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SPEECH BY BARRY MATHER, M.P. (N.D.P.) SURREY, B.C.

RE: NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A COPY OF DATA RE THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BY
STEPHEN MICHALAK OF WINNIPEG

Mr. Speaker:

I don't want to take up the time of the House at any great length on the matter referred to in Notice of Motion No. 19 for an Order for a copy of all letters reports, etc, etc, in respect to an exchange by the RCMP, the RCAF, the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Geological Survey of Canada and the National Research Council of Canada regarding the sighting in 1967 by Mr. Steve Michalak of Winnipeg, of an unidentified flying object....

I do have two points which I wish to put forward:-

Firstly, as to the failure of the Government to table the papers referred to and the significance of that failure as it bears upon the rights of Members of Parliament representing the Public of Canada.

Secondly, I wish to comment on the present situation in our official dealing with reported sightings of UFO's or flying saucers.

At the outset, Mr. Speaker, may I say that in regard to UFO's I am an agnostic. I neither believe nor disbelieve. I just don't know. I have no special interest in the matter. Indeed the first time I heard the term UFO I thought it had to do with the United Farmers of Ontario.

So I am by no means a flying saucer devotee. My reason for bringing the matter up in the first place and later asking for the tabling of papers was simply to comply with a request from constituents who were, as many other Canadians are, much interested in what reportedly happened to Mr. Stephen Michalak in Eastern Manitoba last May when he was prospecting near Falcon Lake. According to Mr. Michalak (who later published a pamphlet on his experience) he, about noon that day, saw two oval shaped objects, glowing an intense scarlet, approach overhead. While one stopped in mid-air the other landed on a flat rock nearby. After a few moments it's companion resumed flight and swiftly disappeared. Overcoming his shock, Mr. Michalak, approached the landed object. He describes the appearance of it in detail, and later touched it, the touch burning his rubber-glove. The object, he states, tilted up and released a sharp beam of heat that scorched his chest. It continued upward and disappeared. Immediately after this, Michalak states he experienced severe headaches and nausea and with difficulty returned to his home in Winnipeg. He later lost weight,