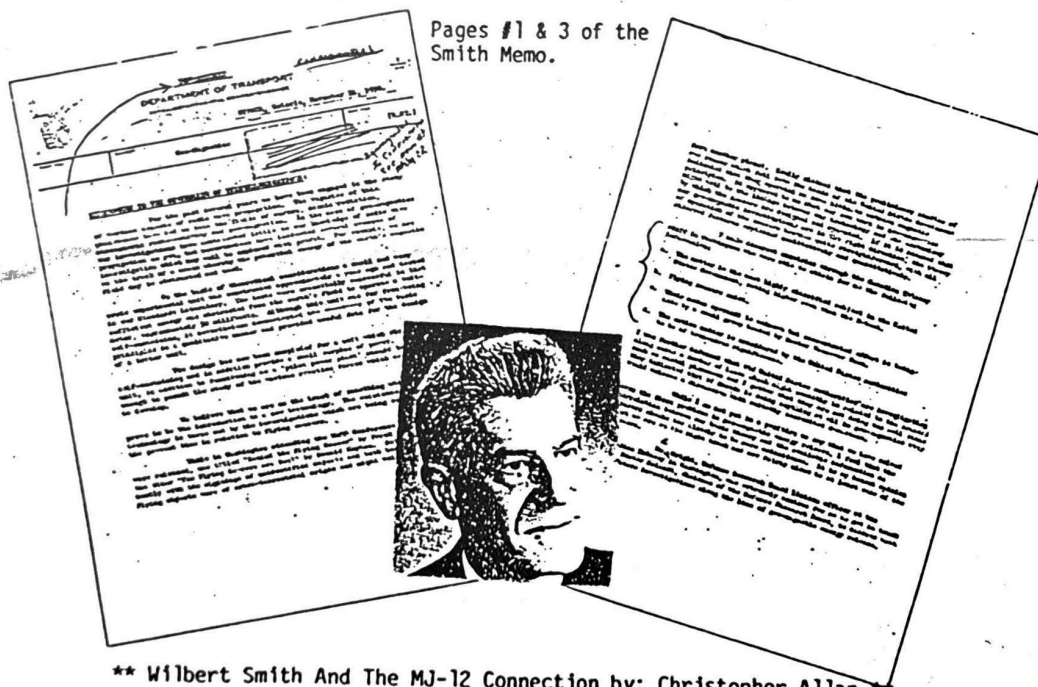




In This Issue - on Page #2 is Communicues and Bits N' Pieces. Included in this department, among other things, is a letter from Chris Rutkowski. Chris' response to Dr. Smith's article, printed in the last issue, is a refreshing piece and it is welcomed as a clear, scientific debate, (or forum) among respectable researchers. Something that seems to be a gone-by-era. Page #4 carries a report from a woman and her daughter. From this account I have recieved three more reports, all in the same locale. A helicopter overflight cannot be ruled out. On Page #6 I've published Wilbert Smith And The MJ-12 Connection by, Christopher D. Allan. This article is a must for those who are continuing to hang on to the MJ-12 myth. Page #12 carries Blue Book's Evaluation Of Gulf Breeze, authored by Bill Pitts. Pitts has spent three days in Gulf Breeze interviewing people who have been corroborative with the findings of Smith and Boyd. I had installed a supplement to Pitts' article, and it appears on P. #14 titled The Blue Lightning Task Force & Mysterious Blimp. P. #15 Fireball Reports, alot of activity in Oregon last year - source SEAN Bulletin - (SPT & JUL 1989) On P. #16 is a reproduction of an unusual event, Bolide Causes Earthquake - Source: Science in the USSR; JAN/FEB 1990. I had recieved a newsclipping from the USSR a few months ago and was able to have it (somewhat) translated. The clipping is reproduced on P. #18 and has an PG rated (Parental Guidance suggested) cartoon printed on it. The cartoon is quite interesting, as it gives an idea how the Soviet press treats the subject. P. #19 has the general translation for the clipping. The book Clear Intent, (Greenwood/Fawcett) is soon to be on the book shelves again and it will have a new 'look' - refer to P. #20.



Pages #1 & 3 of the Smith Memo.

** Wilbert Smith And The MJ-12 Connection by: Christopher Allan. (P. #6)

COMMUNIQUE AND BITS N' PIECES

Those of you who are keeping a close vigil on the MJ-12 matter are well aware, or should be, of the latest problems posed in JUST CAUSE (Issue #23), regarding the "noise" markings and general dirtyness of the photocopier machine used to duplicate the Eisenhower briefing paper. It has been shown that the Moore & Shandera copy have the same anomalies (noise lines and markings) as Tim Good's copy, hence Good's copies had to come from the same photocopy machine. In other words, Good's reliable American source, who has close connections with the intelligence community, is utilizing a photocopy machine that is leaving tell-tale signs, on copies, and is in disrepair. Interestingly, in the Dec. 31, 1989 issue of the Focus newsletter, p. #8, Bill Moore informs us that, "Readers who make a free-will donation to the Fair-Witness Project's "Repair the Photocopier Fund" will receive a set of these documents along with a copy of a recent Open Letter from Mr. Graham to Barry Greenwood of CAUS in which Graham sets the record straight concerning a number of misconceptions about him which appeared in the CAUS newsletter. Donations received will be used to offset the cost of renovating our photocopy machine which is literally on its last legs (again). Cost of needed repairs this time around is estimated at \$600. (We're told it needs a new set of rollers, among other things).

Ed. Comment - A New Rubber Stamp Fund drive would sound nice to!

Other bits of news have come in. You might want to keep a close eye on the TV Guide. We hear from Greg Longthat he will appear on Inside Edition sometime in early May. He informs us that "it looks like a fairly objective piece is being put together with some attention to Tectonic Strain Theory of UFOs".

Thanks Greg!

Researchers trying to obtain new sources of data might want to try the UFO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. It is a monthly newsletter carrying UFO reports. Ten dollars per year, write to UFO Filter Center 618 Davis Dr. Mt. Vernon, IN. 47620

From the letter box we hear from Chris Rutkowski responding to Dr. Willy Smith's article which was printed in the last issue. Chris says, "I wasn't really planning on responding to Dr. Willy Smith's comments about my article, but I might as well clear up a point or two.

"Although he says I indicate that 5% of reported cases cannot be explained, what I actually wrote was that "for the sake of argument... perhaps 5% of all reported UFOs cannot be explained". What is more, this was in the context of defending Michael Persinger's tectonic strain theory [if you can imagine me doing that] from skeptics' statistical results where literally all UFO reports can be explained. Obviously, the TST is worthless in this scenario, so in my article I suggested 5% as an arbitrary value.

"Furthermore, I'm sure that Dr. Smith is aware that the percentage of unknowns varies with sample selection and other criteria. Some ufologists today still believe that the majority of UFO reports cannot be explained, showing that subjective bias plays a significant role in case evaluation. Early MANUFOCAT studies initially gave a value of about 20% unknowns, but this was dropped significantly with more rigorous criteria being applied. The most recent MANUFOCAT study of over 700 UFO reports found a value of around 2.5% unknowns, similar to the UFOCAT results. However, the analysis of the 1989 Canadian UFO wave [not yet fully completed] found about 15% unknowns on a first pass, and only as low as 5% on the final analysis. Naturally, there are some obvious reasons for this. First, UFO groups operating at great distances often only hear about the

WILBERT SMITH AND THE MJ-12 CONNECTION

By: Christopher D. Allan

The older generation of UFO buffs may remember some articles in *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* during the period 1958 - 1962 written by the Canadian ufologist Wilbert B. Smith.

Wibert Smith was a Canadian civil servant and engineer, specializing in radio and telecommunications, who worked in the Department of Transport. He had a strong interest in UFOs from the outset of the UFO era and was impressed by the first two books to be published: *FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL* by Donald Keyhoe and *BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS* by Frank Scully, particularly the latter for reasons we shall see. By 1950 he had become dedicated to ETH. Some years later Smith became the founder and director of the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club. He died of cancer in 1962.

Today Smith's name would be long forgotten were it not for the release of some documents by the Canadian authorities in 1978. Arthur Bray, a Canadian researcher, had applied for the release of the papers relating to the two projects: Magnet and Second Storey, which had been classified since the early 1950s. Included among these was a top secret memorandum, written by Smith; this revived interest in Smith's work and, together with the Roswell affair, contributed to the big renewal of interest in crashed UFOs and cover-ups in the 1980s.

Smith's memorandum

The memo was written on November 21, 1950 and is entitled *GEOMAGNETICS*. It is chiefly to do with the study of magnetic phenomena but some 25% relates to flying saucers. The fact that it was classified 'Top Secret' for nearly 20 years has caused ETH supporters to attach great importance to it; in reality its value to ufology is practically zero, as we shall see.

Smith had addressed his memo to the 'Controller of Telecommunications' requesting that a project be set up to investigate harnessing the earth's magnetic field and its possible use in the design and construction of a flying disc. This project was duly authorized on December 2, 1950 and became known as Project Magnet. There is no official return memo authorizing the project; only a simple handwritten note on Smith's memo, from C.P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport (Air Services) saying: "OK, go ahead with it and keep me posted from time to time". For a supposed official top secret project, it is surely most irregular for it to be authorized in this disinterested, almost brush-off like manner.

Whilst the project did have official backing, it was only a spare time exercise. However, Smith was allowed to use the facilities of the Defense Research Board for his work. The head of the DRB at the time was Dr. O.M. Solandt, who is mentioned in Smith's memo. Solandt had a passing interest in UFOs, of which more later.

The Smith memo contains four short paragraphs which refer to the U.S. government's interest in Flying Saucers. One paragraph says that the matter is more highly classified even than the H-bomb (this was in 1950), while another says that a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush is making "a concentrated effort" to discover the modus operandi of the flying discs. It is these two remarks that form the real hard core of the memo for dedicated ETHers, but their true significance has been grossly overestimated, as I intend to show.

What happened was that Smith was Canada's representative at a radio & broadcasting conference in Washington D.C. in September 1950. During this period he had visited the embassy and raised the subject of UFOs. Scully's book had just been published, with its stories of crashed discs, little green men, and revelations about UFOs being powered by unusual magnetic forces. This caused quite a stir and the book was undoubtedly the talk of the town. An official at the embassy (LT. Col. Bremner) knew Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher, a prominent U.S. scientist who was a consultant in guided missiles and who participated in the joint U.S./Canada project known as DEW Line (Distant Early Warning).

Bremner knew that Sarbacher was also keenly interested in UFOs, and may have read Scully's book. Bremner therefore arranged an interview whereby Smith could put several questions to Sarbacher, via Bremner. It was during the course of this that Sarbacher made the statement: "Yes, it is classified two points higher than the H-bomb. In fact it is the most highly classified subject in the U.S. government at the present time". Sarbacher declined to say more, and revealed absolutely no names. Smith made some handwritten notes of this interview.

Smith did not meet Sarbacher direct, so his notes are second hand, but these notes, which were finally obtained from Smith's son by Bray in 1979, and appear in ref. #2, started crashed disc buffs off in a hunt for Dr. Sarbacher in the early 1980s. One researcher, William Steinman, who pestered Sarbacher many times with letters and phone calls during 1983, eventually had a reply dated Nov. 29, 1983. This has become known as the "Sarbacher letter", later widely published and also shown in ref. #2. It gives the impression of providing further proof that the U.S. authorities had crashed discs in their possession. Steinman had suggested the names of about ten scientists who he thought had been involved in crashed UFOs and wanted Sarbacher to confirm these names. Sarbacher said that Vannevar Bush & John von Neumann were "definitely involved". The first point to note is that Sarbacher did not volunteer these names; they were suggested, repeatedly, by Steinman first. The second point is that some 18 months earlier, in spring 1982, both Bill Moore and Stanton Friedman had also tracked down Sarbacher; both had long phone conversations with him and Friedman had met him in person. In view of Moore & Friedman's very strong pro-ETH bias, there is no telling how much Sarbacher had been indoctrinated with crash saucerology before Steinman contacted him.

In 1985 other ufologists, including Jerry Clark and Bruce Maccabee, also also met with Sarbacher; but some of the facts he told them do not tally with what he wrote to Steinman, and do not in any way support the Roswell story, still less MJ-12's existence. For example: in his 1983 letter he says he had "no connection with any people involved in the recovery", yet he told Clark in 1985 that Bush and von Neumann were involved and that they told him about the recoveries (see FATE, March 1988). Concerning an alleged recovery of a UFO: Sarbacher, both in his letter and in his 1985 talk with Maccabee, refers to the aliens as "like insects". None of the crash/retrieval stories (Roswell, Aztec, etc.) mentions insects, and it seems clear that Sarbacher is merely recalling office discussions of long ago on Gerald Heard's IS ANOTHER WORLD WATCHING, published soon after Scully's book (ref. #3).

Even Sarbacher's 1950 "higher than an H-bomb" statement can be interpreted as a reference to the Air Force Project (which was certainly highly classified) plus data picked up from the Keyhoe & Scully books, boosted by a few office rumors. There is no mention whatever in Smith's 1950 Sarbacher notes of any project remotely resembling MJ-12, no mention of crashed discs or alien bodies, and no mention of Bush or anyone else. Neither is there the slightest chance that Sarbacher, had he known of a genuine recovery of a UFO that was classified Top Secret, would have passed on any indication of this fact to Smith, a Canadian citizen with no "need to know".

a device called a 'binding meter' to measure certain areas of "reduced binding" that he believed existed in the atmosphere and which were the cause of some unexplained airplane crashes that Smith had studied. Smith obtained this information, he says, from various contacts he had with the "people from elsewhere". Smith was in fact an early contactee, and had been engaged in such contacts from about 1953.

His ideas on UFO propulsion have already been dealt with.

Some more of Smith's strange utterances are given in ref. #2. He claimed to have been allowed to examine fragments supposedly shot down from a UFO by a Navy jet over Washington D.C., but then had to return them to a "highly classified group". He also claimed his research group had recovered one and a half tons of 'unidentified metal' in Canada in 1960. (The Condon Report deals with both these cases on p. 90-92; the first was fictitious, the second was a chunk of ordinary foundry waste). So much for Smith's reliability & credibility. Smith further claimed that official contact with aliens had been established, and in a letter to one researcher even said that "every nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of space craft and their occupants from elsewhere" (ref. #2). Emotive words for the late 1950s, but mild compared with the ravings of certain fringe types 30 years later.

In his terms of reference for Magnet in 1950 Smith wrote: "It is intended to classify this work in its entirety until such time as it can be assessed for its impact on our civilization".

Those who read Smith's later attack on official UFO secrecy were not to know that it was Smith himself, not the Canadian government, that had requested Project Magnet to be kept under strict security.

Smith contributed various philosophical and fringe science articles to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and ROUND ROBIN (a few are reprinted in ref. #5) up to his death in 1962. It has been alleged that he died of a brain tumor and that this tumor caused the apparent mental derangement affecting his later writings; however Mr. Grant Cameron of Winnipeg assures me that Smith in fact died of stomach cancer; thus there is no reason to put any of his bizarre writings down to a tumor-caused mental disorder.**

Because Smith had won a posthumous award for his services to broadcasting I asked the Canadian High Commission in London if they had any record of him in their reference material. I also asked if they had any record of Dr. Solandt. They replied saying they had no record of a Wilbert B. Smith, but they supplied a 6-inch column entry for Omond M. Solandt from the Canadian Who's Who. I then wrote to Solandt, asking what he knew about Smith and Project Magnet. He replied in August 1989. Solandt had a low opinion of Smith as a scientist, saying that Smith's experiments on Magnet were later shown to be quite worthless. He also said that Smith was all along obsessed with the idea of an 'Establishment' suppression of UFOs (surprise, surprise!).

Interestingly, Solandt confirmed that he knew Dr. Bush quite well and that they often discussed UFOs. There is nothing the least remarkable in this, as plenty of senior scientists in the early post-war era were interested and curious about what was then a new phenomenon. (Many, of course, still are). Solandt also said that although he was chief of the DRB, and therefore with a far higher security clearance than Smith, he had never heard of any top secret UFO project, despite his friendship with Bush. One other piece of information he told me, which I had not asked for, is most illuminating: "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". Solandt ended by saying that all the

** (Ed. Comment - C. Allan poses a valid point here, however we will never be certain if indeed cancer effected his writings.)

Parliament

Per Smith Ad Astra Pro MPs

By RICHARD JACKSON
of The Journal

ANY day now, Wilbert B. Smith, Chief of Radio Regulations Engineering for the Telecommunications and Electronics Division of the Transport Department should be making an appearance before the Commons Broadcasting Committee.

For years he has been a regular if not exactly routine witness, consulted by the Committee on the involved technical complications of broadcasting.

This Session, it might make for a nice change of pace if the Committee were to ask Mr. Smith about his personal specialty: Outer Space and UFOs.

In the way-out world of the galaxies, UFOs are Unidentified Flying Objects—vehicles from Outer Space—piloted by living Beings.

A few of these Space Ships have pranged up here on Mother Earth, reports Mr. Smith on the basis of having personally handled fragmented bits of wreckage, or, as he calls it, "hardware."

OF MORE urgent interest perhaps than Flying Saucers to the Committee when Mr. Smith makes his expert's appearance before it, might be his views on Soviet achievements in Space.

To begin with, he doesn't believe the Russians are ahead, perhaps not even abreast of the Americans in Space navigation.

How so?

"Everything the Russians so far have put up, from Sputnik One to Gagarin's global rocket, has been on a 60 degree orbit," the way Mr. Smith sees it.

"True, the Russians are lifting as much as eight tons, but they are caught in a tight orbital rut; and while the Americans so far haven't been raising more than one ton, they're getting it up without directional restriction."

How come the Russians can orbit only at 60 degrees?

"Some time before the International Geophysical Year they told us, I think perhaps in one of their technical journals, how they were getting weight with height and distance," recalls Mr. Smith.

"They said they were lowering rockets into a concrete-lined mine shaft to a depth of 8,000 feet, firing them through this glorified gun barrel with charges of slow-burning powder, and setting

relate it definitely to a UFO."

The Observation Station was closed in '55, but Mr. Smith has been chasing Flying Saucers ever since.

To him go all reports of UFO sightings that reach Transport or any other Federal agency, and he keeps a special departmental file on Outer Space.

He has been called to Washington on occasion for consultation with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration people.

THOSE are his credentials.

Now what about Flying Saucers?

"No question, but they exist," he insists. "Their reality is known and recognized by those in authority, but deliberately nothing is said about it because the problem of what to do about them remains unsolved."

Proof of reality?

"I personally have handled a lot of 'hardware,' the bits and pieces of wrecked UFOs. The chemical structure of the metal we know, but its hardness, its tensile strength is something we never have seen before."

Who flies these Space Ships, and from where?

"Living beings," says Mr. Smith, "and most likely from beyond our own solar system. A form of life but with an intelligence beyond our comprehension."

"They are here. Even now. Among us."

Sounds crazy?

"I have been called a screwball by experts," confesses Mr. Smith, "and this does not bother me, nor does their skepticism."

MR. WILBERT B. SMITH,
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lations Engineering for the Telecommunications and Electronics Division of the Transport Department is not alone in his convictions.

He has perhaps a half dozen very close associates and maybe as many as 25 or 30 friends and acquaintances who go out week-ends investigating reports of sightings of UFOs.

Some of these sightings have been here in the National Capital District.

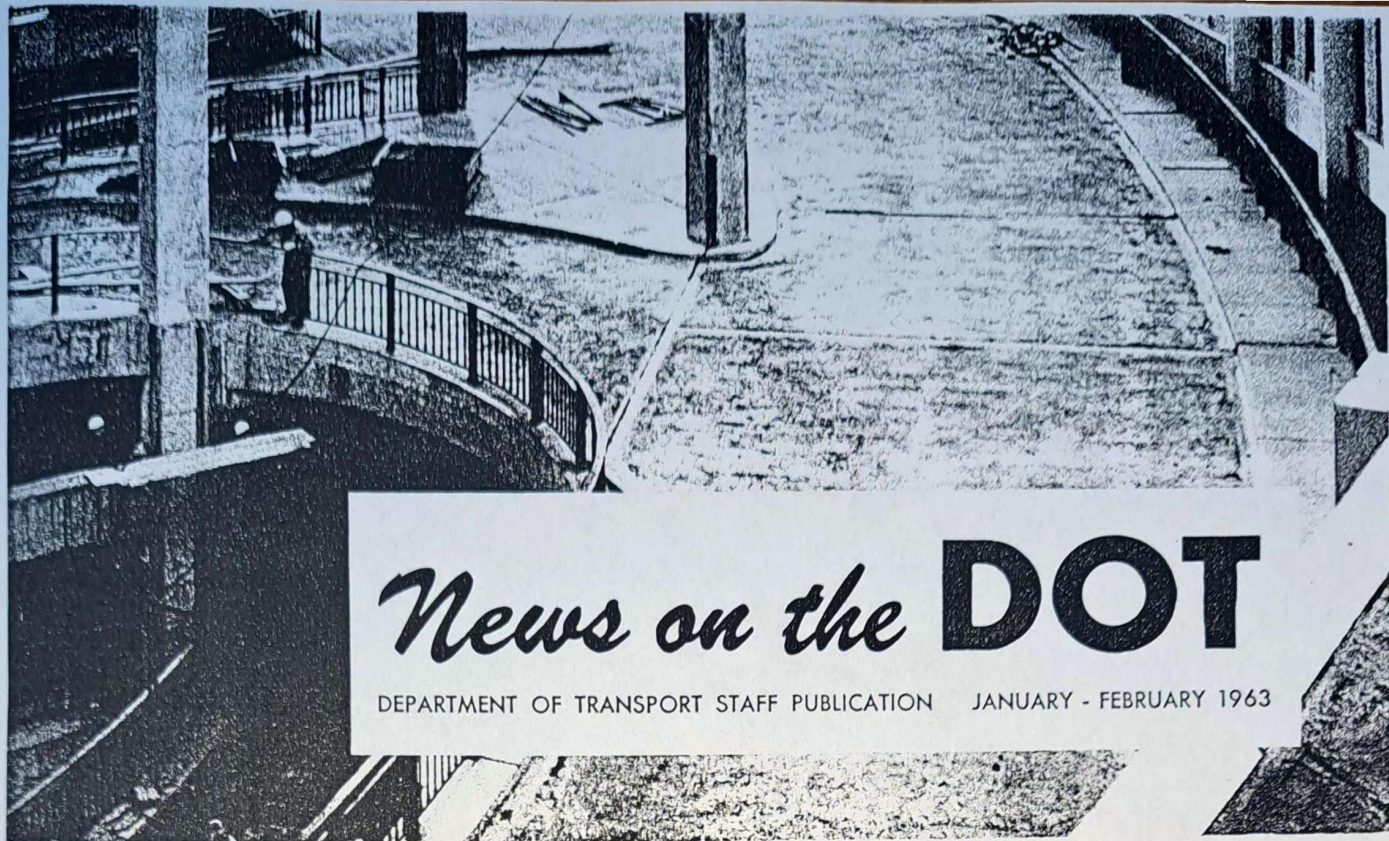
With them they take tape-recorders to get every last detail they can squeeze from these interviews, and suggests Mr. Smith, they even

may have picked up a little "hardware" here and there.

MR. SMITH, at this session of the Commons Broadcasting Committee, as he has been at all others in recent years, is sure to be one of the expert witnesses.

There have been complaints in the committee, particularly from R. S. Southam (C — Moose Mountain) that proceedings so far have been pretty generally a waste of time, even a bore.

If this is so, the committee almost certainly could revive interest in its deliberations if it were to permit Mr. Smith to put it into his orbit of Outer Space.



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IN MEMORIAM

WILBERT B. SMITH

W. Brockhouse Smith, superintendent of radio regulations engineering and the best known personalities in the broadcasting industry, died on December 15, 1952.

Smith did much to encourage improvements in the technical side of broadcasting facilities in Canada and took a personal interest in the formation of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, which often advises the department on frequency allocation and technical matters.

Smith also played an important role between the department and the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board. He joined the department in 1939 and was instrumental in the fulfilment of the first Canadian American Regional Broadcasting Agreement in 1937.

He was engaged in engineering Canada's radio monitoring service during World War II and in 1947 was in charge of estab-

lishing a network of ionospheric measurement stations, several of which were in isolated parts of the North.

He participated in the negotiation of the Canada-U.S. FM Broadcasting Agreement in 1947 and the Canada-U.S. TV Allocation Agreement in 1952 and was a delegate to the Third North American Regional Broadcasting Conference at Montreal and Washington in 1949 and 1950.

Mr. Smith was also noted for his investigations of the many reports of unidentified flying objects which made news in the early Fifties.

As well, he was one of the organizers of the police village of City View, Ont., (on the outskirts of Ottawa), and chairman of its Board of Trustees in 1955.

Born at Lethbridge, Alta., in 1910, Mr. Smith attended the University of British Columbia, graduating with a B.A.Sc. in 1933 and a M.A.Sc. in 1934. He is survived by his widow and three children.



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Ottawa, Nov. 26 — Wilbur

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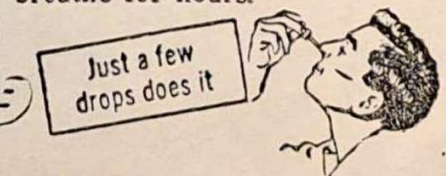
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Wilbert Smith, superintendent of radio regulations engineering with the Department of Transport, believes in flying saucers.

In an address at the annual communion breakfast of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Hull, he discussed research in which he was involved dealing with the possible existence here of space ships from another planet.

His conclusion: the space-ships have landed and they are manned by beings of far superior intelligence.

As evidence, Mr. Smith described laboratory tests on "space parts" picked up in the field. It was found that some of the metals could not be reproduced in the United States. One portion of aluminum was hard as quartz, he claimed, and could only be broken for analysis by grinding. Yet its composition was similar to the kitchen pots in every home.

No satisfactory explanation had yet been offered for the

death of a United States Air Force officer whose aircraft disintegrated minutes after he sighted what he described as people aboard a weird unidentified flying object he was pursuing.

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Take Serious View of Saucers

By RICHARD JACKSON, Special Correspondent
From the Ottawa Bureau of The Sudbury Star

OTTAWA — Don't look now, and above all don't say anything to embarrass the self-conscious administration . . . but it just might be that in this strange age of the intercontinental ballistic missile, man-made satellites whizzing around the Earth, and Gagarin, the globe-girdling Russian astronaut, the Canadian government no longer is laughing off such things as flying saucers.

The firm fact is that Wilbert B. Smith, one of the bigger wheels in the federal transport department, who once was officially ordered to forget all about "such crazy nonsense" as flying saucers—or as the Space World knows them "unidentified flying objects"—is now quite free, even encouraged to pursue his investigations of "space ships" from other galaxies.

Smith, chief of radio regulations engineering for the telecommunications and electronics division of the transport department, has been finding what he seriously terms "evidence," in these past 14 years, of flying saucers.

And Smith, let it be established right here and now, is no nut, not even mildly eccentric, but rather a cool-headed engineer and scientist who ranks high enough in his profession to be consulted, year after year, as a recognized and well-established expert, by the House of Commons Broadcasting Committee.

An Official File

Back nearly 10 years ago when Lionel Chevrier was still minister of transport in the Liberal government of former Prime Minister St. Laurent, Smith not only had the official blessing of the administration in his Outer Space research, but was provided some funds and equipment to open a flying saucer sighting station here in the Capital.

He called it that, too, and while there were a few who laughed, the majority, well-satisfied with his engineering and professional credentials, were willing to curb their humor and wait and see what Smith might spot at his, or, more accurately, the government's, saucer station.

Sure enough, one morning, on his instruments there showed up a strange "squiggle" — not a bird, not a plane, not yet a rocket — then, what?

He couldn't be sure.

And George Marler, who by then had replaced Chevrier (assigned to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority) as transport minister, wouldn't let him find out.

Marler, a man completely without imagination—he since has left the federal political field—ordered the saucer station closed.

Fortunately, Smith had an understanding deputy minister, John Baldwin who still is second-in-command in transport, and he permitted the saucer expert to pursue his studies for the department on the quiet.

Smith continued building an official transport department file on flying saucers, and a reputation that was recognized in Washington.

For Real, Says He

He has made several trips to the American Capital for consultation at the request of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration.

And then, four years ago when Conservative George Hees replaced Liberal George Marler as transport minister, Wilbert B. Smith was back in business . . . openly.

He so far hasn't re-opened the saucer sighting station, but to him does go all information collected by and submitted to government departments on unidentified flying objects — and, seriously, there continues to be a great many — and he represents Canada at international space conferences.

He, in fact, is officially recognized by the transport department as its, and the federal government's flying saucer expert.

OK . . . then what about saucers or UFOs?

No question, insists Smith, but that they exist, and the only reason that those in authority have said nothing about it is that they simply don't know what to do about it.

Smith and some 30 colleagues from the various scientific agencies of the government often spend weekends tape-recording witnesses' accounts of Saucer and collecting what he likes to call "hard ware."

This "hardware" is fragments of saucers that have cracked up in landing. Who flies these space vehicles?

"Living beings," says Smith, "from beyond our solar system. A form of life with an intelligence beyond our comprehension. They are here. Even now. Among us."

Sounds crazy?

"I've been called a screwball by experts, smiles electronic engineer Smith, "but I know what I know."

And so, too, it seems, does the transport department.

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like leaves. They skip like stones on water; they roll on edge like wheels. They spiral upward; they dart, turn, accelerate, stop instantly.

They come in colors — whites, greens, oranges, reds and blues. They are lit with interior light. Some change color. In daylight, some saucers have no color — they are described as plain metallic.

The UFOs hum musically, whistle, buzz, or are perfectly silent. Some produce odd effects — electrical blackouts, stalled cars, blank TVs, static-ridden radios, powerless airplane engines.

Animals panic, frightened by what? Noise? Radiation burns? Unbearable heat? Suffocation?

They come in the shape of disks, cigars, triangles, pears, bells, telephone receivers, jelly fish.

Since pilot Kenneth Arnold spotted "nine saucerlike things" from his light plane near Mount Rainier, Wash., on June 24, 1947, UFOs have been reported by pilots, scientists, astronomers, control tower operators, and sea captains.

Over the years various governments have set up investigative bodies. In a most un-Canadian fit of scientific zeal, the federal government allowed employee Wilbert Smith to set up "the world's first scientific flying saucer station" at Shirley's Bay, near Ottawa, in 1953.

At that time Smith was a respected expert in communications. The government allowed him the use of some magnetometer- and gravity-recording devices for his personal UFO researches. Smith hoped to correlate reports of UFO activity with scientific proof of the event.

Nothing ever came of it and the government withdrew its support in 1956.

Dr. Peter Millman, head of the National Research Council's upper-atmosphere research branch, knew and respected Wilbert Smith as a scientist. "Wilbert started out with a logical program," he said, "but then later became involved with spiritualism. He died in 1962 believing that he was going to continue his UFO research in another realm."

Topside, the magazine of the Ottawa New Sciences Club, which was started by Smith, con-

tinues to reflect his interest in the occult. The mimeographed quarterly carries other-world messages from "the Space Brothers."

Mimeographed UFO magazines abound. They come and go, appear and disappear, much like the UFOs themselves. But one, *Saucers, Space & Science*, has been coming out since 1957. It is a non-profit pastime of Gene Duplantier, who reports — with surprise on his part — that the circulation is 800, a respectable figure for the genre.

S. S. & S. features news clippings of UFOs with a minimum of editorial comment, but Duplantier, after 17 years of studying the UFO, is convinced that people are seeing something.

"We still don't know what they are," he said, "or where they're from, or who's controlling them. The only conclusion we can make is that they are real."

The United States Air Force has also been studying UFOs, ever since the sighting in 1947 — and in that time its attitude to flying saucers has been completely reversed.

In the early days the position was that there were disks, cylinders and similar objects present in the atmosphere, and these objects could not be explained as natural phenomena, but only as artificial devices created and operated by a high intelligence.

Then came 1952, when Washington was visited and revisited by elusive white lights. Jet interceptors were scrambled after them. One black midnight Lt. William Patterson found himself surrounded by glowing white lights.

"What will I do?" he asked ground radar control.

"Nothing," was the answer.

That year someone, presumably in Washington, put the lid on flying-saucer stories and since then the official U.S.A.F. position is that there are no such things. They are either high-flying balloons, aircraft, satellites, reflections of light in the atmosphere, meteorites, fireworks, flares, astronomical bodies, searchlights bouncing off clouds, jet-engine exhausts, hoaxes, mirages, fireflies or swamp gas.

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This is reassuring and the U.S.A.F. bolsters it with comforting statistics. And it would be all the more convincing, but for two distressing circumstances; the number of UFO sightings increases year by year; and people are not, by and large, upset at the notion of more advanced civilizations elsewhere in the cosmos.

There are some persuasive debunkers of UFOs — notable among them astronomers Allen Hynek, of Northwestern University, and Donald Menzel, of Harvard.

Arrayed against them is something called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a non-profit organization started in 1956 by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (retired). NICAP's board of directors includes scientists, educators and former military officers.

NICAP contends that the U.S. government has been less than honest with the public about UFOs. It claims the U.S.A.F. is withholding information on the subject — and the air force has never successfully denied it.

NICAP is interested in any and all reports of UFOs and receives them from all over the world. After 10 years the NICAP collection of data is considered the world's most complete — although no one knows what hair-raising tales may be locked in U.S.A.F. files.

So far NICAP has confined itself to getting the subject of UFOs out in the open, to getting the U.S. government to admit that there are unexplained objects whizzing through our atmosphere, and to provoking a scientific investigation of what evidence has been accumulated to date.

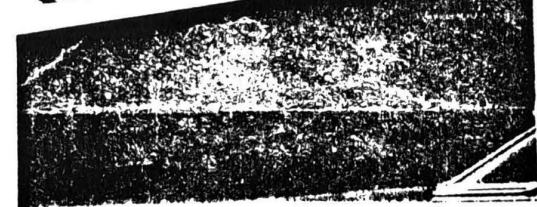
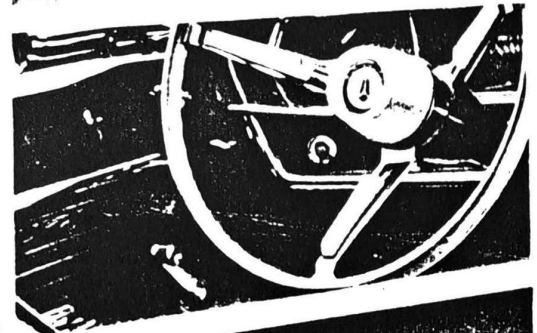
It may have succeeded.

Last April the U.S.A.F. told Congress it would name a panel of scientists to investigate in depth some of a small percentage of flying-saucer reports not already examined. At that time Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown said the military was not worried about security aspects of the 646 sightings not satisfactorily explained out of 10,147 reports it had investigated since 1947.

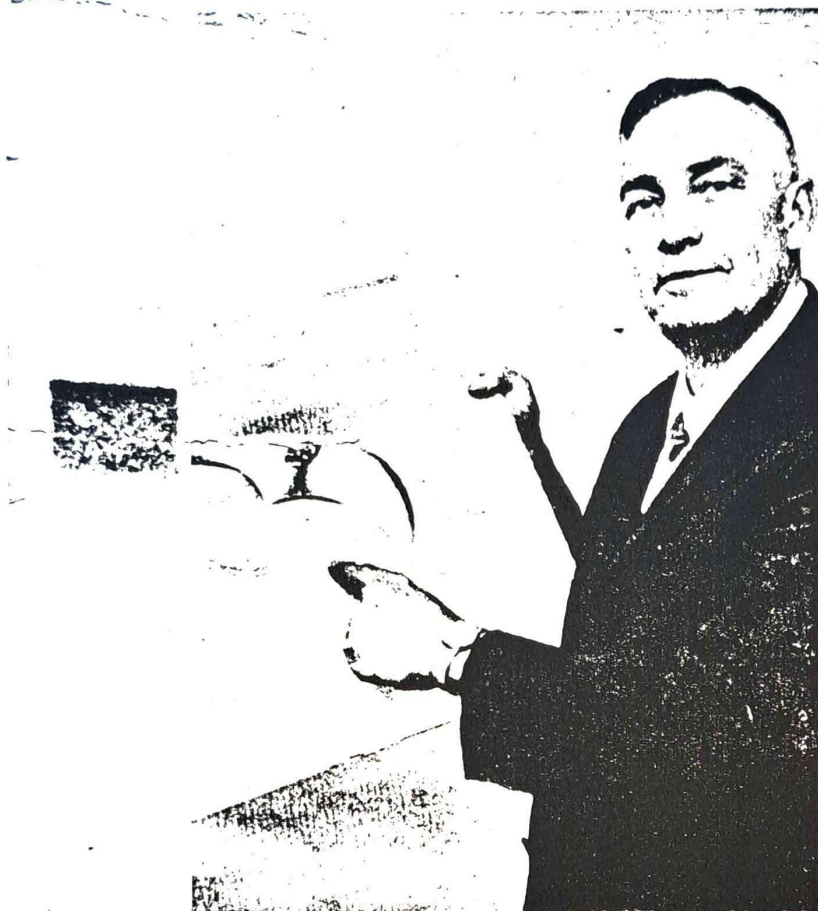
The hypothesis that there is such a thing as flying saucers raises some interesting questions. How are they powered? Are they inhabited? Has anyone "talked" with a UFO pilot?

Dr. Hermann Oberth of V-2 rocket fame believes the UFOs are spacecraft that with one manoeuvre the craft. We strained and

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The ESP contactee usually receives a warning of the visit of a UFO, such as a message to walk to a window. UFO inhabitants appear to be bisexual, with the ESP contactee unable to decide whether the visitor is male or female.

The messages given by the visitors to ESP contactees are similar — that in the foreseeable future the UFOs will land and make their peaceful intentions known to mankind.

As if to support this last message, UFO landings have increased markedly in the past year. Maj. Keyhoe remarked on this during a radio interview last April in Toronto. "This indicates we are entering a new phase," he said. "Perhaps one would land if we stopped shooting at them."

Well, the UFOs will get their chance next year. A construction company in St. Paul, Alta., 100 miles north of Edmonton, says it will build a landing pad for flying saucers from outer space.

It's its own centennial project. ◀