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UFOs:

As promised at the end of the last bulletin, I have paid a visit to the new office housing the 'Non-meteoritic Sighting File', ie. UFO reports, at the National Research Council in Ottawa. The new location does offer some advantage to UFO researchers in Canada and from abroad since the file is in a regular office with a new secretary. Thus arranging appointments to view the file will not be as difficult as before.

The Upper Atmospheric Research Section has changed its name to Planetary Sciences and is still headed by Dr. McNamara, whose strict policies prevent easy access to copies of the reports. His office is in Room 2087 of the 100 Sussex Drive complex of the National Research Council and is where one should go when first arranging to view the files. The files are stored in Room 2026, and appointments can be made by phone at (613)-996-9345 with either Mrs. Powell or Annie Claude who now works with the files.

The move of the files and the change of the secretary in charge disrupted the availability of the files for a lengthy period. A quick review of reports over the last year failed to reveal any impressive sightings of UFOs. However, three reports of greenish UFOs were received in a brief period.

N76/42 from the RCMP at Salmon Arm, B.C. conveyed a report of a luminous UFO described as "very bright red hovering near Fly Hills and veered across the sky to the south changing to a

bright green". The duration of the sighting was three minutes and took place at 10:40 PM PST on July 8th. On June 24th at 0611Z hours, the pilot and copilot of a Canadian Armed Forces rescue aircraft reported a "white light with greenish tint" moving at Mach one speed about 16 miles southeast of North Bay to NORAD 22 HQ based at North Bay. Their aircraft was at 17,000 feet, and they estimated the UFO heading in a northeast direction as being at 20,000 feet, (N76/43). The duty officer at the control tower for CFB Portage La Prairie was watching three helicopters on July 14th at 0525Z hours when a "greenish color light" moved vertically and was in sight for a few seconds. At first he thought it was a flare, but the speed of its flight changed his mind, (N76/44).

My review of the files drew attention to the fact the first 8 reports of 1976 were missing,* but I would point out that about 12 1/2 years of reports are still not accounted for. The NRC files contain the following numbers of reports: 1976-83 (up to Sept 20), 1975-204, 1974-117, 1973-180, 1972-108, 1971-99, 1970-90, 1969-180, 1968-192, 1967-66, 1966-74, 1965-36, and from the files of the Department of National Defence

DND 1-269 of which 177 to 199 are missing. None of the DND files predate 1965; and tho the DND claims to have forwarded all of its UFO reports of Project Second Storey to the NRC begun in 1953, the NRC states that no other files were received from the DND.

* Not so - they were those, but were filed in a "current reports" folder.