

INTRODUCTION

The text of my address today consists of a brief which I submitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Trudeau, early in May of this year.

The purpose of this brief was to obtain answers to certain questions concerning the involvement of the Government of Canada in the field of UFOs. As all Ufologists know, one of the most difficult aspects of our research is obtaining the truth, and the whole truth, from national governments.

In order to reduce the scope for negative answers to my questions, I prepared a brief of background material supported by a list of references and eleven appendices of documentation to establish certain important points, on which my questions were based.

For example, if you ask the government "What are UFOs/", they can readily deny their existence. But if you first prove their existence, and then ask your question, the scope for a negative answer has been somewhat narrowed, and the answer given can't be quite so simple. This was therefore the technique I employed.

Most, if not all, of the data in my brief will be already known to you so don't look to me for disclosure of new facts.

What may be different about what I said in my brief, if anything, is the selection and arrangement of my data to make my points with the Canadian government. Much more could have been said, but I wanted to keep it within a reasonable number of pages.

You must understand that I am not trying to prove anything to you. I am merely going to present for your information what I felt was necessary to make clear to the Government of Canada what Ufologists