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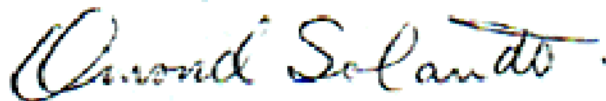
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Dear Mr. Steinman:

This is in reply to your letter of April 19 concerning the work of Mr. Wilbert B. Smith. Although I had several discussions with Mr. Smith he dealt mainly with Dr. Frank T. Davies, Superintendent of the Telecommunications Research Establishment of the Defence Research Board. As you say, he kept his work mainly within the Department of Transportation but DRB did provide him with facilities for some of his work. At a later stage the key experiments in his magnetic theory were repeated jointly by Mr. Smith and Dr. Davies using much more sophisticated techniques than he had originally used. The results of these experiments suggested that his original ideas had been based on faulty measurements and that the hypothetical repulsion system that he had envisaged was not workable.

I left defence work in 1956 and have not been in close touch with recent developments. I do not share your faith in the existence of UFC's but have consistently tried to retain an open mind and to wait and see. I am still waiting. Good luck with your work.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr. Steinman:

This is in reply to your letter of August 10. I reply to your numbered paragraphs in which you relate interesting information that you have recently 'dug-up':

1. I do not recall any formal team under Dr. Vannevar Bush dealing with flying saucers. I do recall the subject coming up informally in the course of discussions which we held fairly regularly.
2. The memo that you refer to was written by Wilbert B. Smith and was presumably classified by him. Mr. Smith did frequently discuss flying saucers both with me and with other more knowledgeable members of my staff.
3. As far as I am aware no non-U.S. citizen was allowed access to any material classified higher than top-secret.

As I mentioned in my previous letter DRB did work with Wilbert Smith in testing his theories of ~~on~~<sup>electro</sup>magnetic propulsion. The results were negative. I am sure that these were discussed informally with Dr. Bush but I do not recall any formal report.

Yours sincerely



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Dr. O. M. Solandt  
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Dear Dr. Solandt,

I obtained your name from The Canadian Who's Who, 1988. I wonder if you can help me over some events dating from 1950, which have a considerable bearing on some documents being circulated in the USA and the UK; these documents are certainly fraudulent and one of them even has the forged signature of no less than President Truman.

The documents in question refer to an alleged recovery of a crashed flying disc (UFO) captured in New Mexico in 1947, and the alleged setting up of a top secret team of scientists and military personnel, under the leadership of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to analyse the recovered UFO and its dead occupants. I will not go into all the details, but the said papers have been circulating since June 1987, and some very fervent UFO believers accept them as genuine.

My purpose in writing is to try and find out if you remember Wilbert E. Smith, a Canadian radio engineer, who was head of a Project Magnet, set up late in 1950, which purpose was to investigate the earth's magnetic field and its supposed relationship to UFOs. Wilbert Smith later won some award for services to radio after his death in 1962. However, his writings on the subject of UFOs were bizarre, to say the least.

In November 1950 Smith wrote a top secret memo outlining his proposals for this Project Magnet, and he mentions your name in this memo, as well as in another memo shortly after. All these memos, from the 1950-52 period, have since been declassified. The point that interests me most is that in one memo Smith specifically says he attended a conference in Washington D.C. in Sept 1950 and learned there that Dr. Vannevar Bush was head of some secret U.S. project to investigate UFOs. However, Smith does not say how he got this information. It is my firm belief that the currently circulating forged papers were based on this early W.E. Smith memo, and that the forger used the 1950 Smith memo as a "starting point", as it were (since Bush is based in it).

Smith mentions you as head of the Defence Research Board at the time, and seems to have assumed that Dr. Bush was your counterpart in the USA. However, Bush quit the Research & Development Board in the USA two years earlier, in 1948. Evidently, Smith picked up some false information from someone.

What I would most like to know is:

1. Did you personally know W.E. Smith, and what were your opinions of him?
2. Did you personally know Dr. Vannevar Bush?
3. As far as you know, did Bush ever, at any time, work on a project connected with UFOs, whether top secret or not?
4. Have you any idea how Smith got this story; the very nature of it (highly secret) would indicate that neither Smith nor anybody else should ever have been told about it? (Smith was not even an American).
5. Do you think it likely that Smith heard some other story about the work of Bush, on magnetism or electricity, and completely misinterpreted it?

I am sorry to dig up all this after so many years. Some highly vocal people in the USA are making a lot out of it all, insisting that the forged papers are proof of cover-up, etc. The Smith-Bush "connection" lives on, I can assure you. Lastly, has anyone else brought this matter up with you in recent times?

I hope you can help over this. Forged documents of this kind are a disgrace, and the culprits should be exposed if at all possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Christopher D. Allan (C.D. ALLAN)



For your interest. You will get little joy from this. Do you still think Wilbert Smith a reliable ufologist? His statements are not worth the paper they were typed on. Top Secret? Judge for yourself! - C.D. Allan 14 2.89

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August 3, 1989

Dear *Mr. Allan*

Thank you for your letter of July 4, 1989 inquiring about Wilbert Smith and UFO's. It was not at all welcome because I have been trying for many years to have nothing to do with UFOs. However I share your views about forgery and so must try to help. The answers to your specific questions are:-

1. I KNEW W.B. Smith fairly well. He worked for the Department of Transport in Ottawa. He was not a good scientist. He was out to prove that there were UFOs and that the 'Establishment' was dedicated to suppressing all knowledge about them - why no one knew. The Defence Research Board officially adopted an open mind on UFOs and spent some effort following up reported sightings in Canada. We never found anything that even suggested the existence of a UFO. We even gave Smith some facilities on DRB property for his radio watch and offered to have some experts repeat his experiments which were the basis of his claim to have found a mechanism for the magnetic propulsion of UFOs. Frank Davies, head of our Telecommunications research Lab and an authority on terrestrial and other magnetism repeated the experiments with Smith and showed that the results obtained by Smith were due to sloppy measurements with uncalibrated equipment. There was nothing in the theory.

2. Yes I knew Vannevar Bush quite well personally and saw a good deal of him in the years just after the war.

3. We often discussed UFOs but I never heard of any Top Secret work though I had a Top Secret US Clearance for everything but Nuclear Warfare. Bush was interested but I am pretty sure that he did not get personally involved in any investigations. Of course if it was, in fact, directly for the President it is unlikely that I would have heard of it.

4. I assume that Smith got the story from someone in the US who fabricated it. I don't think that Smith would have made it up but he was willing to believe anything that he was told that supported his view that there were UFOs and that the 'Establishment' was trying to suppress everything about them.

5. This is quite likely. I am sure that Smith did not know Bush personally so did not get anything directly from him. Bush was certainly involved widely in both electricity and magnetism.

No one else has brought this matter up with me in recent years. I have not had a secretary for some years so I cannot easily tell you when Smith last came up but it is at least two or three years and probably more.

N.B.  
C.D.A.

I do not want to spend any more time on the problem since there is no way of finally ending it. Any denials on my part are just hailed as more cover up.

Incidentally, most, if not all of Smith's work was never really classified top secret or anything else. He never had any institutional base which gave him authority to classify a document. He just put TOP Secret on his personal papers. DRB may have temporarily classified some of his work but it was quickly declassified.

N.B.

I hope that all this will be helpful to you. Others in DRB who dealt more directly and in detail with Smith are now dead however if you want to delve further I am told that the DRB archives are in good shape and readily accessible in Ottawa. I do not suggest that you will find anything new or startling and I would recommend against going further.

Will the next step be the appearance of the forged documents in one of the big London sales rooms. It might be a new way of making money out of UFOs!

With kind regards and good wishes for success in proving the forgery.

Yours sincerely,

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September 27, 1989

Dear Mr. Cameron,

This is a brief reply to your letter of September 10, 1989 concerning UFO's.

Question 1. - The official policy of DRB during my time was to keep an open mind on UFO's and to watch for any evidence that they existed. No such evidence was ever presented. In pursuing this policy we made available facilities in Ottawa for Wilbur Smith to listen for UFO's. He did not get any results. As I recall it we also indicated that UFO's would be welcomed if they landed at Suffield. Not one appeared. I do not recall any formal Committee dealing with UFO's in DRB headquarters but there were many informal discussions of the subject. No effort was made to conceal information on the subject so if it was recorded it should be in the Archives.

Question 2. - I can recall several very informal and passing discussions of UFO's with Dr. Bush. He left the monitoring of UFO's entirely to the National Bureau of Standards, hence the absence of comments on the subject in his writings. The Director of the Bureau, whose name I cannot recall wrote a book on the subject which I believe contained all that he knew on the subject.

I am mystified by your 'serious concerns' and feel sure that there are more serious but possibly less interesting concerns to pursue.

Yours sincerely,

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