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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.

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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 14.8.89

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

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TEXT OF MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. ORMOND SOLANDT, THE
FORMER CHAIRMAN OF DEFENCE RESEARCH BOARD, CANADA - 08 JUN 1991,
7:30PM/Z

ABBREVIATIONS:

ARMEN VICTORIAN: AV
DR. O. SOLANDT: OS

OS: Hello?
AV: Dr. Solandt?
OS: Yes?
AV: This is Dr. Victorian from England
OS: Doctor?
AV: Victorian
OS: Yes?
AV: I spoke to you a while ago if you recall?
OS: I don't recall. I am sorry.
AV: Yes. I called you around one month or so ago. That doesn't
matter doctor.
OS: What was the call about?
AV: It was at the time about the MKDELTA Projects.
OS: I think it sounds some mis-understanding. It doesn't ring a
bell with me at all.
AV: It was about MKDelta. It was about a kind of work that Dr.
Cameron did.
OS: Oh yes. I am sorry. It is beginning to come back to me. Ah
yes.
AV: That is right. I have now in my possession documents about a
person who has these electrodes in his head.
OS: Have you?
AV: Yes. I have the actual X-rays that the man has sent me. He
still has three of them in his head.
OS: Well. I'll be damned. I did not even know about that. See, as
I told you before. I had nothing directly to do with Dr.
Cameron's work at all.

AV: Anyway the past is past. But, I thought to let you know that
these things are still bothering people after all these years.
Dr. Solandt. I am going to ask you about something totally dif-
ferent. I am going to ask you about Wilbert Smith.

OS: Yes?
AV: And the work that he did, and at time when you were his boss.
OS: No. I was never his boss. He never worked for me.
AV: He never reported to you anything about his work?
OS: Well, I knew about his work. This was when I was the Chairman
of Defence Research Board. And he was very keen on communication
with out of space. He came to defence research board to seek help
for his work for looking for these signals. And, we gave some
help, but it was entirely passive. We had a place in the country

that we had chosen for this. Fairly close for radio research. We allowed him to use, as I recall it, it was long time ago. We allowed him to use a small building we had there. It was only like a garage.

AV: Did he have any result in his work?

OS: No.

AV: I understand that in one instance, when it was a bit cloudy, he managed to register something on his equipment.

OS: Not that I ever heard of.

AV: Oh! But, were you aware that at that time the Americans were doing some serious research on the same subject?

OS: Ah.. not that they were doing any work on it. They were watching it very carefully, as far as I knew.

AV: Especially Van Bush.

OS: Well, I was just about to say... I got my information from Van Bush. At that time I used to see him a couple of time during the year, and that was the subject we sometimes discussed. But we never did any joint work on it.

AV: Did he ever tell you what were their latest findings?

OS: Smith?

AV: No, Van Bush.

OS: Well, as far as I know, they had no findings other than those which appeared. What was the name of the head of the Bureau of Standards? Wrote for it, before the American Government... No, I know that there are CONTINUAL REFERENCES TO SECRET AMERICAN WORK. But certainly I did not know of it.

AV: I see. Do you think in the position that you were in at the time, and the relationship that your government had with the Americans, the Americans would have been prepared to share, as you referred to, that category of work. I mean work which was very secretive or above top secret, with you?

OS: They certainly would have, if we would have shown interest in it and the need to know. We have shared some above top secret information. This is not exactly what we regard as being very important.

AV: Was the interest there in your part?

OS: No.

AV: This question might sound somewhat out of context, but I would try to phrase it in the best possible way. Was there any pressure or briefing from your more senior rank. I mean above your level at the time. To ask you to find out what the Americans are up to in that particular subjects, the UFOs?

OS: None at all.

AV: Did you have any interest yourself?

OS: No. Well. I had just a watching interest. I personally never saw any evidence of extraterrestrial, either machines or communications. But kept an open mind. But, we did not see any great importance for actively trying to find out if there is anything of that kind.

AV: How about Dr. Eric Walker? Does that name ring a bell in you?
OS: Yes. I knew him. Not terribly well, but fairly well.

AV: Would you say he is a credible person, or was a credible person at the time, holding an office which would have access to that sort of information?

OS: Yes, he was a credible person, and I think would have access to it.

AV: OK. what would you tell me if I tell you doctor that I have phoned Dr. Eric Walker, and that in his own words, that yes that they did work on crashed saucers. Yes, they did have pathological report on the entities etc. etc.

OS: Well. I would be very surprised. I would like to talk to Eric Walker. I do not know whether he is still alive.

AV: He is still alive, and I can give you his number if you want.

OS: No. I don't want thanks. I am 82 now and in poor health.

AV: I am sorry to hear that. But I can assure you that I have his confirmation on a very serious note through several conversations that I have had with Eric so far.

OS: Yes.

AV: That he has confirmed. In one particular instance when I asked him, did we learn anything from them? His answer was short, sharp and to the point. "SURE", that was his word.

OS: Well. I find it very interesting, but I am not going to do anything about it.

AV: I understand. Doctor, could you do me a favour please. Could you give me the name of a few boys who were working with Dr. Walker at the time in the same office, together with Van Bush.

OS: No. I could not. I never worked in that office. I only occasionally met them, when they came up here.

AV: What was their view about Wilbert Smith? Do you think if they have had that information they would have shared it with Wilbert, or they would have come through authorities higher than Wilbert, like yours in order to share it?

OS: I think, probably they would not have shared it, unless we would have shown an interest in it.

AV: Did Wilbert ever push you, via another office in order to have access to higher ranking information, need to know basis?

OS: In defence really was not any higher body except the monarch. I was the top of the Defence Research Organisation, at the same ranks of the Chiefs of Staff. The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces was a member of the Chiefs Staff Committee. I was not be sure whether none of the Armed Forces had any communication with him that I would not know about.

AV: Would you say doctor that Wilbert Smith had some kind of suspicion at the time, that the Americans do have the material that he so desperately looking for?

OS: Oh, I think he always had this feeling that he is being held back from them. Every where that is typical of the people in this field.

AV: And, would not you say that in a sense he was the cause for his own down fall, because he shared some information with some people. One particular person for example that he should not have i.e. Mr. Keyhoe at the time?

OS: I don't see that sharing information did any harm.

AV: In a sense that if the Americans wanted, or had in their minds that in future to share that information with him, since they knew he was doing some work, since they noticed that he had spread the word around, like somebody like Keyhoe, they decided therefore not to proceed.

OS: I do not know. See, I feel that if information of this kind really existed, and had been in existence, now after twenty odd years would have spread around somehow. Or, if there would have been other examples, or if there were landings, that Eric Walter was involved, and why have not been any others since?

AV: Well, there have been others since. In fact I am in touch with one such person, whose credentials are impeccable, but this is not the point. I totally agree with you, but then again since you have held that high office, therefore you are also quite familiar that there are areas of information that would never become public. B. it is so much compartmented that if you even get a piece of the jigsaw that does not mean much anyway. Don't you agree with me?

OS: No, not really. I think all this compartmentalizations only lasted for a few years. Then started to disintegrate, if the informations of real importance.

AV: I see.

OS: That is just a personal view.

AV: But the situation in US government is even tighter than those years, back in 40s or circa 50s. It is much tighter now.

OS: Is it?

AV: Much much tighter.

OS: Good luck with what you are digging.

AV: I try my best. But you have been of great help. and thank you.

OS: Not much.

AV: Doctor look after yourself. bye.

OS: Bye. /END

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OTTAWA, Ontario, November 24, 1950.

MEMORANDUM TO DOCTOR O.W. SOLANDT:

I am returning herewith the draft article by Major Keyhoe, together with a proposed revision of the first five pages and a letter to Major Keyhoe.

I would suggest that the article, as revised, be scrutinized by others in the group and any amendments which they may suggest to be incorporated in the revision. I am quite sure that Major Keyhoe will accept the revised material in the same spirit in which it is offered and furthermore that the publication of this material, if permitted by the United States Research and Development Board, would be in the public interest.

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Senior Radio Engineer

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MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Wood

Subject: The Secretary's Visit to Canada

1. Dr. G. M. Solandt is Chairman of the Defence Research Board of Canada. As nearly as it is possible to compare them he is Dr. Bush's opposite number. Dr. Solandt recently visited Washington as the official guest of Dr. Bush.

2. The Defence Research Board of Canada is not only charged with the establishment of all policies in the field of military research and development but also exercises the executive functions of administering all the research and development installations in the Military Establishment. Members of the Board include the three Chiefs of Staff who are:

Lieut. General C. Foulkes, CB, CBE, DSO
Chief of General Staff

Vice Admiral H. T. W. Grant, OBE, DSO
Chief of Naval Staff

Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSO, MD
Chief of Air Staff

as well as presidents of the leading universities and some of the more important industrial figures.

3. Among the more notable members of the Defence Research Board is Dean C. J. Mackenzie, CMG, MC, who is President of the National Research Council and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Board. The latter is established by a law very similar to the one establishing the Atomic Energy Commission in Canada, but is more closely interlocked with the military than is the case here. The National Research Council operates a number of research laboratories as well as the atomic energy plant in Chalk River, Ontario. The Chalk River installation maintains activities in all military and civilian phases of atomic energy applications. There is an American 11th team residing at Chalk River.

4. The other laboratories of the National Research Council are primarily concerned with industrial and commercial applications but they

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include a great many military contracts, all of which come under the authority of the Defence Research Board.

5. A study of the personnel problems, including the important one of the distribution and use of scientific personnel, is being made by Dean W. A. Mackintosh, CMG, MA, PhD, FRCS, a professor at Queens University, and a leading economist. This study is being made for the Cabinet Defence Committee which is the approximate equivalent of our War Council. C. D. Howe, PC, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, is the Canadian member of the Combined Policy Committee on Atomic Energy. Dr. D. A. Keys is the director of the Chalk River plant.

6. Our policy on the interchange of technical information is a matter of paramount importance to the Canadians and such progress as may be reported to them along this line would be welcomed. The Canadian authorities at present are concerned with interpretations currently being made of the Atomic Energy Act. For example, information sources on respirators were recently closed to them because of the necessity of disclosing atomic energy information as more advanced techniques in respirators were adopted. The Canadians feel that such an interpretation, if generally followed, would result in closing a larger number of avenues of information.

7. The Canadian scientists and geographers are pre-eminent in the field of arctic activity and we have much to gain by a free exchange on such matters. As a matter of fact we must depend heavily on the Canadians for investigation of communication, navigation, projectile control methods and ionosphere measurements in the all-important auroral belt. Interchange of technical information should be uninhibited to enable us to gain necessary Canadian information so that studies of the earth's magnetic field may be completed.

8. One of the most important fields of joint interest between Canada and the United States is that of Chemical and Biological Warfare which is the field in which Dr. Solandt himself is most active. The Suffield Laboratory in Alberta carries on an important combined activity to which both countries are contributing men and equipment.

9. The United States has a large detachment at Churchill, on Hudson Bay, where there is a combined test and research station. Many of the foregoing technical projects as well as methods of arctic transportation and winterization are worked on at Churchill.

10. One of the most important activities in experiment and research being carried forward on a combined basis is the operation of the low

Omond McKillop Solandt

Chairman, Defence Research Board
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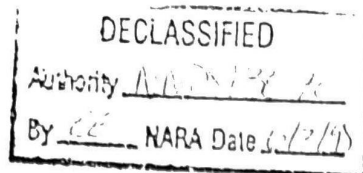
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Even in an era when youth coupled to scientific brilliance is the rule rather than the exception, the youthful Chairman of the Canadian Defence Research Board is by way of being a prodigy.

A list of the degrees that Omond McKillop Solandt holds reads like the catalogue of the academic honors offered by the University of Toronto. He holds four degrees including the Doctor of Medicine from that University and a second Master's Degree from Cambridge University.



He served his internship at the Toronto General Hospital and following post-graduate work at the London Hospital, he accepted a permanent position on the staff of the Department of Physiology at Cambridge.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war, in 1940, he was appointed Director of the Southwest London Blood Supply Depot, at the request of Sir Edward Mellanby, and continued in that capacity until January 1941, when he was appointed Director of Medical Research Council Physiological Laboratory at the Armoured Fighting Vehicle School at Lulworth, England.

At the Physiological Laboratory, Dr. Solandt became actively engaged in research problems concerned with tank design and the physiological problems peculiar to tank personnel. The work of this group soon led to the formulation of many important tank gunnery problems, which were taken over by the Armoured Fighting Vehicle Section of the Army Operational Research Group established by Dr. Solandt in 1942. He was appointed Deputy Superintendent of the Army Operational Research Group in 1943 and Superintendent in May 1944.

Dr. Solandt joined the Canadian Army in February in 1944 with the rank of Colonel and continued as Director of the Army Operational Research Group until 1945 when he was selected as Director of the Operational Research Division, South-East Asia Command, and scientific adviser to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, then Commander-in-Chief, S.E.A.C. He made a liaison visit to Burma in May and returned to England in June 1945. Owing to the cessation of hostilities he did

not assume his post with the Commander-in-Chief, S.E.A.C., but was appointed by the War Office as a member of the Joint Military Mission sent to Japan to evaluate the effects of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Solandt was appointed Director General of Defence Research, Canadian Department of National Defence, on December 28, 1945, and as such serves as the Chairman of the Defence Research Board and scientific member of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and Defence Council.

Dr. Solandt was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 2, 1909. Like his United States counterpart, Vannevar Bush, he is the son of a minister. His father, Donald McKillop Solandt, was Presbyterian and later United Church clergyman, and at the time of his death in 1936 he was head of the United Church Publishing House in Toronto. His mother, Edith Young Solandt, was reared in Ottawa where her father was head of the Government Printing Bureau. Dr. Solandt is married to the former Elizabeth McPhedran of Toronto and has two children, Sigrid and Andrew.

Among his wide variety of interests, he includes flying and radio. He obtained a commercial radio operator's license before entering the University of Toronto, and has worked as an observer with the Ontario Provincial Air Service.

Dr. Solandt was awarded the Order of the British Empire in the King's Birthday Honours List, 1946, and an Honorary D.Sc. degree from the University of British Columbia in 1947. He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians.

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frequency LORAN chain across northern Canada. This equipment originally developed by the United States was installed at first on a purely experimental basis but now is on an operational basis with experiment incidental thereto. This equipment enables us to give airplanes fixes with an accuracy of plus or minus ten miles at a range of over 2,000 miles. Present technical improvements to the equipment may increase this accuracy considerably and improve the range by as much as 50%.

11. There is an active interchange of information in the field of electronics research, a field which found us heavily indebted to the Canadians during the recent war. At one time they were providing us with airborne radar equipments before we could produce any of our own.

12. The Canadian Navy is active in the field of oceanography and their projects are tied in closely with activity at Woods Hole, Massachusetts carried on by the United States Navy. On the West Coast research in underwater acoustics is closely coordinated with similar activity of our own Navy at San Diego.

13. In Canada there is, as a counterpart of a combined Munitions Board and National Security Resources Board, an Industrial Defence Board of which the chairman is Mr. H. J. Carmichael, CMG, Vice President of the Conroy Manufacturing Co., Ltd., St. Catharines, Ontario. This organization is vested with responsibility for production planning. The British have given the Canadians much encouragement in increasing Canada's aircraft development and manufacturing potentials. British plants which were transferred from England during the war because of the heavy bombing have been maintained and are operating in the commercial field with a great deal of encouragement from both the British and Canadian governments. The Canadians have conducted a study of the strategic layout of their aircraft industry, considering it as complementary to the United States. The A. V. Roe concern is carrying on some development in jet engines at Toronto and the Canadian Defence Research Board is active in developing new fuels,

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Chairman

Signed: F. H. Richardson

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Based on the Television series of the same title, this book features
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[New!]Perspectives in Science and Technology: The Legacy of Omond Solandt,
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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, Superintendant 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 UFO'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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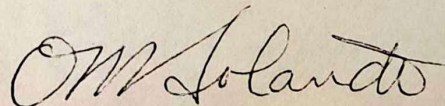
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DEFENCE RESEARCH BOARD

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

27th July, 1948.

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Dear Dr. Bush:

May I thank you most sincerely for your kind letter and for the magnificent book of photographs. I shall treasure it as a memento of a most delightful and interesting visit.

I hope that you had a good holiday, and that your work is going well. I trust that you will let me know whenever you have time for another visit to Canada. I shall look forward to seeing you again in Washington before long.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. Solandt

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Dr. C. M. Solandt
Chairman, Defence Research Board
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Dr. Solandt:

Your excellent letter of 5 July 1948 was on my desk when I returned to Washington. I am glad indeed that you found the Washington visit enjoyable, and I share your hope that the future may hold similar opportunities for deepening our understanding of mutual problems.

In all three Services there were the liveliest and most cordial expressions of interest in your visit. I feel that there is no substitute for these personal exchanges for achieving a clear insight into matters of common interest.

I am sending along a scrapbook containing photographs which I hope will serve as a pleasant memento of your visit.

Cordially,

Signed V. Bush

V. BUSH
Chairman

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20 August, 1948.

Dr. Vannevar Bush,
National Military Establishment,
Research and Development Board,
Washington 25, D.C.

Out

Dear Dr. Bush:

I was very sorry to hear from Mr. Forrester that you had been unable to accompany him to Ottawa on account of illness. We were all very sorry that you were unable to come. I hope that both yourself and your wife are much better.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ormond M. Solandt

Chairman,
Defence Research Board.

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Mr. B is doing very well.*

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5 July, 1948

Out

Dear Dr. Bush:

May I thank you most sincerely for your kindness in making such splendid arrangements for my visit to Washington, and for your own hospitality.

I was very pleased to have an opportunity of meeting the members of your Board, and was very flattered by their interest in Canada. I hope that these excellent relations between the countries will continue, and that we will be able to pull our weight in the joint cause.

I hope that yourself and members of your Board and your staff will be able to visit Canada from time to time to keep in touch with what we are doing. We will certainly always be very glad to have you come.

I was especially pleased that we were able to clear up the minor difficulties over security and interchange of information. Everyone to whom I spoke seemed genuinely interested in trying to ensure the closest possible relationship with Canada.

Again, thanks for all your kindness and hospitality. I hope that you will have a good holiday on Cape Cod.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Solandt

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September 27, 1989

Dear Mr. Cameron,

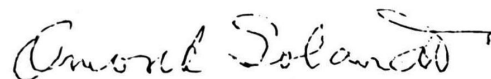
This is a brief reply to your letter of September 10, 1989 concerning UFO's.

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.

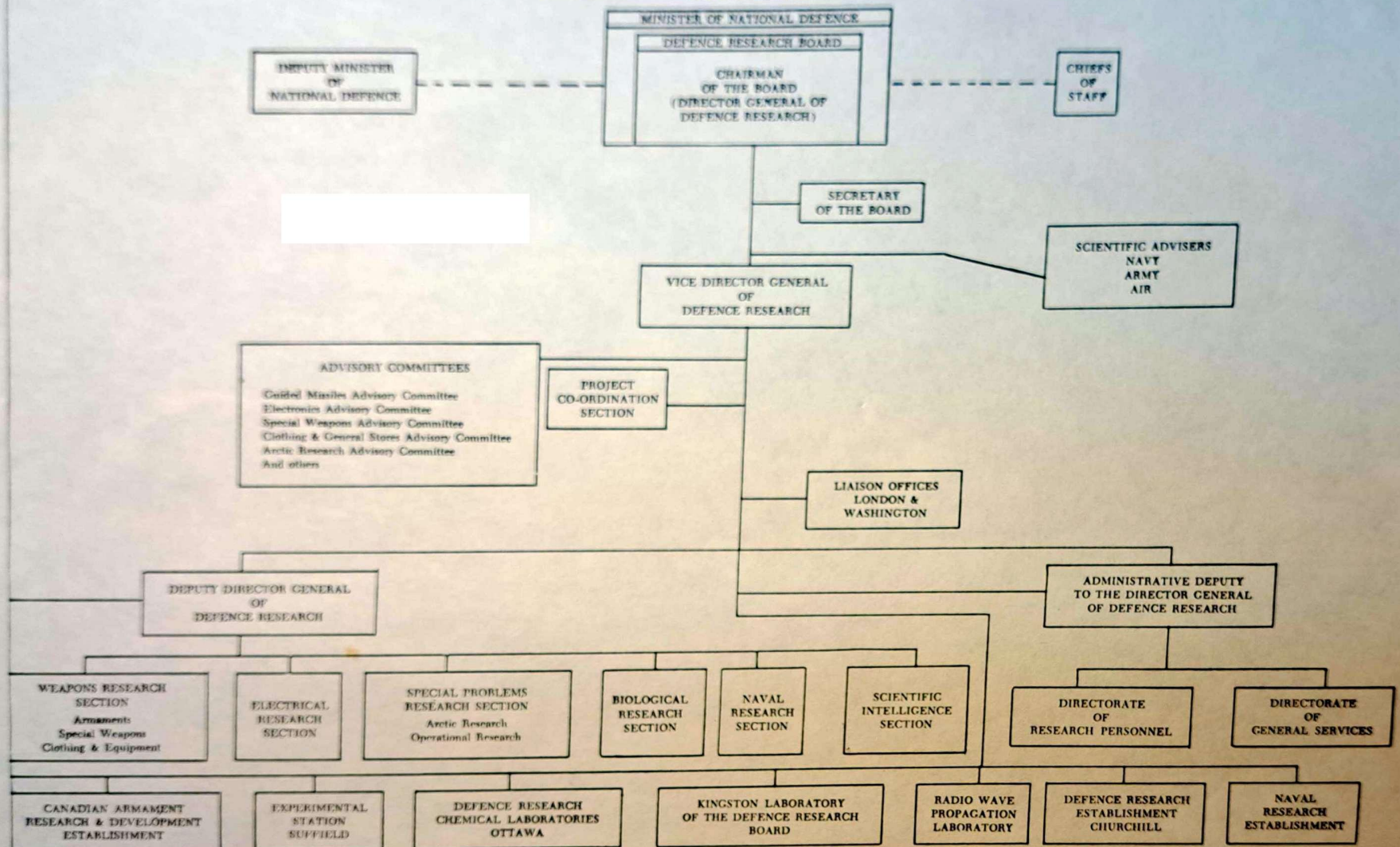
Yours sincerely,



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DEFENCE RESEARCH BOARD ORGANIZATION

17 September, 1947



Alsager
Stoke-on-Trent
ENGLAND, July 4, 1989

Dr. O. M. Solandt
Bolton, Ontario

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 B. 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.B. Smith memo, and that the forger used the 1950 Smith memo as a "starting point", as it were (since Bush is named 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.B. 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 14-8-89

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August 3, 1989

Dear Mr. Allan

Thank you for your letter of July 4, 1989 inquiring about Wilbert Smith and UFOs. 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.

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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 clasified 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,

Charles S. L. Smith

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Mr. Grant Cameron,

Thank you for your most recent letter outlining your future plans. Unfortunately I will not be in the Toronto area during your passage but do look forward to meeting with you at the Dayton gathering.

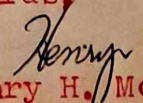
In answer to the question with reference to Dr. Solandt. I nor any associates (to the best of my knowledge) have broached this subject matter with him--might I suggest contacting Arthur Bray in Ottawa on this?

While in the Toronto area the following people may be of some assistance; Michael Sinclair, Chairman of the UFO Research Centre; Ont. His business no. is 923 6641 ex. 325, his residence 923 4371 Tom Grey, Editor of UFO Update may be contacted at 270 7714 Joe Muskat, member of CUFOIN may be reached at 225 5703 and Harry Tokarz at 635 0256. Harry and Joe are recent members of MUFON and plan on attending the Dayton Symposium, also Mike Sinclair, plus others from the greater Toronto area.

Tom Grey may have further information on reported landings, at Kirkland Lake early this spring and more recently at Ajax both in Ont. These incidents may be on file in Ottawa, I would be interested in hearing of your results.

Have an enjoyable journey and look to our meeting at Dayton with anticipation.

Best regards,


Henry H. McKay
Canadian MUFON
Director

from Mackenzie

and influence in the matter. We feel that Mr Taylor will be useful to us as he is an extraordinarily fine type with much experience and knowledge in the entire experimental field of aeronautics, in addition to his specialty of de-icing.

The Experimental Flight has been organized and is now in operation with Wing Commander Tommy Loudon as officer in charge, and Wing Commander Halliday commanding officer of the entire establishment, including test flight, experimental flight, shops, etc. We are pleased with the organization and at the present time active work is being done on the testing of the Sperry bomb sight, on experiments in night vision which [Professor E. Godfrey] Burr of McGill has developed, and on various other projects originating in Parkin's and Banting's laboratories.

The most interesting and significant developments recently have to do with the co-operative arrangements which we have been able to make with our American friends. Sir Henry Tizard's mission which came to this country for the purpose of exchanging technical and scientific information having a war bearing with the us has had far-reaching results.

In the us there has been set up a National Defense Research Committee headed by Dr Vannevar Bush, formerly of MIT, which has initial funds amounting to ten million dollars at its disposal. The main committee is a strong one consisting of such men as President J.B. Conant of Harvard, President K.T. Compton of MIT, Dr R.C. Tolman of the University of California, Dr F.B. Jewett, chairman, Bell Laboratories, and Rear Admiral H.G. Bowen and Brigadier-General G.V. Strong, representatives of the us Navy and Army.

We have worked out an effective system for co-operation and all of the research work going on in the industrial laboratories such as those of RCA, Bell, General Electric, Westinghouse, Sperry, etc., as well as in the Navy and Army research stations, is open to representatives nominated by us, and in turn all our laboratories are open to comparable officers in the us nominated by the proper official there.

During the last few weeks we have been sending a steady stream of research men to visit laboratories in the us and in the same way we have received visits from many United States service officers and scientists. At the present time we can give to the Americans a great deal of valuable advice arising out of our year's experience of war and they thoroughly appreciate what we can do. On the other hand, they are organizing most vigorously and inside of a year we will be able to get a great deal from them.

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velopment Committee has already granted \$370,000 for our special radio work and we will shortly have a staff of about eighty in [J.T.] Henderson's lab. The Americans are busy on similar work and the facilities of the large industrial research laboratories will be of great value to all of us. In fact we have already made arrangements whereby certain special equipment which we needed and could not have hoped to obtain for perhaps six to nine months in the normal way, will be available to us within the next six weeks at absolutely no cost to ourselves.

I have been to Washington several times to confer with Dr Bush and members of his committees there. As you well know there is a most extraordinary pro-British sentiment in such quarters. Scientifically and technically they are at war as much as we are - and one has to remind oneself continually that they are still a neutral country. Sir Frederick Banting and Colonel Gorssline, director general of Medical Services, accompanied me the last time I went down and they were able to make valuable contacts in the medical and aviation-medicine research groups. As a result of their visit, a delegation of the most prominent us scientists and service medical officers interested in aviation medicine flew to Toronto last week-end for the purpose of inspecting the work going on there and they were much impressed with what Banting and his group have done.

The work of the council is expanding day by day and new problems are flowing in continually. I have brought together in informal association Dr D.C. Rose and his group, Mr R.H. Field, Dr Archibald from [George] Laurence's laboratory, and Mr Klein from Parkin's laboratory to serve as special investigators and designers for problems suggested by Lt-Col Morrison. At the present time they are all actively working on such things as chronographs, gun sights, predictors, etc.

Parkin's laboratory is now engaged on the design of Anson wings in moulded plywood. The wind tunnel at the new annex has been held up temporarily due to the delay in obtaining the structural-steel tunnel. When we called for tenders we did not get a single bid from any firm and we had to negotiate through the Department of Munitions and Supply to have the Dominion Bridge Company instructed to take the work on. The industrial facilities of Canada are being pretty well taxed at the present time and we will soon reach the point when priorities and government instructions will have to be given for most material which has to be made in industries concerned with war work.

The work in chemistry and chemical warfare has developed rapidly and the visit of Mr Davies, superintendent of Porton, has been fruitful. I

Ottawa, Ontario.
26 November, 1957.

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Attention: Mr. A. Shore

Electromagnetic Propulsion

Reference is made to your letter of 20 November, 1957, requesting information on studies in electromagnetic propulsion undertaken by the Board.

Your memory serves you aright! The Board is not involved in any such project.

Original Signed by
D. R. HANSEN

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for Chairman,
Defence Research Board.

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