

In the early 1950s the Canadian Government established Project Magnet to investigate UFOs. The director of that project, Wilbert B. Smith, publicly wrote that a top US. Pentagon official said that UFOs was the biggest secret they had. Even greater than the H-Bomb (the ultimate weapon then).

Smith's Assassination Threat

We were able to obtain a copy of Wilbert B. Smith's research on Project Magnet. This research was so startling he could possibly have been assassinated for releasing it, so it was not available to us until he died.

Project Magnet Continued Work of Tesla

Project Magnet has been able to work with Canadian scientists who had continued working on inventions of Nikola Tesla, one of the most prominent scientists in history.

Interplanetary Communications

Tesla, who invented the AC/DC electrical current, helped invent radar and much military technology, was the holder of hundreds of successful patented invention. He had told some associates and friends he had invented an interplanetary communications device with ideas given to him by Venusians he was in contact with then.

People who heard these conversations often laughed, yet Project Magnet took Tesla seriously.

Secret Canadian UFO Landing Site

This report details a formerly secret experimental UFO landing site (1) built by the Canadian government during their attempts to contact UFOs their Air Force had monitored in the skies.

Former Canadian Defense Minister, Paul Hellyear, later publicly admitted that project existed.

UFOs Detected and Communications Established

However, he did not mention what Smith reported...the project had actually detected a real UFO with their scientific equipment, and later a scientific research group he directed established communications with a landed interplanetary ship from what their pilots said was Venus.

Tesla's Assistant, Arthur Matthews

Tesla's closest scientific assistant at one time, Arthur Matthews, was involved in this contact.

The Project Magnet report added that Matthews had been trying to complete some of Tesla's incomplete inventions, when the Venusians helped him with instructions on finishing that work.

Alien Technology Worked Perfectly

The report also details several inventions the Venusians gave to Project Magnet through Dr. Matthews' committee, which were tested and worked perfectly.

Aliens Worried About Environmental Issues

The Venusians were also seriously concerned about our environmental damage
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try to stop these practices, and offered alternative non-polluting nearly-free energy systems (2) that government leaders, kept in power by multi-billion dollar oil, gas, coal, and war industries all rejected for "economic reasons."

Notes by UFO Joe:

1. The landing site could have been the McNeill landing site near Port McNeill, British Columbia or the Project Lure site in Suffield, Alberta.
2. Tesla was apparently working on a "free engergy" device just before he died and all his papers went "missing".
3. The contents of this file were found on the internet with no sources listed. There can be no claim to the validity of it's contents.

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Wilbert Brockhouse Smith
[Image]

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.

Smith was Radio & Telecommunications Engineer

Wilbert 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 the ETH. Some years later Smith became the founder and director of the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club. He died of cancer in 1962.

FIOA Releases Top Secret Memos

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 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.

Project Magnet was Born

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 "[G]o ahead with it and keep me posted...".

Defence Research Board

two markings on it

Smith was allowed to use the facilities at the Defence 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 also had an interest in UFOs.

UFOs Classified Higher than the H-Bomb

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.

Memo Kept Hidden from Public for 20 Years

We do not know how many people saw the memo in 1950, or how they reacted. What we do know is that it launched Project Magnet. We also know that it was kept hidden for nearly two decades, which may seem an inordinately long time but is less than most of the early U.S. documents released under the FOIA, some of which stayed under wraps for 30 years or more.

28 yrs. declassified by accident

Project Magnet Mentioned in Condon Report

After the publication of the Condon Report in January 1969 (which contains a brief section on official UFO study in Canada). Dr. Peter M. Millman of the National Research Council of Canada, who served on Second Storey, recommended that the Magnet and Second Storey files be declassified. Following this, a Canadian government memo of Sept. 15, 1969 down-classified the files to the 'confidential' level, adding that they would be made available to persons in a bona-fide organisation, but that "at no time should it be made available to the public". It also said that the file "should not be destroyed until such time as this subject has cooled off".

Arthur Bray gets Memo

Whether anyone took advantage of this opportunity to view the Magnet & Second Storey files we do not know, but the files were obviously not destroyed. A copy was eventually obtained by Arthur Bray in 1978 as stated. If Smith's memo was seen by anyone in the period 1969-78 nobody thought it important enough to mention it or to request a copy.

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Stanton Friedman gets Memo

Stanton Friedman obtained the memo in 1979 and gave Bill Moore a copy. Portions of it appeared in the ROSWELL INCIDENT, published in 1980. In due course others got hold of it and paraded it as strong evidence of crashed saucers and official cover-up.

see Roswell

Magnet was essentially an effort headed by Smith to understand the principles of UFO propulsion and, if possible, to build a working model. Smith seemed to invest it with an aura of high secrecy and, with the Canadian government understandably not wanting the publicity over a project they regarded as akin to borderline science, little or no news of it appeared. The Shirley's Bay observatory, set up in 1953 as a UFO detecting station, seems to have come to an early demise. The names of the other scientists involved appear in ref 1.

Project Second Storey

Second Storey was under the chairmanship of Dr. Peter Millman. This ran concurrently with Magnet for about two years and Smith served on its committee. It was essentially a UFO investigation project. The only public report we know of is one written by Smith, containing the analysis of 25 sightings in 1952, all in Canada. The majority of these relate to night lights. Smith's final report on Project Magnet, which included the results of the second Storey investigations.

The Sarbacher Connection

In his 1950 memo Smith makes the startling statement that UFOs are classified "higher than the H-Bomb". He learned this, through "discreet enquiries he made at the Canadian Embassy in Washington". 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, 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).

UFOs Two Points Higher than the H-Bomb

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. 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." Smith made some handwritten notes of this interview.

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The Sarbacher Letter

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 also 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. Sarbacher said that Vannevar Bush & John von Neumann were "definitely involved".

Others Meet with Sarbacher

In summer 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 early 1983. In 1985 other ufologists, including Jerry Clark and Bruce Maccabee, also met with Sarbacher.

Sarbacher 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".

The Bush Connection *"Insect Like"*

One unresolved question is: from whom did Smith learn about Dr. Bush leading a team to discover the modus operandi of the saucers? No one will ever know for certain, but it was almost certainly someone he met on his Sept. 1950 Washington visit, either an embassy contact, or maybe Donald Keyhoe. Keyhoe had met with Smith several times during this visit; they discussed UFOs at length and even prepared a joint article which they hoped to publish in TRUE magazine (ref.4). The article was based on Smith's current ideas on the propulsion of UFOs. Smith hoped his work, soon to be launched as Project Magnet, would give him access to similar work he was led to believe was being done by Bush in the U.S. More important, if Bush could be persuaded to give some seal of approval to Smith's work, obviously Smith would gain considerable recognition as a scientist/engineer. Remember that Smith was at this time hoping to construct a working flying disc based on the principles outlined in his joint paper with Keyhoe.

Further official papers, released with Smith's memo, reveal that Keyhoe had been entrusted by the Canadian embassy to take the joint Smith/Keyhoe paper to Dr. Bush for his views. Smith later told Keyhoe that his work was now classified and he could discuss it no longer. Keyhoe, in ref.4, wisely omits all mention of his connection with Bush.

Bush, Probable Member for MJ-12

There is no doubt in my mind how Dr. Bush came to be linked with UFOs in 1950. He was a top engineer specialising in electricity and magnetism, who had a high security clearance and served on numerous committees. Both presidents Roosevelt and Truman thought very highly of him. He had shown a definite interest in UFOs and had even made an early public statement about them; he may have well considered their mode of propulsion. His name also appears in Scully's book. Had there been any small group, official or private, engaged in the design of a flying disc propelled by electromagnetic means, Bush was an obvious person to lead it.

Smith's Writings and Theories

Wilbert Smith had, along with Keyhoe, been a staunch proponent of the cover-up hypothesis. This is apparent throughout his writings, but is noticeably absent from his Magnet report.

Smith in Contact with Aliens

He once invented 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 "people from elsewhere". Smith was in fact an early contactee, and had been engaged in such contacts from about 1953.

Smith Examines UFO Fragments

He was allowed to examine fragments supposedly shot down from 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.

Smith further said 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).

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."

Smith not Crazy or Deranged

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 tumour and that this tumour 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 say that he had a tumour-caused mental disorder.

Smith's Record Erased

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 5-inch column entry for Omond M. Solandt from the Canadian 'Who's Who'.

All Project Magnet Personnel are Dead

Interestingly, Solandt confirmed that he knew Dr. Bush quite well and that they often discussed UFOs. Smith put "Top Secret" on his papers. Solandt ended by saying that all the others associated with Project Magnet were now dead.

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sibility for us to receive, from their profound knowledge in every field of enquiry knowable to man, an impetus which could help us serenely upwards to higher and nobler levels of being."

In conclusion, I will say a few words about the position of this important Italian newspaper, *Domenica Del Corriere*, in this matter of the UFOs, and about the views of Renato Albanesi himself. Albanesi endeavours in this issue to convey the impression that he is still a complete sceptic. However, he admits that saucer reports are still coming in from various parts of Italy, from all over the world. He says it is absolutely astonishing what a large proportion of the Italian public now firmly believes in the existence

of the saucers, and he feels therefore that, as reporters, he and his colleagues owe it to the public to give the facts. He promises that he will give further Italian sightings in a future issue. In the meantime, he emphasises that his paper have had careful enquiries made in Catania about Eugenio Siragusa, and that all who know him—including Siragusa's office colleagues in the Customs, and the local doctor, and the local Chief of Police—have testified that he is an excellent and thoroughly sane person, highly respected, efficient in his work, and that there is not the least ground for considering him capable of lying, or committing a hoax, or of being under any sort of delusion.

ANOTHER SPEECH BY WILBERT B. SMITH

In the September-October issue of the **FLYING SAUCER REVIEW** there was printed a speech by the late Wilbert B. Smith, head of the Canadian Project Magnet and one of the most honoured of UFO investigators. He died two years ago and we are grateful to Vancouver Flying Saucer Club for permission to reproduce in print extracts from this speech which was delivered to the Club in March 1961.

Much of what Mr. Smith said must be regarded as controversial and the **FLYING SAUCER REVIEW** is endeavouring to discover the facts behind the assertions, but it should be remembered that Mr. Smith occupied a responsible position in the Canadian Government and was highly respected even by those who disagreed with him.

MUCH of the information which we obtained from extra-terrestrial sources casts some serious doubts on the validity of some of the basic concepts of our science. For one thing, they told us that the velocity of light was not a constant. As a matter of fact, they seemed to be rather pointed in their statement that light does not travel—it is! We told them that from our point of view, it appears to travel at a certain definite velocity of a hundred and sixty-six thousand miles per second. They said: "That's the way it looks to *you* because you are looking at it in and from a region having certain conditions, certain influences. But if you were to get away from this region (meaning the vicinity of the earth) you would find that a different set of figures prevailed."

Another thing they told us cast a great deal of doubt on our ideas of time. They told us that time wasn't at all what we thought it was—namely something that might be marked off with a ticking of a clock. That time was, in fact, a field of force—the result of there being a Universe. That it was something that was derived from the

basic primordial concept which brought this Universe into being, and that it differed as you went from one part of the Universe to another.

Also, it could be altered, sometimes by natural means, sometimes by intelligently controlled means in various parts of the Universe, so that in any given interval—evidently, what our clocks mark off are intervals, not chunks, of time—in these intervals we can have all sorts of lengths of time. In other words, if one of you here checks his clocks with mine and finds they are synchronised, and I then climb into a flying saucer and take a little trip well clear of the earth and I watch my clock as I come back in, say, three hours' time—we again compare clocks. Maybe your clock says I've been gone one hour—my clock says I've been gone three hours. Both clocks are strictly correct. You, in that given interval, in the time the big hand of the clock went round once, experienced one hour. In that *same* interval, between the ticks of the clock, I experienced three hours, and they were three real hours, not an illusion. The Theory of Relativity talks about time dilation, but this leads to a para-

dox, and I think that anyone who is at all mathematically inclined, and has taken the trouble to look at the relativistic time paradox, has probably been rather disturbed by it.

According to the theory of relativity, if I climb into a spacecraft and I set out from the earth here at a velocity very nearly the velocity of light, and I go out to, say, Alpha Proxima, and then I turn round and come back, people on earth say that I've been gone something like ten years. According to my clock, I've only been gone a year.

Now that is a result, apparently, of time dilation in the theory of relativity, in that the spacecraft in which I travel was moving relative to the earth at a velocity nearly equal to the velocity of light. The paradox arises when you consider that relative to the spacecraft, the earth was travelling away at exactly the same velocity. Therefore, to the people on the spacecraft, who are relatively stationary, ten years should have passed, and by the time the earth comes back to them, it should only have been away a year. So you can see right away that the very premise upon which the theory of relativity is predicated—namely, that if A is relative to B, then B must be relative to A—leads you to an impossible paradox. This paradox is resolved completely if you recognise the variable nature of time, and as you move round from one part of the Universe to another you'll encounter all sorts of values of time in certain given intervals. We become slaves to the clock to the extent that we believe that the intervals ticked out by the clock are time itself, so we find it very difficult to readjust. Now I don't propose to say any more about this particular aspect, but I would like to say something on the subject of the craft themselves.

We asked them how they were supported, and they said they were supported *on* the earth's gravitational field. Further studies on our own, with occasional references to these people from elsewhere, and we figured out what was really taking place to the extent that we were able to go into the laboratory and conduct a series of experiments which proved beyond doubt that this is true.

Our laboratory experiments have allowed us to make about a one per cent. change in the weight of objects—we can make them about one per cent. heavier or one per cent. lighter. Now that is a long way from holding a spacecraft up, because we have to go over one hundred per cent. to do that. But the fact that we *can* do it—the fact that the principles which these people from outside gave us and guided us to finding out for ourselves are valid—certainly indicate that, first,

these people are what they say they are, and, secondly, that their technology is that *they* say it is, that it is superior to ours and that ours is inadequate in many respects. [Quite a lengthy description on the blackboard followed at this point.]

Now we understand that these bells (Mr. Smith is referring to the bell-shaped spacecraft said to come from Venus, which have been photographed by Adamski and others) operate on this principle. Underneath the bells are three things that people have referred to as "landing gear." They are not landing gear at all—they are spheres within which a charged sphere is rotating. It is spinning on magnetic bearings. Magnetic bearing is something else the people from outside gave us the design of. It is very simple in section, and this is the north pole and this is south, and in it they have a thing that looks like this, with a south and this a north [here obviously Mr. Smith is again demonstrating on the blackboard]. They are just simply ferrite bearings permanently magnetized. We built them ourselves and checked them in the lab, and they worked perfectly. They are very simple things. The spheres carry an electric charge and they spin on this type of bearings down inside these big balls. We are told that the tilt is simply produced by rotating the sphere a little bit, which bends the field. The process is much more complicated than would appear from what I am telling you, but these are the first steps and the end results—even though there are other steps in between.

Now one other thing I would like to mention—as far as I know, our group in Ottawa is the only group that has actually taken the information which was given to us by the people from outside and translated it into hardware that works. Much information has been given to us through various channels, but people just talk about it. They don't do anything about it. I think that is deplorable. I think that when they give us information, the least we can do is to show our good faith by trying at least to convert that information into hardware.

We have built two items of hardware on their instructions, which I'm rather proud of. One of these pieces of hardware is a coil. It has a ferrite core and a trick winding on it. To look at, it looks rather like an oddly wound inductor. When measured on a radio frequency bridge, however, it shows very peculiar properties. There are certain frequencies at which it is impossible to balance the RF bridge, and that is a direct contradiction to what any electrical engineer will

tell you should happen with a coil wound on a ferrite core.

The other item that I'm rather proud of resulted from a series of questions that we asked regarding accidental destruction or damage to our aircraft by flying into the vicinity of flying saucers. And we were informed that, although a few of our aircraft had come to an unfortunate end by what they considered the colossal stupidity of our pilots in flying into a region where the aircraft was bound to get into trouble, they said that they are now taking corrective measures and whenever they see one of our aircraft about to commit suicide, they just get out of the way and give him a wide berth. But I asked, if an aircraft was damaged or destroyed, what happened? They said well, the field surrounds the saucers in order to hold them up. In order to produce the gravity differentials, time field differentials are necessary to operate the ships. These sometimes produced field combinations which reduced the strength of materials to the point where they were no longer strong enough to carry the loads that the materials were expected to carry. Now as we know, aircraft—particularly the military type aircraft—are built with a rather small factor of safety, and if they go into a region of reduced binding, the material is no longer strong enough to carry the load, and the craft simply comes apart.

Now we asked a series of questions about—was it possible for our craft to detect these regions so that we would not fly into them, and they said that it certainly was, and they would give us the design of an instrument which would do this very thing. They also told us that we ourselves were creating regions which were much more dangerous than the regions which they established in the vicinity, because we could not detect the presence of their craft and give them a wide berth, but we could not detect without instruments the presence of these vortices which we ourselves had produced. They gave us the design of the instrument* which was fundamentally this—they said to select two materials, one stronger than the other, and to arrange so that these materials pulled against each other in such a manner that the weaker material was very near its breaking point, and the strong material was a long way from its breaking point. On that basis we devised instruments, and we built a number of them in the shop and sent them around to various people that we know did quite a bit of travelling. We asked them if they would investigate the regions through which aircraft must

have passed just prior to breaking up in mid-air, and we have unfortunately large records of our airplanes having done just this.

One of these unexplained crashes occurred at a place called Essudon, which is about 20 miles south and west of Quebec City. We investigated the region through which this B.O.A.C. aircraft must have passed just prior to its crash, and, sure enough—big as life and twice as natural—we found a very large and very strong vortex. Our instruments showed it beyond a doubt. It was about a thousand feet in diameter and roughly circular, with a rather sharp line of demarcation at the edge of it.

You will recall also that about two or three years ago, possibly a little longer, a jet aircraft crashed into a nunnery at Orleans, just out from Ottawa, killed a number of people and did a great deal of damage. In fact, the jet engine itself was finally dug out of the sub-soil about thirty feet below the foundations of this convent. We investigated that one. Once again we found a very strong vortex of reduced binding. We had a number of reports come in from the people in the field who found exactly the same thing. I wrote a very stiff memorandum to the appropriate people in my own department, pointing out some of these facts. I did not state where we got the information, but simply stated that we had instruments which showed the existence of these regions of reduced binding, and suggested that something be done about it. The letter wound up on the "crank" file. I'm afraid that is the fate of most of these things—they wind up on the "crank" file. However, that does not in any way change the fact that these regions of reduced binding exist. People from outside told us they existed, they gave us the design of instruments, we built the instruments and we have confirmed the fact.

QUESTION: Could you explain why they have curtailed the explosions of nuclear bombs?

I can only guess at why the nuclear explosions have been curtailed. I saw a picture which I know was never released to be public, showing a very large nuclear explosion in the Bikini series. This picture showed the enormous fireball which I think must have been well over a hundred miles in diameter, and shooting out from it were what looked like solar prominences—in other words, they were great tongues of activity of some kind. Now these tongues looked to me, from the scale of this picture, to be around 25-50 miles. They were quite comparable in size to the fireball. Now, my guess is that these tongues or prominences were in fact chain reactions taking

* See FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March-April, 1961.

place in the earth's atmosphere. What mechanism was involved, I can only guess, I'm not a nuclear physicist—I only know that this picture was considered by those knowledgeable to be very significant, and very worrisome. I think another reason, possibly, for the curtailment of the tests has been the rising public opinion. It would be highly undesirable to go any further into this business of nuclear weapons than we have already gone—possibly we have gone too far already. I would say that there is a very good possibility that these explosions have a far more disastrous effect down in the interior of the earth than anything we can see on the surface. I have the most serious misgivings about these atom bomb explosions.

QUESTION: Mr. Smith, can you give a word or two on their apparent ability to de-materialise?

I find it very intriguing, this business of appearing and disappearing. If you consider a point here, about which the time is not uniformly distributed—in other words, as you come out from here you have less and less and less time, or, looking at it the other way, the tempic field is greater in here than it is out there. If you have a beam of light which consists of a series of wave fronts passing through this region, since there is less time in this part and greater tempic field intensity or less time, this doesn't get to go as far in a given interval as this fellow does [Mr. Smith is evidently demonstrating on the black-board]. This light beam bends, so that here it moves in this direction and over there it moves in that direction. What apparently happens is that the light is bent around this particular point. It is very much the same as the trick the magician does when he makes the elephant disappear on the stage. You are really looking at a mirror, and you see the curtains at the back, and they just

simply switch the light off on the elephant and switch it on the curtains so that you don't see the elephant through the plate-glass any more—you just see the curtains and you think the elephant has disappeared.

But when you look at a saucer which has increased the tempic field in the vicinity of the saucer, you find that the light tends to approach the saucer in this fashion, go round it and out the other side, so that what little light comes directly from the saucer occupies such a very, very small portion of your field of vision that you think the saucer, if you see it at all, you think it's tiny—about the size of a dime, maybe, or maybe the end of that piece of chalk—when in reality the thing may be a hundred and fifty feet in diameter. You are literally looking past the saucer.

Now we saw one of the little monitors do exactly that trick. We had very good reason to believe that a certain conversation that we were having with a friend of mine was being monitored by one of these little fellows. So when we came out of the house, we made a definite effort to locate it. It was down in a ditch just in front of the house, and as soon as we spotted it, apparently the people who were controlling it became aware of the fact, as soon as we spotted it we saw what appeared to be just like a heat-wave, something like a foot in diameter. Popped out of the centre of this was what appeared a little disc about so big, and it just took off like that and disappeared into the great blue yonder. I think the whole operation probably occurred in less than maybe two seconds, but we were looking right at it, and there were three of us, and we all saw the same thing. And, knowing this trick about the field, we figured that that was how it was done.

the DRB fellow was present

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