an intelligence report concerning the incident was found within this Headquarters; however, the Air Force does not have disclosure authority for this report. Your request has been forwarded to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

A determination will be made in regard to whether the records you requested will be released or withheld from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, within 10 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after receipt of your request by the responsible processing agency.

Sincerely


KENNETH A. MINIHAN, Captain, USAF
Asst Executive to ACS/Intelligence





DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

U-3,540/RDS-3A

17 JUN 1977

Mr.
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Dear

This is in response to a referral forwarded to this Agency 31 May 1977 by the U.S. Air Force Intelligence Service. Subject referral was in conjunction with your Freedom of Information Act request for a report relating to a UFO incident which took place in Iran on 18 September 1976.

The Defense Intelligence Agency does not have a requirement for the information you seek. Your request has been deferred to the Agency having an interest in this subject and we have requested it provide you an expeditious reply on this matter.

We apologize for the delay necessitated by the retransmission of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis E. Foster".

LOUIS E. FOSTER
Freedom of Information Act
Officer



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

5 JUL 1977

Ref: 77 DFOI-378

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mr.
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Dear

This is in reply to your May 8, 1977, request for information concerning "...a classified report of a UFO incident that took place in Iran on 18 September 1976." Your letter was received on June 20, 1977, along with a copy of a classified message written by the Defense Attache to Iran, which was located by the Department of the Air Force in a search of records in response to your request.

The following offices, considered most likely to have files containing records of the subject of your request, have advised me that searches of their files produced no records pertaining to the cited UFO incident:

- a. The Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- b. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).
- c. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence).

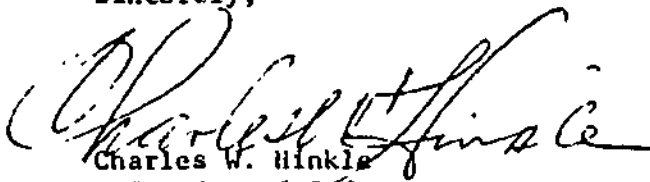
In addition, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) (OASD(ISA)) has advised me that the following document, found during a Department of the Air Force search of records, warrants continued classification in the interests of national security: United States Defense Attache Office (Tehran) Confidential message, date time group: 23/06302 September 1976, IR #6-846-0139-76, subject: "Reported UFO Sighting," 3 pages, addressed to the Defense Intelligence Agency and retransmitted by the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at 23/0810Z September, 1976.

The OASD(ISA) withholds the entire document under 5 U.S. Code 552(b)(1), as specifically authorized under criteria of Executive Order 11652 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, since the message "reports unsubstantiated failure of a U.S.-developed tactical weapon system as well as reflecting classified rules of engagement of a friendly power."

The Initial Denial Authority in this instance is Mr. Leslie A. Janka, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs: Near Eastern Africa and South Asian Affairs). Mr. Janka also advises that, while there was a reported sighting of a UFO, no casualties or damage were reported, and no classified file such as you described exists.

An appeal of this decision, if desired, may be addressed within 45 days of the receipt of this letter to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Hinkle
Director, Freedom of Information
and Security Review

July 21, 1977

Mr. Charles W. Hinkle, Director
Freedom of Information & Security Review
Dept. of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

This letter is an appeal of a denial of a report requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

My appeal is based on the following facts:

- (1) Reports of this UFO incident appeared in the Press of many countries of the world.
- (2) Reports of this UFO incident appeared in many newspapers, newsletters and magazines in this country. I have enclosed such an article by the UFO investigative organization NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) published in the Nov. 1976, issue of its publication "UFO Investigator."
- (3) It appears that many of the reports of the UFO incident were based on statements made by authorities in Iran. Apparently there was no attempt by the Iranian Government to withhold the details of the incident from the Press.
- (4) Based on information recently provided to Mr. Leslie A. Janka, the initial denial authority, he now appears to think that most, if not all, of the report in question could be released.

For the above-stated reasons, I am respectfully requesting that the initial denial be reconsidered.

Very sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

19 AUG 1977

Ref: 77 DFOI-378

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mr.
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Dear


This is in reply to your July 21, 1977, appeal of a July 5, 1977, initial denial of a 3-page message concerning a UFO incident in Iran during September 1976. Your letter was received on July 22, 1977.

The Department is unable to respond to your appeal within the normally prescribed 20 working days, because consultation is required with another agency having substantial interest in the subject matter of the requested records to determine whether the records requested in whole or part are exempt from disclosure or should be released as a matter of discretion.

At this time a firm determination of the additional time needed for this consultation is not available. Every effort will be made to provide you a determination at the earliest opportunity, but in no event will it be later than September 6, 1977.

Please contact this office if you need clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,


Charles W. Hinkle
Director, Freedom of Information
and Security Review



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

AUG 31 1977

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ref: 77 DFOI-378

Mr.
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APO 1

Dear

This is in further reply to your July 21, 1977, appeal of a July 5, 1977, initial denial of a 3-page message concerning a UFO incident in Iran during September 1976. Your letter was received on July 22, 1977. Our letter of August 19, 1977, invoked a ten-day extension for coordination with another agency.

With the exception of minor deletions, the message described in our July 5, 1977, letter has been reviewed, declassified, and is enclosed without charge. Deleted portions are withheld at the request of the Department of State, in accordance with 5 U.S. Code 552b(1), as requiring continued classification, since their unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security.

You may treat this letter as a partial but final denial and seek judicial review in an appropriate District Court of the United States under 5 U.S. Code 552(a) 4)(B). In the alternative, you may wish to appeal this denial of withheld portions to the Director, Freedom of Information Staff, Department of State, Room 2811, Washington, D.C. 20520. For purposes of the latter option, the Department of State Denial Authority in this instance is Mr. Sidney Sober, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs).

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Ross

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- 10. (U) NA
- 11. (U) INITIATE TPSP PT-1440
- 12. (U) USDAO, TEHRAN, IRAN
- 13. (U) FRANK R. MCKENZIE, COL, USAF, DA II ← MESSAGE ORIGINATOR
- 14. (U) NA
- 15. (U) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO IN IRAN ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1976.

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← MESSAGE ORIGINATOR

AT ABOUT 1230 AM ON 19 SEP 76 THE (DELETED)

RECEIVED FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS

FROM CITIZENS LIVING IN THE SHEHIRAN AREA OF TEHRAN SAYING

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THAT THEY HAD SEEN STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY. SOME REPORTED A KIND OF BIRD-LIKE OBJECT WHILE OTHERS REPORTED A HELICOPTER WITH A LIGHT ON. THERE WERE NO HELICOPTERS AIRBORNE AT THAT TIME. (DELETED)

AFTER HE TOLD THE CITIZEN IT WAS ONLY STARS AND HAD TALKED TO MEHRABAD TOWER HE DECIDED TO LOOK FOR HIMSELF. HE NOTICED AN OBJECT IN THE SKY SIMILAR TO A STAR BIGGER AND BRIGHTER. HE DECIDED TO SCRAMBLE AN F-4 FROM SHAHRUKH AFB TO INVESTIGATE.

R. AT 0130 HRS ON THE 19TH THE F-4 TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED TO A POINT ABOUT 40 NM NORTH OF TEHRAN. DUE TO ITS BRILLIANCE THE OBJECT WAS EASILY VISIBLE FROM 70 MILES AWAY. AS THE F-4 APPROACHED A RANGE OF 25 NM HE LOST ALL INSTRUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERCOM). HE BROKE OFF THE INTERCEPT AND HEADED BACK TO SHAHRUKHI. WHEN THE F-4 TURNED AWAY FROM THE OBJECT AND APPARENTLY WAS NO LONGER A THREAT TO IT THE AIRCRAFT REGAINED ALL INSTRUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. AT 0140 HRS A SECOND F-4 WAS LAUNCHED. THE BACKSEATER ACQUIRED A RADAR LOCK ON AT 27 NM. 12 O'CLOCK HIGH POSITION WITH THE VC (RATE OF CLOSURE) AT 150 NMPH. AS THE RANGE DECREASED TO 25 NM THE OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT A SPEED THAT WAS VISIBLE ON THE RADAR SCOPE AND STAYED AT 25NM.

C. THE SIZE OF THE RADAR RETURN WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A 707 TANKER. THE VISUAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN BECAUSE OF ITS INTENSE BRILLIANCE. THE LIGHT THAT IT GAVE OFF WAS THAT OF FLASHING STROBE LIGHTS ARRANGED IN A RECTANGULAR PATTERN AND ALTERNATING BLUE, GREEN, RED AND ORANGE IN COLOR. THE SEQUENCE OF THE LIGHTS WAS SO FAST THAT ALL THE COLORS COULD BE SEEN AT ONCE. THE OBJECT AND THE PURSUING F-4 CONTINUED ON A COURSE TO THE SOUTH OF TEHRAN WHEN ANOTHER BRIGHTLY LIGHTED OBJECT, ESTIMATED TO BE ONE HALF TO ONE THIRD THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE MOON, CAME OUT OF THE ORIGINAL OBJECT. THIS SECOND OBJECT HEADED STRAIGHT TOWARD THE F-4 AT A VERY FAST RATE OF SPEED. THE PILOT ATTEMPTED TO FIRE AN AIM-9 MISSILE AT THE OBJECT BUT AT THAT INSTANT HIS WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL WENT OFF AND HE LOST ALL COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERPHONE). AT THIS POINT THE PILOT INITIATED A TURN AND NEGATIVE G DIVE TO GET AWAY. AS HE TURNED THE OBJECT FELL IN TRAIL AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 3-4 NM. AS HE CONTINUED IN HIS TURN AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY OBJECT THE SECOND OBJECT WENT TO THE INSIDE OF HIS TURN THEN RETURNED TO THE PRIMARY OBJECT FOR A PERFECT REJOIN.

D. SHORTLY AFTER THE SECOND OBJECT JOINED UP WITH THE PRIMARY OBJECT ANOTHER OBJECT APPEARED TO COME OUT OF THE

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OTHER SIDE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECT GOING STRAIGHT DOWN, AT A GREAT RATE OF SPEED. THE F-4 CREW HAD REGAINED COMMUNICATIONS AND THE WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL AND WATCHED THE OBJECT APPROACH THE GROUND ANTICIPATING A LARGE EXPLOSION. THIS OBJECT APPEARED TO COME TO REST GENTLY ON THE EARTH AND CAST A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT OVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 2-3 KILOMETERS. THE CREW DESCENDED FROM THEIR ALTITUDE OF 26M TO 15M AND CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AND MARK THE OBJECT'S POSITION. THEY HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN ADJUSTING THEIR NIGHT VISIBILITY FOR LANDING SO AFTER ORBITING MEHRABAD A FEW TIMES THEY WENT OUT FOR A STRAIGHT IN LANDING. THERE WAS A LOT OF INTERFERENCE ON THE UHF AND EACH TIME THEY PASSED THROUGH A MAG. BEARING OF 150 DEGREE FROM MEHRABAD THEY LOST THEIR COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERPHONE) AND THE INS FLUCTUATED FROM 30 DEGREES - 50 DEGREES. THE ONE CIVIL AIRLINER THAT WAS APPROACHING MEHRABAD DURING THIS SAME TIME EXPERIENCED COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE IN THE SAME VICINITY (KILO 7000) BUT DID NOT REPORT SEEING ANYTHING. WHILE THE F-4 WAS ON A LONG FINAL APPROACH THE CREW NOTICED ANOTHER CYLINDER SHAPED OBJECT (ABOUT THE SIZE OF A T-BIRD AT 10M) WITH BRIGHT STEADY LIGHTS ON EACH END AND A FLASHER IN THE MIDDLE. WHEN QUIERED THE TOWER STATED THERE WAS NO OTHER KNOWN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. DURING THE TIME THAT THE OBJECT PASSED OVER THE F-4 THE TOWER DID NOT HAVE A VISUAL ON IT BUT PICKED IT UP AFTER THE PILOT TOLD THEM TO LOOK BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE REFINERY.

F. DURING DAYLIGHT THE F-4 CREW WAS TAKEN OUT TO THE AREA IN A HELICOPTER WHERE THE OBJECT APPARENTLY HAD LANDED. NOTHING WAS NOTICED AT THE SPOT WHERE THEY THOUGHT THE OBJECT LANDED (A DRY LAKE BED) BUT AS THEY CIRCLED OFF TO THE WEST OF THE AREA THEY PICKED UP A VERY NOTICEABLE BEEPER SIGNAL. AT THE POINT WHERE THE RETURN WAS THE LOUDEST WAS A SMALL HOUSE WITH A GARDEN. THEY LANDED AND ASKED THE PEOPLE WITHIN IF THEY HAD NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE LAST NIGHT. THE PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT A LOUD NOISE AND A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT LIKE LIGHTNING. THE AIRCRAFT AND AREA WHERE THE OBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED ARE BEING CHECKED FOR POSSIBLE RADIATION.

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MORE INFORMATION WILL BE

FORWARDED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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Tom Dealey

NSA paper Fawcett called him. (malarky)
Tom knows guy who wrote (on credibility)
Steve Spielberg interested in Clear Intent for a film.
more info on cases in book

Dominic (father in I.F. A.F.) four aircraft not
two aircraft (two disappeared) actually looking
for beeping sound (two lost aircraft - looking for)

The intercept was further verified by the veteran air traffic controller at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport, Hossain Pirouzi, who directed the fighter pilots by radio and saw the object himself.

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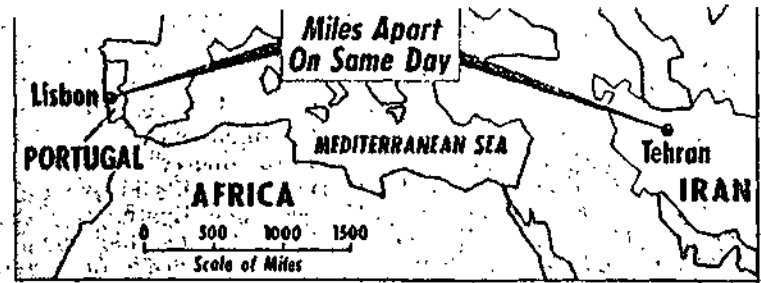
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Top Police Chief Warns . . .

Lawyers Are Putting Americans at Mercy of Savage Criminals

By MALCOLM BALFOUR

"Lawyers are leading this country down the primrose path to destruction by the savage criminal element!"

That's the shocking charge Los Angeles Police Chief Ed-



CHIEF Edward Davis of Los Angeles: "Lawyers are doing a splendid job for the criminal."

ward M. Davis has leveled at the American legal profession.

"They do a splendid job for the criminal," Davis said. "Our criminals probably have more rights and privileges than those in any country in the world. The legal profession hasn't thought enough about the public."

"So many things lawyers have done, or failed to do, have contributed to a kind of legal culture that makes obscenity, pornography and all kinds of other vices descend on us like a plague."

Davis, who's president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is particularly critical of:

- Lawyers who do everything they can to set more criminals free who are awaiting trial.
- Bar associations that advocate liberalism such as legalizing prostitution.
- Judges who fail to send killers, robbers and burglars to jail.
- Lawyers who are bending

the law away from what the people of America want it to be.

"Lawyers have a dominant role in American society," Davis said.

"Somehow they wind up as presidents, governors, mayors, congressmen and senators and they tend to dominate political life."

"They tend to be very bright, well-educated people — yet the net product of their work as a group doesn't seem to contribute materially on a balanced basis to all Americans."

"They're an integral part of the criminal justice system — but they've strayed a long way from their responsibilities in the criminal field. They do virtually nothing to enhance the rights of the victims of crime."

Davis charged the judicial system with being too lenient on criminals and cited a personal incident which he says

occurred in December, 1960, of my

officers was gunned down by an individual on parole who had been exposed to our justice system on 42 different occasions," he said.

"This is a glaring indictment of our system."

Davis blames soft judges and lawyers who are too concerned with the rights of criminals for the high crime rate in this country.

"In Los Angeles County, only 16 percent of the people convicted of felonies are sent to prison," he said.

"Ten years ago, 36 percent of those convicted for homicide, robbery and burglary here, were sent to prison."

"The latest figures that we have available show only about 25 percent."

"Crime is much higher . . . but we're sending a smaller percentage to prison. That has to be soft judges. They are more compassionate . . . but, unfortunately, it's toward the criminals."

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10 greatest UFO mysteries

— that the U.S. Air Force tried to hide

SINCE the late '40s, the U.S. Air Force and other government agencies have been accused of deliberately misleading the American people about reports of UFO sightings by experienced pilots, police officers and thousands of other reliable citizens.

For years, Air Force investigators have insisted the objects sighted were probably weather balloons, reflected auto headlights, or even the planet Venus — even when some of the sighting reports came from their own highly experienced pilots!

The weather balloon alibi was first used to explain away the so-called Roswell Incident, one of the ten greatest UFO mysteries on record. Here are the stories of that incident, and the other nine cover-ups.

Roswell incident

ACCORDING TO researchers Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore, on July 2, 1947, a UFO with alien beings aboard crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

In their book, *The Roswell Incident* (Grosset & Dunlap, N.Y., 1980) the two investigators cited dozens of eye witnesses who confirmed the crash and the government cover-up that followed.

The government insisted the object removed by army personnel from the desert was a weather balloon. Other witnesses, however, swore they saw both the UFO and the frozen bodies of the aliens at CIA installations.

UFO attack

Only seven months later, in January of 1948, a heroic Air Force fighter pilot, Captain Thomas Mantell, was flying a routine training mission in the skies over God-

man Air Force Base in Kentucky when he and his group were ordered to investigate a UFO spotted by ground controllers in the tower.

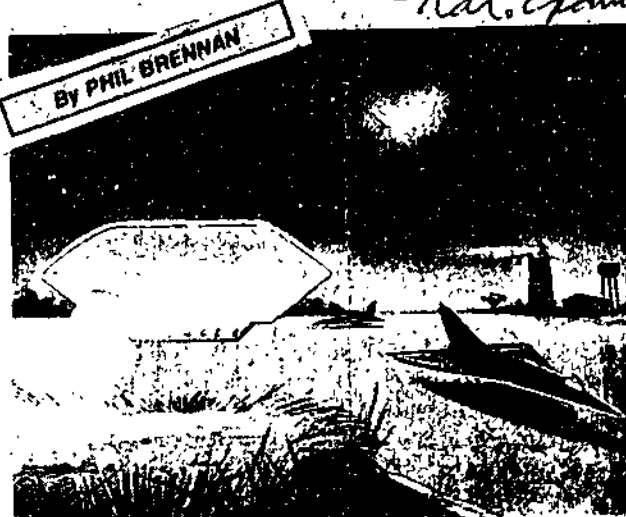
Mantell found the object — which he described as being "metallic" and "huge" — and went chasing after it. After telling Godman tower he was gaining on the object, Mantell disappeared.

His charred body was found amid the wreckage of his P-51 Mustang some 90 miles away. Although his fellow airmen insisted that he'd been shot down by a UFO, the Air Force claimed that he had died *chasing after the planet Venus!*

Deadly duel

A scant 10 months later, in October of 1948, Lt. George F. Gorman of the Air National Guard actually engaged in a vicious dog fight with a UFO he'd chased.

After twice diving out of the way of the onrushing alien craft, Gorman broke off his duel with the more highly maneuverable UFO and sought the safety of his base.



U.S. Air Force has captured UFOs and their occupants, according to witnesses.

Incredibly, the Air Force blithely declared that Gorman had been fighting a duel to the death with a balloon!

Desert downing

In May of 1948, in an incident similar to the Roswell affair, two retired Air Force colonels found a downed UFO in the Mexican desert about 40 miles south of Laredo, Texas.

Stunned by their discovery, the two former Air Force officers notified the U.S. government and the Army promptly arrived.

The craft, they swore, was a 50-foot disc and contained the bodies of four-foot tall aliens. The UFO and the bodies were put aboard Army trucks and taken to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

Flame-Throwers

In May of 1967 Stephen Michalak, working in the Canadian wilderness, saw two glowing objects in the sky. One landed about 400 feet from him and he walked up to it, shouting in several languages, including English and Russian. Getting no answer, he peered inside and saw a glowing computer console.

When he touched it his gloves melted and the object began to rotate and then took off. He was felled by a blast of hot gas from the UFO which set his clothes on fire and burned him badly.

Although he had to be hospitalized, government investigators claimed that he'd suffered no injuries!

UFO spies

The Air Force vainly sent fighters aloft to chase UFOs

that had been picked up on radar or sighted visually by Air Force ground and air observers in 1975.

For 19 days, a fleet of low flying, brightly-lit UFOs hovered over nuclear weapon storage areas, nuclear missile launch sites and Air Force bomber bases in Montana, Michigan and Maine.

None of the planes scrambled by the Air Force in response to the threat of the hovering alien craft was able to get close to the objects.

Arab connection

In September of 1976, two Iranian Air Force pilots in F-4 Phantom jets reported that "a brilliantly-colored object" had ejected a small craft, that sped directly at them at an incredible rate of speed.

According to the CIA files, one of the pilots tried to fire an AIM-9 missile at the UFO but at that instant "his weapons-control panel went off, and he lost all communications."

Helplessly, he watched transfixed as the smaller craft returned to its mother ship and easily rejoined it.

Alien landing

In 1980, as incredulous airmen watched, several UFOs slowly glided in for a landing at a top secret New Mexico Air Force installation.

Unable to approach the alien craft as they sat on the runway, Air Force personnel tried to call for help, only to learn that all equipment had ceased to work.

The UFOs also knocked out radar systems at the base and at a nearby airfield. Neither the communications systems nor the radar would operate until the UFOs suddenly soared aloft and disappeared.

Kuwait giant

In 1980, as hundreds of astonished Arabs and European and American oil field workers gaped open-mouthed, a gigantic UFO appeared in the skies over oil rich Kuwait.

Their amazement grew as the alien craft slowly descended toward the oil fields, seeming to grow larger the nearer it came.

When it finally came to a halt above the oil fields it blotted out the sun and the sky, making it dark as night. Experts later estimated the size of the UFO as being at least ten miles in diameter.

Sword of Islam

Kuwait was the location of another UFO visitation — this one in the winter of 1978.

A fleet of brightly glowing UFOs, multi-colored lights flashing, hovered above the same air field later visited by the giant craft.

Superstitious Arab nomads leaped from their camels and prostrated themselves on the sand, shouting that the craft was a manifestation of Mohammed, and calling it the Sword of Islam.

Westerners working in the oil fields had their own less religious reason to be awed. As soon as the UFOs appeared above the oil rigs and working wells every piece of machinery for miles around stopped working.