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APPROACHING JERBA AIRPORT REPORTED A FLYING OBJECT SHOWING ONE LIGHT SEEMED TO TOUCH DOWN NEAR AIRPORT THEN TURN SOUTH CLIMBING AS IT WENT, DISAPPEARING AT 2412 HRS (LOCAL). DURING NIGHT OF 8-9 AUG 76 - AT 1950 HRS LOCAL RADAR TRACKED UNKNOWN TRAFFIC THAT OVER FLEW SIDI AHMED AIRPORT AT BILERTE GOING EAST TO WEST THEN 37 KM WEST OF THE BASE TURNED AND DISAPPEARED GOING SOUTH" END QUOTE 2. (C) THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT IS VERY PUZZLED BY THESE SIGHTINGS AND WANTS TO KNOW IF SIXTHFLT CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHO OR WHAT THEY MIGHT BE. BALMA SHOWED RADAR PLOTS OF UFO TRACKS ON NIGHT OF 4 AUG 76 PLOTTED ON CHART. TRACKS COME GENERALLY FM NE OVER GULF OF TUNIS AND THEN PROCEED TO SOUTH OF CITY, TURNING TO EAST AND WEST AND DISAPPEARING FROM RADAR SCREENS. BALMA AGREED TO CALL ALUSNA AT HOME IF FURTHER SIGHTINGS WERE OBSERVED. NO REPORTED SIGHTINGS MADE NIGHTS OF 9-10 AUG 76.

3. (C) REQUEST ADVISE IF ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED IN VICINITY OF TUNISIAN COAST. BALMA REPORTS THAT VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF RED AND GREEN POSITIONS LIGHTS AND RADAR SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE AND ON SOME OCCASIONS CORRESPOND WITH ONE ANOTHER. OBJECTS HAVE TRAVELLED AT HIGH SPEEDS (350KTS), SLOW AND SEEMINGLY HOVERED BUT HAVE MADE NO AUDIBLE SOUND. PHENOMENA COMPLETELY UNEXPLAINABLE FM THIS END. ANY ASSIST OR IDEAS WILL BE APPRECIATED. AMB CONCURS. GDS 31 DEC 82.

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