

PRIORITY

CT1

MSG654

PAGE

02 257

02 13

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

IRAN - 2

HAT THEY HAD SEEN STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY. SOME REPORTED
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
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 COM-
MUNICATIONS. AT 0140 HRS A SECOND F-4 WAS LAUNCHED. THE
BACKSEATER ACQUIRED A RADAR LOCK ON AT 27 NM. 12 00 CLOCK
HIGH POSITION WITH THE VC (RATE OF CLOSURE) AT 150 NM/HR.
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

PRIORITY

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~