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Dear Mr. Cannon:

Your letter of April 19, addressed to the Minister of Defence, has been forwarded to me for reply.

As I think I pointed out before, we now have the files concerning UFO incidents which were previously reported to the Department of National Defence. We call this our Non-Meteoritic Sighting file, and it is completely unclassified and available for examination by any interested citizen of Canada. Appointments to see the file can be made by writing either the Upper Atmosphere Research Section of the National Research Council, or the undersigned. We are only too happy to have anyone interested in the subject look over any information we have concerning reports made to the Government.

Concerning your remarks about previous sightings, the National Research Council has no intention of re-opening investigations completed by the Department of National Defence. Any further comments concerning these investigations will have to be obtained from that Department. May I also point out that, although the National Research Council maintains the official file of sightings reported to the Government, we have no intention of investigating, in the future, those sightings which we believe will be unproductive of scientific results. It is our responsibility to use public funds in the interests of science. During the last few years, my section has organized extensive field work on occasions where there seemed to be a real opportunity for recovering scientific material of interest. Where we have not the funds nor the manpower to extend the field work to all reports of peculiar phenomena