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Dr. O. M. Solandt
Bolton, Ontario

Dear Dr. Solandt,

I obtained your name from The Canadian Who's Who, 1988. I wonder if you can help me over some events dating from 1950, which have a considerable bearing on some documents being circulated in the USA and the UK; these documents are certainly fraudulent and one of them even has the forged signature of no less than President Truman.

The documents in question refer to an alleged recovery of a crashed flying disc (UFO) captured in New Mexico in 1947, and the alleged setting up of a top secret team of scientists and military personnel, under the leadership of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to analyse the recovered UFO and its dead occupants. I will not go into all the details, but the said papers have been circulating since June 1987, and some very fervent UFO believers accept them as genuine.

My purpose in writing is to try and find out if you remember Wilbert B. Smith, a Canadian radio engineer, who was head of a Project Magnet, set up late in 1950, which purpose was to investigate the earth's magnetic field and its supposed relationship to UFOs. Wilbert Smith later won some award for services to radio after his death in 1962. However, his writings on the subject of UFOs were bizarre, to say the least.

In November 1950 Smith wrote a top secret memo outlining his proposals for this Project Magnet, and he mentions your name in this memo, as well as in another memo shortly after. All these memos, from the 1950-52 period, have since been declassified. The point that interests me most is that in one memo Smith specifically says he attended a conference in Washington D.C. in Sept 1950 and learned there that Dr. Vannevar Bush was head of some secret U.S. project to investigate UFOs. However, Smith does not say how he got this information. It is my firm belief that the currently circulating forged papers were based on this early W.B. Smith memo, and that the forger used the 1950 Smith memo as a "starting point", as it were (since Bush is named in it).

Smith mentions you as head of the Defence Research Board at the time, and seems to have assumed that Dr. Bush was your counterpart in the USA. However, Bush quit the Research & Development Board in the USA two years earlier, in 1948. Evidently, Smith picked up some false information from someone.

What I would most like to know is:

1. Did you personally know W.B. Smith, and what were your opinions of him?
2. Did you personally know Dr. Vannevar Bush?
3. As far as you know, did Bush ever, at any time, work on a project connected with UFOs, whether top secret or not?
4. Have you any idea how Smith got this story; the very nature of it (highly secret) would indicate that neither Smith nor anybody else should ever have been told about it? (Smith was not even an American).
5. Do you think it likely that Smith heard some other story about the work of Bush, on magnetism or electricity, and completely misinterpreted it?

I am sorry to dig up all this after so many years. Some highly vocal people in the USA are making a lot out of it all, insisting that the forged papers are proof of cover-up, etc. The Smith-Bush "connection" lives on, I can assure you. Lastly, has anyone else brought this matter up with you in recent times?

I hope you can help over this. Forged documents of this kind are a disgrace, and the culprits should be exposed if at all possible.

Yours Sincerely,

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