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FLYING SAUCERS OVER BELGIAN CONGO URANIUM MINES

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"Recently, two fiery disks were sighted over the uranium mines located in the southern part of the Belgian Congo in the Elisabethville district, east of the Luapula river which connects the Meru and Bangweolo lakes. The disks glided in elegant curves and changed their position many times, so that from below they sometimes appeared as plates, ovals, and simply lines. Suddenly, both disks hovered in one spot and then took off in a unique zigzag flight to the northeast. A penetrating hissing and buzzing sound was audible to the onlookers below. The whole performance lasted from 10 to 12 minutes."

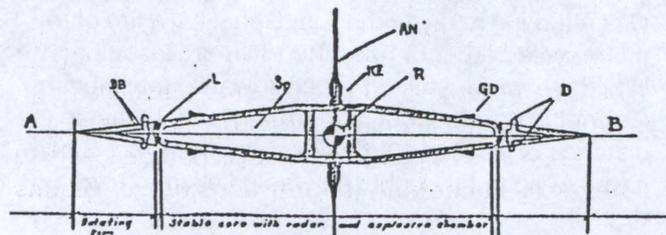
"Commander Pierre of the small Elisabethville airfield immediately set out in pursuit with a fighter plane. On his first approach he came within about 120 meters of one of the disks. According to his estimates, the "saucer" had a diameter of from 12 to 15 meters and was discus-shaped. The inner core remained absolutely still, and a knob coming out from the center and several small openings could plainly be seen. The outer rim was completely veiled in fire and must have had an enormous speed of rotation. The color of the metal was similar to that of aluminum."

"The disks traveled in a precise and light manner, both vertically and horizontally. Changes in elevation from 800 to 1,000 meters could be accomplished in a few seconds; the disks often shot down to within 20 meters of the tree tops. Pierre did not regard it possible that the disk could be manned, since the irregular speed as well as the heat would make it impossible for a person to stay inside the stable core. Pierre had to give up the pursuit after 15 minutes since both disks, with a loud whistling sound which he heard despite the noise from his own plane, disappeared in a straight line toward Lake Tanganyika. He estimated their speed at about 1,500 kilometers per hour."

"Pierre is regarded as a dependable officer and a zealous flyer. He gave a detailed report to his

superiors which, strangely enough, in many respects agreed with various results of research."

"The sketch below shows the construction of the "flying saucers." The captions are, in part, purely conjecture, based on reports by pilots who pursued the disks; in part, they were learned from secret research institutions. The central core contains the explosive (SP) and the installations for radar steering (R). It has catapult knobs (KZ) and antennae (AN) as well as counter-pressure housing (GD). Around this core, a rim rotates which has jets (D) on its upper and lower side, plus fuel chambers (DB). The roller bearing is shown by the letter (L). The launching occurs at a sharp angle in the manner of a discus throw; the revolutions per minute of the rim probably amount to 22,000. The jets on the bottom of the rim serve to propel the disk vertically upwards; lateral steering results from switching on and off various jet groups."



COMMENTS/SPECULATIONS:

- When issued by the CIA, this report went to the Department of State, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and the Atomic Energy Commission. Therefore, each of the above agencies should have archives containing this and other UFO reports.
- The two disks maneuvered in such a way that the observers on the ground viewed them from all angles.
- Ground observers watched the pair of disks for 10 to 12 minutes. This means they were not natural phenomena such as bolides, lightning, etc.
- A pilot in a fighter plane had time to get in the plane, take-off and chase the disks for 15 minutes over great distances.
- Large changes in elevation occurred very quickly - in a few seconds. Could not have been an aircraft.
- The pilot could hear the noise of the disks over the noise of his aircraft engine.
- The sketch provided, interestingly, came from information from pilots and from materials from unnamed secret research installations.
- The technology displayed in this report is far beyond our aerospace technology back in the year 1952.

UFO LANDS IN EAST GERMANY

From: Central Intelligence Agency Report No. 00-W-23682, distributed to the Department of State, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force on 23 August 1952. Approved for declassification and release on 6 November 1978. This information was first published in I Kathimerini, Athens, 9 July 1952. The document lists the source as "Information from Foreign Documents or Radio Broadcasts."

"Berlin, July: Furnished with the sworn testimony of an eyewitness Oscar Linke, a 48-year old German and former mayor of Gleimershausen, West Berlin intelligence officers have begun investigating a most unusual 'flying saucer' story. According to this story, an object 'resembling a huge flying pan' and having a diameter of about 15 meters landed in a forest clearing in the Soviet Zone of Germany."

"Linke recently escaped from the Soviet Zone along with his wife and six children. Linke and his 11-year old daughter, Gabriella, made the following sworn statement last week before a judge: "While I was returning to my home with Gabriella, a tire of my motorcycle blew out near the town of Hasselbach. While we were walking along toward Hasselbach, Gabriella pointed out something which lay at a distance of about 140 meters away from us. Since it was twilight, I thought she was pointing to a young deer."

"I left my motorcycle near a tree and walked toward the spot which Gabriella had pointed out. When, however, I reached a spot about 55 meters from the object, I realized that my first impression had been wrong. What I had seen were two men who were now about 40 meters away from me. They seemed to be dressed in some shiny metallic clothing. They were stooped over and were looking at something lying on the ground."

"I approached until I was only about 10 meters from them. I looked over a small fence and then I noticed a large object whose diameter I estimated to be between 13 and 15 meters. It looked like a huge frying pan."

"There were two rows of holes on its periphery, about 30 centimeters in circumference. The space between the two rows was about 0.45 meters. On the top of this metal object was a black conical tower about 3 meters high."

"At that moment, my daughter, who had remained a short distance behind me, called me. The two men must have heard my daughter's voice because they immediately jumped on the conical tower and disappeared inside."

"I had previously noted that one of the men had a lamp on the front part of his body which lit up at regular intervals."

"Now, the side of the object on which the holes had been opened began to glitter. Its color seemed green but later turned red. At the same time I began to hear a slight hum. While the brightness and hum increased, the conical tower began to slide down into the center of the object. The whole object then began to rise slowly from the ground and rotate like a top."

"It seemed to me as if it were supported by the cylindrical plant which had gone down from the top of the object, through the center, and had now appeared from its bottom on the ground."

"The object, surrounded by a ring of flames, was now a certain number of feet above the ground. I then noted that the whole object had risen slowly from the ground. The cylinder on which it was supported had now disappeared within its center and had reappeared on the top of the object."

"The rate of climb had now become greater. At the same time my daughter and I heard a whistling sound similar to that heard when a bomb falls. The object rose to a horizontal position, turned toward a neighboring town, and then, gaining altitude, it disappeared over the heights and forests in the direction of Stockheim."

Many other persons who live in the same area as Linke later related that they saw an object which they thought to be a comet. A shepherd stated that he thought that he was looking at a comet moving away at a low altitude from the height on which Linke stood.

After submitting his testimony to the judge, Linke made the following statement: "I would have thought that both my daughter and I were dreaming if it were not for the following element involved: When the object had disappeared, I went to the place where it had been. I found a circular opening in the ground and it was quite evident that it was freshly dug. It was exactly the same shape as the conical tower. I was then convinced that I was not dreaming."

Linke continued, "I had never heard the term 'flying saucer' before I escaped from the Soviet Zone into West Berlin. When I saw this object, I immediately thought that it was a new Soviet military machine."

I confess that I was seized with fright because the Soviets do not want anyone to know about their work. Many persons have been restricted to their movements for many years in East Germany because they know too much."