

CHAPTER SEVEN

PROJECT MAGNET THE CANADIAN UFO STUDY

Project Magnet was authorized in December 1950, following my request to the Canadian Department of Transport for permission to make use of the Department's laboratory and field facilities in a study of unidentified flying objects and physical principles which might appear to be involved.

The program consisted of two parts. The first part was the collecting of as much high quality data as possible, analyzing it, and where possible drawing conclusions from it. The second part consisted of a systematic questioning of all our basic concepts in the hopes of turning up a discrepancy which might prove to be the key to a new technology.

Unfortunately, the program was plagued by well meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy which could be turned to a political account, to such an extent that both those who were working on the project and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. Consequently, when the Project Magnet report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole project had suffered.

Project Magnet was officially dropped by the Department of Transport in 1954, although the Department indicated its willingness to permit the continued use of laboratory facilities, provided that this could be done at no cost to the public treasury. The project continued under these conditions, and to this extent may be said to have gone underground. The government of Canada was therefore not participant in the continuation of the project and not in any way responsible for its conclusions.

The conclusions reached by Project Magnet and contained in its official report were based on a rigid statistical analysis of sighting reports and were as follows:

1. There is a 91% probability that at least some of the sightings were of real objects of unknown origin.
2. There is about a 60% probability that these objects are alien vehicles

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The conclusions based on studies of the basic physical concepts were as follows:

1. Many of our fundamental concepts are inherently ambiguous and quite a different philosophy can be built up on the alternative.
2. Several of these alternatives lead to much simpler arithmetic and presentations which do not have to resort to patchwork corrections to make them all embracing.
3. Furthermore, some of our ideas with respect to fields and their behavior are wrong.

Project Magnet activities dealt with following up any and all leads. Many of these leads were dead ends, but a few were quite significant and well worth the overall effort. At the present time a definite pattern is emerging, and the ground work is being laid for a new technology which may literally lead us to the stars.

THE DAY PROJECT MAGNET DETECTED A FLYING SAUCER

August 8, 1954, started out as a rather typical day at Project Magnet. Since the project had started it was hoped that the instruments on hand would sooner or later pick up an unidentified flying object and track and analyze its movements.

For months I and my tiny group of like minded associates had watched the sensitive gravimeter in vain. On occasions when large commercial airliners would pass over, our hearts would skip a beat as the instruments would register aerial activities.

But on August 8 at 3:01 P.M. the gravimeter began acting strangely. First it wavered slightly, drawing a thin dark line on the graph paper being used to register the movements of the instruments. Without further warning the gravimeter went wild. All evidence indicated that a real unidentified flying object had flown within feet of the station.

Alarm systems connected to the instrument panel began to ring, alerting us to the UFO. After watching the instruments a few seconds, we ran outside to see what was causing the odd reaction.

Unfortunately our area was completely fogged in, and whatever was up there could not be seen visually.

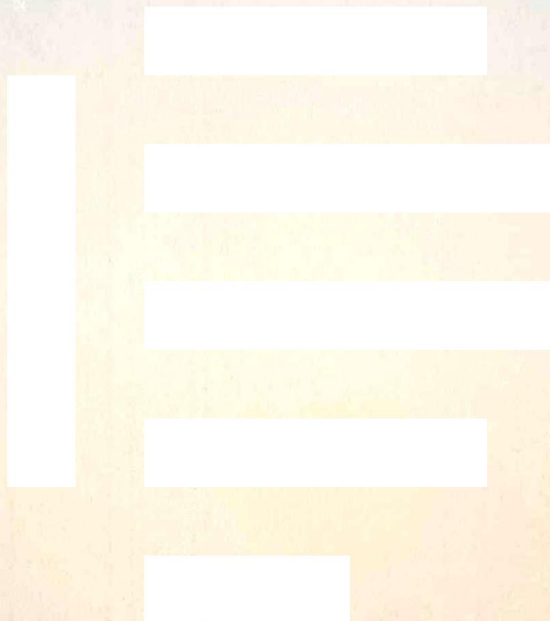
(Editor's note: Later, while making a public statement it was reported that Smith was very careful in stating that the object "might" have been a flying saucer, discounting the possibility that it could have been any sort of airplane.

Several years later, while being interviewed on national Canadian TV, Smith commented that flying saucers were responsible for a number of "things" then happening in Canadian skies. He, however, did not take the

time to explain further.

No official release has ever been made by the Department of Transport, or any other Canadian government authority, on the "flying saucer" that was tracked over Project Magnet on Aug. 8, 1954

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A SPEECH BY WILBERT B. SMITH

With the death of Wilbert B. Smith on December 27, 1962, Ufology lost one of its most honoured investigators. Even those who disagreed with his views paid tribute to his integrity and the open-minded approach he brought to the bewildering array of evidence. The article which follows is a transcript of a tape-recorded speech which Mr. Smith delivered at Ottawa, Canada, on March 31, 1958. It is hoped that FLYING SAUCER REVIEW may be able to print another of his recorded speeches not only for its intrinsic interest but also as a tribute to a highly respected man. We are grateful to the Vancouver Flying Saucer Club for their assistance in the reproduction of this speech.

I HAVE been actively engaged in the investigation of the group of phenomena known as flying saucers for over two years. During this period I have read most of the available literature on the subject, interviewed a great many people who have seen unusual things in the sky, examined many pictures and physical objects, made observations with scientific instruments, and carried on a series of communications with intelligences claiming to be extra-terrestrial.

I started the investigation out of curiosity, and as an extreme hobby, fully expecting to find the phenomena to be due to man-made or natural causes. I am 48 years old, hold a Master's degree in electrical engineering, occupy a responsible position in the Canadian Government, hold half a dozen patents, am author of several technical papers, and in general enjoy a background in technical work and science indicating at least an average competence to study and report on phenomena of a scientific nature.

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spective of the problem. The second phase involved theoretical and laboratory work, finding openings in our technology and in establishing relevant reference points. And the third phase involved following up the many and varied leads which developed from the first two phases.

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Secondly, people who have been near these objects have described physical sensations which are unusual to say the least, but which are quite con-

sistent with what is known of the technology under which they operate. As nearly as we are able to re-create the accident, Mantell was pursuing a UFO and was able to get quite near—in fact, well into its operating field. His aircraft just fell apart and was scattered over quite an area. Mantell's body, when recovered, was not displayed even to his next of kin. Several people who have found themselves close to these objects have remarked on the insufferable heat which seemed to pervade the general region. Also there seemed to be a gravitational necessity to lean away from the object to maintain balance. While these facts seem rather incredible, nevertheless there exists quite a good record in support of each occurrence. Furthermore, the technology of which we have been able to get a glimpse—namely, that of manipulation of the three basic fields, electric, magnetic and tempic—indicates quite a straightforward answer and explanation of the phenomena.

In Mantell's case, the altered field configuration in the vicinity of the craft reduced the binding forces* within the structure of the aircraft to a value below that of the load which the parts were supposed to carry. So it just came apart. Also, there was probably a substantial reduction in tempic field density which would give in effect a rising temperature to the aircraft and contents. I understand that Mantell's body gave every indication of having been subjected to considerable heat. This rise in temperature has been reported as being quite noticeable at distances of several hundred feet of these craft when they are making use of certain combinations of field. Also, since gravity involves a tempic field function, it follows that an alteration in this field could well be reflected in the direction and magnitude of the nearby gravity field.

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The results were spectacular, to say the least. Among the contacts that might be classed as authentic, there was almost complete agreement. Among the other alleged contacts there was extremely poor agreement, or none at all. Of course, where agreement was general, but where one or two points didn't fit, an effort was made to find out the reason for the discrepancy. In each case it was found that someone had injected a terrestrial idea or comment instead of transmitting faithfully that which was received.

Now, having located what seemed to be channels of communication between ourselves and those extra-terrestrial intelligences, the next and obvious step was to try and get as much information as possible. As may be expected, this effort was at first directed towards science and technology. But it soon became apparent that there was a very real and quite large gap between this alien science and the science in which I had been trained.

Certain crucial experiments were suggested and carried out, and in each case the results confirmed the validity of the alien science. Beyond this, the alien science was just incomprehensible.

There followed a period of soul-searching in which many doubts were raised. While we were able to establish that these people from outside all told the same story, was that story true? It may be agreed that there existed some pretty good evidence to support their statements, but maybe there was some other conventional explanation. If the whole thing was a delusion, then quite a large number of people were suffering from precisely the same delusion. And furthermore—delusions are not externalised—at least, I never heard of such a case. If, on the other hand, it was a hoax, it was by far the most gigantic hoax the world had ever known, and to what end and by whom was it perpetrated?

The inevitable conclusion was that it was all real enough, but that the alien science was definitely alien—and possibly even for ever beyond our comprehension. So another approach was tried—the philosophical—and here the answer was found in all its grandeur.

I will not go into details on the many revisions in ideas and basic thinking beyond stating that the people from outside displayed great patience and understanding in overcoming the prejudices and misinformation I had spent many years in accumulating. I began for the first time in my life to realise the basic one-ness of the Universe and all that is in it—science, philosophy, religion, substance and energy are all facets of the same jewel, and before any one facet can be appreciated, the form of the jewel itself must be perceived.

One of the most important things I had to realise was that we are not alone. The human race in the form of man extends throughout the Universe, and is incredibly ancient. Also, its appearance in physical form is but one of the many manifestations along the path of progress.

* See article "Binding Forces," by Wilbert B. Smith, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March-April, 1961, issue.

Our civilisation here on earth now is only one of many that have come and gone. This planet has been colonised many times by people from elsewhere, and our present human race are blood-brothers of these people. Is it any wonder that they are interested in us? To orthodox thinkers this may seem strange, but not nearly so strange as our orthodox ideas on evolution. The question might be asked — if these people are our brothers, and are interested in our welfare, why do they remain so aloof? The answer is available. There is a basic law of the Universe which grants each and every individual independence and freedom of choice, so that he may experience and learn from his experiences. No one has the right to interfere in the affairs of others — in fact, our ten commandments are directives against interference. If we disregard this law, we must suffer the consequences, and a little thought will show that our present world state is directly attributable to violation of this principle. When we enter this life, we do so to participate in certain events, the sequence of which was established before our birth, and which if altered substantially would deprive us of experiences necessary to our development. We have built-in protection against altering substantially the sequences in that we do not consciously know of them. But these people from outside have a much greater knowledge than we have, and have means of perceiving sequences which must not be changed. Therefore, while they have every desire in the world to help, and stand by ready, able and willing to do so, they are not permitted by cosmic law to interfere. The dividing line between help and interference is very delicate indeed, and sometimes hard to perceive, but it is a demonstration of individual and collective progress as to how well we can be guided by it. I am told that one of the difficulties is that we do not recognise a sufficient number of dimensions and make use of them in our science. Furthermore, we do not recognise the

true nature of dimensions, or of their place in our Universe. I am told that, so far as we are concerned, there are twelve dimensions of deity, and these provide the entire structure of our Universe. Our conventional concepts of dimensions are most inadequate and restrictive, and so long as we persist in them, we can never transcend the world of mechanical processes which we have built.

In science we have an established procedure always to tie a new discovery or observation to that which we already know, even though to do so requires extensive patchwork and perturbation factors to be applied to our existing knowledge to make the new knowledge fit. We invariably assume that the new knowledge must somehow be closely related to the old, and we are most zealous in tying the two together. As a consequence we bend and warp our units of knowledge so that we can fasten them together, whether or not they belong together, until we have fabricated quite a structure which is almost completely closed on itself. Consequently, when we do find knowledge that should, but just won't, fit our structure, we have no alternative but to reject it.

I am informed that the science is really much more simple than we imagine, and all the component parts fit together perfectly without any corrections. Possibly we should start over again and reassemble our knowledge in a different pattern, and this time fit the jigsaw puzzle together properly without trimming the pieces. I feel sure that if we were to do this and accept the philosophy on which this new approach must of necessity be based, we can enjoy the technology and the way of life which is demonstrated to us by the presence of spacecraft and of our brothers from elsewhere.

I would like to say a few words on the philosophy of the saucers. Possibly one of the most interesting aspects of the study of flying saucers, beyond the realisation that they are real and extra-

terrestrial, is their philosophy. What manner of creatures build and fly them? What do they look like? How do they think? Are their ideas and ideals similar to ours? Could we understand them?

All these and other questions plague the serious investigator. If we are to rely on sighting data alone, we are bound to get a rather one-sided idea of these creatures. For example, we see saucers travel at terrific speeds, and then suddenly stop or change direction. Under our concepts of physics, no creature of flesh and blood and bone could withstand the terrific forces which would be associated with such actions. Therefore we are likely to assume that the saucerians must be either some manner of robot, or a creature the like of which we have never encountered.

Again, it is hard to understand why any race of creatures having the tremendous power at their disposal which we demonstrated by the saucers should be content to fly rather aimlessly over our globe without doing something more definite. If the tables were reversed, we certainly would! After a very brief reconnaissance we would land and announce to the natives that we were taking over. The fact that the saucerians have made no such move appears to indicate that they must regard us in the same general category as the other flora and fauna native to this planet, and to them our civilisation is so primitive as to be indistinguishable from that of the lower animals and insects. We could go on speculating in this manner for quite a while without coming anywhere near the truth. Fortunately, the people who come to us from elsewhere in flying saucers have seen fit to make contact with people of earth, and to impart as much information and understanding as the contacts were capable of assimilating or passing along to others.

There have been many published instances of contacts between these people from outside and the people of earth, and a

very great many more which have not been published. As is always the case in any new and romantic field, there are those who prevaricate and exaggerate, but it is not too difficult to establish that the vast majority are honest and authentic. For instance, when a dozen or so independent contacts, having no common connection and each alone believing that he or she has been favoured above all others to receive this message, and tell the same message even to names and descriptions which tally perfectly, one has little choice but to believe that they are telling the truth. Furthermore, when the material given to us through the many channels is all assembled and analysed, it adds up to a complete and elegant philosophy which makes our efforts sound like the beating of jungle drums.

These people tell us of a magnificent cosmic plan, of which we are a part, which transcends the lifetime of a single person or nation or civilisation, or even a planet or solar system. We are not merely told that there is

something beyond our immediate experience—we are told what it is and our relation therewith. Many of our most vexing problems are solved with a few words—at least, we are told of the solutions if we have the understanding and fortitude to apply them. We are told of the inadequacies of our science, and we have been given the basic grounding for a new science which is at once simpler and yet more embracing than the mathematical monstrosity which we have conjured up. We have been told of a way of life which is Utopian beyond our dreams, and the means of attaining it.

Can it be that such a self-consistent and magnificent philosophy is the figment of imagination of a number of misguided morons? I do not think so. If the only evidence we had was philosophical, we might justifiably suspect it. But when coupled with the reality of observations—thousands of them—we cannot dismiss it so easily. This is especially true when we consider that the science which has been passed to us by these

people from elsewhere explains in a manner in which we have been quite unable to do, why the saucers behave as they do, and how it is that they can do things which to us are virtually impossible. The science and the performance check perfectly. Again, we have been told where our scientific ideas are wrong or inadequate, and experiments have been suggested and carried out, and in every case the alien science has been vindicated.

We may ask, if all this is known, why has it not been publicised? Why are not these matters being studied instead of atom bombs? The answer—it has been publicised. Books have been written and hundreds and thousands of copies sold. There are available many periodicals containing this material which may be had for quite a nominal sum. Reports have been prepared by serious investigators and presented through the proper channels, but it is truly said that one can lead a horse to water, but one cannot make him drink!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The following chapters written by Wilbert B. Smith during his leadership in the Ottawa New Sciences Club express many of his views on the subjects of Flying Saucers, Life on Other Planets, Canada's Project Magnet, and the philosophy of the space brothers.

CHAPTER ONE

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A rise in temperature in the vicinity of these craft from elsewhere has been reported on many occasions, as has also an apparent alteration in the direction of gravity. Both of these phenomena are tempic field functions and would be expected if the craft were making use of combinations of fields which involved substantial modifications of the tempic field function.

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restrictive, and so long as we persist in them we can never transcend the for the entire universe. Our concepts of dimensions are most inadequate and twelve dimensions, and these provide the necessary and sufficient structure place in the universe. I am told that so far as we are concerned there are Furthermore, we do not recognize the true nature of dimensions or their sufficient number of dimensions and make use of them in our science. I am told that one of our difficulties is that we do not recognize a

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world state is directly attributable to violation of this principle. consequences, and a little thought will show that the present deplorable against interference. If we disregard this law we must suffer the in the affairs of others. In fact, our Ten Commandments are directives experience and learn from his experiences. No one has the right to interfere every individual independence and freedom of choice, so that he may given the answer. There is a basic law of the universe which grants each and are interested in our welfare, why do they remain so aloof? We have been

is demonstrated to us by the presence of the spacecraft and our brothers
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Canadian Radio Engineer and Ufologist

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Born in Alberta, Graduates Electrical Engineer 1934

Wilbert Smith was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, graduated from University of British Columbia in 1933 with a B.Sc. in electrical engineering and went on to obtain his M.A.Sc in 1934 at the same university. After graduation he became chief engineer for radio station CJOR in Vancouver.

Smith did much to encourage improvements in the technical side of broadcasting facilities in Canada, and took a strong personal interest in the formation of the Canadian Association of Broadcast Consultants, which often advised the federal Department of Transport (DOT) on frequency allocation and other technical matters. He also played an important role in liaison between that department and the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board.

Smith Joins Department of Transport in 1939

In 1939, he joined the federal Department of Transport. He was engaged in engineering Canada's war-time monitoring service and, in 1947, was in charge of establishing a network of ionospheric measurement stations, several of which were in isolated parts of the North.

At the time of his death, he was superintendent of Radio Regulations
e Department of Transport

engineering aspects of all matters concerning the use of radio in Canada, including equipment standards, radio relay systems (micro-wave), broadcast facilities and interference studies.

Geo-Magnetism Attracts Smith's Attention

Smith's area of research was in radio wave propagation, a study which eventually led him into fields such as auroras, cosmic radiation, atmospheric radio-activity and geo-magnetism. It was the latter of these fields which really attracted his attention and caused him to speculate that the potential energy of the Earth's magnetic field might be extracted and used.

Prototype of Free Energy Device

He had already progressed to the stage of developing a crude experimental model to demonstrate his theory, and successfully tested the unit which, in his words:

... demonstrated the soundness of the basic principles in a qualitative manner and provided useful data for the design of a better unit. (1)

Smith Believes Magnetic Field is UFO's Energy Source

Smith's curiosity got the better of him when he read a magazine article on "Flying Saucers" in the late 1940s and from then on he took a great interest in investigating flying saucers or UFOs. In DOT, he was engaged in research on the collapse of the Earth's magnetic field as a source of energy. As Smith believed that flying saucers may be operating on magnetic principles, it seemed that this work of DOT might explain their operation. He believed, quote:

... that we are on the track of something which may well prove to be the introduction to a new technology.

[This] is borne out by the investigations which are being carried on at the present time in relation to flying saucers. [emphasis added] (2)

US Admits UFOs Exist

The investigations he was referring to were those being carried out by the US Government at that time. In late 1950 Smith had attended a North American Radio Broadcasting conference in Washington, DC, and while there, made enquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff who were able to inform him that:

1. The matter of UFOs was the most highly classified subject in the US, rating higher than the H-bomb,
2. UFOs exist,
3. Their modus operandi is unknown, but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush, (Editor: Of 'MJ12' fame)
4. The entire matter is considered by US authorities to be of tremendous significance. (3)

Magnetism Related to UFO Behavior

Smith felt the preliminary result of his work in geo-magnetism correlated with the available data on reported UFO behavior, and that they were fairly close to some of the answers. The Defence Research Board liaison officer at the Canadian Embassy in Washington evidently agreed with Smith for he was extremely anxious for him to get in touch with Dr. Solandt, Chairman of the

rd upon Smith's return

future investigations along the line of geo-magnetism energy release.

Solandt Offers His Support

Consequently, upon his return to Canada, Smith met with Solandt on November 20, and obtained his support. Solandt agreed that work on geo-magnetic energy should proceed as rapidly as possible and offered DRB's co-operation in providing laboratory facilities, acquisition of equipment, and specialized personnel. (4)

Smith Writes Proposal

On November 21 he outlined his proposal in writing to the Controller of Telecommunications, indicating Defence Research Board's support and requesting that a project be set up and carried out on a part-time basis "until such time as sufficient results would warrant more definitive action". (5)

Magnetism Key to New Technology

The proposal outlined seven avenues of investigation, all dealing with geo-magnetic research, none dealing with UFO investigation. (6) He proposed the work be classified since he felt that the lesser known and little explored aspects of magnetism might hold the key to a new and significant technology, and its impact on our civilization would have to be assessed if his suspicions proved correct. Commander C.P. Edwards, then Deputy Minister of Transport for Air Services gave the project his blessing, requesting that he be kept posted from time to time.

Smith Omitted References to UFOs

It is curious that the avenues of investigation Smith proposed made no reference to UFOs. Could it have been that Smith willfully omitted such reference in order to ensure a greater probability that the project would be approved? Or was he only interested in UFOs because they seemed to be demonstrating that some of his concepts were apparently being applied, whereas his main interest was indeed in the new technology which he felt he was on the verge of initiating?

Smith Starts Project Magnet

Smith's curiosity was responsible for Project Magnet's initiation in November 1950, and for its relatively secret progress for a few years at least. It is significant, though, that the official "Magnet" report, when eventually released many years later, dealt only with UFO sighting analysis, and made no mention of Smith's geo-magnetics research.

The 1952 UFO Wave

Curiously, the Canadian government in all its wisdom, saw the need for still another project to analyze UFO reports, less classified than Project Magnet, but still confidential. During the early months of 1952 there was a noticeable increase in the number of UFO incidents covered by the Canadian Press. (7,8,9) Several of these involved reports of disc-shaped craft over Royal Canadian Air Force bases, many reported by service personnel themselves.

Defence Research Board (DRB) noted this increase, and DRB chairman Solandt asked staff member Harold Oatway to get a committee together "to see if we can make anything out of these flying saucer reports". (10)

Had Solandt forgotten about Smith and Magnet? It's doubtful.

Second Secret UFO Project

Oatway was a friend of Smith and knew of his involvement. As we shall see Smith had not been forgotten, but the reason for setting up a further

project remains unclear, unless, of course, Smith was too busy with his research. Why they didn't merely enlarge Magnet remains a mystery.

The First Meeting

On April 22, 1952, the committee gathered by Oatway held its first meeting, with Peter Millman, head of the Dominion Observatory, as its chairman. Smith, Edwards and Solandt were also among those present.

Formal Study of UFOs by Government

It was agreed that there was a need to formally investigate UFOs, and that a committee should be formed to lead this activity and to standardize procedures, etc. (11) From the minutes of this meeting we read:

This committee was to prepare a brief of instructions for observers; examine interrogation ; and to establish a standard method of recording and indexing for subsequent analysis.

. . . the function of DRB should be mainly advisory as the collection of reports could best be done by field organizations." (13)

Project Theta

Two days later, the newly formed committee assembled, classifying its work as "confidential", and identifying themselves as "Project Theta".

Project Theta becomes Project Second Story

May 19, 1952 they met for a second time and among other things, re-named themselves "Project Second Storey" since "Theta" was apparently not on the list of valid names for projects of this type.

Interim Report, Flying Saucers are Extraterrestrial

On June 25, 1952 Smith submitted an interim report on Project Magnet in which he stated that it appeared evident that flying saucers are emissaries from other civilizations and actually operate on magnetic principles, magnetic principles which we have failed to grasp due to our not paying enough attention to the structure of fields in our study of physics. (14)

Project Second Story, Third Meeting

On July 31, Project Second Storey held their third meeting where, among other items of business, a letter containing several of Smiths motions, presumably based on his progress in Magnet, was tabled and discussed. Also, the final form of the "Project Second Storey Sighting Report" was approved, and distribution of same was determined.

There was no mention in the minutes of any reference to Smiths decisive statement in his interim "Magnet" report.

Project Second Story, Fourth Meeting

The fourth meeting of Second Storey was not held until November 17, followed by the fifth on March 9, 1953. Smith had been working on some "weighting factors" to be applied to witness testimony to help arrive at some measure of report significance.

Project Second Story, Fifth Meeting

his system was adopted

about

At this point, though, it was probably felt irrelevant since Chairman Millman noted "that evidence to date (and note that this was not Second

Storey's evidence to which he was referring, since they had so far only managed to standardize their procedures) did not seem to warrant an all out investigation by the Canadian Services but it might be well to continue to collect at some central location all forms which may be submitted to the Services." (15) Millman reached this conclusion following discussions with the chairman of DRB on the future activities of the committee. They seemed to be again ignoring Smith's statement in his preliminary report on Magnet; or were they trying to play it down?

UFO Investigations Under Control of Canadian Intelligence

And as it turned out, Millman's conclusion was based on activities in the U.S. in the wake of the Robertson Panel, which is now known to have been a CIA whitewash. So here is further evidence of top level U.S. Canadian inter-relationship in the UFO field, and if we assume this inter-relationship continued after the Robertson Panel, it is safe to assume that investigation of UFOs in Canada was placed under the control of some branch of Canadian Intelligence. We can only guess that Smith's interim "Magnet" report probably played a significant part in this assumed decision.

Second Story, More Meetings

In concluding the fifth meeting of Second Storey, it was agreed that a further meeting would take place after the Department of Transport had completed its analysis. That is, after the Magnet Report was finished.

Minutes of More Meetings Held Secret

This was accomplished on August 10, 1953 but there are no minutes available of any further Second Storey meetings, although there is evidence that further meetings did take place. One wonders why the minutes were not made public. Recent correspondence between Canadian ufologist Arthur Bray and Dr. Allen McNamara (without even having been asked the question) that the Project Magnet report was submitted to Second Storey in 1953. (This from a letter dated July 25, 1979.) 16 So it was 26 years before any indication of further Second Storey meetings surfaced.

Smith Sets Up UFO Detection Station at Shirley's Bay

During the summer of 1953, Wilbert Smith obtained approval from the Department of Transport (DOT) to set up some UFO detection equipment at Shirley's Bay, near Ottawa, and by the end of October the installation was complete. The instruments included a gamma-ray counter, a magnetometer, a radio receiver (to detect the presence of radio noise, and a recording gravimeter). (17)

The Cover Up Starts

News of Magnet finally leaked to the media presumably because of the conspicuous nature of the Shirley's Bay installation. (18) As expected, denials were attempted; on the very day the station went into operation Dr. Solands was quoted as saying reports of the station's establishment were completely untrue.

Dr. Solands Caught in a Lie

However, Solands was forced to back down on this, and later claimed he actually had only said that such a station was not being operated by his department, and that he personally had no knowledge of its existence. (19) Even this was difficult to accept since the installation was located next to DOT's Ionosphere Station on Defence Research Board (DRB) property, and in fact, the building was loaned to Smith by DRB. (20)

Public Awareness Causes Embarrassment

Public awareness of this project was to be a source of frustration, annoyance and embarrassment to DRB and DOT, and it put Smith in an awkward position since he was still officially a member of the Second Storey Committee.

Millman's Project Second Storey Report

This was probably a contributing factor to the contents of Millman's November 21st summary report of Project Second Storey. He announced that Project Second Storey's forms and instructions for filing of sighting information were available for any government department seriously interested in pursuing the matter further, but the committee felt that, owing to the impossibility of checking independently the details of the majority of sightings, most of the material did not lend itself to a scientific method of investigation. (21)

American Report Proves Existence of UFOs

Could it be that they were not aware of the scientific study being conducted in the U.S. at that time by the Air Force on UFO reports collect from June 1, 1947 to December 31, 1952? The study was initiated in 1952 and continued through 1954, and proved beyond a doubt the existence of an unidentified phenomenon, even though the conclusions were worded in such a way as to divert attention from the evidence.

Project Blue Book Special Report #14

The study to which I am referring was known as 'Project Blue Book Special Report #14' which is probably the most constantly referred to in the literature of Stanton Friedman, and more recently was the subject of a paper by Bruce Maccabee in the Journal of UFO Studies, Vol. 1, No. 1, entitled the "Scientific Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects".

Millman's Statements Part of Cover Up

It is difficult to believe Millman's statement, and perhaps his remarks were designed to appease "somebody" in the event Smith's association with Second Storey eventually became public knowledge, and also to save face in view of the Adamski & contactee activity now the public eye.

Smith Detects UFO Disturbance

At 3:01 in the afternoon of August 8, 1954 the instrumentation at the Shirley's Bay installation registered an unusual disturbance. In Smith's words "the gravimeter went wild", (22) as a much greater deflection was registered than could be explained by conventional interference such as passing aircraft. Smith and his colleagues rushed outside only to find a heavy overcast. Whatever was up there as hidden in the clouds. The only evidence they had was the deflection registered on the chart recorder paper.

Press Release Admits UFO Study

Two days later the controller of Telecommunications issued a form letter, which was also authorised as a press release, admitting that the DOT had been engaged in the study of UFOs for three and a half years, that considerable data had been collected and analysed, but it had not been possible to reach any definite conclusion, and since new data simply confirmed existing data, there seemed little point in carrying the project any further on an official level. This, despite the fact that "new data... confirmed existing data", which is what one would expect of a positive scientific experiment.

Project Magnet Dropped

Project Magnet was to be dropped, but Smith would continue to receive and catalogue data on an unofficial basis. (23) In Smith's words, Magnet went "underground" (24) probably joining Second Storey.

Smith Pressured into Deny Shirley's Bay Incident

The detection of "whatever it was" two days before had evidently inspired rapid action. Does it seem likely that a project, which had finally apparently detected what it was looking for, would be terminated? Justification for changing to a "Top Secret" classification perhaps... It is apparent that pressure was applied to Smith to down-play or even deny the Shirley's Bay incident.

Smith Does an About Face

Researcher Greg Kanon writes:

In an abrupt about face, Smith announced, before the May 17th 1955 session of the Commons' Special Committee on Broadcasting, that no UFOs had ever been detected at the Shirley's Bay Station.

At about this same time, Captain Edward J. Ruppelt (who earlier served as chief UFO investigator for the U.S. Air Force) was reportedly told by RCAF Intelligence officers that only "officially" had the Shirley's Bay Station produced negative results.

These developments led some UFO researchers to conclude that Smith had been successfully silenced by officialdom. (25)

Artificial Gravity

Whatever the case, Smith kept busy over the next few years, and we get a glimmer of what he was up to from a presentation he gave about five years later to the Illuminating Engineering Society's Canadian Regional Conference during which he stated:

We know that gravity is not all Newton visualised. Far from being a basic force in nature, it is really a derived function, and is the consequence of a dynamic condition, not a static one. We know what goes into its makeup; we know its formula and we have a pretty good idea of how to go about bringing it under control.

We have conducted experiments that show that it is possible to create artificial gravity (not Centrifugal force) and to alter the gravitational field of the Earth. This we have done. It is Fact.

The next step is to learn the rules and do the engineering necessary to convert the principle into workable hardware. (26)

That statement was made in 1959. The question is, what has been achieved since then?

Anti-Gravity Device

It has been claimed by some that Smith turned away from orthodox scientific work to the more metaphysical aspects of what he termed the "new science". Such was not the case. He carried on his normal scientific work and at the same time delved into the science of metaphysics as a possible answer to the UFO mystery, which apparently produced some concrete results in the laboratory. In the realm of purely orthodox science, Smith was working on the development of an anti-gravity device and believed himself to be on the verge of an important breakthrough just prior to his death.

In the area of metaphysics, Smith claimed to communicate with "occupants" of UFOs through a contact who provided him with certain information. One instance pertained to areas of reduced binding in our atmosphere.

Binding Forces & a Binding Meter

All matter is held together by forces which are not clearly understood and are known as "binding forces".

Smith was informed that there are areas of reduced binding and that many air crashes were due to entering such regions, where the planes literally fell apart. He was told that means of detecting such areas were easily available to us and that suitable instruments could be constructed.

By building a "binding meter" according to the principles given to him, he was able to locate regions of reduced binding. He recommended to the government that further investigation be conducted, but because of the unorthodox source of his information, he was unable to obtain official recognition of this work and his letters were added to the "crank file".

The New Science

The last ten years of Smith's life were devoted to intensive thought and study. He formulated several of his ideas into a book titled 'The New Science'.

Smith Dies of Cancer, December 27, 1962

Smith died of cancer on December 27, 1962. The respect he commanded was reflected in his being posthumously awarded the Lieutenant-Colonel Keith S. Rogers Memorial Engineering Award for dedicated service in the advancement of the Technical Standards in Canadian Broadcasting. This award, presented by the Canadian General Electric Company, was well deserved. Smith was one of the foremost thinkers of his time - a well respected ufologist - one of the first of our breed.

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Notes by UFO Joe:

- * According to Hugh Cochran, author of "Passport to Oblivion" Smith died of a heart attack and many of his research papers were burned.
- * Picture from "The UFO Connection" by Arthur Bray
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Canadian Scientists Contact Aliens
Government Secret Project
A Xian Report

Department of Interplanetary Affairs

In January 1972, the Department of Interplanetary Affairs was created, to research into the scientific investigation of UFOs and attempt to contact UFO occupants if possible.

Alien Data Traded

Extensive files on reports of UFO landings, sightings, and contacts in Hawaii were soon accumulated, and it was discovered that many UFO researchers desired our reports. We began to trade data, and were amazed when former officials of secret government or military intelligence agencies came to our office, and offered to trade us what they knew for what we knew. The information was often classified Top Secret and beyond, they admitted government and military UFO secrecy, and much of the information alarmed us then.

Same Shocking Details

Regardless of whether they came from NASA, were government commissioned civilian scientists, military pilots of intelligence agents, or from the United Nations. They all told the same shocking details. There were no contradictions in these reports of alien bases on Earth, other planets, crashed retrieved saucers with bodies, and secret alien government contacts. And most of these informers, who wish to remain anonymous due to threats of assassination, fines, court martials, or mysterious disappearances warned us that we would get in big trouble for publicly releasing what they told us.

Misc. Engineering
37 patents
several technical papers.

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"The Canadian Engineering Award"

WILBERT B. SMITH HONOURED BY AWARD.

Friends and admirers of the late Wilbert B. Smith will, we feel sure, be interested to learn that he was recently awarded posthumously, the much-coveted Canadian Engineerin Award. This large silver trophy depicting two skilled hands clasping a radio tube, handsomely mounted on a base, is engraved with the following words :-

THE COL. KEITH S. ROGERS MEMORIAL ENGINEERING AWARD

To WILBERT B. SMITH, for dedicated service in the advancement of the Technical Standards in Canadian Broadcasting.

In reply to a letter of inquiry concerning the Award, The Canadian Association of Broadcasters had this to say :-

"This Award is donated by the Canadian General Electric Company. It is known as the Lietenant-Colonel Keith S. Rogers Memorial Award. It is so named in memory of one of the pioneers of broadcasting in Canada. Lieut.-Colonel Keith S. Rogers, who passed away several years ago, founded Radio Broadcasting Station CFCY, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and during his lifetime was proprietor of it. He was greatly admired within the industry for his calm wisdom and dignity, his active interest in the broadcasting industry and this Association, his courtesy and his ever-present willingness to be helpful. Colonel Rogers served many times on important committees of The Canadian Association of Broadcasters and for many years was a member of its Board of Directors. His main interest always lay in the technical field.

"The Award created in his honour and memory is given not more than once a year to a Canadian who, in the opinion of an appropriate judging committee, has made an important and significant contribution to the development of the technical side of the broadcasting industry.