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The last report on this matter was written on June 26, 1967 and the file is now being re-opened in view of the fact MICHALAK claims to have located the alleged U.F.O. landing place.

2. On the evening of June 26th, I received a telephone call from Sqdn/Ldr Paul BISSKY who advised me that MICHALAK had just contacted him to tell him that he had been to the Falcon Lake area on the weekend of June 24/25 and had found the landing place. He was accompanied by one Gerald HART who he claimed was now a partner of his.

MICHALAK told Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY that he had recovered his shirt remnants and his steel tape from the scene, as well as dirt and moss samples, and had brought them back to Winnipeg. He said that under no circumstances would he take anyone to the scene at this time, until he had filed his mineral claims that he was staking in the area.

3. I would like to point out that MICHALAK'S actions are inconsistent with previous arrangements made with him and previous statements made by him. From the outset of this investigation he pointed out to us that he was concerned about too many people knowing where his claims were and he wanted to confine the knowledge to the R.C.M.P. and R.C.A.P. members who were working on the case. At no time did he indicate any unwillingness to take our members and Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY to the scene and in fact on a number of occasions he told us how anxious he was to do so. The inconsistency occurs in that he was apparently contacted by telephone by HART, whom he claims to have never met personally before the weekend of June 24/25, and he agreed to let HART accompany him on his search for the scene, a search which was ultimately successful. The other point that is irregular is that I made it clear to MICHALAK on more than one occasion, that if he decided to look for the scene on his own and found it, he should not remove evidence, such as the burned shirt and steel tape from the site before our investigators had had the opportunity of conducting our examination at the site. This conversation between MICHALAK and me was in the presence of Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY and 1st. ANDERSON who both verify what was said and heard MICHALAK agree to comply with my request.

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4. Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY wanted to go and see MICHALAK and because I was involved with another matter at the time and unable to personally attend, I contacted Cst. ANDERSON and arranged for him to meet with and accompany Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY. Cst. ANDERSON'S account of the meeting is embodied hereunder:

"During the evening of June 26th, I attended at the home of Steve MICHALAK at 7:30 P.M. with Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY. Upon entering the house MICHALAK immediately wanted to know how the police had found out that he had been out to the scene. He was the exact opposite towards a member as to what he had been previously. He repeated a number of times as to how we had found out he had been out to the site and appeared rather concerned that we should know about his being out there. Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY told him that Cpl. DAVIS had asked him to call us should he be going out again but he denied Cpl. DAVIS ever making this request of him. He was questioned in this respect but still denied having been asked to contact us. After a short while he asked Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY to accompany him down to his cellar but he did not invite this member. He said prior to going downstairs that he had some rocks that he had brought back from there that he wanted to show to Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY. He then brought out a plastic bag containing some dirt and what appeared to be pieces of a green shirt or at least material that had been burned. He also had a steel tape that he said he had brought from the scene and some burned moss. He handed over a small sample of this material, dirt and the tape, to Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY for forwarding to Ottawa, which apparently Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY intended to do the next day. During the interview MICHALAK was very concerned all the while about the police knowing anything and he stated that under no circumstances would he take anyone down there until after his claim was staked and the analyst's reply came back from Ottawa on the rock samples he had brought back from the scene. He said that a person by the name of HART had phoned him the night before he went down to renew his search, and that he had not known this HART before. He said HART drove him to Falcon Beach and got a room in a cottage for him that belonged to a former Crown Attorney. Then he and HART went searching for the scene first thing the next morning (Saturday June 24th). He said that later that evening HART was coming over to see him and they were going to draw up a contract of secrecy between them. Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY and I waited for HART to show up and noted the license number of his car. Upon checking the registered owner I found it belonged to Gerald A.V. HART of Oakview Avenue. MICHALAK had obviously been approached by someone and they had gotten to him with the effect that he was now turned against the police. This was obvious from the outset of the interview. MICHALAK mentioned several times that he would not take anyone down to the area other than HART, his partner. He stated he had not known this HART at all before HART phoned him to go down there".

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5. The Crown Attorney referred to is former Crown Attorney THOMAS of St. Boniface, a man in his mid eighties who has a cottage at Falcon Beach.
6. Cst. ANDERSON was not present when the various exhibits were turned over to Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY by MICHALAK, this was apparently done in the basement. Prior to the meeting with MICHALAK on June 26th, he had been very co-operative and friendly toward the police members involved. I have since asked Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY about his change of attitude and he said MICHALAK told him he was unhappy about the character, personal history and background enquiries I had done on him. This is hard to understand because he was told that we would be doing them and the results of our enquiries were generally quite favourable.
7. Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY told Cst. ANDERSON that he was going to telephone our Supt. MILLER and outline to him what had now happened and MICHALAK'S sudden change in attitude. On the morning of June 27th, Cst. ANDERSON and I briefed Supt. MILLER on the situation and we learned that Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY had been in touch with him that same morning. Supt. MILLER instructed in view of MICHALAK'S attitude toward us and as he had turned over the exhibits to Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY and seemed to prefer to deal with him, we should conclude our part of the investigation and leave any remaining enquiries and contact with MICHALAK to the R.C.A.F. In view of this, our file which had been concluded with my June 26th report, was not re-opened.
8. On 24th July the following telex was received from the Commissioner:
- CIB1291/30 REUR 67D 700-130 U.F.O. Reported by Stefan MICHALAK. Laboratory Tests here indicate earth samples taken from scene highly radio-active. Radiation Protection Div. of Dept. of Health and Welfare concerned that others may be exposed., if travel in area not restricted. Suggest you close off area completely. Radiation Protection Div are sending one Stuart HUNT, Radiation Expert to Winnipeg and will contact Cpl. DAVIS for assistance. Date and time of arrival not known at this time. Suggest you contact Manitoba Dept. of Health and determine what action they have taken this matter. No publicity to be given this matter. Determine whether MICHALAK has been examined medically from radioactive exposure aspect.
- I interpreted this message to mean a reference to some exhibits our investigators had forwarded for examination and lost sight of the fact that the R.C.A.F. per Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY had forwarded same. In view of this, and because of misunderstanding on my part, the following telex, asking for clarification was sent to Ottawa:

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CIB2853 REUR CIB1291/30 We cannot associate sample you tested for radio activity with Stefan MICHALAK'S Case. MICHALAK tested for radio active contamination immediately after alleged sighting with neg results. KA source of material recd and tested by Dept of Health and Welfare Ottawa.

On July 25th Ottawa message CIB 1294/30 was received clarifying the matter:

CIB1294/30 REUR CIB2853. Soil sample, steel tape and burned clothing obtained from Defence Research Board Lab Ottawa 18 Jul 67. Articles apparently forwarded to DRB by S/L BISSKY who recovered them from MICHALAK on 26 Jun 67. Tape also radioactive. Report submitted by S/L BISSKY indicates MICHALAK located alleged scene of landing on 25 Jun when accompanied by one Gerald A.V. HART, 157 Oadview Ave E. Kildona who has cottage in Falcon Lake area. MICHALAK also reported to have photographed scene which showed indications of circle 15' diameter. MICHALAK reportedly interviewed by member this Force at Winnipeg 26 Jun 67 in presence of S/L BISSKY when above info passed on. Department H and W rep will arrive Winnipeg by air 27 Jul 10:30 AM.

9. Following receipt of this last message I contacted Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY who was out of town on holidays, and made him aware of the latest developments. He told me at this time that the soil sample given him by MICHALAK was removed from a large plastic bag and was only a small portion of the soil MICHALAK had, the balance of which was likely contaminated. Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY was somewhat surprised that a reply on the results would not have come to the R.C.A.F. Winnipeg, who would have immediately known what was involved as they had sent the exhibits in. When advised of the forthcoming arrival from Ottawa of Stuart HUNT, Sqdn/Ldr BISSKY cut short his holidays and returned to Winnipeg to assist in the investigation.

10. As the area was far removed from the highway and it was very unlikely the general public would wander into the area, and of course with us still unaware of the exact location, we did not feel precautions such as sealing the area off were warranted. And also, as Mr. HUNT was to arrive in Winnipeg on July 27th and due to MICHALAK'S voiced hostility toward us and his previous reluctance to take us into the area, we felt it would be better to await the arrival of Mr. HUNT to approach him. It was our opinion that Mr. HUNT would be in a better position to apprise him of the potential gravity of the situation and as it was over two months since MICHALAK had had his alleged encounter, an additional delay of two days would matter little.

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11. During my enquiries on July 26th, I learned that Barry THOMPSON of the APRO Organization had been taken to the scene by MICHALAK on July 17th and that he had obtained soil samples and samples of the burned outer shirt from MICHALAK which he had sent to his Headquarters at Tucson, Arizona. I contacted THOMPSON and discussed the matter with him. In view of MICHALAK's previous attitude and the possibility he would still refuse to take us to the place, arrangements were made with THOMPSON for him to take Cst. ZACHARIAS to the area on the afternoon of July 27th. If MICHALAK still refused to co-operate we would then have a way of getting to the area without his assistance. This trip was made on July 27th by THOMPSON and Cst. ZACHARIAS.

12. Stuart HUNT, Dept. of Health and Welfare, Ottawa, arrived in Winnipeg during the morning of July 27th. He will be submitting a report on his work on this case, copies of which will be supplied to us, however, highlights of the parts of the investigation he was involved in will be given here. A meeting was held in Supt. SHANK's office at 1.30 P.M. July 27th. Present were Mr. HUNT, S/L BISSKY, Dave THOMPSON and a Mr. RENDALL, Manitoba Govt. Dept. of Health and Welfare and myself. Mr. HUNT advised that a radioactive material burial ground was located near East Braintree, Manitoba and he wanted to check this scene to ensure it hadn't been disturbed. It was agreed that HUNT, THOMPSON, BISSKY and I would visit MICHALAK and solicit his cooperation in going to the scene.

13. We contacted MICHALAK on the evening of July 27th at his home at which time Mr. HUNT explained the laboratory findings and the potential seriousness of the matter. MICHALAK was very courteous and appeared completely cooperative in every respect. He agreed to take us to the site and later that evening I contacted the regional manager of Inland Cement to arrange for him to get the following day (Aug 28) off in order that the trip could be made other than on a weekend, to avoid a large crowd at the Falcon Lake resort area. HUNT checked MICHALAK's home with radiation detection equipment and located the remainder of the soil allegedly removed from the scene, same was radioactive. There was no other radioactive material in the house and the house was not contaminated.

14. Cst. ZACHARIAS and I picked MICHALAK up at 9 A.M. on July 28th and proceeded to Falcon Lake where we were met by S/L BISSKY and three other R.C.A.F. members, as well as Mr. HUNT and Mr. THOMPSON. During our association with MICHALAK on July 27th and July 28th he showed no hostility whatever toward ZACHARIAS or I. On the contrary we thought he was very friendly and outgoing with us. This apparently was a complete reversal from the way he had been on June 26th when seen by S/L BISSKY and Cst. ANDERSON.

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15. The ground party, led by MICHALAK, walked to the scene during the afternoon. It was found to be within the area previously searched and in fact, was only about 40 or 50 yards from a large rock where Cst. ANDERSON, MICHALAK and I had been during the unsuccessful search on June 1st. We sat on the rock and drank tins of soft drinks dropped from the helicopter but were not in a position to view the alleged UFO landing scene due to heavy trees and brush in a ravine between. MICHALAK said that he felt the main reason he could not find the right place during his previous attempts was because too many people were involved and were suggesting various places for him to look at. He said that he felt that if he had been left to look and follow the rock formations on his own without interference from others he would have found it earlier. The scene was approximately one mile from a gravel pit where we parked our cars and would be about 2½ miles due north of the Trans-Canada Highway at Falcon Beach.

16. The actual scene somewhat resembled that sketched for us by MICHALAK but was considerably smaller and not as open as we had been given to believe. Also, it did not have an opening to the south west as MICHALAK had said and for these reasons was not considered a likely spot during the earlier helicopter search. There was no evidence left at the scene except a semi-circle on the rock face measuring approximately 15 ft. in diameter where the moss had been somehow removed. About the southern one third of the outline is missing due to a depression in the rock at that point but the remainder of the circle can be clearly seen. MICHALAK pointed to a spot void of moss near the circle where he claims he stood when he touched the UFO and where he dropped his burning outer shirt. A very close examination of this spot was made in the hope we could find a piece of the shirt but this was not successful. When MICHALAK and HART gathered it up on June 25th they obviously must have got it all if it had been there at one time. He showed us the rock he was chipping when the sighting occurred, same is about 200 feet from the alleged landing spot, approximately straight south of it. MICHALAK pointed out the opening through the trees through which the vehicle supposedly came and left and it was 020° north northeast of the landing spot. This is a sharp conflict from his earlier statements where he said he took a compass reading after the vehicle left and it was exactly 255° south south-west, reference page 5 of his interview embodied in my May 26th report. When asked about this large discrepancy he merely said he must have made a mistake, that's all.

17. I neglected to say that prior to going to the Falcon Lake scene Mr. HUNT checked the burial ground at East Braintree and it had not been disturbed.

18. Mr. HUNT found traces of radiation in a fault in the rock across the centre of the landing spot. No trace of radiation was found around the outer perimeter of the circle nor in the moss

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or grass below the raised portion of the rock, only in the crack which contained soil made up of vegetation decay. Samples of this material were removed by Mr. HUNT. He said that in view of the small quantity of soil contaminated there was no danger to humans travelling over the area. The radioactive material found was radium 226 which has wide commercial use but is also discharged as waste from a nuclear reactor, Mr. HUNT said.

19. I took 13 colour photos of the scene and various points around same. These have been developed into slides and have been given to Mr. Allan CORRIGAN of our Ottawa Laboratory for transmission to the colour photography section at Headquarters to be developed into prints. Some of these photos clearly show the outline of the circle. We carefully examined the circle and there is no indication that the moss had been removed by brushing or raking it off but the possibility could not be ruled out completely of course.

20. Our investigation at the scene was terminated and we returned to Winnipeg, leaving MICHALAK at Falcon Lake where he was going to spend the weekend working on his claims. During the time we were in the bush he pointed out some of his claim markers and they engross the area of the alleged UFO landing site. He claims to have two other partners who are working with him apart from HART. The other two are supposed to be engineers from Winnipeg, one of whom is apparently a qualified surveyor. MICHALAK did not name these individuals but said they were to meet him down there on Saturday morning July 29th.

21. Since returning from the scene I have been contacted by Mr. HUNT to advise me that a preliminary laboratory examination of the material he recovered from the scene indicated it might contain luminous paint with radium 226 as one of its properties. He will not be able to confirm this without further study and his final findings will be made known to us. Since that finding he has examined the home of HART and also HART's office, as well as Barry THOMPSON's home but no radioactive material was found at any of these places. I have discussed the possibility of it being luminous paint with Mr. CORRIGAN of our laboratory and he told me he doubts it would be luminous paint containing radium 226 as this material is rare and no longer used on clock and watch dials as it formerly was.

22. There remain a number of discrepancies in MICHALAK'S story that cannot be explained, such as a conflict between he and the motel bar operator at Falcon Beach regarding his alleged consumption of about 5 bottles of beer which he flatly denies; his seeming lack of knowledge of the area and aimless wandering during early searches; the large error in flight direction of the UFO in spite of him saying he took an accurate compass reading, and his willingness to take up with a complete stranger (Gerald HART) after telling us frequently that he didn't want outsiders or strangers to know where his claims were.

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[REDACTED] And the largest discrepancy as far as I am concerned is him removing all the evidence (steel tape, shirt remnants, etc.) from the scene after being explicitly asked not to do so and his denial of ever having been so asked. On the other hand, there are certain facts that cannot be denied and cannot be accounted for or explained away. These include his illness, headache and loss of weight during a two week period immediately after the alleged sighting; a fluctuation in his blood cell count that occurred at the same time; the burns to his chest, abdomen and clothing as well as the circle on the rock where he alleges the UFO landed. Our investigation has not been able to resolve any of those points mentioned and we have not been able to account for the inconsistent actions of MICHALAK.

23. Pending receipt of the report on radiation analysis from the Federal Department of Health and Welfare Radiation Protection Division (Stuart HUNT) and any new disclosures his investigation might make, our file is being terminated. It is requested that the RCAF (per S/L BISSKY) be supplied a copy of this report. Copies of the coloured photographs taken at the scene will be forwarded when they are received from Headquarters Identification Section.

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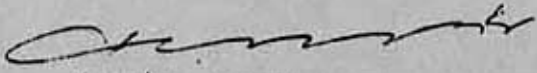

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The Commissioner

Forwarded 16 Aug 67 for your information. This investigation was made pursuant to your Telex CIB1291/30 and CIB1294/30.

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(I.C. SHANK) Supt.,
Officer i/c C.I.B.


(S.J. Davis) #18300.
Winnipeg C.I.S.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE


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Following receipt of "D" Division telex CIB 2843, I contacted Mr. A.R. CORRIGAN of the Ottawa Lab to determine how they came into possession of the soil sample. He mentioned that the sample had apparently been forwarded with certain articles of Michalak's clothing and a steel tape to the Defence Research Board, Defence Chemical Biological and Radiation Lab in Ottawa. It was forwarded on to our Ottawa Lab and a covering letter from Mr. C.E. Hubley of DRB on 18 JUL 67. ¹⁻¹

2. Mr. Corrigan referred to a report marked "addendum" submitted S/L Bissky which indicated that Michalak, along with one Gerald A.V. Hart, 157 Oakview Avenue, East Kildona, Man. had obtained the soil sample during a visit to the scene on Sunday, 25 JUN 67. According to this report Michalak and Hart recovered the steel tape referred to by Michalak along with some burned clothing and obtained soil samples which were turned over to S/L Bissky. Michalak also referred to finding a burned circle 15' in diameter and had taken photographs of this site which he intended to pass on to S/L Bissky.

3. The report went on to mention that Michalak was interviewed by a member of this Force at Winnipeg in the presence of S/L Bissky on 26 JUN 67 at 19:30 hours at which time the above information was made known to this Force.

4. With regard to the Departmental official travelling to Winnipeg to investigate this matter, this person is scheduled to arrive by air at Winnipeg on 27 JUL 67 at 10:30 am and will contact this Force on arrival.


L.H. Winters, S/Sgt.

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At 3:25 pm on 24 JUL 67, I received a telephone call from S/Insp. Hedrick of the Ottawa Crime Detection Laboratory in reference to the reported citing of two UFOs by Stefan MICHALAK in the Falcon Lake area of Manitoba on 20 MAY 67. S/Insp. Hedrick stated that the Lab had received exhibits in this matter from the Defence Research Board including a sample of earth. The exhibits were then taken over to the Radiation Protection Division, Department of Health and Welfare who discovered that the earth sampling was highly radioactive containing .3 micro-curries of radiation. He stated that the Department of National Health and Welfare were concerned over the possibility that others may be contaminated from this same source and that they intended to send a radiation expert out to Winnipeg to investigate this matter. Apparently the thinking at the Radiation Protection Division is that there is a possibility that at one time the Manitoba Cancer Clinic may have disposed of some radioactive material in that area, possibly MICHALAK has come across this, in which event he could be in rather bad shape.

2. The main concern of the Department of National Health and Welfare is that they did not want the public alarmed but wished to have the area suitably protected to prevent access by the general public.

3. S/Insp. Hedrick stated that he was not fully conversant with the investigation which our Force had conducted in this matter, but thought that perhaps a telex should be dispatched to "D" Division, informing them of the recent findings and closing off the area concerned to the general public. The question of making reference to the possibility that the Manitoba Cancer Clinic may have disposed of radioactive material in this area was discussed with S/Insp. Hedrick and he considered it advisable to omit this from the telex and leave this aspect to the Departmental investigator.

4. S/Insp. Hedrick phoned back shortly after to advise that the name of the departmental representative who would be proceeding to Winnipeg is Stuart Hunt and he would be advised to contact our investigator, Cpl. Davis at Winnipeg on arrival. His exact date and time of arrival had not been fixed.



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