

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

*INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS

Question No. 1,416—Mr. Winch:

1. Is Canada co-operating with the special United States program for investigation of unidentified flying objects and, if so, is this entitled "Project Magnet"?

2. Is "Project Magnet" an unpublicized world-wide operation, using specially equipped, super constellations, non-uniformed pilots and civilian scientists?

3. Was the late Wilbert B. Smith, a government scientist, the head of the Canadian section of the U.F.O. research operation?

4. Is any data available from "Project Magnet" to the general public?

Mr. Dupuis: 1. The R.C.A.F. co-operates with the United States in the investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects as in other matters of mutual interest, but not as part of a special program. The United States program known as "Project Magnet" is not directed to the investigation of unidentified flying objects.

2. "Project Magnet" is a program conducted by the naval oceanographic office of the U.S. navy concerned with the compilation of geo-magnetic data covering all the oceans of the world. The data are obtained in survey flights of U.S. navy aircraft carrying civilian scientists. Information concerning this program has been freely available for some years to interested scientists.

3. Between December, 1950 and August, 1954 a small program of investigation in the field of geo-magnetics was carried out by the

then telecommunications division of the Department of Transport with a view to obtaining, if possible, some physical information or facts which might help to explain the phenomenon which was generally referred to as unidentified flying objects. Mr. W. B. Smith was the engineer in charge of this program.

4. It is understood that data obtained in "Project Magnet", in the form of geo-magnetic charts, is available upon application to the naval oceanographic office of the U.S. navy.

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