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SUBJ: 'STRANGE OBJECT' FILMED FLOATING AROUND 'MIR' STATION

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TEXT:

//((FROM THE "VREMYA" NEWSCAST: REPORT BY P. ORLOV, IDENTIFIED
BY CAPTION))((TEXT)) ((ANNOUNCER)) THE FLIGHT OF THE SOVIET-BRITISH SPACE
CREW ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION IS CONTINUING. THEIR JOINT WORK HAS
ALREADY PRODUCED ITS FIRST RESULTS, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM CAN BE
INTERPRETED UNEQUIVOCALLY. OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS:((ORLOV)) FOR SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN, AND ALSO FOR OUR SPECIAL
SCHOOLS, THIS COULD BE AN OBJECT LESSON IN CELESTIAL MECHANICS --
TO USE THE BRITISH DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTLESSNESS.HELEN SHARMAN'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE: THE FEELING OF BEING IN
SPACE IS LOVELY. SERGEY KRIKALEV TAUGHT HER HOW TO GET RID OF THE
DISTRESSING SENSATIONS. THE FOOD IS STRANGE BUT VERY TASTY. TRUE,
IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PREPARE. BUT THE HARDEST THING OF ALL IS
THAT EVERYTHING AROUND YOU IS FLYING ABOUT, BE IT A PIECE OF BREAD
OR THE CREW COMMANDER.

OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES WERE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR ALL THIS.

BUT THE REAL PROBLEMS LIE OUTSIDE THE STATION. THE POINT IS
THAT YESTERDAY EVENING, DURING THE LATE COMMUNICATIONS SESSION, A
STRANGE OBJECT WAS FILMED. YOU CAN SEE IT NOW, THERE, AT THE VERY
CENTER OF THE SCREEN. ((VIDEO SHOWS "MIR" STATION AND A
LUMINESCENT OBJECT HOVERING AROUND IT))IF IT WERE A UFO, IT WOULD NOT BE TOO BAD. BUT MUSA MANAROV,
WHO WAS FILMING THE CRAFT DURING THE DOCKING WITH THE STATION, HAS
FUELED DOUBTS BY SAYING THAT HE SAW THAT OBJECT COME OFF THE
CRAFT. OF COURSE, THERE IS NOTHING CHEERFUL ABOUT THE FACT THAT
AN OBJECT OF QUITE A CONSIDERABLE SIZE IS FLYING AROUND THE
STATION, EVEN IF IT IS NOT A PART OF THE SOYUZ TRANSPORT CRAFT.

((UNIDENTIFIED VOICE)) MOVE CLOSER, PLEASE.

((ORLOV)) MEANWHILE, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT HELEN SHARMAN IS
THE FIRST WOMAN ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION. SOMETHING TO MAKE SEAMEN
ENVIIOUS. BUT JOKES APART, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE OBJECT
ACCOMPANYING THE STATION IS.((ANNOUNCER)) WE WILL WAIT FOR FURTHER REPORTS. THIS IS A VERY
INTERESTING, BUT ALSO A FAIRLY ALARMING DEVELOPMENT.

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