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Dear Mr. Kroeker;

Thank you for your letter of January 8th. It was good to hear from you.

You asked for my views on Canadian research. I will be quite frank. To date, although a great many UFO reports have been investigated by Canadian investigators on an individual basis, there has been very little accomplished collectively in identifying patterns in a large number of reports since Wilbert Smith's work on Project Magnet. This is due to the lack of a suitable national organization in Canada to undertake this. I must confess ignorance of your own Project SUM until your letter. Perhaps your group has accomplished something which has not yet appeared in the general literature.

Certain persons have been advocating forming a nationwide network in Canada for some time. I do not support this concept. If we had succeeded in doing this twenty or more years ago, it may have been alright. The American-based groups are too far ahead of us for us to catch up. For example, the Centre for UFO Studies has 70,000 reports in their computer file (UFOCAT). Many of these are Canadian reports. It is far better, in my opinion, for us to add reports to that file, than to start our own now. It would only fragment the data. UFOs do not respect the Canadian/US border and many cases exist of border crossings. Let's treat such cases as one incident, not as two. We will make much more progress by working with our American friends who have more resources than we have.

I do not believe that Canadians alone will ever solve the mystery due to our lack of resources. The necessary resources would only come from the federal government and I assure you it is not about to provide them. I am convinced of this from nearly thirty years experience in this field.