

November 5, 1959

Mr. Wilbur B. Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I have just completed a third re-reading of your article "Why I Believe in the Reality of Spacecraft", published in the September 1959 edition of Space Probe.

It took three readings to convince myself that the article really said what it seemed to at the first glance. Either this article is just another hoax, which I really can't believe, knowing your fine reputation for objectiveness and integrity, or it is easily the most significant article yet written on this whole mystifying subject.

If the "contacts" you describe as truthful (contrasted to the typical Adamski-Fry-Schmidt crowd) really exist, why have they not come forward to tell their stories to the reputable UFO organizations such as NICAP and CSI, New York. Why do they remain "confidential"? Do any of them live anywhere around the Los Angeles-Pasadena-Long Beach area, 100 miles in any direction? If they do, I would be so appreciative if you could let me know, so that I may judge for myself the truth or untruth of their statements.

I am a member of NICAP (from its' beginning) and also subscribe to UFO Critical Review. I have also lately had access to the other reputable magazines on UFOlogy, such as CSI Newsletter, Space Probe, APRO Bulletin, and others. Through personal experi-

ence, I have learned to disclaim the myriad of so-called "contactees", who profit on the telling (and writing) of their wild, contradictory tales regarding the "space brothers" who have come to deliver the world from the evil of its' ways. That is precisely why your article astonished me so, and why I want so much the opportunity to judge for myself whether or not the facts put down in your article are true or untrue.

Most of the "contactee" stories grate contrariwise to my firmly entrenched Catholic faith, but your article contains nothing that an objective and knowledgeable religious person could point to and say with certainty "This is not true".

Mr. Smith, please help me, if you can, to obtain more information regarding these so-called truthful "channels of communication". I have spent eight years in the study of this subject and am intrigued by the possibility that your article might indicate the first real "breakthrough" in this incredible field.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Druffel".

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel  
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November 10, 1959

Dear Mrs. Druffel,

Thank you for your kind letter. I will try to answer some of your questions.

The article to which you refer was written by me on request from several journals who wanted me to make a statement as to what I believed. The statements made in this article are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate. I make no attempt to "prove" anything, and have no intention of doing so. It is up to each and every one to search out the truth and decide for themselves just what is truth. Truth needs no justification; it stands alone.

So far as the contacts are concerned, the position is exactly as I stated; they must remain in the background. This is not a decision of mine but of those with whom they communicate, and I must respect it. I am on the Board of Advisors of NICAP, and have had more than one discussion with Keyhoe relating to the recognition and investigation of contacts. I have found this avenue most profitable and I am sure that others would so find it if they were to investigate.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. B. Smith', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

W. B. Smith