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14. SOURCE: TEHRAN JOURNAL NEWSPAPER

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16. SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM THE IRANIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, THE TEHRAN JOURNAL, DATED 18 JULY 1978 AND PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO OVER THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF TEHRAN.

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18. DETAILS: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS QUOTED FROM THE 18 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 LUTTHANZA AIRCREW ALSO REPORTED UNUSUAL READINGS ON THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN TEHRAN WERE THE FIRST TO SPOT THE STRANGE GLOWING 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 EXISTANCE OF THE OBJECT BUT WOULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. SOON AFTERWARDS, THE LUTTHANZA PLANE SENT IN ITS REPORT.

A 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 24,000 FEET, HE AND HIS CO-PILOT HAD SIGHTED A GLITTERING OBJECT AND HAD MANAGED TO PHOTOGRAPH IT.

A 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.

"I WAS 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.

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

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aircraft lights or other sightings were seen. Crew of Knife 27 suspected objects engaged by descending below radar capability. E. On 020320L Dec, GCA and RTA radar reported Eogie (AK northwest of KKP) moving at same speed as Knife 28, night helicopter, at 120 knots. Knife 28 dispatched to area, but GCA lost Eogie when Knife 28 approached to within 2-3 NM. GCA later lost Knife 28 at same spot when Knife descended below 1100 foot altitude. Knife 28 approached target without lights, then employed searchlight, but observed nothing. Moon reportedly had gone down and conditions were too dark to see well. As Knife 28 returned to base, GCA picked up Eogie again 15 NM southeast of where it had disappeared, heading southeast. GCA lost it after 4-5 NM, still heading southeast in vicinity of VD 5891. Part II. On 6 December, 6-6 SOS advisor to Thai Border Patrol Police (BPP), Region IV, reported that BPP had begun operation on 28 November between KKP and Sakhon Nakhon towns in same proximity as above sighting northwest of KKP. Four to six BPP and Royal Thai Army (RTA) helicopters were involved in this operation. In addition, BPP Region IV possesses one white heavy helicopter, which is used to monitor BPP operations. Historically, Thai pilots have been reluctant to fly at night, but the moon in recent days has made night flying almost as easy as daytime operations, and Thai pilots have been known to accomplish night flights in areas where terrain is well-known to them. As in the past, chopper operations by RTA and BPP are mostly local in nature and no flight plans are filed for resupply, placement of units, or monitoring activities unless proper pressure is brought to bear. Many BPP/RTA operations against communist terrorist are autonomous in nature, and thus centralized control is weak. As result, air defense surveillance system is often not informed of flights until later—if at all. BPP advisor is attempting to secure time of flights in support of above operation, including dates, and landing areas. Part III. Historically, November and early December have produced large numbers of radar returns, particularly on GCA scopes, from natural or cultural phenomena in THAILAND. These include temperature inversions, balloons from fires and religious celebrations, migratory birds, and kites. In November 1968, 7-1 BPP DI and DO ran experiment at Udorn when GCA scopes were reporting more than 15 low/low returns in vicinity of Udorn RTAFB. Group observed unusually sighted scores of balloons, three flocks of migratory birds, several kites, plus at least four local choppers in a span of ten minutes. At same time these sightings, even of legitimate friendly flights, failed to correlate with Brigman (Udorn RTAFB-based GCI radar) and GCA returns. On numerous occasions it was established that phenomena, which U.S. personnel in GCI site would not report as authentic traffic, was reported into AOC and air defense system of Thai operators. U.S. personnel attributed these to propagation of over-the-horizon signals distorted by weather conditions. Though coordination with Air America, CAS and other agencies failed to identify clandestine flights of these agencies at time and place of KKP unidentified sightings. Such flights of clandestine nature are often completed before details become available, or until such time as agencies can release details of such flights without impairing security of operations. To date, there is no confirmed evidence that hostile aircraft or helicopters have penetrated Thai air space in support of insurgent or communist activities. Though it is possible that illicit friendly flights for purposes of private gain, pleasure, smuggling are being conducted, there is no evidence to substantiate this possibility at present time. It is suspected that Lao and Thai Air Force officers can and do employ RTAF and RTAF aircraft in private ventures or travel without filing proper flight plans for informing components of the air defense surveillance system. Part IV. Nature of recent reported sightings follows same pattern as "unknown returns" reported last year by Udon and Udorn. In analysis of possible hostile penetration of THAILAND and in support of insurgent forces, preliminary study was conducted of technical aspects of such flights. It was found that to land in remote jungle clearings at night to airlift personnel or provide resupply was highly dangerous and improbable, especially in absence of sophisticated navigation and landing aids, and was beyond technical capability of U.S. air crews. Further, study of Air Order of Battle of nearby communist or neutral countries indicates that available helicopter strength is such that hostile or unfriendly forces do not possess adequate numbers of low/low aircraft to undertake such missions with accompanying risk factor, when they are unable to support their own field

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7. SOURCE: 13AF DI		
15. SUMMARY: This Information Report quotes a 7/13AF Director of Intelligence message dealing with the subject of unidentified flying objects. The message was dated 11 December 1968 and was in response to inquiries to that headquarters from subordinate units. It is quoted in its entirety to show the rationale used to draw the conclusions that are made. This IR is submitted in response to and partially answers SICR U-UPF-21321. Collection action continues.		
16. QUOTE: Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects (U). Part I. A. On 280156Z November 1968, Nakhon Phanom (NKP), STAFB GCA reported two low/slow moving objects approximately 13NM south of NKP. Contact was lost when objects were 9NM west of base. NKP Command Post was informed they "definitely were not ghosts." Sightings were confirmed by Invert radar. At approximately 0215L Knife 27, night Recce chopper, was asked to investigate slow movers 4NM north-east of base. As Knife 27 was not in immediate area 5-10 minute delay ensued. Knife 27 reported no sightings. Knife 27 also investigated similar phenomena 10-13NM south of NKP and another return two and one-half NM northwest of base. No visual sightings were reported. Final return at 12NM south of NKP was also investigated with Invert direction Knife 27 to position directly overhead of unidentified return. Searchlight was employed but revealed nothing. No objects.		
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forces, officials, or units by air. It is not likely, therefore, that they would risk valuable aircraft and crews to support Thai insurgent, when resupply, infiltration, and movement by other means is cheaper, safer, and less obvious. It is interesting to note that such unknown returns have been reported since 1965 and yet no unidentified aircraft has ever crashed or been physically observed so it could be identified. Friendly suppression forces have never shot down or hit these unknown intruders, whereas U.S. helicopters and aircraft in VIETNAM and LAOS have suffered many hits and losses, and as indicated in Part I, friendly aircraft in area could not observe, even with aid of lights, any other aircraft. In past, when Royal Thai Government offered 200,000 Baht reward for shooting down of unknown aircraft and helicopters, only aircraft ever hit were RFP or RTA choppers and USAF aircraft on legitimate missions. As result, Thai Government has since withdrawn reward offer since no hostile aircraft or "unknowns" were ever downed. It is also interesting to note that in 1967 unidentified aircraft activity, purportedly in support of communist insurgents, seemed to preoccupy Thai officials until U.S. resources provided Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. Then in speech of acceptance and thanks, General PHRAPHAT, Deputy Prime Minister, said helicopter threat from outside THAILAND had ended or come under control. Part V. This headquarters is highly interested in such sightings and reports, and will continue to monitor such activity for signs of hostile intent. However, there is no evidence at present time to indicate rash of recent "logics" reported near NKP RTAFB involves hostile or unfriendly activity. Unquote.

2. The following is quoted from a COMUSMACV message dated 17 December 1968. The message was to CINCPAC with information to 7/13AF and referenced the message quoted above. Quote. "This headquarters considers the message and excellent assessment of unidentified helicopter reports in THAILAND. This evaluation parallels our own assessments." Unquote.

3. The most recent reported sightings occurred in South LAOS. On the night of 14, 15 and 16 December 1968, an unidentified high wing single engine aircraft was observed over Ban Thateng (1526N-10622E), LAOS. On two occasions it was reported circling at low altitude (400 feet). On the third occasion, it was observed at 6000 feet heading west. Estimated speed 100 knots. It has not been determined if the aircraft was an unreported friendly or enemy.

COMMENTS: AIRA concurs with the comments and assessments made and with the conclusion which are drawn. It seems highly unlikely the enemy would take the risks involved to infiltrate personnel or supplies when, as is pointed out, other methods are cheaper, safer and less obvious. Some of the "unknowns" have been reported far enough into THAILAND that large helicopters would have to be used or refuelings made by small helicopters. In order to reach some of these locations, long flights would have to be made over friendly territory, both in LAOS and THAILAND. Again this seems rather unlikely and has not been confirmed by any sightings. There are no known enemy held staging areas or bases in LAOS from which such flights could operate within reasonable range, safety and security and yet remain such a well kept secret for such a long period of time. If any of these flights are, in fact, occurring it appears much more reasonable that they might be unreported friendly activities.

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