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CANADA AND THE UFO

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For a number of reasons, the vast area of Canada is the source of some of the most challenging UFO information. The Canadian government keeps records of reports from all parts of the country, from Newfoundland to the Pacific Northwest, and from the Arctic Ocean to Toronto and Montreal, embracing the English and French language groups, and Indian and Eskimo cultures, too. Most of these reports from citizens are examined by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or by the Department of Defense before going to the National Research Council, section of Plan-

etary Sciences, under the directorship of Dr. A. G. McNamara. Only in a small proportion of cases, however, are deeper scientific studies made.

It will be recalled that early in the history of UFO studies (in the post-Arnold period) the Canadian government commissioned Project Second Storey, and Project Magnet. Despite discouragement coming from the US Air Force and other agencies in the USA, Canada never ceased keeping records, and corresponding with citizens concerning UFO events some of which have aroused anxiety in official as

well as in popular circles. Because of the international connection formalized in the North American Air Defense Command, some of the concern has been matter for combined intelligence operations. The CIRVIS instructions (communication instructions for reporting vital intelligence sightings) are international.

The Non-Meteoritic Sighting File, located in Ottawa, is kept up-to-date by Dr. McNamara's section of the NRC. Most, but perhaps not all of the data available to "Canforcehead" is sent (sooner or later) to the civilian scientists at the