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The Nature of the Canadian Government UFO Files

The Canadian Government has been routinely maintaining files on UFO's for the past thirty years.

In his 1979 book *"The UFO Connection"*, retired Air Force Lieutenant-Commander **Arthur Bray** details how he was flatly told by an official of Transport Canada that no studies on UFO's had been carried out by that agency, only to unearth many months later extensive documentation originating from Transport Canada's involvement in UFO research during the 1950's.

"Project Magnet" in Ottawa

The story of Canadian investigation into the UFO phenomenon begins in 1950, with the establishment of **Project Magnet**, headed up by the late **Wilbert B. Smith**, Department of Transport senior radio engineer. This was a joint research program, using Department of Transport (DOT) facilities, with participation also from the **Defense Research Board (DRB)** and the **National Research Council (NRC)**. Its purpose was to conduct extensive research into evidence that there seemed to be some link-up between the UFO phenomenon and the earth's geomagnetic field.

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According to Bray, "It was believed that 'Flying Saucers' were operating on magnetic principles and it seemed that this work might explain the saucer's operation. Smith had been informed by highly-placed sources that flying saucers are indeed real, that they are almost certainly of extraterrestrial origin, and that they operated on a magnetic principle. Just how this principle actually operated is unknown."

Project Magnet was classified, and consisted of detailed gathering and analysis of sighting reports, as well as the extrapolation of facts from the data that would indicate the presence and workings of a previously unknown magnetic-based technology for UFO's. A complex installation was set up in November of 1953 at **Shirleys Bay** near Ottawa to provide instrumentation detection for validating the research work. Devices included a gamma ray counter for measuring cosmic radiation associated with UFO phenomena, magnetometers to detect shifts or disturbances in the earth's magnetic field, a recording gravimeter to measure any gravitational variation, and sensitive radio apparatus.