

likely reason is that Smith could not get approval for what was essentially a piece of pseudoscience. (See Solandt's letter). If Bray knows the location of this alleged article, will he please disclose it.

[It is bad practice for Bray to refer to page numbers. Keyhoe's books underwent many editions and printings; however, I have found the said passages].

4. There is no such classification as "ABOVE TOP SECRET". The few people (such as Barry Goldwater) who refer to it are using the term in a very vague sense. I put Sarbacher's alleged quote about UFOs being "two points higher than the H bomb" in the same category. There is no points system for classification, is there? Without knowing the ins and outs of these things, such statements are meaningless. Have you ever seen a paper with "ABOVE TOP SECRET" stamped on it? Canadians were not allowed access to "above top secret" U.S. papers for one reason only. No such papers exist!

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5. The 1969 memo about declassifying the MAGNET and SECOND STOREY files means simply that the Canadian authorities were anxious not to have a barrage of enquiries about these papers while UFOs were so much in the news (in the months after the Condon report). Hence the decision to limit them to bona fide researchers, and then destroy them. Notice that nowhere does the writer call them "top secret"; merely that they be downgraded to "confidential". The reason for the decision to destroy them (if indeed they were) was to purge the files of unwanted material. Had they been that important, there is no way they would have been destroyed. Tim Good, and maybe yourself, have assumed this 1969 memo has some great significance. Far from it.

6. In a previous letter you wondered how Smith met Sarbacher in Washington, and implied that you knew the answer. We would need to know who attended that broadcasting conference and the papers presented to answer that. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? I suspect that the reason Smith never met Sarbacher direct, but through an intermediary, was that Smith had wanted to speak to Sarbacher but that the intermediary (Bremner?) could see that Smith was "over the top" re UFOs and did not want to let him loose on a senior U.S. scientist where he might cause embarrassment with his utter obsession about government secrecy. UFOs were very much in the news at the time because of the Scully and Keyhoe books. It is entirely possible that someone at the conference brought the subject up. Sarbacher and Bush were both obviously interested in the subject, and Smith had learned this from someone. His Sarbacher notes are secondhand and probably unreliable, but we shall never know for sure.

* TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY is not a higher classification than plain TOP SECRET, just in case Friedman says it is. The "EYES ONLY" does not raise the level of classification. Neither does "TOP SECRET ULTRA".