

cooperation program to SEPRA, but the CNES management did not follow-up on the offer. It should be noted that in the Siberian section of the Academy of Sciences, the studies, which are less well known in the West, do not rule out the extraterrestrial hypotheses, and even favor it.

During "Glasnost," information was disseminated on the studies being conducted by both the KGB and by the military. In 1991, the KGB declassified 124 pages of documents from *Cases of Sightings of Abnormal Events over USSR Territory, 1982-1990*, which covered a total of 17 regions. One of these cases, which we detailed in Chapter 3, concerns the extraordinary aerial maneuvers of three bright disks over an Army missile base near Astrakhan in 1989. The objects, which were sighted by seven military members, went from hovering to high speed and back again all without making any noise. When it was approached by a Soviet fighter jet, one object escaped so quickly that it seemed to leave the fighter jet standing still in its tracks.

In 1994, Colonel Boris Sokolov sold *ABC News* a collection of investigations conducted by military personnel from 1978 to 1988. Earlier, in 1990, the newspaper *Rabochaya Tribuna* had published an article by Aviation General Maltsev, who commanded the territorial air defense, concerning a well-documented visual/radar case with multiple witnesses (Pereslav-Zalesski, the night of March 21, 1990) in which a silent discoid object went from hovering to a speed two or three times faster than that of a modern fighter jet. We described this case in Chapter 2.

## PART 3

### UFOs and Defense

To date, a UFO has not been the certain cause of any accident or *a fortiori* any hostile act, at least officially; no UFO threat has materialized in France, although intimidation maneuvers have been confirmed (Chapters 1.1, 2.1, and 2.3). However, numerous manifestations observed by reliable witnesses could be the work of craft of extraterrestrial origin. Indeed, if it were a question of terrestrial craft, these could only be American and, despite all precautions taken to maintain secrecy, this would be known. The first prototype stealth aircraft flew at the end of 1977; the existence of stealth aircraft became known about ten years later, in 1988. But credible, confirmed UFO sightings began in 1944.

Certainly, this subject still sometimes elicits amused skepticism, if not a certain mistrust with regard to those who mention it seriously, but in the absence of explanations for the phenomena sighted, the hypothesis of an extraterrestrial origin can no longer be ruled out. In this third part, we set out to study, from a strategic, scientific, political, religious, and media standpoint, the consequences of this hypothesis based on present scientific knowledge.

#### Chapter 10 - Strategic Planning

The definition of a strategy toward an "adversary" requires that one know the