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I do not feel that we have as yet sufficient data to place before the
Department of Defense, which would require a review by the Department of Defense
organization, but I do feel that further research is necessary and I would
prefer to see it done within the framework of our own organization with
of course, full cooperation and exchange of information with other
interested parties.

I discussed this matter fully with Doctor Salant, Chairman of
the Science Research Council, on December 22nd and Doctor Salant has no more
to offer me. I have been able to make no more. Doctor Salant agreed
that with our cooperation we might be able to make as rapidly as possible
and return full cooperation of his staff in providing laboratory facilities,
acquisition of necessary items of equipment, and specialized personnel for
experimental work in the project. I indicated to Doctor Salant that we would
prefer to have the project within the Department of Transport for the time
being, since we have obtained sufficient information to permit a complete
assessment of the value of the work.

It is therefore recommended that a PROJECT be set up within
the framework of this Council to study this problem and that the work be
carried on a part time basis until such time as sufficient facilities become
available to permit more definitive action. Cost of the program in the
initial stages are expected to be less than a few hundred dollars and can
be covered by our own Research and Development.

Attached hereto is a draft of terms of reference for such a
project which, if authorized, will enable us to proceed with this research
work within our own organization.

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Notes and References

1. SAC = Special Agent in Charge (FBI)
2. On this very real initial fear among the American Military that the UFOs might be a spectacular new Russian weapon, see the following article, NOTES ON THE COSMIC (AND INFERNAL?) CONNECTIONS.
3. and 4. The separation of the U.S. Air Force (Army Air Corps) from the U.S. Army had of course not yet taken place.
5. SA = Special Agent (FBI)
6. Concerning Wilbert Smith and his secret report of November 21, 1950, to the Canadian Government, we have the following note, by Stanton T. Friedman, dated January 1954:—

"I have copies of Smith's notes written after conversation with R.I.S., an American scientist, supplying some of the above information, and have talked to R.I.S. I also have copies of carefully worded SECRET correspondence (not TS) between W.B.S. and Mr Cox (deceased), 3rd, Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., again indicating the involvement of Vannevar Bush. Dr Bush was head of the wartime Office of Scientific Research and Development, in charge of all military-related R and D, including setting up the Manhattan Project. Post-war, he was head of the Joint Research and Development Board which was turned into the Research and Development Board. He and Dr Salant, who is still alive, had a lot of contact. No better choice could have been found for a highly trusted person to set up a small group to determine how a flying saucer works given the retrieval by the U.S. of a crashed saucer near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947. Bush was also on the War Council and was noted for compartmentalization of research groups.

Wilbert Smith, who died in 1962 of a brain tumour, was awarded Canada's highest Broadcasting Engineering — (one word missing? G.C.), and in the mid-1950s headed Project Magnet, Project Second Story, and was the Chief of the Radio Division of the Department of Transport. He had a number of patents relating to broadcasting. There were a number of Meetings of the DRB re UFOs — classified at that."

S.T.F.

7. The first hydrogen-bomb would only be exploded by the Americans a year later (in 1951). G.C.

SOME NOTES ON THE COSMIC (AND ALSO THE INFERNAL?) CONNECTIONS

Many foolish people still cherish the fond dream that the UFO entities are all "humans" like us — our "peers", as it were, from away out there in Space, who have come here to "save" us or to "help" us, or to impart to us some marvellous new technology that will somehow get us off the hook and solve all our grave problems.

These people are blinded by their own wishful thinking and prevented from perceiving that, from all the evidence available to date, the vast majority of the "critters" reportedly encountered are not remotely "human", and that this so-called UFO Problem has in reality probably nothing whatsoever to do with our science and our technology, and that the aliens are not here to visit us nor are they here on our behalf, but

are attending strictly to their own interests — whatever they might be.

(And if it were to be explained to us what precisely those interests are, why should we assume that we would thereby be any the wiser?)

For us to imagine that, by laboriously listing and cataloguing and computerizing the speeds and shapes and sizes of the craft and the appearance and dimensions of the beings, we can hope to learn anything whatsoever about either craft or beings is probably just about as absurd as it would be for cows or sheep or pigs to start to scratch or notch or bite marks into the bark of the trees and then fondly to imagine that they were thereby helping themselves to grasp anything about the characters or capacities of the farmer and his men whom they see