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UFO Landing Site Was 13-Year Secret

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The Canadian government 13 years ago made available the defence research board experimental station at Suffield, Alberta, as a landing site for Unidentified Flying Objects, Defence Minister Paul Hellyer has now disclosed.

Nothing ever materialized from that top secret project.

No extra terrestrial flying objects ever sought to land on that 1,000-square-mile restricted tract of land over which no aircraft, defence or civilian, was allowed to fly without special permission. The idea behind the classified project was that if any UFO tried to make contact with the earth it could land at the DRB station without being shot down by defence interceptors.

After checking out the rash of flying saucer sightings that occurred over North America in the 1950s and late 1940s, special scientific committees set up in Canada and the United States concluded that the evidence presented on UFOs showed no indication that they presented a threat to national security.

The special Canadian committee, checking out reports of UFO sightings over Canada, ceased to function about 10 years ago, according to Mr. Hellyer. He outlined in an interview, the steps taken in the past and steps taken today to check out reports on UFOs that keep occurring across the country.

There have been around 20 sightings of UFO's in Manitoba and the northern states adjacent to the prairie provinces, this spring.

Earlier this spring a University of Ottawa professor reported sighting a flying

saucer in the early evening hours. He was relaxing with neighbors on his back patio. His description of the UFO—substantiated by his friends—was similar to descriptions reported by Manitoba people in the same week.

Mr. Hellyer has refused to commit himself one way or the other on the reports. He said he was keeping an open mind on the subject.