

C O N F I D E N T I A L 0294 AUG 76.

SUBJ: TUNISIAN UFO'S (C)

1. (C) A VERY CONCERNED CHIEF OF MILITARY SECURITY, GENERAL BALMA, CALLED DATT AND ALUSNA TO HIS OFFICE AT 1100 HRS, 9 AUG 76. BALMA PROVIDED DATT WITH COPY OF MEMO HE HAD PREPARED FOR THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE LISTING UFO SIGHTINGS THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING OVER TUNISIA SINCE FIRST REPORTED THE NIGHT OF 3 AUG 76. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF MEMO PROVIDED FOR INFO QUOTE "SUBJECT: FLYING MACHINES. THE APPEARANCE OF UNEXPLAINED FLYING OBJECTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AS FOLLOWS: DURING THE NIGHT OF 3-4 AUG 76 - AT 2325 HRS THE PILOT OF TUNIS AIR FLT TU8953, ENROUTE FROM MONASTIR TO TUNIS REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING OBJECT AT 1000 TO 1200 METERS, GOING NORTH TO SOUTH. AT 2327 HOURS FIVE FLYING OBJECTS SHOWING RED AND GREEN POSITION LIGHT WERE VISUALLY SIGHTED OVER MONASTIR AND CONFIRMED BY RADAR - AT 0024 HRS TILL 0400 HRS, FIVE SEPARATE RADAR RETURNS WERE TRACKED AND VISUALLY CONFIRMED. DURING THE NIGHT OF 4-5 AUG 76, AN AIR FRANCE PILOT ENROUTE TO MONASTIR REPORTED BEING FOLLOWED BY AN AIRCRAFT AS HE APPROACHED HIS DESCENT POINT TO MONASTIR FROM 2243 HRS TO 2252 HRS (LOCAL). DURING THE NIGHT OF 5-6 AUG 76, POLICE AT SOUKRA REPORTED SEEING WHAT SEEMED TO BE FOUR LIGHTED HELOS AT 0020 HRS. AT 0040, TWO REMAINED - AT 0115, ONE REMAINED FLYING VERY SLOWLY. ALL OBJECTS WERE GONE BY 0145 HRS (LOCAL). THESE OBSERVATIONS NOT CONFIRMED BY RADAR. DURING THE NIGHT OF 7-8 AUG 76, AT 2348 THE CONTROL TOWER AT JERBA SIGHTED UNKNOWN TRAFFIC 7KM NW OF AIRPORT. SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY TUNIS AIR PILOT, FLT 8321, ENROUTE TO JERBA FM PARIS. PILOT OF TUNIS AIR 717

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