

41. Since then, little has been done in Canada except to investigate a minor percentage of those reports reaching the government officially. There has been little or no policy direction concerning the study of this matter in Canada, and responsibility has been bounced from one department to another, with individual departments displaying interest only in so far as each department has a particular area of activity. I support this statement by the fact that my personal correspondence with high levels of government, including the former Prime Minister, always resulted in departmental replies clearly showing interest was limited to only one aspect of the problem. For example, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys (as it was known at that time) expressed a view related only to the astronomical aspect. My opinion about the interest of the Department of National Defence was confirmed when it was made clear to me recently that their prime interest was in whether any threat to national security was involved. It having been established that no such threat exists, D.N.D. then passed the task to the National Research Council, which now carries the ball. No public funds are provided specifically for this purpose and therefore any investigations are limited to what can be accomplished by using funds allotted basically for other purposes, and no staff is allowed for. This investigating responsibility is carried by Dr. Peter M. Millman, Head, Upper Atmosphere Research Section. No matter how capable the project chief may be, he cannot conduct any adequate, comprehensive and thorough investigation of the total problem without staff and without funds. NRC cannot even analyze all sightings in Canada over the past twenty years in search of patterns, without people to do the work. They also lack the files from which to work. It is worthy of note, however, that N.R.C. is apparently continuing its very limited activity in this field despite the Condon Report. This, at least, is an indication of clear thinking on the part of someone.

70. As an argument against the existence of visiting interplanetary vehicles I have been told by scientists that if life exists on other planets, any communication with such civilizations is more likely to begin by radio techniques than by space vehicles. In my opinion, there are at least two things wrong with this view. First, it assumes that because this may be more likely, the possibility of space vehicle communication may be ignored. Secondly, it overlooks the possibility that attempts to communicate with us by radio may have been started thousands of years ago, even before space vehicles may have begun visiting us. Because we have not been aware of radio messages to us does not by any means prove that such attempts have not been made. Certainly, until just a few years ago, we weren't even listening!

71. It is now known that Russian scientists are engaged in a UFO inquiry, as referred to earlier. This is of particular significance in that western nations could be placed in a most embarrassing position if Russia should be the first to discover that UFOs are indeed intelligently-controlled interplanetary space vehicles, and announces this, along with its evidence, to the entire world. Russia could, indeed, become the first nation to make contact with such a race. Russia might acquire this knowledge and not share it with the remainder of the world, but use it to further her own ends alone. This possibility in itself is sufficient justification for all nations to work together to solve the mystery and share the benefits equally. As Dr. James McDonald stated:

"It would be amusing if it should turn out that Russian scientists are the ones who finally convince the world that twenty years of assurances by the United States Air Force were completely unjustified."³²

72. I have attempted to show to you that the UFO phenomenon is of far wider scope than is generally recognized. It embraces much more than just a