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 WARNING: THIS ITEM CORRESPONDS TO ITEM NO. 30. OF LD21052Q0191  
 (211800 PROGRAM SUMMARY)  
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 SUBJ: 'STRANGE OBJECT' FILMED FLOATING AROUND 'MIR' STATION  
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## TEXT:

//((FROM THE "VREMYA" NEWSCAST: REPORT BY P. ORLOV, IDENTIFIED  
 BY CAPTION))

((TEXT)) ((ANNOUNCER)) THE FLIGHT OF THE SOVIET-BRITISH SPACE  
 CREW ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION IS CONTINUING. THEIR JOINT WORK HAS  
 ALREADY PRODUCED ITS FIRST RESULTS, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM CAN BE  
 INTERPRETED UNEQUIVOCALLY. OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS:

((ORLOV)) FOR SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN, AND ALSO FOR OUR SPECIAL  
 SCHOOLS, THIS COULD BE AN OBJECT LESSON IN CELESTIAL MECHANICS --  
 TO USE THE BRITISH DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTLESSNESS.

HELEN SHARMAN'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE: THE FEELING OF BEING IN  
 SPACE IS LOVELY. SERGEY KRKALEV TAUGHT HER HOW TO GET RID OF THE  
 DISTRESSING SENSATIONS. THE FOOD IS STRANGE BUT VERY TASTY. TRUE,  
 IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PREPARE. BUT THE HARDEST THING OF ALL IS  
 THAT EVERYTHING AROUND YOU IS FLYING ABOUT, BE IT A PIECE OF BREAD  
 OR THE CREW COMMANDER.

OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES WERE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR ALL THIS.

BUT THE REAL PROBLEMS LIE OUTSIDE THE STATION. THE POINT IS  
 THAT YESTERDAY EVENING, DURING THE LATE COMMUNICATIONS SESSION, A  
 STRANGE OBJECT WAS FILMED. YOU CAN SEE IT NOW, THERE, AT THE VERY  
 CENTER OF THE SCREEN. ((VIDEO SHOWS "MIR" STATION AND A  
 LUMINESCENT OBJECT HOVERING AROUND IT))

IF IT WERE A UFO, IT WOULD NOT BE TOO BAD. BUT MUSA MANAROV,  
 WHO WAS FILMING THE CRAFT DURING THE DOCKING WITH THE STATION, HAS  
 FUELED DOUBTS BY SAYING THAT HE SAW THAT OBJECT COME OFF THE  
 CRAFT. OF COURSE, THERE IS NOTHING CHEERFUL ABOUT THE FACT THAT  
 AN OBJECT OF QUITE A CONSIDERABLE SIZE IS FLYING AROUND THE  
 STATION, EVEN IF IT IS NOT A PART OF THE SOYUZ TRANSPORT CRAFT.

((UNIDENTIFIED VOICE)) MOVE CLOSER, PLEASE.

((ORLOV)) MEANWHILE, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT HELEN SHARMAN IS  
 THE FIRST WOMAN ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION. SOMETHING TO MAKE SEAMEN  
 ENVIOUS. BUT JOKES APART, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE OBJECT  
 ACCOMPANYING THE STATION IS.

((ANNOUNCER)) WE WILL WAIT FOR FURTHER REPORTS. THIS IS A VERY  
 INTERESTING, BUT ALSO A FAIRLY ALARMING DEVELOPMENT.

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