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SECRET CITE [REDACTED] JOINT AIR FORCE AND ARMY MESSAGE. VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN FROM SAN CRISTOBAL VENEZUELA REPORTS THE DISCOVERY OF A US SATELLITE AT LA FRIA (0815N-7245W) VENEZUELA. SOURCE STATES SATELLITE DESENDED BY PARACHUTE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO. HE DESCRIBES SATELLITE WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS AS FOLLOWS: (1) LENGTH THREE FEET (2) WEIGHT 175 POUNDS (3) SHAPE LOWER PART IS ROUND. UNABLE TO DESCRIBE UPPER PART BECAUSE OF PILFERAGE BY NATIVES. SOURCE STATES THAT LOWERS PART CONTAINS TWO CAMERA HOLES AND ALSO A SMALL TRANSMITTER, AND THAT PART HAS SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT SOME OF WHICH IS MARKED SECRET IN ENGLISH. VENEZUELAN CIVILIAN PILOT OF AERIAL PHOTO MAPPING SERVU3 4309453S SIGHTING US SPACE VEHICLE NEAR LA FRIA VENEZUELA. AIRA NOT IN COUNTRY. ARMA ACTING AND ARRANGING TRIP FLIGHT TO SITE FOR VERIFICATION. WILL ADVSE WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE. GP-3

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