

interest, such as reports of meteorites or fireballs." (No mention of UFOs being of scientific interest - strange.) His final comment was: "Part of the role will be in reassuring the public." Dr. Rettie is right that the public needs reassuring, but not on the reality of UFOs - 5 million Americans and probably an equal per capita percentage of Canadians are already convinced that they exist and this belief has caused no panic. Over 20 years of non-hostility from UFOs and the Canadian Government's own assurance that they represent no threat to national security have already reassured us. The kind of reassurance we need now is some evidence and confidence that our governments are making a genuine, all-out effort to solve the UFO mystery and that they will provide us with the truth of their findings. The worldwide, hush-hush UFO policy of the past has only led to a deplorable lack of faith in governmental UFO investigations and the governments concerned can only be held responsible for damaging their own public image in this regard.

As for the University of Toronto UFO investigation group, rather a curious statement was made by Dr. Patterson, viz: "Our point of view is that it is time to look into the whole question of whether technical and other available information on Canadian UFO sightings is being properly collated and assessed. If this is not being done, then there is a chance we would do it in co-operation with the U.S. Government, in which case, we'd hope to interest the Canadian Government in it, too." It strikes us as a little odd that a Canadian group of scientists should appeal first to the U.S. Government for co-operation in its project, and only hope that the Canadian Government would become interested. And thus the doubts continue to pile up ever higher.

And so, with uncertainties on both sides of the border, it looks as though we are back to Square One again, with the old die-hards, the private UFO research groups still carrying the ball. But, nil desperandum, we may yet win the game! Reference to the work of UFO groups brings us back to the original subject of this article - the chunk of unidentified hardware at Ottawa. During the 3-month Colorado silence period, some interesting developments were taking place in Canada. Ronald Anstee, Chairman of the Montreal UFO Society, was, around that time, giving a series of lectures, radio and TV talks on UFO subjects among which was one on the Mysterious Chunk of Hardware at Ottawa. We had already given Ron some samples of the metal during a visit to our Club and a few of these were displayed at a lecture he gave to a largish group in Montreal. After his talk, he was approached by a member of the audience who said he was in a position to have the samples thoroughly tested and analyzed by a professional metallurgist friend of his. Ron gladly accepted the offer and by mutual arrangement, it was agreed that, for scientific test purposes, no background details concerning the metal would be given to the analyst. We stress this point because it has a strange bearing on the results obtained. The metallurgist's report follows :-

Findings

1. The corrosion on the part was slight and only superficial.
2. The specific gravity was very high.
3. The hardness was Rockwell B 94.
4. Chemical Analysis

Carbon 0.16% Manganese 11.3 Sulphur 0.017 NI ---- MO ----

SI 0.12 FE Ferrous 88.403.