

- a. Unclassified - 940-150 Box 829624 (AF)
- b. Confidential - 940-5 Box 829627 (AF)
- c. Secret - 940-105-3 Box 829628 (AF)
- d. - 9150-4 (1963 TS) (Army).

D Ops have not studied the UFO files held by the Public Archives as experience has shown that little valuable information is gained by investigating old sighting reports where no concrete or tangible evidence exists. In all probability the Confidential and Secret UFO files held by the Public Archives could be down-graded to Unclassified if it was considered necessary.

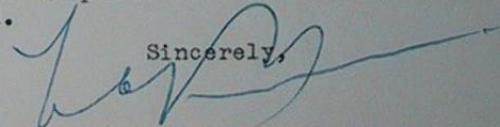
Your paragraph 6 - At the time NRC announced they were prepared to accept the responsibility for investigating UFOs, CPHQ forwarded a letter to the RCMP outlining the changes proposed and requesting instructions for handling RCMP reports which formed part of DND UFO investigations. RCMP advised that all RCMP reports and correspondence was to be returned to the RCMP and was not to be passed to other governmental agencies. This request was complied with and NRC was advised accordingly. Further, NRC was advised that providing they were interested in the RCMP reports which had been removed, such reports could probably be obtained from the RCMP; and in addition, DND was prepared to negotiate with the RCMP to have the reports returned to NRC. NRC advised that if they felt the reports were necessary, they would negotiate directly with the RCMP.

CPHQ received many documents and other matters relating to UFOs which the sender specifically requested that the matter be returned, destroyed or not to be disclosed to other agencies. In all cases, such requests were complied with. However, in no case did the removal of such information affect the final conclusions of the investigation.

Whether one agrees with DND's handling of the files, I think it would only be fair to provide your readers with the DND side of the story.

Some readers may be surprised to find that many observers who report sightings specifically ask that no publicity be given to their reports. It never occurred to me when I first began dealing with press enquiries on UFOs that we would run into this - but we did.

Sincerely,


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