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5. SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM THE IRANIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, THE TEHRAN JOURNAL, DATED 13 JULY 1978 AND PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO OVER THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF TEHRAN.  
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7. DETAILS: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS QUOTED FROM THE 13 JULY 1978 EDITION OF THE TEHRAN JOURNAL NEWSPAPER:  
 "UFO SPOTTED OVER NORTH OF TEHRAN"

TEHRAN--AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS SEEN BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY ON SUNDAY NIGHT. OFFICIALS FROM THE CONTROL TOWER AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT AND A LUFTHANSA CREW ALSO REPORTED UNUSUAL READINGS ON THEIR INSTRUMENTS. RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN TEHRAN WERE THE FIRST TO SPOT THE STRANGE FLYING OBJECT FLOATING TOWARDS SAVEN. THEY HAD BEEN SLEEPING ON THE TERRACES OF THEIR HOUSES, AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THE CONTROL TOWER AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT AND THE NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK.

THE CONTROL TOWER CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE OBJECT BUT WOULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. SOON AFTERWARDS, THE LUFTHANSA PLANE SENT IN ITS REPORT.

SIMILAR FLYING OBJECT WAS SEEN LAST APRIL BY LOCAL AIRLINE PILOT, WHO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD PHOTOGRAPHED THE OBJECT, BUT COULD NOT RELEASE THE PHOTOGRAPHS UNTIL THE SECURITY DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES GAVE THEIR PERMISSION. HE CLAIMED THAT WHILE FLYING BETWEEN AHVAZ AND TEHRAN AT 4,000 FEET, HE AND HIS CO-PILOT HAD SIGHTED A GLITTERING OBJECT AND HAD MANAGED TO PHOTOGRAPH IT.

MEHRABAD RADAR CONTROL OFFICIAL SAID THAT ON THAT OCCASION THEY HAD DETECTED AN OBJECT SOME 20 TIMES THE SIZE OF A JUMBO JET ON THEIR SCREENS. CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION CHIEF HAJ MONIRI CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION, BUT THE RESULTS OF THIS ENQUIRY HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. AN EYE WITNESS SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS ALONE ON HIS BALCONY ON SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN SUDDENLY HE SAW THE OBJECT EMERGE IN THE SKY AND HOVER DIRECTLY ABOVE HIM.

HAD SO UPSET THAT I WANTED TO SCREAM, BUT COULD NOT DO SO, HE SAID. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT BETTER ONCE HE REALIZED THAT HIS NEIGHBORS HAD ALSO SEEN IT.

HIS CURRENT REPORT IS THE THIRD UFO SIGHTING IN IRAN IN LESS THAN A YEAR. BEGINNING COMMENTS: PREVIOUS REPORTS ON UFO SIGHTINGS IN IRAN HAVE

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