

OCSA'S

Sky Canada Project

Who is compiling and analyzing
UAP observations made by Canadians?

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Definition and objectives

- **UAP:** Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon
- **Sky Canada:** To enquire how UAP reporting is managed in Canada and recommend improvements if necessary.
- **Objectives:**
 - Identify the key Canadian players and how they deal with UAP observations.
 - Compare the Canadian approach with some G7 countries' systems.
 - Prepare for potential collaboration with current U.S. initiatives on UAPs.

Clarifications: Sky Canada is not...

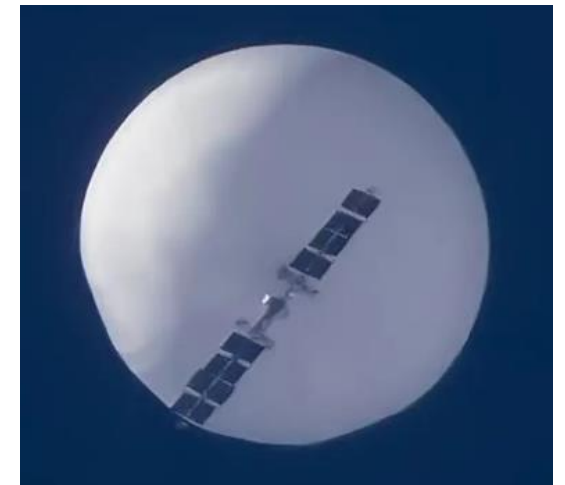
- It is **not** meant to access and collect first-hand data (like photos, minutes, etc.).
- It is **not** meant to transform the Office of the Chief Science Advisor of Canada (OCSA) as the main point of contact for Canadians wanting to report observations.
- It is **not** meant to prove or deny the existence of extraterrestrial life or extraterrestrial visitors.

Motivation

- **Support citizen science:** collect observations to document rare natural phenomena.
- **Respond to an official request:** Mr. Larry Maguire, Member of Parliament, publicly asked the Chief Science Advisor in 2022 to undertake a comprehensive study on UAPs in Canada.
- **More transparency:** give access to collected information to prevent conspiracy theories.
- **National security:** support surveillance activities within Canadian territory to prevent undetected intrusions.
- **Prepare for collaboration:** proactively review and describe the Canadian approach to discuss best practices with the U.S.

In the media recently

- **December 2017:** an article from the *New York Times* about an incident in 2004.
- **Three videos:** declassified by the Pentagon in 2020.
- **MP Larry Maguire:** asks questions about UAPs in the House of Commons and generates media attention.
- **February 2023:** four unauthorized flying objects shut down by NORAD air forces.



Recent U.S. initiatives

- **Creation in 2022 of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO):** to synchronize efforts across U.S. federal departments to detect and identify objects of interest in or near military installations.
- **NASA UAP Study:** a nine-month study started in October 2022 to examine how UAP data is reported and collected by civilian, commercial and other organizations.
- **Galileo Project at Harvard University:** started in 2021 to bring the search for signatures of extraterrestrial technological civilizations to the mainstream through transparent, validated and systematic scientific research.

How can you help?

- **Share your organization's experience**
 - Answer a short series of questions (see next slide)
- **Propose ideas to improve the Canadian approach**
 - Where should witnesses report their observations?
- **Offer your expertise to enhance capacity of identification**
 - Do you have equipment that collects information on activities in the sky?
 - Do you have highly qualified personnel that could support interpretation efforts?

Basic information needed

- How many UAP observations are reported in Canada each year?
- Where are UAP observations reported in Canada? Whom are witnesses contacting?
- When reporting, what information is provided / requested?
- What is done with collected information?
- Is there a follow-up with individuals reporting observations?
- Was there a different approach in the past? (historical perspective)
- Any suggestions to improve data collection and analysis?

Timeline

- **November 2022: start of the project**
- **Winter/spring 2023: collecting information**
- **Fall 2023: draft report for internal discussion**
- **Winter/spring 2024: final report (made public)**