

Enclosed is The Enquirer's story on the UFO over Tehran that was chased by two Iranian Air Force jets. It is based on two files, one by a free lance journalist in Tehran and the other by John Checkley, a roving editor for the Enquirer based in London, plus a telephone interview by John Cathcart with an Iranian Air Force general. We have deleted the Iranian journalist's name because one of the conditions under which he obtained the story was that he not be identified with it in any way. We do not have transcripts of the interviews conducted by either him or Checkley. However, the details of what they wrote are fairly well known anyway. Perhaps the most interesting item in this package was Cathcart's interview with the Iranian general. Several things the general said were quite interesting but the most significant was a statement to the effect that the Iranian and U.S. air forces exchange information on UFOs. We were never able to verify anything of this nature from the Pentagon or the Air Force or the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG) in Tehran. The best we could get out of the U.S. military in Tehran was that the Iranians invited MAAG to have someone ~~xxxx~~ sit in on the debriefing of the two jet pilots. An Army colonel in charge of public information for MAAG told us that two relatively low-ranking staff officers from the U.S. Air Force did sit in on the debriefing but no report was ever made on the session and none was ever sent to the Pentagon.

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The intercept was further verified by the veteran air traffic controller at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport, Hossain Pirouzi, who directed the fighter pilots by radio and saw the object himself.

And a second Iranian air force general, the senior in command at the time, also saw the UFO for himself and gave the order to intercept, the controller revealed.

The sensational chain of events began at 10:30 p.m. last September 18, when calls began to come in to air controller Pirouzi from excited citizens who had sighted a strange object in the sky. It seemed to be changing shape rapidly — one caller described it as "like a fan with four blades," another as "sometimes dividing in two and joining together again." After the fourth such call, Pirouzi, controller at Mehrabad for 13 years, went to an outdoor terrace and searched the sky with binoculars.

"After about five minutes, I saw the object, a rectangular shape about five miles away at a height of about 6,000 feet and northeast of my tower," he told *The ENQUIRER*.

"The right end was blue, the left end was blue and in the middle was a flashing red light.

"The object was seesawing up and down and moving toward the north."

Pirouzi notified the Air Force, and Gen. Abdulah Yousefi, senior officer on duty, responded by phone.

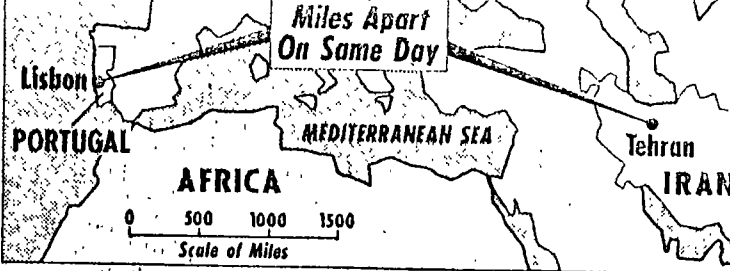
Said Pirouzi, "He went out

on gas after its chase. Gen. Azarbarzin said that whenever the planes got within 15 miles or so of the UFO, most of their electric and electronic systems were suddenly and mysteriously knocked out — until they moved away.

"That happened to three different planes," he noted. "We had two fighters — that hap-

pened reported. "I'm going to Mach 2 (about 1,400 miles an hour) and I'm 50 miles behind the object. I can't catch him. It's no use to follow anymore, I can't catch him."

From that time on, Pirouzi said, the Phantom and its replacement were chasing the object all over the Iranian sky to the north and west, with the



MAP pinpoints UFO sightings only 45 minutes apart.

## Top Police Chief Warns . . .

# Lawyers Are Putting Americans at Mercy of Savage Criminals

By MALCOLM BALFOUR

"Lawyers are leading this country down the primrose path to destruction by the savage criminal element!"

That's the shocking charge Los Angeles Police Chief Ed-



**CHIEF** Edward Davis of Los Angeles: "Lawyers are doing a splendid job for the criminal."

ward M. Davis has leveled at the American legal profession.

"They do a splendid job . . . for the criminal," Davis said. "Our criminals probably have more rights and privileges than those in any country in the world. The legal profession hasn't thought enough about the public.

"So many things lawyers have done, or failed to do, have contributed to a kind of legal culture that makes obscenity, pornography and all kinds of other vices descend on us like a plague."

Davis, who's president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is particularly critical of:

- Lawyers who do everything they can to set more criminals free who are awaiting trial.
- Bar associations that advocate liberalism such as legalizing prostitution.
- Judges who fail to send killers, robbers and burglars to jail.
- Lawyers who are bending

the law away from what the people of America want it to be.

"Lawyers have a dominant role in American society," Davis said.

"Somehow they wind up as presidents, governors, mayors, congressmen and senators and they tend to dominate political life.

"They tend to be very bright, well-educated people — yet the net product of their work as a group doesn't seem to contribute materially on a balanced basis to all Americans.

"They're an integral part of the criminal justice system — but they've strayed a long way from their responsibilities in the criminal field. They do virtually nothing to enhance the rights of the victims of crime."

Davis charged the judicial system with being too lenient on criminals and cited a personal incident which he says proves his charge.

Last December, one of my

officers was gunned down by an individual on parole who had been exposed to our justice system on 42 different occasions," he said.

"This is a glaring indictment of our system."

Davis blames soft judges and lawyers who are too concerned with the rights of criminals for the high crime rate in this country.

"In Los Angeles County, only 16 percent of the people convicted of felonies are sent to prison," he said.

"Ten years ago, 36 percent of those convicted for homicide, robbery and burglary here, were sent to prison.

"The latest figures that we have available show only about 25 percent.

"Crime is much higher . . . but we're sending a smaller percentage to prison. That has to be soft judges. They are more compassionate . . . but, unfortunately, it's toward the criminals."

It's Following Me, Cries Fighter Pilot as . . .

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## UFO Jams Jets' Electrical Systems in Supersonic Chase

By JOHN M. CATHCART

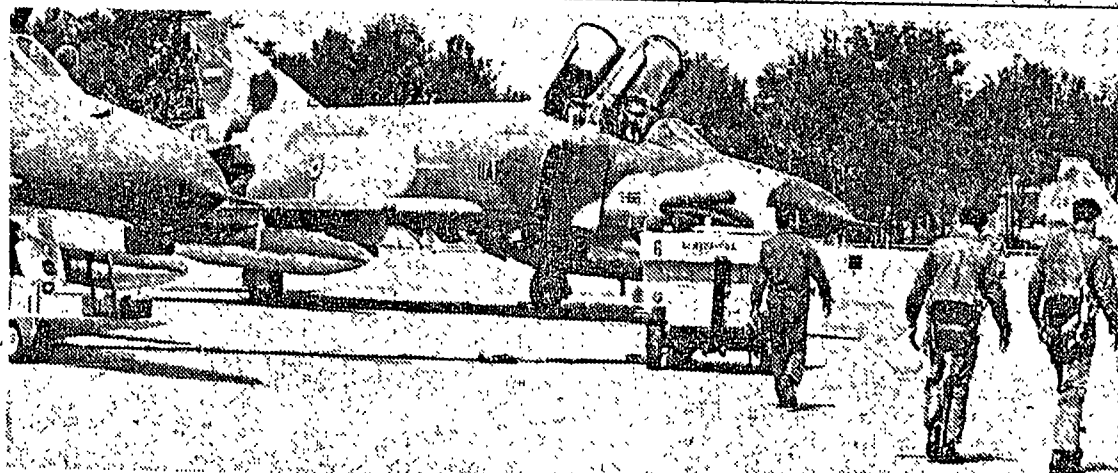
The UFO split in two and a glowing section of it shot out at the Phantom jet fighter. "It's about 20 miles behind!" the alarmed air force pilot radioed the tower. "It's following me! Oh! Now . . ." The radio went dead.

Stunned air traffic controllers sat in disbelief as they watched the jet scream low over the control tower — the brilliant object now a dark rectangle atop the jet plane.

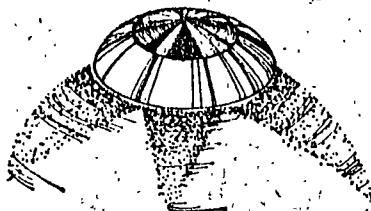
The bizarre incident was only part of the mysterious series of events that occurred last September when a UFO staged a spectacular aerial display in full view of airport tower personnel and baffled commanders of the Imperial Iranian Air Force.

The UFO jammed communications on two Iranian fighter planes sent up to intercept it — and launched a smaller UFO to chase one plane away.

"Two jets were scrambled and they locked onto the target (with radar) but they received very strong jamming," said deputy commander-in-chief of operations Lt. Gen. Abdulah Azarbarzin, who confirmed that the UFO maneuvered for hours over Tehran, the capital of Iran.



PHANTOM JETS like the ones that encountered UFO sit on apron at Tehran Airport.



SKETCH of UFO which one eyewitness said was "like a fan with blades."

on the porch of his house and on the telephone said to me: "Yes, I can see something. It isn't a star."

"So he ordered one of the Phantom jets on standby to scramble."

The second jet was sent up

pened to both of them — and one airliner which was flying in the area at the same time.

"This technology they (in the UFO) were using for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have it. It was extremely strange and unexplainable."

The general described the UFO as being unlike any known aircraft. He said: "It was quite circular and just like a saucer and the shape of the cockpit was a ball — half a ball."

Pirouzi, in direct radio contact with the jet pilots, said he told the first one up to get close to the object, and the

UFO showing fantastic speeds and seeming to disappear and reappear.

Pirouzi said the second Phantom pilot reported that the UFO had ejected a luminous object at him, and that he was flying back. Then the radio went dead as the Phantom jet reached the control tower and screamed past — a dark rectangular object appearing to be on top of it.

Radio communication with the plane was later reestablished.

After several more attempts

by the second Phantom to approach the UFO — with his electrical systems going out every time — the pilot was ordered to return to base. It was then 4 a.m.

Although the object emitted by the UFO was seen to descend to the ground, no trace was ever found of it afterward.

When the second Phantom left the area, the UFO started to climb higher and higher — until it eventually disappeared in the sky.

But, incredible as these events were, there was to be a bizarre sequel.

Some 45 minutes after the UFO left the Iranian sky, a Boeing 707 jet of the TAP airline leaving Lisbon, Portugal — more than 3,200 miles from Tehran — almost crashed into a brightly lit object that shot across its course.

The ENQUIRER reported this hair-raising encounter with a UFO in its issue of Nov. 30, 1976.

And the object over Lisbon, as described by the pilots and crew of the 707, closely corresponds with descriptions of the UFO seen over Tehran earlier that night.



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Lt. Gen. Azarbarzin, deputy commander in chief of operations of the Imperial Iranian Air Force, headquarters, Tehran, Iran, 345-000, phone interview 1/4/77 with John Cathcart, exclusive.

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Q . . . The story that we have indicates that two jets were scrambled after a UFO--is that true?

A. That is true. They both were scrambled and they locked on the target but they received a very strong jamming. And then they lost almost every avionics systemx they had on the airplane.

Q. Is it true that they were unable to fire their missile?

A. No, they could not because they had a very strong jamming.

Q. Jamming--some jamming you obviously couldn't find a reason for?

A. No we couldn't because that has happened to three different airplanes. We had two fighters--that happened to both of them--and one airliner, which was flying in the area at the same time.

Q. Right. The equipment on the airliner was also jammed?

A. Well, yes, it was jammed. Of course, they only had radio.

Q. Was the order given to the fighters to shoot and--

A. No, no. We have not given such instruction. We asked the pilot--he said 'I have everything locked on, ~~xxxx~~ but when I reached firing range the whole system went out.' That means the fire control, radio, navaid (?) even the interphone. the intercom.

Q? On the airplane?

A. Yes.

Q. But where you say the firing mechanism was jammed the--

A. It was in the range of 15 to 20 miles--

Q. Right, but the firing equipment that would have fired the missile was jammed?

A. Yes it was jammed.

Q. But the order was not given to fire?

A. No, it was not given.

Q. If the system hadn't been jammed, might the order have been given to fire the missiles?

A. ~~W~~ No, no, no! Why? Why would we? You do that in the States?

Q. No--

A. It was harmless. No reason to shoot at them. We wanted to get as much close as we could.

Q. Have you come up with any information as to what the UFOs were?

A. Uh, well, of course, we pass all the information to the U. S. Air Force, but no, we don't know yet.

Q. But as far as you're concerned they are still unidentified flying objects.

A. It was unidentified, definitely it was. Because we had six witnesses

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that they were all the (airport? airborne?).

Q. Yes, we had some comments from them in the control tower.

A. Well, in addition to the control tower we had four crews that ~~that~~ they have reported and of course one of the general officers.

Q. When you say four crews, Sir, what do you mean by four crews?

A. Well, there were two F-4s. Two Phantoms and each one of them had two crews (crewmen).

Q. So you had four crews all together?

A. Yes.

Q. And these crews have reported the object as the same as reported by the people on the ground?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you planning to take any further action?

A. No, no, we do not but we have--all we have done we have given all the information--of course that was the request from U.S. We have given all this information to our ~~MAAG~~ <sup>MAAG</sup> (MAAG). I think they send it to the organization in the States and--we haven't done anything since that time.

Q. You mean you passed the information to the United States Air Force?

A. Yes.

Q. They requested it, did they?

A. Well, actually, they have this procedure if we have some information on UFO we're just exchanging all this information and we did it.

Q. Right. As far as you are concerned, Sir, this ~~an~~ incident is extremely strange and unexplainable, is it?

A. It is. I can say it is because what we found out, this technology they were using for jamming was something we haven't had before and we don't have it. It doesn't exist because it was a very wide band and this jammer could jam different bands, different frequencies at the same time. It's very unusual.

Q. Have you seen reports or spoken to the crews involved yourself?

A. Ahh-I ~~have~~ interview with them and ~~a~~ I have talked with them.

Q. And you ~~you~~ obviously believe what they say because they're experienced pilots?

A. Yes. Yes, we could believe. There is no doubt. There is no doubt.

Q. Apparently at one period the UFOs went out as far as the Afghan border?

A. Uh--where?

Q. Apparently one of the fighter planes had to follow the UFO almost to the Afghanistan border?

A. No, no, no, we didn't. This was only in the vicinity of Tehran. And it went to westbound instead of east. Afghanistan is on the east.

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Q. Do you know what heights the pilots went to?

A. That I don't have all these details.

Q. We understand he was about 50,000 feet--is that seem reasonable?

A. That might be but I can't say definitely. But according to the pilots' report they said they were about 30, 35,000 feet high. Since they were 20,000 feet high (?) that might be 45,000 feet.

Q. But as far as you were concerned, we had one report there was an order went out to fire the missiles but you say in fact that wasn't true?

A. Oh, no! Why should we.

Q. They were posing no danger to anybody?

A. No, why should they? And actually since it was unknown we just wanted to identify it, so we did.

Q. But so far you haven't been able to identify these UFOs and as far as you're concerned they go down as unexplainable?

A. No, that's true. But I think that if you get the report from our military attache, it would give you more information and more detail. So we're trying to send this information to (military attache) . . .

Q. This is an extremely interesting story, General. It's one of the most bizarre--

A. I think so. This was the first time actually we had--we were trying to intercept that--

Q. What were you hoping the planes would be able to do when they went up?

A. Well, we just wanted to see--we didn't know if that was a UFO at the beginning. But then later on we just wanted to get as close as we could to get more information.

Q. But no intention to destroy the UFO?

A. No, no.

Q. Were you a skeptic ~~before~~ yourself before now--has your attitude changed somewhat to these objects or is it just a daily occurrence to you?

A. I don't understand you.

Q. What I'm saying is, you know, obviously as a general were you previously skeptical about the reports of UFOs and strange vehicles, are you now, have you changed your mind somewhat?

A. No, we haven't changed our mind yet. But we know there is something and we have seen even the shape because according to the report from one of our pilots who was almost crossing under the UFO he explained the shape of the cockpit and the kind of lighting and all these things.

Q. Apparently the shape and the objects were nothing like any airplane known to us anywhere?

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A. No. It was quite circled and just like saucer and the shape of the ~~xxxx~~ cockpit was a ball, a half a ball, and then the color of lighting inside the cockpit was different with what it had on the outside. It was close to yellow.

Q. Nothing like any vehicle we have up in the sky?

A. No, no, no. Not at all.

Q. ~~X~~ They were Phantoms were they?

A. Right.

Q. I understand that at times the UFOs were extremely more fast, had more speed than the Phantoms themselves?

A. Oh, yeah. We were estimating at 3 Mach.

Q. 3 Machs? How fast is the Phantom capable of?

A. Well, it much depends on the targets--

Q. But certainly not 3 Mach

A. --and the configurations

Q. --certainly not 3 Mach, though?

A. No, it's not. But it's--the way we saw it it could go faster. It could go faster. This is what we estimated and calculated.

Q. Have you spoken to any of the people in the control tower?

A. Yes, this I have done?

Q. Do you believe what they were saying also?

A. Well, they were not the only ones. They did inform the Air Force and various senior officers in the ~~xxxxxx~~ air force, they ~~had~~ have reported they have seen the object.

Q. But as far as you're concerned, you're conducting no further investigation?

A. No.

Q. After having chased these objects with your jets, General, do you now intend to keep any special watch on them, jets on alert for this type of thing or--

A. Well, we don't know if we saw it again we might try.

Q. I mean, try to find out more about these objects or--

A. We want to get as much information as we could.

Q. But you were unable to gather much information this time other than the shape, the speed, etc.

A. Well, this is all we got this time. And what I can add actually was very fast acceleration, especially when going from zero speed maybe to Mach 3.

Pretty fast. And this is something you don't find in any other flying object.

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Q. There was also one report of a very bright object apparently falling from one of the UFOs into some of the hills below Tehran there and there had been

a search by the gendarmes. Was there any truth to that or was anything found?

A. Well, that I cannot answer at the moment because I don't have the file. I'd have to look in the file. So, these are the things we're sending to our military attaché. . . . I don't have that information here right now.

Q. But if something had been found, ~~you~~ presumably you would know about it?

A. Well, we have mentioned something in that report. But we haven't found anything?

Q. You haven't found anything?

A. No. . . .

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Tehran, December 22, 1976.

THREE MONTHS ago a UFO was reported over Tehran, the capital of the Middle East country of Iran. The next day there were excited but sketchy reports in the Persian newspapers, quoting the airport control tower supervisor and other eye-witnesses -- including an elaborate chase by two Phantom jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force. A search party was sent to look for "a luminous object" which landed on the ground south of Tehran. There were reports of the Phantoms trying to shoot down the UFO with air-to-air missiles but failing because of "jamming".

Two days later one newspaper carried a story ridiculing the whole affair.

And that was the last public news on the subject.

What happened? Was there a real UFO and then a cover-up? Or was it just another of those UFO fantasies?

The Enquirer has now obtained details of the incident, previously hidden behind a veil of official secrecy.

The illustrations accompanying the story are exclusive. They are reconstructions of the UFO based on an unpublished first-hand account.

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Tehran, December 22, 1976.

IT WAS 10.30 at night in the busy Iranian capital of Tehran. But this night on September 18 was not like any other: in the north-eastern part of the city, hovering about 1,000 feet above ground, there was an object that didn't belong there.

At the Mehrabad Airport control tower, night shift supervisor Hossain Pirouzi was not aware of anything unusual: the radar was under repair and the small screen near him was blank.

And then the telephone rang. It was a woman, and in an excited voice she said she wanted to report a strange airborne object above her house.

The 35-year-old Pirouzi asked her to describe it.

"It's kind of difficult," she said, "but the closest thing it looks like is a fan with four blades. Actually I think there are two different objects. Sometimes there is just one of them and then it seems to separate and become two. Could you tell me what it is?"

Pirouzi told the distraught lady he didn't know, but not to worry -- he would check.

Of course, Pirouzi didn't check. He wasn't interested.

Fifteen minutes later the control tower telephone rang again. It was another excited woman wanting to report a strange object

in the sky. Within the next half hour there ~~was~~ <sup>WERE</sup> another two such calls.

Pirouzi had asked them all for their general addresses. They all lived in the northeastern part of the city.

"By the fourth call," he says, "I was worried. I took my binoculars and went to the terrace area next to the tower."

Pirouzi didn't have much difficulty finding the object.

"Suddenly I saw it! It was rectangular in shape, probably about seven to eight meters long and about two meters wide. From the later observations I made, I would say it was probably cylindrical. The two ends were pulsating with a whitish blue color. Around the mid-section of the cylinder there was this small red light that kept going around in a circle. It reminded me of the flashing light of an ambulance, but this one was not flashing.

"The circular motion of the red light was not continuous. Every 90 degrees it paused just for a fraction of a second. I would say it took about a second or two to make a full circle."

From his vantage point atop the tower, Pirouzi was able to observe another strange movement. The unidentified object itself was oscillating like a see-saw -- with the two ends describing 20 degree arcs.

But back to Pirouzi for his account of what happened next: "I was amazed. Flabbergasted. I didn't know what to think. There definitely was a very strange object there in the sky right over Tehran.

"I could see the details I've described only through the binoculars. To the naked eye, from the distance I was at, it looked like a very large star low in the sky, but without the twinkle, of course.

"I watched it in this position for a total of perhaps five minutes. And then it disappeared. I swept the sky with my binoculars until I located an object about two miles further south.

"I am sure it was the same object, but this time it looked different. It was a circle of blue color -- probably about six meters in diameter. I was able to observe it for about three minutes before it too disappeared. But this time it was easy to locate. ~~It~~ It was only slightly further south and a little higher.

"Once again it was a different shape. It looked like a fan with sometimes three, sometimes four, drooping and tapered blades.

"The blade sections were not clearly outlined. They were fuzzy. They were a dark orange near the hub, gradually

dissolving into yellow at the tips. The hub itself was made up of two concentric areas of color. There seemed to be a large green surface, and then a smaller core which glowed like a piece of red hot coal."

By this time half-a-dozen of Pirouzi's colleagues were out on the terrace. All except one saw the same general shapes as Pirouzi. That one person thought the object looked more like an orange-red horseshoe with the space in between blue.

Pirouzi is not prepared to argue. He says the object seemed to change shape so often, no single description would suffice. He himself saw four distinctly different shapes: the initial "Cylinder" with blue base and top; the blue disc six meters in diameter; the fan-like object; and a later sighting of a "cylinder" on its side whose top-left corner was curved instead of angled.

While stationary, the UFO seemed like a beehive of activity: rhythmically glowing, oscillating, and emanating<sup>A</sup> lights that rotated around it.

Every few minutes the UFO would also change positions -- seemingly disappearing <sup>FROM</sup> to the observers at the control tower, and almost instantaneously reappearing at another spot in the sky miles away.

It was now past midnight, and Pirouzi was worried enough to call the Air Force and pass the responsibility on to them. Soon, one of the deputy Air Force commanders was on the phone wanting to know what was going on.

Pirouzi says he told the General about the object he and his colleagues had seen and its strange behaviour. The general told him to hang on while he went up to the roof of his north Tehran house to have a look for himself. When he was back on the line, the general was brief: "Yes, I confirm it. There is something there."

An F-4 Phantom jet from the Shahrokhi airbase south of Tehran was ordered to scramble and investigate the UFO. It was close to 1 a.m. In 15 minutes the plane was over the airport in west Tehran.

"OK, what can I do for you?" <sup>(the pilot)</sup> ~~he~~ radioed down.

With the general now back on the phone and giving instructions, Pirouzi ordered the pilot to head for 10 o'clock and investigate an unidentified object flying at 12,000 feet.

The pilot reported back: "Yes, I can see it. Are you sure you don't have an aircraft there?"

Pirouzi says he explained the airport radar situation, adding that there was no question of the object being an ordinary

aircraft. The Phantom pilot was <sup>W</sup>however able to see it on his own radar screen. Says Pirouzi: "I ordered the pilot to approach the object and recognize it, but not to take any action.

"But when the pilot got to within about 15 miles of the UFO, his communication system and some of the electronic equipment went out of action. Then, with the plane still on course, the object suddenly disappeared. When the pilot had his radar operating again the UFO was now 50 miles away."

Then began a cat-and-mouse chase that took the Phantom all the way to the Afghanistan border in the east and back again to Tehran. At no time during this chase was the jet able to get any closer than 50 miles to the UFO.

Approaching the Afghan border at twice the speed of sound, the pilot decided he was in danger of accidentally crossing the border and turned back for Tehran. While he ~~was~~ was still 170 miles out of Tehran, says Pirouzi, the UFO was back again over the capital city -- this time over the suburb of Rey in the southeast. Sometime during this period, the pilot was ordered to shoot down with an air-to-air missile. But when the plane was within the pilot could not activate the firing system. Running short of fuel, the pilot now radioed for another jet. After a midair briefing, the second Phantom now took over the vigil. But this time the mouse had become the cat, and the cat the mouse.

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The following account is based on what the second Phantom pilot told Pirouzi after it was all over:

"When I first went towards it, it suddenly shifted to the right. As I changed course it kept shifting positions. We went around like this for a full 70 degrees. It was obvious to me that this thing was very, very powerful and could do anything.

"When it was obvious to it that I meant to continue following, the UFO ejected a luminous object at me. That's when I headed straight back for Mehrabad Airport."

Back at the control tower, Pirouzi and his colleagues also saw the bright object detaching itself from the "mother UFO" and approaching the Phantom. Pirouzi says it seemed like three times the size of the full moon. On the radio, the pilot could be heard saying: "I'm coming back. It's about 20 miles behind. It's following me Oh! now..." And the radio went dead.

As the plane came screaming past low over the control tower, Pirouzi and his colleagues say they saw a dark, rectangular form almost sitting on top of <sup>THE JET</sup> it. That was when radio communication with the pilot had been cut off in mid-sentence.

With the pilot now over Saveh, some distance south of Tehran, communications were restored.

"It overtook me," he reported, "and my radio went dead. I couldn't even communicate with my co-pilot."

A little later: "They're back together again. They're (the "mother UFO" and the luminous object) hovering next to each other, almost like talking with each other. Now they've reunited."

From the ground, says Pirouzi, the luminous object <sup>HAD BEEN</sup> ~~was~~ visible only when it had detached itself from the "mother UFO" and in the initial stages of the chase. Thereafter he was able to notice only the dark, 2x2 meter, rectangular form above the passing Phantom.

The pilot now took the Phantom to 50,000 feet and again approached the UFO. Then he changed his mind. "It's too dangerous," he radioed the control tower. "I'm returning."

On his descent, he radioed down again: "The luminous object is separating again... It's descending... It has landed by the refinery (the oil refinery near the suburb of Rey). It has such a strong light I can see almost everything on the ground for two miles around."

The descent was also visible to Pirouzi and the other men at the tower. But buildings hid the landing spot from their view. All they could now see was a glow in the sky near the refinery.

A quick briefing was given to the Air Force general waiting on the phone. He ordered the pilot to go back in at 6,000 feet -- midway between the object on the ground and the mother ship above. But it was the same story all over again: when the Phantom came within about 15 miles of the UFO, the pilot lost all his navigation aids. ~~During~~ This second pilot was also ordered to track the UFO. But he also could not activate the Phantom.

RUNNING SHORT  
~~Almost out~~ of fuel, ~~by now~~, the pilot was ordered to return to base. It was 4 o'clock in the morning now. The light from the ground was no longer visible. The sky was clear of all flying objects except the mother UFO.

Slowly, it started to climb. It became smaller and smaller. And then it was gone.

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That morning a search party made up of gendarmes was sent out to try to investigate. According to a local newspaper report, they found nothing unusual, luminous or otherwise.

And what about Hossain Pirouzi? What does he have to say?

Nothing. He has been told to shut up.

CURTAIN  
But in the days before the ~~announcement~~ of secrecy, Pirouzi had

plenty to say. It is all in a report now gathering dust in  
the Iranian Air Force's archives. So how is it now possible to be  
certain of what happened on that September <sup>18</sup> night. Was there  
a UFO or was it all just fantasy?

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Many of the marginal questions raised by the story do not have  
definitive answers. But the basic question of the UFO's pre-  
sence and behaviour does.

Starting with the marginal issues:

-- On close approach to the UFO, the electrical equipment of  
the Air Force Phantom seems to have failed on a surprisingly  
selective basis. Why didn't all of the aircraft's electrical  
system go out, thus forcing it to crash?

The pilots' own reports perhaps supply <sup>y</sup>/~~s~~ part of the answer.  
They told ground personnel that even though the radar screen  
went blank, the warning light above showed the radar to be in  
operation. The same was true of the instrument panel: while  
the dials had gone haywire, the instruments were lit normally.

This would seem to indicate some form of sophisticated  
electronic jamming.

-- Why the curtain of secrecy? What interest would the Air Force have in denying the whole thing?

Without getting involved in too many suppositions, there is at least one reasonable explanation. The Iranian Air Force is highly sensitive about its efficiency and competence. Newspaper reports that its air defence system is "ineffective", and that its Phantoms can so easily be prevented from firing their missiles are not exactly welcome.

-- Pirouzi's descriptions of the various shapes he saw are somewhat vague and seem confused in the retelling. He is also loose in assigning colors to the different "sections" of the UFO. In his defense, it must be said that he admits to being overwhelmed and confused.

There is, however, an interesting factor, which Pirouzi himself had apparently not noticed until it was brought to his attention. His sightings, no matter how different in shape from <sup>EACH</sup> ~~the~~ others, have the "magic" number "4" in common. This is also true of a second-hand description received from one of the pilots.

Except for Pirouzi's second sighting of a blue circle, the factor "4" keeps recurring: first it's the small red light that keeps pausing every quarter turn on its way around the circle (diagram No. 1); then it's the orange "fan" blade that creates the illusion

of four blades (diagram No. 3); then again it's the red and orange rectangle-cylinder with three angular and one curved corner (diagram No. 4); and finally there is the pilot's account of four green round objects grouped around a circular main body.

Without the recurrence of the factor "4", the different UFO shapes do not really seem to relate to the same object.

— And now, to deal with the central issue of the puzzle: is the basic story fact or fiction?

Ironically, this is the easiest question to settle.

The undisputed facts: Pirouzi's initial claim that a strange object was ~~sighted~~ <sup>SIGHTED</sup>; that Air Force jets were called in; that they chased it and were in turn chased — ~~AND THAT ALL THIS INFORMATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PAPERS~~ <sup>AND THAT ALL THIS INFORMATION WAS</sup> published in the local papers. An airport control tower supervisor is therefore on public record as saying he "saw things in the sky". He has then "compromised" the Air Force with a story about aerial chases.

Airport control tower personnel are not supposed to "see" strange "things" in the sky. The moment they start hallucinating and then letting everyone know through newspapers, they are certain to be fired.

UFO-13

~~REDACTED~~, Tehran.

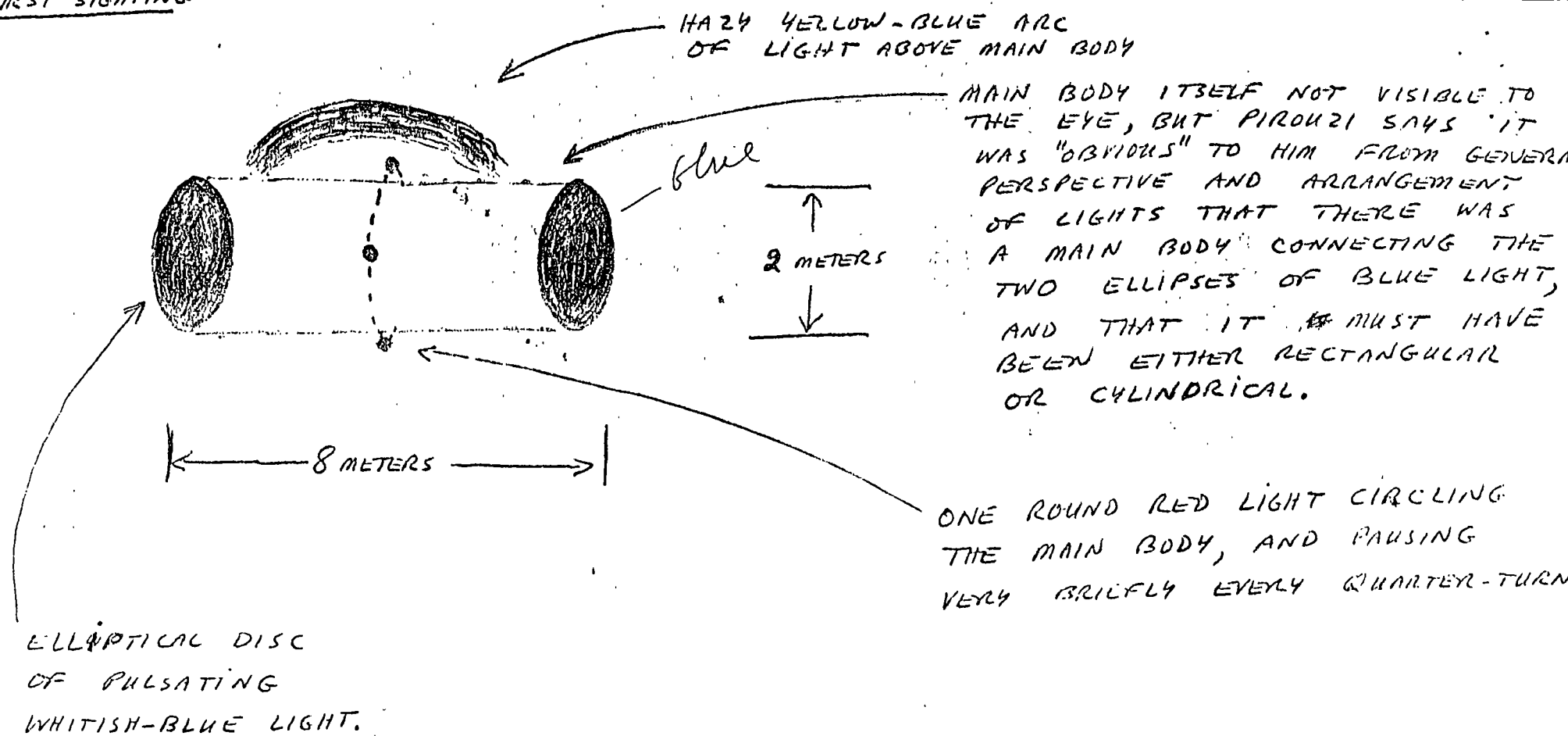
The Enquirer has carried out a check. Mr. Hossain Pirouzi is still on the job at Tehran's Mehrabad airport control tower.

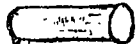
One thing is thus certain, even if no one believes Mr. Pirouzi's story, the Iranian Air Force and Civil Aviation authorities do.

THESE EXCLUSIVE SKETCHES WERE  
DRAWN FROM MUCH ROUGHER  
VERSIONS BY PIROUZI HIMSELF.

I HAVE HIS OK ON THESE  
FINAL VERSIONS.

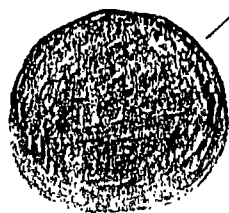




NOTE: NORMALLY, WHEN THE SURFACE OF EITHER END OF A SOLID CYLINDER IS VISIBLE, THE OTHER END IS OBSCURED BY THE BODY OF THE CYLINDER-- LIKE THIS: 

PIROUZI IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM. HE SAYS IT MUST EITHER HAVE BEEN AN IRREGULAR CYLINDER, OR THE LIGHTS WERE SUCH THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY FOOLED ON THE

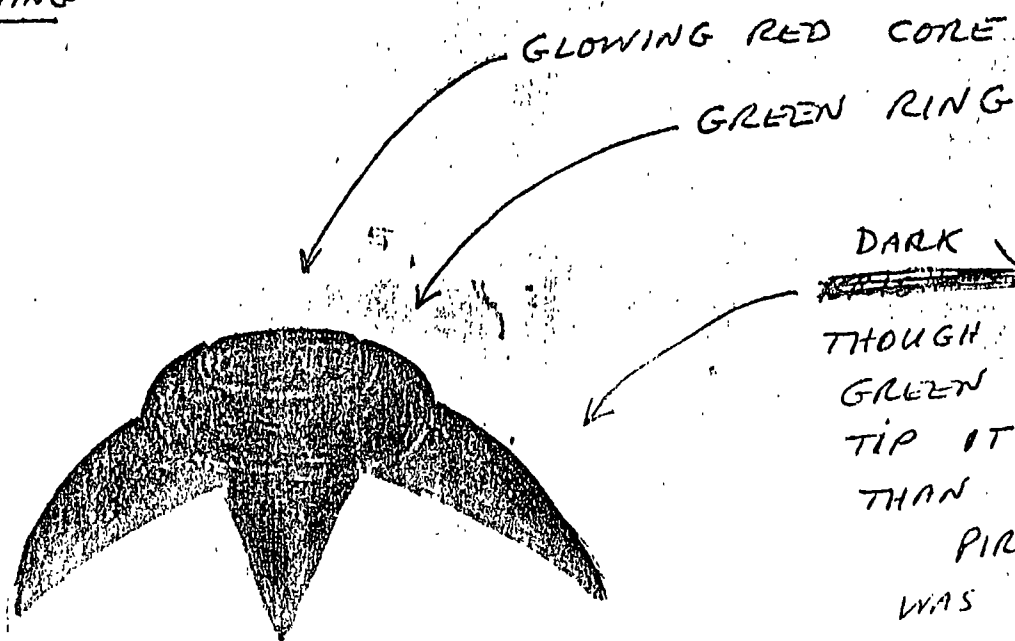
SECOND SIGHTING



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6 METERS  
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THIRD SIGHTING

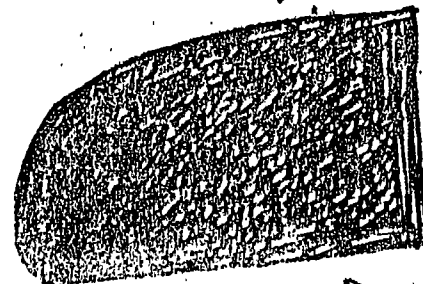


~~EXTENSION~~ AS  
THOUGH FLOWING OUT OF  
GREEN AREA. TOWARDS THE  
TIP IT BECAME MORE YELLOW  
THAN ORANGE.

PIROUZI IS CERTAIN THERE  
WAS ONLY ONE SUCH EXTENSION  
WHICH KEPT REVOLVING AND  
CREATED THE ILLUSION OF  
4 AND SOMETIMES 3! EXTENSIONS  
(DIFFERENT)

EACH OF THE EXTENSIONS WAS  
ABOUT 2 METERS LONG.

(THE OUTLINES OF THE  
EXTENSIONS SHOULD BE MORE  
FUZZY THAN I HAVE DRAWN.)



THIS CORNER WAS  
GLOWING RED

THE REST OF THE BODY  
FADING INTO ORANGE  
TOWARD THE RIGHT.



ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT  
ONE OF THE F-4 PHANTOM  
PILOTS SAW -- AS DRAWN  
FROM A SECOND-HAND REPORT  
OF THE PILOT'S DESCRIPTION.  
DIMENSIONS UNKNOWN.

From JOHN CHERKLEY, NEW JERSEY 1/25/77  
INTERVIEW PERSON - ON TAPE #391654 VIA PHONE

Two crack jet fighter pilots who fought a battle of wits with a UFO in the night sky over Tehran, capitol of Iran, reported to their commander on landing, "It seemed as though the UFO could outthink us. It knew what we were going to do before we did it, or even photographed it ourselves."

The UFO was over Tehran for more than four hours. During that time, the two fighter pilots of the Imperial Iranian Air Force, using F-4 fighters, found that:

- - When they got close to the UFO, their navigation aids and weapons firing systems went out of action.
- - Radio conversations were cut or interfered with as they tried to close with the UFO.
- - The UFO launched a "satellite" which gave chase to the Phantoms, hovering 500 feet above and just behind the jet fighters.
- - When they chased the UFO at twice the speed of sound, Mach 2, they could not get within 50 miles of it.
- - And at one point, the UFO and its satellite "conferred in mid air and the satellite landed while the mother ship orbited protectively overhead."

News of the mid-air battle of wits came out last September because Tehran residents reported the presence of a UFO to the airport control tower at MEHRABAD AIRPORT, (TEHRAN AIRPORT)

But, immediately after the incident, a security clampdown was ordered in this sensitive area, less than 300 miles from the Soviet border, and full details of the ~~entire~~ "dogfight" between the sophisticated jet fighters and the UFO have never been revealed.

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And now, one of the central figures in the drama which occurred in the night skies over Tehran last September, the controller who, by radio, handled the aerial guessing game, has told the ENQUIRER his full story.

Hossain Pirouzi, 33 years an air traffic controller at Tehran airport, one of the world's busiest, who handles 800 or more civil takeoffs and landings a day, countless overflights and, a rarity in modern civil aviation, a tower that handles both military and civil jets, was on duty that strange night in September when his telephone started ringing.

"I was on duty from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. A lady called on the telephone and said, 'I see a strange object, like a sun in the sky, about 1,000 meters <sup>b</sup> above me.' The colors changed from blue through orange, red and yellow."

"I told her we didn't have any aircraft in that area. Our radar was not working, but it was out of operation for 24 hours of maintenance, so we had nothing on radar either. I told the lady that I would see if anything was in the area, and would she please call me again if she saw anything special."

"I did nothing about it then, because I was busy with overflying aircraft and I thought, frankly, that she had been seeing a star. I didn't believe there was anything there. We had no radio contact or anything in the area. After 10 minutes, another lady called. I asked her where her house was, and she told me the general area was in the northeast of Tehran, the same as the first person, and she said, 'I was walking on the roof of my house with my child and suddenly saw, and I am still seeing now, a strange object, lighting up and changing direction and sometimes dividing into two and joining together again.'"

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"I began to think, I began to wonder what was happening over there. It was now 11 p.m., about 10 minutes after the lady first called.

"The caller said, 'I can still see it and I am sure it is not a star, and it is definitely something not an aircraft. It looks like the sun.'

"I had three trainees on duty with me and asked them if they could see anything. They couldn't. Then came a third call, this time from a man also living in northeast Tehran, and he said, 'I'm sure I'm seeing an object that is not an aircraft. What is it?'

"This is five minutes later. I was busy for another 10 minutes with traffic, then one of the trainees got another telephone call which said, almost like the others, that her husband had seen the object. 'We don't know what it is. Can you tell us whether it is an aircraft or not?'

"I reassured her, 'You can be sure it is nothing coming against you, but I will report it. Call me again if you see anything.'

"I then really wondered what was going on. We had four callers, all from the same area, and they were worried about what was happening, so I went out onto the terrace with my binoculars.

"First, I focused them carefully on the tail of an aircraft parked on the ground, so I could read the registration letters. When I was sure they were focused properly I then changed them to look towards the area of northeast Tehran very carefully.

"After about five minutes, I saw the object, a rectangular shape about five miles away at a height of about 6,000 feet and northeast of my tower."

"The right end was blue, the left end was blue and in the middle was a flashing red light. The object was seesawing up and down and

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moving towards the north, very, very slowly.

"Suddenly, it appeared at another position one mile further on. In other words, it was travelling slowly north, then momentarily disappearing, then suddenly reappearing one mile further on, just a few seconds later."

"Just a few seconds later, one mile from where it had been, I could see it this time as bright as a sun."

"It was all yellow, like a star, but much bigger. Then it appeared to me to be like a starfish."

"I ~~thought~~ can't be sure of the order of the colors but there were blue, orange, red and yellow lights. I gave the binoculars to one of the others on duty and they saw the object as a half-circle, in the same colors, blue, orange, red and yellow."

"We have no aircraft expected to land, although around this time, several aircraft were due to cross into our flight information (FIR) region. They started to report by radio that they could hear emergency signals coming from an automatic aircraft distress <sup>now British Airways</sup> transmitter. The first report in was a BOAC, who called and said, 'Do you have any crashed aircraft in your area? We are receiving an automatic signal on 121.12 megacycles.' We said we had no crashed aircraft or missing in the area, nor had we any that had made a forced landing."

"Then a Swissair, a Lufthansa and an Iran Airlines plane all reported hearing the emergency signal. I decided to report the ~~whole~~ whole thing to the Air Force base because, by now, I was getting really worried." (12.30 AM)

"At 0030 local time, I reported to the Air Force. I told them I was sure that all the aircraft in our area had either landed or were

overflying safely. And I told them now, 'I can see this UFO to the northeast of us at 6,000 feet, and it is changing positions and its color is changing. I am sure it is not a star or an aircraft.' I told them we didn't have anything on radar because our radar was inoperative, but visually I could see this object. It was my duty to report to them what I have seen and I asked them, 'What is your decision?'

PAC GEN

Youssefi

GETTING FIRST NAME

"The officer on duty called Gen. ~~Youssefi~~, who was the senior officer responsible on duty, and the general himself called me.

"He went out onto the porch of his house and on the telephone he said to me, 'Yes, I can see something. It isn't a star.'

ALSO KNOWN AS SHAHROKH AIRBASE, SOUTH OF TEHRAN

"So he ordered one of the Phantom jets on standby at Hamadon, 200 miles away, to scramble. This was about 10 minutes flight time away. One took off and arrived over Tehran at 0100 (1 AM) and came under my control. The pilot reported he was over Tehran and I gave him radio instructions. At this time, the object was at about 15,000 feet.

"I was getting instructions from Gen. Youssefi and passing them on to the pilot on radio. I told him to go higher, and he said, 'Yes, Yes, I can see it. Are you sure it is not an aircraft? What is the order? What can I do if I reach it?'

"I told him, 'Get close, describe its shape and do no more.'

On the radio, he replied, 'Okay, I will follow.' A few minutes later he reported passing the speed of Mach Two and radioed, 'I'm going Mach Two and I'm 50 miles behind the object. I can't catch him. It's no use to follow anymore. I can't catch him.'

"He described the object as rectangular shaped, more like a star. The object was going faster than Mach Two and I, at this

time, was in contact with the pilot on UHF radio.

"I ordered him to return towards the Tehran base. He turned back. By this time, he was heading toward the border with Afghanistan. When he was about 150 miles away, still coming back toward me, the object suddenly appeared over Tehran. It had beaten him back and was now ahead of the Phantom jet fighter. The pilot radioed, 'I see the object ahead of me, the same shape as before.' At this time, the pilot was about 14 miles away from the tower, and reported that every time he came close to the object, it affected his radio and all his instruments. He radioed to me, 'My navigation aids are not working,' and he asked, 'What was that emergency call?' I told him that four planes had already heard the emergency call, and he said, 'Yes, I am getting some emergency signals now.' But, every time he got close to the object, his navigation aids went out, his radio went dead, but his engines were working normally, the lights on the instrument panel were working, all his navigation aids were out and, at one point, as he was talking to me, his radio went dead completely as he got closer to the object.

"I ordered him to close again and said, 'Maybe you can recognize him better,' so he came within 20 miles of the object again, and this time, he lost all his navigation aids again, this involved all the electronic equipment aboard the aircraft.

"Finally he said he would have to come to base because his navigation aids were gone, his fuel was running short. When he turned for base, the object was about 15 miles from me at about 12,000 feet. By now, a second jet had been scrambled by the Air Force and the pilot called the second plane on the radio and said, 'You go back to base... I'll follow the object.'

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"I told the first pilot, 'Ask him. Can you see the object?' The second pilot, who was still 100 miles away, said, 'Yes, I can see the object.' This was visual."

"The second plane then got within 25-30 miles of the object and reported, suddenly, 'I've lost all my navigation aids. My needles are fluctuating. I cannot get near the object. I can't get close because I've lost every aid I've got. What can I do?'"

Gen. Youssefi ordered him to remain over Tehran, orbiting at 15,000 feet. At this time, the object was below him. The general could hear all our radio conversations and I was passing on his orders. Then the second pilot reported, 'I can see his lights. He keeps changing his position very fast indeed. I cannot follow the path of the object. I can see his position but cannot follow his track. He appears here, suddenly he appears there, and I can't track him.' We could all see the object with the naked eye."

"This pilot had decided to come back to land, but when the object was about 10 miles away, he radioed, 'It had divided into two and an illuminated object has separated and is following me.'"

"He reported on the radio, 'It keeps coming towards me.' He swung the jet around in a tight turn and the light followed him, and as they swept over the tower at Tehran, the which was chasing him by now was 500 feet above and just behind him. I saw this light for the first time, though only for a few seconds. Then the pilot reported that the light had come back, and was stopped only one or two meters from the main object, and he reported, 'They now appear to be discussing together.'"

"This was about 15 miles away from my control tower.' Then the pilot radioed, 'Now they have joined together.' The Phantom jet pilot

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it was too dangerous to go any closer and decided he would come in to land. He also reported that every time he got close, his navigation and all his electronic systems went crazy. Then he radioed, 'Oh! The illuminated object has separated again and is coming toward the ground. Now he is settling on the ground. Can you see him?'

"I couldn't see him because we didn't have enough height from the tower, but the pilot radioed that the object had settled on the ground southeast of Tehran near a place called Rey, and he radioed, 'The main object is orbiting slowly over the illuminated object on the ground. It is so bright I can see stones on the ground. It is like daytime.'

"The pilot did not try to fire on it, but their navigation systems went out of action every time they got close. There was strong interference on the radio and they heard these emergency signals which were false. They couldn't get locked onto the object at all. Their radar was not working when they got close, even though all indications were aboard the aircraft that their radar was working.

The screens just went blank. The distance was 15 to 20 miles, where his navigation aids ~~failed~~ failed. The second pilot reported that sometimes it was 10 miles and sometimes as much as <sup>35</sup> ~~20~~ miles away from the UFO when his systems went haywire.

"Both pilots said when they landed that it seemed as though the object could appear or disappear just as they liked, and could judge in advance what they were going to do. One told me, 'It was as though they could read my mind.'

"One pilot told me, ~~that it was~~ 'It was as if the object was very wise and didn't want to hurt me. When I got close, it went away and moved about as if telling me, 'Go away, don't bother me.'

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[The UFO finally disappeared] SHARPLY AFTER 4 PM LOCAL TIME (X)

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The air traffic controller made his report to Air Force headquarters the next day, in which he reported full details of the aerial battle of wits, including the fact that both pilots reported their navigation aids and their missile-firing equipment both went out of action when they got close to the UFO.