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SMITH

"My personal opinion is that they are spacecraft."
Wilbert Smith, 1959.

"Don't take my work for it, ask some of your scientists down in the States - that is, if you can get them to talk. I think you'll find your government is working feverishly on it."

Smith to Major Keyhoe, 1953.

The following is compiled from a ^{two dozen} dozen and a half associates, co-workers and friends of Wilbert Smith over ten years. In most cases names are not used for the following reasons: 1) almost ^{most} all had received no classified information from Mr. Smith 2) all ^{most} wanted nothing to do with what they considered "past history" or what they considered "Wilbert's interests" 3) almost all had connections either to the military or government, "for a very valid reason, we (mainly government employees) were not in a position to provide this, even though we had the evidence to substantiate Wilbert Smith's statements." 4) no one person provided any more than a small bit of information, and it seems pointless to make them public. Arthur Bray, the keeper of Smith's files, does however know who provided the leads.

evidence to support the
contacted material

CLOSE ASSOCIATES
The solitwship board
that took over Topside
- following Smith's
death stated

There were five groups of people that had varying degrees of knowledge about Wilbert Smith's activities. Listed in the order of those who knew the least to those who knew the most are the following groups. The vast majority of these people were still alive during the investigation and were talked to.

- i) Smith government co-workers (about twelve people)
- ii) Topside members (about fifty people)
- iii) Project Magnet Magnet co-workers (about twelve people)
- iv) ^{Scout & Top Scout DRB people working in the problem}
- v) The Inner Circle (seven people)

because Wilbert B. Smith was the first to identify ^a Vennevar Bush as the head of "a small group" working on the flying saucer program, and because he also identified Dr. Robert Barbacher, it is important to determine exactly what Wilbert ^{eight} Smith actually knew.

Much has been written about Smith and many rumors have circulated about what he did and said. Much of which has been written however is incorrect. The best example of this is that Wilbert Smith died of a brain tumor and therefore anything he might have said ^{regarding the reality of the "saucers" and their origins} was caused by this condition. This story has been published by people on both sides of the UFO debate. In reality Smith died of "abdominal cancer". (1) As one close associate stated "Wilbert's illness had nothing to do with his research or beliefs".

Investigator Grant
Conson attempted to
track down every rumor