

twenty and more kilometres. The sky above us was completely clear, but the laser stubbornly recorded the presence of objects in the sky.

What was it then? So far, there is no answer. It will be necessary to study the recordings of the mysterious reflected signals, process them on a computer, compare them with a multitude of other data and perhaps conduct many more experiments.

...A gentle touchdown, a short run, and our Tsiklon is in Sheremet'ev again, parked at its base, the State Scientific Research Institute of Civil Aviation, whose crew had taken it to the pole. It had flown there to solve a mystery but, having done that, it has brought back a new one. Nature is unfathomable. The deeper we penetrate, the more mysteries we encounter. The probing is continuing.

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