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Stefan MICHALAK - Report of Unidentified Flying Object
Falcon Beach, Manitoba.

20 MAY 67

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- Further to previous reports, and in particular to para. 8 of my report of 26 MAY 67, we saw MICHALAK from day to day between May 26th and May 30th hoping that he would be feeling well enough to make a trip with us to Falcon Lake to look for the landing spot of this unidentified flying object. On the 30 MAY 67 this subject still did not feel up to making the trip and at that time Squadron Leader BISSKY and myself visited him at his residence and had him draw us a sketch of the terrain in the immediate area where the objects he claims to have seen landed. Squadron Leader BISSKY arranged with the Canadian Army at Rivers, Man. to obtain the use of a Hillier helicopter. The helicopter was to assist in the search commencing on the morning of May 31st. We took this course of action hoping to be able to find the spot MICHALAK described without his being there. The reason for us doing this was our belief that vegetation and growth in the area would be such that it would make the place very difficult to find if it was left much longer.
- Cst. ANDERSON and myself travelled to Falcon Lake on the morning of May 31st and were met there by a group of R.C.A.F. personnel headed by Squadron Leader BISSKY. The R.C.A.F. personnel had travelled by automobile as did we. A Canadian Army helicopter from Rivers piloted by Captain Bruce MUELANDER arrived from the Rivers Air Station at about noon on May 31st. A search was conducted from the air by Squadron Leader BISSKY and myself with the helicopter pilot and we were unable to locate any area that resembled that sketched by MICHALAK. In his description to us of the area he described a flat piece of rock approximately 300' long by 100' feet wide and such outcroppings of rock that size are very rare in the Falcon Lake area. As well as the air search we examined areas by foot, but we were unsuccessful in coming up with anything worth while. The search was continued until nearly dark on May 31st and then called off for the day. We discussed the situation with Squadron Leader BISSKY and we decided to continue without MICHALAK being there to give us some idea of directions would be futile and we decided then to return to Winnipeg and attempt to convince him he should come down for at least one day. Cst. ANDERSON and I returned to Winnipeg in the late evening of May 31st and we went directly to MICHALAK's residence and spoke to him. He agreed to make the trip with us and arrangements were made to pick him up early the following morning.
- Cst. ANDERSON and I took MICHALAK by police car to Falcon Beach early in the morning of June 1st and shortly after our arrival there he was taken up by the helicopter pilot and myself to look the area over by air. This method of searching was unsatisfactory and the terrain looked entirely different from the air and he was not able to recognize any land marks from the air. In the afternoon of the same date we took MICHALAK to where we had earlier recovered the saw and

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shopping bag he had mentioned, our finding the saw and shopping bag was outlined in para. 8 of my previous report. MICHALAK, Cst. ANDERSON and myself commenced a ground search from the point where he had discarded the saw and shopping bag and we walked for most of the afternoon covering somewhere between 3 and 4 miles of dense bush and outcroppings of rock without finding anything of value. MICHALAK seemed to be wandering aimlessly through the bush and didn't really appear to know where he was going. His excuse for acting like this was that he claimed when he was prospecting he followed quartz veins in the rock facings and didn't really pay any attention to where he was going. He says he would walk for most of the day and then when he felt he had gone far enough to leave himself enough time to get out before dark he would take a compass reading and head out to whichever direction he thought the highway was. Throughout the ground search he kept insisting that he was going to be able to find the place and appeared to be quite disgusted with himself that he couldn't find the place. Our ground search with MICHALAK took up most of the afternoon and was concluded in the early evening. While we were searching on foot Squadron Leader BISSKY and the helicopter pilot were examining likely places from the air, and a number of possible places were subsequently looked at on foot. During an earlier interview with MICHALAK he said that when he returned to the highway following his sightings of these objects, he walked over a little over 3,000 paces. We calculated that this would be no more than 2½ miles or 3 miles at the outside and so during the air search we covered an area considerably larger than we felt he could have possibly walked, the area we examined from the air would be 4 to 5 miles deep, in other words north and south, and about the same distance east and west. I might say that all places that in any way resembled the spot sketched and described to us by MICHALAK were examined on foot in the area I have mentioned however we were unsuccessful in finding any evidence as he had described. Cst. ANDERSON and I returned MICHALAK to Winnipeg and to his residence at approximately 10:00 P.M. on the 1 JUN 67. Cst. ANDERSON and I returned to Falcon Lake in the early morning of 2 JUN 67 to continue the search with the R.C.A.F. personnel. We examined likely places even further afield than those previously covered without finding anything of value. This last day's searching was confined to helicopter searching. The search was discontinued completely in mid-afternoon of 2 JUN 67 and the army helicopter left en route back to Rivers at approximately 2:00 P.M. of that date.

4. On the 25 MAY 67 I was in telephone contact with Cst. SCHMALZ of Falcon Beach Detachment and requested him to make enquiries regarding MICHALAK's being in the Falcon Motel on the night of May 19th, and in particular to make enquiries regarding any liquor he may have consumed while staying at the motel. On the evening of May 26th I received a telephone call from Cst. SCHMALZ and he advised me that he had spoken to Mr. [REDACTED], who is the manager of the cafe and beverage room at the Falcon Motel. MICHALAK had stayed in Room 17 at the motel. [REDACTED] stated that between 8 and 9:30 P.M., MICHALAK had been in the beverage room at the motel and had had about 3 bottles of beer. He then left the motel at about 9:30 and came back at approximately 11:00 P.M. and had about 2 more bottles of beer. He was not intoxicated when he left according to [REDACTED] and he never bought liquor to take to his

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room with him. Falcon Beach Detachment have checked beverage room sales slips and liquor commission sales slips for that date and there is no indication MICHALAK bought any liquor to take out. The maid who cleaned Room 17 on the morning of May 20th said that she went to the room at about 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 20th and MICHALAK was gone at that time. This fits his version of the story where he said he left the room very early in the morning at approximately 6:00 A.M. Mr. [REDACTED] confirmed that MICHALAK had spoken to him about other prospectors working and [REDACTED] was able to recall this individual from the fact that he discussed prospecting at length with him and prospecting particularly in the Falcon Lake area. Mr. [REDACTED] said he wondered about MICHALAK because he seemed so certain that he had a good ore strike and that he was going to find something that day, and he told [REDACTED] that he was going north from the townsite. The motel owner, Mrs. Merten BUECK, saw him the next afternoon which would be the afternoon following [REDACTED] seeing him. This would be 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon and MICHALAK approached Mrs. BUECK and told her that he needed a doctor, and she then referred him to the R.C.M.P. Detachment. Mrs. BUECK said that he later came back to the Motel and asked to make a collect call to Winnipeg and was shown an outside telephone booth. Everyone that he approached on that day felt as though he was acting as if he was intoxicated although none of the people that spoke to him or were near him could smell any liquor on him. As a result of this information from Cst. SCHMALZ I saw MICHALAK again on May 27th and asked him about the liquor he was alleged to have consumed on the night of May 19th. He denied having any beer to drink on that night while at Falcon Beach and said that he very seldom drank beer and that if he had had anything to drink he would probably have had a drink of wine. However, in any case he denied having any alcoholic beverages of any kind on that particular night. A discrepancy in [REDACTED] version involved the time. He claimed that he had first seen MICHALAK about 8:00 P.M. on June 19th, however MICHALAK went to Falcon Lake by bus and the bus did not leave Winnipeg until 7:15 P.M. This would be at least a two hour bus trip to Falcon Lake which would get MICHALAK in there somewhere between 9:15 and 9:30 P.M. MICHALAK's story is that he arrived between 9 and 9:30 P.M. and checked into his motel and then went to his room, Room 17, and read his prospecting books until about 11:00 P.M. He then went to the coffee shop in the motel and had a hamburger and a cup of coffee and spoke to the man in the motel about prospecting. He recalls asking the man about any other prospectors working in the area and his knowledge of prospectors in the area. MICHALAK said he stayed in the coffee shop for about a half hour and then returned to his room and read for an hour longer before retiring for the night. On June 1st, the day we had MICHALAK at Falcon Lake I arranged to have Mr. [REDACTED] look at him and he told us after looking at MICHALAK that there was no doubt at all that he was the man that he had served beer to on the night of May 19th, and the man he had talked to about prospecting. He even told us that he could tell us what kind of beer the man had consumed and what chair he had been sitting in. I asked him whether they were busy in the beverage room that night and he confirmed that they were. I pointed out to him his obvious mistake in time and he agreed that he could be wrong about the time however he didn't agree that he could be wrong about his identification of

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MICHALAK. This matter has been discussed with MICHALAK subsequently to the trip to Falcon Lake and he still denies having any beer to drink while at Falcon Lake. This is the main discrepancy in the story, the only other discrepancy in MICHALAK's story that has been uncovered is his inability to be able to locate the alleged landing spot.

5. On June 6th, Cst. ZACHARIAS and I had an interview with Dr. Roy CRAIG who is the head of the U.F.O. Project for the United States Government at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. Dr. CRAIG had come to Winnipeg to make his own investigation into the alleged sighting of MICHALAK. He had spent a day in the Falcon Lake area with MICHALAK on Sunday, June 4th. He told us that he was very impressed with MICHALAK's story when he first interviewed him on Saturday, June 3rd, however he began to have doubts after taking him to Falcon Lake and seeing how he groped around in the bush and did not seem to know where he was going. Dr. CRAIG was returning to the Colorado University on June 6th and before leaving he asked me to supply him with any additional details about this sighting or about background information on MICHALAK should we come into possession of anything worthwhile. Since that time I have received a report from "F" Division outlining background investigation on MICHALAK and I propose to supply the pertinent details of this report to Dr. CRAIG. Dr. CRAIG is heading the University of Colorado research team that has received a U.S. Government grant to do a year's research on unidentified flying objects. He told us that one of the conditions under which he and his fellow investigators took the project was that the report they were to write at the conclusion of the project would be made a public document.

6. I have been incontact with Sqn. Leader BISSKY from time to time regarding this investigation and he has continued his own enquiries on the sighting claimed by MICHALAK. On Thursday, June 8th, Sqn. Leader BISSKY and other Air Force personnel went to Falcon Beach to have a look at the micro-wave tower situated in the approximate area where MICHALAK was believed to have entered the bush. The purpose of this trip was to examine the micro-wave tower as it had been suggested to Sqn. Leader BISSKY that MICHALAK may have climbed the tower to look the terrain over and been burned by electricity on the top of the tower. Sqn. Leader BISSKY does not feel that this is a very likely possibility and came to this conclusion after looking the tower over. While in the vicinity of the micro-wave tower which is approximately 1 mile north and east of the Falcon Motel he found a spot that quite closely resembled the place that had been sketched for us by MICHALAK. He examined the place with other R.C.A.F. members however was unable to find any remnants of a shirt or the missing steel tape that MICHALAK feels he left at the scene. He has since discussed this spot with MICHALAK however MICHALAK has not yet been down to have a look at it. Sqn. Leader BISSKY has told me that so far as the Air Force is concerned the matter is closed pending MICHALAK locating the spot and supplying further information to them.

7. The only article that we had in connection with this investigation was a yellow plastic glove that was turned over to me by

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MICHALAK for whatever examination we cared to make. This has now been turned over to Sqn. Leader BISSKY with receipt being obtained on Form C-246.

8. Regarding para. 2 of the memorandum from the Officer in charge "D" Division C.I.B. dated 2 JUN 67, wherein it was suggested that I should liase with Mr. J.B. Thompson of the APRO Organization, subsequent enquiries have revealed that the APRO Organization, and Mr. Thompson in particular are interested in monetary gain from their investigation of these sightings. Dr. CRAIG told me that he was quite familiar with the APRO Organization from their activities in the United States and most of the people connected with it were interested in writing stories about sightings and selling them to magazines and news media. He also stated that there can be more than one APRO man in one particular city such as Winnipeg, and one APRO representative would not be aware of who the other ones were. In other words, there was very little liason within their own organization. In view of this and in view of the fact that the R.C.A.F. are taking an active interest in U.F.O. sightings I do not feel that we would be wise to align ourselves with Mr. Thompson and his APRO Organization. I might also point out that Sqn. Leader BISSKY and other R.C.A.F. personnel feel much the same as I do about the APRO Organization.

9. In view of the increasing prevalence of U.F.O. sightings and reports and because of the distinct possibility that our personnel could be the first persons approached by the observer that claims to have seen a U.F.O. I have obtained from the R.C.A.F. a copy of their instructions on reporting unidentified flying objects. This covers the information to be obtained from an alleged observer at the time the sighting is reported and how the report is to be channeled. This instruction is brief and in view of this will be embodied in its entirety in this report.

"REPORTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

GENERAL

1. Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are frequently received at Canadian Forces bases from various sources. CFHQ is responsible for processing any action required on this reports. Accordingly, UFO reports will be transmitted to CFHQ in accordance with para. 2.

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2. Unclassified priority messages shall be addressed to CANFORCED and the first words in the text shall be "FOR CROC, UFO REPORT". All reports shall include as much of the following information as is obtainable, using the identifying letter indicated:

A Date and time of sighting (GMT)

B Condition of sky (clear, cloudy, haze, etc).

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- C Identification of observer.
- D Location of observer at time of sighting.
- E Identification of other persons also observing the UFO.
- F. Description of sighting (shape, colour, altitude, movement, number of UFOs, etc.)
- G Duration of observation.
- H Any other relevant information."

This form was published by the R.C.A.F. on the 7 OCT 66 and is their most recent instruction. It will be noted that sightings are to be transmitted by telex to Central Forces H.Q., Ottawa. Sqn. Leader BISSKY told me that Central Forces H.Q. assess such reports and should further investigation be required it is then referred to a local R.C.A.F. unit for further enquiries. I have examined the questionnaire that is used by the UFO research organization at the University of Colorado. It is much more extensive than the form currently being used by the R.C.A.F. I feel that the R.C.A.F. report form and the questions thereon are sufficient for a preliminary report and should additional information be required by the R.C.A.F. it would then be turned over to their investigators for further action. In view of the fact that there is not any policy in our Operational Manual pertaining to UFO sightings, the foregoing has been included for whatever value it may be, in this regard.

10. MICHALAK has been back to work since Monday, June 5th after being away from work for two weeks. He is regaining his normal health and is regaining the weight he lost during the period when he was sick. I have not been in contact with him for the past couple of weeks, however Sqn. Leader BISSKY has and has been informed by MICHALAK that he is still interested in going down and finding the alleged landing place. Our file is being concluded and will be re-opened in the event MICHALAK is successful in locating the landing place. In such place, I would be prepared to go to Falcon Lake and conduct whatever enquiries are necessary in conjunction with the R.C.A.F. personnel.

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