

I am at present putting together a request for documents thro' DOD. This is a letter ~~total~~ written to Peter Millman. It is probably 50 pages with documents. This way if Millman doesn't answer my questions I have some right to appeal. Will send a copy to you later.

Could you do me a favor. I had intended to come to Ottawa to go to the Archives. Have enclosed a document outlining MacKenzie's friendship with Vannevar Bush. MacKenzie as head of the National Research Council would have seen the Smith memo. My question is "What was his reaction?" "Did he contact Bush?"

Seeing you are in Ottawa you might check his diary at the Archives (there are 34 volumes hopefully with an index) The period would naturally be Sept 15, 1950 to Nov. 21, 1950 and a bit beyond. As you can see from my enclosure MacKenzie recognized Bush as the most powerful scientist in the U.S. Therefore seeing Bush's name in the Smith memo - he must have taken the information very seriously.

Question. Who is John H. Thompson? His name appears at the bottom of one of the pages of the minutes to Project Second Stage. He is also mentioned as one of Smith's Associates with Wilson,