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SUBJ SUBJ: METEORITES MAY HAVE CAUSED 'MYSTERIOUS CRATERS' NEAR KURSK

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TEXT TEXT:

//((NIKOLAY YEFIMOVICH REPORT: "ATOMIC ANOMALY NEAR KURSK"))

((TEXT)) KURSK -- TWO MYSTERIOUS CRATERS 7-8 METERS IN DIAMETER HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE SIDE OF A RAVINE NEAR THE KURSK NUCLEAR POWER STATION. IN THE OPINION OF SPECIALISTS, HOLLOWES OF THIS KIND CAN ONLY BE THE RESULT OF A 500-KG BOMB EXPLODING. HOWEVER, NO EXPLOSIONS HAVE BEEN HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF THE EARTH THAT HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE CRATERS. NOR HAVE ANY FRAGMENTS OF METAL AND TRACES OF FIRE BEEN RECORDED.

SPECIALISTS' INITIAL STUDIES FAILED TO PROVIDE THE SOLUTION. THE LEVEL OF RADIATION FELL WITHIN NATURAL BACKGROUND LIMITS. SAMPLES OF THE SOIL AND WATER IN ONE OF THE CRATERS REVEALED NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. NO SEISMOLOGICAL FLUCTUATIONS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN KURSK OBLAST.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS STAFF IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPECIALISTS ARE WORKING ON SEVERAL IDEAS. THE FIRST AND MAIN ONE BEING THAT A LARGE METEORITE HAS FALLEN HERE. SEVERAL DAYS AGO MANY PEOPLE SAW A FIERY BODY IN THE HEAVENS. AND PILLARS OF FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE MYSTERIOUS CRATERS. THE SECOND IDEA IS THAT THIS MAY QUITE WELL HAVE BEEN A

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