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RE: **Walter WEBSTER - Complaint of Unidentified Object (Flying)**
OBJET: **Prince George, B.C. 1 JAN 69 ORGANIZED.**

1 JAN 69

1. At 7:30 P.M., Mr. Walter WEBSTER, Salesman, Biteo, residence 1120 Dahl Street, Prince George, B.C. called this office advising that he had observed an unidentified flying object. WEBSTER stated that this sighting occurred between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., Pacific Standard Time. WEBSTER advised that he was enroute to his residence and was travelling on Fifth Avenue, in the vicinity of Alward and Burden Streets, City of Prince George when he made the sighting. He stated that he was so astonished with what he had observed that he pulled into the Fifth Avenue Shell Service Station and drew his observation to the attention of one Donald COOK, Service Station attendant and a customer, Grant MAGNUSON. COOK and MAGNUSON are both residents of Prince George, B.C.

2. The object was described by WEBSTER as follows: One eighth the size of the moon, yellowish orange in colour with a glow around same. The object appeared to have a square attachment fastened to the bottom. The top portion of the sphere had diagonal straps across it. The object showed a radiant light and at times appeared very bright. It appeared to move and gain altitude. The altitude was estimated roughly at between 2,000 and 10,000 feet. The object gave no audible sound. The duration of the sighting was between one and one half hours.

3. COOK and MAGNUSON agreed with the description except that they did not observe the attachment on the bottom of the object.

4. Mr. WEBSTER advised his wife, Arlene, and his brother, Mr. Ernest WEBSTER of his observation. Mrs. WEBSTER advised that when she observed the object just before 6:00 P.M., it appeared dull and could not make out any pattern. She advised that it appeared to be very bright and then would get dim.

5. Mr. Ernest WEBSTER, Assistant Manager, Civic Properties Commission, City of Prince George, residing at 582 Radcliff Drive, Prince George advised that he viewed the object through binoculars. He stated that it was at such a distance that he could only observe a radiant orange glow. He further advised that the object would disappear and then re-appear much fainter. Ernest WEBSTER and family observed the object for approximately one half hour, between the hours of 6:30 and 7:00 P.M., Pacific Standard Time.

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6. Further reports of the sighting on 1 JAN 69 were received from the following people. Mr. Geoff RICHMOND, Postal Clerk, 309 - 211 North Ospika Blvd., Prince George, B.C., accompanied by his wife and three teenage children, observed an object while travelling on Fifth Avenue near Carney Street. RICHMOND described the object as about 1/20th the size of the moon, spherical shape and had an orange glow to it. RICHMOND advised that he only observed the object for a couple of minutes as he was driving his automobile. The sighting was made at approximately 5:30 P.M.

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APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M., Pacific Standard Time.

7. Mr. and Mrs. Victor IMHOFF, Mill Wright, Netherlands Overseas, residing at 1001 Johnson Street, Prince George, B.C. advised that they had also observed a flying object at approximately 5:15 P.M., 1 JAN 69. Mr. IMHOFF advised that they were enroute to their residence on Johnson Street via taxi when the sighting was made. He advised that they were travelling on Fifth Avenue near Watrous Street when it was first sighted. He advised that they made a left turn on Carney. He described the object as about 3 or 4 feet in diameter and was approximately 200 feet off the ground. The object appeared to be a dull orange colour.

8. Mr. Frank KERBRAT, Officer in Charge, Department of Transport, Radio Sonde Branch, Prince George Airport, was contacted in this regard. Mr. KERBRAT advised that they had a floating balloon come down in this area on the 1st of January.

9. Further reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects were received from the following people. Dates of sighting are in brackets. Mr. William McLEDD (3 JAN 69); Mr. KOMAS (4 JAN 69) and Mr. Martin PEARSON (5 JAN 69). All above noted persons are residents of Prince George.

10. In accordance with Operational Manual, CO-AIR, Paragraph 6, Telex PGC 8 was dispatched to Prince George Sub Division.

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11. This date, information was obtained that an object had landed in the back yard of Mr. William DOW, 730 Burden Street, Prince George, B.C. A patrol was made to the noted address and Mr. DOW interviewed. DOW advised that the object come down at approximately 12:30 A.M., 4 JAN 69. The object was a plastic laundry bag, with one end held open with circular construction on drinking straws. A cross formed in the centre made out of straws had a number of birthday candles held to it with the use of straight pins. The top end of the bag was made secure by taping it with Scotch Tape. With the permission of Mr. DOW, the object was taken to the Prince George Identification Section Office where it was photographed and then returned to Mr. DOW. Copies of the photograph are attached.

12. It is understood by the writer that this object operates on the following principle. The bag, after constructed, is held up and the candles lighted. The hot air created by the candles causes the bag to lift and float.

13. It is felt that the object sighted could have been one of these plastic laundry bags or a floating balloon. The object observed by WEBSTER was the same object as that observed by COOK, MAGNUSON, Mr. RICHMOND and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Victor IMHOFF. As the vicinity of the sighting were all on Fifth Avenue near the streets from Watrous to Carney, it is felt that the object was probably one of these plastic laundry bags. It is felt by the writer that with the vicinity of the sightings and the landing of this plastic bag this is probably what was observed, and probably the work of ingenious children.

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14. No further action is contemplated at this time.

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Cst.
(D.J. MARYKUCA) #22584
Prince George City Det.

(C.F. ENGLISH) S/Sgt.,
i/c Detachment

CO "E" DIVISION

10-2-69: FORWARDED for your information together with photographs of a makeshift hot air balloon. Extra copies attached for Headquarters, Ottawa.

CONCLUDED HERE:

(C. S. McArthur) Inspector
O. C. Prince George Subdiv.

