

secret project, after Royal Canadian Air Force pilots had failed to bring down a UFO. Hoping to lure aliens into landing, the Defence Research Board established a restricted landing field near its experimental station at Suffield, Alberta. All RCAF and commercial pilots were banned from the area.

At first, some Defence Research officials expected to use radio and searchlight signals to attract the aliens. But high military officers warned that this would expose the capture purpose and alarm the public, so the plan was abandoned.

Frequently, UFOs were sighted over Alberta by the RCAF. But there was nothing to indicate that the restricted field was reserved for the alien machines and none came near the area. Even if the aliens had known, they might not have risked landing, after the hundreds of earlier chases by the RCAF. In spite of the failure, the top secret project was continued for several years. Finally, Defence Minister Paul Hellyer revealed its existence, in 1967.

In the late fifties, as the number of futile U. S. Air Force chases mounted, some pilots were convinced that the UFOs were immune to gunfire and rockets. Several Intelligence analysts believed the aliens might be using some negative force linked with gravity control to repel or deflect bullets and missiles. But the top control group disagreed. In a special evaluation of U.S. and foreign reports they found evidence that UFOs were not invulnerable. Some had been temporarily crippled, apparently from power or control failures, and a few others had been completely destroyed by strange explosions. In one or two cases it appeared that missiles or jet rocket fire could have been the cause.

On November 13, 1957, an unidentified flying object exploded over the State Hospital at Crownsville, Maryland. A burned piece of metal fell on the hospital grounds, where it was quickly checked by Army Intelligence officers from Fort Meade and then relayed to the AF for technical analysis.

Similar explosions have been reported at several places in the United States. In one case a flying disc had exploded sev-