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Dear Arthur,

Many thanks for the letter and for the excellent document. I was aware of Sarbacher only in that Friedman had mentioned his name in a FOIA request in 84. In my last letter to Friedman I had requested details on an interview he conducted in the States "with the person who had provided the information on U.S. activities found in the Smith memo." This would be Sarbacher, except that in your document Bush's name never comes up. Will let you know when I hear from you.

I have enclosed the M-12 documents along with some Wenzel letters connecting him to the CIA. I still have 8 more pages to send to you. On Question 10 you will see that the Stanton Friedman - Moore - Shandra team also considers the Smith memo as a supporting document to the M-12 document. The key I'm sure to them, as with myself, is the mention of Vannevar Bush and a small group. Bush's name, as far as I have seen never appears in any UFO literature, even tho' he was the most powerful scientist in the U.S. in 1947. He headed a number of small committees, responsible only to the President from 1940-1947. I now have evidence that the idea of a small group responsible only to the President, with no administrative responsibilities or ties might have originated in Canada from General McPlough (who was involved in the AEC-COR affair) who was a good friend of Dr. Bush during this period.

In fact it is my belief that there was probably another memo or reference to Dr. Bush's group in the diary of Dr. C.S. McKeen who was rumored to have supported Smith's work. There is no doubt he saw the memo - he was Bush's equivalent