

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

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APPENDIX I

Tashkent, USSR - May to September 1947

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

During a period from May to September of 1947, a source observed three light phenomena almost every night between the hours of 2100 and 2200 and 2200 local time. The phenomena which occurred at 15 minute intervals were seen SSE of Pakhta Aral, which is about 31 miles SW of Tashkent, USSR (43° 18' N - 69° 15' E).

The phenomena first appeared as a large dark red ball of fire. After about six seconds it reached the apex of a long trajectory, during which time it developed a trail of fire. As the ball of fire descended from the apex of the trajectory, it changed from red to pale green, to white. Smoke trails, noises, or detonations were not heard nor seen. At the apex of the trajectory and object seemed to be about one-fifth the diameter of a full moon.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

No further investigation or interrogation is possible. Report is evaluated as F-3. This report was submitted to Project Blue Book because of the green color which might possibly relate to "Green Fireballs".

III. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions can be made due to the nebulous nature of the information. This report was submitted to the Fuels Group and Guided Missiles Group of ATIC. Both agreed that the object was not a liquid fuel missile, however, it could have been a smaller solid fuel rocket.