



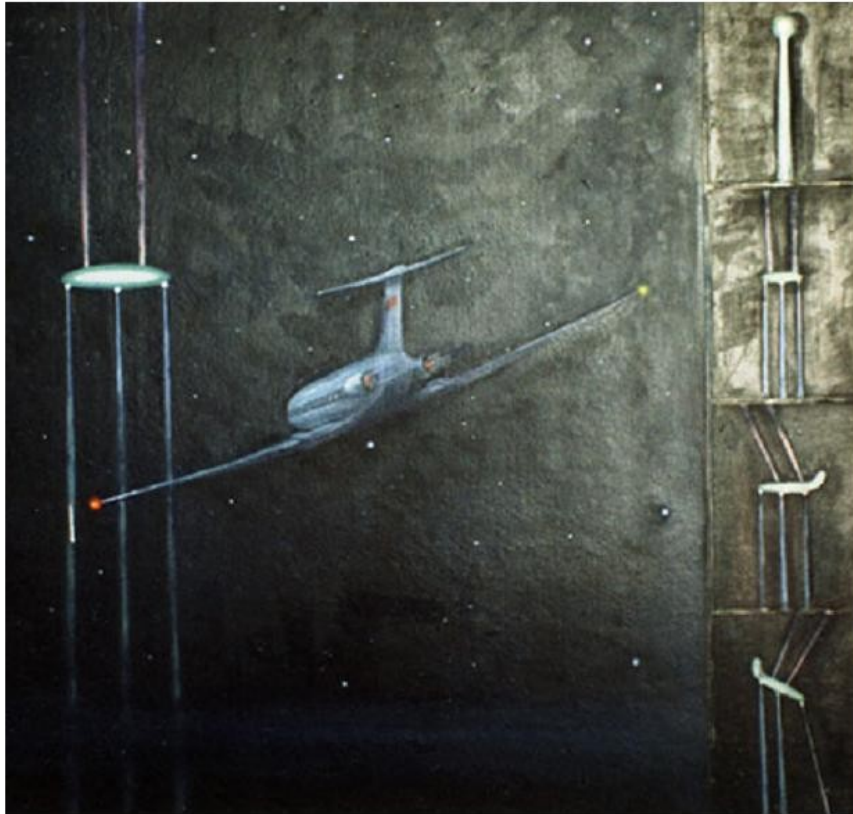
***Soviet Space
and
Saucer Secrets***

(or)

What Russian UFO Stories
Can Tell Us About Moscow's
Space Program Coverups
and
Modern Ufology's Failures

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*“At exactly
4:10 AM...”*
began the story
of arguably the
most sensational
UFO incident in
Russian history

Any investigation of the
interactions between
UFO lore in Russia, and
the Russian missile and
space program, must
begin -- and will end --
with this amazing story

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Account of Jacques Vallee

"An even more dramatic case occurred at 4:10 AM on September 7, 1984, in Minsk. Two military pilots saw an object that hit them with a beam of light. One of the pilots died; the other managed to land the plane, although he had also suffered psychological effects from the light." UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 128-9. Vallee wrote that he learned the story from Yevgeniy Kolessov in Jan 1990 during visit to the 'Kosmos' pavilion at the 'VDNKh' exhibits park in northern Moscow.

On page 201 he categorizes the case as an encounter "as a result of which witnesses suffer significant injury or death -- one of only three in Russian UFO history." The story is based on "firsthand personal interview with the witness by a source of proven reliability," with the "site visited by a skilled analyst," and in conclusion "no natural explanation possible, given the evidence."



Vallee (above) was the inspiration for "Claude Lacombe" in Spielberg's movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" -- François Truffaut



1967: “Flying crescents” over the SE Ukraine, Volga Valley, Caucasus



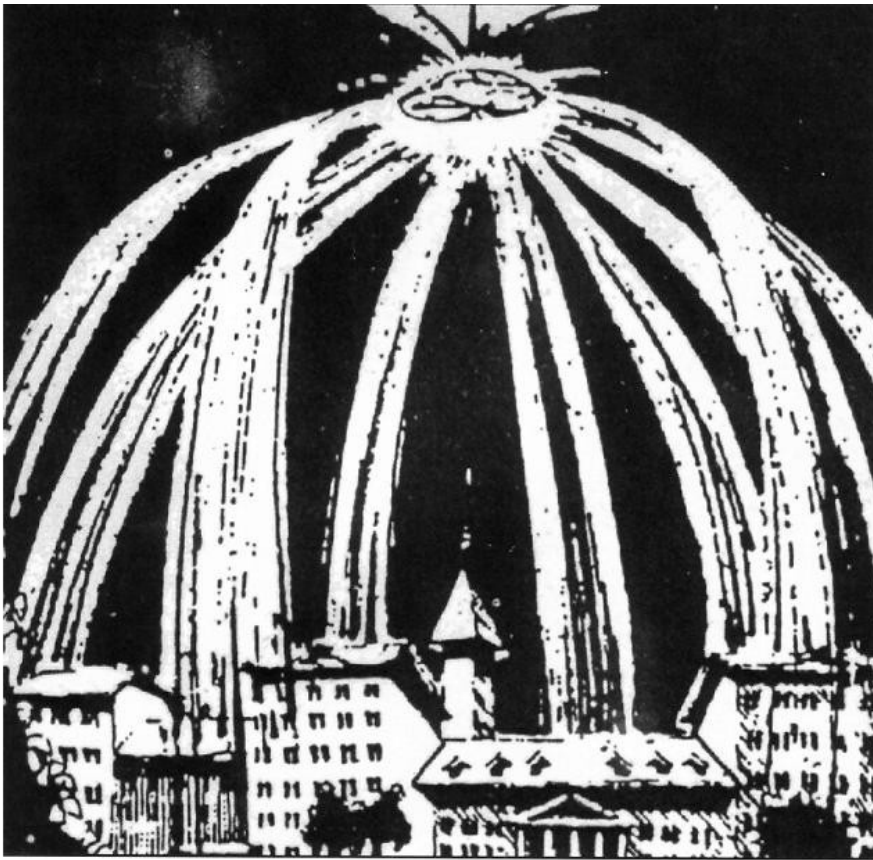
Motion was silent and, most strikingly to the hundreds of witnesses who filed reports, was horizontal -- flat & level. Often a bright star preceded the 'half-moon shaped' UFO.

The phenomenon repeated itself on July 17, July 31, August 8, September 19 & 22, October 18 & 28, and then just seemed to stop.

Top Soviet scientists later concluded that no known natural or manmade stimulus could account for these unique "anomalous atmospheric phenomena."

September
20, 1978

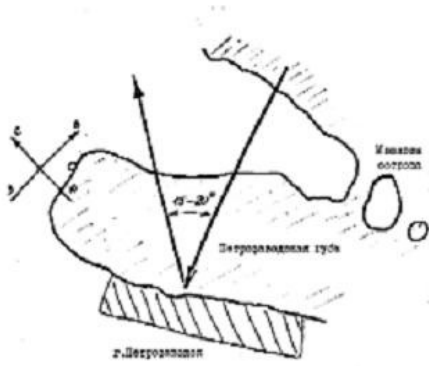
Petrozavodsk!!



Before dawn, a terrifying apparition soared over a major city in northwestern Russia. Within hours the news had spread across the USSR and beyond.



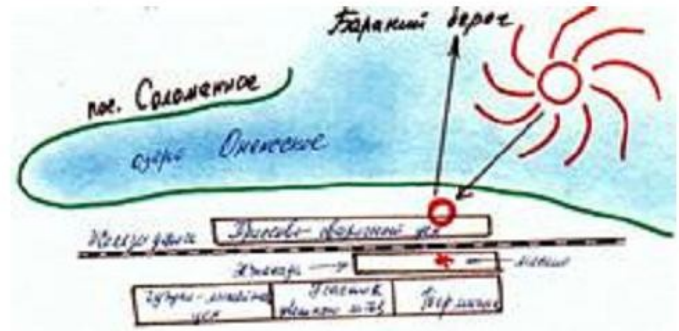
Witnesses reported the UFO approached the city, then receded



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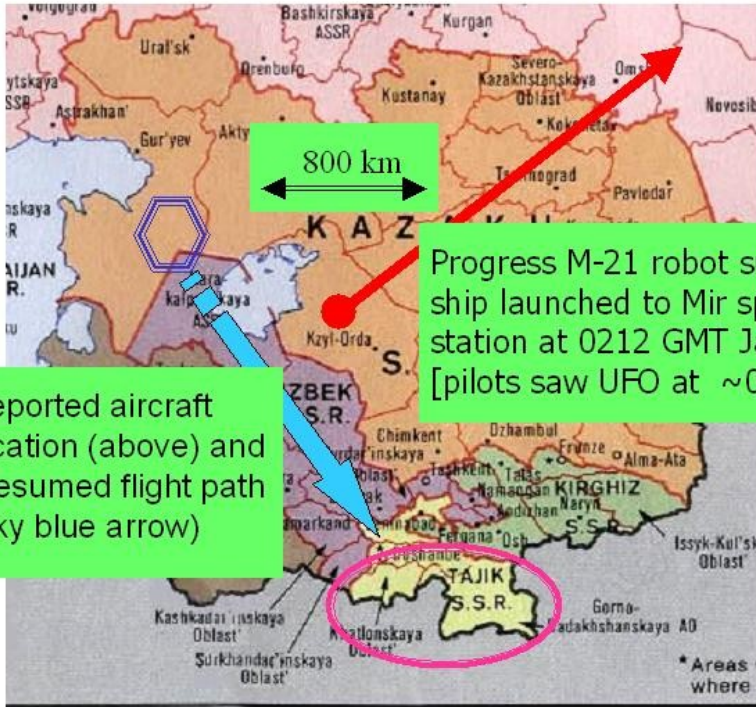


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As of 2007, Tajik Air no longer operates 747's



Reported aircraft location (above) and presumed flight path (sky blue arrow)

Progress M-21 robot supply ship launched to Mir space station at 0212 GMT Jan 28 [pilots saw UFO at ~0215]

Overlap of "UFO" and rocket launch is precise



Witness analogy (above) matches closely to rocket launch witness sketch from same angle (below)



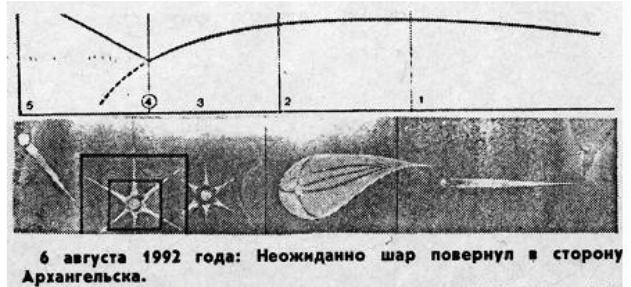
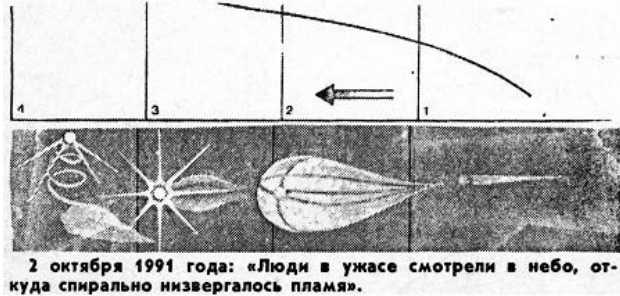
NOT the SAME rocket launch



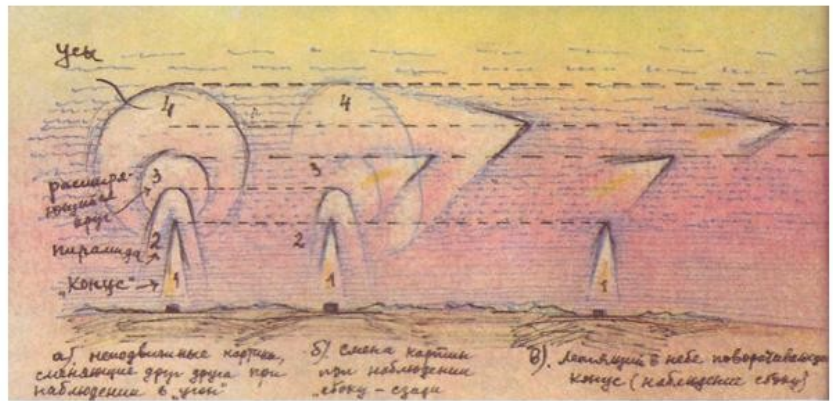
Immediate implications of Scandinavian sightings

1. Witnesses did NOT report UFO in direction of the witnesses on airliners near Minsk ("southeast")
2. Narrative features (bright light, cloud, timing and motion, even ground illumination) establish same identity of stimulus
3. All interpretations of UFO close proximity to Minsk witnesses can be shown as misinterpretations
4. All interpretations that the UFO was local to witnesses and responding specifically to them can be shown to be baseless
5. Plesetsk cosmodrome NOT likely as stimulus point of origin

By the mid-1990s, the no-longer-controlled Russian news media had published many additional examples of witness sketches



One rocket launch in particular, on Oct 2, 1991, had been seen widely and sketched. Those images could be compared with the now-available Minsk/4:10 sketches

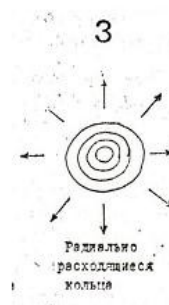
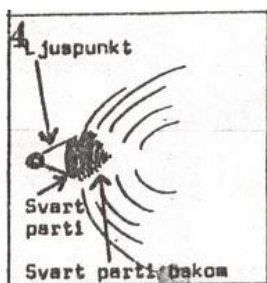


2: phase-by-phase side-by-side comparison

Sweden (left-of-track) VS Minsk VS Ufa (right-of-track)

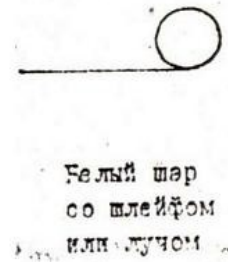
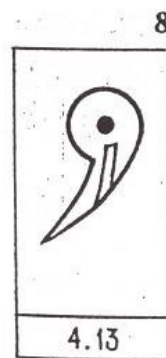
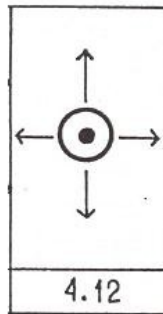


Once main flight phase was visible, parallel appearances are striking



4: phase-by-phase side-by-side comparison

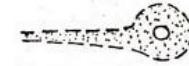
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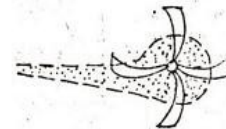
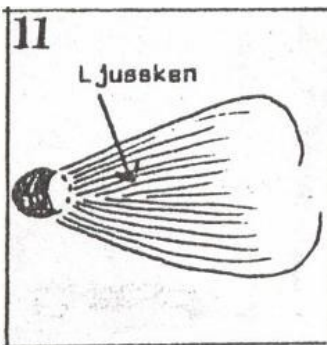
Final flight stages again exhibits parallelism

5: phase-by-phase side-by-side comparison

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Остановка
шара,
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