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# CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN B.C.

Date: January 5, 1977

While driving west on Highway 16, a young man, approximately at the age of 17 (who wishes to be anonymous) noticed a slightly elongated red light at his right side. The UFO seemed to be hovering over the nearby power lines. It was at that time that the witness observed a car heading toward him in the distance. When the two cars were about 300 yards apart, the UFO swooped down behind the oncoming car and made an abrupt 90° turn, passing very low over the oncoming car and headed straight for the witness. It was at that time that the original witness (whom we shall call Mr. A) said that a red beam of light originating from the dome of the craft was aimed at him. He felt a tingling sensation throughout his body. The car engine, headlights, and radio stopped functioning and Mr. A. fainted, but just before fainting he recalls swerving off the road to avoid the object, which was about 30 feet away from him.

The man driving the oncoming car (who remains anonymous, but we shall refer to him as Witness B.) also saw a red light in his rear view mirror, just before passing out. When he awoke he found himself standing next to his car with Mr. A's truck facing him a couple of feet away. Dazed and weakened, Witness B went over and woke up Mr. A.

Both witnesses began to discuss what had happened, but were confused about the position of their vehicles (Pick-up truck 1977 GMC, 350 VS never gave witness any trouble, '74 or '75 Pontiac

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Lemans.) Both men checked their vehicles for damages, but did not find any. After a few minutes they headed for their vehicles and went their separate ways.

Mr. A went home immediately and told his mother of the experience. He was very badly shaken up and weak.

Further Details- The following are further details about the case discovered during the investigation, which is still in progress. We will publish more details when we receive them.

-Vehicles travelling about 60 mph before both witnesses passed out.

-Object about 30-40 feet long, dark and dull green body surface\* Bright deep red and glowing elongated dome, the only light source of the object.

\*The surface was rough, similar to a crocodile back.

-There were two small stubby webbed wings on each side, in the middle.

-There was a circular base 15-20 feet in diameter under the object.

-Mr. A noticed about a dozen specks of light in the dome.

-No sound from the object.

-Mr. A had nightmares for the next 3 nights and occasional headaches.

This case is currently under investigation, we expect further results shortly.

Information source: APRO Bulletin  
March 1977.

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## CANADIAN SAUCER SCENE

A REVIEW OF UFO SIGHTINGS AND RELATED NEWS FROM CANADA.

### Sightings

A) Time/Place of sighting: Victoria, B.C.  
March 9, 1977. Around 8:50 p.m

Susanna Stratford, 17, and her sister Maria, 15, watched a shiny saucer shaped object with a red light on top descend to about 30 feet off the ground. The object hovered for about 20 minutes, veering left and right between the trees. It then disappeared toward the east.

Source: Victoria Times  
B.C. 4/11/77

B) Time/Place of Sighting: Napanee, Ont.  
March 19, 1977. Around 8 p.m

The incident took place over highway 401 (West of Napanee) when a Mrs. Sylvia Laidler and her daughter (12) encountered "an unknown airbourne object"

Travelling east, Mrs. Laidler noticed a red streak which appeared to be coming from the north. She said that the UFO stopped abruptly over the highway, ahead of her car and maintained a pulsating red glow. We then saw it was coming towards us flying on the south side of the highway, at a tree top level, Mrs. Laidler described.

"The brilliant turquoise lights and red flashing lights were prominent and Darlene (daughter) noticed that it was a triangular shape with a goldish light flashing at the bottom of the craft as it flew over our car but hovered directly over us" she outlined.

No sound could be heard from the object as it passed over head. It disappeared from sight when the headlights from a car in the distance appeared.

Source: Belleville Intelligencer Ontario 5/6/77  
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C) Time/Place of Sighting: Vancouver B.C  
Exact date and time not known.

Two weather office employees, George Thrupp and Margaret Mancor claim they saw an unidentified flying object near Vancouver International Airport.

They described the object as being cigar shaped, orange on top, blue underneath. They also said the object had what looked like portholes along the side and was bigger than a jumbo jet and faster than a fighter plane.

They couldn't hear any sound from the object.

Source: Toronto Star  
Toronto, Ontario  
4/20/77

## NEWS FEATURE

### UFO BASE UNDER LAKE ONTARIO??

The late Irving T. Sanderson, a biologist and researcher into unusual phenomenon, was one of the first people to describe the probable location of an underwater base in Lake Ontario. In his book "Invisible Residents" published in 1970, Sanderson estimates the base to be located "on the west side of the lake near an escarpment."

A man who is out to prove Sanderson's theory correct is Malcolm Williams of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Williams says the proof for this theory can be found in the photographs taken by a Canadian Government satellite, which should show areas of intensive heat. These infra red photographs record heat rather than light. Williams states that this base is located somewhere off the shoreline of Oakville and Burlington, and that the infra red photos should indicate intensive heat

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in the area of Oakville and Burlington.

"The problem is that it would take months to go through enough of the slides to prove anything."

There are several other factors which contribute to this theory, one being the large number of sightings from that area.

Williams states, in an article in the Oakville Journal that "UFOs are attracted to high voltage hydro installations and points out the hydro corridor through Burlington and the Lakeview generating station (Lakeshore and Dixie Road) would be a great attraction for them."

Also, there is a channel running through that area (under lake Ontario) which is about 550 feet deep in some places. A first rate location for outer space visitors to set up an underwater base.

- Sources:
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Irving T. Sanderson
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Falls Review Niagara Falls,  
Ontario 1/5/76
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Journal, Oakville, Ontario  
4/13/77

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## UFOLOGY TODAY

A ROUND UP OF RECENT INFORMATION FROM  
THE WORLD OF UFOLOGY

### CIA Harasses UFO watchers

The director of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) William Spaulding claims the CIA has been interfering with the investigation of UFOs. He told the International congress on UFOs in Acapulco, that the CIA has recommended the certain UFO researchers be watched and be "considered as subversive."

The agency has "harrassed and intimidated researchers and tried to hold up the dissemination of UFO information" charge Spaulding. In response to Spauldings statement a former CIA agent Bradley Ayers, now a private detective and UFO researcher in Minnesota, states that "the agency has been made the whipping boy for all the ills of the world.

Thanks to: Robert Schiller  
Credit: Cedar Rapids  
Gazette April 22, '77

### San José de Valderas Photo's a Hoax?

According to a report in the International UFO reporter, the photographs of an alledged incident in San José de Valderas, Spain (1967) has been subjected to digital analysis techniques by members of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) in Arizona (see cover photo of UFO Researchers Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 4). A battery of tests designed to yield enhanced image information from conventional photographs has led to the conclusion that the saucer in the picture is a model measuring less than eight inches in diameter, supported by a thread.

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## WORLD SAUCER SCENE

A REPORT ON SCANDINAVIAN UFO INFORMATION

A UFO RESEARCH GROUP IN DENMARK

SUFOI - Scandinavian UFO Information- was founded in 1957 by a group of persons, who had taken an interest in the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects- UFOs. During the first years of SUFOI's existense contact and co-operation was established with groups and persons in the other Scandinavian countries, a contact which during the last years has been extenede to include persons and organizations with the same interest in other countries all over the world. Today SUFOI is the oldest and largest UFO organization in the Northern countries.

SUFOI is comprised of people in all walks of life, whose purpose is to find, if possible, the solution to the mystery of UFO's, which have been seen in our skies in great numbers in the past many years.

Ever since 1958 SUFOI has issued the bulletin "UFO-Nyt", which today is published bi-monthly and contains articles about astronomy, space travel and related subjects besides the main subject- Unidentified Flying Objects. As a Scandinavian organization, domiciled in Denmark, the greatest importance is attached to UFO-reports and observations from the Scandinavian countries.

All SUFOI-literature- the bulletin "UFO-Nyt", books, booklets etc. - is Danish-languaged, but during the last years SUFOI has 3 times a year issued an English-languaged "Newsletter", with special reference to our foreign contacts. These "Newsletter" contain

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especially Danish UFO observations. SUFOI is a private, independent non-profit organization, and all works is carried out by voluntary and unpaid manpower. The publication of "UFO-Nyt", books and pamphlets are forming the financial basis for SUFOI's activities. Responsible for the daily management of SUFOI is a seven-membered executive committee, including the president or chairman of SUFOI.

The organization of SUFOI includes a Secretariat, departments for Research, Information and Publication and a Report- and Alarmsection. The alarmsection consists of a nationwide net of reporters, who can be reached by telephone all 24 hours of the day. Through the years SUFOI has received and dealt with abt. 6000 Scandinavian reports and the number of reports seems to be increasing year by year. In 1975 about 650 reports were received by SUFOI.

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## CANADIAN UFO COVER-UP

Following the beginning of the modern era of UFOs, the Canadian government established a research team to examine the growing number of reports of unexplained objects in the sky. In 1950, Project Magnet was established by the department of Transport, restricted to certain scientists and engineers within the telecommunications division.

Headed by Wilbert B. Smith (one of the fathers of Canadian UFO Research) the project aimed at collecting sighting reports, then systematically "weighed" and catalogued, hoping to reach some sort of explanation.

In the fall of 1953, Smith assembled a vast amount of electronic devices, in a government building near Shirlet Bay, Ontario. The purpose of the experiment was to see if these crafts were interplanetary vehicles, they might exhibit some sort of strange electromagnetic and gravitational properties.

The following year, this experiment was finally tested, when on 8-8-54 the alarms sounded (alerting Smith) the instruments were picking up something. Smith told reporters that the instruments recorded readings that were much higher than when large aircraft passed overhead. He then ran outside to see if the object was visible. The sky was overcast so whatever it may have been, was concealed behind the clouds.

In May of 1955, a SPECIAL committee on Broadcasting, Wilbert Smith announced that no UFOs were ever detected at Shirley Bay. Could this have been a successful attempt by the government to silence Smith and cover up the sighting?



The project came to a surprise end, when the government withdrew its support. Smith's conclusions were, "It appears, then, that we are faced with a substantial probability of the real existence of extraterrestrial vehicles, regardless of whether or not they fit into our scheme of things. Such vehicles of necessity must use a technology considerably in advance of what we have. It is therefore submitted that the next step in this investigation should be a substantial effort towards the aquisition of as much as possible of this technology, which would without a doubt be of great value to us."

Following these recommendations, in April of '52 the Canadian government established a second study designated Project Second Story, which according to the Condon Report "reviewed the situation with respect to UFO reports, to determine whether the government should undertake a large scale investigation." The thing that puzzles me about this statement is- What was the purpose of Project Magnet's research?

I discovered the answer to my question when I came across an article in the April '76 edition of UFO Report. The article dealt with the UFO situation in Canada. While reading this section (by Timothy Green Beckley) dealing with Project Second Story, it finally dawned on me. According to the article, the project was established to concentrate on covering-up UFOs in Canadian skies, and also exposed the fact the committee's members knew in advance of their job of debunking UFOs.

No doubt the committee discouraged many pilots, scientists, and the average man on the street. In time, the

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committee was dissolved and public interest died down while the gov'nt carried on their underground research efforts.

In the section dealing with Second Story in the Condon Report, the final committee's recommendations were that situation did not warrant a large scale investigation.

This wasn't the end of the Canadian government's interest in UFOs. In a story published in Donald E. Keyhoe's book ALIENS FROM SPACE, it tells of a secret project in 1954, in which the government of Canada established to try and capture a UFO. The project's theme was to isolate a designated area in Alberta, where RCAF pilots could try to force a UFO to land or if by some luck a UFO would land by itself. According to reports the plan failed and wasn't revealed until 1969.

With what few facts we have presented so far, what can be concluded? First, we must look at fact number 1- how the Canadian government immediately put together a team of scientists "restricted to certain", to study the phenomena. Then when some hardcore data was on the verge of being released, the project director is silenced. (Evidence of a cover-up- read on!!)

Later on a committee to study UFOs, made up of government officials, was formed. According to a report in a UFO zine, "the committee knew in advance their job to debunk UFOs in Canada."

Because of this government committee many people began to forget about UFOs, which was just what the government wanted. From then on UFOs were passed off as nothing by many people.

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Then came the incident of the secret project to capture a UFO by the Royal Canadian Air Force, which began in '54 and wasn't revealed until '69. (I guess they were behind in their press releases, by 15 years!!!)

I'm sure there were many more such incidents, which in time will be uncovered, along with the answer to the baffling mystery of the flying saucers!

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## SEVEN MAXIMS OF UFOS- A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

### PART 1

#### Introduction

Man, as a species, is an animal with great curiosity combined with an intelligence that caters to this curiosity. Over the centuries these facts have resulted in a vast accumulation of knowledge about the universe we live in, and especially about our immediate surroundings. If a very unusual event occurs an attempt is immediately made to fit this into the pattern of past collective experience, and if the event cannot be filed in some convenient and recognized category it may easily become an intellectual annoyance-spurned by the narrow-minded and over-emphasized by the uncritical. In recent years, with the advent of the Space Age, experiences involving what have been popularly termed Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have displaced, in public interest, earlier enthusiasms for the study of psychic phenomena through spiritualism and the investigation of haunted locations.

Personally, I cannot claim to be an expert on UFO phenomena, nor to have special knowledge in any other area of strange events. However, from the age of five on I was taught by my parents to take a lively observational interest in the world around me, and as a result I ended up collecting almost everything as an amateur naturalist. My studies in astronomy commenced at the age of nine and I have followed a career of observing the sky for the subsequent sixty years.

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Specializing in meteoritics, it is natural that I have been called upon to investigate a great variety of sky phenomena observed by the general public. Perhaps my most lasting impression, as I recall hundreds of conversations with people in all walks of life, is that of the tremendous variability of the human reaction to any given event. I can recall interviewing as many as 200 individuals who had witnessed a brilliant fireball that resulted in a meteorite fall, and a large percentage of these observers had a subconscious subjective input to add to the external, objective, physical event being reported. Courts taking evidence in a complicated traffic accident case experience the same pattern of individuality of the human reaction to events.

In this brief article I am not going to attempt a study or an explanation of specific UFO sightings. This type of treatment requires a book-length publication, and many of my readers would probably not agree with my conclusions in any case. However, over the years, my experience has made it clear that there are certain basic principles or maxims which are relevant to this subject, and about which there can be no real argument. Anyone studying a UFO incident should remember these maxims, while maintaining an open mind and an unprejudiced attitude. I think that each person should come to his own conclusions on the basis of unbiased common sense. Ridicule, or emotional reactions, are quite out of place. We will start with a quotation from the Bible.

End of Part 1