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1. PHENOMINA ALMOST IDENTICAL THAT OF REFTEC SEEN BY MANY OBSERVERS TUNIS EVENING JULY 13 INCLUDING EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

MAIN CONSISTED OF TWO PARTS ONE GREENISH-BLUE CIRCULAR CLOUD 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 ACCRSS SKY TO DISAPPEAR. SOME REPORTED NOTHING IN CLOUDE PHASE OF SECOND PHENOMENA SHORT-LIVED BRIGHT LIGHTS.

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

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