

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
TELETYPED INFORMATION REPORT

CLASSIFICATION		DISSEMINATION CONTROLS	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
TDCS -3/380,949	DATE DISTR.	11 December 1958	PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE
COUNTRY	PLACE ACQUIRED		
USSR/India	[REDACTED]		
SUBJECT	Unidentified Object Observed in the Sky		
DATE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCES		
6 December 1958			
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE)			
SOURCE	[REDACTED]		
<p>On 6 December 1958 between 1838 and 1840 local time source observed, by telescope, an artificial object having a continuous brightness of magnitude 3 (same as the Belt of Orion) cross his position [field of vision] while source was observing Mars. The object traveled north to south. There was no sign of disintegration, smoke, flame, or noise. There was no sign of any fall. Source did not photograph the object, but he is sure that the object was identical with Sputnik III. Subsequent observations proved negative.</p> <p>Headquarters Comment: A preliminary check showed that Sputnik III was not within source's area of visibility at the time indicated, nor is the direction cited in agreement with computed orbits. The carrier rocket for Sputnik III reentered the earth's atmosphere on 3 December 1958 according to a Soviet announcement.</p> <p>Headquarters Comment: Evaluation requested of Air and OSI</p> <p>Field Dissemination: None</p> <p>End of Message</p>			
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TO: ACCL AF, NAVY, JCS, OSD, STATE, NSA, [REDACTED]

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BEFORE DISAPPEARING.

5. (FIELD COMMENT: OBJECT IMPACTED PRIOR TO REACHING THE CASPIAN.)

6. FIELD DISSEMINATION: NONE INDICATED.

END OF MESSAGE

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