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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REVEALS 13-YEAR OLD UFO SECRET!

The "Ottawa Journal" of July 20, 1967 carried the report that Canada's Defence Minister, the Hon. Paul Hellyer, had disclosed in an interview a hitherto Top Secret UFO project, i.e., that 13 years ago the Canadian Government had made available the Defence Research Board Experimental Station at Suffield, Alberta, as a landing site for Unidentified Flying Objects. He stated that no extraterrestrial flying objects ever sought to land on this 1,000-square-mile restricted tract of land over which no aircraft, defence or civilian, was allowed to fly without special permission. The idea behind the classified project was that if any UFO tried to make contact with Earth, it could land at the DRB station without being shot down by defence interceptors.

He went on to say that after checking out the rash of flying saucer sightings in the late 1940s and in the 1950s, special scientific committees set up in Canada and the United States concluded that the evidence presented on UFOs showed no indication that they represented a threat to national security. According to Mr. Hellyer, the special Canadian committee ceased to function about 10 years ago. Surprisingly, after a long governmental silence policy and even flat denials from the Department of Transport, it is now admitted that our founder, the late Wilbert B. Smith, was a member of this early committee and furthermore that he set up at the Shirley's Bay Research Station near Ottawa, specially designed apparatus for the purpose of detecting any UFOs passing overhead although it is claimed that while recording all aircraft flying above it, it did not register any object which could not be explained away.

As a result of the recent increased number of UFO sightings in Canada, particularly in Manitoba, it is now reported that the National Research Council is planning to set up a special committee to study the latest reports on UFOs and that it will probably operate under the chairmanship of Dr. R.S. Retlie, Head of the Space Research and Facilities Branch of NRC in Ottawa. Its objective will be to check into the current crop of UFO sightings to determine whether there is justification for launching a new scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena.

Mr. Hellyer has refused to commit himself one way or the other on UFO reports, but states he is keeping an open mind on the subject. We feel that Canada's Defence Minister is to be commended on his open-minded approach to the UFO mystery and for releasing more information to the public on this fascinating enigma.

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