

Wilbert Smith 1950 Memo to Solandt

Written by Grant Cameron
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This memo was written to Dr. Solandt only days after Smith wrote the Top Secret UFO memo to the Department of Transport asking for permission to go ahead with Project Magnet.

It deals with an article that Major Donald Keyhoe was about to publish in "True" magazine. Smith rewrote the article as "the presentation might cause considerable embarrassment to the Canadian government since they would be required to make some sort of official statement shortly after the release of the article which they are not, at the present time, in a position to do." He notifies Keyhoe of the problem.

The redraft was sent to Vannevar Bush for "clearance." This is discussed in the Canadian Embassy correspondence. In this November 24, 50 memo Smith is bringing Solandt up to date on the status of the Keyhoe article, and brings up the review being done by the Research and Development Board (Vannevar Bush).

The five page article was later reprinted in Donald Keyhoe's "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" p.133-136.

OTTAWA, Ontario, November 24, 1950.

MEMORANDUM TO DOCTOR O.W. SOLANDT:

I am returning herewith the draft article by Major Keyhoe, together with a proposed revision of the first five pages and a letter to Major Keyhoe.

I would suggest that the article, as revised, be scrutinized by others in the group and any amendments which they may suggest to be incorporated in the revision. I am quite sure that Major Keyhoe will accept the revised material in the same spirit in which it is offered and furthermore that the publication of this material, if permitted by the United States Research and Development Board, would be in the public interest.

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