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November 7, 1974.

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Mr. W.W. Scott,  
Director,  
Operations Branch,  
Telecommunication Regulatory Service,  
Communications Canada,  
100 Metcalfe Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.  
K1A 0C8

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Your File: 5010-4(DOS-L)

Dear Mr. Scott:

This letter is in response to your letter dated 1 November, 1974 concerning the inquiries of Section 19 (1)

Section 19(1) has visited our Section in August and spent some time talking to us and examining our file of Non-Meteoritic Sightings (i.e. UFO's). We also gave him a copy of W.B. Smith's "Project Magnet Report", which is the only written material left by Mr. Smith.

Thus, we have made available to Sec. 19(1) all the information that we have on the subject.

Yours truly,

*A.G. McNamara*

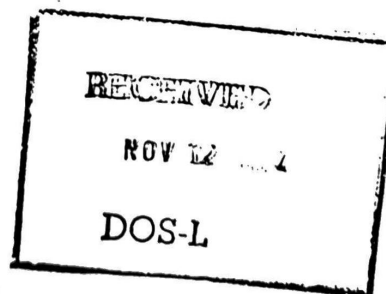
A.G. McNamara,  
Head,  
Upper Atmosphere Research Section.

AGM:vp

cc: Section 19 (1)

Ottawa, Canada  
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Section 19 (1)

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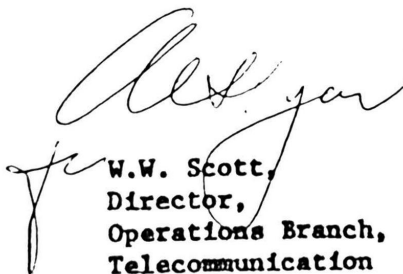
November 1, 1974.

Dear Sir:

This has reference to paragraph 4 of your letter of September 27, addressed to the Department of Transport, concerning the "Saucer Station" located, during the early 1950's, near Shirley Bay, Ontario.

The late, W.B. Smith, to whom you make reference, was employed by the Department of Transport and was quite active during that time in the UFO field. However, these activities were essentially in the nature of a personal hobby and as far as we are aware there are a relatively few written records on the subject. However, one aspect of Mr. Smith's work was given the title "Project Magnet" and a project report was written. I understand that this document, (at least until recently) is in the custody of the Upper Atmosphere Research Section of the National Research Council. I also understand that information on "Project Magnet" and the relevant report is available to the public. I have therefore forwarded a copy of your letter to the National Research Council and no doubt you will be hearing further from them.

Yours truly,

  
W.W. Scott,  
Director,  
Operations Branch,  
Telecommunication  
Regulatory Service.



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Transport Canada Bldg.,  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
K1A 0N8  
October 10, 1974.

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence 5200-11 (EATA)

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Mr. W. W. Scott,  
Director,  
Operations Branch,  
Journal Building,  
365 Laurier Ave. West,  
Ottawa, Ontario.  
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Dear Mr. Scott:

The attached letter from Section 19 (1) has been forwarded to you for your reply of para. 4, as this comes under DOC's responsibility.

A letter has been sent to Sec. 19(1) copy attached, advising him that his request for information (para. 4) has been referred to you.

Ministry of Transport's Air Traffic Services will be handling paras. 1, 2 & 3.

Yours truly,

*J. L. Donaldson*  
J. L. Donaldson,  
Executive Assistant,  
Telecommunications and  
Electronics, Air.

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BILL,  
RE PARA. 4, AS E.A.  
TO THE DM IN 68/69, THESE  
I REMEMBER SEEING THESE  
FILES AND ALSO READING  
SMITH'S PAPERS. WILL  
YOU SEE WHAT WE CAN  
FIND OUT ABOUT THE  
FILES? WOULD LIKE  
TO SEE OUR REPLY TO  
Section 19(1).  
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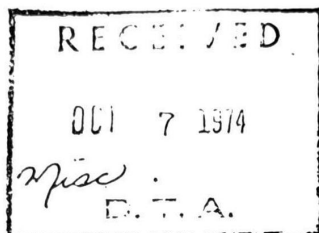
Section 19 (1)

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Armdale, Nova Scotia  
Canada B3L 4J9

September 27, 1974

TA  
Director  
Communications Section  
Department of Transport  
Tower C  
Place de Ville  
Ottawa, Ontario



Dear Sir:

I am a free-lance writer and am presently gathering background information for an article dealing with the subject of UFOs.

1.) I would appreciate a statement as to the Department of Transport's general policy regarding UFOs.

2.) I am attempting to ascertain the current procedures followed by D.O.T. radar stations with respect to CIRVIS (Communication Instructions for the Reporting of Vital Intelligence Sightings), or UFOs. It is my understanding that all such reports emanating from these radar stations are sent to the Regional Office of the Department, whereupon these reports are then transferred to NORAD in North Bay, Ontario.

3.) In viewing the UFO files of the National Research Council's Meteor Centre in Ottawa, I discovered a report (DND #084) involving D.O.T. radar stations. Please refer to the verbatim copy of this report on the attached sheet. As you can see from this telex report, the facts are very confusing. The original tracking station is undetermined (presumably Winnipeg), the Air Canada flight number is missing (Is it one of the two flights over Kenora?), and the description, "70 miles from Winnipeg" fails to specify any direction. Further, you can see other inaccuracies in the Kenora report: (Z)OR, 365 degrees, etc. I would greatly appreciate receiving any information you might have regarding this case, as this particular report is very important to my work. I will, of course, keep all witness names confidential if you so desire.

4.) I would greatly appreciate any information you might have regarding the final results of the "saucer station" built in 1953 near Shirley Bay by Wilbert B. Smith, Engineer in Charge of the Broadcast and Measurements Section of D.O.T. According to a Canadian Press account which appeared on the front page of the August 10, 1954 Globe and Mail, the installation detected an unknown aerial object on August 7, 1954. Also, do you know the whereabouts of the early (1947 to the late 1950s) D.O.T. files on UFOs, and further, does your Department still keep a file on such reports?

If I have inadvertently sent this query to the wrong section, I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in forwarding it to the appropriate section involved.

Section 19 (1)

Armdale, Nova Scotia  
Canada B3L 4J9

As I am working under a strenuous deadline, I would greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. I apologize for the rush and any inconveniences I may cause you.

 Sincerely,

Section 19 (1)

DND Case #084:

From: CANTRAINCOM  
To: CANFORCEHED  
July 7, 1967  
Time: 0100 Zulu

While monitoring flight Air Canada to Montreal, an object with a bearing of 093 Degrees was detected 70 miles from Winnipeg. The target was observed through 7 sweeps and accelerated from 2 miles between sweeps until last observed sweep, vicinity of Vivian, showed distance of 10 miles.

Returns were observed by 3 controllers and 2 technicians.

B. Following Radar returns reported by Kenora, Ontario Radar:

070324 Zulu

Observed object N.E. bound by Kenora (ZOR) on 365 Radial Distance of 45 miles. Proceeded on 365 Radial to 40 miles, then turned S.W. on 263 Radial to 50 miles.

070335 Zulu

Return followed Air Canada flight 405, turned N.E. to V.O.R. at Kenora and disappeared from scope.

070353 Zulu

Return followed Air Canada flight 927 N.W. bound to Kenora, (ZOR), then turned N.E. direction and disappeared.

Mr. Scott - DOC

Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N8  
October 10, 1974.

5200-11 (EATA)

Section 19 (1)

Armdale, Nova Scotia,  
B3L 4J9

Dear Section 19 (1)

Please note that the following action has been taken as requested in your letter of September 27, 1974.

Paras. 1, 2 & 3 have been referred to our Air Traffic Services and para. 4 has been referred to Department of Communications (DOC) who now have the responsibility for Shirley Bay and associated files.

Your information should be following shortly, and we wish you success in your endeavours.

Yours truly,

J. L. Donaldson,  
Executive Assistant,  
Telecommunications and  
Electronics, Air.

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October 16, 1972

Mr. M. Wilson,  
Chief,  
General Information,  
Public Affairs,  
Ministry of Transport,  
Tower "C",  
Place de Ville,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.  
K1A 0N5

Dear Mr. Wilson,

With reference to the enclosed letter concerning the Project Magnet Report, I made inquiries to locate the report, and found that it is still the responsibility of the Upper Atmosphere Research Section of the National Research Council. Dr. McNamara, the head of that Section, has already answered Sec. 19 (1) letter. Possibly Dr. McIntosh was mistaken in forwarding it to you. The report has been made public and can now be quoted.

Sincerely,

Francine Lafleur,  
Information Services.

Encl.

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Section 19 (1)

R.R. #3 , Hamilton  
Ontario , Canada

June 30/72

*RR  
REP.*

G.H. Stewart  
Telecommunication Regulation Branch  
Department of Communications  
Berger Building  
100 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa , Ontario

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank you for your help in my search for information on the Project Magnet. Your aid is greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly

Section 19 (1)

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Section 19(1)

R.R. #3 , Hamilton  
Ontario , Canada

June 9/72

Department of Transport  
1570 Walkley Road  
Ottawa 8  
Ontario

Gentlemen:

I am doing some personal research on the Bermuda Triangle area of the Atlantic Ocean and I came across a reference to a Project Magnet that was headed up by the late Wilbert B. Smith.

This project was to study magnetism and gravity in this and other areas.

I would like to know if you could confirm this project and supply me with any information you can on its research.

I have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope to minimize your inconvenience. Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly

Section 19(1)

M.J. HUNT/flg  
COPY TO: FILE

Berger Building  
100 Metcalfe Street  
OTTAWA, Ontario

6650-4 (REP)

Section 19(1)  
R. R. 3  
Hamilton, Ontario

June 23, 1972

Dear Section 19(1)

This is in reply to your letter of June 9, 1972 requesting information concerning the Project Magnet.

We regret that we are not able to send you information on this project directly. Information on Project Magnet is, however, available to the public from the National Research Council, Montreal Road, Ottawa. There is no restriction on the use of this information other than a stipulation that people viewing these files will not release the names of the people contained therein.

We hope this arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,



for W. J. Wilson  
Director-General  
Telecommunication Regulation Branch

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C6650-4 (REP)

March 30, 1972

Section 19(1)

Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Dear Section 19(1)

This is further to your letters of January 23 and March 9 regarding Project Magnet.

In the change of records from the Department of Transport to the Department of Communications we simply lost sight of the fact that this project had been declassified.

As you are aware from the reply from the National Research Council, material about Project Magnet can be made available to you.

We regret any inconvenience our previous letter may have caused you.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
ORIGINAL SIGNÉ PAR  
Hon. R. STANBURY

Robert Stanbury

Sig Minister

Info. \_\_\_\_\_

Appl. \_\_\_\_\_

Prep. By RR *mgH*

Apv. By DGTR *25/3*

ATB *WFW*

ADMO *25/3*

Action \_\_\_\_\_

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MAR 30 1972  
A. T. B.

17/3  
CABINET DE L'HONORABLE ROBERT STANBURY  
OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE ROBERT STANBURY

DATE:

15/3/72

ATTENTION: D.M.

*Info Only*  
*M. Wilson*

A PREPARER POUR LE:

BRING FORWARD FOR: *23 mars*

~~ACTION:~~

- 1- A titre de renseignement  
For your information

*advised 17.3.72*  
~~INFO: ADMD~~ *J.N.*

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- 2- Préparer une réponse pour la signature du Ministre  
Prepare reply for Minister's signature

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- 3- Préparer une réponse pour la signature de  
Prepare reply to be signed by \_\_\_\_\_

- 4- Réponse ultérieure par votre bureau  
Further reply by your office

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SUJET: *UFO - Project Magnet's Classification*

NOTE:

Section 19 (1)

9/3/72

Veuillez s.v.p. nous faire parvenir copie de votre lettre  
May we please have a copy of your further correspondence



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Section 19(1)

Elmer Bay, Nova Scotia

March 9th, 1972



Subject: Project Magnet.

Dealing with UFO's, my 1st letter of January 25, 72  
Minister of Transport regarding above.

Honourable Robert Stanbury  
Minister of Communications  
Ottawa, Canada

Sir:

News that Project Magnet, is considered Classified  
and somewhat of a shock to me since, the  
report by Wilbur Smith, is not considered the  
official opinion of the Department of Transport or the  
Second Storey Committee, Surely you would not  
consider the idea by Smith as gospel. I enclose  
a photocopy of NRC which states that all UFO files  
and reports were declassified, and also notes that  
the UFO file is unclassified.

11.2  
By your statement you have given Mr Smith,  
Project Magnet a different state of mind, I  
was researching the matter for an article and  
will continue to do so, but now must take  
what you say in the future with a grain  
of salt. The idea expressed by Smith  
and written about in Argosy magazine as well  
as others is certainly nothing new to U.S.'s  
Boys.

Trusting you will be able to clear  
up the apparent communication gap.

Yours very truly

Section 19(1)

PHOTOCOPY

PHYSICS BRANCH  
DIRECTION D'ASTRO-PHYSIQUE



CABLE ADDRESS  
ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE

REF: 100

PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. M45-1-101  
NO. DE DOSSIER A RAPPELER

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA  
CONSEIL NATIONAL DE RECHERCHES DU CANADA

OTTAWA 7. K1A 0R8

February 8, 1972.

Section 19(1)

Glace Bay, N.S.

Dear Section 19(1)

Your letter to the Minister of National Defence inquiring about Project Second Storey and UFO investigations has been forwarded to the Meteor Centre of the Upper Atmosphere Research Section.

In 1968, all the Canadian UFO files and reports were declassified and turned over to our Meteor Centre as the new custodian of all the UFO reports in Canada. This file includes all the reports of the old Second Storey project.

Some of the UFO reports which we receive originate from sightings of meteor fireballs burning in the earth's atmosphere. In these cases we are able sometimes to extract some scientific data to help determine the trajectory and to judge where possible meteorite fragments may have reached the ground for subsequent recovery attempts. We do no investigations of the non-meteoritic reports but we do keep them all in the UFO file.

The UFO file is unclassified and is open for personal inspection by any citizen, subject to the conditions mentioned in the enclosed forms. We have neither funds nor staff to make copies of the reports; the file is available for a personal visit of inspection, however.

Yours truly,

A.G. McNamara,  
Head,  
Upper Atmosphere Research Section.

AGM:vp

DM

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16 Mar 72

ADMR

Project Magnet

A copy of the letter from Mr. Stanbury to Section 19(1) (attached) was sent to the NRC for information. I received a phone call from Dr. A.G. McNamara of NRC, pointing out that this project was declassified in 1968 by the Defence Research Board, and the file transferred to NRC. The NRC has been responding freely to inquiries on this subject since that time.

Our response to Section 19(1) is, therefore, inaccurate. The options are to write a second letter to Sec. 19(1) admitting the error, or secondly, to request NRC to offer the information requested. Which action do you prefer?

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
J. H. CHAPMAN

J.H. Chapman

Encl.  
JHC/AS

c.c. ADMO  
M.J. Hunt



C-6650-4 (REP)

February 29, 1972

Section 19(1)

Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter requesting information on "Project Magnet" has been referred to this department and received in my office February 10, 1972.

As any data on this project is considered Classified material, I am not at liberty to forward the information you requested. However, I would advise you to contact Dr. P.M. Millman of the National Research Council, Ottawa regarding your request.

It will be necessary that you supply the following information in your letter:

- (1) The name of the Organization you represent.
- (2) The purpose of this Organization.
- (3) The basis of their need for information on "Project Magnet".

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
ORIGINAL SIGNÉ PAR  
Hon. R. STANBURY.

Robert Stanbury.

MINISTER OF  
TRANSPORT  
OTTAWA

Section 19(1)

Alfred Bay, Nova Scotia

Jan 25th 1972

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Subject: Copy of Report from  
Project Magnet - December 1971

Honourable Don Jamieson  
Minister of Transport  
Ottawa, Canada

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JAN 31 1972

OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY MINISTER  
TRANSPORT

Sir:

It would be appreciated if you could assist me in my research on VFC's in Canada.

As in my understanding one Robert B. Smith, of Telecommunications Division D.C.T., in 1950, headed a project named Magnet which dealt with VFC's. It would be appreciated if you could arrange for a copy of this report to be forwarded it would be of great assistance to my research.

Thanking you for your attention and co-operation

Yours sincerely

Section 19(1)

Berger Building,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.  
K1A 0C8

C-6650-4 (REP)

February 25, 1972

Section 19(1)  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.  
R2Y 1R1

Dear Sir:

Your letter requesting information on "Project Magnet" has been referred to this department and received in my office February 24, 1972.

As any data on this project is considered Classified Material, I am not at liberty to forward the information you requested. However, I would advise you to contact Dr. P.M. Millman of the National Research Council, Ottawa regarding your request.

It will be necessary that you supply the following information in your letter:

- (i) The name of the Organization you represent.
- (ii) The purpose of this organization.
- (iii) The basis of their need for information on "Project Magnet".

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

J. FRANÇOIS PERRIER

W.J. Wilson,  
Director-General,  
Telecommunications Regulation  
Branch.

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Dear Sir: I am doing a research  
project on U.F.O.'s (Unidentified  
Flying Objects). And I  
would be very grateful for  
any information you could  
send me concerning  
"PROJECT MAGNET".  
Thank you.

Section 19(1)

Section 19(1)

Winnipeg, Manitoba

R2Y 1R1

Canada

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Immeuble Berger  
Ottawa, le février 1972  
K1A 0C8

6650-4 (RRS-S)

Section 19(1)  
Lévis (Qué.)

Monsieur,

J'accuse réception de votre lettre du 14 janvier 1972 et des dessins qui l'accompagnaient et qui illustrent les phénomènes que vous avez observés probablement au cours de la soirée du 11 janvier 1972.

M. P.M. Millman, du Conseil national des recherches s'intéresse spécialement à ces questions; nous lui avons, par conséquent, envoyé votre lettre et vos dessins pour sa gouverne et afin qu'il prenne les mesures qu'il jugera nécessaires.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes meilleurs sentiments.

Le Directeur général,  
Réglementation des télécommunications,

*W.J.M.*  
*for* W.J. Wilson

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C-6650-4 (REP)  
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March 16, 1972

REP

Project Magnet

This is further to the Memorandum to File dated September 15, 1969. I have discussed with Dr. P.M. Millman of the National Research Council, the availability of the Project Magnet to the Public. He has confirmed that documents regarding the results of the Second Story Studies and Project Magnet are available for view by the Public at the National Research Council. The only stipulation is that people are required to sign a statement to the effect that they will not release the names of any of the people mentioned in these files regarding U.F.O. sightings.

2. Dr. Millman has retired as the Head of the Upper Atmosphere Research Laboratory and has been replaced by Dr. McNamara.

*MJ Hunt*