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1. PHENOMINA ALMOST IDENTICAL THAT OF REFTEL SEEN BY MANY OBSERVERS TUNIS EVENING JULY 13 INCLUDING EMBASSY OFFICIALS. PHENOMINA CONSISTED OF TWO PARTS ONE GREENISH-BLUE CIRCULAR OBJECT ABOUT SIZE OF FULL MOON APPEARING A FEW DEGREES TO WEST OF POLAR STAR AND WELL BELOW IT WITH RESPECT TO HORIZON. OTHER PHENOMENON A FEW DEGREES TO RIGHT OF POLAR STAR AND HIGHER ABOVE HORIZON THAN FIRST PHENOMENON. SECOND APPEARED AS STAR WHICH THEN EXPLODED FORMING GREENISH CIRCULAR CLOUD WHICH QUICKLY BECAME MISSHAPEN AND SPREAD OUT ACROSS SKY TO DISAPPEAR. SOME REPORTED NOTHING IN CLOUDE PHASE OF SECOND PHENOMENON EXCEPT SHORT-LIVED BRIGHT LIGHTS.

WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING EXPLANATION WHICH SMITHSONIAN MAY HAVE FOUND FOR THESE PHENOMENA.

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