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Reviewer's Signature: _____

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(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: C1 Date: 26/11/03.
(Not below HEO/equivalent)

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Section 40

Selby,
North Yorkshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
4 December 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 26 August addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "unidentified flying objects". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I would like to apologise for the delay in replying.

2. It remains the case that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each report. This was set out to you in my letter of 14 March, and the government's stance with respect to reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings has not altered since then.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 001976 /1997

Date

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
MB 6140 EXT Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Assistant Private Secretary

13 October 1997

Dear Correspondence Secretary,

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

We have a regrettable and unprecedented backlog of some eight weeks' correspondence here. We are doing what we can to rectify this but are making little inroad into it – mainly due to the Prime Minister's postbag being double that of his predecessor.

To this end we shall be forwarding letters on to departments in the normal manner but, ***until further notice***, we shall not be acknowledging nor recording any letters which come to you from this office for treat official action from today on, unless notified to the contrary. I would be very grateful therefore, if you would ensure that a reply is always sent on our behalf. What this may mean for your department is that you receive a larger batch than normal in the initial stages of this exercise. You will be receiving those letters received here in both August and September. Please deal with them in date order as far as possible. The folders which we send to your department will be clearly marked as to the dates received in this office.

The Prime Minister is very keen that his correspondence is replied to as quickly as possible and I would be very grateful if you could try, within your own probably stretched resources, to meet his request.

Can I please ask you to ensure that all those within your department who deal with Prime Minister's treat official correspondence are made aware of this temporary arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40

The Correspondence Secretary

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

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PRIME MINISTER'S
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

No acknowledgement has been sent
It is very much appreciated if any further
correspondence is sent by you
Please FULL RETURN
IMMEDIATELY

Section 40
[redacted]
Selby
North Yorks
Section 40
[redacted]

26th August 1997.

001976

Dear Tony,

As the recently elected Primeministers I hope that you treat all letters with the upmost importance, from those who have elected you. I am seeking some serious answers to questions which are regarded by the public as speculation. As the leader of our Nation, your time is precious, and I wonder if you would spare me some of your interest. I believe that we are faced with the most important subject of our time at this stage of our development. And that is the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. You may as leader been fully advised about this subject, the who, the what and the when. You may also have been told that the people who elected you are not "mature" or "grown up" to understand. I had to mature very quickly when I had my UFO experience.

It is disturbing to note the lack of knowledge on this subject by Air Staff 2A 1A of the MOD they claim despite evidence all around that "No evidence exists of this phenomenon". And that they have a limited interest. A limited interest would also appear to be six departments and intelligence gathering on this subject. More disturbing also, it appears that the MOD have no idea that their Air Marshall Sir Thomas Pike carried out a highly detailed study on behalf of NATO in the sixties called "The Assesment". Yet as far back as 1947 my Government has been Fully aware of this subject.

The American's signed a pact with the UK to share information on this subject and formed a working group called Majesty Twelve. Their are more than twenty on this group, rumour has it. Their orders are called Majority Directives, and may I draw your attention to directive three which states:

MJ 3 is the civillian Operations Coordinator responsible for propoganda and maintainance of public ignorance in the face of extensive and obvious alien activity. Which include substantial and public flyovers of UFOs and Identified Alien Craft. (It goes on) MJ3 will operate a programme of denial and ridicule. The natural skepticism of journalists will be enlisted by total, and absolute blanket denial of any and all sightings, disappearances and observations of landed craft. This program will be carried out no matter how obvious the truth of a given report.

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Would you not agree that the opinion of 2A 1A is in full accord with this directive. It has worked well, but does not answer my questions, or the thousands of others out there in the UK who have seen, Felt and experienced this subject. My elected Government tells me the earth is square. I conclude that the United Kingdom has covered up the truth on this subject. And has done for along time. I would urge you therefore to take no notice of what you are advised and look for yourself. I cannot tell you how important this subject is, for some it is life changing. I am under the impression that each elected Government is fully advised, by none elected members about this. And that the public should not be told. The cover up must stop. The lying must stop. For those who have seen, Felt and experienced, we are not being told the truth, and I Feel most angry about it. What then, is to be done?. What will my elected Goverment tell me "That no evidence exists". Or will the Government of Tony Blair dare to be different.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

[redacted]

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Section 40
Manchester.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
4 December 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 29 October in which you have requested information on several "unexplained" sightings.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that no sightings were reported to the Ministry of Defence which tie in with the dates and locations specified in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

MAPIT INVESTIGATOR:
Section 40
Manchester
Section 40
Tel: Section 40

Dated 29/10/97

Dear Section 40

I would be very grateful if you could provide us with any information you may have on the following "unexplained" aerial sightings we are currently investigating.

1. 3 objects sighted over RIGG'S HILL, BURY, GTR. MANCHESTER. Dated 21/7/97 at 9.25pm.

2. Boomerang shaped object sighted at approx. 9.30pm over CLIFTON, GTR. MANCHESTER on 5/8/97.

3. Another boomerang shaped object sighted 25/8/97 over ROTHERAM, YORKSHIRE. Dated 25/8/97 at 12.10am.

4. Tri-angular shaped object sighted over BOLTON TOWN CENTRE. MANCHESTER. Dated 1/10/97 at 8.40pm.

May i take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your help and also apologise for terrible typing.

Your's sincerely

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Section 40

Hull.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 December 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter in which you have requested information on "unidentified flying objects". This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Section 40

Hull.

Section 40

Dear, Ministary of Defence, I am writeing to you to See if you will Send me Some Stuff on the Subject ufo's - and may be some stuff to do with Alien abductions or would you get me in touch with a man called Section 40 because I think that he's a top-Class person in ufo logy or if you can't please would you Send me Some decements on ufo Encounters. Thank you Some much because I Studi in ufo's my Self.

Thankyou again years

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
25 NOV 1997
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P.S please wright back.

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Section 40

Leatherhead,
Surrey.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
2 December 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letters of 17 October and 20 November addressed to the Minister of State for the Armed Forces regarding "unidentified flying objects". Your letters have been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. It remains the case that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each report. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

4. Your letters mention Section 40 a former member of Secretariat (Air Staff) 2. I should point out that the views expressed by Section 40 in connection with "unexplained" aerial sightings are his personal opinions and do not represent or reflect the views of the MOD.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec CAS D2

Ref No 001963 /1997

Date

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The ~~Secretary of State~~/Minister, has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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Section 40

Leatherhead
Surrey
Section 40

Fri 17th Oct '97

The Defence Minister
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

001963

Dear Dr Reed,

The UFO Phenomenon

Over a year ago I wrote to the former defence minister, the Earl Howe, to find out what my government was doing to discover the truth about the UFO phenomenon. His reply stated that the MOD carryed out no research into UFOs and further more has no interest in the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

This is unacceptable and untruthful.

As the people of planet Earth stand on the brink of a new millennium we are still struggling with fundimental questions about our existense and our place in the universe. I would like to know what "new labour" is going to do to help enlighten us with truths that have been buried under official secrecy and lies for far too long.

"Taken collectively, these cases leave no doubt in my mind that some UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial" Section 40

Section 40

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To SOC (AS) 2

Ref No 2905 /1997

Date 26-11-97

The Secretary of State/Minister (AR), has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

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Section 40

Leatherhead
Surrey
Section 40

2905

The Defence Minister
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
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20/11/97

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The Defence Minister - Dr Reed
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Section 40
Dulwich,
London.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
27 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter to the Home Secretary in which you requested information for your school project on "UFOs". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. By now you should have received my letter to you of 3 November which set out the MOD's policy regarding "UFOs". I hope you found it useful for your project.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

UFOs

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS)

Ref No 2805/1997

Date 24/11/97

The Secretary of State/Minister, has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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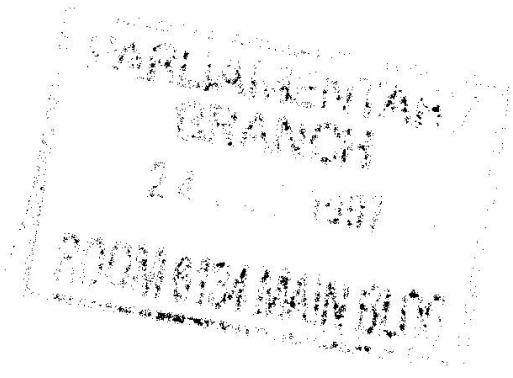
Home Office
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50, Queen Annes Gate
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Dear sir/madam,

I am a kingsdale school GCSE pupil Studying Politics, and I am doing a project on does the gavernment cover up knowledge of UFO's. I agree you might think this wied but I would really appreciate it, if you could send me a reply or any information or views you have on this subject, reply soon,

Section 40
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Section 40
Bromley By Bow,
London.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
27 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter regarding two sightings of unusual aerial activity over London. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

2. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that the Ministry of Defence did not receive any similar reports from the London area on either 21 or 22 September 1997.

3. As I explained in my letter to you of 30 June, unless there is evidence to suggest a matter of defence significance, i.e. that the UK Air Defence Region may have been breached by hostile or unauthorised foreign military activity, the MOD does not seek to provide a precise explanation for each sighting reported to us.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
18 OCT 1997
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Section 40
Bromley By Bow London
Section 40
Section 40

9.9.97

Sec(As)2a
Room 8245
M.O.D.
SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Further to my last letter dated 2.9.97. I would like to report another two sightings of UFO's both of which were witnessed by myself and others but, more importantly, were also video-recorded by myself. The first sighting occurred on Sunday 21st of September at approximately 3.45PM. The location was alongside the River Lea at the Three Mills site in Bromley By Bow, East London. The weather was sunny with sparse cloud cover and visibility was excellent with very little atmospheric haze. My daughter Section 40 was first to notice at least two silver disc shaped objects (there may well possibly have been three) that were hovering at about 70 degrees elevation between the clouds. Each disc was a fair distance apart from one another and all were slowly heading west towards the sun (which was facing behind me).

I immediately reached for my video camera and began filming. As the objects were not close to one another, I was unable to capture all the objects together on video tape, however I was able to record each object consecutively. They appeared to be constructed of a highly reflective metallic material as they were glistening very strongly in the late afternoon sun. What I did notice which I thought was unusual was the way in which the objects appeared to reflect the sun's rays in a regular cyclical pattern that seemed to suggest the UFO's were rotating or spinning about their axis at roughly one or two r.p.SEC. The objects were visible to both myself, my daughter and several other people who were fishing alongside us for roughly three to four minutes before we lost sight of them as they continued to head west towards the sun.

The second sighting occurred the following evening in the Lewisham area of south London. I was sitting in the garden of my parent's house at Section 40 Section 40 at 6.45PM enjoying a cigarette when I happened to notice coming from a south easterly direction, a very unusual spherical object which I immediately realised was not a normal aircraft. I rushed indoors to get my camcorder and also to request my mother to come out to witness the object too. As the object continued to fly past us in a straight line, both myself, my mother and Section 40 (who was also present) noticed that the object was a perfect sphere but more unusual, was the fact that the object was of a translucent nature and some kind of structured craft could be discerned within the outer sphere.

There was no vapour trail visible as well as an absence of any discernible engine noise, again most unusual for an aircraft (if indeed it was which I doubt very much). Again I managed to capture this object on video tape and the total running time of this particular tape is about one minute. It was hard to estimate the height of the object as there were no clouds visible to assist in estimating the object's height although I would guess it was probably at the same height as other aircraft.

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I do have both these segments of video footage in my possession but since I have not received a reply to my previous letter, I will refrain from forwarding you a copy of the tape unless you specifically request me to. However, I have made this latest piece of video footage also available to the press and television networks for their evaluation and opinion of what these objects may be.

To date, since the 31st of May, I have now sighted no less than ten UFO's and have video recorded three of these events. As mentioned previously, I have made these video tapes available to various experts in the field and they have, by and large, come to the conclusion that these objects are not any kind of aircraft or balloons which leaves me with no option but to classify them as UFO's and as such, begs for an urgent and accurate explanation from your department of what these objects may be and where they originate.

I have absolutely no idea why I should be observing these anomalous objects but, having said that, I have no reason to assume that these sightings will stop and in fact I have a sneaking suspicion that they will only increase with time if I continue with my observations.

The media has expressed a great deal of interest from these particular pieces of video footage and are beginning to quite rightly ask pertinent questions regarding exactly just who or what these objects are that have been regularly penetrating British airspace especially over our capital, therefore I suggest you and your department attend to this as a matter of the utmost urgency.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40

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From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,
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Section 40

Warrington.

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
27 November 1997

Section 40

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 23 November to the Under Secretary of State for Defence in which you have requested information on "unidentified flying objects" for your Media and Business degree course. Your letter has been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

5. Finally, your letter refers to Section 40 a former member of staff in this office (Secretariat (Air Staff) 2). The views expressed by Section 40 on the subject of "UFOs" are his personal opinions and do not represent or reflect the views of the MOD.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

UFOs

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS)

Ref No 2324 /1997

Date 4/11/97

VSOs

The ~~Secretary of State~~/~~Minister~~; has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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MB 6140 EXT Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
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Section 40

WARRINGTON

Section 40

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23rd November '97

Dear Mr Spellar,

We are 3rd year students studying for a University of Manchester degree in Media and Business. For our television production class we are producing a documentary programme about UFO investigations.

We are writing to you for information about the involvement of the Ministry of Defence in such studies. We would particularly like to know about any recent UFO sightings which have been reported to the government. Such issues obviously concern certain sectors of the electorate and we would like to know what action the government takes in response these concerns and whether the Ministry of Defence takes seriously any reports of UFO sightings it receives.

We understand that Section 40 has in the past been assigned to UFO investigations for the government and we would be very grateful if you could give us any information about the job which he did, or indeed supply us with an address where we could contact him.

Thanking you for you help with this important project.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

Section 40 (Please address correspondence to Section 40)

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Section 40

Bishop Auckland,
County Durham.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
27 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 6 November.

2. Perhaps it would help clarify matters if I set out once more the MOD's policy regarding reports of "unidentified flying objects". Reports are examined solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports if resources were diverted for this purpose but I am afraid it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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To: Section 40 [redacted]
Company:
Fax number:
Business phone: Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Fax number:
Business phone:
Home phone:

Date & Time: 06/11/97 15:24:25
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Re: Your Ref; D/Sec(AS) /64/3

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Section 40
Bishop Auckland
County Durham
Section 40
Tel; Section 40
06 November 1997

Section 40
Secretariat(Air Staff)2a 1a Room8245
MOD
Whitehall
Your ref; D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Dear Section 40
Thank you for your reply dated 3rd November.
I can appreciate that you have more information regarding low flying aircraft movements, because of 'booking' procedures, than those of high altitude. However, I do find it difficult to understand that the MOD is unable to confirm or deny if any RAF or other foreign aircraft (friendly or otherwise) was in British airspace at a given time, location, date and approximate altitude.

If you are suggesting that too much effort would be required to look into this matter, then with respect, I would like to remind you that several people who witnessed this aerial activity are quite concerned as to what it was and the implications that such unusual activity might mean.
I do feel that it would misrepresent the MOD to members of the public who have a genuine concern, by informing them of the disproportionate effort required to allay their anxiety.

I thank you for your concern in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

Duffus,
Morayshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
26 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 November in which you have asked for information on "unidentified flying objects". This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Glasgow.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
26 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 5 October addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "unidentified flying objects". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Low Flying/UFOs

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec(AS)2

Ref No 2422 /1997

Date 10/11/97

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

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MB 6140 EXT Section 40

PRIME MINISTER
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

No acknowledgement has been sent.
It is important that some form of
acknowledgement is sent by your
Department, and a FULL REPLY
IF NECESSARY

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Section 40
Glasgow
Section 40

5th October 1997.

2422

Dear Mr Blair,

Section 40

My name is [redacted] I am 14 years of age and come from Glasgow in Scotland. As you may have already heard there has been alot of U.F.O activity in Scotland lately. Although I live in Glasgow I still heear about the U.F.O activity from The West Of Scotland U.F.O Research Group which I am a member of. I can name over 300 U.F.O sightings that have happened In Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. I know you might think because I am 14 I should be doing better things With my life but I find U.F.O's fantastic. Just to think that another life form is among us Just now.

About a week and a few day's ago I attended a Skywatch in the falklands area of Scotland. It was the anniversary of one of the greatest U.F.O events that has ever occured. Two Women ran out of coffee and decided to go to Frookie to get some coffee. But on the way they saw lot's of lights

suddenly the lights disappeared and they saw a black triangle hovering in the sky. They carried on and got the coffee. The lights were back again when they got home one of the women told her sister. So they went out again and the saw it again. But then they found themselves in a field with little grey aliens running around carrying what looked like cocoons. Suddenly a 7ft alien put his arm out and his fingers touched the ground. The women and little boy went into their car and the little boy remembers a grey grinning at him through the car window.

A few weeks later the boy was in the bath and his Mum was talking to [redacted] an alien abductee. Suddenly the little boy started screaming. He said there was an alien standing between the wash basin and the bath. What I would like is a explination about what is happening. I would be extremely greatful if you would answer this letter. My address is [redacted]

Glasgow
[redacted]

yours Sincerly [redacted]

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P.S

I forgot to tell you When I was on my first Sky Watch. We saw a big orange light What was very strange was that it was going at a very fast speed and going up, down and around.

Your Sincerly

Section 40

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Section 40
Exeter,
Devon.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
26 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 September addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "unidentified flying objects". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

5. Your comments relating to the alleged events in Roswell in 1947 are a matter for the United States Government and are not for the UK MOD to remark upon. Should you wish to pursue your query with the US Government, you may write to the US Embassy at 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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UFOs

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS)

Ref No 2301 ~~2290~~ /1997

Date 4/11/97

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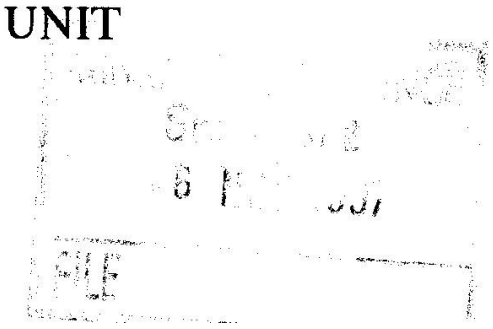
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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
MB 6140 EXT Section 40



The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Assistant Private Secretary

13 October 1997

Dear Correspondence Secretary,

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

We have a regrettable and unprecedented backlog of some eight weeks' correspondence here. We are doing what we can to rectify this but are making little inroad into it - mainly due to the Prime Minister's postbag being double that of his predecessor.

To this end we shall be forwarding letters on to departments in the normal manner but, ***until further notice***, we shall not be acknowledging nor recording any letters which come to you from this office for treat official action from today on, unless notified to the contrary. I would be very grateful therefore, if you would ensure that a reply is always sent on our behalf. What this may mean for your department is that you receive a larger batch than normal in the initial stages of this exercise. You will be receiving those letters received here in both August and September. Please deal with them in date order as far as possible. The folders which we send to your department will be clearly marked as to the dates received in this office.

The Prime Minister is very keen that his correspondence is replied to as quickly as possible and I would be very grateful if you could try, within your own probably stretched resources, to meet his request.

Can I please ask you to ensure that all those within your department who deal with Prime Minister's treat official correspondence are made aware of this temporary arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

The Correspondence Secretary

Section 40
EXCETER
PEVON
Section 40

Dear Mr Blair, 2301 21st September

I am writing to you as on the subject of the existence of extra-terrestrial life. 2290

Since the 24th 1947 there have been sightings of what is called the flying saucer. Many of these sightings have not been explained scientifically or otherwise. Witnesses to these ~~secret~~ sightings believe they are of extra-terrestrial source in other words a UFO or aliens. Even though I never witnessed these events I believe these people stories especially the Roswell incident. Why would the US gaverment first admit to it being an actual UFO then deny it and say its a weather balloon? That what they would call as a 'mistake' has made people more suspicious that the gavernment is covering up the facts.

The British gavernment is also said to be covering up the evidence about the existence of extra-terrestrials and I strongly believe that. Why would the gavernment investigate these UFO sightings when they deny their existance? And they just doing that? ~~just to sh~~ Because more questions will be asked. Section 40 in the real life 'fox Mulder', he used to work for the gavernment investigating these ufo sightings he believes in their existence and does not deny it like the rest of the gavernment does.

What's the point in covering up the evidence? What is the gavernment afraid off if they tell the truth? That there'll be world wide panic because everyone will think there will be an intergalactic war? No one could be that stupid to assume something like that. All the British public want is the answers, the truth not lies and deceit like we've been fed for the last 50 or so years?. What's there to be afraid about having what we do not done?

Over the past year my family, my friends family, have all witnessed the same ufo. They all described this ufo as blue/green and red lights in the sky that have for

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a moment and then zoom across the sky in a zig-zag
fashion, they were very very quiet. In Dawlish were
way inland it so quiet you can hear a plane that it
is barely out of visual range. How do you explain that?
Government experiments of alien craft? That is plausible.
Only a mile or so from the base is Monhead base -
Ministry of Defense. Now don't deny that Monhead
base has nothing to do with the MoD but I know it
does. ~~I haven't any proof but its~~ Those UFO have
been seen all across Devon by many witnesses.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,
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Main Building, Whitehall, London. SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

Marske by the Sea,
North Yorkshire.

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
25 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen on 31 October 1997. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 31 October in or around North Yorkshire, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Report held on 6412 pt F enc 183.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEFENCE ESTATE ORGANISATION (LANDS)
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Direct Dialling: Section 40
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DEFENCE ESTATE ORGANISATION

Section 40

Swansea
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Your reference

Our reference
BRE/29

Date
13 November 1997

Dear Section 40

FORMER US FACILITY BRAWDY

Further to your letter of 9 October, please find enclosed a copy of the agents sales particulars for the above property. The Americans ceased their use in 1994 and property is now sold subject to contract, in the future it is likely to be used as a site for light industry.

As far as Tolbenny is concerned our interests ceased such a long time ago we now no longer hold any records.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
Senior Land Agent Mid Wales

Encl:

Copy to: Section 40 Room 8245, Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

My letter to Section 40 is on enc. 66.

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Section 40

Swadlincote
South Derbyshire
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14 October, which has been placed on a Departmental file.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

64/3

Section 40

Swadlincote
South-Derbyshire

Section 40

11TH October, 1997

Section 40

Hello

Thank you for the Comm
unication dated 7TH October, 1
997. I enclose some cuttings
from 'Reality' Magazine
published in Glastonbury, Som
erset. They are entitled as fol
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"MORE THAN 10,000 SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY ANY SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION... I AM CONVINCED THAT THESE OBJECTS DO EXIST AND THAT THEY ARE NOT MANUFACTURED BY ANY NATION ON EARTH. I CAN THEREFORE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING THE THEORY THAT THEY COME FROM SOME EXTRATERRESTRIAL SOURCE."

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LORD DOWDING, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF RAF FIGHTER COMMAND, 1954.

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UK SIGHTINGS

14.08.97 Felixstowe
14.30hrs — **Witness**

Black triangle with blurred halo effect making whining noise, escorted by two Tornadoes. 10 minutes later an AWACS aircraft went past in the same direction.

Contact
David Dane c/o UFO REALITY

30/31.07.97
Skegness — **Witnesses**
[illegible]

Black triangle with rounded rear and red/orange central light at centre and blue/yellow cone white light at front. Seen moving slowly.

Contact
Steve Gaunt/ SUFOI

[illegible] — **Witness**
Bryanston

Stationary object changed into oval flashing red, white and blue lights. Flew off.

Contact
John Rimmer UFOINT

27.08.97 Evesham
Evening — **Witness**

7 red lights in mirror image formation of the Plough, seen very high up moving in formation, executing fast turns before disappearing.

Contact
Joe Jenkins UFOINT

[illegible] Co Fermanagh, Ireland
21.[illegible] — **Witnesses**

Pinkish white light seen moving in front of mountains before passing towards witnesses and leading [illegible] in a fight. Very fast, either at enormous speed or to [illegible] when it seemed to slow down. Size of UFO estimated at 8m.

Contact
[illegible]

[illegible] — **Witness**
Surrey

[illegible] pulsating orange/white object, [illegible] UFO was about [illegible] to [illegible] approximately [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Contact
[illegible]

16.08.97 Fife, Scot.
01.00hrs — **Witnesses**

Witnesses saw fast-moving light high up travelling across sky until overhead where it stopped. Soon after, a shooting star seemed to appear travelling towards UFO whereupon UFO disappeared. Witnesses saw this happen five times.

Contact
Malcolm Robinson S.P.I.

[illegible] — **Witness**
[illegible]

Large metallic glow moving over [illegible] with weak central light. Witness [illegible] Heathrow Washington were said to be [illegible] over us at that time but the sky was [illegible] witnesses and contacted the base several days earlier with a similar sighting.

Contact
UFO c/o UFO REALITY

[illegible] — **Witness**
Scunthorpe

Disc shaped with lights underneath. Object changed shape at times. To be [illegible] object moved in jerks at [illegible] [illegible] with lights of UFO as per well known [illegible] and then to [illegible]

Contact
[illegible]

17.08.97 Sholt,
Scotland 21.00hrs — **Witnesses**

Multiple witnesses report seeing a large bright orange object appear over the horizon for over an hour moving erratically and changing colours to red, white, yellow and orange. At one point UFO swerved at very high speed to avoid a plane which also swerved to avoid UFO.

Contact
Janet H, Jan F UFOINT

[illegible]
[illegible] — **Witnesses**

Two black triangles and one white light seen hovering [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and telescope and filmed on several occasions. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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mystery pics

MEN IN?

GENUINE MYSTERY OR ELABORATE HOAX?

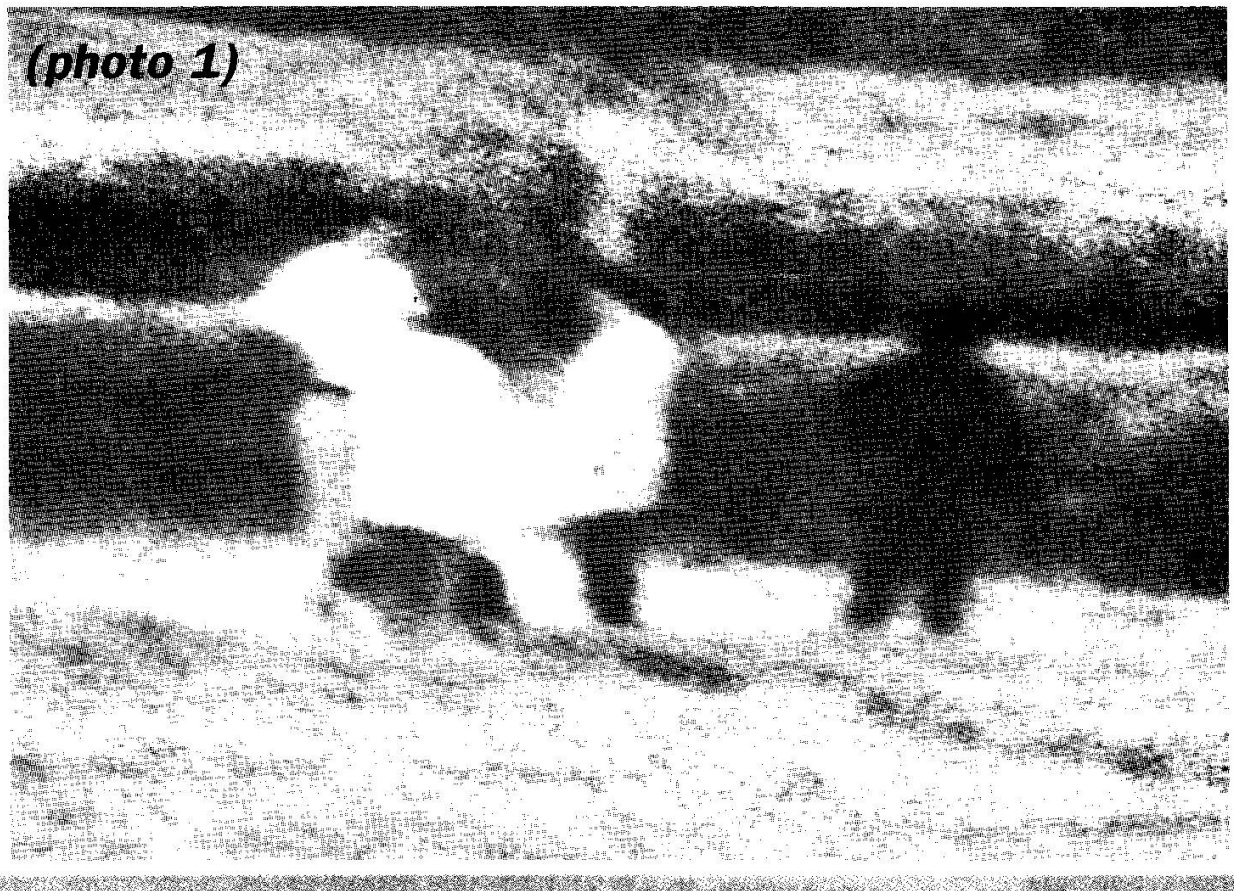
This issue's *Mystery Pics* were sent to us by **Matthew Williams** of Truth Seekers Review. According to Matthew the 'Men-in-Black' figures seen in the crop circle *(photo 1)* and walking out of the field *(photo 2)* appeared on the negatives when the film was developed, but were not seen by the naked eye when the photographs were taken.

So once again we ask - what do you think? Is this a genuine mystery or an elaborate hoax? We'd be happy to hear your points of view.

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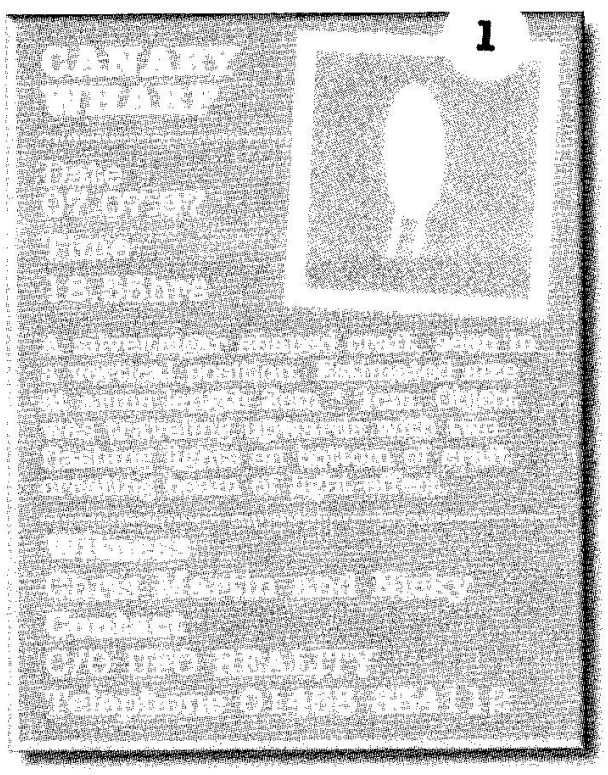


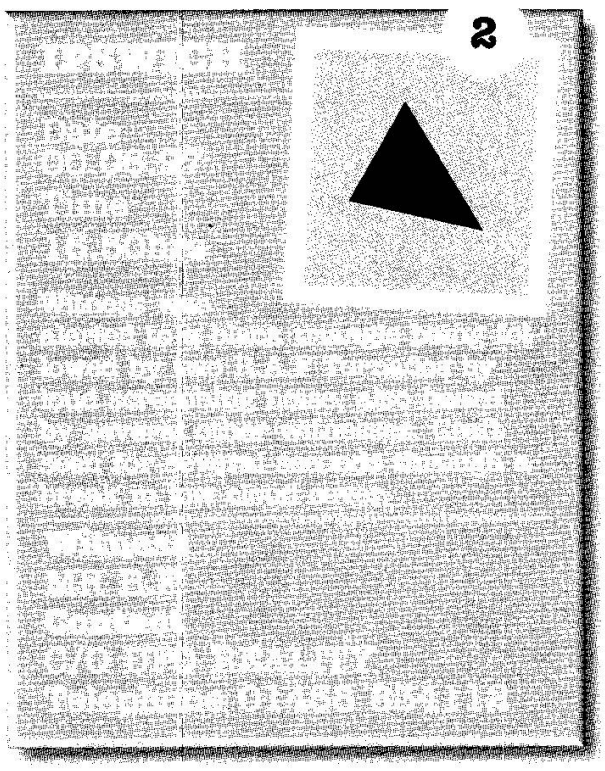
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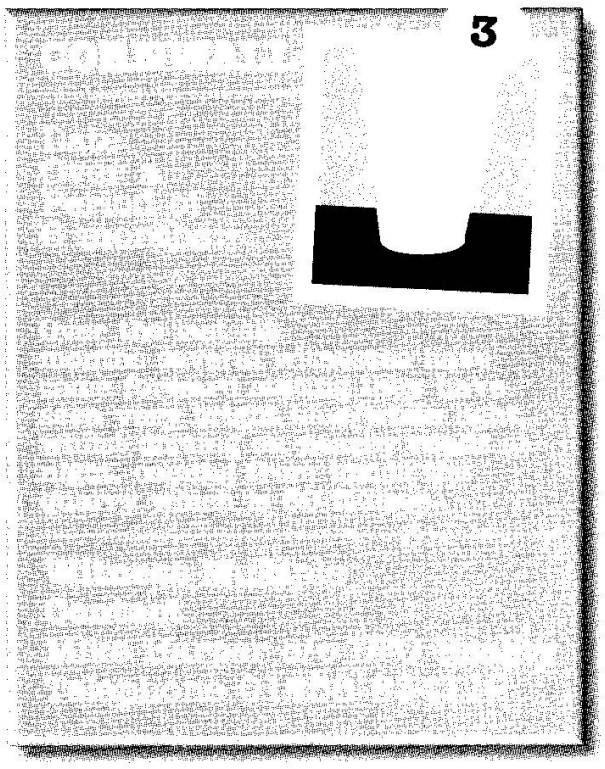


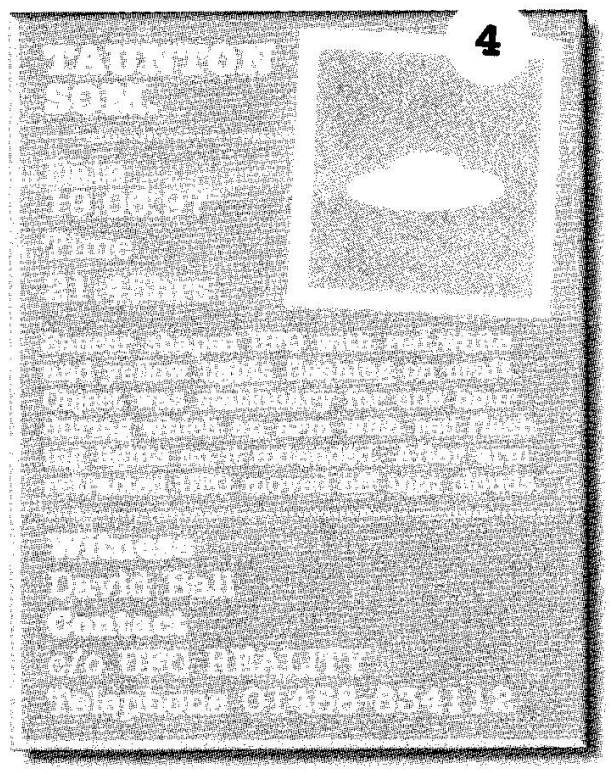
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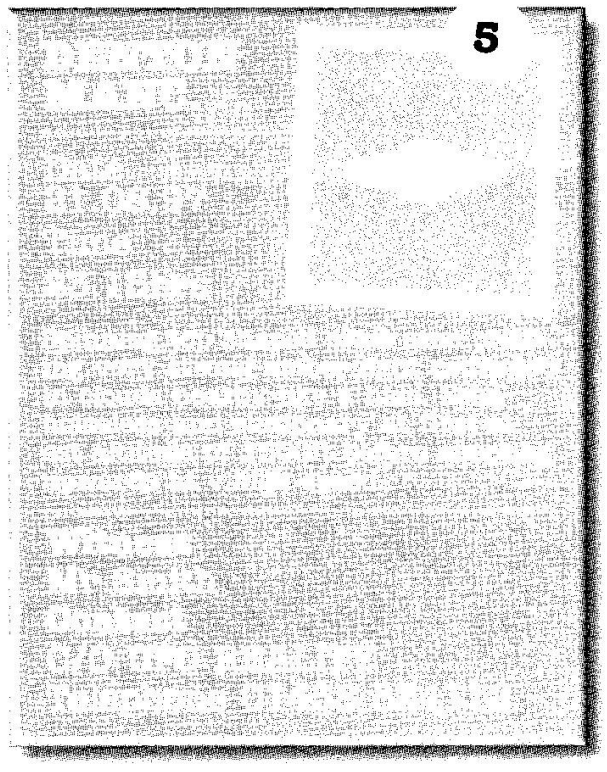




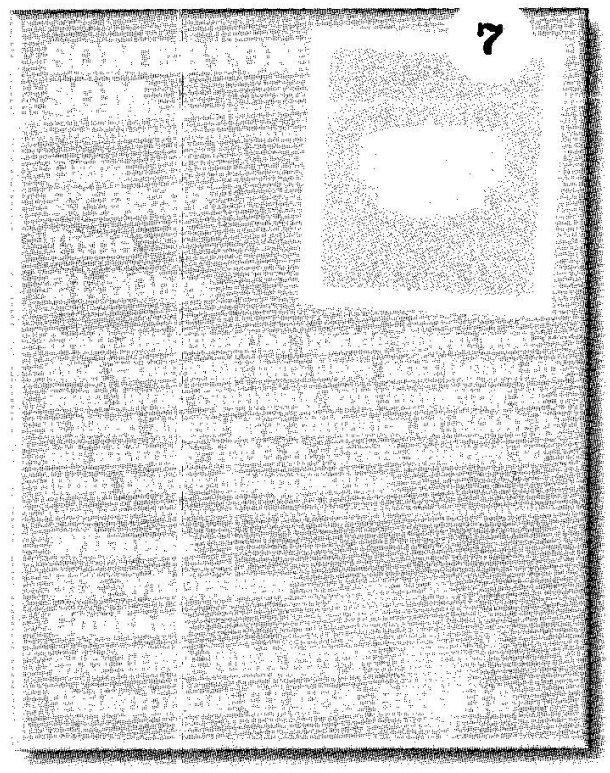


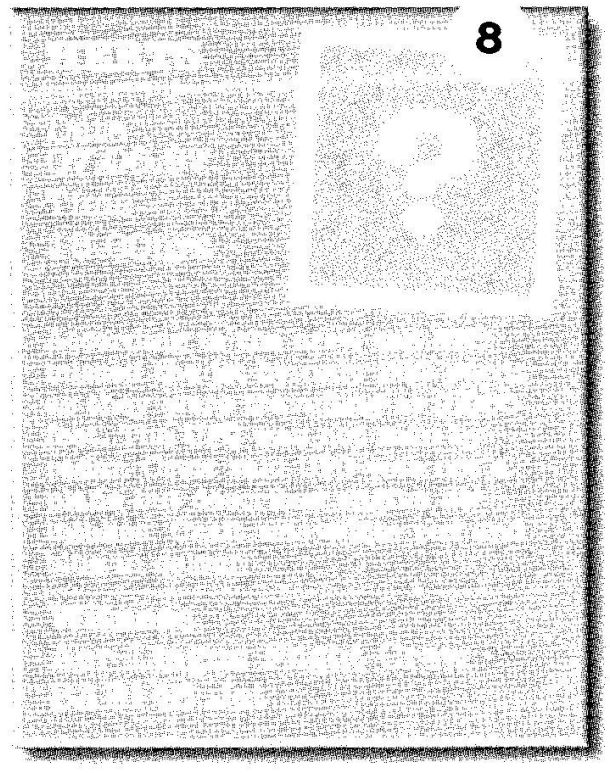


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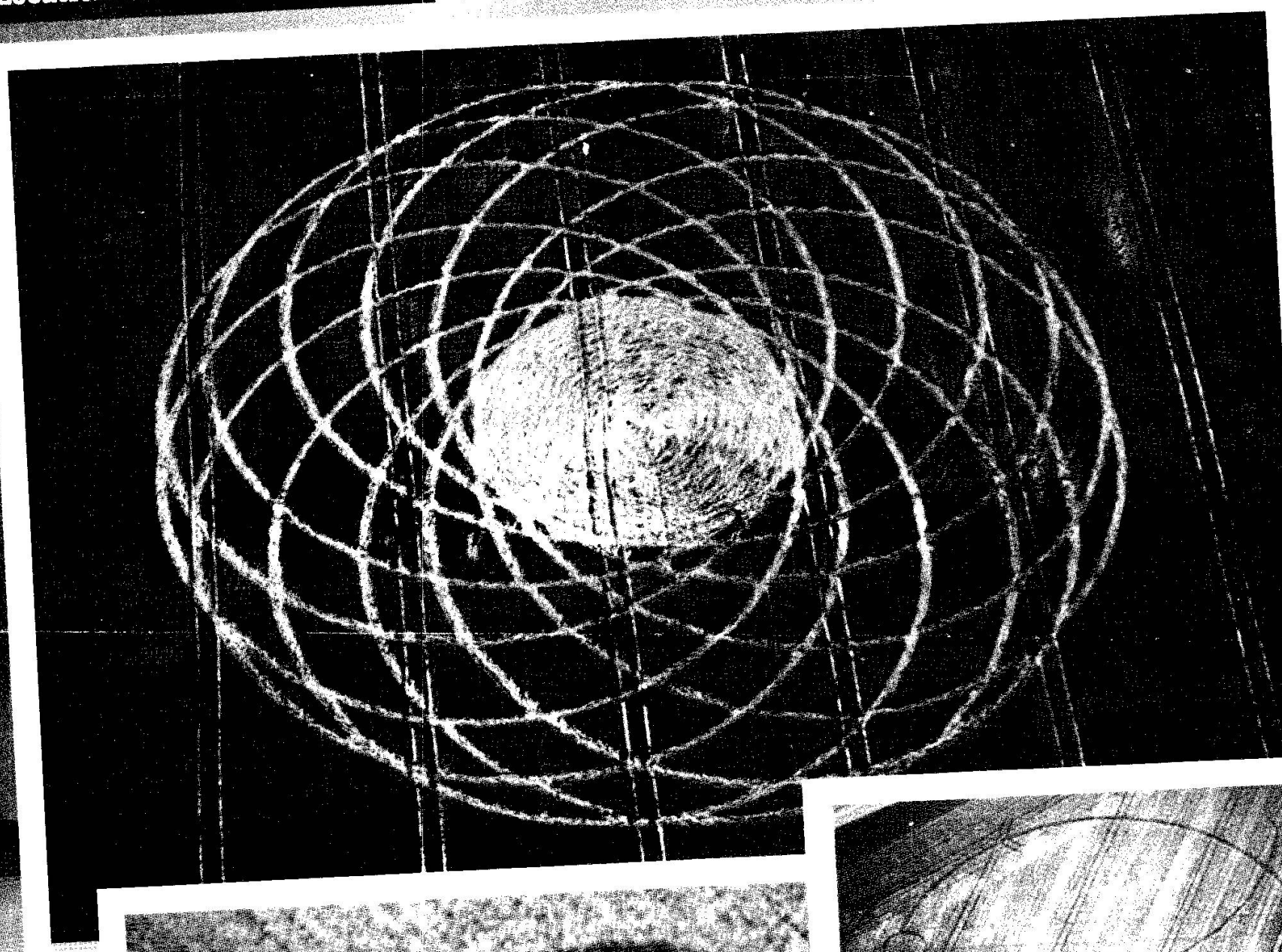


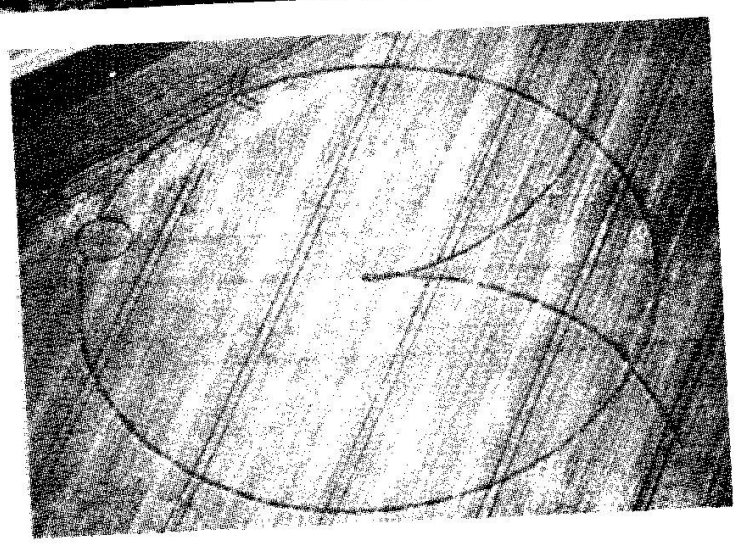


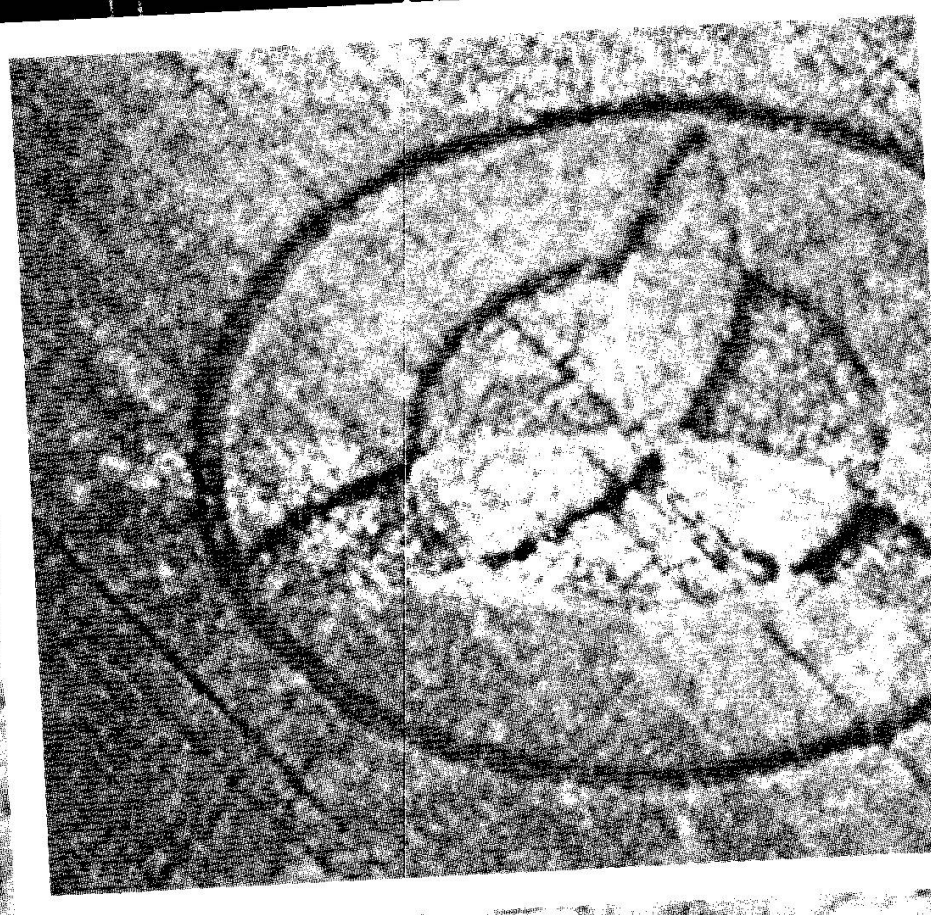


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Location: Little Bury, Essex

Background photograph by Lyn Gladwin

Location: Strethall, Essex

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GCHQ & THE UFO COVER UP

"We Ufologists seem to have missed ... just where the final decisions come from. We have been guilty of accepting that the Ministry of Defence have the answers and indeed the knowledge of what is going on, when in fact it is GCHQ that supplies this."

The above quote is taken from a superb 32-page report exposing GCHQ's (Government Communications Headquarters) role in monitoring UFO activity in Britain. Written by UFO investigator *Robin D Cole* of Cheltenham, *GCHQ And The UFO Cover Up* is the result of nine months' investigative work into the operations carried out at Britain's most secretive government 'listening post'.

As well as providing a brief run-down on Britain's two best-known intelligence agencies, MI5 (Security Service) and MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service), Mr Cole outlines GCHQ's history from its establishment in 1946 to the present, and details the agency's set-up and activities, all of which are of course highly classified. Its staffing, security, intelligence-gathering and technology-development capacities are covered in some depth, plus its official role as the British government's covert 'ears' and 'eyes'.

But where this document truly proves its worth is in its in-depth investigation of events which occurred in The Wash on the night of October 4th/5th, 1996 (see also ***UFO Reality*** 8) a date which is fast becoming a landmark in British Ufology. Mr Cole has come up with some pretty solid evidence implicating GCHQ as 'centre of operations' for the government's covert investigations into this incident. As he explains: "...I was informed that during the night of the (Wash) incident Senior Civil Servants had been called in to GCHQ..." And further that: "...(on the) 7th October ... a Wing Commander at Whitehall was still requesting a large amount of information concerning the events, including maps and the current location of the video footage taken."

The document also includes a letter written to Mr Cole from the Director of GCHQ, *Mr David Omand*, in reply to Mr Cole's request for information concerning GCHQ's UFO interests. Though the letter contains no confirmation of GCHQ's involvement in the UFO phenomenon, it nevertheless does imply that special consideration was given to Mr Cole's enquiry. Also included are letters from *Nick Pope* and *Kerry Philpott* (Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1) and an intriguing never-before-published document obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority's safety regulation group based at Gatwick Airport. This document details no less than twelve UFO encounters and 'near air miss' incidents involving commercial airline pilots, in particular a high-altitude sighting of a "large translucent object approx 500ft long" by the crew of a Dan Air B727 in June 1982, and even one incident which involved a 'mid-air collision' between a Kondair Trislander and a UFO over Ipswich in August 1984.

All in all I would highly recommend you obtain a copy of this report for your own perusal - available from: *Robin Cole*, The Flat, Sheldon, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, GLOS, GL52 6RA, England. Price: (UK) £3.95+40p p+p; (US) $7.90 including p+p; (Aus) $9.90 including p+p.

I am assured by Mr Cole that all proceeds will go towards covering the cost of producing the document, and any surplus will go towards further UFO research. Keeping the pressure on!



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at the moment under consideration. The 'Darwin' project would be launched between 2010 and 2012, and is geared to position five powerful telescopes at a fifty meter intervals between Mars and Jupiter.

Life could then be detected up to a distance of 50 light years away, and because its rotational capabilities, Darwin could map any planet that it is programmed to view. Scientists will also be able to determine what chemicals are present within the atmosphere of any given planet by using a spectrograph and reading the way in which light is reflected.

Using this method they could dicover if water or oxygen are part of the planets genetic make-up, and from this, the likelihood of the existance of primitive life.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING NUTTER

Larry had always wanted to fly, and even joined the Air Force hoping to become a pilot, only to meet with dissapointment because of his poor eyesight. To fulfil his dream he popped down to his local Army-Navy store and purchased several tanks of helium gas and 45 weather balloons. After filling the balloons, attatching them to a lawn chair which was anchored to his jeep, Larry grabbed some sandwiches and his pellet gun (in order to pop the balloons), and cut the anchor.

Larry had planned on reaching around 30 feet, the problem was that he finally leveled off at 11000 feet. And there he stayed for fourteen hours, too frightened to pop the balloons.

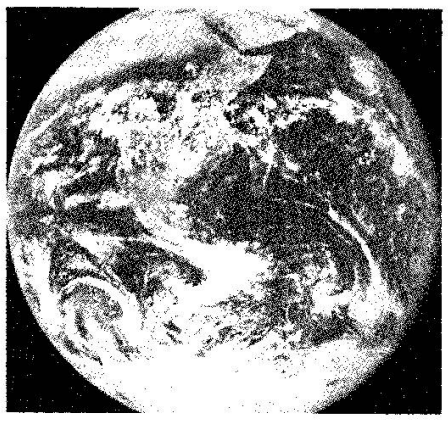
Problems really started when drifted into the primary approach corridor of LA international airport. The tower received a report from an astonished captain of a guy in a lawn chair waving a gun at him and immediately launched a helicopter to investigate.

Soon it was determined that Larry was not dangerous and a rescue was attempted, a rope was lowerered and Larry was towed back to safety and arrested. He later said "A man can't just sit around."

Source; ART BELL WEB PAGE

5000 SETI STATIONS BY THE YEAR 2001

This worldwide scheme is known collectively as Operation Argus, and involves the linking of a microwave receiver, a signal processing computor and a satellite dish. A network of these systems would be set up around the globe in order to receive radio waves from space and funnel them into the microwave receiver. The computor rifles through the signals to identify any ET transmissions.



There are already 27 of these SETI stations set up in different countries, Including: USA, Britian, Greece, Canada, Brazil, South Africa and Germany, and SETI are crying out for more stations to be set up in other countries, especially in Australia.

SETI are currently working on a low-cost version of this technology which would retail at under $200. A show of the systems capabilities came in May of last year when the stations detected what turned out to be a US Naval satellite signal in Low-Earth Orbit, demonstrating its ability to pick up on very weak signals.

'GALLUP'ING TOWARDS THE TRUTH

The results of a recent Gallup poll, carried out on the 3rd-5th of September '96, revealed that an amazing 71% of Americans believe that their goverment is witholding information about UFOs.

To add fuel to the fire, on the 15th June this year, CNN news and Time magazine published the results of a survey, which indicates that the figure has now reached 80%. These figures show that in less than one year, 9% more of the US population are now convinced that the goverment are involved in an elaborate cover-up.
If these figures are accurate, in 2-3 years time, 100% of the population of the United States will believe that the people they voted into power have been abusing public trust by hiding the truth about the UFO phenomenon.

It seems that the days when only 'crackpots' believed in UFOs are well and truly over.

Even bookmakers have acknowledged the publics belief in aliens, recently dropping odds from 33-1 to 14-1 against evidence of contact before the year 2,000.

Many thanks to Michael Lindemann and CNI News for their imput into Newsbytes. If you would like to recieve the latest UFO News on the web from CNI News e-mail them at; CNINews1@aol.com with the message "try news" for two free issues and subscription details.

NOTICE

Ken Seddington of the U.K Directorate of The International UFO Congress, responsible for the Nevada Conference (featured in Issue 7) would like ***UFO Reality*** readers to be aware that ***'The International UFO Congress'*** is an organisation with a worldwide based membership, International Directors, & Headquarters in the U.S.A, and should not be confused with the ***BUFORA International UFO Congress.***

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Official X-file documents

A collage of official documentation obtained by Nick Redfern

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8th October 1996

QUESTION NO: 4082

Dear Martin —

I said I would write to you in response to your recent Parliamentary Question (Official Report, 17 October, Col 1092, ... copy attached).

RAF Rudloe Manor consists of a parent unit and five lodger units:

No 1 Signals Unit - providing voice and data communications for MOD, RN, Army and RAF establishments throughout the country;

Detachment of 1001 Signals Unit - operating the UK military communications satellite system. No 1001 SU comprises several sites, one of which is located at RAF Rudloe Manor;

Headquarters Provost and Security Services (UK) - a RAF unit commanding the six geographical P&SS Regions within the UK;

Headquarters Provost and Security Services (Western Region) - providing specialist Police and Security support to all RAF establishments within the West Midlands, the West Country and South and Mid Wales;

Controller Defence Communications Network - a tri-service unit controlling world wide defence communications.

Rudloe Manor also has a parenting responsibility for Bristol University Air Squadron and No 3 Air Experience Flight, which operate from the airfield at Colerne.

Martin Redmond Esq MP

The role of the station over the last 10 years has not varied, although some of the lodger units have changed:

a. No 1001 Detachment formed in Oct 91;

b. No 1 SU came into existence in Apr 93, forming from a staff organisation which originally arrived in Nov 85;

c. HQ P&SS(WR) formed in Apr 93, and HQ P&SS (Southern Region), which was then at RAF Rudloe Manor, moved to RAF Halton in 1995;

d. No 6 SU, a message switching unit, closed in Oct 94;

Information on the establishment of the Station is not available for security reasons in the form requested. However, I can tell you that it comprises 557 Service and 225 civilian personnel.

I shall arrange for a copy of this letter to be placed in the ... Library of the House.

THE HON NICHOLAS SOAMES MP

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STUDY REPORTS OF FLYING SAUCERS OR "FEI DIE" (STC 7378/4308) IN CHINA. ABOUT 5,000 UFO SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN CHINA IN THE PAST 20 YEARS.

C. CHINA UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) RESEARCH ORGANIZATION HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BEIJING ON 11 MAY (LAD, 14 MAY). THE ORGANIZATION HOPES THAT CHINA WILL BE SELECTED TO HOST THE FIRST WORLD UFO CONFERENCE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 1993. MORE THAN 200 CHINESE RESEARCHERS ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE TO

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And in any case, I would have thought that if they were experimental in '56 then they would be up and running by now. You wouldn't still be flying little experimental objects around the Manchester area.

How Much Does The Government Know?

JK: What's your gut feeling, Nick, regarding just how much the government really knows about the UFO phenomenon?

NR: One of the things I found from examining the files at the PRO, and some of the military files which have been declassified from America which concern British involvement in the subject, is that there isn't really one office which gets to see all the information.

If you write to the Ministry of Defence you will get a letter from the Secretary to the Air Staff, which is the office in which Nick Pope worked and which Kerry Philpott is responsible for now. Their opinion, or their viewpoint, is that there is no evidence that UFOs are extraterrestrial, or that they represent any advanced technology, and there's no evidence that they represent a threat to the defence of the realm. By their own admission, too, a good 95-96% of all the reports which enter their office come from the public. They maybe get a few reports from the police, and the odd military report, which usually comes from a base PR officer.

What I've done in my book, I've quoted on-the-record testimonies of several people (ex-military) who've told me that, although those reports go to Whitehall, the good-quality pilot reports and radar reports go to Rudloe Manor. So Rudloe Manor gets the meat of the reports. Whitehall's public office gets the reports from the general public, so you've got the left hand really not knowing what the right hand is doing.

So when people say, 'Is the MoD covering this up; is the MoD covering that up?' ... you've got a situation where behind-the-scenes high-level investigations are being carried out and they are taking the subject very, very seriously.

But ... as far as the question of what they know ... I'm convinced that as far back as the early 1950s, when the official records state that pilots and so on were ordered not to talk about sightings - and that's officially in the records - I think they recognized that strange things were going on. These objects were entering our airspace, and we didn't have a lot of control over the situation.

Having said that, I'm not aware of any official reports where a UFO has, say, downed a British fighter-plane. But I think they know that something strange is going on. I don't think they've got all the answers - they may not have half the answers, but I think the fact that these things are able to come and go and our governments and the military aren't able to do anything about it suggests that the MoD have taken a stance whereby they're going to deny that there's anything to the subject. They can't be seen to admit that our airspace can be intruded upon and they can't do anything about it. So I think they took the decision to deny that there is anything really to the subject.

But, again, as the official records are being released, it shows that contrary to public opinion, they did take these things seriously in the '40s, '50s and '60s; that's proven by the official records. I've no doubt that when the records are released from the '70s, '80s and '90s they'll show exactly the same thing.

$64,000 Question

JK: So, Nick, the sixty-four-thousand-dollar question - is there a genuine extraterrestrial phenomenon occurring in our skies?

NR: Oh yes. As far as I'm concerned, yes. I think when you've got a good solid report, say from a military pilot or radar operator, or a civil pilot, those people have got a hell of a lot to lose by filing a false report, and they're the people trained to know what goes on in the skies, recognizing cloud formations, aircraft landing, all this type of thing. I think when you've got a report from a quality source like that, describing a disc-shaped object travelling at high speed, you have to accept their testimony, and I don't know of anything which we operated in the 40s, 50s, and 60s which could travel 2,000 miles an hour plus and do left and right hand turns. These reports aren't simply of balls of light in the sky; these are constructed objects, and my considered opinion, based on the research and the files, is that a small percentage are extraterrestrial.

And I'm convinced that our government knows that, and has taken a stance to officially deny that that's the case.

I also think there is some collaboration with the Americans. Again, this is borne out by the files to some degree. There are indications in some of the files which have been released that the Americans have discussed the subject with the British on a number of occasions, as far back as '47 and at least as late as '92. That suggests that if the Roswell event was genuine, which I think it was, it could well be the case that we have been receiving updated briefings on the subject since that time. And as I say, this is borne out by the files.

So I'm convinced the government knows there's an extraterrestrial element, and I also think it's only a matter of time before this information surfaces into the public domain.

JK: Thank you, Nick. And good luck with the release of your book.

NR: My pleasure.

jon king's x-file document

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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RAF BENTWATERS, NR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK, IP12 2RQ

30 September 1988

Mr. Nicholas Redfern
20 Paradise Lane
Pelsall
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West Midlands WS3 4NH

Dear Mr. Redfern,

I am writing in response to your letter of 30 August in which you ask about the involvement in the Apollo space program by one of our base organizations. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron stationed at RAF Woodbridge did indeed provide standby rescue coverage for the American space flights. Of course, they were never needed to provide emergency rescue actions, but at the time, the unit was trained and available to rescue astronauts with their HH-53 and HC-130 aircraft.

In early 1988, the 67 ARRS was redesignated as part of the 39th Special Operations Wing, their primary mission changing from that of rescue to supporting U.S. Special Operations forces. Their secondary mission remains that of search and rescue and they would provide any assistance necessary in future space missions. However, I have no details on their plans to do so.

Thank you very much for your interest in the United States Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BOYLE, Capt, USAF
Chief, Public Affairs Office

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CAA Narrative:
UK REPORTABLE ACCIDENT : A/C STRUCK OBJECT IN CRUISE. PROPELLER, FUSELAGE, COWLING & CONTROL RUNS DAMAGED.
THE A/C WAS FLYING IN SLIGHT TURBULENCE WHEN A BUMP WAS FELT. JUST BEFORE DESCENT THE RIGHT ENGINE CONTROL WAS FOUND TO BE SEIZED SO AN ASYMMETRIC APPROACH & LANDING WAS EXECUTED. ON INSPECTION IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE LEFT PROPELLER HAD STRUCK AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT, PROPELLING IT THROUGH THE CABIN ROOF, WITH A PIECE EXITING THROUGH A WINDOW. THERE WERE SEVERAL HOLES IN THE FUSELAGE & DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE. AILERON & RUDDER TRIM CABLES. THREE PIECES OF FOREIGN METALLIC OBJECT WERE FOUND, INCLUDING A SMALL CYLINDRICAL MAGNET. THE UFO HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. (AIB BULLETIN 10/84). SEE DIGEST 84/D/43.
CAA CLOSURE: NO INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING NATURE OR ORIGIN OF UFO.

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Date:	Aircraft:	Location:	Phase of Flight:	CAA Ref:
26 OCT 84	NOT APP	READING	NOT APP	8404325C

CAA Narrative:
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT : BRIGHT LIGHT 65DEG ELEV, 200DEG T, DURATION 7 MINUTES.

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Date:	Aircraft:	Location:	Phase of Flight:	CAA Ref:
20 DEC 84	HERALD	AIRWAY W17	CRUISE	8404256G

CAA Narrative:
BRIGHT WHITE LIGHTS ARCED ACROSS A/C TRACK. NO RANGE ACTIVITY IN CHANNEL. LIGHTS ALSO SEEN BY ANOTHER A/C.

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Date:	Aircraft:	Location:	Phase of Flight:	CAA Ref:
24 JAN 85	B707		CRUISE	8500208J

CAA Narrative:
FLASH OF LIGHT APPROX SIZE OF FOOTBALL SEEN AT FL330 STRAIGHT AHEAD
SOUND OF DEBRIS HITTING A/C APPROX 3MIN LATER.NO DAMAGE TO A/C DISCOVERED.

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Date:	Aircraft:	Location:	Phase of Flight:	CAA Ref:
5 FEB 86	PIPER PA31	5427N 0530W	DESCENT	8600373J

CAA Narrative:
BRIGHT LIGHT PASSED UPWARDS IN FRONT OF A/C
A/C WAS CROSSING EAST COAST OF IRELAND ON DESCENT.LIGHT TRAVELLED TOWARDS A/C FROM A 2.30 POSITION RANGE APPROX 1 1/2 MILES AND PASSED 1000FT ABOVE TRAVELLING RIGHT TO LEFT 1 MILE AHEAD. BURST OF GREEN LIGHT OBSERVED AT PEAK OF ITS BALLISTIC FLIGHT.A/C HT 1450FT. CAA CLOSURE-POSSIBLY FLARE FIRED AT ABOUT TIME OF OCC BY ALDERGROVE.PILOT CONSIDERED THIS UNLIKELY BUT NO OTHER EXPLANATION HAS EMERGED.NIL HAZARD-NFA.

Document AIR 2/16918

Mr. Ieuan Wyn Jones: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence for what reasons his Department withdrew AIR 2/16918 from the Public Record Office; which offices within his Department consulted the document; on what date the document was received from and returned to the Public Record Office; and if he will make a statement. [12239]

Mr. Spellar: I will write to the hon. Member and a copy of my letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

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Our ref:L Q90/83806

21 September 1990

Dear Mr Redfern

Thank you for your letter of 10 September 1990.

The records of the Defence Ministry's Scientific Intelligence Branch; Public Record Office class reference DEFE 21 are under arrangement and so not available for general access as yet. It is possible that some documents contained in this class may become available for inspection in 1991. Please also note that because of the nature of these files many will be under extended closure and so closed for 50, 75 or 100 years.

Yours sincerely

Bruno Pappalardo

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ARE ALL CROP FORMATIONS HOAXED by KEVIN OLLIER

Information has recently come our way regarding a forthcoming UFO and crop circle programme to be aired on Channel 4 (1998). We have been told that the nature of this programme is largely to debunk these two phenomena, in particular the crop circles - it seems the Doug and Dave scam has finally died an inglorious death and the government has thus been forced to invent a new and more convincing attempt to discredit this phenomenon in the public eye.

With this in mind we asked Kevin Ollier to come up with a few facts, which he did...

Of Course They Are!

When one begins to get interested in crop circles, like it or not, sooner probably than later one has to ask the question: "Are all crop formations hoaxed?" Mainstream science, the media, government and the military will say: "Of course they are!"

In 1991 Doug and Dave claimed that they began the whole thing - "just having fun with the UFO boys", they were quoted as saying. What they didn't do was done by copycat hoaxers.

In fact I recently spoke to Doug Bower on the phone. Doug still stands by this claim. He thinks the "phenomena" still continues because in his words "too many people are making money from it for it to stop". I asked Doug whether he could entertain the thought that, whilst he and Dave were stomping the fields, there was a real phenomenon in progress simultaneously. Doug just giggled!

I personally do not know (or care) whether D & D did one circle, ten circles or all those that they claimed. I, for myself, know that a real phenomenon exists, as I have had my own proof, which at the end of the day is what any individual would like. But it should be obvious to everybody who has ever truly studied the phenomenon that there is more to this than Doug and Dave.

20% Maximum

Sure, there are hoaxers and hoaxing gangs. But my estimate is that 20% maximum is their tally of all formations ever made in the UK.

Disregarding the shenanigans surrounding the D & D era, with conspiracy theories, unknown sources, etc., etc., there is still enough evidence, some strong, some trivial, to prove that these glyphs are more than rollers, planks and telescopic rods.

The 1980s' crop circle guru, Colin Andrews, when interviewed in UFO Reality, Issues 2 and 3, told of how he was offered a Swiss bank account by the CIA to publicly state that the crop circle phenomenon was a hoax. It was also in these articles that Colin revealed how he discovered that Jim Schnabel and Rosemary Guiley were working for the US Government (CIA). Not the sort of people to be involved with a phenomenon which is purely the result of hoaxes.

Next, there is the military interest, although denied. Video footage has been taken by several people of army helicopters hovering over formations and even buzzing the camera operators and flying very low - illegally - over public roads. Croppies have been harassed by, or have had strange encounters with, military personnel in crop circle land, especially in the early hours of the morning.

Strange Lights

Strange lights and sounds have been recorded at or near crop formations. The famous trilling sound was recorded by the BBC, who then experienced equipment failure. Many people report hearing this noise, which is beyond the grasshopper, warbler or crow-scarer explanations, although these are also heard.

There have been literally hundreds of reports of light phenomena; but some actually filmed. Probably the most interesting was Steve Alexander's footage showing a ball of light skipping over a field and then heading towards a distant tractor. Later the tractor driver verified the film, describing what he had seen coming towards him! Other films such as the German students' and Colin Andrews' are all evidence that weird lights are seen, and mostly in broad daylight.

As regards the Oliver's Castle footage (showing small balls of white light apparently creating a crop formation) my personal view is that it is hoaxed. I think this footage was made because the likes of Steve Alexander's film showed real phenomena, but a suspicious film like the Oliver's Castle one could make all films seem dubious. For me, the Oliver's Castle footage was made deliberately to cast doubt on the likes of Steve Alexander's genuine footage.

Then there is the small matter of the scientific evidence, which does exist, mostly thanks to Dr Levengood's work in the USA: enlargement of cell pits, abnormal expansion of

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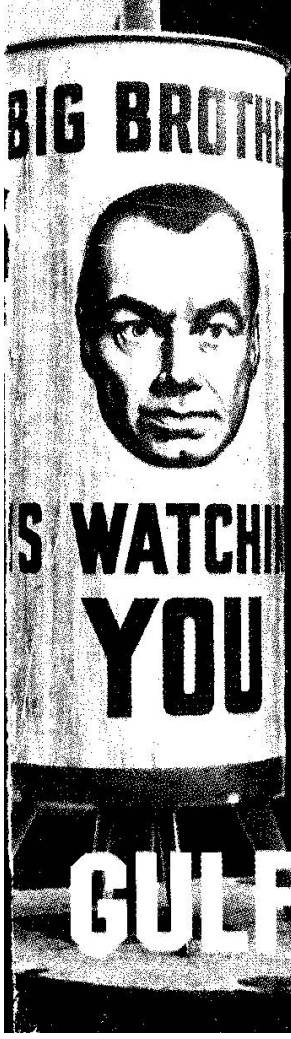


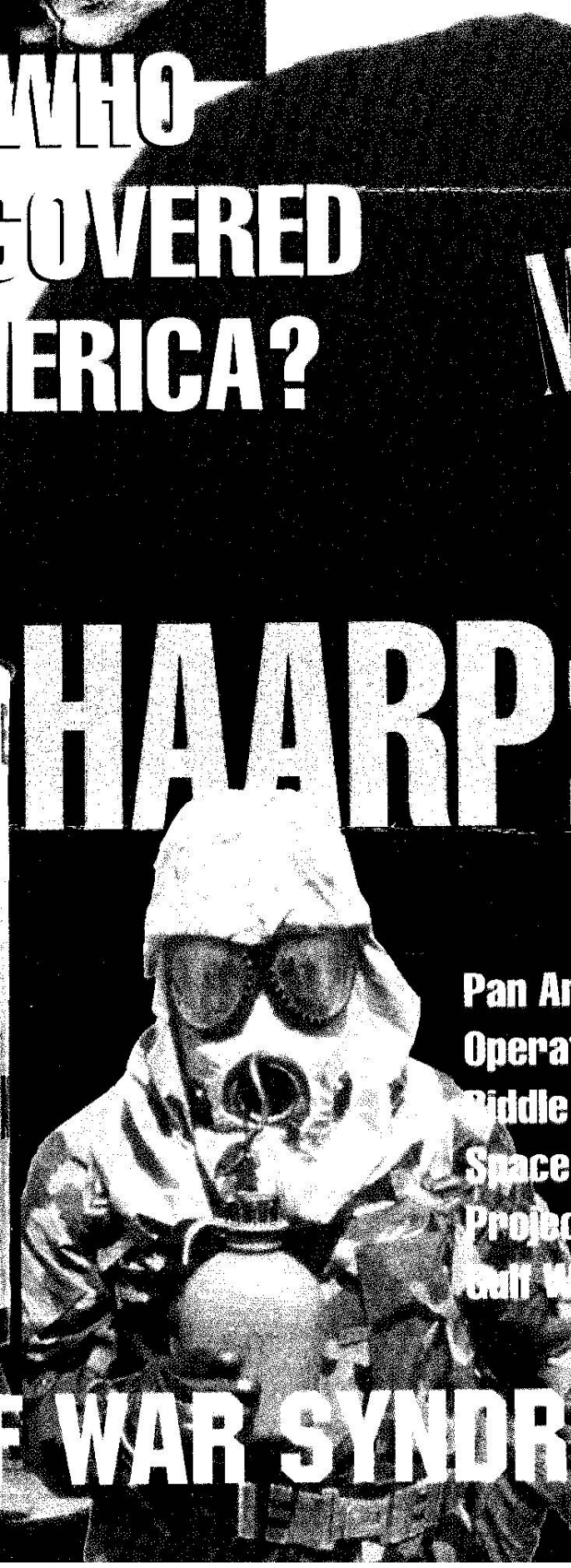


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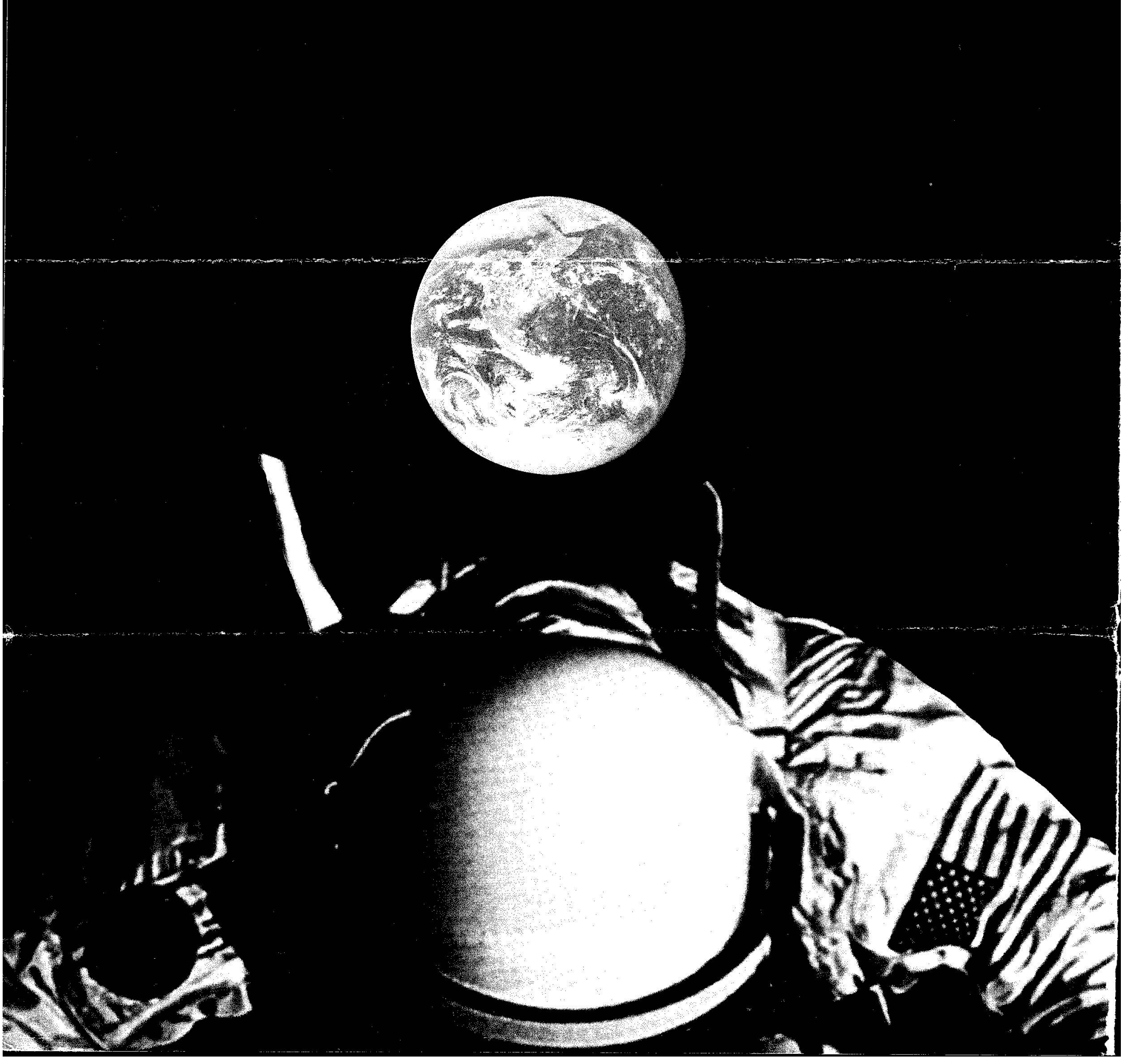
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Section 40

Strathmartin,
Dundee.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
13 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on 6 November 1997. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Leuchars to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First perhaps it would be useful if I were to explain the MOD's interest with respect to reports of "unidentified flying objects". The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFOs" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no similar reports of "UFO" sightings for 6 November in the Dundee area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
13 November 1997

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4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no similar reports of "UFO" sightings for 6 November in the Fife area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Report held on
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Section 40
Batley,
West Yorkshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
12 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen on 21 October 1997. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 21 October in or around Batley, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Report held on
64/2 pt F
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Section 40

Wakefield,
West Yorkshire.

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
6 November 1997

Section 40

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter which has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unexplained" aerial sightings.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Paranormal Research Into Supernatural Matter (P.R.I.S.M)
Section 40 Accredited Investigator,
Section 40
[redacted]
Wakefield,
West Yorkshire,
Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to ask in your cooperation in a matter that has been on my mind for a while. It is in reference that the goverment is withholding knowledge of that extraterestrials have visited the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. I would really appreciate the sharing of your information in this matter. I would appreciate the truth.

Yours sincerly
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Director of Investigations (P.R.I.S.M)

P.S Please write back. Thanks again.

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Section 40

Galashiels,
Borders.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
6 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 17 September regarding the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest.

2. You have questioned whether the Ministry of Defence thoroughly investigated the events which are alledged to have taken place at RAF Woodbridge/Rendlesham Forest. From Departmental records available for the period in question, we have established that all available information was looked at at the time by air defence experts who were satisfied that nothing had occurred to suggest that the UK Air Defence Region had been breached by unauthorised foreign military activity on the nights in question. In the absence of evidence corroborating Col Halt's memo, which was sent some two weeks after the events in 1980, and in the light of the Department's air defence remit, no action was then deemed necessary. It was then, and still is, the case that the Department does not routinely contact witnesses following receipt of a report of an "unexplained" aerial sighting. Follow-up action is only deemed to be required if there is corroborating evidence of a matter of air defence interest.

3. I should like to assure you that Defence technology, including the effectiveness of our air defence systems, is constantly evolving and we are confident that our air defence capabilities fully meet the air defence threat and protect the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region.

Yours sincerely,

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Gelashiels,
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Section 40

Postcard sent
25 October 97.

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A
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Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter/~~complaint~~ of 17 September about Rendlesham forest incident.

We aim to reply to such letters/~~complaints~~ within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to current administrative difficulties it may not be possible to reply to you within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely,

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17 September 1997

Dear Section 40

Was British Nuclear Base Under Hostile Threat?

Thank you for your letter dated 11 September 1997.

I was somewhat surprised that a letter addressing a defence related matter had been directed to an office of the Ministry which focused on "the 'UFO' phenomenon". Such terminology was used nowhere in my letter and tends to presuppose certain connotations which I do not attribute to the matter at hand.

Nonetheless, I recognise your knowledge of the case and am sincerely grateful for the information provided.

You state that "all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters".

However, Colonel Halt, the Deputy Base Commander who had informed the Ministry of the reported incidents, contends that the Ministry did not apparently investigate his report.

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For instance, during a videotaped interview, he claims, "I sent the memo, but I never heard. I kept checking and asking but I never got a response".

"To this day I'm very puzzled why no-one ever came back and asked for additional information, asked questions, or even interviewed me. It doesn't really add up".

Of particular importance, he has also confirmed, "There are a lot of things that are not in my memo, but there was no response from the Ministry of Defence so I didn't go any further with them".

In other words, Colonel Halt asserts that, to his knowledge, the Ministry did not investigate the official report, most certainly never contacted him to discuss it and as a result, the Ministry was not aware of all that transpired.

As the Ministry and the RAF did not apparently seek to interview Colonel Halt, or any of the key witnesses concerned with the reported incidents, how can the Ministry claim that "all available substantiated evidence was looked at"?

Could you please confirm what evidence the Ministry and RAF did in fact look at.

I would also like to formally request copies of any relevant documentation, for example, correspondence, minutes of meetings and any final report, which demonstrate the nature and scope of the Ministry and RAF's investigation.

You express the view that, "nothing has emerged over the last 16½ years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect".

I am pleased to inform the Ministry that new evidence has now been disclosed and perhaps the time has come for the public to ask that your Department's confidence be reassessed, or explanations offered for the disparity we see between the Ministry's stance and that of the apparent witnesses.

I enclose for the Ministry's information the transcript of an interview recently given by Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston, one of the three security police patrolmen referred to in the first paragraph of Halt's official report.

In a solemn and detailed testimony, revealing previously unknown information, Penniston alleges that an object of unknown origin was corroborated on radar by RAF Bawdsey, that an object which had apparently landed was then discovered in Rendlesham Forest, that it was witnessed by base personnel, examined in detail by the Law Enforcement officer and that it's appearance was documented, in addition to 36 photographs having been taken.

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I also enclose copies of sketches, never before released, which Staff Sergeant Penniston claims originate from his notebook and which he dutifully recorded as he surveyed the anomalous craft.

I further enclose the transcript of a recent testimony from Colonel Charles Halt, in which he confirms that two nights later, unidentified aerial objects, directed laser-like beams of light near the weapons storage area.

He also elaborates on the process which led to the incidents being discussed at a meeting of the Third Air Force and which ultimately led to the decision that the entire matter fell within the remit of the Ministry to investigate.

Which seems to bring us full circle and begs the question; exactly how thorough was the Ministry and RAF's subsequent investigation.

Was Halt's official report possibly deemed not worthy of more than superficial investigation, such that we now find ourselves in a situation where a member of the public is providing you with evidence which should have perhaps have been addressed some 17 years ago?

I believe that further new testimonies from former base personnel, including affidavits from new witnesses, will also be published in the near future.

Your comments concerning the Ministry's attitude towards, "flying saucers" and ET lifeforms are noted and I am grateful to be thus enlightened.

I would however respectfully point out that I seek not the answer to such questions, but demonstrable proof that the Ministry has fulfilled its duty to investigate the serious allegations made by ostensibly highly credible members of the USAF, who were responsible for the security of a major NATO facility on British soil.

I have now provided some of the evidence, much of which may be new to you, that appears to call into question whether the Ministry did adequately investigate the incidents summarised in Colonel Halt's report.

I should be grateful if the Ministry could now please provide some actual evidence to the contrary.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Testimony from Staff-Sergeant Jim Penniston
81st Security Police Squadron, RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge

Abridged from an article by journalist AJS Rayl

"There is some confusion about the date. There are two duty rosters, both of which are dated December 26th, but it was either that night, the 26th, or the 27th. I reported for work as usual, and at about 6 pm, I prepared for guard mount. The men reported in to Bentwaters around 7 pm.

"From Bentwaters, we transported over to RAF Woodbridge [Bentwaters' British counterpart base] in a metro on the back road. It was just business as usual. Since it was just after the Christmas holiday, we expected it to be a slow, quiet night.

"About 12:02 am -- I remember that distinctly -- I was dispatched to the East Gate, which was sometimes referred to as the back gate at Woodbridge. There, I was told to contact Police 2, which was Airman First Class John Burroughs and Staff Sgt. Bud Steffans, and that I would be briefed when I got there.

"Upon arriving at the East Gate, Staff Sgt. Steffans told me that there was a problem out in the woods. I gazed about 300 meters into the distance and saw what appeared to be a fire. My first impression was that we had an aircraft down. I saw orange, red, and bluish types of glowing light, pretty standard with aircraft crashes. I asked Staff Sgt. Steffans if he had heard it go down. He told me there had been no sound, that it didn't crash, that it had landed. I discounted that and, after assessing in my own mind what to do, decided we should call it in to our superiors at Bentwaters Center for Security Control (CSC).

"I went to the gate shack, phoned in, and spoke with Master Sergeant J.D. Chandler, who was the on-duty flight chief for both bases. He asked me to stand by while he contacted the Control Tower at Bentwaters and also at Woodbridge. While I was talking with Chandler, the security controller was making contact with Bentwaters Control Tower, and they, in turn, were in contact with Heathrow Airport's Control Tower in London and RAF Bawdsey Eastern Radar in East Anglia. I was told they reported a bogie about three miles out from Bentwaters but had lost contact with it 15 minutes previously. The confirmation that triangulated the radar sighting was RAF Bawdsey. It had been over Woodbridge, they told me, when it dropped from radar imaging.

"I was still pretty sure it was an aircraft downing at that point and asked Master Sgt. Chandler for permission to investigate. Master Sgt. Chandler contacted the shift commander's office, and within a minute or so I got the go-ahead to proceed off base with two other security policemen. We were told to leave our weapons behind, so as to not violate the Status Forces Agreement with the British. I and Airman First Class John Burroughs and Ed Cabansag, also an Airman First Class, got into our Jeep and proceeded out the East Gate, then down a logging road adjacent to the perimeter. It got too rocky, so we had to dismount the vehicle.

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"Our radios -- the standard Motorola type -- were experiencing a dampening effect common with atmospheric conditions. Basically they were breaking up and I was not able to send or recover full transmissions. At that point, I decided to station Airman Cabansag there as a radio link, so he stayed by the Jeep to serve as a communications relay. Airman Burroughs and I then headed on foot toward the tree line, approximately 50 meters away, beyond which was a clearing -- which is where the activity, the lights were coming from."

"As we started getting closer, it was apparent that it was not an aircraft downing or a crash. We weren't sure what it was at that point, so we radioed that information back to Airman Cabansag, who radioed it back to CSC. We had no outside contact with our IBRs [radios], with the exception of Airman Cabansag, and he was, by this point, beginning to break up on the transmissions himself.

"We entered the tree line and moved in about 20 more meters. There was an object sitting in a clearing. It was emitting mostly white light at that point, very bright. Both Burroughs and I had to squint when we looked at it. I found it very strange that there was no sound coming from the object, but the animals around us were in a frenzy. We had wildlife running by us, and lots of birds. Outside that noise, however, there was no other.

"That was when I decided to have Burroughs stay there as a radiolink. He did not seem calm. He didn't acknowledge what I was saying, but I thought he understood. I was more concerned at that moment with what was going on in front of me.

"As I continued on into the woods, I started seeing the outline of the object itself. The lights that had just been a blur from 300 meters away were now definite, distinct colors -- light blue, yellow, and red -- and they were pulsating. Looking at the silhouette of the object, I realized it was not a conventional aircraft, meaning that it was not one that was already published in Jane's All the World's Aircraft. It was no aircraft I had ever seen, and it wasn't one that I knew any prototype of.

"I had my notebook and camera while I was out there, so I began taking notes. This is what I wrote:

Triangular in shape. The top portion is producing mainly white light, which encompasses most of the upper section of the craft. A small amount of white light peers out the bottom. At the left side center is a bluish light, and on the other side, red. The lights seem to be molded as part of the exterior of the structure, smooth, slowly fading into the rest of the outside of the structure, gradually molding into the fabric of the craft.

"As I was taking notes, I also memorized what was in front of me for what seemed like hours, but was in fact only minutes. Finally, I unleashed my camera-case cover and brought the camera up to focus. The air was electric. It made my hair and skin feel as if I were surrounded by static electricity or some type of energy. I began snapping photo after photo. It was still eerily quiet."

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"I got to within 10 feet of the craft and the clearing where it sat. I estimated it to be about three meters tall and about three meters wide at the base. No landing gear was apparent, but it seemed like she was on fixed legs. I moved a little closer. I had already taken all 36 pictures on my roll of film. I walked around the craft, and finally, I walked right up to the craft. I noticed the fabric of the shell was more like a smooth, opaque, black glass. The bluish lights went from black to gray to blue. I was pretty much confused at that point. I kept trying to put this in some kind of frame of reference, trying to find some logical explanation as to what this was and what was going on. It was dead silent. No animals were even making noise anymore.

"On the smooth exterior shell there was writing of some kind, but I couldn't quite distinguish it, so I moved up to it. It was three-inch lettering, rather symbols that stretched for the length of two feet, maybe a little more. I touched the symbols, and I could feel the shapes as if they were inscribed or etched or engraved, like a diamond cut on glass.

"At that point, I backed away from the craft, because the light was starting to get brighter. Still, there was no sound. There was no physical contact with any kind of life form, but there did seem to be a life presence. It was mechanical, this ship, and it seemed to be under intelligent control.

"The next thing I knew, I was standing about 20 feet away from the craft with Burroughs, who I thought I had left back near the tree line. The craft moved up off the ground, about three feet, still with absolutely no sound. It started to move slowly, weaving back through the trees at a very slow pace, maybe a half a foot per second. It took about a couple of minutes for it to maneuver itself back to a distance of about 100 to 150 feet, then it rose up just over the trees, about 200 feet high. There was a momentary pause -- and then literally with the blink of an eye it was gone. All with no sound. That still boggles my mind.

"We thought it had left, but then both Airman Burroughs and I saw the same array of colored lights maybe a half mile away. So we pursued it, trying to follow its course as best we could on foot. We only got about 300 yards into the woods before we turned around. We still had no radio contact, which I thought was strange. We weren't even getting squelch. We went back to the clearing. There, Airman Burroughs noticed the impression, the indentations in the ground. We found three of them, all triangular in shape, each about three meters apart. Then I decided we should head back."

"When we arrived at CSC [Bentwaters Center for Security Control], we ran into Sgt. Chandler and two or three other security people. They had had negative contact with us for almost three hours, and they had been concerned. I remember saying to Sgt. Chandler, `You're not going to believe tonight.' He said, `Yeah? If it has anything to do with what I saw a little while ago, I would believe you.'

"Airman Burroughs and I were then instructed to report to the shift commander's office. The assistant operations officer was there to debrief us. As we stood at attention in his office, he spoke to us in a very steady, calm voice. He said, `Can you gentlemen explain to me what happened out there tonight?' So we explained, very briefly. We didn't tell him any specifics about the symbols or the design of the craft.

"After a very long pause, and very calmly, while he was tapping his pencil on the table, he said, `Gentlemen, what you say you experienced tonight is no longer able to be reported through Air Force channels.' He then gave us something of a history lesson on Project Blue Book and that it was terminated in 1969. Basically, he told us that there was no official way to report this up. Then he said, `Some things are best left unsaid.' He asked us to keep quiet about it, to forget it happened.

"That mentality, that mindset and thought process, also caused the security controller to delete it from the blotter and retype the blotter entry with a minimal description, something to the effect of `Investigated aircraft crash off base' and three or four brief sentences following. Also, an Air Force Form 1569, an accident and complaint report, was filled out. Later, I learned that that was what stimulated Lt. Col. Halt, when he reviewed the blotter the next morning and after hearing about what really had happened, to insist something about it be put into the blotter."

"After the debriefing, Airman Burroughs and I were put on authorized break for six days, so we drove home to Ipswich. I dropped Airman Burroughs off, then went home, changed clothes, and drove back to Woodbridge. But first I stopped by a friend's place in Ipswich, who was a contractor and painter, who gave me some plaster. Then, I went back out to the forest and the clearing where the three indentations left by the craft we had seen were.

"I poured plaster into the impressions left in the ground by the craft and waited about 40 minutes. Then I pulled them up and put them in the back of my car, just as Maj. Ed Drurry, the Deputy Security Police Commander, and the assistant operations officer showed up. They asked me what I was doing. I told them I was just looking around. They told me they wanted to do the same.

"I didn't tell them about making the casts, because I didn't think it would be prudent. Later I found out that the deputy base commander, then-Lieutenant Colonel Halt, had also visited the site later that same day and noticed that there were traces of plaster around the impressions, the indentations, and later, much later, I finally admitted to him what I had done. I needed something for myself, something to prove to me that this had really happened, really physically happened.

"The interesting thing about the impressions, or something worthy of note, anyway, is that the ground temperature at the time was such that our vehicles didn't even make impressions on the ground because it was so cold or frozen, so whatever the craft was, it had to be heavy.

"I had dropped my film off at the base lab for developing, but I never got them back. I never saw them. I was just told that they didn't turn out. I didn't understand that but was not in a position to push the issue. The cameras we carried in our vehicles were good ones, used to photograph people on the perimeter. We were under a high terrorist threat at the time with the Irish Republican Army (IRA), another terrorist group known as Black September, and some others, so we used them frequently as part of our patrol."

"Two days later, there was another, second encounter. I did not go out on that night. Lt. Col. Halt was sent out to investigate.

After that incident, however, I was directed to report to OSI [Office of Special Investigations] at 0900 in the morning. I met with a couple of agents, whom I had known because they had an office on the base. They debriefed me for about an hour and a half about the incident. It was an oral debriefing where I basically just told them what had happened, and they seemed quite content with the information that I provided them at the time. They seemed to have no problem with the fact that I had seen a craft".

"In the meantime, Lt. Col. Halt issued his memorandum to the British Ministry of Defense. I do not find it odd that he didn't get any response, for the simple reason that there was no official way of reporting this kind of thing and so there was no official way for anyone to react to the upchanneling of information. And quite frankly, I don't think anyone suspected or expected the deputy base commander to shoot off a memo to MoD. I think OSI thought the information was contained, because no written report had been taken up through U.S. channels and the debriefings were all taken care of."

"It was a difficult time after the incident. For years afterward, I would hear the stories within military circles and I never commented on it in any way at all. Nor did I ever speak to any UFO researchers or members of the media. Still, I noted with some disconcertment all of the untruths being discussed, especially in the media starting in the mid-eighties after the Halt memo was released through the Freedom of Information Act. I read accounts quoting people who claimed to be primary witnesses -- and they weren't -- saying certain events happened, which they didn't.

"I was extremely upset by the memo's release, because the story being leaked as a result included my name and I was being tied into it. I had been assured by my senior officers at Bentwaters that at no time would my name or whatever be used or released outside official U.S. channels. Of course, they hadn't released it, but the next thing I know, it's being covered on CNN and Unsolved Mysteries and in books and magazines. Fortunately, I was still in the service and managed to duck them all. But I was confused. I thought -- and I had been told -- that this was a top secret incident. And now all this.

"I had no interest in anything like this before 1980. I always thought that anybody who had seen strange lights or claimed to have seen UFOs in the sky was crazy. I am a logical person. Even to this day, I am still trying to rationalize from previous experience what that craft was, what happened. But there it is: I mean, I am standing out in the clearing in the middle of the forest and there is this craft, clearly triangular in shape, looking like nothing I have ever seen or ever heard about, and it doesn't make any sound, and it's got lights, and I walk around it and take pictures of it and I even touch it, and nobody, no country, is claiming it. I am 99 percent certain of one thing and that is, this craft was definitely not of USAF origin or at least not that I know of, and nobody I know has ever heard anything about a craft like this then or now. And what other country might have such a craft that has those capabilities of maneuvering in tight conditions in the middle of a forest and all with no sound? That disturbed me then, and it disturbs me now."

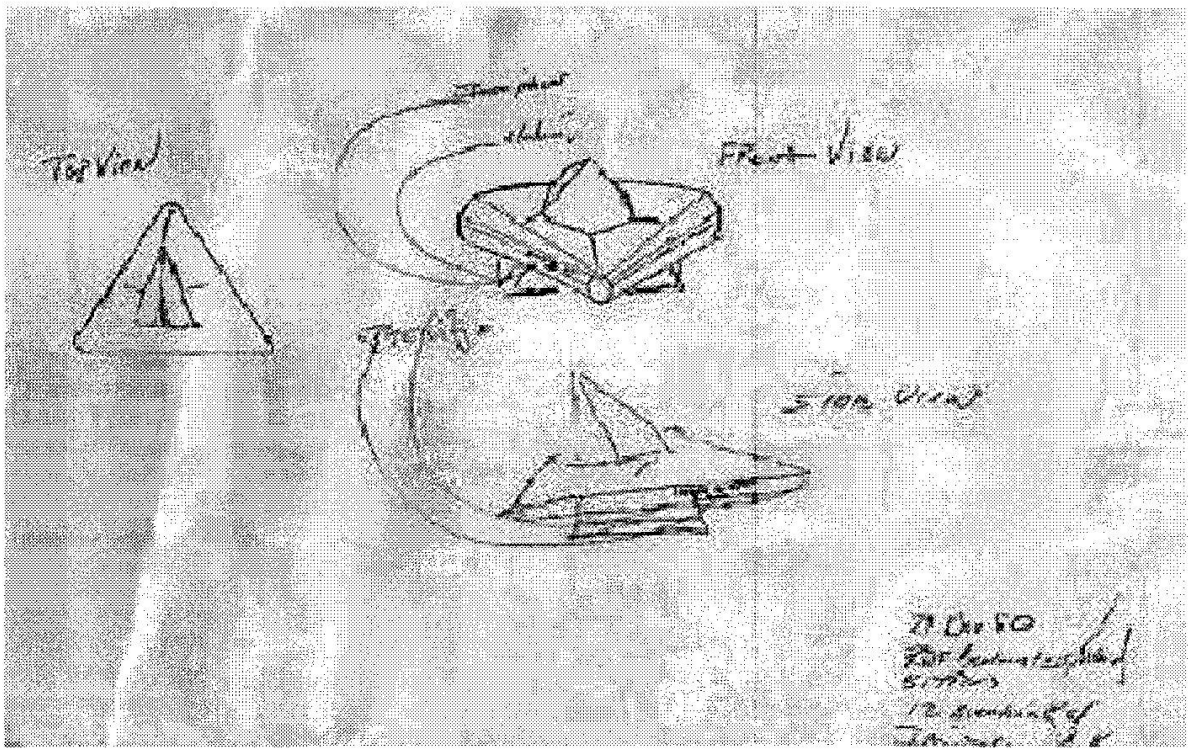
"In a conversation with Colonel Halt in 1990 [he was now a full Colonel], I asked him about the top secret status of all this in light of what had happened. He told me then that there was nothing classified about any of this. The Air Force, you see, has always had this sort of policy that, `Yeah, you can talk about this incident or that incident because technically it isn't classified, not officially classified, but -- it's not a good idea.' That was always the way it had been given to me. So I never talked to anybody about this. However, others have, including some who don't know what they're talking about because they weren't out there. There's a lot of truth to be told here, and that's all anybody wants to hear is the facts. To sensationalize it, well . . . that's pointless. It's pretty sensational in and of itself what happened.

"For starters, this is one of the most witnessed and best documented UFO encounters ever, observed from a distance by some 80 people on the first night and an additional 30 on the second night -- all of whom were trained observers. This was our profession -- to be observing situations that might occur. We were on the alert. Our senses were ready. Out there, we were trained to be sponges, absorbing everything we saw or heard and documenting it with notes and mentally. Then there was my camera and the photographs I took, which have to be somewhere. There were radio transmissions that were heard and a tape of the deputy base commander's investigation, which is circulating out there. Then again, this was an unknown, and there's a lot of fear about the unknown.

"At this point, I don't think I have broken any confidentiality oaths with the Department of Defense or the federal government. I would not do that or anything that would jeopardize the security of our Country."

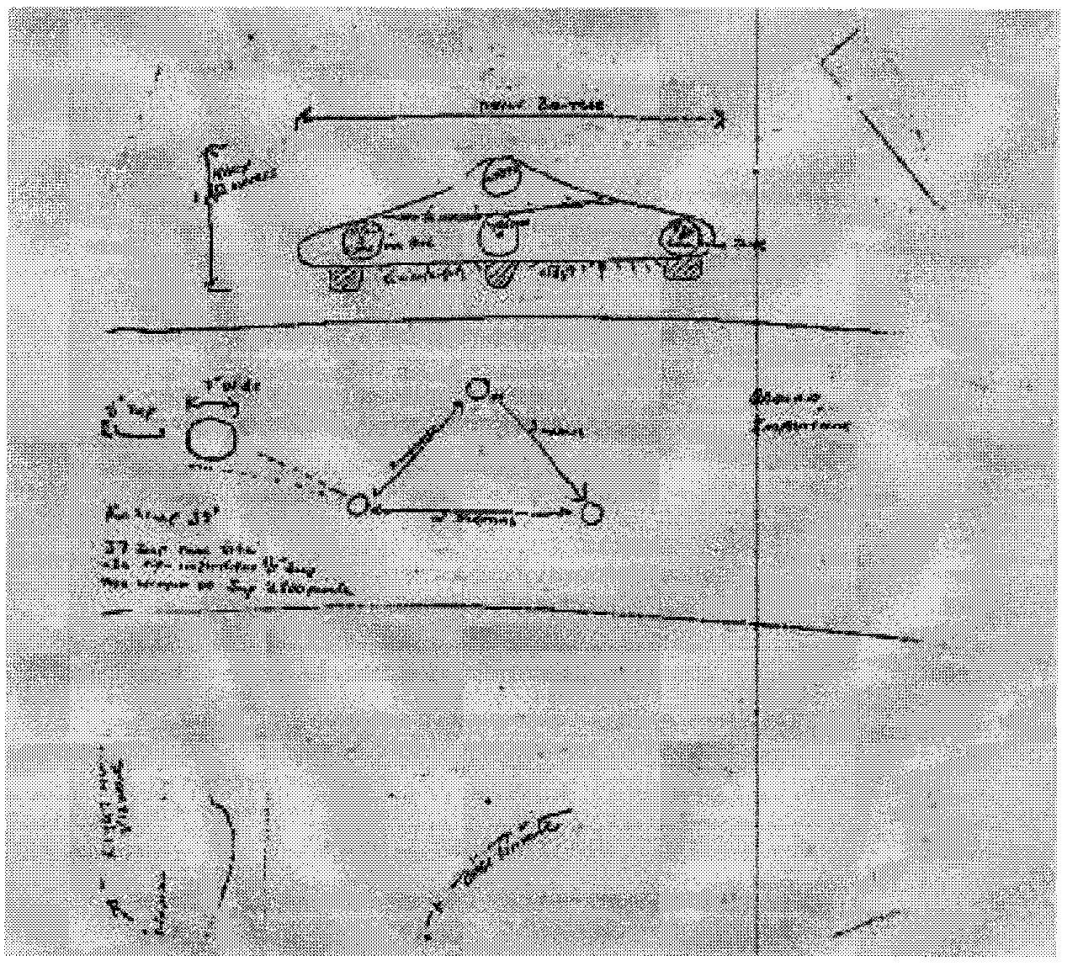
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Testimony from Colonel Charles Halt
Deputy Base Commander, RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge

Abridged from an article by journalist AJS Rayl

Decorated repeatedly for meritorious service, Halt is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He holds a BS in economics and chemistry (Virginia Wesleyan, 1962) and an MBA (University of Hawaii, 1975). A specialist in fighter interceptor aircraft maintenance, he executed a variety of high-profile assignments with distinction during his 28-year career, including prestigious air base commands in Asia and Europe, frequently working in sensitive relationships with foreign air forces. Many of these security-conscious postings - as well as his promotion to colonel - occurred after Halt's remarkable report, indicating substantial Air Force confidence in his credibility, despite the extraordinary nature of his claims.

. . . Two nights later, on December 27-28, as Halt and other officers and their families were about to begin the main course of a belated officer's Christmas dinner, the on-duty flight security officer arrived unexpectedly, "white as a sheet." He told Halt and Base Commander Col. Ted Conrad: 'The UFO is back.' Halt was directed to investigate.

"Rumors about what Jim Penniston and John Burroughs had seen were beginning to circulate out of control and I was determined to put an end to this UFO nonsense," Halt recalls. He headed home to change and contact a group of men to accompany him into the woods.

It's not that he doubted Penniston or Burroughs. Halt was, he says, confident that what they had seen was real and - at the very least - odd. These were, after all, "fine cops" and he could specifically vouch for Penniston. In fact, he and Base Commander Conrad had decided to follow-up, but with Christmas, taking their reports slipped to a lower priority on the agenda. Now this.

Halt and his men stopped by the disaster preparedness office where they picked up another man and equipment, including a Geiger counter and camera. Then they headed by jeep into the woods.

On arriving at the edge of the forest, the on-duty flight security officer handed Halt a starlight scope (infrared scope for nighttime viewing) and pointed into the woods. "The area was illuminated, almost as if there were some type of energy," Halt remembers. "I still can't explain that. But at the time, I just thought there had to be some logical explanation."

After viewing the strange glow through the starlight scope, Halt selected five or six men and set out for the clearing where Penniston and Burroughs had reported the strange, unknown object they saw two nights before. . .

. . . As they inspected the clearing, Halt began recording verbal notes into a microcassette recorder, logging the Geiger counter readings, measurements of the indentations and descriptions of the apparent damage that appeared on the nearby trees. The disaster preparedness specialist, who was also a photographer, snapped pictures.

Intermittently, whenever possible, Halt updated the Command Post on his radio. Static was a constant. While they had three radio frequencies connected to three different control centers - the command post, the base police, and central security control (CSC) - communication often had to be completed by relay. "That was strange," says Halt. "There were dead spots outside the base, but we knew where those were and they were never in this area before."

Past the clearing and through the forest was a fence, marking the border of a farm. Suddenly, eerie howlings and cries from the barnyard animals broke the quiet night. Halt and the other men looked up. A sun-red glowing object was hovering amongst the trees, pulsing in a most unusual way.

The ruby-colored orb appeared to have a black center, says Halt, but past that, he couldn't distinguish a specific shape. It seemed to about 100 yards away, hovering about 10 to 15 feet off the ground, slowly maneuvering through the woods. But it was doing something even more weird than that . . .

. . . For the few minutes that they watched the glowing red object as it moved toward the farm, Halt was startled by what appeared to be flames leaping from the farmer's house. The interior of the house appeared engulfed. "I didn't know what to think. I was quite concerned. In fact, we were all quite concerned."

Instinct took over. Halt and his men chased the object up to the fence, and over into the farmer's field until it 'exploded' into five separate objects and disappeared. Halt quickly realized the farmer's house had not been on fire, that the illusion must have been caused by the object. As they passed by the house, Halt did a quick inspection to make sure all was okay but thought better of knocking on the door. "We were foreigners there, and I thought it prudent to keep our presence low and under the circumstances unknown, since all seemed to be okay."

Halt and his men eventually backtracked for evidence. "We looked for any residue or any evidence that it may have burned, dropped or done to the trees. We didn't see anything, but keep in mind this was in the middle of the night and was very dark there. But perhaps, as Jim Penniston would later report, the strangest thing was the absolute lack of sound. "I never heard any sound whatsoever, past the animals, no whirring, humming, buzzing," says Halt. "No sound."

The strange events of the night, however, weren't over. As Halt and company continued on, past the farmer's property, more objects appeared. Or the same ones reappeared. No one could say for sure. Whatever they were, they seemed to be under some kind of intelligent control . . .

"We've crossed the farmer's field past his house and across the road, stumbled through a small stream and went out into a large plowed field. Somebody noticed several objects in the sky to the north - three objects clearly visible with multiple-colored lights on them. The objects appeared elliptical and then they turned full round, which I thought was quite interesting. All three doing that. They were stationary for awhile and then they started to move at high speed in sharp angular patterns as though they were doing a grid search. About that same time, somebody noticed the south, a similar object, it was round - did not change shape - and at one point it appeared to come toward us at a very high speed. It stopped overhead and sent down a small pencil-like beam, sort of like a laser beam. It was an interesting beam in that it stayed - it was the same size all the way down the beam. It illuminated the ground about ten feet from us and we just stood there in awe wondering whether it was a signal, a warning, or what it was. We really didn't know."

. . . The beam, says Halt, just went away. "It clicked off as though someone threw a switch, and the object receded, back up into the sky," he says. "Then it moved back toward Bentwaters and continued to send down beams of light, at one point near the weapons storage facility. We knew that, because we could hear the chatter on the radio."

Halt was baffled. Whatever this object was, wherever it was from, it must have been under intelligent control. Within a couple of minutes, it was gone. Perhaps it retreated high into the skies with the other erratically moving lights up there. It was hard to say.

At around 4:30 a.m., Halt called the investigation off. "It was a cold winter night," he says. "The wind was blowing, we were wet, and I just ordered everybody back to the base. I saw no reason to stay out there any longer. We left those objects up there."

All told, Halt estimates that somewhere between 30 and 40 people stationed at various places around the dual Bentwaters-Woodbridge base, saw the object emitting beams that night. And that meant, says Halt, that this situation had to be dealt with and contained. "The thoughts running through my mind were: 'How am I going to explain this. Nobody's going to believe this. It's just too ridiculous.' But it couldn't be ignored, because now too many people were involved."

Fortunately for Halt, his superiors did believe him . A copy of his microcassette recording was taken by Wing Commander Gordon Williams to a staff meeting of the Third Air Force. The decision: It was a British matter. "We were to turn it over to the them," says Halt. So, on January 13, 1981, after taking and reviewing the reports of then Staff Sgt. Jim Penniston, and Airmen First Class John Burroughs and Ed Cabansag, Halt wrote the now-famous one-page memorandum and cross-channeled it to the British Ministry of Defence (MOD).

Halt expected to be contacted about the strange events by a British representative - military or government. There had, after all, a violation of British airspace. But that didn't happen . . .

. . . What were those objects and where did they come from? Were they searching for something they left behind? Or for some evidence that they wanted to destroy, evidence that would prove had been there? Were they doing reconnaissance work on us? "Immediately down the coast was RAF Bawdsey, which had done quite a bit of experimental radar work, and not far from us a secret installation, and further up the coast was a nuclear power plant. So there were a lot of things that could have been of interest to somebody else."

Throughout the years, Halt has mulled over and over the possibilities, considering every conceivable explanation for what they saw, and what Penniston and Burroughs claim they saw. So far, Halt says, "nothing works."

Sometimes, Halt appears distressed about not having figured it out by now. "I gave some thought to the possibility that we had an experimental craft of some type of hovercraft or stealth object in the area," he says. "But keep in mind, this was 1980 and technology has come a long way since then. Everyone I knew or had connections with, people who work in certain places with lots of interesting things, all said the same thing - we don't yet have the technology that can move at those speeds and maneuver the ways those things did and do the things those things did and all without sound. We had - and have - interesting craft alright. But nothing like this."

Now, nearly 17 years after the event, Halt still doesn't know what he and his men encountered. He remains as bewildered as the morning after his fateful trip into Rendlesham Forest . . .

. . . Even with FOIA's release of the Halt Document in 1983, and with considerable media attention that followed, no satisfactory explanations have been presented as far as Halt is concerned.

The USAF, meanwhile, has offered no comment on the matter.

Now, in an effort to stop the rumors and objectively, rationally seek the answer for once and for all what happened on those two nights just outside of Bentwaters/Woodbridge complex, Penniston and Halt have come forward to reveal the whole story. "Anywhere there's a vacuum something moves it to fill it up," says Halt. "There's one individual* who's traveled around, made the talk show circuit and claims to have been present for the incidents. He's what I call a wannabe, someone who maybe was hanging on the edge, picking up pieces of information. He's claimed the wing commander went out and made contact with holographic aliens and that we helped them repair their craft and all kinds of things. None of which are true," says Halt.

*[This is clearly a reference to Larry Warren]

"It would be more interesting I suppose if there had been some alien beings, but I never saw any," he says. "I never personally saw even a definite shaped craft. I wish I had. Maybe I'd have a little better feel for it. However, I certainly do believe the young airmen who were out there the first night - especially Sgt. Penniston, who actually touched the object. What we're trying to do now is set the facts straight. We need to keep them straight or we'll never get the answers."

"I've listened intently to many explanations as to what we saw that second night or what could have transpired, for the simple reason that I kept reaching out for that one straw that would explain things," says Halt. "But nothing fits everything."

"There was a Russian satellite that I understand did a re-entry," he continues. "I also understand that several of the large, bright planets were aligned in an interesting way that night. Some have said there was a meteor shower, and some have said that we mistook the whole night's worth of activities for the rotating beacon on the closest lighthouse, and the revolving blue light on top of a police car - as ridiculous as that is. I actually consider the lighthouse as a possible factor as we were in the woods that night, but it was not the lighthouse. There's no doubt in my mind. The lighthouse was clearly visible the whole time that night."

"None of those explanations explains an object that was moving horizontally through the trees, that stopped and looked like it was dripping something, all without sound, then 'explode' with barely a sound and break into five separate objects that just disappear in the sky," says Halt. "Lighthouses don't move horizontally through the forest and around the trees. We never saw any civilians or local police units. We never saw or heard any other activity other than the anomalies - except the barnyard animals."

As for the indentations in the ground, Halt says, "Rabbit diggings? In ground that was frozen, that wasn't even penetrated by our vehicles? It doesn't make much sense to me."

And, how about mass hallucination? "It was not a hallucination," says Halt.. "There were too many parties involved at too many different locations. There was no missing time, time lapse, no hallucination, no mass hypnosis."

The idea of psychological warfare doesn't jibe with Halt either. "The idea that we or the British would be testing some kind of psychological warfare just outside one of the most sensitive NATO bases in Europe, where civilians could possibly be involved doesn't make any sense either," he says. "We can do some very interesting things alright, but some of the men in the weapons storage area saw the objects in the sky as well as the object that projected the pencil-like beam - and they were a mile and a half away, maybe two from where we were, and I question whether or not they could have been influenced by some kind of projection. I don't think so, not at that distance."

In conclusion, Halt says: "Something unexplained happened. To this day, I don't know what it was."

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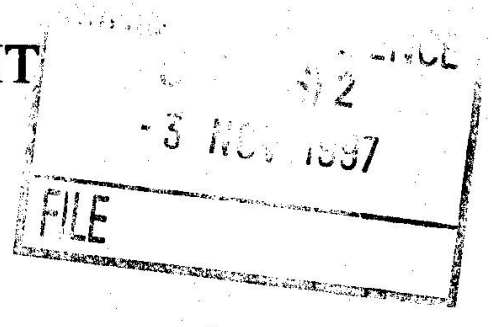
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 November 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 26 September and your fax of 2 October regarding a sighting over Pickering, North Yorkshire.

2. You asked whether there was any military aircraft operating at high altitude in the area. Military aircraft wishing to operate below 2000 feet in the UK Low Flying System are required to make a booking covering those specific areas where low level activity is to take place. As such, it is usual to be able to identify military aircraft operating at low level without disproportionate effort. However, because of its differing nature, the same booking procedures do not apply to military aircraft activity above 2000 feet and we are unable to positively identify aircraft operating in this heightband in the same way. Therefore I am, on this occasion, unable to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Re: Your ref; D/Sec (AS) /64/3 Sighting Pickering area

Morning Section 40
I received your letter in answer to my enquiry, dated 21st August.
Thank you for your help. However, I was interested to know if LACC (Military) had any High altitude traffic in the area mentioned, and not low level as you appear to have reasoned.
I would be grateful if you were to enquire further on my behalf.

Many thanks.

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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Section 40

Bishop Auckland
County Durham
Section 40
Tel: Section 40
26 September 1997

Section 40
Secretariat(Air Staff)
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
LONDON

Dear Section 40

I wrote to you during the latter part of August, regarding an enquiry into three bright objects seen at high altitude over North Yorkshire in the same month.

Having made exhaustive enquiries of my own, I asked if you might contact LACC (Military) on my behalf to see if they could offer any explanation.

As yet, I don't appear to have had any reply regarding this subject. I would be most grateful if you would look into it for me.

Yours sincerely.

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From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,
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[redacted]
South Norwood,
London.
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 November 1997

Dear [redacted]

1. Thank you for your letter regarding "unidentified flying objects".

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. You asked for records relating to "UFOs". You will wish to be aware that, as with other government departments, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, and at the thirty year point they are transferred to the Public Record Office and into the public domain. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" report files were destroyed after five years because of limited archive space and due to insufficient public interest in the subject, there was no reason for them to be retained. Since 1967 due to an increase in public interest these files are now routinely preserved. However, a few files from the Fifties and Sixties did survive and may be viewed by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

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AIR 2/17527
AIR 2/17982
AIR 2/17983

Yours sincerely,

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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Section 40

South Norwood
London

Section 40

UFO DEPT
M.O.D.
Mainbuilding.
Whitehall
london
SW18 2HB.

Dear M.O.D.

As a working class lad, living in London, I write to yourselves for answers. Most people know your official stance on U.F.O's and Alien lifeforms, but as time goes by the evidence in favour of Alien activity grows and grows.

Im sure you are aware of Domestic, charter and Military pilots who have officially and unofficially stated that they have indeed seen an alien spacecraft, these people being familiar with the British airspace and its contents. As well as the hundreds of thousands of people worldwide and Britain who have had Alien experiences of some denomination, sightings abductions etc.

Maybe the information is being kept from the M.O.D. and you cant answer any of my questions, maybe not! I suppose Im writing to ask for any unofficial records proving Alien exitstance. Do Aliens exist? If the answers is "No" from you, what theories do you have, in contrary to Alien Existance. PTO.

If everyone in Britain rose up and demanded the truth on Alien activity the Government or Secret organisations would react by revealing the hidden information.
I would like a reply and I would like to feel as a British Citizen Im being heard.

Yours Sincerely

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Penicuik,
Midlothian.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
31 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 22 September. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

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Yours sincerely,

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS)2
24 SEP 1997
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to You in Relation to Several Aerial phenomena I have Experienced Since the age of 9 through fear of a Reaction of my Experiences I have told no-one Until left Year And have found I have had Experiences In Common with others, Can Soo Many people Share the Same Hallucination? I think not, at a Young age I Experienced Aerial phenomena, plus Re-occurring paralysed frozen States whilst asleep, where I find myself In a strange Commonly Repeated Environment I am of Sane mind And have never Liked or been attracted to Sci-fi Spaceships or the Like but I have to Say this is not a Supressed interest In my mind Surfacing In Everyday Conscious either In Sleep or awake, According to Research Scotland Seems to be a Hot-Spot for Aerial phenomena there May be no defining Fact but what about the trauma Induced by these Experiences If they Can't be Explained Surely DSTI/DISS Can prove that people have had Such Experiences And try to get to the bottom of them.

I hope to hear from You Soon

Section 40

From: Section 40

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, CT(Pers)1b3, Room 1107,
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Warwick
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/CT(Pers)1/3

Date 28 October 1997

Dear Section 40

EXECUTIVE GRADE RECRUITMENT See enc. 47.

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1997 to Section 40 requesting advice on careers within the Ministry of Defence. I have been asked to reply.

As with many Government Departments and Agencies the Ministry of Defence has delegated most of it's personnel management functions, including recruitment. This means that we no longer recruit nationwide for executive grades and now mainly cover the Greater London area only. Recruitment to posts in other geographical locations and certain specialist functions is carried out by the authority responsible for that particular area. For ease, I attach a list of the major recruitment branches. You might wish to contact some of these or your local MOD establishment for further details.

At present there are no plans to recruit executive grades in the London area, although there will shortly be a campaign for Administrative Assistants.

Unfortunately we have no up to date literature covering our limited area within the MOD and there is, at present, no general MOD brochure. However, for your reference, I enclose a copy of the most recent literature covering the work of executive grades in the MOD. Although this is somewhat out of date it should give you an idea of what you could expect should you choose to work for the Ministry.

I am sorry to provide what appears to be a slightly negative reply to your enquiry, but I hope that it is of some use to your future career planning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the interest you have shown in the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

[redacted]

Silent copy to:

Section 40 Sec(AS)2a1a
Room 8245 MB

CONTACT POINTS

This is a list of some of the major recruitment branches for Executive Officer grades and above.

I hope that this is of some use to you in your search for a career with the Ministry of Defence.

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AG6(Pol)2 Building 396 Trenchard Lines Upavon Pewsey Wilts SN9 6BE	AG6(Glasgow) Room 2138 Kentigern House 65 Brown Street Glasgow G2 8EX	Naval Personnel (CM) Building 1/31 Sunny Walk HM Naval Base Portsmouth PO1 3NH
PMD HQ QMG Building 47 Monxton Road Andover Hants SP11 8HT	HQ Land Command CS(PM)a Inkerman Block Erskine Barracks Wilton Salisbury Wilts SP2 0AG	Civilian Management HQ Strike Command Building 1201 RAF Daws Hill Lane High Wycombe HP11 1P2
Civilian Selection Centre Room G108 HQ Logs Command RAF Brampton Huntingdon Cambs PE18 8QL	Civilian Management HQ P&T Command Room F70 Building 255 RAF Innsworth Gloucester GL3 1EZ	

The following addresses are for specialist grades.

Information Officer CT(Pers)2a2 Room 1129 Man Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB	**Linguist Officers** **Intelligence Officers** **Research Officers** DI(HR)3 Room 247 Old WAR Office Whitehall London SW1A 2EU	**Fast Stream** CM(Pers) Room 713 Northumberland House Northumberland Avenue London WC2N 5BP
Defence Engineering and Science Group DESG Recruitment Office Room 136 Pinesgate East Lower Bristol Road Bath BA1 5AB	**For Recruitment Throughout the Civil Service (Excluding MOD)** Recruitment And Assessment Service (RAS) Ltd (part of the Capita Group) Innovation Court New Street Basingstoke Hampshire RG2 7JB Telephone Number 01256 869555	

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Section 40

Birmingham.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
24 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letters of 5 and 28 September in which you described an unidentified aircraft observed by your neighbours in early April. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. Without a date it is not possible to say whether there was any military aircraft activity in the Birmingham area although, in principle, the whole of the UK is open to low flying training by military aircraft. There are certain locations which are excluded such as major built-up areas and restricted airspace around civil airfields, but outside such exclusion zones less populated areas will see training flights from time to time. However, as Birmingham is a large city with its own airport, it is unlikely that the aircraft your neighbours saw was military. I would advise you to check with the Civil Aviation Authority at CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE to find out whether any civil aircraft were operating in the area.

3. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any reports of unusual aerial activity in the first half of April from the Birmingham area. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised foreign military aircraft which is the MOD's only concern.

Yours sincerely,

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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

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ATTN. of: [redacted]
M.O.D.,
SECRETARIAT (AIRSTAFF) 2a,
ROOM 8245
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON.

[redacted]
BIRMINGHAM, [redacted]

September 28~'97.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My initial correspondence to your department was on September 5~'97, but has evidently become mislaid en route. That communication referred to an air traffic incident that occurred on an unspecified date, during the early part of April, this year. The salient details of that incident were as follows.

Two known witnesses were involved, a mother and her adult daughter, and, being long time neighbours, I can attest to their integrity. On the night in question, it was approx. 01·00/01·30 hrs, and the pair were preparing to retire for the night. The window curtains were already drawn in this first floor flat, but, as has become common practice here, due to periodic prowling by undesirables, car theft, etc, the mother took a quick glance outside, and was immediately shocked and very shaken by what she saw.

At a later estimated 200 ft. from the window, and upwards at about 80 ft. from ground level, was an aircraft. The first strange thing noticed by the witness, now joined by her daughter, was that the aircraft was "still" (hovering) and surprisingly without any audible sound, — even allowing for the fact that the window is double-glazed. The shape too, was an unfamiliar aspect, being triangular. Equally puzzling was the absence of navigation lights of any familiar configuration: there was however, a series of white, constant lights positioned along the edges of the aircraft. No identification markings were visible,

though it has to be said that only the under-parts of the aircraft were clearly visible, and, of course, it was dark outside. This fact may have some bearing on the aircrafts colour as described, being black, but certainly a very dark colour. After a short while, this aircraft moved off, at a sudden high rate of speed, in a northerly direction. Still no sound was heard and oddly, no visible means of propulsion, e.g. afterburners.

With the overall description taken at face value, the thought did cross my mind that, what had been seen was perhaps, an experimental aircraft being test-flown. But as intriguing as such a concept is, my immediate concern is a more obvious one, the inherent danger to public safety, re the flying of aircraft so low, and close to residential property. Assuming the aircraft was not in some sort of difficulty, such a manoeuvre would seem to be an act bordering on madness. Irrespective, the incident does raise the question, what of possible interest exists on a very ordinary and mundane housing estate?

I have an interest in aviation, — hence the reason I was approached by the witnesses, — and subsequent contact with like-minded individuals in adjacent areas, has revealed additional sightings of this, or similar, craft over some neighbouring regions, specifically the Black Country. A colleague from this area spoke recently on local radio, about some of the sightings of a black, triangular aircraft. Clearly, something is being flown over/close to residential areas, and in a manner contravening air traffic regulations. Needless to say, it is worrying that this situation can exist, without any apparent accountability: is it a matter of waiting until an accident occurs? I would therefore welcome your comments and, for peace of mind, request your assurance that the matter is being looked into.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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M.O.D.,
Secretariat (Airstaff) 2a,
Room 8245
Main Building
Whitehall.

Section 40
[redacted]
BIRMINGHAM, Section 40

September 5, 1997.

Dear Sir, (or dear Madam)

This communication is, primarily to report/enquire about, an incident involving an aircraft of unknown origin, which occurred in early April of this year. The precise date, I'm sorry to say, has not been ascertained, and knowledge of the incident coming to my notice only during recent weeks. Nonetheless, the nature of, and potential danger from what took place, makes it worthy of wider attention.

My home is situated in an apartment block, located near the southern perimeter of the city. Two of my neighbours are the central witnesses, people I have been acquainted with for many years, and can therefore vouch for their integrity. The event was as follows.

It was between 01·00 and 01·30 hrs. when the witnesses, a mother and adult daughter, were preparing to retire for the night. The mother, "tidying-up", moved to adjust the drawn window curtains, but also to glance outside; a not infrequent habit by residents, due to periodical spates of car crime in the grounds. On this occasion however, it was not car thieves that greeted the witness's gaze. Given that the measurements must be regarded as approximate, at about 200 ft. distance from the block, and at an altitude of roughly twice the height of a nearby tree, (i.e. 80 ft.) an aircraft was seen to be hovering. This, and a complete lack of sound would be strange in itself, but the strangeness factor don't end there.

The witnesses were understandably frightened, not to say puzzled. Neither are aviation experts but, like most people, are familiar with aircraft as having some form of markings, identity, but any such insignia was

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noticably absent; . . . as were the familiar navigation lights: there were, I was told, several white lights around the aircrafts' edge, which were constant. The shape of the aircraft was triangular, with the overall colouring very dark, probably black. There were no visible windows, or evidence of any internal lighting. After a short period, – put at two minutes max'. – the craft moved off at high speed, again without any sound. There were no indications of propulsion, e.g. glow from afterburner.

This incident clearly raises many, as yet unanswered questions, and not least the potential danger to residents. What could have been so important about a residential estate, for a pilot, (as I presume there was one!?) to ignore all normal air traffic regulations, with apparent impunity?

While still uncertain, being so long after the incident, whether or not to write to you, I happened to hear by chance, discussion on local radio only last week, pertaining to sightings recently, of black triangular aircraft over the Black Country: the specific report on air came from Stourbridge, which is only 15 miles from my home. In an attempt to gather information, – and hopefully discover what is was that was observed near my home, – I have been in touch with both the local radio station, and also with someone who is looking into the reports from the Black Country. The various accounts essentially describe the same aircraft.

Clearly, something here is not correct, outside of normal events. Even so, I would not be writing this letter if there were not such an obvious concern for public safety. Despite much effort, I have been unable, frustratingly, to find any avenue leading to accountability for the dangerous manoeuvres of that craft, so close to peoples homes. Because of this, I have it under consideration to now approach my local M.P. about the matter, for should there be a repeat of that incident in April, things may not turn out so harmlessly.

Whilst it is unfortunate that I wasn't able to observe this strange aircraft for myself, I can understand the unease that was felt by

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the witnesses, — not, oddly, fearful of it crashing, but more a fear of the unknown, the lack of reason for the craft's presence. This is an area which, over the years, has seen more than its fair share of unusual aerial activity. I have been witness to a number of such events and really, without supportive evidence, I wouldn't wish to say what it was I felt I was observing on those occasions.

But nothing that I, and indeed others have observed in this locality, ranks close in importance to what occurred in April. Is it then possible, the time-lapse notwithstanding, that you can provide an explanation of what was seen that night? There cannot after all, be many stealth-like aircraft of this configuration in service; and even fewer, one would imagine, executing duties over populated areas.

May I thank you for your time,
and I look forward to recieving your comments.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 40

Beaumaris,
Anglesey.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
24 October 1997

Dear Section 40

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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. Child wants info on UFO sightings

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

001703

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No /1997

Date

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

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As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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MB 6140 EXT Section 40

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UFOs

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PRIME MINISTER'S CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

J Beaumaris

Section 40

9th August 1997

Mr Blair
The Prime Minister
N° 10 Downing st.
London

cc.
PUS
Defence.

Dear Mr Blair

Last week, my freinds and myself saw a film about Aliens and flying saucers and I was wondering if they exist or not.
My uncle told me that a lot of Pilots and Radar operators have seen unidentified flying objects but the Government won't tell the people in case it [redacted] scares them.
Can you tell me how many times Pilots and Radar operators have seen unidentified flying objects?
I think Aliens are like people, there are good one's and bad one's, but if all the people in the whole world were told about them, they wouldn't be scared and they would stop fighting each other

from Section 40

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Section 40

Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 June and 21 August addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "UFOs". Your letters have been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

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3. You have asked that all existing files relating to "UFO" sightings be made available to the public. You will wish to be aware that, as with other government departments, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, and at the thirty year point they are transferred to the Public Record Office and into the public domain. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" report files were destroyed after five years because of limited archive space and due to insufficient public interest in the subject, there was no reason for them to be retained. Since 1967 due to an increase in public interest these files are now routinely preserved. However, a few files from the Fifties and Sixties did survive and may be viewed by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

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4. With regard to the alleged events at Rendlesham Forest in December 1980, as there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 16½ years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

5. The "UFO" sightings in Belgium of 30/31 March 1990 occurred in the central part of the country and the Belgian authorities have confirmed that there was no evidence of a threat associated with what was seen. No detections were made on UK air defence systems which would have been completely understandable and acceptable since the sightings occurred outside the UK Air Defence Region. We are, therefore, entirely satisfied that, with no unauthorized incursions of the UK Air Defence Region, there was no threat to the UK. The issue remains a matter for the Belgian authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

18 Sep 97

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Room ~~8245~~ 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter/~~complaint of~~ s of 21 Aug & 27 June about ~~military aircraft activity~~. "UFOs".

We aim to reply to such letters/~~complaints~~ within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to current administrative difficulties it may not be possible to reply to you within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec(AS)2

Ref No 000762 /1997

Date 1/9/97

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21 August 1997

Section 40

10 Downing Street,
London,
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of August 11th, acknowledging receipt of my letter to the Prime Minister concerning UFO's. I was most gratified to infer from your letter that the Prime Minister had seen, or at least been briefed, on the contents of my letter, and I would like to ask if any internal investigation and statement on these matters will be forthcoming?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

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To Sec (AS)

Ref No /1997

Date 18/3/97

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

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27 June 1997

Prime Minister Tony Blair,
House of Commons,
LONDON,
SW1A 0AA.

cc: Brian White MP, North East Milton Keynes.

Dear Prime Minister,

Should this letter reach your desk, let me first ask that you read it with an open mind and weigh up what is a considerable body of evidence for some very strange occurrences. I am referring to the subject of UFO's, a field of inquiry I have followed for a good many years, and to which I given a great deal of thought.

I should also like to state here that I am not a conspiracy theorist, nor a doomsday scenarist preaching the danger of UFO invasions, and believe that without doubt, most UFO sightings can be accounted for by mistaken identity, natural phenomena, or outright fakery. However, there remains a convincing body of evidence to suggest the existence of real nuts and bolts machines of unusual and radically advanced design, and certainly I feel that the attitude and behaviour of past British governments has done a lot to convince people that the truth is being obscured.

A number of possibilities present themselves.

1) UFO's do not exist.
2) UFO's exist but the government has no knowledge of their nature or purpose.
3) UFO's exist and the government is covering up the situation.

The first possibility simply cannot be supported by the overwhelming evidence to the contrary. The second is the most likely, but then you have to ask if the avowed disinterest by British governments is either stupidity or negligence. Of course a lot of people would like to believe the third option, though frankly I think that successive British governments are more likely to have been kept in ignorance by the Americans, who undoubtedly know more than they are telling. The C.I.A spent years denying they had documents related to UFO's. Through the Freedom Of Information Act, we now know there are tens of thousands, and that in the late 1940's a US Airforce

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general writing in an official inter-departmental memo was convinced that UFO's were real, though an extraterrestrial hypothesis was not officially presented.

I am writing to urge you to open up any and all files that exist on this subject, and would further urge you not to take the word of your military. Appoint independent investigators and have the records searched. Not all UFO sightings can be easily explained away; there are convincing cases, and even RAF pilots have encountered UFO's, several of whom have gone on the record to say so. What ever happened to the reports they filed and what was the official reaction and response in Whitehall? Even if these are bizarre natural phenomena, they need investigating, and I think the British public deserve to know what it is they are seeing in our skies. Following please find enclosed two case reports, which I think are representative of the scope, nature and seriousness of the phenomena.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to my local MP, and will request that he raises this matter in Parliament, and that specifically he obtains a statement on the events at Rendlesham forest, (see attachment) with a view to requesting a full parliamentary inquiry and report.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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UFO Briefing Document: 2 Cases Of Defence Significance.

Rendlesham Forest, December 27th/28th 1980.

Without doubt the most amazing UFO event in the UK, with full documentary evidence available and witnesses including the deputy base commander of a American nuclear armed air base. On the night of December 27th, perimeter guards at Woodbridge, a joint British/American base, spotted lights in nearby trees of Rendlesham forest. Believing a plane had crashed, they set out to investigate and were confronted with an glowing triangular shaped object of metallic appearance, which then departed at speed. Physical trace evidence in the form of indentations in the ground were found the next day matching the configuration of the object, as were abnormal radiation readings. The next night, deputy base commander Lt col. Charles Halt was called out to the same woods, and witnessed an extraordinary display by objects manoeuvring in the forest and the skies above. All the above is in Halt's report, a report which could only be obtained THREE years later by investigators in the USA through the Freedom Of Information Act. Curiously, the MOD denied the event for years, even though a copy of Halt's report had been sent to them on January 13th 1981. I believe you will find that the issue was raised in Parliament in 1996, but Nicholas Soames (standing in for Defence Secretary Michael Portillo) stated that the document was judged to contain "nothing of defence significance". This is preposterous. If one of the guards (who has gone public) can be believed, Woodbridge was the secret repository of a massive nuclear stockpile, but even so, to have the deputy commander of an important base and his men hallucinating or fabricating such a story should be of serious concern to anyone with a degree of common sense. To actually have unknown aerial vehicles in the vicinity would surely then be of paramount interest to the authorities as a serious security violation. I believe you may have received a copy of a book on this subject "Left At East Gate", by one of the guards that night, though I am open minded enough to recommend that you take some of the contents with a pinch of salt. The events he describes may be a little colourful compared to the reality, but undoubtedly something extremely odd happened at Rendlesham that cannot be easily dismissed.

Belgium jet fighter intercept attempts.

In 1990 over 2 consecutive nights (30th-31st March), Belgium police and numerous members of the public reported mysterious objects flying overhead, often described as large black triangles. The objects were tracked on radar and Belgium Airforce fighters were scrambled, but every time they achieved a lock with their internal radar, the objects performed outrageous manoeuvres and escaped at high speed. A general of the Belgium airforce subsequently went on television and showed recordings of the fighter aircraft's on-board radar tapes which backed up the story. Of course these may have been American stealth fighters, but this raises two questions.

1) Were the American covertly flying stealth fighters over the airspace of an ally in order to judge the effectiveness of their technology, a serious breach of trust and a

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considerable danger to the pilots of the intercepting aircraft and civilians on the ground?

2) Since the objects performed manoeuvres beyond the scope of our present technology, how is it the Americans have made such an advance?

As has been pointed out in a book on these events, the reporting system NATO countries employ would demand that the UK air defences be informed of these events, yet the previous government insists that no such communication was received.

Furthermore, if there is no interest by American government (as they loudly protest) in UFO's, why does a recently declassified *distribution list* headed "Belgium and the UFO issue" have a distribution list over 40 lines long, disseminating copies to the White House, the Joint Chiefs Of Staff, and numerous other major intelligence and military offices.

A similar document on a Chinese UFO conference (unrelated to the Belgium events) includes the Defence Intelligence Service at the MOD on its distribution list. Why would they be interested in what the Chinese thought of UFO's?

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East Acton,
London.
[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear [redacted]

1. Thank you for your letter of 1 September regarding the alleged RAF Bentwaters/Rendlesham Forest incident.

2. You have stated that you wish to visit the site and would like confirmation that it is permitted to do so. RAF Bentwaters was sold to Bentwaters Investments Limited on 15 May this year therefore it is no longer MOD property.

3. The memorandum written by Lt Col Halt, Deputy Base Commander at the time of the alleged incident, was assessed by officials in the Department responsible for air defence matters at the time. Since the judgement was that it contained nothing of defence significance no further action was taken. The memo has been in the public domain for a number of years.

4. Finally, I would like to assure you that the Royal Air Force is responsible for ensuring that the integrity of the United Kingdom Air Defence Region is maintained. It is the role of the RAF to ensure that no hostile or unauthorized aircraft enter UK airspace. As such the UK Air Defence Region is continually policed to ensure that no craft which might represent a threat to the security of this country enters our airspace. To date it remains the case that the MOD is not aware of any evidence which might substantiate the existence of extraterrestrial phenomena, and no threat to the UK has been discerned which has been attributed to a "UFO".

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40

I would firstly like to thank you for your reply to my questions about the cases I put forward in my last letter. I have since taken a further and deeper look into the matter, and I have found that what you told me in your last reply does not cover a lot of what I have looked up.

If you take the Rendlesham forest case from 1980. An object was tracked on radar crossing the coast North of Lowestoft at an unscheduled time. The final was left in the vicinity of RAF Bentwaters. On a later dated recording and records, were handed to USAF personnel.

Also, a civilian electrician was called in during the weekend after that Christmas to repair the woodbridge Approach lights at the forest edge. He was said to be held under armed guard while he worked in an otherwise remote part of that base. Something not normally done. Was this the airforce at work? If you could please pass on any information concerning the point I have made, I would be grateful.

Also I would like to do some research in the area, to see for myself the area where the case is said to have happen. I do not want to fall foul of the law of trespass so I would like to inform you about what I would like to do. and as I do not know the area, I do not want to talk to armed guards with sub-machine guns. So think I am fair, kind of you. If there is any problem, please let me know soon, as I am hoping to make the trip down there later next month, by myself or a few friends might come as well.

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Section 40
Alloa,
Clackmannanshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 3 September regarding an unexplained aerial sighting observed on 16 August 1997 over Fife. As you will by now be aware, the letter you sent to RAF Leuchars has been forwarded to this office for action; please accept my letter as a reply to both.

2. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any reports from Scotland for 16 August 1997.

3. You asked whether any commercial or military aircraft had been operating over the Fife area on 16 August. In principle, the whole of the UK is open to low flying training by military aircraft. There are certain locations which are excluded such as major built-up areas and restricted airspace around civil airfields, but outside such exclusion zones less populated areas will see a proportion of training flights from time to time. Therefore, it is possible that military aircraft could have been in the region. I would advise you to check with the Civil Aviation Authority at CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE to find out whether any civil aircraft were operating in the area. In addition, there are many microlight/hang-glider flying sites and private helicopter landing sites around Fife.

4. I have returned your SAE as we have our own postal arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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S T R A N G E
P H E N O M E N A
INVESTIGATIONS

3rd September 1997.
14:25:59.

Dear [redacted]

At present I am researching a UFO report from the Fife area of Scotland. High altitude lights performing manuvoures of an unusual kind. I wonder if you would be so kind as to furnish me with answers to the following questions.

1. Were there any air traffic (Commercial or Military) over parts of Fife, (in particular St Andrews) on **AUGUST 16th 1997.** And if so, what were they. ?

2. Were there any helicopters at the above location on the above date ?

If you can be of any help here, I would much appreciate it.

All the best for now.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Your Reference

Our Reference
LEU/OW/873/GEN

8 Sep 97

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - UFO INVESTIGATION

References:

A. Letter dated 3 Sep 97.
B. LEU/OW/873/GEN dated 8 Sep 97.
C. JSP 318A Annex R.69B.

1. At Reference A, attached Section 40 requested assistance in an investigation of a "UFO case". At Reference B, also attached, I advised Section 40 that his letter had been passed on to you.

2. Should you require answers to Section 40 questions, I offer the following information (paragraph headings relate to Reference A):

a. On the night of 16 Aug 97, a Saturday, there were no movements recorded at RAF Leuchars. The latest movement logged by the Lower Airspace Radar Service Controller was 1945z.

b. There were no helicopter movements known to RAF Leuchars in the area.

c. RAF Leuchars is not aware of any "military/air force" manoeuvres.

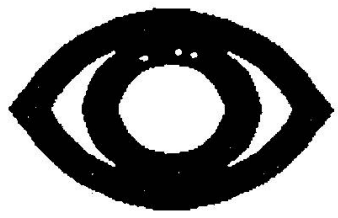
d. Reporting of a UFO encounter would be by an ATC Occurrence Report, as per Reference C.

e. Apart from RAF Leuchars, Fife Airport (Glenrothes) and Portmoak (gliders and tugs) are the major airspace users. There are also many microlight/hang-glider flying sites and private helicopter landing sites around Fife. Furthermore, Kirkcaldy Harbour and Kelty are used as Visual Reporting Points for the Edinburgh CTR.

Section 40

Sqn Ldr
for OC

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S T R A N G E
P H E N O M E N A
INVESTIGATIONS

3rd September 1997.

Dear Sir/Madam,

At present I am working on a UFO case of which I write to you to seek your assistance. Most UFO reports have natural mundane explanations, and a vast amount can be easily explained away, however, there is still a small residue which remain, which seems to defy description, and it is to these reports, that our society are most interested in.

We seek your assistance with the following questions.

(a) Were there any Air traffic in the following
location.....OVER PARTS OF FIFE KIRKALDY.....
on the night
of.....16TH AUGUST 1997.....
If so, what type of aircraft ?

(b) Were there any helicopters in the above specified area on the night in question ?
If so, what type of helicopter ?

(c) Were there any Military/Airforce manovoures in the specified area that you are aware of on the night in question ?

(d) What is the normal procedure by Air Traffic Control should a pilot encounter what could be termed an Unidentified Flying Object ?

(e) Are there any local flying clubs that you are aware of in this area ?

I thank you in advance for assisting me in this matter, and I have enclosed a Stamped Addressed envelope for your reply.

All the best for now.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Your Reference

Our Reference
LEU/OW/873/GEN

Date
8 September 1997

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - UFO INVESTIGATION

In your letter dated 3 September 1997 you requested information relating to air traffic movements over parts of Fife, and Kirkcaldy specifically, on the night of 16 August 1997. I have passed your letter on to the Ministry of Defence Air Staff Secretariat in Whitehall, the department responsible for such matters.

Section 40

Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter to Section 40 of 2 October, which has been placed on a Departmental file.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Hmm!

[redacted]

2/10/1997

PRESTON

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I have been instructed by the space visitors I channel for, to instruct you that their all time favourite TV show is a cartoon called Whacky Races. They want to know if it is possible to do a re-run.

Looking forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

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Section 40

Maidstone
Kent
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 August concerning RAF Rudloe Manor. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

2. You ask a number of detailed questions about "UFO" reports received during the period 1991-1997. All reports received during this period have been assessed to determine whether any of them represented an illegal incursion of the UK Air Defence Region by unauthorized foreign military activity, and were then placed on Departmental files. I am afraid records of such reports are not held in a way that would readily enable me to provide the answers to your questions. To do so would involve a manual check of over 2000 records and staff resources cannot be diverted from essential tasks for this purpose.

3. I am returning your sae as we have our own postal arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2b 2a
Room 8249
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40 of 12 August

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter/~~complaint of~~ ..... ~~about military aircraft activity.~~ about RAF Rudloe Manor.

We aim to reply to such letters/~~complaints~~ within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to current administrative difficulties it may not be possible to reply to you within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2BH.

Section 40
Maidstone,
Kent,
Section 40

My ref: Section 40 / RAF RUDLOE MANOR. 12th August 1997.

Dear Section 40

Further to my letter dated 28th April 1997, with regard to RAF Rudloe Manor, I am writing to ask for your kind assistance to help me clear up a small matter which has intrigued me.

As you explained clearly in your letter, the **Flying Complaints Flight** department of the Provost & Security Services HQ, stationed at **RAF Rudloe Manor** near Corsham in Wiltshire, was the central co-ordination / collection point for all UFO reports received by RAF stations across the UK. The reports, you say, were compiled and send to Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a for consideration.

You also made it clear that RAF Rudloe Manor ceased functioning as a co-ordination point for UFO reports sometime in 1992. But there are some related matters which are bugging me. Therefore, I was wondering whether you could answer the following questions?

*Q1) Did **SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2a** receive ANY UFO REPORTS from the staff of **RAF RUDLOE MANOR** or/and **FLYING COMPLAINTS FLIGHT** during the year of 1991?*

Q1A) If yes, HOW MANY?

Q1B) Who at Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a dealt with the reports (please give names of individuals, if at all possible)?

Q1C) Where did the reports end up? Where is their current whereabouts?

*Q2) Did **SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2a** receive ANY UFO REPORTS from the staff of **RAF RUDLOE MANOR** or/and **FLYING COMPLAINTS FLIGHT** during the year of 1992?*

Q2A) If yes, HOW MANY?

Q2B) Who at Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a dealt with these reports (please give names of individuals, if at all possible)?

Q2C) Where is their current whereabouts?

*Q3) Has **Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a** received ANY UFO REPORTS from RAF Rudloe Manor or/and the Flying Complaints Flight in the years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997?*

Q3A) How many in 1993? How many in 1994?
How many in 1995? How many in 1996?
How many (to date) in 1997?

Q4) If Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a DID receive reports from "RAF Rudloe Manor" or/and "Flying Complaints Flight" in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, who at Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a dealt with these reports (please give names of individuals, if at all possible)?

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If you can answer any or all of these questions, I would be most grateful.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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P.S. I HAVE ENCLOSED AN S.A.E TO COVER POSTAGE.

TY for your letter of ....

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PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS ON MILITARY LOW FLYING

Those Attending (as at 23rd September)

ACAS		Chairman
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G9(Pol/Sec) HQ Land Command		
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Section 40

Weston Super Mare,
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
17 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 17 September in which you have requested information on "UFOs" for your English essay. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to unexplained aerial sightings.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]
Weston-Super-Mare
North Somerset
Section 40 [redacted]
17/09/97

Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am doing an English essay on UFOs and was wondering if you could send me some information to help me.

I would very much appreciate it.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
16 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1997 in which you have requested advice on careers within the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces. I have passed your letter on to Section 40 Section 40 CT(Pers)2, Room 1134, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB who will reply to you shortly.

2. I would advise you to visit your local job centre and/or Army Careers Office to find out about employment in the Services.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Reply from CT(Pers)
At enc / 58.

Copied to:
CT(Pers)2.

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Warwick

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05/09/97

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you with enquiries in to careers within the Ministry of Defence (both civilian and within the armed forces). I am requesting this information as I have an interest within this organisation. If it is possible I would appreciate it if you would send me information regarding jobs within the MOD. Particularly focusing on what the role of the jobs are within the MOD, a job description, the qualifications/experience required for each job, how people apply for these kinds of jobs and any other information you could give. I am also interested in types of jobs that are orientated toward national security/law/intelligence within the MOD Thank you for your time and I am grateful for any information you can provide me with.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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Wellingborough,
Northamptonshire.
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
16 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 24 September, the content of which has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Down Your Way
by Audrey Purser

St Mary the Virgin, Gayton

Seeing an ancient tower next door to a manor house brought expectation of an interesting interior. A Norman font, part of a medieval screen and rondels of 17th century Flemish glass; these were just the beginning!

One rarely finds misericords in a village church, but Gayton has six, believed to have come from St James' Abbey at Duston. And was the elaborately foliated stone coffin lid made for a medieval priest? The former low side window has been filled in, using (unfortunately in my view) the door of [illegible] Jacobean pu[illegible]

effigy of Sir Philip de Gayton who died in 1316. The demure stone figure of Lady Scholastica has eleven tiny buttons fastened by loops at each wrist, and a child only 26 inches long wears a veil and gown. The latter was found buried in a wall, and we read her mother was burned at the stake for murdering her husband! On an alabaster tomb ar engraved two adults eighteen childrer whom died child a wa

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strongly influences the editorial policy of a number of newspapers and has leaders whose connections may be questionable. Air Force is watching this organization because of its power to touch off mass hysteria and panic. Perhaps we, from an intelligence point of view, should watch for any indication of Russian efforts to capitalize upon this present American credulity.

Of even greater moment is the second danger. Our air warning system will undoubtedly always depend upon a combination of radar scanning and visual observation. We give Russia the capability of delivering an air attack against us, yet at any given moment now, there may be current a dozen *official* unidentified sightings plus many unofficial. At the moment of attack, how will we, on an instant basis, distinguish hardware from phantom? The answer of course [deleted] is that until far greater knowledge is achieved of the causes back of the sightings – the little understood phenomena [deleted] has described – we will run the increasing risk of false alerts and the even greater danger of tabbing the real as false.

The CIA continued to be haunted by the spectre of the Third World War being triggered by UFOs mistaken as Soviet missiles or aircraft. The Office of Scientific Intelligence would continue to monitor Russian research and development in the scientific fields involved, the report concluded.

A few days later, evidence of Russia's first mention of the subject was cited in a Secret memorandum from George G. Carey, Assistant Director for Operations, to the Deputy Director of Intelligence, dated 22 August 1952. The second paragraph states:

> FBID [Foreign Broadcasts Information Division] has one broadcast on this subject, dated 10 June 1951, which is quoted below:
>
> Summary – In what appears to be Moscow's first mention of Flying Saucers 'Listener's Mailbag' answers questions on the subject to the effect that 'The Chief of Nuclear Physics in the US Naval Research Bureau' explained them recently as used for stratospheric studies. US Government circles knew all along of the harmless nature of these objects, but if they refrained from denying 'false reports, the purpose behind such tactics was to fan war hysteria in the country'.

On 2 December 1952 H. Marshall Chadwell, Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence, sent a Secret memorandum to the CIA Director, discussing the preparation of the National Security Council directive referred to earlier. Paragraph 4 makes particularly interesting reading:

> Recent reports reaching CIA indicated that further action was desirable and another briefing by the cognizant A-2 [Air Force Intelligence] and ATIC [Air Technical Intelligence Center] personnel was held on 25 November. At this time, the reports of incidents convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention . . . Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles.

The Robertson Panel Report

Evidently, by the end of 1952 the situation became so worrying for the CIA that a panel of scientists was convened by the Office of Scientific Intelligence, and secret meetings were held at the Pentagon from 14 to 17 January 1953. Although sanitized copies had been available to certain officials outside the CIA for a number of years, the Robertson Panel Report (sometimes referred to as the Durant Report) was not completely declassified until 1975. To this day there are those who believe that the report has not been released in its entirety. I wrote to the CIA in 1975 requesting a copy (under the FOIA), and it arrived a few months later.

Members of the Scientific Advisory Panel were Dr H. P. Robertson (Chairman), whose speciality was physics and weapons systems; Dr Luis Alvarez (physics and radar); Dr Lloyd V. Berkner (geophysics); Dr Samuel Goudsmit (atomic structure and statistical problems), and Dr Thornton Page (astronomy and astrophysics). The associate members were Dr J. Allen Hynek (astronomy) and Frederick C. Durant (missiles and rockets).

Interviewees were Brigadier William H. Garland, Commanding General of Air Technical Intelligence Center; Dr H. Marshall Chadwell Assistant Director of the CIA/OSI; Ralph L. Clark, Deputy Assistan Director CIA/OSI; Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Oder and D. B. Stevenson OSI staff members; Philip G. Strong, Chief, Operations Staff, OSI; Stephe T. Possony, Acting Chief, Special Study Group, Directorate of Air Forc Intelligence; Colonels William A. Adams and Wesley S. Smith, also of Ai

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protects them from the hazard of burning up in our stratosphere. Their craft also have the mysterious capacity to vanish and reappear at will. They are also able to affect our power resources, halting our electricity-generating plants, our radio stations, and our engines, without however leaving any permanent damage. So refined a technology can only be the fruit of an intelligence that is indeed far superior to man.

These significant comments were made to the Latvian-born American journalist Henry Gris during an interview in 1981. Zigel further claimed that he had 50,000 UFO reports on file in the computer of the Moscow Aviation Institute, adding that from materials in his own archives he had compiled eight volumes. Only one had been published, he said, because the others, if released to the Soviet public, would trigger off an enormous wave of fear and unrest throughout the entire country.

Zigel went on to claim that at least seven landings of extraterrestrial spacecraft had occurred in the vicinity of Moscow between June 1977 and September 1979. He believed that there are three basic categories of UFO occupant: *spacemen*, the least frequently observed, who are very tall beings, 3 metres or so in height; *humanoids*, who are in general so similar to us in height and in many other respects that they could most probably mingle here undetected; and what Zigel called *aliens*, who are around 1 metre in height and, although resembling us in some respects, possess relatively large heads with no trace of hair, protruding eyes set far apart, wrinkled faces, and a pair of large nostrils by way of a nose.

In addition to these categories of what he termed 'flesh-and-blood extraterrestrials' Zigel stated that the spacecraft carry crews of robots or androids which possess the ability to disappear and reappear at will and, not being subject to the physical laws of our planet, seem to be 'deliberately constructed in order to confound all our notions of space, matter, time and dimensions'.[45]

My own findings, from over thirty-five years' research worldwide, correspond with those of Zigel.

Dramatic Events at Baikonur

According to Henry Gris, scientists Dr Alexei Zolotov and Dr Vladimir Azhazha told him that two UFOs hovered over the Baikonur Space Centre, Kazakhstan, for fourteen seconds on 1 June 1982, one directly above launch pad no. 1. The following day bolts and rivets were found which

allegedly had been 'sucked out' of the support towers, causing welded sections to come apart. The other UFO reportedly hovered over a housing complex, knocking out thousands of panes of glass, or making fine holes in them. As a consequence, the entire cosmodrome was said to have been put out of action for at least two weeks.

This story was confirmed to Gordon Creighton by Henry Gris, who added that even UFO sceptic James Oberg of NASA had admitted to him that the base had indeed been out of commission during the period in question, and apparently could find no explanation for it.[46]

Commission for the Investigation of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena

By the beginning of 1983 the Russians were once again admitting that UFOs were a serious subject. An article in *Sovietskaya Kultura* of 6 January stated that the existence of UFOs should not be ruled out, and revealed that a Soviet Air Force pilot had had an encounter with one in 1981. The article said that there were still many unexplained phenomena behind the reports, and urged scientists to collate as much information as possible.[47]

In February 1984 the Commission for the Investigation of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena was established in Moscow, although its official announcement in the West was delayed until May. Affiliated to the Committee for the Protection of Natural Environment of the All-Union Council of Scientific Technical Societies, the new commission was headed by the distinguished former cosmonaut Pavel Popovich. Popovich told the trade-union newspaper *Trud* (Labour) that there had been hundreds of UFO reports each year in the Soviet Union, and that most could be explained away. But scientists had been disturbed by events in Gorky, 250 miles from Moscow, the previous year, which defied rational analysis.

On the evening of 27 March 1983 air traffic controllers at Gorky Airport had observed a steel-grey cigar-shaped object flying towards them which failed to respond to radio contact. It was about the size of a conventional aircraft but lacked wings, tail or fin, and was flying at an altitude of 3,000 feet at a speed of up to 125 m.p.h. The object behaved erratically, flying 45 miles to the south-east of Gorky before turning to head back to the airport, finally vanishing 25 miles to the north of the city. Popovich added that the new commission was taking this report very seriously, since the sighting had been made by reliable and well-trained aviation experts who had given precise and scientific observations, and who had tracked the UFO on radar for forty minutes.

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are, if we might so term it, of a far less "obtrusive" nature than GEPAN.' In short, Dr Gille believed that GEPAN was no more than a Government-monitored public-relations agency. The real, fundamental, research on UFOs was done elsewhere.

Dr Gille is convinced that the meeting presaged the demise of GEPAN as an effective group. Commented Gordon Creighton: 'It seems that France's Socio-Communists have indeed just attempted to kill off GEPAN, since, being sensible chaps, they all know that UFOs don't exist anyway, and they are indeed convinced that the whole idea of the Centre was simply a silly private fad of Giscard d'Estaing's.'[14] GEPAN has on several occasions appeared to be on the brink of collapse: at the meeting attended by Dr Gille, for instance, Dr Poher announced his resignation and took off on a long cruise around the world. However, his place was taken by Alain Esterle, and investigations continued into those cases passed on to GEPAN by the military.

The Masters of Silence

Fernand Lagarde, one of France's most effective researchers, also expressed serious misgivings about the state of official research, believing that the 'Open-door policy' seemingly initiated with the establishment of GEPAN had come to an end. Lagarde found that his requests for information and documents from official sources were blocked at every stage, just as elsewhere in the world. 'We have now to face the fact that a lid . . . marked *secret*, has come down on all official research,' he wrote in 1981. 'Sighting reports likely to be of interest to us no longer find their way to us.' The 'Masters of Silence', as he called them, had taken over once more.[15]

Another distinguished French researcher who shares this view is the astrophysicist Dr Pierre Guérin of the French Institute of Astrophysics and a senior research officer in the CNRS. In 1984 I met Dr Guérin in Paris, and over lunch we discussed the cover-up. The demise – or apparent demise – of GEPAN was first on the agenda. 'It's now limited to only *two* people,' said Dr Guérin, 'Monsieur Velasco, the head – he's not even a scientist, he's an engineer – and his secretary. That is all!' GEPAN, he confirmed, was under the aegis of the CNES, which itself was under the direction of a scientific committee which was not well-disposed towards the subject.

One of the main problems, Dr Guérin explained to me, is that the majority of scientists reject UFOs because they simply do not fit into a current scientific framework:

> In science there is no proof of any phenomenon if no scie
> model for it exists. The *observation* of the facts is not the a
> fact! We have the testimonial proof, but not the scientific p
> Scientists are not only embarrassed by UFOs: they're fu
> because they don't understand them. There is no possibili
> explaining them in three-dimensional space-time physics.

'What about the more reliable reports of actual recovered asked, knowing that Dr Guérin had published some positive statei this controversial aspect of the phenomenon. 'Even if there are cra replied carefully, 'scientists wouldn't understand the propulsior The idea that a scientific secret exists is false, I'm certain. I don' that a small group has material *proof*, but they do have evidenc had proof, other countries would have learned about it. I am co convinced that nobody has the fundamental explanation.'

I then asked him what hypothesis for the origin of UF explained the facts. He replied that the extraterrestrial hypothesis not proven, is the most economic explanation, considering evolution of life in the universe can lead to other advanced forms

As Dr Guérin tucked into his steak, I raised the question of the animal mutilations that have proliferated in the United Sta elsewhere (including France) since 1967. In these disturbing inc and there have been thousands – carcasses of animals, usually cat been found in remote areas with vital organs missing: eyes, udders, sexual organs and rectal area removed with surgical prec many cases blood is completely drained from the animal, with r on the surrounding ground. While satanic cults and natural p might have been responsible for some of these mutilations, th been numerous occasions when mysterious helicopters, lights an have been observed at the scene, whose source has never been ic see my book *Alien Liaison*). 'The testimonial facts are always doub Guérin answered, 'but the material facts, independent of the witne the case of the mutilations – are of a superior degree than tes evidence.'[16]

Dr Guérin was somewhat guarded in his answers to my qu Scientists are mindful of their reputations, especially when the su UFOs crops up, and I am sure he was bothered about being mi But in published articles he has been more forthcoming – courage

'Unless you are in the know,' he wrote in 1982, 'and are priv very highest level to the secrets of the military intelligence servic

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The following year another disturbing encounter, reported by a reservist with the Cuban Army, led Fidel Castro to ask Soviet intelligence specialists to conduct extensive investigations. Reported in detail by Jacques Vallée in his book *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union*, the following is a synopsis of this extraordinary case.

Shortly after midnight on 14 June 1968, several bursts of machine-gun fire were heard coming from a location in the vicinity of Cabañas, where Isidro Puentes Ventura was on guard duty. At dawn, Puentes was found unconscious by an Army patrol and taken to a hospital in Pinar del Río, where he remained in shock and unable to speak for six days. Removed to the neurological ward at the Naval Hospital in Havana, Puentes was diagnosed to be suffering from emotional trauma, remaining in shock for another week.

At the site where Puentes had been posted, Cuban and Soviet intelligence investigators found forty-eight spent cartridges and fourteen bullets apparently flattened by impact, as well as equally spaced indentations in the ground, indicating that a heavy device had landed. Tests revealed that the soil had been exposed to a high degree of heat.

When Puentes recovered consciousness, he reported that he had come to within 150 feet of a brilliant round object on the ground, with a dome and several 'antennas' on top. Convinced that the device was an American helicopter, Puentes fired about forty rounds at it. The craft turned orange and emitted a strong whistling sound – Puentes' last recollection before losing consciousness.

Soviet intelligence specialists subjected Puentes to a fifty-hour interrogation, after which he was examined by a team of psychiatrists and put through fifteen hypnosis sessions. As Vallée reports, no contradictions were found in his story.[25]

South Africa

Like other air forces around the world, the South African Air Force takes UFOs seriously. In 1953 a Defence Headquarters spokesman in Pretoria revealed that there had been some reliable sightings by SAAF officers, and added: 'There is now a regular exchange of information between our Air Force and the Royal Air Force. Reports have also been referred to military intelligence.'[26] In 1955 the Air Chief of Staff admitted that the South African Department of Defence classified official information subject as 'Top Secret – Not to be Divulged'.[27]

During a visit to South Africa in 1981, I learned from a defenc about a tragic case, felt to be UFO-related, which involv disappearance of two SAAF pilots and their aircraft. On 18 June 1 two pilots, both with fifteen years and 7,000 hours flying exp disappeared 40 miles north-west of Ludoritz, together with their built Mirage F1CZ jets. The last radio contact was at 10.48 hours about 11.15 the planes simply vanished from the radar screens evident that the pilots were frantically trying to communicate wi the radio call button was being pressed but no transmission c heard.

A simple accident – perhaps a collision? Both planes were e with standard life gear. A Navy ship was in the area within an hou helicopter within two hours. Weather conditions were good altocumulus at 25,000 feet and high cirrus at 45–50,000 feet – the at which the planes were flying. No trace was ever found of ei pilots or the aircraft.

Zimbabwe

At 17.45 on 22 July 1985 two Hawk jets of the Air Force of Zimbab scrambled from Thornhill Air Base, following sightings of an unic aerial object from Bulawayo and five other urban centres in the province of Matabeleland South. The object was seen from the tower at Bulawayo Airport and tracked on radar. 'This was no UFO,' said Air Marshal Azim Daudpota. 'Scores of people saw it. I illusion, no deception, no imagination.'

The object was described by trained observers at Bulawayo A rounded, with a short cone above it. It shone very brightly in the a sky and was difficult to see distinctly. The British-built Hawks above Bulawayo to find the UFO hovering at about 7,000 fee suddenly accelerated to a height of 70,000 feet in less than a min Hawks levelled off at 31,000 feet then returned to Thornhill, w object was seen for a few moments before disappearing horizo high speed.[28,29]

Air Commodore David Thorne, Director General of Operati me that the UFO appeared to follow the Hawks back Unfortunately no gun-camera footage was taken, as the jets carrying film at the time, he explained. 'This is the first sig

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
14 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on 5 October 1997. The details of your report have been passed from RAF Leuchars to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First perhaps it would be useful if I were to explain the MOD's interest with respect to reports of "unidentified flying objects". The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFOs" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 5 October in Scotland, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 44

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
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Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen on 5 October 1997. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 5 October in or around London, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 43

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
14 October 1997

Dear [redacted]

1. I am writing with reference to your recent report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on 7 October 1997. The details of your report have been passed from the Community Relations Office in Dumfries to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First perhaps it would be useful if I were to explain the MOD's interest with respect to reports of "unidentified flying objects". The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFOs" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 7 October in Scotland, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 42

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
9 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence regarding extraterrestrial life. Your letter has been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

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Date - 7 OCT 1997

The Secretary of State/~~Minister,~~ has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

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UFOs

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Moray
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Dear Sir/madam,

As part of our Scottish 4th year R.E module we have been asked to complete an investigation on contemporary issues. We have chosen to complete ours on extraterrestrial life. We would be very interested in any views you have on the matter. We would be especially interested in any information on the so-called phenomenon which has happened in the last five to ten years with UFO sightings rising twenty fold in the UK.

Yours in anticipation,

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Section 40
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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
9 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 September to Section 40 and your letters of 27 July and 12 September to the Prime Minister. All three letters concerned the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest in 1980. I have been asked to reply.

2. In Section 40 letter to you dated 28 August, the Ministry of Defence's position regarding the Rendlesham Forest incident was explained, as was the MOD's general stance on "UFO" matters. However, I feel it is worth reiterating that the Royal Air Force is responsible for ensuring that the integrity of the United Kingdom Air Defence Region is maintained and it is the role of the RAF to ensure that no hostile or unauthorized aircraft enter UK airspace. As such, the UK Air Defence Region is continually policed to ensure that no aircraft which might represent a threat to the security of this country enters our airspace.

3. In the context of our responsibilities for ensuring the effective defences of the United Kingdom, the MOD and HM Forces remain vigilant for any signs of activity which might be of defence significance, from whatever source. This is why the MOD has a focal/co-ordination point which looks at reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings. However, if no threat is discerned, as has been the case in all reported "UFO" sightings to date, we do not seek to determine the precise nature of every seemingly inexplicable sight in the sky. In line with our *defence* responsibilities we are neither under remit, nor are we resourced, to undertake such tasks.

4. The MOD does not study or research "UFOs" and this office, which forms part of an RAF Secretariat Branch, is not constituted as a "UFO" information bureau.

Yours sincerely,

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The Prime Minister
The Rt Hon Anthony Blair, **12/9/97.**

Whilst you were on holiday, I sent you a letter, re The Rendelsham Forest incident during December 1980. As yet I have not received a reply from your department. I should very much like to hear your views on this very important matter.

I would respectfully remind you of a statement you made prior to the election, that you would make it possible for information to be readily available to members of the public.

I look forward to receiving a reply from you.

Sincerely,

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PRIME MINISTER'S
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

Please arrange for a **FULL REPLY** *to be sent and copied to this office within* **TWO WEEKS**

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Chairman. E.U.F.O.R.G.

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To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 001485 /1997

Date 29 SEP 1997

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A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

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Writer informed that letter has been forwarded to the appropriate Government Department for a full reply

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27/7/97

Dear The Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Anthony Blair M.P.

Could a question be put before the House of Commons re the subject of Unidentifed Flying Objects, and the Rendelsham Forest incident.It has now been sixteen years since the incident, with no information forth coming from any authority re this affar. Members of the public feel that they should know what is going on, and the results of any investigations into the Rendelsham Forest incident.

Two M.Ps the late Rt Hon Martin Redmond M.P and the Rt Hon Ieuan Wyn Jones M.P, to my knowledge have raised questions in the House to no avail.

I reproduce documents below that are in exisistence, re the Rendelsham Forest incident.

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Subject: Unexplained Lights.
TO: RAF/CC.

In the early hours of 27th December 1980, (approximately 03.00) two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusaul lights outside the back gate (East Gate) at R.A.F.Woodbridge.

They called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate the lights. They were given permission and three patrolmen proceed into the forest. They hear strange noises, like a woman screaming. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic, and Triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on the top and banks of blue lights underneath . The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and

disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.

The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29th December 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate 05-.07 readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsated. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degres off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red,green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs above.

(Signed)
CHARLES I HALT, Lt Col, USAF.
Deputy Base Commander.
13th January 1981.

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The above is a document sent to the Ministry of Defence, by Lt Col C.Halt.USAF.

Despite the official silence..reporters discovered that the Object was tracked on radar by R.A.F.Watton, 50 miles from where it landed.

Col C.Halt discussed the above incident with Sqn Leader D.Moreland.R.A.F after the incident.

The following statement is from a USAF security patrolman Larrey Warren who was based on RAF Bentwalters at the time and was ordered into the forest.....Quote...

The first thought to penetrate USAF Security Patrolman Larry Warren's brain as he saw Britain's first authenticated U.F.O landing was that he was seeing something from Star Wars.The machine that landed silently in a forest in an explosion of red light looked

like" the spacehip from the movie"."It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves and things. It was about 20 feet across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top 12 ft to 15ft high...certainly big enough to handle people".

The USAF Airman was ordered into a jeep in the early hours of 27th December 1980, at RAF Bentwaters,Suffolk, where he was a security guard.

The jeep drove in convoy towards nearby RAF Woodbridge, then pulled up on the edge of lonely Tangham Wood.We were all told to hand in our weapons.Then we took lights into the woods. Amazing things seemed to happen even then.I noticed animals running in panic from the forest. Fuel gauges on the vehicles registered empty when we knew they were full. As we approached a clearing we could see some very bright lights.We were a bit shook up to come across a U.S medic treating one of our security police who appeared to be broken down and was crying.

"The clearing was full of RAF and USAF security people...about 200 of them. Several movie cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above".

"Then we saw an object. It appeared to be resting on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent. We were in awe, never having seen anything like this. Nearby, there was an airman carrying a radio.Suddenly we heard a chopper pilot telling him: 'Here it comes'".

"We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees. In the distance, it looked about 100 ft, high and appeared to be coming in to land. It came down right over the transparent on the ground. There was no sound at all.

"We were all mesmerized. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of all kinds of colours.We were blinded. When the colours died down, we looked again, and there was a machine on the ground.

"A Captain motioned us to approach the ship. We walked up close enough to touch it. It was giving off a metallic bluish light. There were about three groups of four security men each circling the thing.I could see our shadows on the craft's we walked, they moved.

"But when we stopped, the shadows seemed to take another pace.It was weird. Suddenly a green light came on at the top of the spaceship.It moved down the side of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the side. Just like the ball bounces in a video game.

"Then I realized the vehicle was inhabited.There were beings aboard. I didn't see them because I was on the other side of the craft. But others did.They said there were three, and they were wearing silver suits.I had a strange feeling and seemed to black out.

"The next thing I knew, it was 05.00, and I was waking up, lying half across my bunk.I still had my uniform on and was up to my knees in mud.

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"To this day, I don't know how I got back to the barracks, or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows. My roommate said I'd been brought into the room by some people—he didn't know who—and just dumped me on the bed.

"Later that day, myself and some of the guys who had been at the field were given the once-over with a geiger counter but we were never told why or what the results were.

"We were all called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told what we had seen had been classified top secret. Several civilians were doing all the talking. We took them for CIA.They said if we ever told the story, no one would beleive us. One guy added that if we did talk, then bullets were cheap.

"Looking back, the one thing that bothers me is that the officers and civilians present seemed to know all about it– they weren't all that surprised. End of quote....

This USAF Airman also states that he was taken to an underground base, within the Bentwaters base. Being taken underground by an elevator . Where he noticed craft similar to that seen in Rendelsham Forest.

He also states that in this underground base, far below the surface.He was told to sit in front of a large screen, where upon a voice communicated telepathically with him. He was told that the being was from a place I would never understand.It was not from my reality. It went on to say that I was far below the air bases.The installations contained many of it's kind, along with human support personnel. The facility had been there since the 1940's and expanded in the late 1960's.

The voice went on to inform him that there were many civilizations from off this earth existing here, and that they were intimate with the U.S,USSR,UK and Japanese governments.

Another document to hand is as follows:-

U.K.EYES 'B'
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.
Main Building,
Whitehall,
LondonSW1A 2HB.

Section 40 REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Dear [redacted]

As you know, OSI has completed a report on the landing of a craft of unknown origin crewed by several entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of December 29/30.1980.

Interestingly, OSI reports that the entities were approximately one and a half meters tall, wore what appeared to be nylon-coated pressure suites, but no helmets. Conditions on the night were misty, giving the

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appearance that the entities were hovering above ground level.

Tape recordings were made on which the entities are heard to speak in an electronically synthesized version of English, with a strong American accent.Similar transmissions intercepted irregularly by NSA since 1975.(See attached - Flag A)

According to OSI, entities had claw-like hands with three digits and an opposable thumb.

Despite original reports, OSI said the craft was not damaged but landed deliberately as part of a series of visits to SAC bases in the USA and Europe. Reports that craft was repaired by US servicemen or was taken on to the base are not confirmed by OSI.

Landing is not considered a defence issue in view of the overt peaceful nature of the contact, but investigations by DSS are to be con[redacted] authortity. Precautionary plan for counter-information at a local level involving [redacted] and a[redacted]is strongly recommended,

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One of the reasons for the lights seen in Rendelsham Forest on the nights in December 1980. was, that it was the Lighthouse at Orford Ness. I have to disagree with this theory. I have stood at the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge and you cannot see the beams of light shining through the forest from the lighthouse.

Does the government/Ministry of Defence realise that to this day, there are objects being seen in and around Rendelsham Forest. I list just three cases:

A.....Four witnesses walking in Rendelsham Forest at 21.30, observed a large white Sphere of light, hovering approximately 10 feet above the forest, after watching this light for approximately one minute it moved to the left approximately 15/20 foot, stopped, then returned to its original position,it again stopped, then started to change colour from White to Yellow to Orange to Red, then at terrific speed shot off to the left and disappeared.

B.....Five witnesses in Rendelsham Forest at 02.30, were amazed to see directly above them a large Mushroom shaped object,dull white in colour, this object changed shape from a Mushroom to an Oval to a Triangle to a Ball then back to a Mushroom. Whilst this was happening, hundreds of small red and white lights were darting in and out of the forest, from ground level to above tree height, this display lasted for over one hour.

C.....Twelve witnesses watched as a Triangle of lights,1 red,1 green,1 white, all triangular in shape, in a triangulr patteren, moved in and out of the trees at Rendelsham Forest, at ground level this incident lasted for a good twenty minutes when they disappeared.

D.....On numerous occasions Spheres of Red..White and Orange light have been observed hovering or moving above Rendelsham Forest. This is just a few of the many sightings of strange objects seen at Rendelsham Forest during 96/97.

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1. Could I please have your comments re the two printed documents. 1. Col Halts letter, 2. Ministry of Defence letter UK EYES 'B', also the statement by a USAF Airman.
2. Now that the book 'Left at East Gate' has been published, and members of the USAF have admitted that an incident (U.F.O) took place in Rendelsham Forest, will the British government admit that it happened?
3. I think it is about time the truth about the incident in Rendelsham Forest was released?
4. I feel that it is about time the British government admitted that U.F.Os do exsist and that they are visiting the British Isle's?
5. Will you also admit that there is a vast underground base beneith Bentwaters base also at other sites around the Country?
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7. What is the British government doing about the Flying Triangle that is now penetrating our skys visiting Military bases,Nuclear Power Stations and Nuclear sites?
8. Will the Ministry of Defence admit that the Flying Triangle is not of Earth origin?
9. Can you expand upon the rumours about the PHOENIX AGGREMENT?

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I await your reply.

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Great Clacton,
Essex,
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Tel:- Section 40

Your Ref:D/Sec(AS)/64/3.

Dear Section 40 12/9/97.

Thankyou for your letter of the 28th August 1997.

I am extremley vexed that you have excluded a reponse to my enquiries regarding the documents of:-

1..Col Halt USAF, document to the RAF/CC, Unexplained Lights.

2..The document 'UK Eyes 'B'.

3..The statement by a USAF Security Policeman.Larry Warren.

4..No answer to any of the nine questions that I asked you at the end of my letter which I state again in case you have misplaced my original letter of 27th July 1997.

With regard to your reply, paragraph 4, I should be grateful if you would forward me a copy of the substantiated evidence that was gathered, as well as a copy of the original assessment.

I now list the questions that I originaly asked you.

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EXCLO 40

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Elgin,
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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
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Yours sincerely,

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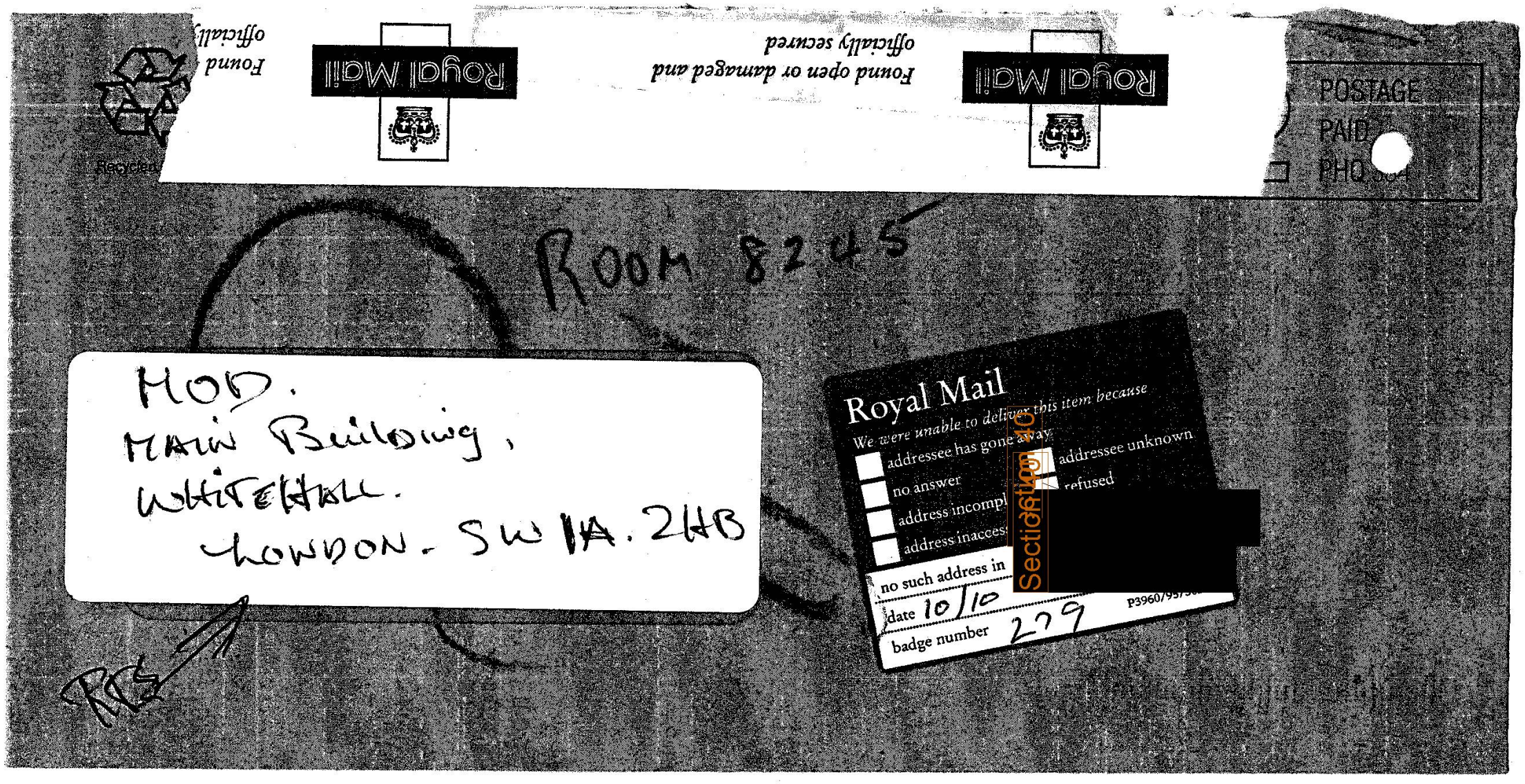
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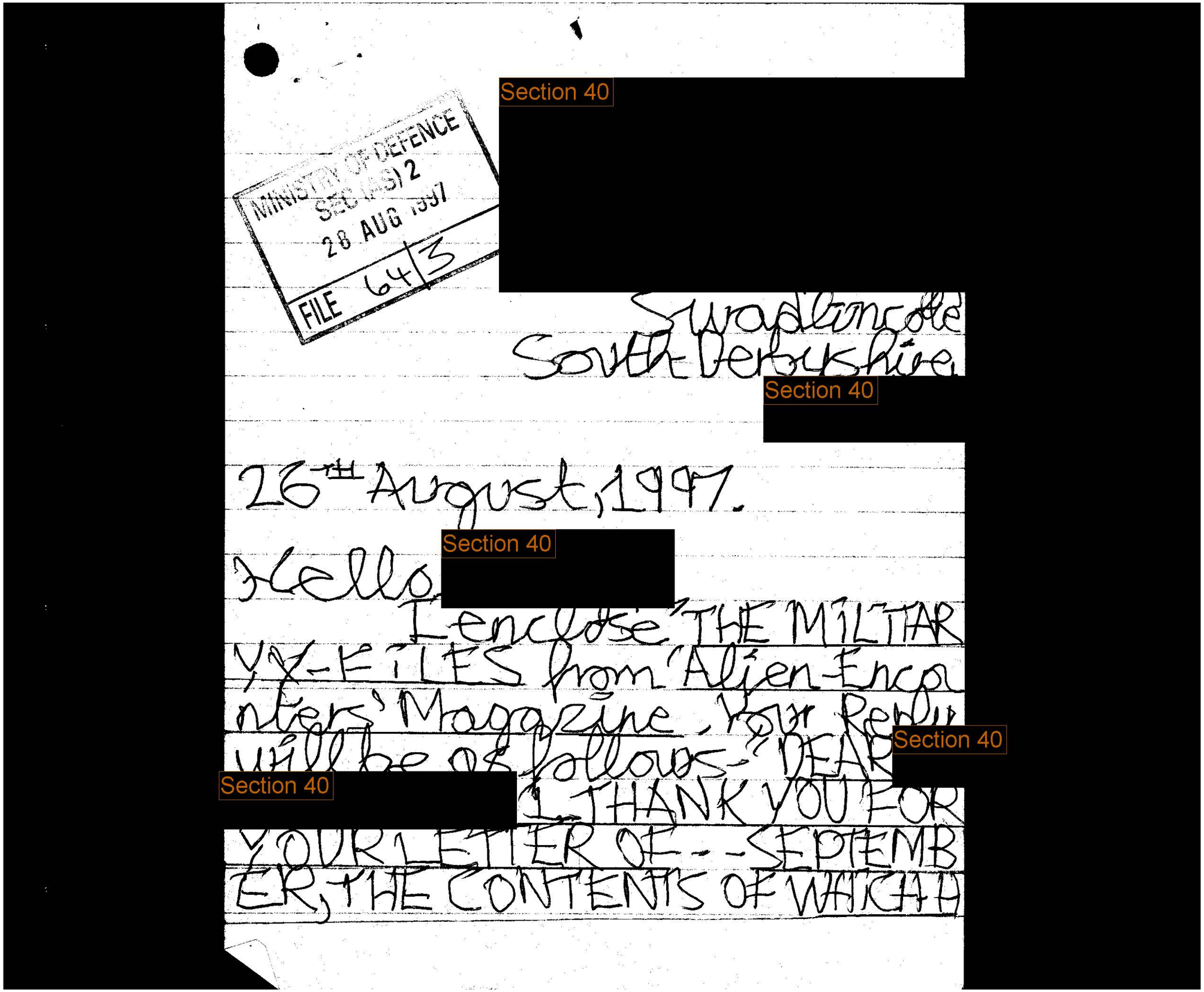
Dear Section 40

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th August 1997, which has been placed on a Departmental file.

Yours sincerely,

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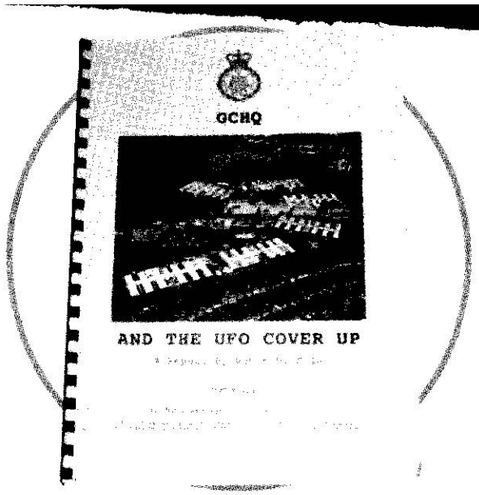
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GCHQ And The UFO Cover Up



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Price: £3.95 plus 40p postage

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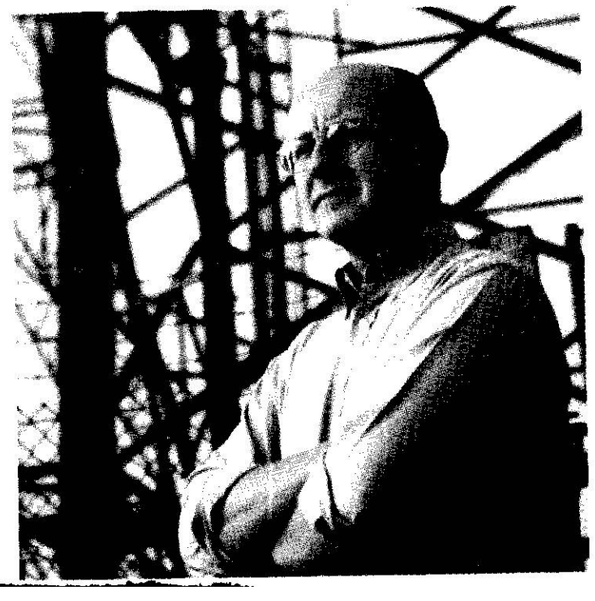
Robin Cole has presented this report after years of investigation into Government Communications HQ, a massive official department based in his home town of Cheltenham.

Cole mentions one case in particular – a multiple witnessed UFO sighting which occurred in the Wash on 5th October 1996. Cole has information from inside sources that two Senior Civil Servants were summoned to GCHQ in the middle of the night in response to these same UFO reports over the Wash. Upon their arrival, the two men were briefed on the situation, and an investigation ensued. They finally concluded that the event involved an Unidentified Flying Object. The MoD's public response denied that a UFO was involved.

The report contains further sensitive information which will doubtless raise some eyebrows in the corridors of power and add to the growing evidence that the British military know more than they are letting on about the topic of UFOs. Copies of the report can be obtained direct from Robin Cole, The Flat, Sheldon, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 6RA.

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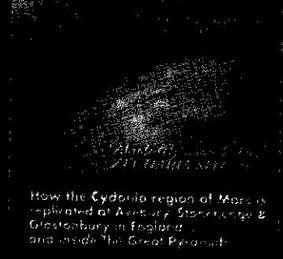
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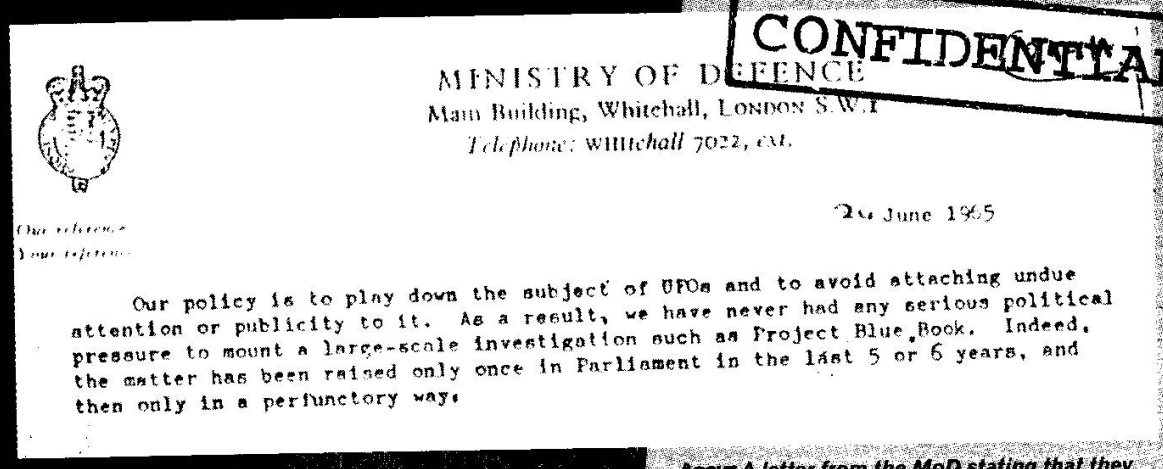
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24 June 1965

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***Above** A letter from the MoD stating that they have never undertaken 'serious' investigations into the UFO phenomenon.*

It he following information may to the uninitiated seem complex or trivial so it must be clearly pointed out that the reasons for providing this information are simple. The MoD states that there is no cover-up over UFO information and also that there have been no secret or covert departments investigating UFOs.

This we have managed to disprove along with uncovering a policy of downplaying the UFO subject. The story gets even more interesting when you learn that, after we found out these facts in a MoD file, the MoD removed the incriminating file from public view. This file implicated Provost & Security Services (based at RAF Rudloe Manor), which is a department that I have been researching for some years, and I believe has been investigating the UFO phenomena - a point which they deny.

I have supplied snippets from the original government documents which back up the claims we are making. If anyone wishes to get hold of copies of the original documents they can do so by visiting the Public Records Office in Kew, London where the files can be booked out and photocopied.

The Thirty-Year Rule

File number AIR 2/16918 provides the best evidence to show that in the 1960's there were no fewer than seven secret government departments within the Ministry of Defence that were investigating UFOs.

Former UFO public office investigator Nick Pope claimed that in his experience there were no other departments investigating UFOs. We have a problem with this statement in light of new files which show otherwise. Could it be that Nick Pope, in his low ranking position of Executive Officer (an entry level grade), was not aware of these departments, or is he simply covering them up?

When questioned, Nick Pope assured me that he did not know of these departments when he was working in the MoD and had no dealings with them.

When researching UFO files you encounter the thirty-year rule problem. This means that any information which is released through official channels is subject to a thirty-year filing rule (sometimes longer). Meaning that by the time the files reach the general public, the departments which dealt with the information have probably closed down or had their names changed, so we cannot find out their current status, check their records, or even make complaints.

The departments clearly named within the file have no other documentation or references within the Public Records Office. Consequently we suspect that this file was probably not meant to reach the Public Records Office. Are we going a bit far in stating this? Perhaps not when you learn that after researchers exposed the file it was then removed from view at the Public Records Office and only returned after questions were raised in the House Of Commons by the Rt Hon Ieuan Wyn Jones, MP for Anglesey North.

File 1

Project Blue Book was the USAF public project designed to investigate UFOs through the use of air force resources. The project leader, Dr J Allen Hynek, left Blue Book in disgust claiming that the best and most unexplained records were kept away from the Blue Book files.

Subsequently, Hynek stated that the conclusions of the report - which were that most sightings could be explained and that no evidence of extraterrestrial life could be determined - was at the very best a cover-up of the highest order (there were secret level investigations going on behind Project Blue Book which we now know of as Projects Sign and Grudge).

In an MoD letter, written to Project Blue Book, it was stated that UFO investigations were carried out as part of the MoD Air Force Technical Intelligence Department.

Obviously the MoD, whilst writing to another Military unit, were prepared to admit their UFO investigations to a high level agency, but at this point they would not admit to it publicly. This then shows that investigations went on at a higher level than those of Airstaff 2a, the former office of Nick Pope.

The MoD admit to a policy of playing down the subject of UFOs. In doing this they avoid public or political pressure to mount a large scale - probably public - investigation on UFOs. It is not the military's right to make decisions that will affect politics. The military are supposed to be under the control of government and not be in a position to dictate parliamentary policy.

File 2

Nick Pope was asked directly about Provost and Security Service and RAF Rudloe Manor's involvement in UFO investigations.

He denied any knowledge of these facts although he was in office at a time when Kerry Philpott (Nick Pope's successor) alleges that they sent reports to him. Work that out!

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A file letter that I have provided for this article shows that Provost & Security Service were investigating UFOs, and that the files were classified as Confidential (a little hard to see on the photocopy).

We also see that the MoD sent out officers to interview witnesses, perhaps giving rise to certain cases of Men in Black or 'Men from the Ministry', which have been reported over the years. The MoD have denied that they ever sent out officers to visit witnesses. Nick Pope, in his book *Open Skies Closed Minds*, very firmly states the opinion that no MoD officers went out to visit witnesses. He believes that these MIB were just oddball 'Walter Mitty characters' who 'dressed up' to scare witnesses and were nothing at all to do with the MoD.

In fact this file gives the name of the officer who went out to interview the witness, and page 2 of the report (which is not included in this file) goes even further into the fact that officers visited her on a few occasions. The witness, Mrs Ann Henson, has now been visited by UFO researchers who confirmed that she was 'advised' by the MoD to not talk about her sighting to press or public and not to discuss the MoD investigation. She kept silent for 30 years before she was contacted by researchers. My question is how many witnesses have been 'advised' not to talk by the MoD in this fashion?

Provost and Security Service is the department which has been rumoured for many years as being involved in UFO investigations and was first exposed in such a role in Timothy Good's book *Above Top Secret*. I featured my investigations into Rudloe Manor in ALIEN ENCOUNTERS #10, and it is now clear the importance of this and other departments in the whole UFO investigations network.

Provost & Security Services are based at RAF Rudloe Manor. Another interesting feature about RAF Rudloe Manor is that most of its facilities are housed underground in 35 miles of labyrinthine tunnels. I have never heard any rumours of aliens working down there, just a lot of intelligence work and war time control operations.

Below Provost Security Service is rumoured to have been involved with UFO investigations for many years.

The Ex-File

The confirmed departments involved in UFO investigation that we know of in the 1960's are:

- AMOC (Air Ministries Operations Centre)
- AIS (Air Information Service)
- AI(Tech)4a (Air Intelligence Technical 4a)
- AI(Tech)5b (Air Intelligence Technical 5b)
- AI1 (Air Intelligence 1)
- DSTI (Department of Scientific and Technical Intelligence)
- DDI-Tech (Department of Defence Intelligence Technical)
- Public departments investigating UFOs, who were in fact simply letter writers. Fronting these other departments are DS8, Air Staff 2 and S6.
- The CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) has also conducted investigations of the UFO phenomenon, one of their more recent cases involved a near miss between a UFO and a jetliner which was making its final approach into Manchester airport.
- Extra departments rumoured to be investigating UFOs include D155 and DI64.

The files which were used for the basis of these investigations are as follows:

AIR 2/16918, AIR 16/1199, AIR 2/17318, AIR 20/7390, AIR 20/9320, AIR 20/9321, AIR 20/9322, AIR 20/9994, AIR 2/17318, AIR 2/17526, AIR 2/17527, AIR 2/17982, AIR 2/17983, PREM 11/855.

Of Defence Significance

We know from statements made to us by serving officers, former serving officers and officials inside the MoD, that many files exist which have never been released to the public. We also know from Lord Peter Hill Norton, Commander of the Fleet (the MoD's highest rank), that in his opinion there is a cover-up and UFOs are of defence significance. He states that films and evidence of UFOs are being withheld by the MoD.

An MoD ruling from 1967 meant that all UFO reports would be preserved in the Public Records Office for public viewing, because of the renewed interest in the subject. However, if the seven secret MoD departments were investigating UFOs back then, where are the department files relating to this? No files are available or due to be released for these departments. It is as if they didn't exist and efforts to find out if these departments moved on to have new names have proved fruitless as this information is deemed sensitive and cannot be given out to the public.

We know that documents exist which have not been released to the UK public because these documents have been copied to the US Government and have been released to US citizens under the American

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON SEEN AT
TRULL, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

MAP REFERENCE: O.S.G.S. 4620 Sheet No.164 Second Edition MINEHEAD scale 1 inch to 1 mile (1958?0)

ATTACHED:
"A" Letter received by R.A.F. CHIVENOR from MISS A. HENSON.
"B" Statement of MISS. A. HENSON.
"C" Diagram compiled by MISS. A. HENSON.

INVESTIGATOR
1. No.4051777 SGT. [illegible], J., Headquarters Provost and Security Services (U.K.)

ORIGINATING INFORMATION
2. Letter addressed to R.A.F. CHIVENOR from MISS. ANNE HENSON, CHILLIS DOD FARM, TRULL, TAUNTON, describing an aerial phenomenon seen at night. A copy of Appendix "A" was passed by hand to the Investigator on 24th October, 1962, by Wing Commander C. M. GIBBS, O.B.E., R.A.F., O.C. Flying Wing R.A.F. CHIVENOR.

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3. CHILLIS DOD FARM lies 4 miles South West of TAUNTON and is in a fairly isolated position.

4. MISS ANNE HENSON, aged 16, said Appendix "B", that on 30th August, 1962 between 10.30 p.m. and 10.55 p.m. she opened the window of her room which faces N.N.E. and saw a diminishing star-like object with what appeared to be red and green coloured flames coming from it. It was slightly larger than the average star and appeared to be round. After about 2 minutes it became very small and she could only see it with the aid of Binoculars. She was quite sure that it was not the navigation lights of an aircraft because she had seen these many times and could recognise them immediately. She heard no sound at all. She told her mother and two of her brothers who looked at the object and, after some discussion, said that it must be a star. She made an entry in her diary concerning the matter. She did not look for it again until 17th October, 1962, when she saw the object again which was partially obscured by fog. With the aid of binoculars she compared the object with several stars and noticed that the stars were silvery white whereas the object was red and green. She observed the object as the fog cleared and saw that it did not flash as does an aircraft's navigation lights but was both red and green at the same time, the colours being mixed together as if something was burning and giving off coloured flames. Near to and above the object she noticed another exactly similar but smaller object. She lost sight of both objects when the fog closed in. The following night 18th October, 1962 she saw both objects at 7.30 p.m. She noticed a difference in the colour of the original object which was now emitting green and orange flames in the same way as before. She took a "bearing" with her compass and noticed the object to be at 40° MAG, the second object was at 20° MAG. At 9.47 p.m. she again took a bearing and found that the original object was now at 70° MAG and was now greeny-white in colour. The second object was now at 60° MAG and appeared green in colour. Both objects were still visible when she retired at 10. p.m.

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Freedom of Information Act. This release circumvented UK secrecy laws. Some of these documents show that UFO incidents have taken place on UK soil, involving American airbases.

We also know that some of these bases have had overflights of UFOs, which subsequently interfered and rendered some of the nuclear weapons stored on the base inoperable, eg the 1980 Woodbridge Bentwaters incidents. The mere fact that these weapons were stored in a US airbase on British soil is still classified top-secret. (Proof of the nuclear aspect of this case is available in a new book *Left At East Gate* published by Michael O'Mara books.)

I have secured my own evidence of the nuclear aspect at Bentwaters, by secretly visiting the site with a team of UFO investigators, including Richard Conway and two original witnesses. We visited the nuclear bunkers and will be releasing this proof soon.

An Unacceptable Situation

Readers should take note that the proposals for a UK Freedom of Information act clearly state the MoD need not take part (although it is my understanding that some MoD departments feel that they may be included anyway).

I feel that this is an unacceptable situation and would personally only support a government and military-wide Freedom of Information act.

When the MoD have been questioned on the subject of UFOs they have given a statement that they are of 'No Defence Significance'. Clearly the files did show that UFOs were of defence significance otherwise they would not be investigating them at such a high level.

What we have here is clear evidence of the Ministry of Defence being involved in playing down and covering up UFO sightings. UFO reports were classified as secret, and the details probably were not meant to be released to the public. Procedures were put in place to allow the secret departments to lie to the public about conclusions of their investigations, through the front of the Whitehall civil servant departments.

We also know that the enormity of the sightings that were being reported back then show that UFOs were of an extreme defence significance. Lastly, we now know that the MoD were sending out officers to interview witnesses and these self same officers were trying to silence witnesses. It all fits together nicely.

What we now need to know is where did these departments go and where do they operate from today. We also need to know where all of the investigation files, from the many years of UFO research, are now. We are preparing to find these departments, ask them for their files, and bring you further updates from any information we gather.

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Hasn't the time now come for the MoD to fully disclose its investigations into UFOs?

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2nd June 1965

Mr Langton has shown us your letter of the 15th June about Project Blue Book.

In the United Kingdom, the Air Force Department of the Ministry of Defence has the primary responsibility for investigating reports of UFOs., and the reasons for this allocation of responsibility are exactly the same as in your case.

We investigate every case reported to us, and we use every assistance, civilian as well as military, available to us to identify a particular object. For example, we have frequently used the resources of Kodak Ltd., to examine photographs, films and equipment submitted to us. We do not, however maintain a special scientific staff for this purpose. It is normally handled as part of the routine work of our Air Force Technical Intelligence department. Unlike you, however, we do investigate single-observer sightings. Our results over the years are in line with yours viz. in some 90% of cases investigated, we are able to make a positive, rational identification, in 10% we are unable to do so because of insufficient data, and in no case have we unearthed any evidence of extra-terrestrial origin.

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The specific answers to your questions are as follows:-

a. No

b. No

c. Yes, a considerable number

d. We investigate about 70 case a year but there are others which are not reported to us, although sometimes reported in the newspapers.

We should be delighted to discuss the matter with Dr Hynek when he comes to London and no doubt you will let us know in due course when he will be here.

Lieutenant Colonel John P. Spaulding,
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Community Relations Division,
Office of Information,
Department of the Air Force,
Washington DC
U.S.A.

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File 3

The MoD have stated that no UFO reports were classified secret, yet in this intelligence report, from one of the Secret UFO investigation units, we see the word 'Secret' clearly used.

The report describes an object which was moving at speeds exceeding 1,400mph. No explanation could be found for the sighting. The speed was faster than any aircraft of the day. Officers who were experienced in radar stated that the reported contacts were not those of any conventional aircraft.

We read that the MoD were unhappy to see reports of UFOs getting to the press and deny that the sightings were not backed up with radar evidence. This is clearly false information being fed to the British Public - proof against a cover up.

The tone of this statement shows us that these secret investigators would pass on recommendations to civil servants in the publicly known UFO reporting departments (Nick Pope's office), enabling them to make statements fit for public consumption. In this way the secret units could operate their investigations without being hindered, because the names of these departments were hidden from view by the 'shop front' the Whitehall MoD office, who wrote replies to enquiries from the general public).

Other Facts

Some of the other documents available in the UFO files include radar tracking of objects by the military. One incident which occurred in West Freugh was forwarded to secret department DDI Tech. It described a set of five objects, estimated to be as big as ships, which proceeded from 50,000ft to 70,000ft. A second radar was switched on and confirmed the objects at this height.

The considered expert opinion of the military was that these objects were indeed unidentified and of an unknown type and origin. The radar operators were able to rule out the possibility of radar interference or that they may have misidentified charged clouds, etc. This makes the incident particularly worthy of note.

Other incidents include similar radar tracks of objects, travelling at speeds in excess of 4,000mph. These speeds are faster than any known aircraft can achieve today, let alone back then in the 1960's!

Key: A Department of Defence Intelligence (DDI) UFO report.

The Missing File

The file which contained so many revelations about departments in the MoD investigating UFOs went missing after Nick Redfern was filmed for a documentary called *Out Of This World*, around March 1995. The official explanation for the missing file was that it has been 'misfiled'.

We suspected otherwise, but it took the intervention of MP Ieuan Wyn Jones, who asked a question in the House Of Commons, to bring the file back. The file was returned two days after the question being tabled, but still the excuse given was that it had been misfiled - this was after one year of looking for it and one major file search (known as a census).

In a visit to the Public Records Office in 1996, myself, Richard Conway and Chris Fowler were told by Vivian Bales that the file was probably with the MoD as they often recalled sensitive files which they may have released information in by mistake. It was her opinion that this is possibly what had happened. We did not prompt her for this explanation and she gave it to us as an unofficial comment.

I didn't buy the official missing file story so went on my own search for who might have had the file at the MoD. I used contacts I have in government to point me toward the relevant MoD department, where I might find an answer. I was given the details of a small department which is housed inside the Metropole Building in Northumberland Avenue. After speaking to the staff there I was put onto the Deputy Departmental Records Officer, Mr I D Goode.

Official Clamp-Down

The Central Records Management checked their records and confirmed that records the file being inside the MoD in November 1996. This proved that an MP and members of the public were being lied to about the whereabouts of this file. Both the MoD and Public Records Office had assured us that they had carried out proper checks on the whereabouts of the file. However, if they had then surely they would have discovered that it was booked out to the MoD?

The final part of the saga is that an official clamp-down has come into force. We were told by the MoD that Central Records Management had made a clerical error, and that the records should have read November 1995.

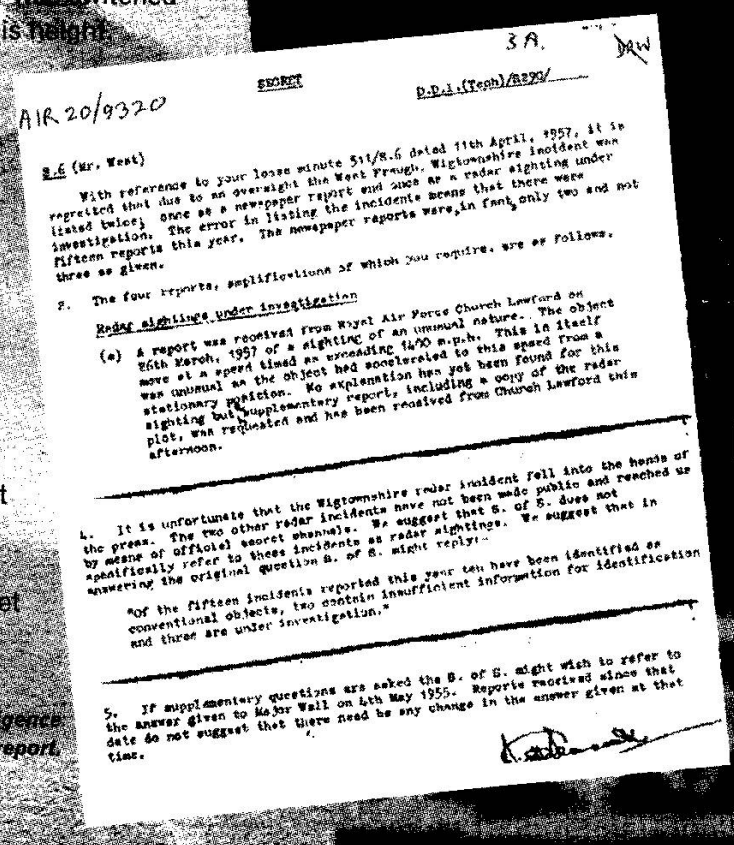
One thing is now clear, we have the ammunition to fight the government over the files of these seven secret departments who files do not appear in the Public Records Office. It has even been hinted to me by one insider that if any files for these departments did exist, then they would not become public because most of these files are Defence Intelligence orientated. These types of files rarely get released, if at all!

For Your Information

Space restrictions mean that we cannot include all the papers which make up the MoD file bundle, but if anyone requires the full documents they are available for public viewing in *Truthseekers Magazine*.

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D.D.I.(Tech)/8290/

S.6 (Mr. West)

With reference to your loose minute S11/S.6 dated 11th April, 1957, it is regretted that due to an oversight the West Freugh, Wigtownshire incident was listed twice; once as a newspaper report and once as a radar sighting under investigation. The error in listing the incidents means that there were fifteen reports this year. The newspaper reports were, in fact, only two and not three as given.

2. The four reports, amplifications of which you require, are as follows.

Radar sightings under investigation

(a) A report was received from Wyton Air Force Church Lawford on 26th March, 1957 of a sighting of an unusual nature. The object was moving at a speed timed as exceeding 1400 m.p.h. This in itself was unusual as the object had accelerated to this speed from a stationary position. No explanation has yet been found for this sighting but a supplementary report, including a copy of the radar plot, was requested and has been received from Church Lawford this afternoon.

4. It is unfortunate that the Wigtownshire radar incident fell into the hands of the press. The two other radar incidents have not been made public and reached us by means of official secret channels. We suggest that S. of S. does not specifically refer to these incidents as radar sightings. We suggest that in answering the original question S. of S. might reply:-

"Of the fifteen incidents reported this year ten have been identified as conventional objects, two contain insufficient information for identification and three are under investigation."

5. If supplementary questions are asked the S. of S. might wish to refer to the answer given to Major Wall on 4th May 1955. Reports received since that date do not suggest that there need be any change in the answer given at that time.

Secret investigators would pass on recommendations to civil servants in the publicly known UFO reporting departments.

Who Is Matthew Williams?

Matthew Williams is a former civil servant who worked for HM Customs & Excise Criminal Investigations department. Following his own UFO sighting back in 1990, Matthew now investigates the UFO enigma full-time.

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Every month witnesses around the world report sightings of UFOs. presents the cream of the crop which seem to prove that something is definitely out there!

Place: Sydney
Date: 3rd June
An inverted luminous crescent-shaped object was sighted in the northern sky over Melbourne.

Place: Canberra
Date: 20th and 28th June
An illumination was seen in several large Australian cities on Friday 20th June.

The object first appeared over Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory at 5.10pm, and then five minutes later it was seen over Melbourne, and then an hour later, at 6.15pm over Adelaide. Finally, at 9pm, residents of Sydney caught a glimpse of the UFO.

Blue Mountains residents called Australia's National 24-Hour UFO Hotline on Saturday, June 28, 1997.

They reported that they had videoed two vertical pink-red illuminated lines travelling in a downwards motion in the western sky for approximately four minutes.

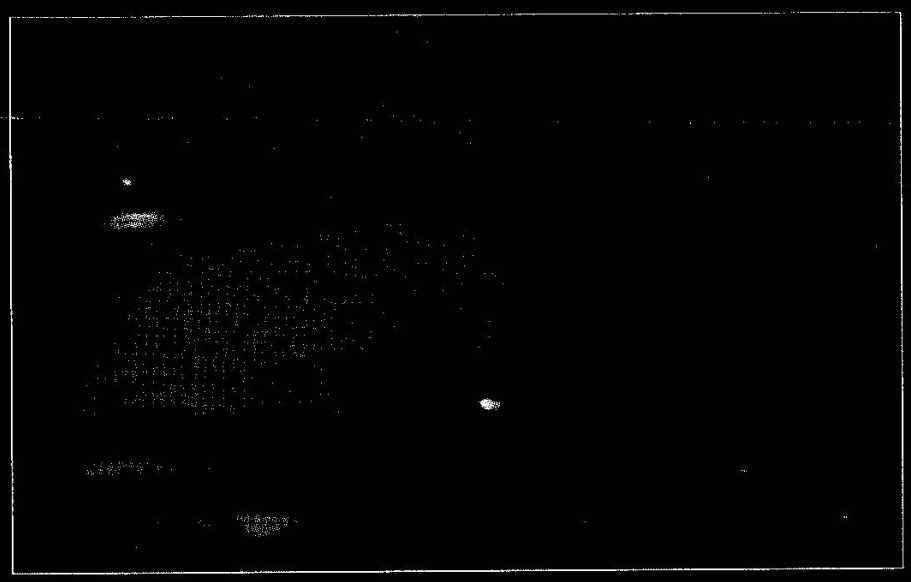
Place: Waikanae
Date: 13th June
The town of Waikanae, on the north island of New Zealand, was struck twice by strange meteoric bombardments.

First a strange object was seen in the south-west sky, about five kilometres from Paraparaumu, between 6 and 9pm. The object was seen for about 30 to 60 seconds.

It was spherical, and seemed to change colour from green to red.

New Zealand's National Television station played down the incident as 'a meteor shower.' However, the phenomenon took out several television channels when it hit.

Residents of the Waokanae Valley reported hundreds of green and yellow illuminations crossing the sky on Friday 13th June 13. The lights appeared to be coming from something entering the atmosphere.



Place: Cancun
Date: 15th June
An American tourist and her son were relaxing on the balcony of their hotel room when they witnessed a triangular craft, about the size of a military jet, literally 'buzz' the hotel.

The craft then climbed straight up, showing no obvious navigational lights, but it did have a glowing sphere in the centre.

It was joined by three other similar objects, which played around in the sky for about three hours.

They seemed to climb to the edge of the atmosphere, before descending at high speed, sometimes trailing fire as they did so.

Place: Las Vegas
Date: 23rd June
Hot on the heels of the Arizona sightings in March comes a further report of a giant 'V' shaped object, seen in the north west of Las Vegas, near Area 51.

The local police received a number of calls during the evening and one of the despatchers caught sight of the craft herself, as it hovered in the sky at around 9.30pm.

The object was described as being like a 'V' shaped wedge with pulsating yellow lights and it seemed to split, before re-forming again.

Place: California
Date: 24th June
A Californian woman spotted a large object falling to earth in the early hours of 24th June. She described it as a falling star, it had two streaks of fire trailing behind it.



"The sky was fairly bright last night," she said, "and although the object was dark, it appeared to be of an unusual shape, like a crescent or simply not symmetrical.

"My impression is that it was a meteor, because it was irregularly shaped and there were no lights visible.

There was no green colour; the object was black and the fire sparks were light yellow to orange

Place: In Orbit
Date: 25th June
Sparks flew in orbit at 5.00am Central Daylight Time on 25th June. A progress resupply spacecraft collided with the Spektr module of the Russian Mir Space Station during practice docking operations.

The collision with Spektr caused a loss of pressure and power aboard the station, and the crew shut Spektr's hatch to repressurise the remaining modules on Mir.

Apparently during a training exercise on 17th July, a power cable was inadvertently disconnected, which led, ultimately, to loss of altitude control and subsequent loss of power. It took two or three days to regain full power, which has delayed the proposed spacewalk to evaluate the damaged module.

English born astronaut Mike Foale is presently aboard Mir, and will play a major part in any repair activities. However, as time goes by, doubts rise as to the viability of keeping the space station manned.

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The Military X Files

D.D.I.(Tech)/C.290/3/

Unidentified Objects at West Freugh

1. On the morning of April 4th radar operators at West Freugh detected unidentified objects on the screens of their radars. A summary of this incident is given below.

2. The object was first observed as a stationary return on the screen of a radar at Balecalloch. Although its range remained appreciably constant for about 10 minutes its height appeared to alter from about 50,000 to 70,000 ft. A second radar was switched on and detected the "object" at the same range and height.

3. The radar sets used were capble of following objects automatically, besides being manually operated. The information is obtained in the form of polar coordinates but it can be converted to give plan position [illegible] or linear with heights. This information can be fed into plotting [illegible] which displays the position of the object by means of an electronic [illegible] while the height is shown on a meter.

[illegible] object was tracked on the [illegible] for about [illegible] minutes in turn to check [illegible] so that cable in turn to check [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
7 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 31 July 1997.

2. In my previous letter I explained the MOD's limited interest in "UFO" related issues. The MOD has no requirement for sighting reports to be logged other than on a daily basis in accordance with the date of the sighting. For this reason I am unable to provide detailed information on the categories of sightings or the locations as requested in your letter.

3. The MOD has no views whatsoever on alleged "men in black" encounters.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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London SW1A 2HB

Dear [redacted]

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter/~~complaint of~~ ..... 31 July
~~about military aircraft activity~~. about "UFOs".

We aim to reply to such letters/~~complaints~~ within four working weeks from date of receipt. However, owing to current administrative difficulties it may not be possible to reply to you within this timescale.

Nevertheless, you may be assured that you will receive a substantive reply as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Cheltenham,
GLOS.
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Sec (AS) 2a,
Room 8245,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
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London
SW1A 2HB

31 July, 1997.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you very much for your letter to me (21st February). I found the information helpful, especially the document, "Unexplained Lights," concerning the RAF Woodbridge event.

I would like, again, to request information about UFO's, specifically "Flying Triangles." Any information would be appreciated.

I would also be grateful to hear if you have any information concerning UFO sightings located in West Sussex. Any descriptions of UFO's, dates, documents and descriptions of the area of any sightings, would be very helpful.

Finally, I would be interested to know where the Ministry of Defence stands on alleged "Men in Black" encounters. I would like to add that I neither believe in a Government conspiracy to "cover up" the truth about UFO's, or that "Men in Black"

are of ectra-terrestrial origin.

I thank you in advance for your help.

Yours Faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 36

Section 40

Bromley By Bow,
London.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
7 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letters of 14 August and 2 September in which you have given details of several unusual aerial sightings seen above East London throughout the summer. I would like to apologise for the delay in replying.

2. In your letter of 14 August, you stated that you had seen various "unexplained" aircraft in the sky above your local park. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any other "UFO" reports from the East London area on the dates listed.

3. As the sightings were all in the vicinity of the London City Airport, you asked if air traffic control could check if any strange objects had appeared on their radar. I would suggest that you either get in touch with the airport itself or write to the Civil Aviation Authority at CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE. It is highly unlikely that any military aircraft would have been operating in the East London region as major built-up areas are generally avoided by military aircraft.

4. I should wish to assure you that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force and we remain vigilant for any potential military threat. Our enquiries have revealed that on 2 September 1997 there was no unusual air defence activity, no penetration by hostile military aircraft of the UK Air Defence Region, no unknown aircraft activity on any military radars and that no Quick Reaction Alert aircraft were scrambled.

5. Finally, please find enclosed your video which I am returning with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

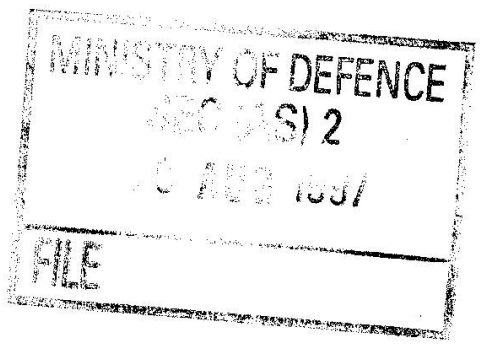
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Section 40

Bromley By Bow
London
Section 40

14.8.97

Sec(As)2a
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M.O.D.
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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your previous letter dated June 30th. I have enclosed a photograph taken on the 11th of July at approximately 4.00pm in a local park. The object was visible for about ten minutes and in that time displayed a series of unusual aerial manoeuvres including hovering in mid-air as well as descending and ascending. I estimate the object to be 20-30 feet in diameter and was of a deltoid shape, resembling a black triangle in appearance. since then I have sighted several UFO's in the skies above the park, the dated of these other sightings are as follows;

1. July 9th 1997. 4-5.00pm

Silvery disc shaped object spotted hovering between clouds. Highly reflective metallic surface. Visibility excellent. Bright sunny day, few clouds in the sky. Visible for 30-60 seconds.

2. July 11th 1997. 4.00pm

Black triangle shaped object sighted descending from the clouds quite slowly and performing an unusual tumbling motion. Object hovered for approximately 2 minutes before slowly ascending into the clouds and out of sight. Bright sunny day with slightly increased cloud cover. Object was in full view for in total 10 minutes. Photographs were taken.

3. 25th July 1997. Afternoon.

Silvery disc shaped object observed hovering between clouds. Highly reflective metallic surface was reflecting the suns rays. Bright sunny day. Some cloud cover. Object visible for about 2-3 minutes before disappearing into clouds.

4. 27th July 1997 4.00pm approx.

Silvery disc shaped object sighted between clouds hovering. Visible for 1 minute. Visibility excellent. Some cloud cover. Strange short 'vapour trail' was visible just after UFO disappeared. Vapour trail evaporated within 10 seconds. Totally silent.

5. 13th August 1997 5.00pm.

Silver disc was observed entering cloud cover. Object was not observed to have emerged from the cloud. Visible for 10-15 seconds. Visibility excellent.

6. 14th August 1997. 4.15pm.

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Highly reflective metallic disc shaped object was observed behind a commercial airliner. The object appeared to be rotating as it seemed to reflect the suns rays in a cyclical motion. Object headed east before disappearing behind obstruction. Clear sunny day with sparse cloud. Object was visible for 2-3 minutes. Photographs were taken.

As all these objects were sighted very near to Dockland's City Airport, I wonder if it would be possible to check with air traffic control at the airport to fathom if any radar contact was made on the days the objects were sighted? If these objects were tracked on radar then it may be possible to determine whether these sightings are worth investigating further.

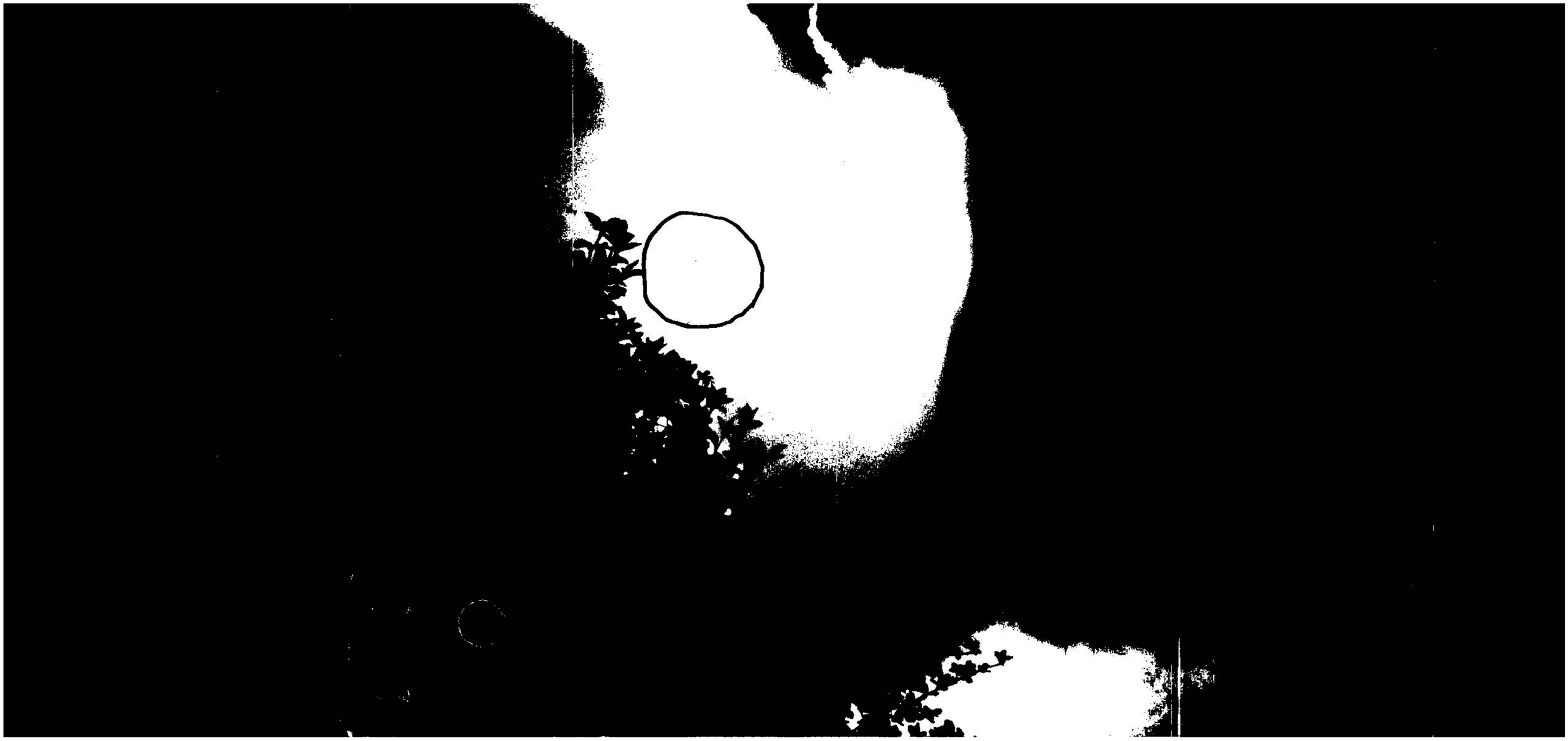
As you will find on the above report sheet, I observed a very clear sighting today (14th August) and was fortunate enough to take several clear photographs of the object and will forward you the relevant photos as soon as I have them processed. If I can be of any further assistance, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours Faithfully,

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Section 40

Bromley By Bow
London
Section 40

2.9.97

Sec(As)2a
Room 8245
M.O.D.
SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Please find the enclosed VHS cassette tape which contains camcorder footage of no less than three unidentified flying objects which appeared over Three Mills park in Bromley By Bow on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd of September at approximately 4.00pm. As you will discern from the video tape, the objects are of a very unusual nature, they are totally unlike any known (to me) aircraft and the fact that they were hovering in formation seems to discount the possibility of them being balloons of any kind. To my eyes, they seem to be under intelligent control which I think begs the question of who are flying these objects and, more importantly, is the MoD aware that these UFO's are invading British airspace time after time? I feel strongly that immediate steps should be implemented to ascertain whether these objects are authorised to be flying in crowded British airspace in the immediate vicinity of City Airport and, of more concern, whether they are of any defence significance.

I intend to make this video tape available to the press and media in the hope of uncovering some answers and welcome your views on this urgent matter.

Yours Faithfully,

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Section 40
Alton,
Stoke on Trent,
Staffordshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
6 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on 21 September 1997. The details of your report have been passed from the Staffordshire Police to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First perhaps it would be useful if I were to explain the MOD's interest with respect to reports of "unidentified flying objects". The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFOs" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 21 September in the Staffordshire area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40
North Walsham,
Norfolk.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
6 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your report of an unexplained aerial sighting which you observed on 14 September 1997. The details of your report have been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First perhaps it would be useful if I were to explain the MOD's interest with respect to reports of "unidentified flying objects". The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFOs" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 14 September in the Norfolk area, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Kingham,
Oxfordshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
6 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen on 1 October 1997. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 1 October in or around Oxfordshire, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Winchester,
Hampshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
2 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 August 1997 in which you described an unexplained aerial sighting observed in your area over the past few weeks. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to queries of this nature and I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Winchester
Hants

Section 40

August 27th 1994.

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing on behalf of a small group of us who have for the past few weeks on clear evenings, watching the sky after dusk, in hopes you can solve our little mystery.

Looking toward the northern sky at dusk we can see this object which has a very bright dark red glow or 'of a vivid emerald green in the middle and a saffire blue on the bottom, the blue only changes to a glowing white at times, it appears to be revolving but doesn't move about. Also it projects beams of light not to far away from itself. Toward midnight the object is higher in the sky at north east and can be seen very easy with the naked eye. without viewing binoculats and the colours ate more vivid. For the south-west there is something very similar but is only red + orange. They are about four times the size of the evening star.

Hope you can help us.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40

Southampton,
Hampshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
2 October 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 6 August (received on 26 August) regarding three unexplained aerial sightings. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "UFOs" and I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observations, I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any "UFO" reports from the Hampshire region for either 8, 9 or 10 July 1997.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Section 40
(Southampton UFO Group)
Section 40
Southampton
Hampshire
Section 40

Date : 6th August 1997.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed 3 recent UFO reports reported to the Southampton UFO Group, and I was wondering if you could help me with the following information that **MAY** explain the sightings.

Can you please supply details of any UFO reports reported to the Ministry Of Defense on the following dates :

1. 8th July 1997 at 00.30 am.
2. 9th July 1997 at 17.30 hrs...
3. 10th July 1997 Between 21.00 - 21.30 hrs.

If you could help with any information regarding any UFO reports/sightings that you have received especially from the Hampshire area on the above dates/times, all information would be gratefully received..

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40

Section 40 (Organizer of the Southampton UFO Group).

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SOUTHAMPTON U.F.O GROUP.

SIGHTING SUMMARY REPORT.

Date : 8.7.97 Ref :

Location : Southampton

Date : 8.7.97

Time : 00.30 am

Object 3 bright white lights, like strobe lights in Triangular formation. Central red light. Moved fast and flew from horizon to horizon....

Witness Section 40

Investigator : Evaluated By :

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SOUTHAMPTON U.F.O GROUP.

SIGHTING SUMMARY REPORT.

Date : 9th July 1997 Ref :

Location : Fareham, Hampshire.

Witness : Section 40 [redacted]

Time : 5.30 pm.

Weather Conditions : Clear Sky, Hot Day (26 - 27 Degs), No Clouds.

Direction : To the West towards Southampton.

Duration : First Sighting 3 - 4 Secs. Second Sighting 3 -4 Secs.

Object : Described as light being reflected off a mirror. Fairly large in size. It was a round/oval light - reflective ? motionless but seemed to wobble. It turnt off like turning off a torch (Or as someone turning off a light switch), but re-appeared in the same location. There was no noise and was high up. The object was White/Silver in colour. 2 mins after sighting, a plane went past but in a different direction. Witness certain that object was no light reflecting off a plane. It was a clear sky and nothing else visible in the sky. The witness had a clear view and although short sighted, was not wearing glasses at the time.

Investigator : Evaluated By :

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SOUTHAMPTON U.F.O GROUP.

SIGHTING SUMMARY REPORT.

Date : 10.7.97 Ref :

Location : Over Romsey

Date : Thursday 10th July 1997.

Time : Between 9pm - 9.30pm.

A black shape (Cloud like - Best described as saucer shaped).. No lights and Hovering.

Investigator : Evaluated By :

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Section 40

Wythenshaw,
Manchester.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
30 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 18 August 1997 in which you described an unexplained aerial sighting seen on the evening of 9 August over Wilmslow, Cheshire.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 9 August in or around Cheshire, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft which, as stated above, is our only interest.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Wythenshawe,
Manchester.
Section 40

18th August, 1997

Section 40

I'm writing to you, so as to make a formal report of the observation myself and my girlfriend made of a strange light in the sky over Wilmslow, Cheshire at 22.25hrs on the night of Aug, 9th 97 from the rear balcony of the Samuel Finny public house.

I must first of all explain that I refer to our observation as a light and not an aircraft because at no time during our observation did we see any structured shape. The light was very bright, brilliant white and sharp, it was bigger and brighter than any star, about the size of the two most brilliant stars in the sky put together. At no time could we see any beam emanating from the light source, the kind you would expect to see if the light was a search light of some sort. The light moved from our right to our left in a straight line and it did not appear to change it's altitude at any time. The speed was much faster than you would expect from say the police helicopter but slower than a low level fighter jet that I sometimes see flying over my place of work. At no time what so ever did we here any sound emanating from the light. After about 8 - 10 seconds of our observation I realised that the light was dimming at a rapid rate, within 3 seconds it had diminished to a reddish dot and then was gone. We did not see any Anti-collision lights throughout our observation, either as we were observing the light or after it had gone. The light disappeared well within our range of view and didn't go behind any building, tree top or cloud.

After later studying a map I could ascertain that the light was travelling in the direction of the British Aerospace Aerodrome at Woodford. Totally without any doubt in our minds, what we saw was neither a *Star, Comet, Satellite or Meteorite.* I can tell you that it definitely was flying and not falling or being blown by the wind. It possessed no physical shape I could ascertain and was not displaying any of the normal warning lights you associate with aircraft flying at night.

I reported our observation to the Wilmslow Police and to the Tower at Manchester Airport the next evening. I must say that I was very surprised and upset by the response I got from the Tower as they were most obstructive and unwilling to take our observation of something flying through

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the Wilmslow sky, only a few miles (a minute or two, flying time) from the Airport, at night with no lights on, as serious enough to log my report and not try to insult my intelligence by claiming it was a star. If the man I was speaking to at the Tower, who incidentally would not give me his name is typical of the people we entrust with the safety of the sky's, then I'm afraid a disaster is imminent.

I would like to here from you if you have any information that may solve the identification mystery of our observation. Also if you could let me know if any procedure exists for the Tower to log my report with the M.O.D as I believe it could be classed (and was referred to by the Tower) as a U.F.O.

Awaiting your responce, Section 40

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Section 40

Bishop Auckland,
County Durham.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
30 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 August regarding a sighting over Pickering, North Yorkshire.

2. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that the MOD did not receive any reports from the North Yorkshire/Durham area on 14 August 1997. I have also found that there were no military aircraft operating at low level (i.e. below 2000 feet) in that area at the time specified.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40
Bishop Auckland
County Durham
Section 40
TEL: Section 40

Section 40

August 21st 1997

Air Sec 2A
MoD
Whitehall
LONDON

Dear Section 40

As an investigator for BUFORA in the Durham/North Yorks area, I have been approached by several members of the public and advised of some unusual aerial activity on Thursday 14th August last, overhead Pickering, North Yorks.

At approx 2300 hrs local, a group of people witnessed what they initially thought was the Mir station passing above them in a NE direction, however, these people then saw an object of the same density and altitude moving in the opposite SW direction. These objects passed each other in close proximity then came to a stop. At this time, two other objects, one from the east, the other from the west, approached the two origional objects and also came to a stop. These people observed these objects for about a minute before the objects dispersed in varying directions.

I have since been in contact with Newcastle Airport, Teeside Airport, and RAF Leeming in an effort to confirm air traffic at that time. Each agency have confirmed that no air traffic was in that area at that time.

Because of the seemingly high altitude of these objects, I also contacted RAF Fylingdale for a possible explaination, they too had no record or knowledge of the incident.

I have since contacted LATCC, Aeronautical Infirmation Service (Military) who would not confirm or deny of any activity on the date, time and area as mentioned above. LATCC referred me to your department.

I would be grateful if you could confirm any military activity which would clarify this sighting. Also, can you advise me if any other agency or

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member of public have reported the same or similar observation in recent weeks.

I thank you for your time and look forward to your reply

Yours sincerely

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Message/Remarks:

A Section 40 HAS PHONED HERE TO REPORT UFO INCIDENTS IN LAST TWO WEEKS OF WHICH HE HAS VIDEO FOOTAGE. HE SAYS THE INCIDENTS IN NORFOLK/SUFFOLK BORDERS, EAST ANGLIA REGION, - HAVE ATTRACTED MEDIA INTEREST. HE HAS TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU BUT KEEPS GETTING YOUR ANSWER-PHONE - HE HAS ALSO PHONED A NUMBER OF BASES + CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY NO ONE IS INTERESTED AS 'IT COULD BE A THREAT' TO OUR SAFETY — Section 40 IS ON Section 40 Section 40 called on Thu 25 Sep. Advised him that if he wanted the Department to look at the video he should send it to Sec(AS)2 at the address given on the answerphone and it would be looked at. He was not happy with doing this but I was firm. If he refuses to send it in we can't connect Not sure what his problem is Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
22 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone on Thursday 18 September. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. I hope this explains our position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Section 40

1. Please find attached the draft response to Section 40 in reply to his latest questions, about RAF Rudloe Manor, and about the Corsham Computer Centre. The response about the latter branch may well provoke a further letter asking for more details, such as if Logs Command are not responsible, who are? Would addressees consider whether I should put in a line to the effect that the Centre is managed by the Procurement Executive?

2. I would appreciate addressees' confirmation that they are content with the draft by **1400hrs, Friday 19 September.**

Section 40

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Phoned Section 40 said contact but I'd be better to face the fact that he isn't going to give up and give him a poc for Corsham queries. In the meantime she's had some changes and its been agreed that the Press office and an address in the PE will handle the query if Section 40 chooses to carry on his line of questioning.

Section 40 8/11

HEADQUARTERS LOGISTICS COMMAND

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Please reply to the Air Officer Commanding in Chief

For the attention of: CS(Fin Sec)1

Our Reference: LC/356805/3/F&S

Date: September 1997

Dear Section 40

I have now looked into the points you raise in your recent letter about RAF Rudloe Manor. Your request to visit the site is denied. This ruling would generally apply to any member of the public or journalist seeking to visit any MOD establishment and is not unique to RAF Rudloe Manor.

This Command has no responsibility for the Corsham Computer Centre. I can also confirm that there is no access from RAF Rudloe Manor to the Centre.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Dear Section 40

in response to your letter of 4th June 1997 REF LC/356805/3/4/F&S. I requested a possible visit to RAF Rudloe Manor underground complex and was turned down on the basis that "It is not MOD policy to permit visits by members of the public to Service Establishments".

I wish to re-apply as I am a journalist and this would not simply be a public tour but as part of a feature I wish to write on the underground facilities. A lot of misconceptions exist about the scale and purpose of the underground facilities at RAF Rudloe Manor. Could you tell me if my request is acceptable in this form or is there any other type of application that I would need to make in order to facilitate such a visit. As you can see I am very keen.

Can you tell me if your unit is also in charge of the Corsham Computer Centre "CCC" and if so what is it's purpose. It appears that the CCC is connected to the Rudloe Manor tunnel systems. Is this so? Could you also tell me how many people work at the "CCC".

I must also thank you for your very helpful reply previously. I have not had much luck via the MOD press desk in London on some enquiries regarding Rudloe Manor. I must have found the correct person to be speaking to!

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

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LETTER FROM THE BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (BUFORA)

Please find attached a copy of a letter from Section 40 of BUFORA, which Sec(AS) asked us to reply to. The letter was written following a talk given at one of the Association's conferences by Section 40 a freelance journalist, who regularly corresponds about RAF Rudloe Manor. Also attached, for your information, is a copy of our reply.

Section 40

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From: Section 40 CS(FinSec)1

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Please reply to the Air Officer Commanding in Chief

For the attention of: CS(Fin Sec)1

Our Reference: LC/356805/3/4/F&S

Date: 18th September 1997

Dea Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 23 August 1997, addressed to Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a and copied to RAF Rudloe Manor, abou Section 40 . I have been asked to reply, and I would like to advise you that the points you raise have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

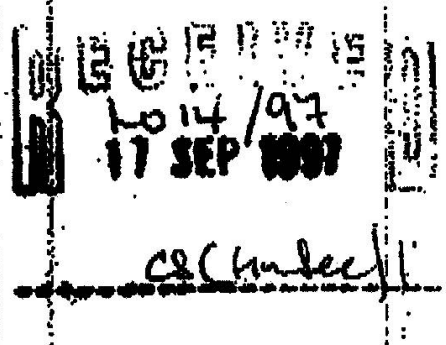


UFO Times

A BUFORA Publication

Editor: Section 40 Address: BUFORA Northern Office, Section 40
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23rd August 1997.



Ministry of Defence,
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
Room 8245,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the branch of the MoD concerned with reports of unidentified aerial objects, I thought that you might find the attached letter of interest. It was written to us by a concerned BUFORA member after our big Sheffield Conference last weekend, and it concerns the breaking into of RAF/ Ministry of Defence installations by one Section 40 a Welsh UFO "investigator". He was a speaker at the Conference, and has also spoken to at least one other group (Strange Phenomena Investigations in Scotland) about his exploits. The SPI talk was accompanied by slides showing his entry into RAF Rudloe Manor and of concrete tunnels and underground chambers; at the BUFORA conference he also showed a videotape of various people breaking into RAF Woodbridge/Bentwaters in front of a large audience.

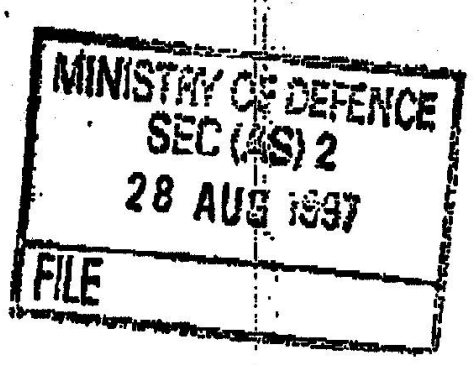
I would just like to point out that BUFORA does not condone or support illegal activities such as these. As you can see form the attached letter Section 40 is not acting with the support of BUFORA members and his activities are a matter of concern to the organization's ruling body. We are well aware that the official MoD line is that UFOs "are of no defence significance", but this matter surely is. Does the Ministry take legal action in cases such a this?

I will await your response with interest.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

cc. RAF Rudloe Manor, Wiltshire.



Secretariat(Air Staff) Fax Section 40 11 Sep '97 9:46 P.02

OPEN LETTER OF CENSURE TO THE BUFORA COUNCIL

To all BUFORA members

Originally having seen the Rudloe Manor presentation, I felt the need to write a letter which I was originally going to call 'COVER UP? OF COURSE THERE'S A COVER UP, BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MATTER?. But then to be shown at the BUFORA Conference a video tape showing the Conference organiser along with Section 40 openly trespassing on Ministry of Defence land at RAF Bentwaters and gaining access to what had appeared to be a previously secure hardened storage facility, made me feel compelled to write this letter.

I am a BUFORA member. Both my husband and I investigate UFO sightings. We have willingly passed the results of these investigations to BUFORA. We both have a lengthy and detailed knowledge of the subject.

First let me assure Section 40 that most military bases have underground facilities and yes, some are indeed connected by subterrancan transport systems. There is nothing unusual or sinister about this. It is merely a military fact of life. Since the commencement of the Second World War, with increased and accurate aerial and satellite surveillance, aerial bombardment and nuclear warfare, it has become necessary for the military to protect its supply and command and control structures in hardened underground facilities. If Rudloe Manor was the Headquarters of RAF Southern Sector, I would find it surprising if it did not have substantial underground facilities. But what has a detailed presentation of the military infrastructure to do whh UFOs?

Why does Section 40 feel aggrieved with Ministry of Defence personnel, whom he states acted in a hostile and aggressive manner towards him? Why does he feel the need to exact revenge? He made an unauthorised incursion on to Ministry of Defence property.

My husband is a police officer in North Yorkshire. His beat area adjoins RAF Fylingdales. On his visits to the base in an official capacity, he is accompanied by an armed military escort. He is not allowed to walk freely around the base. Had such an unauthorised incursion onto military property not been met by a military response, with or without drawn weapon, then those same military personnel would be guilty of neglect of duty. There is a substantial terrorist threat in the United Kingdom and all military bases are on a permanent state of heightened alert. Did Section 40 expect to be treated differently? The military are tasked to defend this country - that's me and you. I find nothing unusual in their use of covert and overt surveillance of persons and vehicles loitering in the vicinity of sensitive military establishments. I think Section 40 it is time to exercise a degree of maturity. Incidentally I will be unable to look at a dog-walker in green wellies and a wax jacket in the same light again. You have destroyed my innocence!

But to return to a more serious note. The military's primary role is the defence of our country. The RAF in particular are tasked to identify and evaluate, both radar and visual incursions into UK air space. I found it perplexing that an hour of conference time should be given to proving that Air Intelligence investigated UFO sightings in the 1950s and 60s. Of course they did. To think otherwise shows an amazing degree of naiveté. From Roswell onwards any student of this subject will be aware that the military and the government have covered things up, time and time again. There is nothing unusual in this. There are many valid reasons why this should be so. They may not wish to display their ignorance of the an event and therefore display their inability to counter a real or potential threat. There are factions in all societies who would exploit such vulnerability and thus undermine the government and the military and in turn its ability to defend its people. Perhaps they wish to cover up a crashed experimental weapon system. To do otherwise would be to expose its level of weapon technology. Remember the Cold War has only recently ended. The former Soviet Union is hardly a model of political stability. The world is not a safe place peaceful place. If only it were so.

My advice to Messrs. Section 40 is to take a leaf out of Section 40 book. He admits there was a cover up at Rendlesham from day one. He does not become obsessed with that cover up but goes on to probe the facts concealed behind it revealing truly amazing results. As UFO investigators we all acknowledge that facts are covered up and official denials issued. We have come to expect this. Our task is to penetrate the cover-up and reveal the concealed facts, --not to become obsessed with proving a cover up exists. It is easier to investigate static terrestrial targets, rather than the elusive and enigmatic subject of unidentified flying objects.

Finally Section 40 have you considered the consequence of your actions? You seem inordinately proud that you have over flown a sensitive military establishment and published photographs of it. Did you sign the Official Secrets Act when you worked for Her Majesty's Customs and Excise? Your need to name underground bases -underground command and control structures and the existence of Intelligence Agencies at Rudloe Manor, places this sensitive material in the public domain for the use of aggressors both internal and external. Investigation without responsibility is dangerous.

I believed when I joined BUFORA that it was a mature organisation dedicated to research into UFOs. To my dismay, I find it members openly boasting their ability to make over flights of sensitive military establishments, to make illegal and unexpected visits to RAF Rudloe Manor and to trespass on to Ministry of Defence Property at RAF Bentwaters and to gain entry to what appeared to be a previously locked facility. the action of the trespassers on the video tape footage show that they knew what they were doing was wrong. Contrary to Section 40 protestations, trespass, with or without acts of damage or theft, is an offence against civil law and an Association or its members found committing acts of pure trespass may be sued in the Civil Courts.

To find such a respected organisation as BUFORA actively or passively condoning such behaviour at its Conference, is an act of suicidal folly. Recently the UFO movement has gained much credibility in the eyes of the public and its past image of 'crankiness' is beginning to disappear. But with its members committing such acts is to play directly into the hands of our detractors and opponents. It will give the authorities the excuse they need to quietly withdraw any support or co-operation that may have existed and sympathetic MPs may, in the future, go out of their way to avoid contact with such an organisation and its members. Ultimately it will do the movement much harm.

I believe that UFOs are a topic worthy of serious, lengthy and detailed investigation. I feel that the study of the subject will ultimately lead to a profound realignment in how we see ourselves, our place in the world and the universe and perhaps our view of reality itself. It is a widely challenging and exciting topic. The search for an answer will require hard and dedicated investigation, but it is primarily the study of unexplained aerial phenomena. Both Rudloe Manor and RAF Bentwaters are identified and terrestrial.

I lay before the BUFORA Council a challenge to respond collectively to this letter. I know from the comments of the Association's membership and the members of the public who attended the conference at Hallam University that the Conference did much to harm the Associations public image.

Consider your reply carefully. I am not sure that I wish to remain a member of an Association, which either passively or actively condones such illegal and irresponsible acts. I feel that the Association should censure those individuals concerned and ask them to consider their future as members of BUFORA. The Association must seem to operate at all times in an open responsible manner within the legal framework of this country. The Association and its membership are not above the law.

I feel that the emphasis on conspiracy theory will ultimately mean that BUFORA will lose its way in those dark subterranean tunnels of the secret bases that seem to preoccupy so much time of the advocates of a such a theory. BUFORA is dedicated to research into UFOs, unexplained aerial phenomena. I feel the answer will *not* be found underground.

With heartfelt concern,

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Whitby, North Yorshire.

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LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Section 40

Please find attached a copy of the response to Section 40 following his latest enquiries about RAF Rudloe Manor and the Corsham Computer Centre.

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Please reply to the Air Officer Commanding in Chief

For the attention of: CS(Fin Sec)1

Our Reference: LC/356805/3/F&S

Date: 16 September 1997

Dear Section 40

I have now looked into the points you raise in your recent letter about RAF Rudloe Manor. Your request to visit the site is denied. This ruling would generally apply to any member of the public or journalist seeking to visit any MOD establishment and is not unique to RAF Rudloe Manor.

This Command has no responsibility for the Corsham Computer Centre. This lies with the Procurement Executive. The point of contact, should you consider it essential to persist with your enquiries, is:

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Procurement Executive
Ministry of Defence
Abbey Wood #1
BRISTOL
BS12 7DU

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 22

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Shipston-on-Stour,
Warwickshire.

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1997 in which you requested any information the Ministry of Defence may hold on two unexplained sightings.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MOD did not receive any reports for 4 November 1996 or 5 August 1997 in or around the areas specified. I have returned your SAE as we have our own postal arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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SHIPSTON -ON- STOUR

WARWICKSHIRE

Section 40

7-9-97

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

I AM AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (BUFORA). I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, IF YOU COULD TELL ME, IF THERE WERE ANY MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN THE TWO FOLLOWING AREAS.

1) CHIPPING CAMPDEN - BROADWAY - EVENING OF 4TH NOVEMBER 1996

2) ALCESTER - STUDLEY - 10-30 P.M TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 1997

PHOTOCOPIES OF BOTH SIGHTINGS AND A MAP ARE ENCLOSED FOR YOUR RECORDS.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THE SECOND SIGHTING COULD HAVE BEEN A PROTOTYPE U.A.V. - UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE. IF THIS IS TRUE, I THINK THE AIR FORCE OR WHO EVER CONTROLS THIS TYPE OF CRAFT WERE VERY STUPID TO FLY ONE OVER A MAIN ROAD, IT MAY HAVE CAUSED A VERY SERIOUS CAR CRASH.

IF IT IS POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE A REPLY TO EACH SIGHTING ON A SEPERATE LETTER, AS I WILL BE PRODUCING TWO SEPERATE REPORTS TO BUFORA. ENCLOSED IS A S.A.E.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

YOURS SINCERELY

Section 40

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Women shocked by UFO sighting

A GIANT Unidentified Flying Object hovered in the South Warwickshire sky - just feet away from two terrified women.

Carole Corden and Jill Day actually passed under the brightly-lit UFO which was about the size of two double decker buses.

The friends spotted the object as they travelled back to Redditch from a show rehearsal in Stratford earlier this month.

Shortly after 10.30pm, as they approached The Stag at Redhill, Carole, a passenger in Jill's Rover, saw something in the sky to the north west.

"It was an absolutely massive bright light - bigger than the moon," she told the Standard.

Their view was blocked by hedgerows and it wasn't until they were about to get off the Alcester by-pass and head

Tim Hunt

towards Studley along Ryknild Street that they both got a full view of the UFO.

"As we approached the last island the light started coming down to tree level," added Carole.

"We slowed right down. We just knew that what we were seeing was something we hadn't seen before.

"It was triangular with three neon lights on each point with a bright, but not dazzling, orange light in the middle, surrounded by black.

"I could see girders on the sides, but it didn't seem to have any depth.

"It all sounds very far-fetched but that's what we saw. At one stage I honestly thought it was going to suck me up."

Jill accelerated away from the scene, with Carole looking back to see the object rising back up into the sky.

It wasn't until the next day that the shock hit them. Things got worse when Carole discovered that the mother of another friend had seen something similar near Birmingham that same night (Tuesday, August 5).

Gloria Dixon of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) described their experience as "the classic UFO sighting", but poured cold water on any suggestion of it being extra-terrestrial.

"It's almost certain to be military. There is a prototype UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) which is thought to be flying out of several British Aerospace bases.

"They tend to be silent and low-flying and they are also very frightening."

Did you see anything strange in the sky that night? Send a report of any UFO sightings to the Standard.

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Lights Fantastic



ABOVE This photo is taken from Campden Hole, which turned out to be an ideal skywatching site for Mark Nobes on 4th November 1996. Whilst there he saw a group of white and blue lights perform strange manoeuvres in the sky.

Dear ALIEN ENCOUNTERS,
Please find enclosed a true story for possible inclusion in your magazine. After reading the other paranormal/UFO magazines, I have come to the conclusion that ALIEN ENCOUNTERS is by far the most informative and interesting read – it leaves the other mags standing!

The evening of 4th November 1996 turned out to be a very strange one indeed. It was a Monday, and this meant I had the pleasure of taking out the stinking rubbish bags for the dustmen. It was about 10pm, and as I walked back up the driveway after dumping the rubbish bags I noticed a number of bright white lights flickering through the clouds to the north-west.

It was very difficult to tell how many lights there were as they were moving about so quickly, but at a guess I'd say there were about 20 or so. At first I thought it could be lightning, but there wasn't any forecast and the lights were darting about the sky very rapidly, staying in an area about the size of the Plough. Their movements were very much like that of a swarm of gnats on a hot summer's day.

They appeared to be moving eastwards and after observing them for about five minutes I rushed into the house to tell my mum. She reluctantly dragged herself to the kitchen door to take a look, after much persuasion. My mum is very narrow-minded when it comes to the subject of UFOs, but even she was amazed by what she saw. She seemed quite frightened and went back indoors after a few minutes.

I knew I could get a better view if I went up to Dover's Hill, which is half a mile away, and decided to drive up there. Unfortunately it was facing slightly too far east, so I drove to what is locally known as 'Campden Hole'. This turned out to be ideal as it's very high up and away from any street lights. It points towards Broadway and Cheltenham.

After about ten minutes of viewing the lights, half of them turned blue and they all came together to form a sort of oval shape. Then a larger blue light appeared in the centre of them – I wasn't sure where it came from – and they all moved very rapidly eastwards and disappeared in a matter of seconds. It was a great shame that the sky was overcast as I'm sure that the view would have been even more fascinating had the sky been clear. I felt sure that it wasn't a laser show as the only shows are in August at Long Marston airfield when the Phoenix festival and Bulldog Motorcycle Bash are on. Besides, these lights were too far west and didn't form a regular pattern like laser lights usually do.

Alien Gardening

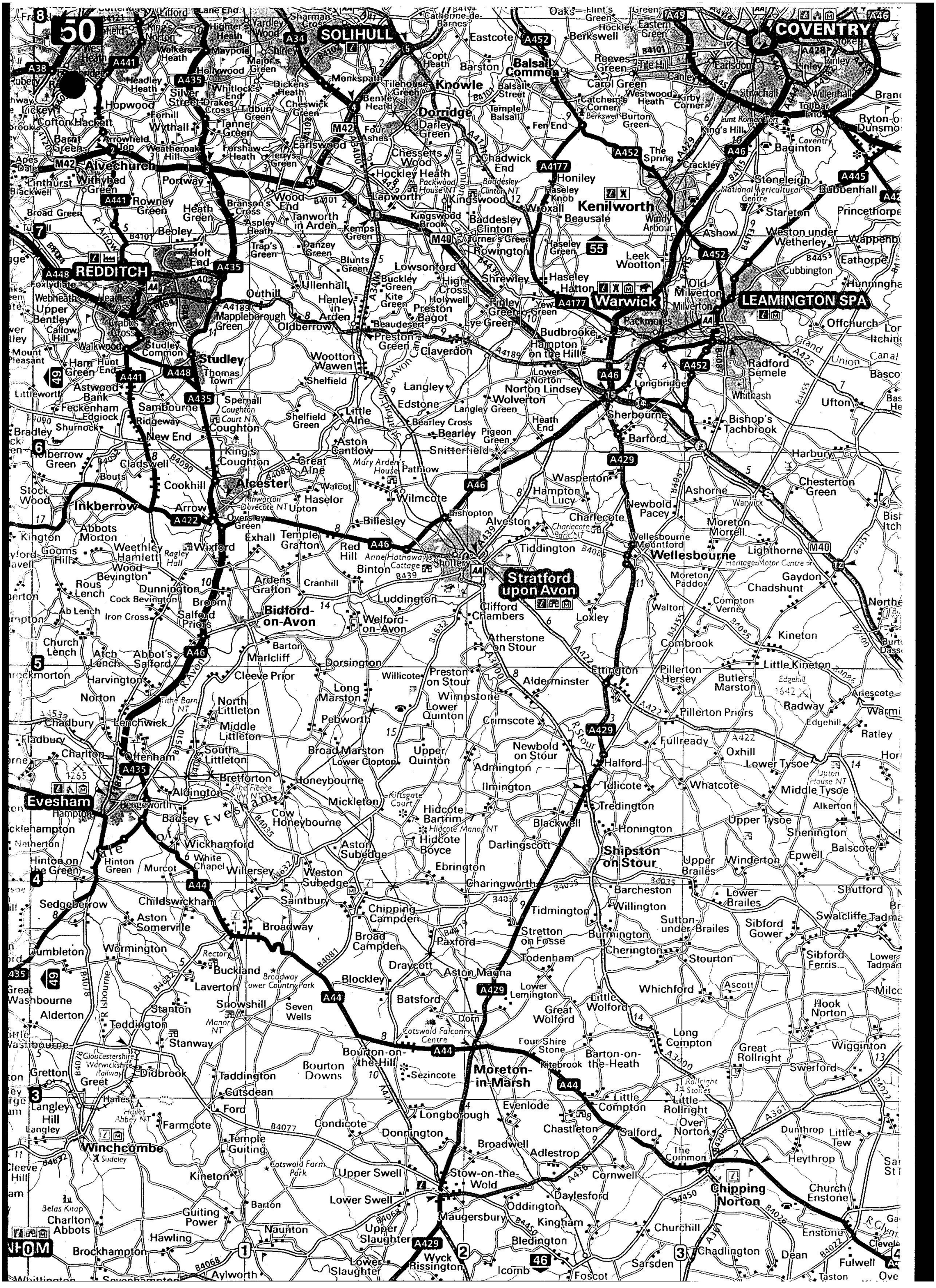
The next morning, I witnessed something even stranger. I went outside with the dog at about 8.10pm and noticed that all of the daffodil bulbs, which were recently planted, were lying on top of the ground. Not a single bulb out of the 200 which we planted remained under the soil. I thought that maybe a mole or even the birds had pulled them out, but surely not every single bulb? I am still trying to find an explanation to this mystery and whether it had any connection with the strange lights I saw.

This is only the second UFO encounter I've had and I hope it isn't the last as I found the whole event pretty fascinating. I've been quite keen on astronomy ever since I was a young lad and this has to be the most exciting event I've witnessed. Much more interesting than Hale-Bopp! I wonder if any other readers have experienced any similar encounters or if anyone else in the North Cotswolds saw anything on the same night? I have enclosed a photo taken from 'Campden Hole', which is a country lane between Chipping Campden and Broadway and situated next to Fish Hill. This is where I viewed the UFOs.

Please keep up the first class work and may I wish you every success for the future.
Mark Nobes,
Chipping Campden.

We Want Your Stories!

If you have experienced something connected with UFOs that you are just dying to tell someone but don't know where to turn, jot it down and send it to us at *ALIEN ENCOUNTERS, Paragon Publishing, Paragon House, St Peter's Rd, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 2JS.*
The more personal experiences we can gather, the more data we can collate on the UFOs and aliens themselves. All respects for anonymity will be respected.


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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 21

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Section 40

Nr Elgin,
Morayshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your recent letter regarding "unidentified flying objects". This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to this subject.

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4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Section 40

N.R Elgin
Moray
Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you because I am doing a project on U.F.O's and I was wondering if you would send me some information to help me. If you would could you send me a hand written letter on your views: are there U.F.O's? I would also like some leaflets and posters if possible.

Thank-you very much.

Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your report of an unexplained sighting which you observed from your home on the evening of 5 September 1997. Section 40 Section 40 longer works in this department and I have been asked to respond to your report.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 5 September in or around London, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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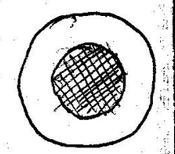
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Appendix 2

The Form Used for Reporting UFO Sightings

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	5-9-1997-7.50pm-8.50pm 1 Hour, again at 9.25pm For a Further 4 Minutes.
2. Description of object (No. of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	The object Was a round Ball of Bright White light With a Darker Centre about 25 Feet across No noise Was heard.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, station ary/moving)	Our Stationary position Was looking through the open kitchen Window on the 1st Floor looking North towards the Thames.
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	This object Was observed With the Naked eye and With 20×50 BINOCULARS.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	The object Was Seen to the North over the THAMES RIVER near the Railway bridge (Tube). Aircraft were seen Flying above and below it.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	It's First Sighting Was Just above the height of the Tube trains as it went over 1st Bridge at East PUTNEY.
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Before the object moved It looked as IF it Was over the THAMES RIVER to the North OF My position about One Mile away



6.6.1963.

8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	The object did not Move For 20 Minutes at about 1500 Feet then it Zig Zaged up and down then went in a staight line very slowly From West to East Went behind the OLSY Building then returned.
9. Met: conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)	Clear blue Sky With Some Slow Moving Clouds before it became Dark. There was no haze or Mist. Clear Night
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	East PUTNEY TUBE STATION to my Right. OLSY Building Also In Front and to my Right. Large office Block to My Left. This object was seen between these two building the tube runs between the two heading North over the Thames River
1. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc.)	[redacted]
2. Name & address of informant	[redacted] PUTNEY LONDON. [redacted]
3. Background of informant that may be volunteered	The [redacted] Family have lived in PUTNEY For Over 30 Years
4. Other witnesses	[redacted]
5. Date and time of receipt	5.9.1997. 7.50PM-8.50PM
6. Any unusual meteorological conditions	No Unusual Meteorological conditions observerd.
7. Remarks It at times, BLINK in and OUT of Vision. Zig Zag Movement. Very Bright OUT side edge Dark centre	This object when seen through Binoculars had no Wings or a Fusalage was silent, had no Green or Red Navigational lights like the other planes and Helicopter Flying Close by.

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Section 40
Kettering,
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Section 40

Your reference
NAS0097
Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 6 September regarding an unusual aerial sighting.

2. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that the MOD did not receive any "UFO" reports for the Northamptonshire region for 4 September.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
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Dear Section 40

On Thursday 4th September,1997,in Lowick Northamptonshire a Unknown object was witnessed for about 2-3 minuets. The witness is ex-RAF and has stated to me that he is completely mystified by what he saw.
To add to this,he was woken by a low flying helicopter about 50 minuets later.
The time of the sighting:10:50pm - 10:53pm
Helicopter seen : 11:40pm
He is positive that the object was not Aircraft,a star or planet,meteor or anything man made.
Did you have any sightings reported that night or around that night.

Yours Sincerely

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 18

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Dover,
Kent.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen on 14, 15 and 16 September 1997. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

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4. With regard to your particular observations, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 14, 15 or 16 September in or around Kent, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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Derbyshire.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
15 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 28 August, the content of which has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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28th August 1997

Section 40

Chesterfield
Derbyshire
UK

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Regarding my previous letter of 24th July 1997 to the Defence Secretary about sophisticated evil aliens torturing people who hear voices and in some cases including mine suffer pains, the latest information I have is that the aliens who are torturing me are about to land and perhaps colonize earth. The date specified is September 1st. They have made me aware of this through an advert where the compilers of which have had their thoughts controlled, all subsequent thoughts I have had doubting the fact that they will indeed land have been responded by voices,controlling of my eyes,coincidences etc. rejecting my doubts and backing up the advert's message. This is just to make you aware of this event as I felt I had to do something constructive and try to inform the world about this proposed event. Please get in touch with me if this does happen and I can tell you more about the aliens and their terrible tortures against humans.

Yours,

Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
15 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 16 August addressed to Section 40 regarding unidentified flying objects, the content of which has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

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16th August 1997.

Dear Section 40

Ref: UFO'S etc.

It is important for your office to understand that The Holy Spirit use vehicles in the space areas, which can be monitored by sensitve beams. In the past to prove Spiritual existence, infra-red films were used in cameras, now these and other beams exist in the air space, so I believe it is possible to see Spiritual Space Vehicles more sonow, which seems to cause panic in MOD offices, & areas.

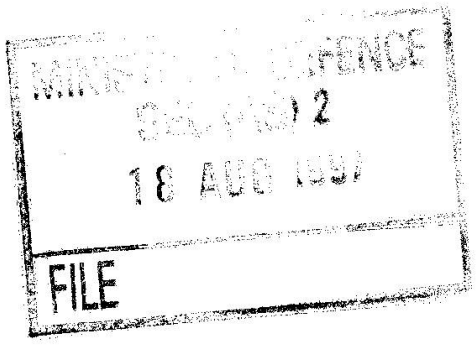
Because orthodox religions would not accept New Spiritual Teachings, Visions, Spiritual Persons, mediums in the 1800's, 1900's and recent years correctly, science and especially war science has over-ruled and over-balanced ways to the complete detriment of Planet Earth and the Universe.

People who see and work for and with The Holy Spirit as channellers, healers, writers or belong to reliable organisations, keep in touch with Their Desires, Worries and Forecasts. We have many organisations celebrating as a 10 year anniversary of Harmonic Convergence for The Lord and Helpers, plus 20, 50,100,150 years of Spiritual Happenings & existances of certain organisations who have been ignored by orthodox religions with their fears to change to Holy Peaceful Ways.

At this time war ideas should be nil and dangers of what is and could be, thought about and corrected. UFO's should not be encountered or shot at. Most are on Mercy Missions, rallying for Spiritual Conferences, checking seas, lands and watching where nuclears are dumped for future generations and the consideration of the health side of life now and future.

I am against human space travel and vast electronics in space. Weather is being affected and health.

I know many of Earth ignore the obvious, brain-wash the majority by their ignorance and bad psychology prospects and have brought vast destructions and hates. Now space satellites and vast electronics can see all, everywhere on Earth and much of other planets, which I do not approve of either, but "blindness"and ignorance rules, I believe it is time, people listened to The Holy Spirit and brought The Peace and Ways They desire.



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NASA were helped by science fiction writers &"black magic" psychics and have over-ruled better guidance for Earth. Such are researching for life for facts in the Universe which is over-ruling Holy Spirit Care. Therefore I advise you to read "New Teachings" and such True Holy Writings, because stability is required. The U.N set up for World Peace has become a war organisation as Yugoslavia proved etc. No-one seems to want to know about a Holy Visionary Situation taking place at Medjugorje from June 1981 to the present day & will carry on. But, killing became the vogue for the sake of a pride.

Killings create vast problems and extra work for The Holy Spirit and is not required at any time. We all pass on after death of the body to some place but due to past and present terrible times on Earth, many souls are still not collected, are lost and can cause many problems, which many mediums and such help to calm and collect with Spirit Guardians and thus they are taken to be healed in the Spirit World, of which there are"many Mansions etc."

It is time for warriors of any description to think of peace, saving the planet and all life on it and bring it to a sensible way and conclusion, for a future to be for the children and future generations.

The Secret Acts have made life very difficult for people who work with The Holy Spirit or even those who can see dangers amid us, and try to alter the situation. It is far beyond the time that changes should be & sense rule.

Sincerely,

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HEALING—THE BASIS OF CHRISTIANITY

Christ Jesus through Virginia Essene

Beloved Love Corps members, supporters, and light workers everywhere,

It is once again a joyous instant for me to come forth through the open portals of your heart and to extend my celestial embrace of light and love wherever I am welcomed by your sacred remembrance of the Creator. Then let us share the true delight of knowing that your present awakening is totally supported by the spiritual realms of your soulful origin! And that you came to model here on this planet the magnificent Divine principles known in the deepest recesses of your soul memory. Indeed, as you remember your purposes and commit yourself to these pregnant moments of manifesting humanity's evolution, the ascension process unfolds its mystical pattern. How can I come to you courageous beings of devotion and perseverance, then, with anything less than my respect and admiration? —as well as my concern and support. You are treasured by me far beyond these physical words, far beyond the limits of your three-dimensional time, beloveds. Can you sense what I say about this? In sharing this blessed bliss of bonding together in love and purpose, dear ones, now let me proceed with the topic at hand, which is very important to me, as I trust it will also be for you...healing is the true basis of Christianity.

In several past newsletter issues I have especially discussed the critical need for each of you to take care of your physical health as you go through the unusual DNA energy shifts during this time of transformation. And I will revisit that message again in this issue because so many light servers are struggling in various areas of their lives, including the physical. This is not an easy energy time and we have great compassion for the suffering and challenges which some of you must face.

Regrettably, the religion that is presently termed Christian has NOT given you all the tools you need to safely experience this evolutionary shift! And frankly, much of my healing mission and the teachings that I shared long ago of a high metaphysical nature were not kept in the Bible that you read today. There are innumerable reasons for this, but the major ones have to do with the lack of consciousness of the general society back then...the fact that not everything I taught was written down properly (if at all)...that both deliberate and accidental mistranslations of my life activities have crept into various biblical versions...and the intention of later powerful church officials to keep the self-empowerment aspect of my teachings out of the everyday practices of the people, thereby disempowering them.

Of course, there have been other great religions —especially in the Asian lands—that insisted on meditation and proper dietary practice, and there have been scattered individuals and groups of wise and loving members of the early Christian church, particularly, who were attuned to the basic self-empowerment principles that I came to introduce. And before there was a formalized Christian

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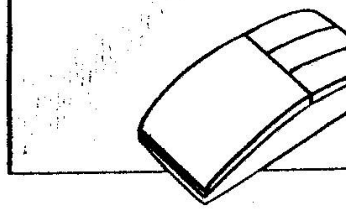
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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 15

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
15 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 14 July addressed to the Prime Minister regarding the "UFO" phenomenon. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

5. You asked if "UFO" sighting reports will be made available to the public. You will wish to be aware that, as with other government departments, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, and at the thirty year point they are transferred to the Public Record Office and into the public domain. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" report files were destroyed after five years

because of limited archive space and due to insufficient public interest in the subject, there was no reason for them to be retained. Since 1967 due to an increase in public interest these files are now routinely preserved. However, a few files from the Fifties and Sixties did survive and may be viewed by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199	
AIR 20/7390	AIR 2/16918
AIR 20/9320	AIR 2/17318
AIR 20/9321	AIR 2/17526
AIR 20/9322	AIR 2/17527
AIR 20/9994	AIR 2/17982
PREM 11/855	AIR 2/17983

6. You will be interested to know that the Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The timetable currently envisaged involves the publication of a White Paper before the end of the year.

7. I hope this explains the position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS)2

Ref No 001041/1997

Date - 5 SEP 1997

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days.**

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
MB 6140 EXT Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
-8 SEP 1997
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UFOs

PRIME MINISTER'S
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

001041

No acknowledgement has been sent.
It is important that some form of
acknowledgement is sent by your
Department, and a FULL REPLY
IF NECESSARY

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SCOTLAND.

14/7/97

Dear Prime minister

I am writing to ask if you could tell me if the Goverment has any official policy on the UFO Phenomenon?

I wish to state that I'm not even a Sci Fi fan but merely an interested member of the public. I believe given the infinite measure of the universe I think it is an intelligent belief that life exists elsewhere, and of course if life does exist elsewhere it ~~may~~ may be be intelligent or vastly intelligent compared to our knowledge.

Also given the recent Pathfinder mission to Mars, it would seem at least the U.S. Goverment take life in the universe seriously.

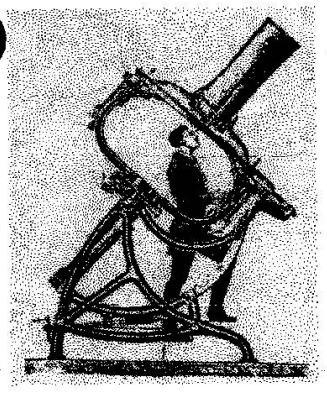
With your promise on a new Open Goverment, will the MOD make reported UFO sightings available to the public and Media?

Life in the universe is an amazing thought. But; if Alien Intelligence is coming to Earth and trying to contact mankind, this would surely be the biggest and most incredible thing in the history of Man.

Yours Faithfully

Section 40

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UFO Times

A BUFORA Publication

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 14

Spoke to Section 40
Cmd Sec HQLC.
They are well aware of Section 40
'Roger Cook' type activities. Apparently he had a friend 'infiltrated' or at least attempted to once on 24 Dec 94!!! She's agreed to respond thanking them for bringing this to their attention but not commenting on what went on

23rd August 1997.

Ministry of Defence,
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
Room 8245,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the branch of the MoD concerned with reports of unidentified aerial objects, I thought that you might find the attached letter of interest. It was written to us by a concerned BUFORA member after our big Sheffield Conference last weekend, and it concerns the breaking into of RAF/ Ministry of Defence installations by one Section 40 a Welsh UFO "investigator". He was a speaker at the Conference, and has also spoken to at least one other group (Strange Phenomena Investigations in Scotland) about his exploits. The SPI talk was accompanied by slides showing his entry into RAF Rudloe Manor and of concrete tunnels and underground chambers; at the BUFORA conference he also showed a videotape of various people breaking into RAF Woodbridge/Bentwaters in front of a large audience.

Section 40 2/9

I would just like to point out that BUFORA does not condone or support illegal activities such as these. As you can see form the attached letter, Section 40 is not acting with the support of BUFORA members and his activities are a matter of concern to the organization's ruling body. We are well aware that the official MoD line is that UFOs "are of no defence significance", but this matter surely is. Does the Ministry take legal action in cases such a this?

I will await your response with interest.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

cc. RAF Rudloe Manor, Wiltshire.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
28 AUG 1997
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OPEN LETTER OF CENSURE TO THE BUFORA COUNCIL

To all BUFORA members

Originally having seen the Rudloe Manor presentation, I felt the need to write a letter which I was originally going to call 'COVER UP? OF COURSE THERE'S A COVER UP, BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MATTER?. But then to be shown at the BUFORA Conference a video tape showing the Conference organiser along with Section 40 openly trespassing on Ministry of Defence land at RAF Bentwaters and gaining access to what had appeared to be a previously secure hardened storage facility, made me feel compelled to write this letter.

I am a BUFORA member. Both my husband and I investigate UFO sightings. We have willingly passed the results of these investigations to BUFORA. We both have a lengthy and detailed knowledge of the subject.

First let me assure Section 40 that most military bases have underground facilities and yes, some are indeed connected by subterranean transport systems. There is nothing unusual or sinister about this. It is merely a military fact of life. Since the commencement of the Second World War, with increased and accurate aerial and satellite surveillance, aerial bombardment and nuclear warfare, it has become necessary for the military to protect its supply and command and control structures in hardened underground facilities. If Rudloe Manor was the Headquarters of RAF Southern Sector, I would find it surprising if it did not have substantial underground facilities. But what has a detailed presentation of the military infrastructure to do with UFOs?

Why does Section 40 feel aggrieved with Ministry of Defence personnel, whom he states acted in a hostile and aggressive manner towards him? Why does he feel the need to exact revenge? He made an unauthorised incursion on to Ministry of Defence property.

My husband is a police officer in North Yorkshire. His beat area adjoins RAF Fylingdales. On his visits to the base in an official capacity, he is accompanied by an armed military escort. He is not allowed to walk freely around the base. Had such an unauthorised incursion onto military property not been met by a military response, with or without drawn weapon, then those same military personnel would be guilty of neglect of duty. There is a substantial terrorist threat in the United Kingdom and all military bases are on a permanent state of heightened alert. Did Section 40 expect to be treated differently? The military are tasked to defend this country - that's me and you. I find nothing unusual in their use of covert and overt surveillance of persons and vehicles loitering in the vicinity of sensitive military establishments. I think Section 40 it is time to exercise a degree of maturity. Incidentally I will be unable to look at a dog walker in green wellies and a wax jacket in the same light again. You have destroyed my innocence!

But to return to a more serious note. The military's primary role is the defence of our country. The RAF in particular are tasked to identify and evaluate, both radar and visual incursions into UK air space. I found it perplexing that an hour of conference time should be given to proving that Air Intelligence investigated UFO sightings in the 1950s and 60s. Of course they did. To think otherwise shows an amazing degree of naïveté. From Roswell onwards any student of this subject will be aware that the military and the government have covered things up, time and time again. There is nothing unusual in this There are many valid reasons why this should be so. They may not wish to display their ignorance of the an event and therefore display their inability to counter a real or potential threat. There are factions in all societies who would exploit such vulnerability and thus undermine the government and the military and in turn its ability to defend its people. Perhaps they wish to cover up a crashed experimental weapon system. To do otherwise would be to expose its level of weapon technology. Remember the Cold War has only recently ended. The former Soviet Union is hardly a model of political stability. The world is not a safe place peaceful place. If only it were so.

My advice to Messrs Section 40 is to take a leaf out of Section 40 book.. He admits there was a cover up at Rendlesham from day one. He does not become obsessed with that cover up but goes on to probe the facts concealed behind it revealing truly amazing results. As UFO investigators we all acknowledge that facts are covered up and official denials issued. We have come to expect this. Our task is to penetrate the cover-up and reveal the concealed facts, --not to become obsessed with proving a cover up exists. It is easier to investigate static terrestrial targets, rather than the elusive and enigmatic subject of unidentified flying objects.

Finally Section 40 have you considered the consequence of your actions? You seem inordinately proud that you have over flown a sensitive military establishment and published photographs of it. Did you sign the Official Secrets Act when you worked for Her Majesty's Customs and Excise? Your need to name underground bases -underground command and control structures and the existence of Intelligence Agencies at Rudloe Manor, places this sensitive material in the public domain for the use of aggressors both internal and external. Investigation without responsibility is dangerous.

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I believed when I joined BUFORA that it was a mature organisation dedicated to research into UFOs. To my dismay, I find it members openly boasting their ability to make over flights of sensitive military establishments, to make illegal and unexpected visits to RAF Rudloe Manor and to trespass on to Ministry of Defence Property at RAF Bentwaters and to gain entry to what appeared to be a previously locked facility. the action of the trespassers on the video tape footage show that they knew what they were doing was wrong. Contrary to Section 40 protestations, trespass, with or without acts of damage or theft, is an offence against civil law and an Association or its members found committing acts of pure trespass may be sued in the Civil Courts.

To find such a respected organisation as BUFORA actively or passively condoning such behaviour at its Conference, is an act of suicidal folly. Recently the UFO movement has gained much credibility in the eyes of the public and its past image of 'crankiness' is beginning to disappear. But with its members committing such acts is to play directly into the hands of our detractors and opponents. It will give the authorities the excuse they need to quietly withdraw any support or co-operation that may have existed and sympathetic MPs may, in the future, go out of their way to avoid contact with such an organisation and its members. Ultimately it will do the movement much harm.

I believe that UFOs are a topic worthy of serious, lengthy and detailed investigation. I feel that the study of the subject will ultimately lead to a profound realignment in how we see ourselves, our place in the world and the universe and perhaps our view of reality itself. It is a widely challenging and exciting topic. The search for an answer will require hard and dedicated investigation, but it is primarily the study of unexplained aerial phenomena. Both Rudloe Manor and RAF Bentwaters are identified and terrestrial.

I lay before the BUFORA Council a challenge to respond collectively to this letter. I know from the comments of the Association's membership and the members of the public who attended the conference at Hallam University that the Conference did much to harm the Associations public image.

Consider your reply carefully. I am not sure that I wish to remain a member of an Association, which either passively or actively condones such illegal and irresponsible acts. I feel that the Association should censure those individuals concerned and ask them to consider their future as members of BUFORA. The Association must seem to operate at all times in an open responsible manner within the legal framework of this country. The Association and its membership are not above the law.

I feel that the emphasis on conspiracy theory will ultimately mean that BUFORA will lose its way in those dark subterranean tunnels of the secret bases that seem to preoccupy so much time of the advocates of a such a theory. BUFORA is dedicated to research into UFOs, unexplained aerial phenomena. I feel the answer will *not* be found underground.

With heartfelt concern,

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Whitby, North Yorshire.

17/8/97

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1a, Room 8245,
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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 13

Section 40

Galashiels,
Borders.

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
11 September 1997

Section 40

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 25 August addressed to the Secretary of State for Defence and copied to the Minister for the Armed Forces. Your letter has been passed to this office which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to the "UFO" phenomenon. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us.

3. Turning now to the main thrust of your letter, when the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 16½ years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec(AS)2

Ref No 001007 /1997

Date 03 SEP 1997

The Secretary of State/Minister, has received the attached letter from a member of the public. It has not been acknowledged by this office.

Please send a reply on behalf of the Minister concerned. All Ministers attach importance to such letters being answered promptly, your reply should therefore be sent **within 20 working days** of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

A new Open Government Code of Practice on Access to Government Information came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter Departments are now required to keep records of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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MB 6140 EXT Section 40

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Section 40

Galashiels
Scotland
Section 40

The Rt Hon George Robertson MP
Secretary of State for Defence
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
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London
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25 August 1997

Dear Secretary of State,

Was British Nuclear Base Under Hostile Threat?

Further details have recently emerged concerning a most extraordinary series of incidents, which took place during the latter part of December 1980.

These events occurred at the twin-base complex of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk. American bases on British soil, they provided a strategically important role in support of NATO's front-line defences.

On 13 January 1981, the Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt, filed an official report to the Ministry of Defence and although the existence of any such document was seemingly denied by the then British government, a copy was obtained in the United States under their Freedom of Information Act.

The report, which came to be known as the Halt memo, is self explanatory and a copy is attached for your information.

Subsequently promoted to Colonel and assigned to a highly sensitive security post, Halt has since retired from the services. In a recent interview with award-winning American journalist AJS Rayl, Colonel Halt expressed his bewilderment at the lack of any response from the Ministry.

"To this day, I'm very puzzled why no-one ever came back and asked for additional information, asked questions, or even interviewed me", he notes.

Telephone Section 40

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Although questions relating to the Halt memo were subsequently raised in the House, Lord Trefgarne, then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, replied that, whilst he had seen the memorandum, the matter was not of concern from a defence standpoint.

Now, important new witness testimony from former base personnel, no longer fearing they may be breaching security, confirms that the incidents which were brought to the Ministry's attention were of the utmost defence significance.

For Colonel Halt, who had maintained "there are many things which were not in my memo", has revealed that pencil-like beams of light, "like a laser beam" were emitted by unidentified aerial craft and directed near the weapons storage area.

"It appeared to come toward us at a very high speed, stopped overhead and sent down a small pencil-like beam, sort of like a laser beam", he claims.

The object then moved back towards the RAF Bentwaters base and, according to Halt, "continued to send down beams of light, at one point near the weapons storage facility".

He affirms, "We knew that, because we could hear the chatter on the radio" and estimates that between 30 and 40 personnel stationed around the dual base complex were witnesses.

Larry Warren, a former member of the 81st Security Police Squadron stationed at the bases, has also now published a book which claims that that the facility included "hot" weapons with nuclear warheads and that the pencil-thin beams of light penetrated the nuclear bunkers and compromised some of these weapons.

Halt's own disclosures are so alarming, that this further revelation seems no more astonishing.

As referenced in Colonel Halt's memo to the Ministry, two nights previously, an object suspected to have been a crashed aircraft, was spotted in the nearby Rendlesham Forest, which separated the bases.

A central witness to that event was Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston, a member of the 81st Security Police Squadron. Although Penniston has, similar to Colonel Halt, previously given a summary account on his experiences, in a recent interview with Rayl, Penniston for the first time discloses the full story of his encounter and its aftermath.

Penniston states:

"I went to the gate shack, phoned in, and spoke with Master Sergeant J.D. Chandler, who was the on-duty flight chief for both bases.

While I was talking with Chandler, the security controller was making contact with Bentwaters Control Tower, and they, in turn, were in contact with Heathrow Airport's Control Tower in London and RAF Bawdsey Eastern Radar in East Anglia. I was told they reported a bogie about three miles out from Bentwaters but had lost contact with it 15 minutes previously. The confirmation that triangulated the radar sighting was RAF Bawdsey. It had been over Woodbridge, they told me, when it dropped from radar imaging".

Penniston and two other members of the security police, Airmen First Class John Burroughs and Ed Cabansag, obtained permission to proceed off base and investigate the presumed aircrash.

However, what they discovered and reported was quite unexpected and is recorded in Colonel Halt's report to the Ministry. Penniston now adds:

"I got to within 10 feet of the craft and the clearing where it sat. I estimated it to be about three meters tall and about three meters wide at the base. No landing gear was apparent, but it seemed like she was on fixed legs. I moved a little closer. I had already taken all 36 pictures [of the object] on my roll of film. I walked around the craft, and finally, I walked right up to the craft. I noticed the fabric of the shell was more like a smooth, opaque, black glass. The bluish lights went from black to gray to blue. I was pretty much confused at that point. I kept trying to put this in some kind of frame of reference, trying to find some logical explanation as to what this was and what was going on. It was dead silent. No animals were even making a noise anymore.

On the smooth exterior shell there was writing of some kind, but I couldn't quite distinguish it, so I moved up to it. It was three-inch lettering, rather symbols that stretched for the length of two feet, maybe a little more. I touched the symbols, and I could feel the shapes as if they were inscribed or etched or engraved, like a diamond cut on glass.

At that point, I backed away from the craft, because the light was starting to get brighter. Still, there was no sound. There was no physical contact with any kind of life form, but there did seem to be a life presence. It was mechanical, this ship, and it seemed to be under intelligent control.

The next thing I knew, I was standing about 20 feet away from the craft with Burroughs, who I thought I had left back near the tree line. The craft moved up off the ground, about three feet, still with absolutely no sound. It started to move slowly, weaving back through the trees at a very slow pace, maybe a half a foot per second. It took about a couple of minutes for it to manoeuvre itself back to a distance of about 100 to 150 feet, then it rose up just over the trees, about 200 feet high. There was a momentary pause... and then literally with the blink of an eye it was gone. All with no sound. That still boggles my mind".

Penniston also now reveals that the following morning, he was debriefed for some 90 minutes by base personnel from the USAF's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and provided them with a full report.

He had examined the object at close range for some 20 minutes and taken notes, which he has now released, however, he was later informed that the photographs "hadn't turned out".

Burroughs is also on record as confirming the reality of these events and noted, "You felt like you were moving in slow motion, your hair on the back of your head was standing up, you felt like you had very little control over your body".

Adding further weight to that reality is a new witness who, learning of my interest in the case, recently contacted me. He was part of the Security Police Squadron team later sent to ensure the safety of Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag.

Given the pseudonym of "Tom", for the moment, and speaking of his involvement for the first time in 17 years, he states:

"I worked with Burroughs and Penniston. What they said was true. As a matter of fact, the following statements are true and can be verified by many people.

The acting squadron was the 81st Security Police Squadron and 'B' flight [duty shift] was the acting security force on duty. Burroughs and Penniston were on 'B' flight and the shift change was from 2300 hrs till 0700 hrs".

"The person on the post should have been Burroughs, but he was missing, the weapons were missing and the phone was off the hook. This was around 2:00 a.m. We were carrying weapons and were told to hold our position. Master Sergeant Fail went out".

From this vantage point, Tom watched the lights in the forest. "I could clearly see the lights from the gate, just outside the back gate, the East gate", he states. He describes the lights in the forest as being some distance from the ground, stationary and pulsating.

Whatever the object was, according to Tom, "It made no noise, but it defied gravity. It was really weird and scary".

"I saw them, so did Airman Beachum, Airman Hartman, Airman Hernandez", he adds, mentioning some previously unknown witnesses. Some time later, "Burroughs and Penniston finally showed up. We were then told to go back to our posts".

Tom also described events and fresh devastation witnessed the following morning:

"Shift change in the morney for 'B' flight was extremely late. 'A' Flight relieved us at 9:30 am, very late. When we went out the East gate back to Bentwaters, leaving Woodbridge, there were many people, including numerous people in typical lab coats making an analysis of the area. You could see out the vehicle to the right side, that there were many people examining the area, searching, looking for something. Some of these people were in white overcoats, that's why I say that they looked like typical 'techs' in lab coats. They were searching the area in front of the forest".

"It wasn't just a few broken branches, a huge area had been cleared. There were trees missing". I also saw 'bobbies' and little white police cars".

Whether that damage had perhaps been caused by an object coming down into the forest, or manoeuvring through it, was unknown.

What is now known however, is that we have a number of corroborative testimonies, originating from trained military personnel, that pose some fundamental questions. There is of course much more to all of these testimonies than this brief summary allows.

Now that key witnesses feel able to speak of these issues, does the Ministry agree they should be asked to give testimonies before a committee and that these allegations demand to be thoroughly investigated?

What was the unidentified "bogie", corroborated on radar, which penetrated the defence of one of NATO's most sensitive bases?

What was the enigmatic object, witnessed at length and documented by Sergeant Jim Penniston and also witnessed first-hand by other base personnel?

What caused the substantial damage within Rendlesham Forest, close to the sensitive facility?

During the second night's events, were lives endangered by the laser-like beams of light directed near the weapons storage areas?

Was there danger of a catastrophic explosion?

Was this investigated at all by the Ministry of Defence, or did the Ministry simply dismiss Colonel Halt' cursory report, unaware that the incidents were of such magnitude?

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Colonel Halt is now on record as stating, "I intend someday to have my day in court in England, publicly, if I have the opportunity".

In the spirit of a more open government, I'm sure that the Ministry would welcome the Colonel's desire for the truth to be determined and defence implications clarified.

I look forward to hearing from you on these matters and shall be happy to provide copies of detailed testimonies from the aforementioned witnesses and others.

Before doing so, the Ministry may of course now be able to offer an explanation for these reported occurrences and reassure the public why the incidents were found to be of no defence significance.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

CC: The Rt Hon Dr John Reid MP
Minister of State for the Armed Forces

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAFE)
APO NEW YORK 09755

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CD

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

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CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

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FOR THE ARMED FORCES
26 AUG 1997

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The Rt Hon Dr John Reid MP
Minister of State for the Armed Forces
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
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25 August 1997

Dear Dr Reid,

Was British Nuclear Base Under Hostile Threat?

I attach for your information a copy letter which I trust is self explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

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The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

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The Rt Hon George Robertson MP
Secretary of State for Defence
Ministry of Defence
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25 August 1997

Dear Secretary of State,

Was British Nuclear Base Under Hostile Threat?

Further details have recently emerged concerning a most extraordinary series of incidents, which took place during the latter part of December 1980.

These events occurred at the twin-base complex of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk. American bases on British soil, they provided a strategically important role in support of NATO's front-line defences.

On 13 January 1981, the Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt, filed an official report to the Ministry of Defence and although the existence of any such document was seemingly denied by the then British government, a copy was obtained in the United States under their Freedom of Information Act.

The report, which came to be known as the Halt memo, is self explanatory and a copy is attached for your information.

Subsequently promoted to Colonel and assigned to a highly sensitive security post, Halt has since retired from the services. In a recent interview with award-winning American journalist AJS Rayl, Colonel Halt expressed his bewilderment at the lack of any response from the Ministry.

"To this day, I'm very puzzled why no-one ever came back and asked for additional information, asked questions, or even interviewed me", he notes.

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Although questions relating to the Halt memo were subsequently raised in the House, Lord Trefgarne, then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, replied that, whilst he had seen the memorandum, the matter was not of concern from a defence standpoint.

Now, important new witness testimony from former base personnel, no longer fearing they may be breaching security, confirms that the incidents which were brought to the Ministry's attention were of the utmost defence significance.

For Colonel Halt, who had maintained "there are many things which were not in my memo", has revealed that pencil-like beams of light, "like a laser beam" were emitted by unidentified aerial craft and directed near the weapons storage area.

"It appeared to come toward us at a very high speed, stopped overhead and sent down a small pencil-like beam, sort of like a laser beam", he claims.

The object then moved back towards the RAF Bentwaters base and, according to Halt, "continued to send down beams of light, at one point near the weapons storage facility".

He affirms, "We knew that, because we could hear the chatter on the radio" and estimates that between 30 and 40 personnel stationed around the dual base complex were witnesses.

Larry Warren, a former member of the 81st Security Police Squadron stationed at the bases, has also now published a book which claims that that the facility included "hot" weapons with nuclear warheads and that the pencil-thin beams of light penetrated the nuclear bunkers and compromised some of these weapons.

Halt's own disclosures are so alarming, that this further revelation seems no more astonishing.

As referenced in Colonel Halt's memo to the Ministry, two nights previously, an object suspected to have been a crashed aircraft, was spotted in the nearby Rendlesham Forest, which separated the bases.

A central witness to that event was Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston, a member of the 81st Security Police Squadron. Although Penniston has, similar to Colonel Halt, previously given a summary account on his experiences, in a recent interview with Rayl, Penniston for the first time discloses the full story of his encounter and its aftermath.

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Penniston states:

"I went to the gate shack, phoned in, and spoke with Master Sergeant J.D. Chandler, who was the on-duty flight chief for both bases.

While I was talking with Chandler, the security controller was making contact with Bentwaters Control Tower, and they, in turn, were in contact with Heathrow Airport's Control Tower in London and RAF Bawdsey Eastern Radar in East Anglia. I was told they reported a bogie about three miles out from Bentwaters but had lost contact with it 15 minutes previously. The confirmation that triangulated the radar sighting was RAF Bawdsey. It had been over Woodbridge, they told me, when it dropped from radar imaging".

Penniston and two other members of the security police, Airmen First Class John Burroughs and Ed Cabansag, obtained permission to proceed off base and investigate the presumed aircrash.

However, what they discovered and reported was quite unexpected and is recorded in Colonel Halt's report to the Ministry. Penniston now adds:

"I got to within 10 feet of the craft and the clearing where it sat. I estimated it to be about three meters tall and about three meters wide at the base. No landing gear was apparent, but it seemed like she was on fixed legs. I moved a little closer. I had already taken all 36 pictures [of the object] on my roll of film. I walked around the craft, and finally, I walked right up to the craft. I noticed the fabric of the shell was more like a smooth, opaque, black glass. The bluish lights went from black to gray to blue. I was pretty much confused at that point. I kept trying to put this in some kind of frame of reference, trying to find some logical explanation as to what this was and what was going on. It was dead silent. No animals were even making a noise anymore.

On the smooth exterior shell there was writing of some kind, but I couldn't quite distinguish it, so I moved up to it. It was three-inch lettering, rather symbols that stretched for the length of two feet, maybe a little more. I touched the symbols, and I could feel the shapes as if they were inscribed or etched or engraved, like a diamond cut on glass.

At that point, I backed away from the craft, because the light was starting to get brighter. Still, there was no sound. There was no physical contact with any kind of life form, but there did seem to be a life presence. It was mechanical, this ship, and it seemed to be under intelligent control.

The next thing I knew, I was standing about 20 feet away from the craft with Burroughs, who I thought I had left back near the tree line. The craft moved up off the ground, about three feet, still with absolutely no sound. It started to move slowly, weaving back through the trees at a very slow pace, maybe a half a foot per second. It took about a couple of minutes for it to manoeuvre itself back to a distance of about 100 to 150 feet, then it rose up just over the trees, about 200 feet high. There was a momentary pause... and then literally with the blink of an eye it was gone. All with no sound. That still boggles my mind".

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Penniston also now reveals that the following morning, he was debriefed for some 90 minutes by base personnel from the USAF's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and provided them with a full report.

He had examined the object at close range for some 20 minutes and taken notes, which he has now released, however, he was later informed that the photographs "hadn't turned out".

Burroughs is also on record as confirming the reality of these events and noted, "You felt like you were moving in slow motion, your hair on the back of your head was standing up, you felt like you had very little control over your body".

Adding further weight to that reality is a new witness who, learning of my interest in the case, recently contacted me. He was part of the Security Police Squadron team later sent to ensure the safety of Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag.

Given the pseudonym of "Tom", for the moment, and speaking of his involvement for the first time in 17 years, he states:

"I worked with Burroughs and Penniston. What they said was true. As a matter of fact, the following statements are true and can be verified by many people.

The acting squadron was the 81st Security Police Squadron and 'B' flight [duty shift] was the acting security force on duty. Burroughs and Penniston were on 'B' flight and the shift change was from 2300 hrs till 0700 hrs".

"The person on the post should have been Burroughs, but he was missing, the weapons were missing and the phone was off the hook. This was around 2:00 a.m. We were carrying weapons and were told to hold our position. Master Sergeant Fail went out".

From this vantage point, Tom watched the lights in the forest. "I could clearly see the lights from the gate, just outside the back gate, the East gate", he states. He describes the lights in the forest as being some distance from the ground, stationary and pulsating.

Whatever the object was, according to Tom, "It made no noise, but it defied gravity. It was really weird and scary".

"I saw them, so did Airman Beachum, Airman Hartman, Airman Hernandez", he adds, mentioning some previously unknown witnesses. Some time later, "Burroughs and Penniston finally showed up. We were then told to go back to our posts".

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Tom also described events and fresh devastation witnessed the following morning:

"Shift change in the morney for 'B' flight was extremely late. 'A' Flight relieved us at 9:30 am, very late. When we went out the East gate back to Bentwaters, leaving Woodbridge, there were many people, including numerous people in typical lab coats making an analysis of the area. You could see out the vehicle to the right side, that there were many people examining the area, searching, looking for something. Some of these people were in white overcoats, that's why I say that they looked like typical 'techs' in lab coats. They were searching the area in front of the forest".

"It wasn't just a few broken branches, a huge area had been cleared. There were trees missing". I also saw 'bobbies' and little white police cars".

Whether that damage had perhaps been caused by an object coming down into the forest, or manoeuvring through it, was unknown.

What is now known however, is that we have a number of corroborative testimonies, originating from trained military personnel, that pose some fundamental questions. There is of course much more to all of these testimonies than this brief summary allows.

Now that key witnesses feel able to speak of these issues, does the Ministry agree they should be asked to give testimonies before a committee and that these allegations demand to be thoroughly investigated?

What was the unidentified "bogie", corroborated on radar, which penetrated the defence of one of NATO's most sensitive bases?

What was the enigmatic object, witnessed at length and documented by Sergeant Jim Penniston and also witnessed first-hand by other base personnel?

What caused the substantial damage within Rendlesham Forest, close to the sensitive facility?

During the second night's events, were lives endangered by the laser-like beams of light directed near the weapons storage areas?

Was there danger of a catastrophic explosion?

Was this investigated at all by the Ministry of Defence, or did the Ministry simply dismiss Colonel Halt' cursory report, unaware that the incidents were of such magnitude?

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Colonel Halt is now on record as stating, "I intend someday to have my day in court in England, publicly, if I have the opportunity".

In the spirit of a more open government, I'm sure that the Ministry would welcome the Colonel's desire for the truth to be determined and defence implications clarified.

I look forward to hearing from you on these matters and shall be happy to provide copies of detailed testimonies from the aforementioned witnesses and others.

Before doing so, the Ministry may of course now be able to offer an explanation for these reported occurrences and reassure the public why the incidents were found to be of no defence significance.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

CC: The Rt Hon Dr John Reid MP
Minister of State for the Armed Forces

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAFE)
APO NEW YORK 09755

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CD

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

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CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER

Section 40
Stewarton,
Strathclyde.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
4 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "unidentified flying objects". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS) 2

Ref No 907/1997 2-9-97

Date

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

(A) - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
MB 6140 EXT Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
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Section 40

Stewarton
Scotland Section 40



3 MOD Project

DEAR SIR [redacted]

I AM SURE YOU ARE THE PERSON TO HELP ME. MY NAME IS Section 40 AND I AM 11 YEARS OF AGE. I AM DOING A YEAR LONG STUDY ON U.F.O 's FOR MY SCHOOL PROJECT. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU COULD PASS DOWN.

THANK YOU

Section 40



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Bradford,
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 September 1997

Dear Sir,

1. Thank you for your letter of 16 July which was addressed to Stansted Airport. As will now be aware, your letter has been passed onto the Ministry of Defence for reply. This office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. I have looked back through our sighting report files and can confirm that the MOD did not receive any reports from the Peterborough/Wisbech area for 23 November 1996.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES LTD
New Control Tower, Bassingbourn Road, Stansted Airport, Stansted, Essex CM24 1AH.
Telephone: Section 40

Our ref. 8SD/1/11/w

5 August 1997

International UFO Research Network
Section 40

Bradford
West Yorkshire
Section 40

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 16 July reference unidentified flying objects in the Peterborough/Wisbech area. Air Traffic Control at Stansted Airport have no information reference the dates and times mentioned but I have forwarded your correspondence on to the MOD who may be able to assist you further.

Their address is:

Ministry of Defence Sec (AS)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB.

Yours faithfully

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INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH NETWORK

Section 40 BRADFORD, WEST YORKSHIRE Section 40

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Section 40

The Airport Services Manager
Stansted Airport
Bishop Stortford

NATS - STANSTED
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24 JUL 1997
FILE No: 1/11
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Please deal.

Section 40

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in connection with the report of unidentified flying objects received by our organisation on 27/6/97.

Four witnesses have reported seeing an object in the sky over the A47 bypass between Petrborough & Wisbech on 23/11/96, The witnesses timed the sighting at 2.45am and described the object seen as a black triangular shape with lights on each point, surrounded by a pink glow .

Could you pleases advise me of any reported air traffic over Peterborugh/Wisbech these times and advise if you have received any reports of unusual objects from members of the public.

I thank you in advance for your assistance in aiding our investigations of this report.

yours sincerely

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Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 September 1997

Dear [redacted]

1. Thank you for your letter of 1 August 1997 in which you have made enquiries about a sighting of an "unidentified flying object" seen above Milton Keynes. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature and I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. With regard to the sighting over Milton Keynes on 28 July, we are satisfied that there was no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft. As stated above, that is the MOD's only concern.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

1st August 1997.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS)2
- 4 AUG 1997
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Section 40
[redacted]
MILTON KEYNES.
Bucks.
Section 40
[redacted]

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you, in the hope that your office can offer any information, and, or, explanation regarding a report of an anomalous object spotted in the sky over Milton Keynes.

The object, described as a 'round disc, without wings', was reportably sighted at about 1930 hours, on Monday, 28 July 1997. The object was said to be flying at approximately 1,000 feet, and travelling at around 300 miles per hour. The object was travelling north-west to south-east, and then turned towards Luton at high speed.

The report of the sighting, in my local paper, said that the police had passed on details of the sighting to the Ministry of Defence. As yours is officially the only office that deals with such incidents, I thought that you could perhaps answer some questions about the above incident.

1). Were there any other reports of a similar object made on the night in question?

2). Did any Royal Air Force or Civilian radar station report any unusual returns?

3). What is the Ministry of Defence's stance

on sightings such as the one detailed overleaf ?

I am looking forward to a prompt reply from your office.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
3 September 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 29 July in which you have asked whether any military aircraft have been operating over the Derwent Moors area. As this is in connection with a "UFO" query, your letter has been passed to this office as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to "unidentified flying objects".

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

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4. You asked whether military aircraft had been operating over the Derwent Moors but as you did not specify a date I have not been able to carry out a check. However, in principle, the whole of the UK is open to low flying by military aircraft. There are certain locations which are excluded such as major built-up areas and restricted airspace around civil airfields, but outside such exclusion zones less populated areas, such as the Derwent Moors, will see a proportion of training flights from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The National Archives' reference DEFE 24/1995/1

Ministry of Defence.
Main Building,
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London SW1A 2HB

29th July 97.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if you could inform me whether or not military aircraft and helicopters have been operating over 'Derwent Moors', following reports of Ufo activity, in that area.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Hope Valley.
Nr.Sheffield Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC (AS) 2
8 AUG 1997
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Section 40
Rumney
Cardiff
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
29th August 1997

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 4th August. I have no further comment to make on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40
Rumney, Cardiff,
S.Wales, Section 40

Monday 4th August 1997

Section 40
Head of Sec.(AS)2
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building, Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of July 15th in reply to mine to you in which I made an official complaint about the way your staff have been dodging questions about UFOs which, if answered properly, would contradict the MoD's party line on the matter.

I am beginning to find it sadly amusing that no one is prepared to answer specifically **how** the MoD knows that the unexplained UFOs are not of defence significance when you do not know what they are. It's almost as if your staff and you are dyslexic and can not see these words as you continue to quote the same old answer, or lack of it I should say. No doubt you all see me as a big pain writing all my antagonistic letters to Air Staff 2, but put yourself in my shoes and think about your answers and compare them with the evidence for UFOs from The PRO's files, the pilot's testimony (both civil and military) and the numerous videos that have been taken. One of which was even corroborated by Radar from RAF Lyneham. No wonder people such as myself are suspicious of the MoD!

If it truly is ignorance of a very valid phenomenon then the MoD is being just plain stupid, which I am sure they are not! For instance, the MoD has not explained the video recorded sighting over Matlock on August 23rd 1994. Not only is there a UFO on this video, there are helicopters too! Nothing to add to Section 40 answer?? Being satisfied with that puts the UK's defence in the realm of being truly half assed! Does the MoD not mind that what appears to be intelligently guided huge balls of light can hover over cities and are pursued by unidentified helicopters, which the ones on the video certainly are?

I have given your staff evidence for UFOs during the last few years that even comes from the MoD and you still say there is nothing further to add, why? I am talking about serious defence issues, just like Nick Pope does in his book 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' and he used to work in your department!

I think that the real reason why the MoD will not publicly look into UFOs is that the public would realise that the phenomenon is real and they would be a tad angry with you for carrying on the way you have been.

Yours sincerely,

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Faversham,
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
29 August 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 June addressed to the Prime Minister regarding "UFOs". Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence of this nature. I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which we remain totally open-minded. I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTERS' CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

To Sec (AS)

Ref No 000378 /1997

Date 18-8-97

The attached letter(s) which the Prime Minister has received has been forwarded to this Department for official action. No.10's letter codes are as follows:

A - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please send a full reply **within 20 working days**.

B - The letter has been acknowledged by No.10. Please consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and action accordingly.

C - No acknowledgement has been sent. In this case, however, it is obviously important that both an acknowledgement and a full reply are sent.

Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

A new Open Government Code of Practice came into force in January 1997. All replies to members of the public must be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code. A full explanation of the Code of Practice is contained in DCI(Gen) 48/97; further information is available from DOMD on extension Section 40

Under the Citizens' Charter Departments are now required to keep record of their performance. All branches and Agencies are required to keep information on the number of requests for information which refer to the Code of Practice including details of the correspondent and the nature and date of the reply. In addition, the Department is required to provide a record of the total number of letters from members of the public and provide statistics (which may be based on a valid sample) of its performance in providing replies within their published targets.

As part of our monitoring procedure, random spot checks on the accuracy of your branch records on correspondence will be performed throughout the year.

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SEC (AS) 2
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Writer informed that letter has been forwarded to the appropriate Government Department for a full reply

27th June 1997.

The Right Honorable Tony Blair M.P.,
10 Downing Street,
London.

Dear Mr Blair.

As Prime Minister of a new British Government that will see in the next millenium, Can you confirm that previous British, US, Soviet and Asian Governments have habitually covered up the truth about UFO/Alien incidents and encounters; incidents such as: Roswell, Varginha, Gulf Breeze, Rossendale Valley, Tagresk, Woodbridge, Tunguska, Area 51 etc...?

Can you also confirm that the current media exposure of UFO/Alien Phenomena featured in TV programmes such as; 'The X Files' 'Star Trek' 'Babylon 5' and infotainment like 'Strange but True: Encounters' and the ITV 'Into the Unknown' week of programmes, Films such as 'Independance Day' 'Mars Attacks' and 'Men in Black', are a strategy by western Governments to prepare the populace for the admission that there has indeed been contact from Aliens, Extra-Terrestrials, Trans-Dimensionals and/or Time-Travellers?

I would welcome your insight, information and personal views, thank you. Yours Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 3/1

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Subject: (U) Freedom of Information Act

Text: Attached is advice on the FOIA for use in responding to Section 40
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Section 40

Can you have a look at this please and put together a draft reply for your signature. It doesn't need to be overlong (I don't think the last one on behalf of the PM was). I do not think we should include the whole piece of DOMD's - we can do without mention of the Poll Tax! I've amended their suggestion

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D/DOMD/2/3/4

27 Aug 97

Sec(AS)2

Copy to:
CS(RM)1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Reference:
A. D/Sec/AS/64/1 dated 22 Aug 97

1. We spoke about your request at Ref A for advice on how to respond to Section 40 in respect of the Freedom of Information Act. I trust that the following form of words, or a variation of it, will meet your needs;

> "On the question of freedom of information, I ~~should explain~~ amplified that it is not the intention to address specific subject areas, case by case, in the proposed Bill as to do so would be an impossibly complex approach. ~~There will not therefore be a section on UFOs as such.~~ Instead, the Government intends to create a new statutory right of access to government information, qualified only by a limited number of exemptions, ~~subject to the application of "harm" tests, where non-disclosure might be in the public interest.~~ The Government intends to publish a White Paper on Freedom of Information towards the end of the year, when there will be an opportunity for you to feed in your comments and views. ~~There will be further consultation when a draft Bill is published next year.~~"

Details of how to do so will be included in the White Paper.

2. I assume that you will be able to respond to the points in para 4 of Section 40 Section 40 letter; I'd be grateful for a copy of your reply. As we discussed, until an FOIA comes into force, requests for information on alleged UFO incidents should be responded to in terms of the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information, as advised in DCI Gen 48/97.

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Section 40

Great Clacton
Essex
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
28 August 1997

Dear Section 40

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 July on the subject of "unidentified flying objects".

2. The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported incident. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

4. When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question.

5. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 16½ years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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ESSEX U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP

Section 40

Great Clacton,
Essex,
Section 40

Tel:- Section 40

Dear Section 40 27/7/97.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I have sent to the following M.Ps.

The Prime Minister The Rt Hon Anthony Blair.
The Rt Hon William Hague.M.P.
The Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown.M.P.
The Rt Hon Ieuan wyn jones.M.P.
The Rt Hon Ivan Henderson.M.P.

Perhaps you would like to comment on the contents.

Sincerly,

Section 40

Chairman.
E.U.F.O.R.G.

Section 40 had not write to us before now.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
29 JUL 1997
FILE 64/3.

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ESSEX U.F.O.RESEARCH GROUP

Section 40

Gt Clacton,
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Tel:- Section 40

Dear Section 40

27/7/97

Could a question be put before the House of Commons re the subject of Unidentifed Flying Objects, and the Rendelsham Forest incident.It has now been sixteen years since the incident, with no information forth coming from any authority re this affar. Members of the public feel that they should know what is going on, and the results of any investigations into the Rendelsham Forest incident.

Two M.Ps the late Rt Hon Martin Redmond M.P and the Rt Hon Ieuan Wyn Jones M.P, to my knowledge have raised questions in the House to no avail.

I reproduce documents below that are in exisistence, re the Rendelsham Forest incident.

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Subject: Unexplained Lights.
TO: RAF/CC.

In the early hours of 27th December 1980, (approximately 03.00) two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusaul lights outside the back gate (East Gate) at R.A.F.Woodbridge.

They called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate the lights. They were given permission and three patrolmen proceed into the forest. They hear strange noises, like a woman screaming. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic, and Triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on the top and banks of blue lights underneath . The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and

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Southampton.
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
28 August 1997

D&SV Section 40

1. I am writing with reference to your message left on the Secretariat (Air Staff) answerphone in which you reported an "unidentified flying object" seen over Slapton Sands in Devon on Monday 25 August. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence of this nature.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

4. With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of "UFO" sightings for 25 August in or around Devon, and we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 1

Section 40

Section 40 (Barcelona)
Spain

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
22 August 1997

Dear Section 40

1. The UK MOD's position with respect to "unidentified flying objects" was set out in my letter of 7 March 1997, namely that we examine any report received to determine whether there is a defence interest. Unless there is evidence that the UK Air Defence Region has been compromised by hostile foreign military activity we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

2. With regard to access to the UK MOD's "UFO" report files you may be interest to know that as is the case with other UK government departments, MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Those files selected for preservation are then transferred to the Public Record Office for release into the public domain.

3. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However, since 1967 there has been an increase in public interest in this subject and "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. A few files from the 1950s and early 1960s did, however, survive and are available for examination by members of the public. They may be viewed at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199
AIR 20/7390
AIR 20/9320
AIR 20/9321
AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/9994
PREM 11/855

AIR 2/16918
AIR 2/17318
AIR 2/17526
AIR 2/17527
AIR 2/17982
AIR 2/17983

All surviving paperwork from over 30 years ago on the subject of "UFOs" previously held by the MOD has now been transferred to the Public Record Office.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Section 40

As requested in your fax of 28 July I have put together the attached reply to Section 40

Grateful if you would arrange for it to be translated and forwarded to him.

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Dear Section 40

UFOs

1. You may remember that Group Captain Section 40 wrote to you on 26 February enclosing a translation of a letter from a Section 40 about a UFO sighting on Rollesby Broad, to which you then replied on 7 March. However, Section 40 has now come back to us with a request for further information, a translation of which is attached.

2. If you can help Section 40 with his queries, your response should be sent to this office and we will arrange for a translation. In the meantime, we have sent Section 40 a list of civilian organisations dealing with UFO phenomena.

Section 40

Translation of the text of a letter dated 18 July 1997 sent by fax from Section 40 Section 40 ***, of "A/I- Análisis e Investigación", the EDIT-99 cultural association's delegation in Catalonia:***

I would appreciate your help in the Project-FA that the Edit-99 cultural association's delegation in Catalonia is working on. We are putting together all the information we can obtain on UFOs. For over two years now, we have requested information from Ministries of Defence, Armed Forces, and aviation authorities in Europe. The information we now request from you and which we have already received from Spain, France, Sweden and Italy, is:

- Unclassified data on UFOs.

- Research data undertaken by your Armed Forces either directly or indirectly on UFOs - from whatever stance, be it considerations concerning security, media coverage, science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, health, climate, or geology, etc.