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W. B. Smith speaking.

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I have been actively engaged in the investigation of the group of phenomena known as flying

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saucers for over seven years.

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During this period, I have read most of the available literature on the subject, interviewed

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a great many people who have seen unusual things in the sky, examined many pictures and physical

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objects, made observations with scientific instruments, and carried on series of communications

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with intelligences claiming to be extraterrestrial.

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I started the investigation out of curiosity and as an extreme skeptic, fully expecting

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to find the phenomena to be due to manmade or natural causes.

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I am 48 years old, hold a master's degree in electrical engineering, occupy a responsible

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position in the Canadian government, hold a half dozen patents, author several technical

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papers, and in general enjoy a background in technical work in science indicating at

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least an average competence to study and report on phenomena of a scientific nature.

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I have tried so far as possible to use conventional and standard methods and equipment and to investigate

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all possible angles before drawing any conclusions.

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In other words, I have followed the same general procedures which I would have followed if

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I had undertaken to study some more prosaic subject such as radio wave propagation.

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The first phase of the work consisted of reading all available literature, collecting as much

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observational data as possible, and in general getting a fair perspective of the problem.

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The second phase involved theoretical and laboratory work to find openings in our technology and

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to establish relevant reference points.

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And the third phase involved following up the many and varied leads which developed from

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the first two phases.

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I do not intend to dwell on the first phase of this work as my experience was quite parallel

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with that of other investigators who have provided extensive published reports of their

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findings.

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Nor will I dwell on the many dead ends which were explored, which looked promising at first

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but faded out under careful investigation.

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Nor will I be able to be as specific as I would like to be with respect to material

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given to me in confidence or which came to me through classified channels.

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Furthermore it is not my intention to try and convert anyone to my way of thinking, but

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merely to state what I believe and why I believe it.

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Let us look at a few facts.

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First, hundreds of normal honest people have seen lights in the sky which behaved like

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no light normally seen in the sky ought to behave.

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Second, hundreds of normal honest people have seen what appeared to be solid real objects

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in the sky which behaved like no object normally seen in the sky ought to behave.

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Third, hundreds of people have seen objects in the Earth's atmosphere at sufficiently

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close range to see enough detail to enable them to say definitely what the object was

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not even though they could not identify what it was.

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Fourth, descriptions of these objects from observers where circumstances virtually preclude

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collusion check quite well among themselves and against data received from other sources.

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It is not reasonable to assume that hundreds of ordinary normal people whose word we would

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readily accept under more mundane circumstances, for instances as witnesses to an automobile

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accident, should suddenly become liars, fools, neurotics, and otherwise quite incompetent observers.

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I have interviewed many of these people myself and I am convinced that they are sane, sober,

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honest folk who are reporting as best they can something which they really did witness.

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I will concede that maybe some of these people did not do as good a job of observing as someone

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who was better trained might have done, but within their limits I believe they did honestly report

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what they saw. Let us look at a few more facts. First, there have been several close brushes

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with these objects and in one case at least the aircraft pilot lost his life as a consequence.

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Captain Mantell was reported killed as a result of chasing a flying saucer on January 7, 1947.

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The incident is described in detail in the report on unidentified flying objects by Edward J.

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Ruppelt, pages 51 to 60. Second, people who have been near these objects have described physical

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sensations which are unusual to say the least, but which are quite consistent with what is known

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of the technology under which they operate. As nearly as we are able to recreate the accident,

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Mantell was pursuing an unidentified flying object and was able to get quite near,

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in fact apparently well into its operating field. His aircraft just fell apart and was scattered

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over quite an area. Mantell's body when recovered was not displayed even to his next of kin.

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Several people who have found themselves close to these objects have remarked on the insufferable

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heat which seemed to pervade the general region. Also there seemed to be a gravitational necessity

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to lean away from the object to maintain balance. While these facts may seem to be rather incredible,

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nevertheless there exists quite a good record in support of each occurrence.

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Furthermore, the technology of which we have been able to get a glimpse, namely that of manipulation

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of the three basic fields, electric, magnetic, and tempic, indicates quite a straightforward

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explanation of these phenomena. In Mantell's case, the altered field configuration in the vicinity

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of the craft reduced the binding forces within the structure of the aircraft to a value below that

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of the load which the parts were expected to carry, so it just came apart. Also there was

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probably a substantial reduction in tempic field intensity which would give in effect a rise in

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temperature to the aircraft and contents. I understand that Mantell's body gave every indication

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of having been subjected to considerable heat. This rise in temperature has been reported as

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being quite noticeable at distances of several hundred feet from one of these craft when it is

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making use of certain combinations of fields. Also, since gravity involves a tempic field function,

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it follows that an alteration in this field could well be reflected in the direction and magnitude

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of the nearby gravity field. There have been quite a number of alleged communications with

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intelligences claiming to be extraterrestrial. I have followed up each such instance to the best

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of my ability in an effort to A, establish or disprove the validity of the alleged communication,

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and B, to obtain any information which might be available if the contact should be authentic.

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As might be expected, many of these alleged contacts provided little or nothing of value,

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but a few did pay off. Some of the contacts have been the subject of published material,

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but by far the majority are confidential, and there are a surprising number of these contacts.

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The procedure in checking contacts was to ask a number of innocuous but significant questions,

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and compare the answers with the answers to the same questions as obtained through other contacts.

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Questions were of the type, do people live on the planet Mars? If so, what is their shape of their

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houses? Do people on Mars use money? If so, what does it look like? All together,

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some hundred or more questions were involved. The results were spectacular to say the least.

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Among the contacts that might be classed as authentic, there was almost complete agreement.

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Among the other alleged contacts, there was extremely poor agreement or none at all.

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Of course, where agreement was general, but one or two points didn't fit,

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an effort was made to find out why the discrepancy. In each case, it was found that someone had

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injected a terrestrial idea or comment instead of transmitting faithfully that which was received.

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Now, having located what seemed to be channels of communication between ourselves and these

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extraterrestrial intelligences, the next and obvious step was to try and get as much information

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as possible. As may be expected, this effort was at first directed towards science and technology,

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but it soon became apparent that there was a very real and quite large gap between this alien science

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and the science in which I had been trained. Certain crucial experiments were suggested

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and carried out, and in each case, the results confirmed the validity of the alien science.

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Beyond this, the alien science was just incomprehensible.

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There followed a period of soul searching during which many doubts were raised.

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While we were able to establish that these people from outside all told the same story,

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was that story the truth? True, there existed some pretty good evidence to support their statements,

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but maybe there was some other more conventional explanation. If the whole thing were delusion,

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then quite a large number of people were suffering from precisely the same delusion,

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and furthermore, delusions are not externalized. At least I had never heard of such a case.

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If, on the other hand, it were a hoax, it was by far the most gigantic hoax the world had ever known,

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and to what end and by whom was it perpetrated? The inevitable conclusion was that it was all

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real enough, but that the alien science was definitely alien, and possibly even forever

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beyond our comprehension. So another approach was tried, the philosophical, and here the answer

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was found in all its grandeur. I will not go into detail on the many revisions in ideas and basic

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thinking, beyond stating that the people from outside displayed great patience and understanding

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in overcoming the prejudices and misinformation I had spent many years in accumulating.

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I began for the first time in my life to realize the basic oneness of the universe,

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and all that is in it. Science, philosophy, religion, substance, and energy are all facets of the same

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dual, and before any one facet can be appreciated, the form of the dual itself must be perceived.

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One of the most important things I had to realize was that we are not alone. The human race in the

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form of man extends throughout the universe and is incredibly ancient. Also, its appearance in

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physical form is but one of its many manifestations along the path of progress. Our civilization

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here on earth now is only one of many that have come and gone. This planet has been colonized many

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times by people from elsewhere, and our present human race are blood brothers of these people.

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Is it any wonder that they are interested in us? To orthodox thinkers this may seem strange,

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but not nearly so strange as our orthodox ideas on evolution. The question might be asked,

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if these people are our brothers and are interested in our welfare, why do they remain so aloof?

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The answer is available. There is a basic law of the universe which grants each and every individual

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independence and freedom of choice so that he may experience and learn from his experiences.

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No one has the right to interfere in the affairs of others. In fact, our ten commandments are

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directives against interference. If we disregard this law, we must suffer the consequences,

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and a little thought will show that our present world state is directly attributable to violation

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of this principle. When we enter this life, we do so to participate in certain events, the sequence

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of which was established before our birth. The sequence of which we are born is the

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sequence of which was established before our birth, and which, if altered substantially,

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would deprive us of experiences necessary to our development. We have built in protection against

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altering substantially these sequences in that we do not consciously know of them.

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But these people from outside have a much greater knowledge than we have, and have means of perceiving

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the sequences which must not be changed. Therefore, while they have every desire in the world to help

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and stand by, ready, able, and willing to do so, they are not permitted by cosmic law to interfere.

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The dividing line between help and interference is very delicate indeed and sometimes hard to

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perceive. But it is a demonstration of individual and collective progress how well we can be guided

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by it.