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SOUR SOURCE: MOSCOW SEGODNYA IN RUSSIAN 15 NOV 00 P 3

TEXT TEXT:

[REPORT BY ANDREY VIKTOROV: "ALIENS MAKING MISCHIEF. DAGESTANI
 BORDER GUARDS SEE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING INTRUDER"]

[FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT] IN THE EARLY HOURS YESTERDAY MEN FROM
 SEVERAL DERBENT BORDER GUARD DETACHMENT (MAGARAMKENTSKIY RAYON,
 DAGESTAN) SUBUNITS WATCHED A MYSTERIOUS LUMINOUS OBJECT FOR SEVERAL
 MINUTES AS IT MOVED SWIFTLY ACROSS THE SKY. WITNESSES CLAIMED THAT
 "THREE GLOWING LIGHTS TWO METERS ACROSS APPEARED OVER BY THE
 MOUNTAINS AND DISAPPEARED OVER BY THE SEA FOLLOWING A 10-DEGREE
 COURSE."

YOUR SEGODNYA CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD AT THE FPS [FEDERAL BORDER
 SERVICE] NORTH CAUCASUS REGIONAL DIRECTORATE THAT THE "UNIDENTIFIED
 FLYING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY BORDER DETAIL DUTY OFFICERS OF TWO
 DERBENT DETACHMENT SUBUNITS STATIONED NEAR THE SETTLEMENTS OF
 KAZMAYAR AND NOVYY FILYA AT 0145 HOURS." THE FAST-FLYING OBJECT
 APPEARED OVER BY THE MOUNTAINS AND MOVED TOWARD THE CASPIAN AT A
 HEIGHT OF AROUND 100 METERS. TWO MINUTES LATER THE UNIDENTIFIED
 OBJECT DISAPPEARED.

THE MYSTERIOUS INCIDENT WAS TREATED RATHER SERIOUSLY: IT WAS
 REPORTED TO THE LOCAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY. BUT THE DAGESTANI
 POLICE'S VIEW OF THE INCIDENT WAS SOMEWHAT IRONICAL: AS ONE OF
 THEM TOLD YOUR SEGODNYA CORRESPONDENT, "WE OUGHT TO BE LOOKING INTO
 TERRESTRIAL MATTERS."

THERE WERE PERSISTENT RUMORS YESTERDAY AMONG THE MILITARY THAT
 THE UFO WAS A MILITARY SATELLITE DESCENDING FROM ORBIT, WHILE THE

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BORDER GUARDS EVEN SAID ROUGHLY WHERE IT HAD COME DOWN --
 "SOMEWHERE IN ORENBURG OBLAST." BUT, AS STRATEGIC MISSILES FORCES
 SPECIALISTS TOLD YOUR SEGODNYA CORRESPONDENT, "AT THAT PARTICULAR
 TIME THE REGULAR TRACKING FACILITIES IN THE DAGESTAN AREA DID NOT
 PICK UP A SATELLITE." SEGODNYA WAS GIVEN A DIFFERENT VERSION BY
 EDVARD KONOVIVICH, HEAD OF THE MOSCOW BRANCH OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY
 OF SCIENCES ASTRONOMY AND GEODESY SOCIETY; HE CONCEDED THAT THE
 LUMINOUS OBJECT MIGHT WELL BE A LOW-FLYING METEOR, ALTHOUGH HE DID
 SAY THAT "IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE A SOUND, UNEQUIVOCAL
 ANSWER ON THE BASIS OF THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION."

THERE IS ANOTHER EXPLANATION, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY
 CONFIRMED, FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE UFO IN THE SKIES OF
 DAGESTAN. THE "LUMINOUS OBJECT" MAY HAVE BEEN A RUSSIAN PCHELA OR
 SHMEL RECONNAISSANCE DRONE; ACTIVE USE HAS BEEN MADE OF THEM FOR
 AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IN CHECHNYA. THEIR SIZE NEATLY FITS THE
 DIMENSIONS OF THE OBJECTS SPOTTED BY THE BORDER GUARDS. AND THE
 THREE "GLOWING LIGHTS" MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN THE INCANDESCENT
 EXHAUST FROM A DRONE'S JET ENGINES.

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