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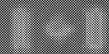
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Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)

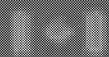
Brief to MND





UAP in Canada

- Approximately 1,000 UFO sightings reported in Canada each year
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) collection of UFO reporting constitutes approximately 9,000 separate documents
- UFO / UAP reporting in Canada historically under the domain of multiple organizations, with different interests and priorities, including Transport Canada, NAV Canada, National Research Council, RCMP and DND
- Recent examples include:
 - 23 December 2018 (Yarmouth, NS). Lights were reported by both a witness on land and one at sea. Three primary radar returns were recorded at the observed location.
 - 9 May 2021 (Hudson Bay, SK). A Delta Air Lines Inc. Boeing 737-900 from Fairbanks, AK to Minneapolis–Saint Paul, MN was cruising at 39,000 ft when the pilot asked ATC about traffic well above them and moving right to left.



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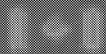
UAP and GC

- 1950s – Defence Research Board (DRB) conducted research into reported ‘flying saucers’ near North Bay, ON
- 1960s – Departmental responsibility for reporting assigned from DND/CAF to National Research Council (NRC), supported by RCMP
- 1995 – RCMP/NRC partnership for UFO research dissolved. Reporting on ‘Non-Meteoritic Sightings’ begins to be directed to Mr. Rutkowski and University of Manitoba for academic purposes
- 2000 – Mr. Rutkowski receives all UFO-related reports from DND and Transport Canada
- Currently – University of Manitoba does not fund Canadian UFO Survey, but assists in archiving Mr. Rutkowski’s files for future academic research

Chris Rutkowski

- Canada’s pre-eminent Ufologist, University of Manitoba
- Oversees the annual Canadian UFO Survey

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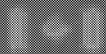
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- NAV Canada is the responsible agency for managing UAP-related reporting.
- CAF (via NORAD) monitor, identify, and track all air traffic approaching and traveling through North American airspace.
- CAF collaborates with Federal Aviation Administration and Transport Canada to enforce safety and security regulations over North America.
- CAF does not typically investigate sightings of unexplained phenomena outside the context of investigating potential threats or distress.
- Reporting instances of unidentifiable occurrences is done via a CIRVIS (Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings) report directed to the nearest Air Traffic Control or Flight Information Centre.
- CIRVIS reports related to UFO/UAP are directed to Mr. Chris Rutkowski
- ADM(S&T) report on NFLD UFO sighting in 2010 appears to be the last known potential incident in recent times

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Discussion

- Report from US Senate Intelligence Committee on UAP
- CAF/DND connections to US partners
 - NORAD
 - DG Space / US Space Force
 - SJS / US Pentagon

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Good afternoon,
I expect I am not alone in noting the recent increase in comment regarding Unidentified Flying Objects in the media internationally, particularly in the US.

UFOs have been the focus of comment both in the Congress and in open media from former President Obama who has noted that he received briefings on UFOs. I also note [in this article](#), for instance, that:

“A stipulation in the "committee comment" portion of the Intelligence Authorization Act for the 2021 fiscal year directed U.S. intelligence agencies to hand over unclassified reports about Unidentified Aerial Phenomena to Congress by June of this year.”

It should/could be expected that the imminent US release of information will prompt questions domestically and with Defence-related implications, more than likely, given the [nexus with DoD in the US for the upcoming report](#).

U.S. intelligence agencies are expected to deliver a report on “unidentified aerial phenomena” to Congress next month, sparking renewed interest and speculation into how the government has handled sightings of mysterious flying objects — and if there's any worldly explanation for them.

The unclassified report, compiled by the director of national intelligence and the secretary of defense, aims to make public what the Pentagon knows about unidentified flying objects and data analyzed from such encounters.

Anticipating this, I believe it is prudent to request a full briefing for Minister Sajjan from the Canadian perspective on this issue. That is to say, a report on any and all research that has been done by CAF/DND; any sightings that have been reported in recent years; any historical information that may be on file; interfaces with other governments on the issue; and any other related information that might be pertinent. In other words, use the broadest possible lens to inform us of any Canadian angle to the issue.

We will need this done in a very timely fashion please, given the timeframe noted for the US release of the report.

Regards,
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Subject: RFI - Request for brief to MND: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Diane,

Thank-you again for the early engagement on this.

We're formally tasking this out and including some other L1s we believe may be implicated.

TASK: MNDO has requested a brief to MND on Unidentified Flying Objects and/or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.

The catalyst for this brief is the potential upcoming release of information to US Congress by June 2021 for "unclassified reports about Unidentified Aerial Phenomena".

SCOPE: MNDO noted the release could prompt questions domestically and infers Defence-related implications. In anticipation, MNDO is asking for a full "broad lens" briefing to MND from Canada's perspective on this issue. MNDO sees the briefing include: a report on all research done by CAF/DND; summary of sightings that have been reported in recent years; historical information on the topic; interfaces with other governments on the issue; and any other related information that might be pertinent.

LEAD: We are asking SJS (OPI) to lead the development of this brief, with other key non-CAF L1s in OCI (ADM (Pol), DRDC, and ADM (IM)).

TIMINGS: MND is looking to get this in by the end of next week, please get back to me as soon as you can if this is feasible so we can schedule.

Thank-you,

Kris

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