

developed a rash and other symptoms never clearly diagnosed.

It was this reported happening and my constituents interest in it which prompted me to write the National Research Council Section which receives or records such sightings. I asked for a report on it and I was told that RCMP, RCAF, Health & Welfare and Geological Survey of Canada reports had been received by the Branch. While these would be made available to me to read, if I would come to that office, the Branch did not agree to table the material.

It seemed to me then and now, Mr. Speaker, that this material should be available to all Members of Parliament in the usual way, being produced here for the study of any interested Member. With this in mind, I asked in October 1968, for the Production of Papers. When this was refused and the data was not tabled in the House, I took the step of transferring the matter for debate.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Canadian Government, as represented in this area of unidentified flying objects, does not show enough serious concern. It's position is exemplified by the statement in a letter to me by the Head of the Upper Atmosphere Research Section of the Radio and Electrical Engineering Division, National Research Council of Canada, on September 27, 1968:-

"In March of this year the NRC accepted the responsibility for filing and cataloguing all UFO reports sent to the Federal Government. We keep these on the Non-Meteoritic Sighting File which is maintained as an auxiliary file to the Fireball Report File. This office acts as a co-ordinating headquarters, etc..."

It should be understood that we do not actively solicit non-meteoritic sightings, nor do we in general carry out field work of such sightings unless they show a fairly definite promise of giving useful scientific information..."

In others words there is no real or active interest by this Division in the very large and conceivably important area of UFO's. This Government agency is out of tune with the desire for more knowledge in this new field by a great many serious-minded North Americans. No less than 5 million Americans now claim they have seen UFO's and the U.S. Government recently received a detailed report by a special body which spent some years and half a million