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MEMORANDUM

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Parliamentary Returns Section

Unidentified Flying Objects

1 It is suggested that the questions regarding unidentified flying objects posed in a letter to the Minister of National Defence be answered as follows:

Question 1. Are unsolved UFO reports in Canada kept from the Press and general public?

Answer: No. While reports are not necessarily offered to the Press in every case, they are never denied.

Question 2. Does the Defence Department share American concern that UFOs pose a possible threat?

Answer: The Canadian Government is concerned with any report which might affect national security and, undoubtedly, this would be the attitude of the United States Government also. However, to date, UFO reports which have been investigated by various departments of the Canadian Government have not revealed positive evidence of anything which might affect national welfare and which could not be attributed to possibly natural phenomena or mistaken identity.

Question 3. What is the official RCAF stand on UFOs?

Answer: The RCAF position is one of complete open-mindedness. Each reported incident is investigated to the extent that circumstances, such as the apparent reliability and competence of the observer of the incident, seem to warrant.

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