

10 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

Guided Missiles in Afghanistan

REFERENCE

- a. Your 23 October 1955 memo, [REDACTED]  
 b. Your 5 October 1955 memo, [REDACTED]

1. We have no desire to interview [REDACTED] noted in reference a. However, we are most anxious to receive the reported results of [REDACTED] forthcoming trip noted in reference b.

2. We are unable to determine the nature and use of the observed object. Consequently, we are very much interested in any further details which may be acquired; any sample of any metallic or other debris remains, after such objects landed would be extremely valuable.

3. Your attention is invited to the very close similarity between the Army attaché's report attached to reference b. and a United Press article on flying objects in Afghanistan dated from Kabul on 4 October 1955, attached hereto.

Released

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Attachments 1  
 (as stated)

OSI/AF/INT/Sec/Sec [REDACTED] Please

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Attachment to 2 November 1977 memo, 12/1 to 12/P, subject  
"Unidentified Objects in Afghanistan".

Below is a copy of a UP article on flying objects in Afghanistan.

Kabul: Afghanistan, October 12, 1977

Two witnesses reports concerning Kabul said today the Soviets are testing a revolutionary battle-suscept aircraft at a secret base in the remote and mountainous regions of north Afghanistan.

More than 1000 residents of the Afghan "corridor" - a finger of land jutting eastward towards the China - reported seeing the strange craft which they first said looked like a "flying saucer."

The description of the phenomenon was almost identical. They said it was a disc like a nuclear bomb about 20 feet high, with "pins" extending down from the bottom edge; apparently similar to the new United States flying platform.

Fire appeared to be shooting out of the top and from the bottom and there was a "big wind" which officials took to be the downward thrust of the air at high speed. The craft had a blue band around the middle and port holes, witnesses said.

The aircraft was seen on two separate occasions. Each time it apparently took off from the Russian field, flew along the corridor at a low altitude, hovered, went up and down, and then sped away to the north at high speed.

Officials said the natives of the region were familiar with modern day jets, helicopters and airplanes. They were questioned when reports of "flying saucers" reached the northeast Afghanistan town of Faizabad three weeks ago.

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