

TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

COUNTRY IRAN REPORT NO. TDCS -3/44,215

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED AT BENSMAHR DATE DISTR. 20 JULY 1960

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. 17 JULY 1960 REFERENCES IN 26714

PLACE & DATE ACQ. [REDACTED]

APPRAISAL [REDACTED] FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SOURCE THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. [REDACTED]

1. AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 GREENWICH MEAN TIME ON 17 JULY 1960 TRAVELLING IN A SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST DIRECTION OVER BENSMAHR, IRAN (36° 46' N - 53° 34' E). THE OBJECT WAS IN VIEW AN ESTIMATED 15 TO 20 SECONDS. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO SAW THE OBJECT STATED THAT AFTER PASSING OVER BENSMAHR, IT MADE A GRADUAL TURN WEST BEFORE BURSTING OUT. ALL WHO SAW THE OBJECT AGREED THAT IT APPEARED TO BURST OUT BEFORE DISAPPEARING OVER THE HORIZON.
2. SPEED WAS SUB-SONIC AS HEARD BEFORE SIGHTING; SOUND OF VARIABLE PITCH LIKE AIR PASSING THROUGH TUBE OR PIPE.
3. TRAJECTORY: LOW AND QUITE FLAT BUT HEADING DOWNWARD. SHARP DESCENDED AS CENTRAL. ILLUMINATION: BRIGHT AQUAMARINE-COLORED WITH WHITE AND RED TAIL.
4. ONE PERSON WHO SAW THE OBJECT CLAIMS THAT IT APPEARED TO BREAK IN TWO.

CLASSIFICATION - DISSEMINATION CONTROLS

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