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PARIS, LE 22 JUN 1983

J.J.

BORDEREAU D'ENVOI

à

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DÉSIGNATION DES PIÈCES	NOMBRE	OBSERVATIONS
<p>Lettre de la Compagnie Air-Malta relative à un objet volant non identifié le 6/6/83 à 20 H 55 TU, verticale Nice.</p> <p><u>COPIE</u> : (avec P.J.) - SGTA (pour transmission d'éléments éventuels du GEPAN)</p>	1	Pour attribution, conformément à la circulaire d'information aéronautique n° 41 du 29/6/82.

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FRANCE

Subject: U.F.O. Sighting on Flight KMC714 of 6th June 1983.

Aircraft: 9H-ABB

Crew: Captain , Captain , First Officer

Dear Sir

This is to bring to your attention the following report, quoted hereunder, submitted by the crew of KMC714 of 6th June 1983, related to the abovementioned subject.

QUOTE:

AT 2055 GMT, WHILST PASSING OVER NICE, A VERY UNUSUAL SIGHT WAS SEEN PASSING FROM RIGHT TO LEFT OF OUR TRACK, ON A NORTH EASTERLY HEADING ABOVE US. (OUR TRACK APPROX 130^{OM}). THE OBJECT SEEMED TO BE OF CYLINDRICAL FORM WITH A REFLECTIVE SURFACE. TWO AND PERHAPS THREE BRIGHT LIGHTS WERE LOCATED DOWN THE SIDE. THERE WAS A VERY BRIGHT STREAM BEHIND THE OBJECT ABOUT TWICE AS LONG AS THE OBJECT ITSELF, LOOKING AS THOUGH A SEARCHLIGHT WAS BEING PLAYED ONTO AN AIRCRAFT'S CONDENSATION TRAIL.

THE OBJECT PASSED AT THE SPEED ONE WOULD EXPECT ANOTHER JETLINER TO PASS AT SOME 4/5000 FEET ABOVE. THE TRAIL IT LEFT IN THE DARK (BUT STARRY) SKY WAS STILL VISIBLE 10 MINUTES LATER AS WE PASSED UNDER THE TRAIL, SHOWING THAT ITS ALTITUDE MUST HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER THAN WE THOUGHT. THE ANGLE AT WHICH WE SAW IT PASS AHEAD WAS ABOUT 25^O - 30^O ABOVE THE HORIZONTAL.

THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO FRANCE CONTROL ON 135.4MC/S AND CONFIRMED BY ANOTHER AIRCRAFT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. I INFORMED FRANCE CONTROL THAT I WOULD FILE AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT REPORT ON ARRIVAL AT MALTA. FRANCE REPORTED AT 21.07 THAT A SIGHTING HAD BEEN MADE FROM THE GROUND, BUT THAT HE HAD SEEN NOTHING ON HIS RADAR.

D. N. A. ARRIVEE		
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It would be greatly appreciated if you could kindly look into the matter and advise accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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cc Chief Pilot B737 - Air Malta