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"We also understand that the only stipulation in viewing this material is that individuals are required to sign a statement to the effect that they will not release the names of any of the people mentioned in the material regarding U.F.O. sightings.

"I hope this information will be of some help to you."

The original was signed by Mr. W.W. Scott, Director of Regulation Development, for Dr. John deMercado, who is the Director General of the Telecommunication Regulatory Service. A copy of the letter was sent to Dr. A.G. McNamara, head of the Planetary Sciences Section at the N.R.C., and to "ADMSP", who is Dr. C.A. Franklin, Assistant Deputy Minister Space Program.

It would seem a simple matter of expediency to refer Mr. Bray to the National Research Council. However, it does take on an air of deception when one reads the Memorandum dated "28 March 1978" to "DGTRS", (Dr. John deMercado), from "DGSTA", (Dr. B.C. Blevis, Director General of Space Technology and Applications, based at the Shirley's Bay Establishment). The subject of the Memorandum was: "Request for Access to Files on UFOs"; and, it read as follows:

"Attached is the request, to which I referred in our telecon of March 23, from Arthur Bray of Ottawa for release of files, originally transferred from DOT, on 'Project Magnet'. Since you are currently reviewing the two files involved (Confidential file No. 6650-4 and its unclassified companion No. 5010-4), it was agreed that you would prepare the reply to Bray's request, with copy to me and ADMSP, and co-ordinate with other Branches as appropriate."

The Memorandum was signed by Dr. Blevis. The fact that the file number requested by Mr. Bray was correct with regard to UFOs, if not "Project Magnet", and was answered by a denial of the existence of "a file called 'Project Magnet'" is food for thought in considering deception on the part of government officials at the Ministry of Communications. What disturbs me considerably is that the files pertaining to "Project Magnet" would be rather old by now, considering Mr. Smith has been dead more than a decade; but, it has been necessary for three section heads at the Ministry of Communications, (Dr. John deMercado, Dr. B.C. Blevis, and Dr. C.A. Franklin) to concern themselves with access to these files. Let us ask what does "Confidential File No. 6650-4" contain that requires a 'confidential' classification? It cannot simply be UFO reports, for 18 new UFO reports dating from 1932 to 1972 were found amongst the papers in volumes 2 to 4 of File No. 5010-4.

More clues may be provided in another Memorandum from Mr. W.J. Wilson of the Transport Research Board, dated September 15, 1969, (and noted as File No. 22-12-33 (TRB) and 22-12-29). Two copies were sent to "Records" and "For File"; and, it reads as follows under the subject of "Project 'Magnet'":

"Dr. P.M. Millman, National Research Council, has advised me that the documents reporting the results of the Project Second Storey studies in project 'Magnet' be declassified. Those reading this file will see that project 'Magnet' is a part of this file.

"2. Since the question of flying saucers is still attracting public attention and since this file covers documents relating to the studies behind project 'Magnet' and, indeed, records much of the discussion in the Department of Transport surrounding project 'Magnet' which is confidential in nature, it is recommended that this file be down classified at least to the confidential level. At no time should it be made available to the public.

"3. Those wishing to obtain a copy of project 'Magnet' can do so provided they represent an organization, describe the purposes of the organization and set forth the basis of their need for a copy to Dr. Millman of National Research Council. They may see the project 'Magnet' report upon making an appointment at the Meteor Centre, phone 3-9318.

"4. A copy of the project 'Magnet' report on this file is the original and should not be destroyed until such time as this subject has 'cooled off'."

The Memorandum was signed by Mr. W.J. Wilson, and an attending note states, "A copy of this memo has been stapled to the cover of the Report, also a copy made for 22-12-29 (Project Second Storey)", and is dated October 6th 1969. Clearly, more files have yet to be found either at the Ministry of Transport and/or the Ministry of Communications on "Project Second Storey"; but, the most attractive part of the Memorandum was the red underlining of the last sentence of paragraph 2.

Among the most interesting items was the initiating document containing the proposal for undertaking 'Project Magnet' and its authorization by Mr. C.P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport for Air Services, on December 2nd, 1950. The subject title of the memorandum is "Geo-Magnetics" but was originally noted as "Top Secret", (although it was subsequently downgraded to "Secret" and to "Confidential"). The date of the originating memorandum is November 21st, 1950, which emphasizes a note on the second page, which reads in full as follows:

"I made discreet enquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington who were able to obtain for me the following information:

"a. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb.

"b. Flying saucers exist.

"c. Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Doctor Vannevar Bush.

"d. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

"I was further informed that the United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena and I gather that they are not doing too well since they indicated that if Canada is doing anything at all in geo-magnetics they would welcome a discussion with suitably accredited Canadians."