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INFORMATION PAPER

ON

NORAD UAP RESPONSE SINCE JANUARY 2023

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF). Since January 2023 NORAD has tracked three Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)

BACKGROUND. Order Paper Questions (OPQ) are requests for information submitted by individual Members of Parliament. The final responses are signed by the Minister of National Defence and tabled in Parliament within 45 calendar days, which is a legislated deadline. A response is required within that deadline with no possibility of additional submissions. As such, Members of Parliament are only entitled to the information that can be accessed and processed within that time frame.

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) receives OPQs on a daily basis, focused primarily on government spending. These OPQs rarely focus on operational matters, including NORAD operations.

The purpose of this paper is to provide NORAD's response to the questions (Q-3227) on UAP. This information will ultimately be provided to the Directorate of Parliamentary Affairs for further coordination, as well as collation with other input from across the CAF.

This staffing processes through the Foreign Disclosure Office confirms the releasability of this bi-national NORAD information to the Canadian Parliament.

DISCUSSION.

1. How many UAP have the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) or the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) noted, tracked, or reported since January 1, 2023;

- Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Definition – Sources of anomalous detection in one or more domain (i.e. airborne, seaborne, and/or trans-medium) that are not yet attributable to known actors and that demonstrate behaviors not readily understood by sensors and observers. “Anomalous detections” include but are not limited to phenomena that demonstrate apparent capabilities or material that exceed known performance envelopes. A UAP may consist of one or more unidentified anomalous objects and may persist over an extended period of time. Unknown aerial phenomena not meeting the specific criteria in this paragraph will be reported by NORAD regions as “Unknown Tracks (UT)” IAW with NORAD Special Instructions (SPINS).

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- Reporting on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) can be undertaken at multiple levels, including at local and national levels, through organizations internal and external to the Government of Canada.
 - NORAD has tracked and reported three Unknown Tracks (UT) classified as UAPs since 01 Jan 2023.
 - NORAD has also detected numerous additional unknown tracks with none being identified as anomalous.
2. How many of the incidents in (a) elicited a military or similar response (e.g. a scramble)
- All 3 of the above mentioned UAP events required a military response
3. How many cases since January 1, 2023, were not identified or found to be anomalous;
- Other than the aforementioned events; there have been no tracks that have been identified by NORAD as UAPs.
4. What are the details of all UAP cases since January 1, 2023, that resulted in a response or were not identified, including, for each, the (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) description
- NORAD tactically engaged 3 UAPs
 - 10 Feb 2023: UAP shot down on North slope of Alaska
 - 11 Feb 2023: UAP shot down over Yukon
 - 12 Feb 2023: UAP Shot down over Lake Huron with debris falling into Canadian waters
5. Was there a follow-up investigation into the object shot down over the Yukon in February 2023, referred to by NORAD and the RCAF as “UAP 23”, and, if so, what were the findings of the investigation?
- The UAP 23 recovery effort was led by Public Safety Canada (PS) as the Lead Federal Agency with DND conducting operations.
 - As NORAD did not conduct this search and investigation, NORAD recommends that Parliamentary Affairs coordinate with SJS and PS to release associated information.