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Dear Dr. McIntosh:

I am writing in reference to the news item in the Ottawa Citizen of April 24th pertaining to a UFO sighting by an Ottawa family on April 22nd.

As a serious private researcher in the UFO field for many years, I am rather disturbed by the article which appeared. As the only information available to me at this time is the news item, I of course do not know how accurate the reporter was in presenting the story. My experience has been that news items are usually distorted and usually present only the sensational aspects of the sighting.

In the interests of getting at the facts of the case, I wonder if it would be possible for you to send me a detailed report of the sighting (less names of witnesses in view of their desire to remain anonymous).

The aspect of the news report which particularly disturbs me is the reported conclusion on your part that the object sighted was a helicopter, yet you are quoted as saying that you "normally.... never see helicopters at night and really have no idea of what they look like". If this is so, your conclusion would seem to be entirely unwarranted.

As for myself, as a former pilot and having spent many years observing hundreds of helicopters at night, operating under many different conditions, I can assure you that no helicopter in my experience has either looked or sounded like the object described in this report. Certainly, helicopters don't "hum" like a gener-