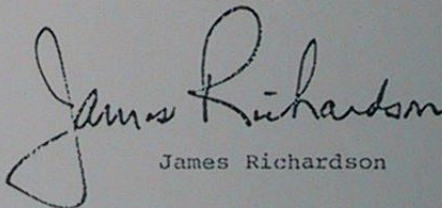


- b. Armed Forces involvement is to report sightings, tracking, etc., of this phenomenon to the National Research Council. DND may be required to assist NRC by carrying out field type investigations. All reports are unclassified.
- c. I do not wish to comment on U.F.O.s and National Security as the subject is inconclusive and surrounded by far too much speculation. There is much uncertainty for example, between U.F.O.s and meteorite/fireball observations. The subject of U.F.O.s must be addressed by scientific analysis and this is effected by the National Research Council.
- d. The Department of National Defence has no Government research on the subject of U.F.O.s and I must therefore refer you again to the National Research Council.
- e. As explained previously, U.F.O. reports are filed at the National Research Council, Radio and Electrical Engineering Division, Ottawa. They are unclassified.
- f. There are no classified aspects of the U.F.O. phenomenon insofar as this Department is concerned. The subject is not under active study. All reports by the Canadian Armed Forces are unclassified and are passed directly to NRC.

In order to further assist you I have passed a copy of your letter to the National Research Council, where I am sure your inquiry will receive every courtesy. Please let me emphasize once more that U.F.O. reports by DND are unclassified. We regard the matter as of purely scientific interest and properly within the purview of the National Research Council. I am sure you will find no inhibitions on the part of all government departments in cooperating with you fully as you pursue your studies in this absorbing and mystifying subject.

Again, thank you for writing. I am happy to respond to constituents' inquiries at any time. With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,



James Richardson