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Dear Mr. Gontovnick:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 1978, your file UC032/rs, concerning being a participant in your organization. It was kind of you and Mr. Sapientza to invite me to participate, however, I must decline.

Various persons have already advocated a national UFO organization in Canada, at various times, and one of the problems is that yours is one of several trying to do the same thing. There are already the following:

Canadian UFO Research, Oshawa, Ontario
Canadian UFO Research Network, Willowdale, Ontario
Canadian UFO Report Exchange Network, St. Catharines, Ontario

I have also been approached by others whose intentions were to form a national network of sorts. Although I am flattered to receive so many invitations, whose invitation am I to accept? Also, the UFO Research Centre: Ontario is working very closely with Dr. Hynek. Which organization is to be recognized as the Canadian group? You see the difficulty, I am sure.

Currently, I do not support the concept of a nationwide organization in Canada. If we had succeeded in doing this twenty or more years ago, it may have been alright. The American-based groups are too far ahead of us for us to catch up. For example, the Centre for UFO Studies has 70,000 reports in their computer file (UFOCAT). Many of these are Canadian reports. It is far better, in my opinion, for us to add reports to that file, than to start our own now. It would only fragment the data. UFOs do not respect the Canadian/US border and many cases exist of border crossings. Let's treat such cases as one incident, not as two. We will make much more progress by working with our American friends who have more resources than we have.