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(((REPORT BY CANDIDO DOMINGUEZ FROM MATANZAS)))

((TEXT)) THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, A GROUP OF MATANZAS RESIDENTS, *YOURS TRULY INCLUDED, HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE UNIDENTIFIED *FLYING OBJECTS, UFO'S, OVER MATANZAS CITY. SHORTLY BEFORE 1900, I HEARD MY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WHO WAS ON THE PORCH SHOUT: DADDY, LOOK, FIREWORKS. I WALKED OUT ONTO THE PORCH AND OBSERVED THE STRANGE PHENOMENON. THE FIRST THING I SAW WAS A VERY BRIGHT WHITE-BALL FOLLOWED BY LIGHTED TAIL, SOMETHING LIKE A COMET. LATER THE LIGHTS MULTIPLIED AND I SAW SIX OR SEVEN OF THEM LINED UP, EACH WITH A TAIL THAT FOLLOWED A NORTH-TO-SOUTH TRAJECTORY. THESE LIGHTS REMAINED VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS.

YESTERDAY I LEARNED THAT A GROUP OF SPECIALISTS FROM THE TERRITORIAL METEOROLOGY SECTION OF THE CUBAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ALSO VIEWED THE STRANGE SIGHT FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE CITY. ONE OF THEM, JESUS GOMEZ, SAW IT IN JOVELLANOS, 42 KM SOUTHEAST OF MATANZAS.

(ORESTES GRIBAO), WHO IS A METEOROLOGIST AND FOR YEARS HAS BEEN *STUDYING UFO'S, WATCHED THE PHENOMENON IN THE VERSAILLES NEIGHBORHOOD. (GRIBAO) SHOWED SEVERAL PEOPLE A BOOK THAT HAS A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1913 FROM THE TORONTO OBSERVATORY, CANADA. WE ALL AGREED THAT WHAT WE SAW ON 21 DECEMBER IN MATANZAS IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO WHAT THE 60-YEAR-OLD PICTURE SHOWS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF MUCH INTEREST TO YTHOSE WHO STUDY THE *EXTRATERRESTRIAL UNIVERSE.

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