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Dear Mr. Cameron:-

With reference to your letter of 3 September, 1987, I have not neglected it but absence from my office during much of September has made it impossible to reply until now. It is unfortunate that you gave me no telephone number by which I could reach you. As I have no secretary in my present position I rely a great deal on personal contacts by the telephone. Bell could not help me in your case.

Let me summarize a few general points. You credit me with having discussed the question of UFOs on many occasions when the subject never came up. Certainly I knew personally many of the names you mention. For example, C.J. MacKenzie, Tuzo Wilson, James Wait, Paul Hellyer, Bill Petrie, Bob Aldwinckle and George Garland, but I have no recollection of any conversation with any of the above where UFOs were even mentioned. Omund Solandt, Dick Rettie and Wilbert Smith are exceptions. In setting up the Second Storey Committee, Omund explained to me that the chief interest of the Canadian Government was whether or not the UFOs posed a threat to national security. Dick Rettie asked me if I thought the United Nations should be heavily involved in UFO research and my opinion was "no". Wilbert was a good friend of mine and we often discussed many things. However, I did not agree with his statement on page 12 of Project Magnet Report, nor did any other members of the Second Storey Committee, as far as I am aware. Please note that the terms of reference for Project Magnet were entirely in the field of certain esoteric studies of the electro-magnetic forces in and around the earth (see Appendix D, pages 1-5 of your letter). When this Project developed into an effort to explain UFOs it became "a spare-time activity" as stated in my note of 9 May, 1968 (see Appendix A of your letter), a quote directly from my conversations with the senior officials in DOT. Smith's primary value on the Second Storey Committee was his assistance in drawing up instructions for those interviewing observers of strange events. We were trying to get the real objective facts of these observations and to remove, as far as possible, the subjective opinions and enthusiasms of each individual observer. Our committee was not asked to carry out any general study of all the previously reported incidents.

I would like to make one further general observation. Smith's report on his Washington visit in 1950 over-emphasized the importance of the UFO problem. Since I spent the last three years of my active service in the RCAF (1943-1946) working full-time as a liaison officer in operational research at both our headquarters in London England and in Ottawa, I was very

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familiar with the handling of large masses of top-secret material. There was, in the post-war period just before 1950, a tendency to over-emphasize the search for new sources of energy and new, secret weapons. For many years I have fought against the military classification of the facts of basic science. When I agreed to take over the UFO file from DND in 1968 at the request of our Minister, the Hon. C.M. Drury, it was on the understanding that I would not be required to handle classified material. Government classification of reports in this field has only created misunderstanding and the idea that various countries are hiding some strange secret about UFOs. In my estimation this belief is completely incorrect and without foundation. What senior officials of all governments want to hide is how little any of them really know about the so-called UFOs. I have kept a watching brief on the sky for over 60 years as a professional astronomer, and I should just love to be able to say that I had found definite scientific evidence of the existence in the universe of an alien intelligence apart from that on earth. My name would go down in history. I am enclosing two of my published statements on this subject from 1975 and 1980, and since then I have seen no reason to alter what I said on those occasions.

Now, let me deal with your specific questions as far as I can:-

- (1) a. I have no recollection of ever seeing either the original memo from W.B. Smith, dated 21 Nov. 1950, nor a copy of the letter from R.S. Rettie to W.H. Barton, dated 30 June 1967, until I received your letter in September, 1987 (copies of the two documents noted above were appendices "D" and "B" to your letter). As a purely personal footnote I would never use the word "nonsense" when describing a subject which has puzzled and worried numbers of people living in various countries over the world. See also my comments in the introductory paragraphs above re your appendices "A" and "D".
- (1) b. See answer to (1) a.
- (1) c. I had never seen the code word "Coldcode" until I received your letter.
- (1) d. Naturally, I have no idea.
- (2) a. If you can explain every statement made by officials in any department of the Government, you are a better man than I am. Also, see above my opinion on classification.
- (2) b. The only studies relating to Project Magnet which I have seen or know about are those submitted by W. B. Smith to the Second Storey Committee and made available to the public when I was head of Upper Atmosphere Research Section at NRC.
- (2) c. I have no knowledge of the answers to any parts of this question. As the Chairman of the Second Storey Committee I hold a signed copy of the report Smith made to the Committee, referred to in (2) b.
- (3) a. Solandt did not consult me concerning the make-up of the Second Storey except that we agreed it should be completely inter-departmental as far as possible. Garland did not attend a single meeting of the Committee, nor do I remember discussing UFOs with him. As I have already noted I made continued efforts to have all material in this field declassified.

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- (3) b,c,d. The answer to all of these questions is no.
- (3) e. I haven't the slightest idea.
- (3) f. Members of the Second Storey Committee had not seen, as far as I am aware, the exact wording of Smith's memo of 21 Nov. 1950, but if they had I believe their reaction would have been quite similar to my remarks in my third introductory paragraph above. Smith talked a lot but certainly none of us felt he had made a major revelation, to use your wording.
- (3) g. As far as I know, there were no reports of the type you mention made by the people you list. If there were, I am sure they would have been brought to attention of our Committee.
- (3) h. There was little direct liaison between Canada and U.S.A. on this subject. We noted the reports of Project Blue Book, and at our last meeting tentative plans were made to have Capt. Ruppelt come to Ottawa to discuss his investigations with our Committee, but these fell through. The above comments refer to the period 1950-1953. Much later, during the investigations of the Condon Committee in 1966-1968 when I was head of the Upper Atmosphere Research section of NRC, we had relatively frequent consultations with the scientific UFO investigators in the USA. As noted above, we at NRC took over the UFO files from DND in 1968, and from that time on all reports on these files have been made available to the general public. At present, reports older than one year are on file with the National Archives of Canada at 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3. The recent reports are in the Planetary Sciences section, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, National Research Council, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0R6.
- (4) a. I was amazed to read the clipping from the Winnipeg Free Press, a daily newspaper I never see (your appendix F2). I certainly had heard vague rumours about some attempt to build a UFO landing site in western Canada, but that was absolutely all I knew about it. I used to see Paul Hellyer regularly at church on Sundays, as we were both attending Southminster United Church in Ottawa. As I have noted above we never discussed the subject of UFOs. If any such landing site was ever built, either officially or unofficially, I am not one bit surprised that no UFO ever landed on it. I certainly cannot tell the DND side of the story, since I was discharged from the RCAF in July, 1946.
- (4) b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i. Impossible for me to answer any of these questions since I knew nothing about the "so-called" project.
- (5) a,b,c. Apart from vague ramblings about the great importance of the all-out investigations of UFOs the only material Wilbert ever transmitted to me in writing was his report to the Second Storey Committee, which our group here has made available to the public. I was not involved in any of the hypothetical discussions you refer to in these questions.

Sincerely yours *Peter M. Millman*

Enclosures:- "Seven Maxims of UFOs", 1975.  
"Position Statement" from Encyclopedia of UFOs, 1980.

September 3, 1987

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Dear Mr. Millman,

I am writing to you as one of, if not the only key person from the early history of Canadian UFO research still alive in order to clarify some unresolved parts of that history, and to answer questions raised by new revelations.

More specifically, I am interested in your answers, as they relate to the research done by Mr. Wilbert B. Smith, as he was responsible for all of Project Magnet, and about 95% of the discussion and research published on Project Second Storey. Due to the fact that you wrote the "Note to Project Magnet", the "Summary Report to Second Storey", and the fact that you knew Mr. Smith personally, I think it is proper that this letter and these questions be addressed to you.

- 1) In response to Smith inquiries at the NRC, the department gives out the "Reprint of Project Magnet Report". You authored the introduction to this publication (enclosure A). You state therein the standard Department of Transport line that the research and report were a part time activity for Wilbert Smith. You signed this introduction dated May 9, 1968. Just ten months earlier Mr. R.S. Rettle invited a number of people to Building M-58 at NRC to formulate a Canadian UFO Policy Position for the United Nations (see enclosure B). A hand written note on the Department of Transport copy states "At one time projects Magnet and Coldcode were official projects a lot of time was spent on proving the subject to be nonsense."
- a) Can you explain the discrepancy between your position on May 9, 1968 and the D.O.T. Deputy Minister of Air Services position ten months before?
- b) Was Project Magnet an official project?
- c) I have asked everyone else, so I will ask you - What was Project Coldcode?
- d) Where are the records?
- 2) More importantly, I have enclosed a memo signed by W.J. Wilson dated Sept. 15, 1969, a little over sixteen months after your May 9, 1968 note to the Project Magnet Report (see enclosure C). Mr. Wilson states that on your direction the Second Storey documents in Project Magnet be declassified. "Documents relating to the studies behind Project Magnet . . . and discussion in the Department of Transport surrounding project Magnet be down classified to at least the confidential level. At no time should it be made available to the public."

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- a) Could you explain how a "spare time activity", as stated in your May 9, 1968 statement was something which "at no time should be released to the public" sixteen months later?
  - b) Could you explain what were the "studies behind Project Magnet"? Where are the records and your letters relating to these studies?
  - c) What Project Magnet report in point 4 is to be destroyed when the subject cools off? Is it different from the public version released by you May 9, 1968? Was the Project Magnet report in point 4 destroyed?
- 3) Enclosed please find a copy of the Nov. 21, 1950 Smith memo (see enclosure D). When were you first made aware of the information contained in this memo? I assume that you were very close to the information and studies proposed. I base this on the following information:
- Dr. Solandt, a major player according to this memo, chose you to head the Defense Research Board study (Project Second Storey) into UFOs.
  - Dr. George Garland was provided as "specialized personnel for incidental work". Coming from the Dominion Observatory you must have approved this.
  - Again you wrote the final report to Smith's Project Magnet Report, copies of which are still being sent out by the National Research Council.
  - According to the Wilson memo (enclosure C-1) you were the one responsible for moving the classification of the Nov. 21, 1950 Smith memo from Top Secret to Confidential.
- a) Could you explain exactly how you interpret points A-D?
  - b) Did you discuss these points with Mr. Smith?
  - c) Did you discuss this information (points A-D) with Dr. Solandt who was briefed the day before the memo by Mr. Smith with all the information he had gathered to date?
  - d) Did you discuss this information (points A-D) with Dr. C.J. MacKenzie who was good friends with Mr. Bush who was mentioned in the memo (see enclosure E).
  - e) Did MacKenzie contact Bush relating to what Smith had said?
  - f) What steps were taken to check the information given by Smith as to the situation regarding UFOs in the USA as described by the Canadian Embassy? Why are there in the public records absolutely no records or interdepartmental correspondence whatsoever to this major revelation? Where are all these records?
  - g) What reports did Dr. George Garland provide you regarding his work on either (i) Project Magnet or (ii) the studies behind Project Magnet? What about reports by Dr. J. Tuzo Wilson, Dr. James Wait, John H. Thompson? There seemed to be a lot of people involved, but no memos, letters, or reports?

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- h) Most importantly, what liason and discussion took place between the Canadians and the Americans related to points A-D? Who was involved? Where are the reports?
4. Enclosed also please find your "Summary Report" to Project Second Storey (enclosure F-1). Again your conclusion related to further UFO studies is rather negative. You will note the date of the report is Nov. 21, 1953, and that you wrote the report for the Department of Defense. Now see enclosure F-2. According to the Department of Defense, "expert on UFOs" (only a couple months after you wrote your report stating there is nothing to this UFO stuff), the Department of Defense is secretly running a Top Secret program to land UFOs at the Defense Research Board Station at Suffield, Alberta. In 1967 the Department of Defense admits this. In 1978 the Department of Defense denies it (enclosure F-3). Because you wrote the final report for a D.O.D. UFO study only months before, you surely were aware of this Top Secret Program.
- a) I have only Wilbert Smith's version of this Project. The Department of Defense claims to have destroyed its records. Perhaps you could fully tell the D.O.D. side of the story?
  - b) What was the Project name?
  - c) Who were the members of the committee?
  - d) Who is this "department expert on UFOs"?
  - e) Was this project related to the U.S. Project SIGMA, or any other project to contact aliens?
  - f) What group made "strong representations to the committee"?
  - g) What part did the RC.M.P. play?
  - h) How were the UFOs notified that Suffield was the place to land? Was Shirley Bay used for this purpose?
  - i) Where are the records from this project? Where is your correspondence related to this Suffield Project?

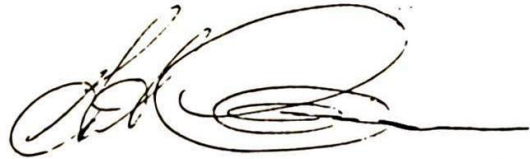
Finally, regarding enclosure S 1-13, in Wilbert Smith's Nov. 21, 1950 memo, he states that he had provided Dr. Solandt with all the available information he has obtained. This would have included the enclosed hand written notes of the interview with Sarbacher. This interview plus others he conducted to obtain the information which became points A-D in the Smith memo, are not a part of Magnet or Second Storey files. There is little doubt that with the mention of Dr. Vannevar Bush's name, and the supporting interviews done by Smith, that you, Dr. Solandt, and Dr. MacKenzie would have taken the matter very seriously. It appears now quite clear that Wilbert Smith was getting his information from reliable sources in the U.S.A. (enclosure S). In light of this revelation I am sure all researchers in Canada and the USA. would appreciate answers to the following questions:

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- a) Canadian departments (defense, NRC, DOT) have always maintained that Smith was a loose cannon and that Smith alone was responsible for his conclusions. How does this fit into the presently known fact that he was only following up on upper level USA research programs?
- b) Can we now have released all notes presented by Smith at the Nov. 20, 1950 meeting with Dr. Solandt. Also, all notes taken by Solandt, his diary entries and interdepartmental correspondence initiated by Solandt as a result of this meeting with Smith.
- c) Can we have details of all Canadian-U.S. liasons, meetings, related to this information passed to Dr. Solandt. Especially wanted is liason between Canadian scientists and American scientists such as Dr. V. Bush, Dr. Eric Walker, Dr. Compton, Dr. John von Neuman, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer. Finally, any exchanges or liasons on UFOs between the National Research Council and Defense Research Board, and the U.S. Research and Development Board.

Mr. Millman, you were closely associated with all these projects and people. You are aware of what records exist, and where they might be found. You wrote final reports to the two major Canadian UFO Studies. I think I have properly requested that you fill in these gaps in Canadian UFO research history.

I await your reply. Thanking you for your time and consideration.

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Dear Grant Cameron:

Received your letter of January 17, about my contacts with Frances Swan. Actually, I have never had any contacts with her, so I can only tell you information given to me by others.

In 1961, I wrote to NICAP, seeking information about ufos, after our sighting in the White Mountains. At that time Rear Admiral (ret.) Herbert Knowles was on their Board of Directors. He invited us to visit him because of this interest. This was the beginning of our association which continued for many years. We lived only about five miles from each other.

During these visits over the years, we met many people at his home - Murl Smith, the Buchanans and a retired Commander, whose name I can not remember at the moment, from the Navy, who died. Later his wife remarried and I still have contacts with her.

During these visits, Barney and I were hoping to be able to find someone who may had contacts with the aliens, without their knowing this interest. Those whom we met were apparently followers of Adamski, for they told of seeing the tall, blond, beautiful ones, dressed in long flowing gowns, which had no relationship to our experience. Then our capture became known.

Adm. Knowles invited Frances Swan to meet us. She refused on the basis that we had contacts with the evil ones, while she was in touch, thru automatic writing, with the good ones.

I know from others that Adm. Knowles contacted friends in the US Navy to give them some information he obtained from Mrs. Swan and apparently two officers visited and talked with her. I know of no other contacts. I was friends to both Merbie and his wife Helen until their deaths. At the time they lived on Goodwin Road in Eliot Maine, so I checked our phone book - I know Mrs. Swan was a near neighbor, and I found a listing for GuySwan, 364 Goodwin Road, Eliot Maine. Phone 207 - 748 - 0848. I think this is probably Frances Swan. I know one investigator who talked with her back in the 1970s and was not impressed.

The question is: how valid is automatic writing?

Sincerely,

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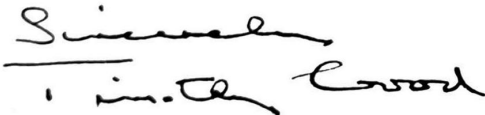
Thank you very much for your letter of 16 January last.

I am delighted to learn that you have recovered the original copy of Wilbert Smith's letter to Ronald Caswell, and when you have a moment would be delighted to have a copy of this. Unfortunately, Ron gave up all communication with anybody having anything to do with the subject about 20 years ago, having become a Jehovah's Witness. I haven't the slightest idea where he lives now, and even when I wrote to his (then) current address my letters were ignored. It is quite possible that Ron received other letters from Smith, but, again, I'm afraid I can't help you - wish I could.

I hope you like my book. Thanks to Arthur, I was able to publish Wilbert Smith's original notes following his meeting with Dr Sarbacher. The Canadian edition of ATS will be published later this year by Macmillan, by the way. And William Morrow of New York are bringing out the US edition in April.

Please give my kind regards to Arthur, and thank him for his last letter.

With best wishes

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