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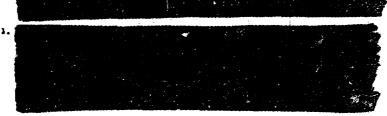
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- 2. He visited who was neacconittal on the subject of UFO's. The scientist who served as translator, a radio astronomer, emphatically stated that he knew of no sightings of UFO's in the USSR and added with a lengt that if they were only seen in the US, they must be of Sewiet origin.
- At the that heard of some sightings of unidentified objects near the Caucasus. She was unawers of any study being made of them but was openminded on the subject.
- ested in the problem. He had read Menzel 6 book (which has been translated into Aussian) but did not accept his conclusions. Where of some sightings in the northern part of the USSR, but seld that reports of such sightings are not printed in Soviet newspapers because they are not regarded as scientific observations. (Comment: this is interesting in view of the readings of Soviet newspapers to print rether fantastic reports of bypotheses and "observations" suggested by the more imiginative sembers of the scientific community. Apparently some official sanction is needed.) The been interested in U reports of UTO's and readily accepts their reality. In fact, it is his personal spinion that the UTO's may originate as Venus. He is well aware of the segative scient of "enlightened" scientific opinion on the interpretation of questionable observations as he has had personal

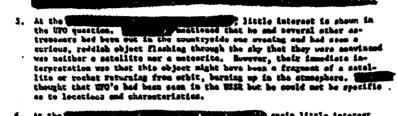
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experience of this effect. (Compent:



- tes shows. One of the astronomers, the was with the group meationed by was described the observation of a peculiar object. He did not discuss the experience in detail but clearly had been struck by the possibility that the object might have been a "seasor."
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 Revever, the initial discussion of the problem was with
 the director of the institute,

 book, but considered it am adequate treatment of the subject which be
 consequently felt was alosed. He indicated that no observations of UTO's
 had been made by his staff and that they had received no reports of such
 observations. However, when the
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 Treadily concaded that there might be sore to it and concluded by stating that it
 was "clearly still am open question."
- 8. Another astronomer were most that in the morthern part of Enrolhetan there had been repeated rightings of hall lightning.

 The most property of the investigate and discovered that that was being seen were reflections of automobile headlights from an inversion layer.
- 9. Later, a discussion was held with microssed lie was not very impressed with Henzel's book, but was also not impressed with the significance of the phenomenon. It is possible that some interest was kindled that might lead to additional investigations.
- 18. A stellar spectroscopist, was also interested in this problem, by the was also dissentisfied with Hensel's book and felt that there was definitely an opportunity for additional research.
- 11. The general feeling one gets is that no official treatment of the UFO problem has been given in the UESR. Instead people refer to the UES work, principall Hensel's book, to demonstrate the absence of real scientific problems. At the same time, there is an almost universal evarences of the history and characteristics of the phenomenon efter associated with considerable interest. The result is that a semu-extration of the insdequecy of UE Official explanations coupled with some proof of the resility of the observations might excite enthusians more regidly among Soviet astronomers than among their US counterparts who are more extractly influenced by the official ridicule associated with UFO's in the UES.

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