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Dear Brian:

I visited NRC the other day to look up the cases you asked me about. There is no report on file of the sighting at Murdochville, P.Q., so I can only assume that it was not reported to NRC, unless you have information to the contrary.

The Greenwood sighting is in the file, identified as N68/171. The data in the report was exactly as you stated in your letter of May 5 but the radar part of the sighting made no mention of "approximately 20 targets". It reads: "Greenwood radar observed target 5 - 6 miles, bearing 160-180 true. Target lost at 16-21 miles, 190-220 degrees true".

Only the report from Greenwood in the standard format is on file. No indication of any further investigation. I have been unable to talk to Dr. Millman personally on this case, but from discussion with some of his staff, and my own personal knowledge of him, and of the way the UFO question is being handled by NRC, I would say that "unexplained" is exactly what Millman meant, but that perhaps it remains so because no further investigation was made. Very few sightings (I would estimate no more than 5%) are ever investigated by NRC in any way and therefore must remain unidentified. A report comes in to NRC and is classified as either "meteor" or "non-meteor", the latter, of course, being NRC's definition of "UFO". From that point on, the matter rests, unless any further details come in from locally-instigated investigations, such as RCMP etc. The only time NRC will initiate any further investigation is if there is, or there appears to be, some physical evidence remaining.

You can see that when Peter Millman says "unexplained" it usually means no further investigation has been conducted so it can't be anything but unexplained. Under such circumstances, it is of course impossible to compile statistics as to how many would remain unexplained after thorough investigation.

This situation is ridiculous, of course, but there it is. For your information, so far this year (as of 2 June) only 26