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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SIGHTINGS NEAR GRANTLEY ADAMS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION, OF UP TO SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS MOVING AT HIGH

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John Powers, Acting-Director
US Department of State
12/10/2025

SPEED. THE SIGHTINGS WERE MADE ON 1 SEPT., SHORTLY AFTER 8:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

2. U.S. SPACE COMMAND HAS REPORTED THE NORMAL DECAY OF
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THE SPENT ROCKET BODY OF THE USSR'S SATELLITE, COSMOS 1873. REPORTED GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND TIME PLACED THE DECAY IN YOUR LOCATION AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF SIGHTING. THOUGH WE CAN NOT BE 100 PERCENT SURE, IT IS LIKELY THE SIGHTINGS WERE RELATED TO THE DECAY. SHULTZ

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