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Dear Mr Cameron,

Thank you for your interesting comments. Re underlining, no I am not in a religious cult. Bill Moore's recent letters to Klass contain about as much underlining and use of block capitals as do Klass's own letters; also Moore's current letterhead suggests he is far more likely to be a cult member than either Klass or myself. If you prefer, I can use italics instead, assuming my printer can cope.

Shredding of documents? There are two reasons for this: (i) getting rid of unwanted junk and (ii) destroying incriminating evidence. Oliver North was doing the latter. If the NSA is shredding 40 tons a day (is this figure really credible, i.e. 10 million sheets of normal sized paper?), I assume it is almost entirely junk, perhaps computer output, that is of no use to anybody. Yes, I was wrong. I concede that a lot is destroyed; but the really important papers, such as those likely to be of interest to historians, biographers, etc. are undoubtedly retained. Any UFO material considered important, e.g. documents relating to crashed discs and alien bodies, would certainly be kept for the benefit of science and for future historians of the discovery of ETH. There is no way such material would be scrapped, unless by accident. If the Canadian government was on the point of destroying the Magnet & Second Storey files it only means that they decided these files were of no import. After reading them myself, I agree with that decision.

The Magnet & SS files that I obtained do not contain the Smith TS memo; also there are no fourth and fifth pages as you claim. I have several copies of Smith's memo and each ends on page 3 with his signature. Where are pages 4 and 5 please? I would be interested to know who the intended recipient was. You think it unimportant. You realise that this recipient, plus all the others who saw it back in 1950, would have needed to have the same security clearance as Smith, and would therefore have had a 'need to know' about Dr. Bush's top secret project. Unfortunately Smith merely typed TOP SECRET on top of page 1, instead of putting a red stamp on top & bottom of all pages, as is customary. As Solandt told me, Smith had no authority to classify a document. Also, I doubt very much that he would be authorised to proceed with a genuine TS project by means of a simple handwritten note on the memo itself. He would have received an authorised go ahead via a proper TS memo, signed by the authoriser. This handwritten "OK, go ahead, keep me posted from time