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Dear Grant:

I was very surprised and pleased to receive your letter of Jan. 6/88. I moved to Kenora July 1 1979 and as result broke a number of connections to Winnipeg. Just about a month ago I learned of the new address of an acquaintance that had retired and moved to Penticton B.C. and a month earlier had heard about a former Ham radio acquaintance that I had broken off with about 35 years ago. I'm very happy to meet up again.

I'm not active in following up UFO incidents like I used to be although I've done a bit. In 1985 July, I took a trip to visit a friend at Wolsely Sask. and while enroute went to Langenburg to visit the site of the Sept. 8 1974 incident involving Edwin Fuhr. Edwin was not home at the time so I went next door about a quarter mile away which is the residence of his brother William I think. That particular UFO incident was still very much on their minds at that time. William had indicated that there had been hundreds of people visiting their farms at that time and dozens of researchers from all parts of the continent.

The JAL sighting over central Alaska Nov. 17 1986 and Jan. 11 1987 caused quite a stir that has as yet not been solved to my knowledge. I've been intending for the last several years to go back and talk to Steve Michalak about the Falcon Lake incident in 1967, May 20. There was a follow up article about him in the Wpg Free Press Dec. 6, 1975 but I've never heard the final chapter about that incident either and I've heard that Steve is now living in retirement on Lindsay Ave in Winnipeg. I'll look him up some day.

I've actually given up on ever seeing a logical and positive conclusion to the UFO phenomenon. Too many hundreds of very well qualified researchers have tried without producing tangible results. I was quite amazed to see Roy Bonisteel's program Man O Live recently on the subject of UFO contactees and this was the second time it was shown. The first I think was in April 1987 where several people stated publicly that they had in fact been examined by UFO occupants!! I don't know what to make of it. In spite of the so called eye witness reports the phenomena cannot be reproduced at will and there is no solid evidence.

Regarding Bob Devlin, I think he has moved to the Edmonton area and I suppose he is still there. I never heard from him again after he retired. The memory of his remarks about Wilbur Smith has faded. I don't recall to what extent that he worked with Wilbur or was aware of him. Lou Colpitts was the one who made more specific reference to Wilbur. Lou used to work at the Ottawa Ionosphere station where Wilbur had his gravity detection equipment set up and was aware that some unusual alarms had been set off but again I can only vaguely recall that stuff. I also recall that either Bob or Lou had mentioned that Wilbur was at the Parliament buildings from time to time while trying to attract the attention of politicians to the strange phenomena that he was observing and he did I think gain some support for having a serious look at it at that time.

Regarding the northern Sask. incident, yes I was aware of the U-2 crash in about 1959 and I was working at Saskatoon at that time and I got my information from airtraffic controllers Clare Fife, Bruce..... Bilingsley who I think are still in the Saskatoon area. I just now spoke to a fellow technician that was there at the time as well and he says that the U-2 according to airtraffic controllers was enroute from somewhere up north to Minot ND and that his flight followers in Minot decided that at some point up north that the aircraft was too low to continue to Minot and so ditched in northern Sask. I think that the U-2 had actually flamed out. I can't recall Bernie's name. I never had any reason to believe that it was anything other than a U-2. A great deal of information has been published about the U-2s and their type of performance and operation since those days. I've read several aviation magazines several years ago containing a lot of detail. I understand that several better performance versions of the U-2 have been built and that they are still active world wide despite the parallel use of satellites. A friend of mine in Winnipeg visited the weather satellite photostorage site near Rapid City SD which is open to public tours and there as shown some U-2 photos taken of the streets of Moscow as well as the usual Landsat satellite photos and their capability to analyze the photos in great detail.

That's about all I have on the subject. My latest hobby is trying to get back into Ham Radio. I'm looking for second hand H.F. Ham band transmitter of about 100 watts for CW use only. I used to be an active Ham from 1949 to about 1967 and then dropped the hobby. My how the technology has changed since then! I have Comtex Clone computer which is equivalent to the IBM XT which I get a kick out of. And of course I've got a number of good quality programs which I obtained from a computer store bankruptcy sale in Dryden Ont. Three of the techs here got together and bought out a large portion of the left over software. I don't have a modem as yet though in order to keep the longdistance telephone bills down.

I'm also into the hobby of trying to grow backyard fruits. My boss has a three acre lot in the country on Lock Bay, lots of space for trees so I'm planning to do some experimenting. I've visited the Morden Research station a few times in the past and last summer at the corn and apple festival and I'm in the process of

gathering information from various sources on the art of propagating apple trees. I just received a lengthy document from the so called East Malling Research station in Kent England on the subject of hardwood cuttings and also from the Ontario Govt Dept. of Agriculture and Food concerning commercial orchard practice. No I'm not going commercial. Hi.

Yours sincerely

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