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This is an interview with Stefan MICHALAK, Taken at his residence at 314 Lindsay Street, Winnipeg, on May 24th, 1967, commencing at 1:45 p.m. It concerns his sighting on Saturday of an unidentified flying object near Falcon Beach, Manitoba.

DAVIS: Steve, tell us what you did on Friday prior to the trip to Falcon Beach on Saturday.

MICHALAK: Well, in the morning I went to work at the Inland Cement Company and at 3:30 I punched out because I was already preparing myself from last year to continue my geological studies of the terrain. I am looking for special spots there which absorb my interest

DAVIS: This is down in the Falcon Beach area?

M - Yes, this is it.

D - What do you do with Inland Cement?

M.- I'm working as industrial mechanic.

D - How long have you been with them Steve?

M - I've been with them for 6 or 7 years.

D.- Were you born in Canada?

M - No, I came to Canada in 1949 after discharging from the United States Army Occupation Troops.

D - Where were you born, Steve?

M - I was born in Poland.

D - You have been studying geology for some time, and prospecting as a sideline?

M.- Yes, I went to Saskatchewan and to prospecting school at La Ronge and started a study on my own and I continue this. I like it, the land and the terrain and I continue it.

D - Okay, now you left work early on Friday afternoon and the purpose was to catch the bus down to Falcon Beach.

M - Yes.

D - And then tell me just what happened after you left work on Friday, after you left your job at Inland Cement.

M - Well, I came home to get ready, my wife made my lunch, my son took me to the bus.

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- D - Did your wife make a lunch for you to use the next day or for that night or for what?
- M - Well, she made the lunch for the next day. There was nothing to be spoiled.
- D - What did she make for you?
- M - I took some sausage and some cheese and some apples, some buns, some oranges.
- D - Did anything need any cooking at all that you needed a fire for?
- M - No. You see, I was going only for one day.
- D - What other equipment, or what other articles did you take beside your lunch?
- M - I took with me beside the lunch, I take a magnet, I take raw porcelain bricks for checking ? , an axe, hammer.
- D - What are they?
- M - Raw porcelain, raw polished porcelain to check the formation for streak and colour. I had this and I took a magnet, compass, I took gloves, goggles, hatchett, chipping hammer, books and my notes.
- D - I see, the same stuff that any person prospecting would take.
- M - Yes, normal for simple prospecting checking.
- D - And that's all, eh?
- M - Yes.
- D - And the clothing that you had with you?
- M - And the clothing I had on.
- D - Now how did you get to the bus?
- M - My son drove me to the bus, it was 7:15 I think from Winnipeg and I came about 9:30 - 10:00, 9:30 I think to Falcon Beach, something like that.
- D - And then what did you do?
- M - Then I checked into the room, I had room number 13 I think.
- D - That's on the motel on the highway, eh?
- M - Yes, that motel.
- D - And what did you do after you checked in?

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M - After I checked in I studied my books for an hour, an hour and a half, then I went for coffee.

D - In the coffee shop in the motel?

M - In the motel, yes, and I talked to one gentleman for a little short time. I asked him if he has seen lately any geologists working around here. Well, he says they always do and it was very few words.

D - Was this the man from the motel, do you know? Or was it a visitor?

M - Well, he was behind the counter so he must be the man from the motel.

D - I see, and then following that?

M - Following that I went to bed.

D - What time would you have gone to bed?

M - Well, I still checked my equipment that I have and then I went to bed.

D - Did you have anything to drink at all that night?

M - No, no, I didn't.

D - No alcoholic beverages at all?

M - No.

D - All right, what time do you think it would be that you got to bed then?

M - I went to bed, it was about 10:30 something like that.

D - I see. Did you get up on your own the next morning or did they call you or what?

M - I get up on my own. It was exactly 5:30 when I got up.

D - And what did you do from that point?

M - Well, I have a little lunch in the hotel room.

D - That you brought with you?

M - Yes, then I left the hotel. I left the key on the desk and I went to the bush.

D - Where did you go from the hotel. Did you walk up the highway or did you go straight in the bush?

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- M - No, I walk and the farthest I go is up to that booth where they are checking cars and then I turn north.
- D - North off the highway?
- M - Yes, off the highway.
- D - All right tell us just what happened. Nothing happened at all, I gather on the way in, eh?
- M - Nothing happened. I checked a few quartz veins there which I spotted and do a little opening of moss and so on.
- D - The area is familiar to you Steve, you've been in there before?
- M - I was last year in a little bit different place, same area, yes, the same general area. I was last year there.
- D - But not since last year, is this your first time down there this year?
- M - Yes, because the weather wasn't fit. The weather wasn't good at all so now the weather fit so I thought I would go and check. I am going to stick there. I can show my book, my geological book, the geology of Manitoba, exactly where I was going. This is one I took, I can only show you for your own knowledge, where I am going.
- D - Okay, fine. Now after you started in you kept going to the spot you had in mind, eh?
- M - I didn't even waste time. I just reached the spot I was going.
- D - You told me yesterday about running into a family of geese in there. Just what happened?
- M - Well, when they see you first they start making noise. The female she starts making noise. Then the gander comes too, and they look at you. They are very suspicious and they look at you. But after they get quiet. I find some veins there, coarse veins and I start.
- D - You were working quite close to where they were, eh?
- M - Yes, well, I say 150 - 200 feet. There is a bank of rock, like a small ? and it was of my interest.
- D - On your way in you would have been sort of working your way in, looking at rocks and so on along the way going in.
- M - Yes, you does this because you contemplate on what you're looking for.
- D - So you worked in the area where these geese were for awhile, eh?

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M - Yes.

D - So what happened after that?

M - After that, the geese they quiet down. They get used to you. They always does. Well, then I start measuring the vein I found. I start stepping and counting my steps. I measure the width and the length as much as possible I can see. I open with my chipping hammer. Then at 11:00 o'clock, I look at my clock, and I have lunch. After lunch I go again on my work. The geese they are making noise then. They were running around on top the water, I see the mother goose was making a tremendous noise there. I was bending or kneeling over the ground, I lift my head and I look down to the swamp where the geese were and it hits me that a light was coming from over there.

D - In the sky.

M - Yes, but at the moment I spot one another one was following after the other, there was two. The shape is like the sketch I made, exactly like what was in the air. You can't see the lines because they fit in position and the colours, the blue sky and the mix with red. So they whirl around and quit.

D - Shut down?

M - It didn't make any noise at all.

D - While it was travelling through the air it didn't make any noise at all?

M - No noise at all. It landed and the other one stays about 10 to 12 feet above the ground.

D - Was it making a noise?

M - No noise at all.

D - What direction did these things come from?

M - They come from exactly, I'm positive, 255 degrees south, south, west.

D - To where you were standing?

M - That's right. So I took my map, the moment it took off, the last one, the moment the last one took off, so I see that it went in the same direction that it came from. So I set right away the map, I look into the map, I set the compass onto the map and I took the correct reading.

D - And it was 255 degrees.

M - Declination.

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D - Declination, I see. Okay, what was the weather like Steve, at the time.

M - The sky was partially cloudy.

D - How high would the clouds be?

M - The clouds were pretty high.

D - A few thousand feet anyway?

M - Yes, a few thousand feet. Its hard to say.

D - What would you say your visibility was? Good?

M - Oh, visibility was good.

D - You could see a long way.

M - Oh yes, you could see along way.

D - Was it windy?

M - No. Not much.

D - Was there any sign of any electrical storms in the area?

M - No.

D - Lightening or anything like that?

M - No.

D - Had it rained?

M - It rained about three or four hours after.

D - But before, no indication of rain at all, eh?

M - No, no rain at all.

D - Now what about your own eyesight Steve?

M - My eyesight, its very good.

D - Its very good, eh? Do you wear glasses at all?

M - Do I wear glasses, I wear glasses for a close, particularly small job. I am wearing glasses at work.

D - When you're chipping at rock, you don't wear glasses for that eh?

M - In that case I just use goggles.

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- D - These goggles you had on, what are they like? Could you describe them for me?
- M - They are square type of square goggles which fits over your prescription glasses. You can wear over prescription glasses. There is one clear lens and one number six cutting, eh., colouring.
- D - Number 6 colouring?
- M - Yes.
- D - When you were working when you first saw this light in the sky what lens were you looking through?
- M - Through the clear glass.
- D - And was the light quite bright?
- M - Very bright.
- D - Did you have to use the coloured glass to look at it?
- M - No, it wasn't as much bright, but when it stops, the violet light which was coming from inside and blinking inside, I couldn't. I should say the light from inside was very light, almost white, white purple sharp just about like off hot water. It was hard on my eyes so I flip over the dark glasses.
- D - All right, now getting back to these things approaching you from the south, south, west. What happened after you first saw them?
- M - Well, I wasn't afraid, I know this, but it was a surprize, it catch you off for a moment, like you know, "Well, I'll be damned".
- D - Yes, amazement.
- M - Amazement, yes. I don't know for how long, but I think I never moved. I know that I didn't move. I was kneeling and I saw the thing and the other one took off. I know that my eyes were going from one to another. So after the other one took off I concentrated on this one.
- D - They approached you and one of them landed, eh?
- M - Yes, just one of them.
- D - And how far away would it have landed?
- M - It landed about 100, I can say about 100 feet.
- D - What can ... What kind of terrain did it land on?

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- M - Rock of the pre-cambrian shield.
- D - Was there any near-by trees or grass or anything like that, or was it just bare rock?
- M - No, it's bare rock, there was some little brush. It was kind of a clear spot. An open little place, yes. Naturally there's a little on the rock, old vegetation, leaves, you know, still wet.
- D - What about the colour, the one that remained in the air, and hovered about 10 feet off the ground, what colour would it have been?
- M - That one was the same colour, red, grey, red and then when it was vanishing it was turning slowly, orange, and then brighter orange and then grey-orange as it was going in the distance, and turns grey and flicks one more orange and then disappears.
- D - Was it revolving when it was hovering off the ground?
- M - You can't see if it is revolving or not. You can feel probably by your inner feeling telling you that it is revolving but you can't see it. No you can't see it.
- D - And the one that never did land it remained for how long, hovering above the ground?
- M - That was, well it is hard to say, a short time anyway.
- D - Would you estimate the time?
- M - A short time, two or three minutes. That was the most.
- D - And what did it do then?
- M - It took off.
- D - In what direction?
- M - The same direction as it had come from originally.
- D - Did it fly fast when it left?
- M - Very fast.
- D - Would you be able to estimate the speed?
- M - Well, I have ideas of revolutions of motors but nothing travels so fast as this. We don't use in our normal technology so fast as it was going.
- D - The height and so on?
- M - Yes, the length of this thing was about 35-40 feet in diameter from the centre edge to the edge.

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D - And the height?

M - The height, I put three lines in making my sketch so I filled the straight lines only, like this one from this height was four feet approximately four feet and 2 to 3 so it was approximately 11 feet.

D - Altogether?

M - Altogether. With a dome on top.

D - Now after the machine settled down, What did it look like after it was sitting?

M - Well, when the machine sits you can see the contours all very clear because it is not rotating anymore and as I make the sketch here it looks like, what should I say, it looks like nothing.

D - When it first settled down on the ground it was a bright red, like hot metal and then it gradually turned ... what?

M - Yes. It gradually turned to the grey, steel grey, silverish colour.

D - Like metal cooling off?

M - Yes, right, metal colour. It hasn't got the breakdown of the blue colours like zinc or antimony or any other alloy. It is more of a brass yellow, pale brass yellow colour which is similar to the same as stainless steels and it was so smooth finish that it was amazing me.

D - I see. I ... how long did it sit there before you approached it?

M - Well, much more than half an hour.

D - It was just the last few minutes that it was there that you approached it.

M - It was the last few minutes that I approached it and I started talking to it.

D - And it sat there altogether for what?

M - A good 45 minutes. It was a long 45 minutes.

D - How long did it sit on the ground before the hatch opened?

M - About 10, I can't say, oh, about 10 minutes.

D - Did you hear any noise from the machine as it was settling down onto the ground?

M - Yes, it was a whirling noise, or running small motor or .. like fast running, whistling, whirling sound and then I feel a suction of air.

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D - Like an air suction?

M - Air suction.

D - After it was on the ground?

M - Yes, after it was on the ground.

D - And what kind of noise did it make apart from the air suction could you hear any motors running from inside or anything like that?

M - No. I didn't hear nothing beside this.

D - And after the hatch opened.

M - The hatch opened I saw the light.

D - Describe this light for me.

M - The light was a column, bright light. It was so bright and was many, many violet colours, different shades involved in it where you see the streaks on it, lines on the beam and heart shaped, rounded corners you can see holes just like on a photo, reflected on the ground.

D - The bright violet light was patterned on the ground?

M - It looks to me like it was coming from the top about 45 degrees from underneath the top of that dome.

D - From what you saw from inside the machine what about the walls how thick would the walls be?

M - It was at least 18-20 to 22 inches thick with the ribs inside like at first you have the imagination of grate .. of grates something like grates.

D - In the walls, the ribs in the walls?

M - Yes.

D - The walls were 20 to 22 inches thick you feel, eh?

M - Approximately, yes.

D - And then when you approached this machine, just what happened? You gradually approached it and you spoke, eh?

M - When I started going I hear a noise. There was positive human being talking in there.

D - Men talking?

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M - Men.

D - But a language you couldn't understand?

M - No, No. But the first idea which ever comes to me was Americans. So I say well, if you are Yankee boys, you come out and don't be afraid. I say I don't sell your secret for a lousy green buck, if you need help just come out. Then the voice stopped. Completely.

D - How many voices, any idea?

M - Well, I think it was maybe two, three times exchanging short conversation. And that was it. They never say a word after.

D - And after you spoke to them in English what did you speak to them in?

M - Then I say in German and Italian.

D - What did you say in German?

M - In German I say, "Sprechen sie Deutsch?"

D - And in Italian?

M - (Said several words in Italian) Comprende en Francais? Non savey. Then I said ... (said several words in Polish and Ukrainian).

D - This is Polish and Ukrainian, eh?

M - That's Polish, Ukrainian and Russian.

D - How many different languages are you familiar with Steve?

M - Five, six. I can manage. I can get along.

D - And then after you spoke in these different languages, how long would it be before the hatch began to close?

M - I think that I didn't even finish my questions and the hatch closed.

D - Did the hatch close quickly?

M - The hatch closed quickly and that was the only time I saw it was closed. I didn't saw how it was opened.

D - How would you describe it closing?

M - The closing was a one plate moving horizontally and another one horizontally in the other direction and the third one was pushed out.

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- D - To form the outer shell, is that right?
- M - To form like this, yes that what it means.
- D - And you weren't able to see a seam, it was a very well-fitting door when it closed?
- M - I couldn't tell you. It was very well-fitted. I didn't pay attention at the moment because
- D - As you got near it you could feel the heat radiating from it?
- M - Oh yes, the moment I was stepping in it was not only I could feel it I can see the heat. The blossom on the colours on that metal tells me that the thing was hot so then I feel any step I come closer I can feel hotter and hotter.
- D - After the door closed, did you hear engines start or anything like that?
- M - No, just start turning red and started rotating to the counter-clockwise and
- D - Started turning red before it started to rotate?
- M - Increased the whirling and then when it blows I didn't hear nothing anymore.
- D - The heat that you got burned with came out a grill work on the side, eh?
- M - Yes, it was on the side.
- D - Were you standing near this grill work?
- M - It was about 6 to 10 feet away from the openings, maybe more from the hatch.
- D - Oh, the grill work was? And how far would you be standing from the grill work on the side of the machine?
- M - Oh, from that blower I say the length of my hand.
- D - You reached out and touched right beside the grill work, eh?
- M - Yes, that's right.
- D - And as the machine started to leave the ground, this was when you got burned, was it?
- M - That's right, that very moment.
- D - And the blast of heat spun you around?

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M - That very moment, and it got my shirt.

D - Yes.

M - So I ripped my shirt off, one and another one and then I turn my head it was gone already away. It was going.

D - At a fantastic speed again?

M - Oh yes. It was very, very high speed.

D - You've seen jet aircraft flying, would it be flying alot faster than a jet aircraft?

M - Oh yes. Jet aircraft makes about 100 times more noise than this one.

D - And what about the speed?

M - And the speed, you can't compare. You can't compare the speed. You might say 3 times, maybe four times maybe five times faster than jet. Its pretty hard to say.

D - And the colour of it as it was leaving you?

M - The colour grandually was becoming to be a real red. Increasing systematically and the farther it was the thing start changing to more orange and then the orange start vanishing and then comes to the clouds. I think comes close to the clouds when I see the very, very, little orange flick and that's all I see.

D - Was it gone into the clouds, into the cloud layer?

M - Yes. It dissappear. I couldn't see. Shortly after I remember I start thinking, I say if this thing is an aircraft then its going to fall to the pieces. And it wasn't maybe two three minutes that there was aircraft passing. There's quite a bit of traffic there. Above. Well, I don't know if any of them indicate something, maybe not.

D - I wanted to ask you about the power lines. Therewere power lines in the area.

M - There are power lines about 200 to 250 feet from the highway #1 north, north of highway.

D - And how far would you be from the power lines when you saw these things?

M - Well from the power lines I was approximately 2 miles. Approximately, not quite maybe. Its really hard to say.

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D - You touched this machine with your gloved hand. Its the mate to this yellow plastic glove that you have here, right?

M - Yes.

D - And did it melt the plastic on the glove?

M - Well, it didn't melt completely, it starts, it starts melting but I know it was slippery right away. And so I take off my hand.

D - Tell me about how this thing left the ground, did it just lift straight off the ground or did it tip on one edge?

M - It tips a little bit because I know I was already half naked cause I made a turn. I don't know because I'm not a weak man either and when I got up that shirt was just ripped off completely. And it tips a little bit.

D - And it climbed at a bit of an angle?

M - A little bit on angle so I can't see the top about 1 foot or two, its hard to say. A little, you know, silver from the top I say. And then, no more.

D - Did it climb at that angle for awhile?

M - It just kept the way it was standing. The way it was standing it just went up there. It tip little bit and up she goes.

D - After you tore your shirt off, you outer shirt, you left that on the ground there, it was pretty well burnt up, eh?

M - Oh yes, I didn't care at all for my top shirt because there was no fire on the forest, it was not dangerous. I didn't care.

D - And your undershirt, you took it off and put it out and took it back with you.

M - Well, I didn't intend but after I sore up then I pick it up. I just tramp it and leave it there. After I distinguish the fire I was for a little while cruising around, you know, walking around if I was toring my shirt off. I was thinking that some pieces going to fall on the sides, you know and even later I .. so I wait and I look at that spot there around and I measured my steps approximate length you know that I imagine the lines are how I could see them and then I check around for fire.

D - You were worried about starting a bush fire.

M - I saw a bush fire in my life so I know what its like.

D - Did you see any marks on the ground where the machine had set down at all?

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- M - Nothing except blown out vegetation and a type of circle about 10, oh, about 10 feet.
- D - Is there anything else that you left at the spot there?
- M - I forgot my measuring tape, I think its 8 foot, about 6 feet or 8 feet, 6 feet I think.
- D - What about a saw, you told me something about a saw.
- M - That saw is not on the place but that saw I find before on the way in the bush.
- D - Somebody had left the saw in the bush.
- M - Yes. Somehow on the way, yes, in the bush. It is a two way saw, on one side is a rip saw, a crosscut and on the other side its a swede saw. Its kind of an old timer's, you know, a wooden handle and a straight blade. So that saw would be probably be there again. If I missed it, if I missed a degree or something we can ...
- D - How faraway would the saw be from the spot?
- M - That saw is about half way out.
- D - I see, half way out to the highway.
- M - Half way by the culvert, I put on the stone, on a rock there.
- D - How long did you stay at the spot after the machine left?
- M - After the machine I stay maybe at the most 10 minutes.
- D - Then you started for the highway?
- M - Then I started feeling bad so I vomit there.
- D - You say you felt sick then, eh?
- M - So I start heeling it to the highway, I say its the only chance I have.
- D - Did you vomit there? You felt sick right there, eh?
- M - Yes, Yes.
- D - And how long would it have taken you to get back out to the highway Steve?
- M - Oh, it takes me, I don't know. I was going very fast, if

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M - I was going faster than before.

D - Did you feel sick quite shortly after the machine left?

M - It didn't .. yes, I feel a little bit. Not much but then it gradually started increasing and increasing. I start vomiting, whether there was any more in me to vomit. Before I reach the highway I stopped there, you know, I was vomiting for maybe two minutes and then I went out. I was empty. And the smell from inside my body was coming smell of burning, that smell of the motors, the wires, the cables, burning like a wire or electric motor when it burns, the smell.

D - This is the taste you had in your mouth?

M - The taste and the smell I had.

D - I see. How have you been feeling since this happened?

M - Since this happened I don't feel very good.

D - Have you not been able to eat anything much?

M - I didn't eat, I just try today. I call and doctor order I ate today. This is my first toast and a glass of milk.

D - And has your head been aching?

M - Head is still aching.

D - Still aching a little bit?

M - Still have blackout today.

D - You did, eh?

M - In the car.

D - How much weight have you lost?

M - I average losing about 5 pounds a day. I lost fifteen pounds already.

D - This is the fourth day since you had this experience?

M - Yes.

D - Steve, I wanted to ask you about this smell. Is there any smell in the area?

M - It smells like you enter a big, large room where there is nothing but electrical equipment running and you can feel it

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D - Yes, with all that electrical equipment running.

M - That's right.

D - Did this smell remain after the machine had left, or would you know?

M - Well, I can't tell you. It still smell a little bit.

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