

a number of government organizations which should be notified of what was happening on the UFO scene. That letter is in Appendix B. I had, in 1979, obtained a copy of the so-called Smith memo of November 1950, a formerly Top Secret Canadian memo which had these phrases:

"I made discreet inquiries of the Canadian Embassy in Washington and obtained the following information (about flying saucers) (1) the subject is the most classified in the United States, even more so than the H bomb; (2) flying saucers exist; (3) their modus operandi is as yet unknown, but there's a small group working under Doctor Vannevar Bush and (4) the entire subject is considered of enormous significance by the United States Authorities."

Because of the mention of Dr. Bush, I had been delving in considerable detail into who he was, and who his contacts were. It turned out he was the common factor in the organizations named by General Twining, so that all the names on the list made sense to us except that of Donald Menzel, and his name stuck out like a sore thumb.

General (later 4-star) Nathan F. Twining was certainly no surprise as a member of MJ-12. A very important formerly Secret letter from him to Brigadier General Schulgen at Air Force Headquarters was first published in the 1969 Condon report. It was featured in the documentary movie "UFOs Are Real" which was made in 1979. But I really missed two of the most important aspects of the letter besides its implications of the reality of intelligently controlled flying discs. One was the statement "(2) The lack of physical evidence in the shape of crash recovered exhibits which would undeniably prove the existence of these objects." Since the letter dated September 23, 1947, interesting enough the day before the Truman-Forrestal memo, was only classified Secret, it could NOT discuss information that was Top Secret, which clearly the recovered wreckage would have been.

It was well after 1979 when I finally appreciated the importance of item "a" in the recommendations listing the groups to which complete sets of all data should be made available: "the Army, Navy, Atomic Energy Commission (A.E.C.), JRDB, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Group (AFSAG), NACA, and the RAND and NEPA projects." What forced me to reexamine this letter was my information on Dr. Vannevar Bush. First of all, the last six groups are all concerned with sophisticated technology, not with ongoing defense work. Second, the common link seemed to be Vannevar Bush. Back in 1982 (well before the receipt of the MJ-12 documents) I had noted that Bush had been prewar chairman of NACA (National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics), had established and was the first chairman of the Joint Research and Development Board (JRDB), the post war successor to the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD) which had been headed by him during the war and which had established the postwar AEC as well. JRDB had also had a say in establishing the Nuclear Energy for Propulsion Applications (NEPA) program. Bush had been a professor at MIT for about 20 years before being named Chairman of the Carnegie