

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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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.

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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.