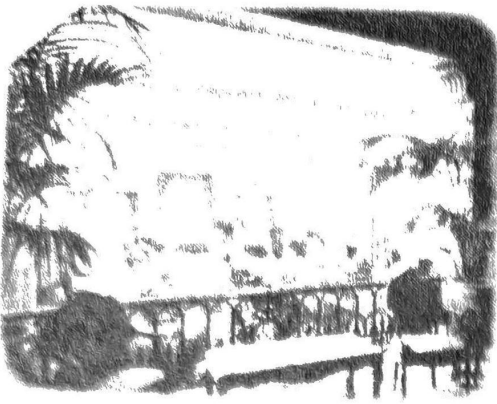




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Gentlemen,

I am studying the conversion of energy by the collapse of the earth's magnetic field, and the reaction forces resulting therefrom. During the course of enquiry into the status of the art in regard to this matter, I was advised that it was closely allied with certain classified material.

Since my preliminary work appears promising and of some significance, I am anxious to continue with it, but I do not wish, inadvertently to violate any security regulations. Would you be good enough to indicate where I stand in this matter?

Yours truly,

W. B. Smith, M.A.Sc.

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28 September 1950

Mr. W. B. Smith
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In answer to your letter of 26 September 1950, I would like to inform you that to the best of my knowledge there is no classified information concerning collapse of the earth's magnetic field. I would like to bring to your attention that some geologic dikes have a local magnetic field opposite that of the earth. The U. S. Geological Survey has noted some dikes within a local area, having opposite magnetic charge. A good basic reference for this type of work is:

S. Chapman & J. Bartels - Geomagnetism,
Vol. 1 & 2, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1940

I hope this has been of some help to you, and if I can give you any further help in the future, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

David Landsberg
Executive Director
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