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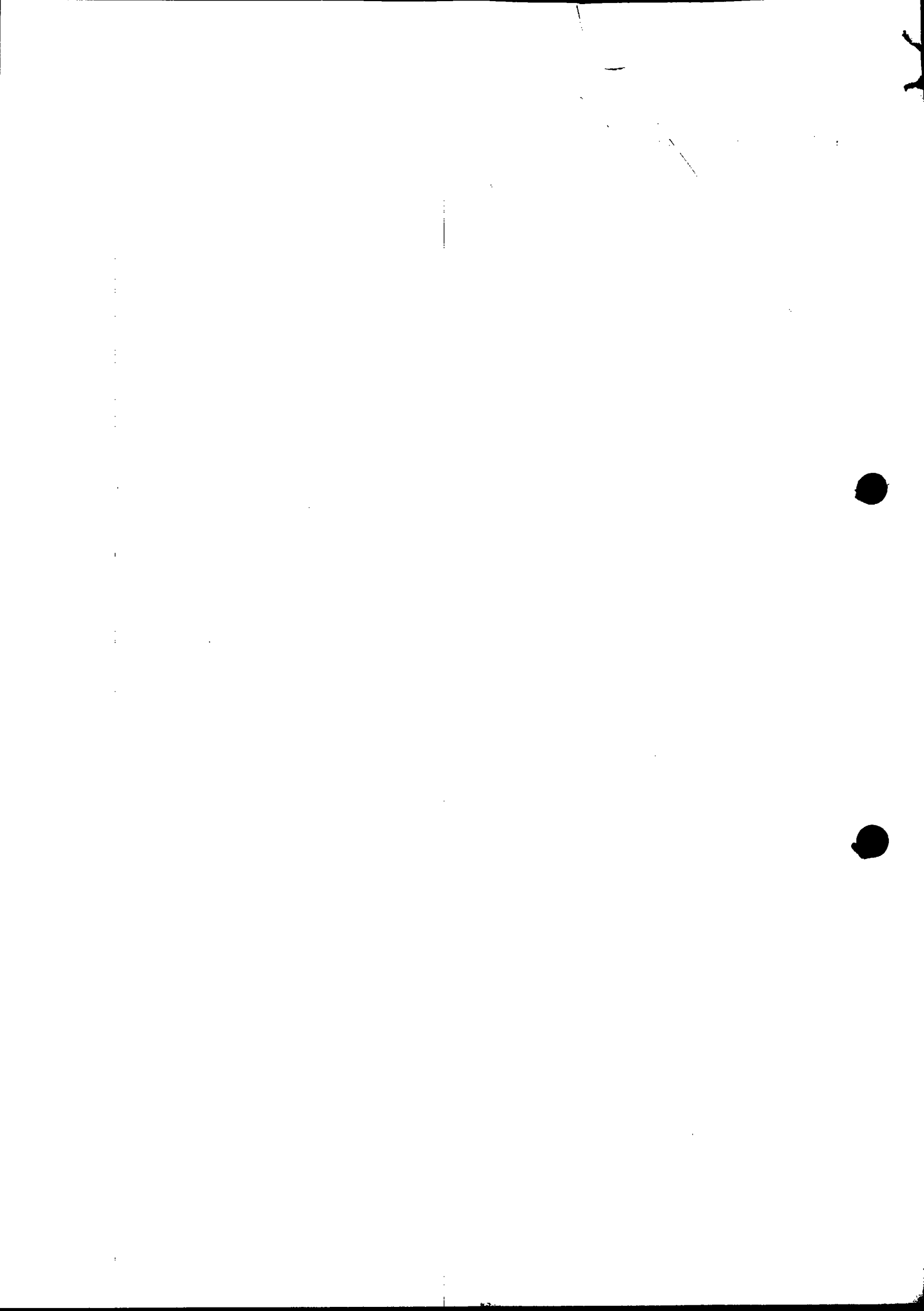
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Brigadier General LEFORT Philippe

PRESENT RANK : Brigadier general

NAME, SURNAME, M.I. : Lefort Philippe, A.

BIRTH DATE : 19 January 1956

COMMISSIONING DATE : September 1976

BRANCH OF SERVICE : Flying personnel

SCHOOL ATTENDED : French Air Force Academy

DATES PROMOTED : Second Lieutenant - August 1978
First Lieutenant - August 1979
Captain - August 1982
Major - July 1987
Lieutenant Colonel - July 1991
Colonel - November 1996
Brigadier general - July 2005

MEDALS, AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS :

Officer of the Legion of Honour
Chevalier of the National Order of Merit
Aeronautical Achievement Medal

Born on January 19th 1956, he was admitted to the French Air Force Academy located in SALON-DE-PROVENCE on September 7th 1976. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on the 1st of August 1979 and earned his fighter pilot's wings on May 7th 1980.

On the 3rd of October 1980, he arrives at his first posting on Air Base 115 in ORANGE as flying officer in air defence Fighter Squadron 01.005 « Vendée ». He is promoted to Captain on the 1st of August 1982 and earns his patrol leader qualification on the 1st of February 1984.

On September 3rd 1984, he leaves for CAMBRAI Air Base and air defence Fighter Squadron 02.012 « Picardie » where he assumes the duties of flight commander.

The 25th of August 1986, he is assigned as project officer for a new air defence version of Mirage 2000 in the Aircraft Division 02.330 on MONT DE MARSAN Air Base.

Promoted Major on the 1st of July 1987, he is assigned to the Fighter Squadron 05.330 « Côte d'argent » of the French Air Force Operational Experimentation Centre on the same base. He assumes command of the unit from August 30th 1989.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on the 1st of July 1991, he is assigned as Chief of Operations at the 12th Fighter Wing on Air Base 103 CAMBRAI. He assumes command of the 12th Fighter Wing on the 12th of July 1993.

He is admitted to the Air War College where he will study from 1994 to 1995.

He is then assigned at Air Force Staff Headquarters in the Plans and Policy Division on August 31, 1995. His office is especially designed to take over new air human format with the end of conscription in the ministry. He is promoted to Colonel on November 1, 1996. Since August 1, 1999, he has been deputy commander of this Division.

He is assigned as commander of Air base 118, MONT DE MARSAN on 4th July 2000. Composed of more than 3 100 people, the air base is structured to support units which came out from 5 principal missions : nuclear deterrence, experiments, air defence, recognition and formation.

On 1st September 2003, he joined the 56^o promotion of the French institute for high studies of national defence.

On 1st august 2004, he is assigned in the joint headquarters, as a « Operational coherence officer » in the plans staff. Promoted brigadier general on 1st July 2005, he takes, at the same time, the head of the « operational coherence college » and the just created « capability - equipments division ».

Colonel Lefort has a total of more than 3 400 flight hours on fighter aircraft and has participated in 50 operational missions in operations such as « Manta » in Chad in 1984, « Epervier » in Chad in 1986 and « Alysse » in Saudi Arabia in 1993.



COLONEL Gilbert BOTELLA

September 1976	French Air Force Academy
1978 - 1983	Mobile means test team officer Military Air Test Center - MONT DE MARSAN
1983 - 1988	Staff officer, MOD, PARIS
1988 - 1990	Officer commanding Detection and Control Center ROMILLY
1990 - 1992	Chief of computer systems office, Air Defence Command TAVERNY
1992 - 1993	Plans-officer Mobile system development , Air Force Staff PARIS
1993 - 1994	Attendee at the Joint Defence College PARIS
1994 - 1996	Chief of the CIS Branch, CDAOA (Air Defence and Air Operations Command) TAVERNY
1996 - 1998	Deputy chief of staff, Employment Division, CDAOA Taverny
1998 - 2001	Policy, interoperability and simulation Branch lead, Joint Defense Staff, MOD, Paris
2001 - 2004	HEAD AIR BASE 901 Drachenbronn
2004 -	Operational Consistency Officer and capability manager, Joint Defense Staff, MOD, Paris



Anoush Ehteshami

Dr., Head of School in School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham

Professor Anoush Ehteshami is Professor of International Relations and Head of the School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University. He is also a Fellow of the World Economic Forum. He was Vice-President of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) 2000-2003.

His most recent book-length publications include: *The Middle East's Relations with Asia and Russia* (co-editor) (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2004), *The Foreign Policies of Middle East States* (co-editor) (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2002), 380pp, *Iran's Security Policy in the Post-Revolutionary Era* (co-author) (Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2001), 113pp, *Iran and Eurasia* (co-editor) (Reading: Ithaca Press, 2000), 221pp, *The Changing Balance of Power in Asia* (Abu Dhabi: ECSSR, 1998), 62pp, *Syria and Iran: Middle Powers in a Penetrated Regional System* (with Ray Hinnebusch) (London: Routledge, 1997), 238pp, *Islamic Fundamentalism* (co-editor) (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996), 284pp, *After Khomeini: The Iranian Second Republic* (London: Routledge, 1995), 244pp, and *From the Gulf to Central Asia: Players in the News Great Game* (editor) (Exeter: University of Exeter Press, 1994), 242pp, *Iran and the International Community* (co-editor) (London: Routledge, 1991), 191pp, and *Nuclearisation of the Middle East* (New York: Brassey's Defence Publishers, 1989), 197pp.

His current research revolves around five over-arching themes:

- The Asian balance of power in the post-Cold War era.
- The international politics of the Red Sea sub-region.
- Foreign and security policies of Middle East states since the end of the Cold War.
- The impact of globalization on the Middle East.
- Governance, democratization efforts, in the Middle East.