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1. On Tuesday morning, 23 MAY 67, Insp. R.J. ROSS, Asst. C.I.B. Officer instructed that we make enquiries to attempt to determine the authenticity of a report given by MICHALAK regarding his sighting two unidentified flying objects near Falcon Beach, Man. He claimed to have seen these objects on Saturday, 20 MAY 67 while prospecting in an area north of Falcon Beach. Falcon Beach Det. had advised the Duty N.C.O. over the weekend of 20/22 MAY 67 that they had received a report from MICHALAK advising of his sighting the unidentified flying objects and the first member MICHALAK approached was Cst. SOLOTKI of Falcon Beach Highway Patrol. Prior to speaking with MICHALAK I telephoned Cst. SOLOTKI to get his version of his encounter with MICHALAK. He said that MICHALAK had flagged him down on the highway about 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. This was on Trans-Canada Highway No. 1, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Falcon Beach entrance. MICHALAK seemed excited and told SOLOTKI he had seen two space ships and that they glowed red and were rotating when he had seen them. He said that he had touched one and got burned. He said he had burned his hat and shirt and when asked by SOLOTKI to show him the shirt he refused saying he didn't want any publicity. SOLOTKI felt that MICHALAK appeared as though he had been on a drunk and was suffering from a hangover. His eyes were red and he acted in a very irrational manner. Anytime SOLOTKI attempted to get near him MICHALAK backed away and would seem unco-operative. He claimed to be in the area prospecting but he had no camping equipment with him only a briefcase similar to the issue Government briefcases. He had no vehicle with him and stated that he came out by bus on Friday and subsequently after speaking to SOLOTKI he returned to Winnipeg by bus late Saturday evening. He told SOLOTKI that he had his burned shirt in his briefcase but he would not show it to Cst. SOLOTKI. He said that he saw the two space ships about 2 miles north of the Trans-Canada Highway but he would not show where he had seen them, again saying that he didn't want any publicity. Cst. SOLOTKI said that he did show him the marks on his chest and they looked like marks that were caused by rubbing ash onto the skin. SOLOTKI said he could see a burn on the back of the man's hat but could not see any mark on his head.

2. Cst. ZACHARIAS and I visited MICHALAK's residence at 314 Lindsay Street, Winnipeg 9, Man. We arrived at his residence at about 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 23 MAY 67, and found the subject home and his wife and his 19 year old son, Mark, were both present at the time we spoke to him. Also present when we arrived was an individual by the name of J.B. THOMPSON, of the APRO ORGANIZATION. I have since learned that this represents an Aerial Phenomena Research Organization which apparently is a private organization interested in enquiries into unidentified flying object sightings. Mr. THOMPSON remained a brief time after we arrived and then prior to our interviewing Mr. MICHALAK he departed.

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3. MICHALAK was born in [REDACTED], his birthdate is [REDACTED]. He came to Canada in 1949 after serving some period of time with the U.S. Army in the German occupation. He has been employed for the past six years with the Inland Cement Co., first in Regina, Sask., and transferred with the company to Winnipeg about 2 years ago. He is an industrial mechanic with Inland Cement and enquiries at Inland Cement subsequently have revealed that he is a good and trusted employee. We have made enquiries at the Selkirk Mental Hospital, Brandon Mental Hospital and the Winnipeg Psychiatric Institute to determine whether this subject has any history of mental illness or disorders, and all these enquiries were negative. We have also spoken to persons that he associated with on the Friday before this incident and persons that he associated with in his line of work over the last few years and all consider him mentally stable. None of the people we have interviewed had noted any indication of a pending mental disturbance immediately prior to his going on the prospecting trip last Friday afternoon. During the course of conversation with MICHALAK, in the last three days he told us that the last person he spoke to before going into the bush on his prospecting trip was an employee at the Falcon Motel at Falcon Beach. He said that he had spoken to this person at about 10:30 or 11:00 o'clock on Friday evening while having a cup of coffee in the Falcon Motel Coffee Shop. I have arranged with members of Falcon Beach Detachment to locate and interview this person to further check on MICHALAK's mental condition at that time.

4. We spoke to him for about 2 hours on Tuesday morning and from the outset it was obvious that he was very uncomfortable physically. He said that since he had had this experience at Falcon Beach on Saturday he had been unable to eat anything and anything he tried to eat had made him sick. He claimed to have lost about 13 pounds in the three day interval and also said that his head had ached severely ever since he had come out of the bush at Falcon Beach. He further said that he had a taste in his mouth, a taste that seemed to go through his entire system and the taste was like burned wiring or insulation and this was bothering him a great deal. After arriving back in Winnipeg on Saturday night by bus he had been taken by his son to the Misericordia Hospital Emergency Dept. and had the burns on his abdomen treated. He said that he told the intern that looked after him that the burns had been caused by an aircraft exhaust because he felt that if he told them what really happened he would not be believed and they would think that he had lost his mind. He was not admitted to the hospital, he was treated in the out-patient Emergency Dept. and released. Since the treatment at Misericordia he has been attended by Dr. R. Douglas OATWAY. Dr. OATWAY has an office at Corydon and Lanark in Winnipeg and is the family doctor for the MICHALAK family. Dr. OATWAY has examined him thoroughly and the reason being to try and find out why he has lost his appetite and why he is not able to hold any food that he has tried to take. He has given him medication for his headache and sedatives to try and get him calmed down. MICHALAK showed us the burns on his abdomen and chest and there is a large burn that covers an area approximately 1 foot in diameter. The burn when we saw it on Tuesday was blotchy and with unburned areas inside the burned perimeter area. There was no indication of blistering.

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It resembled an exceptionally severe sunburn in the one spot. MICHALAK was very uncomfortable while we were speaking to him and reminded me of a person that had come out of an epileptic fit. He seemed somewhat bewildered by everything and was not alert. He moved very carefully any time he moved his body and when I asked him about this he said that his head was aching so badly that it pained him to move.

5. We asked him about his encounter at Falcon Beach with our Highway Patrol member and he said he had met our member on the highway immediately after coming out of the bush, he pretty well corroborated the version of what had happened as given by our member. His explanation for not wanting to show our member his shirt was that he was afraid that he had encountered some radio-active object and he did not want to contaminate anyone else. This is the same reason he gave for not wanting anyone to come near him. The reason he gave for not wanting to tell anybody exactly where he had seen these objects in the bush was because he has, or claims to have, a good nickel strike in the area and does not want it to be common knowledge just where he has been prospecting. He told us that he had sent a sample of ore to the International Nickel Co. and it had assayed at a very high nickel content, and he had recovered this ore from the immediate area where he saw these objects. I asked him how the press got hold of the story and he said that when he didn't get any satisfaction from speaking to our member at Falcon Beach he felt he needed medical attention and he phoned the Winnipeg Tribune from Falcon Beach to see if they could do anything for him. He waited for a number of hours after that at Falcon Beach and finally came in by bus later that evening. As I have previously said, after arrival in Winnipeg he was taken by his son to the Misericordia Out-Patient Dept. He related the story of what had happened on this date, 23 MAY 67, but we did not make any recording of what he said at the time. We subsequently spoke to him on Wednesday, 24 MAY 67, and recorded approximately 2 hours of interview with him, regarding the whole incident and his actions immediately before and after the incident. He said that over the years he has seen reports in newspapers and magazines of such sightings and always scoffed at the idea and said that he felt that the person making the report was probably some kind of a crackpot. His big concern was that he now felt that other people would now think the same thing about him. We told him that we were anxious to visit the spot where he had seen these things and he said that he was most anxious to go back himself and immediately he was physically able to go he would be more than willing to go back with us. A condition was that he did not want the area to become publicized for the reasons previously stated.

6. Following our first discussion with MICHALAK on 23 MAY 67, we made arrangements to interview Dr. OATWAY and subsequently spoke to Dr. OATWAY in his office that same afternoon. He confirmed that he had examined MICHALAK and said that he couldn't find anything wrong with him mentally but MICHALAK did give him the impression that he had undergone some kind of a severe ordeal. He had made arrangements to have MICHALAK's undershirt and his burn checked by Dr. GILLIES at the Winnipeg Cancer Research Clinic to determine whether there was any radio-active material in the burn or the undershirt. This had been done by Dr. OATWAY prior to our

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talking to him and had been done on his own without our suggestion. Dr. OATWAY said he had had only one previous encounter with MICHALAK and that was about a year or so before.

He said that during his only other encounter with MICHALAK he had not found any indication of any mental disorder. MICHALAK's undershirt and cap as well as the burned area on his skin have now been checked for radio-activity by the people in the Cancer Research Clinic in Winnipeg and no radio-active material was found.

7. When we first spoke to MICHALAK he produced the undershirt he had been wearing and said that it had been burned in the fire. He told us at this time that his outer shirt had been almost completely destroyed by the flash of flame that hit him from the vehicle he claims to have seen and he tore it off at the scene and left it there. He said that he threw it down on the ground after he took it off and it had started a small patch of moss on fire and he tramped this out and left the shirt at the spot. He put the fire on his undershirt out and put that in his leather briefcase and brought it back with him. Cst. ZACHARIAS and I examined the undershirt and smelled it and it smelled like burned electrical wiring or insulation to both of us. He was wearing a nylon ski-type cap at the time he encountered this object in the bush and was also wearing grinder's goggles to chip rock, to protect his eyes. He had his cap on backwards and the front part of his cap (the part facing the front which would normally be at the back) was melted in a small area, obviously from heat. He was also wearing a pair of yellow plastic gloves which have a cloth interior and are covered with plastic on the outside. Mr. THOMPSON, the APRO man, took one of these gloves, the one which was damaged on the fingers where he claims he touched the vehicle. We did not discover that THOMPSON had this glove until he departed with it and we have not recovered it from him. Mr. MICHALAK claims that two or three fingers on the glove were damaged when he touched the vehicle. His undershirt and his cap are still in the possession of the people at the Manitoba Cancer Research Clinic.

8. We spoke to MICHALAK on Tuesday, Wednesday and also Thursday of this week hoping that he would feel fit to accompany us down to the scene in the Falcon Lake area but his condition did not seem to be improving at all and up until Thursday he had still not taken any solid foods since his experience. At our request Dr. OATWAY examined him again Thursday morning to see if he felt he should make the trip down there and Dr. OATWAY decided at that time he should not go, at least not at this time. In view of this we obtained maps and aerial photographs from the Dept. of Mines and Natural Resources, Surveys Branch and had MICHALAK indicate the approximate area to us where he had seen these objects in the bush. Arrangements were made with the R.C.A.F. through the C.I.B. Officer to fly into the area with a helicopter. Cst. ZACHARIAS and I, with seven members of the R.C.A.F. left Winnipeg at 1:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon, 25 MAY 67 and flew to Falcon Lake and examined the area from the air hoping to find indication of a burn or some marking. We were not successful in finding any indication of a landing spot. We then put down on the Falcon Lake Golf Course and examined the most likely area, in the area indicated by MICHALAK, on foot. During our talk with him

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he had told us of finding an old saw while he was travelling through the bush and placing this saw on top of a rock on his trail on the way in. We were able to find the saw and we were also able to find the shopping bag that he discarded nearby, but we were not able to find the spot he claimed these vehicles landed. We are now going to have to wait until MICHALAK can accompany us on a trip down there to find the area and we have made arrangements with Squadron-Leader BISSKY of the R.C.A.F. to notify him when MICHALAK is prepared to go. The Squadron-Leader is anxious to have his personnel examine the area to determine whether there is any radio-active material present. We were in touch with MICHALAK again this morning, 26 MAY 67 and he still is not able to eat he claims, although he is feeling somewhat better as far as his headache is concerned. I expect that by Monday he will be able to make the trip on foot and we will make another attempt to go in then.

9. Transcribed copies of the interview with MICHALAK are being attached to this report. Squadron-Leader BISSKY had requested that he be supplied with a copy of the transcription of MICHALAK's interview as well as a copy of this report and it is requested that this be attended to from Division H.Q. A further report will be submitted as soon as we have been able to examine the area accompanied by Mr. MICHALAK.

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FORWARDED, 1-6-67, for your information and attention. Please have Cat. Solotki of Falcon Beach Detachment submit a report covering the full details of his encounter with Mr. MICHALAK. You will note that our G.I.S. have requested further enquiries by Falcon Beach Detachment.

DD: 19 JUNE 67G.H. MILLER, Supt.,
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