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Attached is a copy of [REDACTED] which has been received.

Headquarters Comment: The correct spelling of the place referred to is "Saransk".

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On three evenings between 2100 and 2200 on July and August 1954, it was observed by PV Gey [redacted] in Potchefstroom, 30 km west Germiston, U.S.S.R., that a white drop-shaped object that was darker than a white star but brighter than a ordinary shooting star would streak from east to west north of the city and apparently not attain the same altitude. The sky was 2/10 overcast. Other PVs made the same observation on other days at the same hour. The flying object itself could not be seen but only the clear white luminous intensity did not change. No trail was observed nor were the seconds of degrees he said. The observations were made at an elevation angle of about 45 degrees and an azimuth angle of about 20 degrees, since further observations of the flight path was obstructed by trees. The place required about 1 second for flying through this angle of 20 degrees. When the observation was made for the first time, the PV believed they had seen a shooting star since the phenomenon appeared and disappeared so quickly. When the phenomenon was observed several times, however, it was assumed to be a flying body.

Field Comment: The type of the flying object can not be inferred from the security statements. The report indicates that unidentified flying bodies were also observed in the Larnak area ($32^{\circ} 21' S / 45^{\circ} 12' E$).