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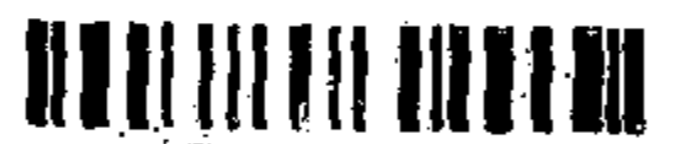
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# Registered File Disposal Form

MOD Form 292F  
(Revised 10/97)

FILE TITLE: (Main Heading - Secondary Heading - Tertiary Heading etc)  
**UFOs - Correspondence**

Reference: (Prefix and Number):  
**DISSEC(AS) 1213**  
Part: **I**

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): **OIC**

Date of last enclosure: **24.7.92**

Date closed: **24.7.92**

**PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION**  
(To be completed when the file is closed)

Destroy after \_\_\_\_\_ years

Forward to CS(RM) after \_\_\_\_\_ years

No recommendation

**MOD (RM) USE ONLY**

**MOD DR 1**

Date of 1st review: **15 DEC 1999** Date of 2nd review: \_\_\_\_\_ Forward Destruction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer's Signature: **SECOND REVIEW** Reviewer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW**  
(To be completed not later than 4 years after the date of the last enclosure)  
(Delete as appropriate)

a. Of no further administrative value and not worthy of permanent preservation, DESTROY IMMEDIATELY (Remember that TOP SECRET and Codeword material cannot be destroyed locally and must be forwarded to CS(RM)).

b. (i) To be retained for \_\_\_\_\_ years (from date of last enclosure) for the following reason(s):

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OTHER (Specify)

(ii) Key enclosures which support the recommendation are:

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(iii) At the end of the specified retention period the file is to be:

Destroyed

Considered by CS(RM) for permanent preservation

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by CS(RM) for permanent preservation

PART 3. BRANCH REVIEWING OFFICER

Section 40

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 40

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: HCO Date: 22/11/99  
(Not below HEO/equivalent)

Branch Title and Full Address: **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
**SEC (AS) 2**  
**ROOM Section 40**  
**MAIN BUILDING**  
**WHITEHALL**  
**LONDON SW1 2HD**

Tel No: Section 40

PART 4. DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET\* and SECRET only)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

24 July 1992

*Dear*

Section 40

Your report of a strange phenomenon in the sky on the night of Wednesday 22 July has been passed to the Ministry of Defence, as we receive and co-ordinate a number of sightings relating to UFOs.

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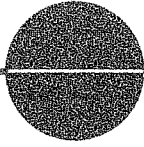
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British UFO Research Association

date 24 July 1992

your ref: D/Sec(AS)12/3

Section 40

Ministry of Defence  
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a  
Room Section 40  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 10th inst, regarding your handling of UFO reports by the general public.

We have noticed an increase in the number of references to the MOD in letters from the public, and appreciate your action in passing on our address, and certainly feel it would be useful for you to have our phone number.

BUFORA central office number is Section 40 available at all times. Callers may either be dealt with directly, or passed to the appropriate person for attention.

very sincerely

Section 40

director



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SRUFO

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

22 July 1992

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Section 40

I wrote to you on 1 June in response to your enquiry on a reported near miss incident involving a "black lozenge shaped object". You may therefore be interested in the attached article, which was in the Civil Aviation Authority's in-house magazine, "Airways". I contacted the CAA to see if they had any further information, such as the details of the company that produce these devices, but they had nothing further. They believed that the device was foreign, and not available in the UK.

Clearly it is possible that one of these devices could have been the cause of this incident, and in any case, you may wish to bear this in mind for any future incidents, as the device could generate some UFO reports.

I hope this is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

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I hope this is of use to you. Many thanks for the latest issue of UFO Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

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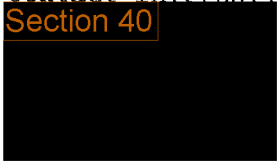




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From:

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Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room

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Your reference

Our reference

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Date

23 July 1992

*Dear*

Section 40

Thank you for letting me know the explanation for the marks on your lawn. I am pleased that it has been possible to get to the bottom of the incident. I await with interest the results of the analysis of the metallic flakes; one possible explanation might be that the fragments come from the lawnmower blade, as a result of it hitting a stone.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40



22/7/92

Dear [redacted]

Thank you  
for taking such an  
interest in my "crop  
cide" case.

One mystery has been  
solved: - the 'burns' in  
the grass were caused by  
a lawn-mower "slipping".  
(we were able to replicate  
it) - though we still don't  
know what the metallic  
flakes are and I'm awaiting  
the results of soil analysis.  
It will probably be something



entirely rational:

It has proved an  
interesting exercise, however,  
- with "Quest" still  
convinced it is a  
question of "aliens"  
whatever I tell them.

Thank you again  
for your co-operation &  
help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



21/7/92

To: [Section 40]  
From: [Section 40] DPO (RAF)

This is for your interest only and comes from Airways - the CAA in house newspaper. Let's hope it doesn't create problems! Happy UFO hunting.

[Section 40]

Checked with CAA Public Relations Dept ([Section 40] switchboard)  
that they were content with my releasing this to UFO groups.  
They were happy.

[Section 40]

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## Retirements

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**John Higgins:** head of operations, civil aviation communications centre, Heathrow airport.

**Peter Hutton:** principal air traffic engineer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

**Alan Keith:** air traffic control officer, London Traffic Control Centre.

**Peter Lambert:** air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

**David Machan:** air traffic engineer, Prestwick airport.

**Paul Mahoney:** professional technician, research and development, CAA House.

**Roger Makins:** air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

**Margaret Marshall:** air traffic services assistant, Belfast airport.

**Ann McBride:** cleaner, Atlantic House, Prestwick.

**Huntly Ness:** air traffic services assistant, Prestwick airport.

**Arthur Pritchard:** air traffic engineer, London Traffic Control Centre.

**Roy Quayle:** air traffic control officer, Manchester airport.

**Gwen Sacre:** secretary, central trade union side, CAA house.

**Bill Skaife:** air traffic engineer, Manchester airport.

**James Smart:** project support analyst, CAA House.

**Roy Staley:** air traffic services standards officer, Aviation House, Gatwick.

**Edgar Stevens:** messenger, Heathrow airport.

**James Stewart:** air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

**Peter Ward:** air traffic services assistant, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

**Bernard White:** higher professional technical officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

# UFO mystery solved?



**I**t is not a toy but a fun physics experiment' says the slogan on the box of the latest device designed to entertain the family at the seaside or in the country. 'Length approx 10ft; diameter approx 2 ft; supplied with a 60ft flying cable; could reach extraordinary altitudes (30,000ft); price 99p.'

So what is it? 'IT' is a UFO Solar — a solar energy 'airship' which, when exposed to the sun, takes off gradually. It is black and lozenge-shaped, thus fitting almost exactly the description of the object seen by Britannia Airways at 29,000 ft on the approach to Gatwick airport one day last summer, which became the subject of an airmiss report and

much media speculation.

The instructions for use on the box include 'Tie-up your airship to flying cable because if it is released it could reach extraordinary altitudes (30,000 ft)'. So, for 99p, you can have your own 'unidentified flying object' but take care — you could end up in contravention of Article 75 of the Air Navigation Order. This states:

- a captive balloon or kite shall not be flown at a height of more than 60 metres above ground level or within 60 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure;
- a captive balloon shall not be flown within 5 kms of an aero-drome;
- a balloon exceeding 2 metres in any linear dimension at any stage of its flight ... shall not be flown in controlled airspace



*Above: What do we do with it now? The UFO Solar, gripped by Airway's deputy editor Robert Farrugia and Jonathan Nicholson of public relations, caught the wind and filled up in no time — much to the amazement, not to say amusement of passers-by. Right: The lozenge shape shows up quite clearly on the packaging.*

## Effective policing

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Another area needing careful policing is that of discretionary powers given to member states under the market access regulation. This provides wide ranging rights of access to carriers holding operating licences. However, member states could limit these rights by using, for example, traffic distribution rules, or measures designed to deal with congestion or environmental problems. The commission itself has substantial rights to oversee and review any restriction imposed by member states — a power which, according to the chairman, should be used effectively.

Ensuring air travellers benefit from the promise of an open and competitive airline industry will depend on the way the rules are policed and enforced and by the laying down of a firm policy for competition and mergers by the Commission, Christopher Chataway concluded.

More... id... project... receive... competition



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

20 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 1992, and for sending the UFO photograph and the information on the SETI project. I am glad that you found the various letters and UFO reports that I sent you useful.

You asked whether it would be possible to let you have details of any "close encounter" or "abduction" cases. As we have so few of these, and recognising their importance to UFO researchers, I can see no difficulty in letting you have any such reports that we hold. I am currently conducting a detailed search of our files, and when I have extracted those reports that fall into the aforementioned categories, I will let you have a copy, with details of the witness's name and address deleted in the usual way. I will also release these reports to the UFO organisations that we routinely refer witnesses and enthusiasts to, in an attempt to get the information into the public domain.

I will write to you again, enclosing these reports, as soon as I can.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40



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Room Section 40  
Main Building Whitehall,  
London SW1 2HB

Section 40

Date: 14 JUL 1992

Dear Section 40

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter together with the interesting enclosures, which I found useful.

As promised please find enclosed herewith some material on the SETI program as discussed in our last conversation. Also, I enclose herewith a copy of the UFO photographed during the 1989, Belgian flap. This photograph has been digitally enhanced. The existence of a physical structure has been proven. It is not a hoax case.

In the copy of the letter you sent me, dated July 1st 1992, [your reference D/Sec(AS) 12/3] to an enquirer, you have mentioned about one or possibly two past cases that you have studied in which there were possible "close encounter" or "abduction". Do you think it would possible to let me have a copy of those reports. One close encounter case in my work is worth more than a hundred plain sightings. I would be very grateful for your consideration. As usual, and for the sake of privacy please erase the name of the reporter/s.

If I could be of any further assistance in your own interest in the subject please do let me know.

Thanking you once more for your thoughtfulness in having sent these material, I remain.

Sincerely,

Section 40

**SUMMARY OF SETI OBSERVING PROGRAMS  
1960 TO DATE**

**NASA SETI PROGRAM OFFICE  
MAY, 1992**

DATE: 1960  
OBSERVER(S): DRAKE "OZMA"  
SITE: NRAO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 26  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420-1420.4  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 100  
OBJECTS: 2 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $4 \times 10^{-22}$ \*\*  
TOTAL HOURS: 150  
REFERENCE: 1  
COMMENTS: Single channel receiver.

DATE: 1964-65  
OBSERVER(S): KARDASHEV & SHOLOMITSKII  
SITE: CRIMEA DEEP SPACE STATION  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 16 (8 ANTENNAS)  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 923  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 10 MHz  
OBJECTS: 2 QUASARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $2 \times 10^{-20}$   
TOTAL HOURS: 80  
REFERENCE: 20, 44  
COMMENTS: Reported detection of CTA102 as possible Type III civilization.

DATE: 1966  
OBSERVER(S): KELLERMAN  
SITE: CSIRO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 64  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): MANY BETWEEN 350 & 5000  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): FULL BANDWIDTH FOR EACH FEED  
OBJECTS: 1 GALAXY (1934-63)  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $10^{-18}$   
TOTAL HOURS: 2  
REFERENCE: 2  
COMMENTS: No "notch" of ETI origin was detected in galaxy 1934-63.

DATE: 1970 - 1972  
OBSERVER(S): SLYSH, PASHCHENKO, RUDNITSKII, & LEKHT  
SITE: NANCAY  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 40 x 240  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1667 & 1665  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 4 kHz  
OBJECTS: 5 OH MASERS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  
TOTAL HOURS: 2  
REFERENCE: 37, 38, 39  
COMMENTS: Searched for deviation from Gaussian Emission Statistics in 5 OH Maser sources that might indicate transmissions from another civilization.

DATE: 1970 - 1972  
OBSERVER(S): SLYSH  
SITE: NANCAY  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 40 x 240  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1667 & 1665  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 4 kHz  
OBJECTS: 10 NEAREST STARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  
TOTAL HOURS:  
REFERENCE:  
COMMENTS: Looked for signals at OH frequency between observations of OH Masers.

DATE: 1971 & 1972  
OBSERVER(S): VERSCHUUR "OZPA"  
SITE: NRAO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 91 & 43  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1419.8-1421 & 1410-1430  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 490 & 6900  
OBJECTS: 9 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $5 \times 10^{-24}$  &  $2 \times 10^{-23}$   
TOTAL HOURS: 13  
REFERENCE: 5  
COMMENTS: 384 channel correlator on-line.



DATE: 1973 & On  
OBSERVER(S): DIXON, EHMAN, RAUB & KRAUS  
SITE: OSURO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 53  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420.4 REL TO GAL.CEN.  $\pm$  250 kHz  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 10 & 1 kHz  
OBJECTS: ALL SKY SEARCH  
FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $1.5 \times 10^{-21}$ \*\*  
TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
REFERENCE: 8  
COMMENTS: Receiver is tuned to hydrogen rest frequency relative to Galactic Center (as a function of direction).

DATE: 1972 - 1976  
OBSERVER(S): BRIDLE & FELDMAN "QUI APPELLE?"  
SITE: ARO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 46  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):  $22235.08 \pm 5$  MHz  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  $3 \times 10^4$   
OBJECTS: 70 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $1 \times 10^{-22}$ \*\*  
TOTAL HOURS: 140  
REFERENCE:  
COMMENTS: Seventy solar type stars within 45 light years have been observed to date.

DATE: 1974  
OBSERVER(S): WISHNIA  
SITE: "COPERNICUS SATELLITE"  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 1  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):  $3 \times 10^9$   
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  
OBJECTS: 3 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  
TOTAL HOURS:  
REFERENCE: 9  
COMMENTS: Search for UV laser lines.

**DATE:** 1975 - 1979  
**OBSERVER(S):** ISRAEL & DE RUITER  
**SITE:** WRST  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):** 1500 MAX BASELINE  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 1415  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):**  $4 \times 10^6$   
**OBJECTS:** 50 STAR FIELDS  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  $2 \times 10^{-23}$ \*\*  
**TOTAL HOURS:** 400  
**REFERENCE:**  
**COMMENTS:** Searches of "cleaned" maps prepared for the WSRT background survey, looked for positional coincidence between residual signals & AGK2 stars.

**DATE:** 1976 - 1985  
**OBSERVER(S):** BOWYER ET AL. (U.C. BERKELEY) "SERENDIP"  
**SITE:** HCRO  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):** 26  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 917-937, 1410-1430, 1602-1605, 1853-1873, 5GHz  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):**  $2 \times 500$   
**OBJECTS:** ALL SKY SURVEY  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  $1.15 \times 10^{-22}$   
**TOTAL HOURS:**  
**REFERENCE:** 11  
**COMMENTS:** Automated survey parasitic to radio astronomical observations.

**DATE:** 1976  
**OBSERVER(S):** CLARK, BLACK, CUZZI & TARTER  
**SITE:** NRAO  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):** 43  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 8522-8523  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):** 5  
**OBJECTS:** 4 STARS  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  $2 \times 10^{-24}$ \*\*  
**TOTAL HOURS:** 7  
**REFERENCE:**  
**COMMENTS:** VLBI high speed tape recorder combined with software direct Fourier transformation to produce extreme frequency resolution (non-real time).

DATE: 1978  
OBSERVER(S): HOROWITZ  
SITE: NAIC  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 305  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420 +/- 500 Hz  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 0.015  
OBJECTS: 185 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $8 \times 10^{-28}$ \*\*  
TOTAL HOURS: 80  
REFERENCE: 14, 26  
COMMENTS: Assumes that signal frequency was corrected at the source to arrive at rest in Heliocentric or barycentric laboratory frame.

DATE: 1978  
OBSERVER(S): COHEN, MALKAN & DICKEY  
SITE: NAIC, HRO, CSIRO  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 305, 36, 64  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1665 + 1667, 22235.08, 1612.231  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 9500, 65000, 4500  
OBJECTS: 25 GLOBULAR CLUSTERS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $1.8 \times 10^{-25}$ ,  $1.1 \times 10^{-22}$ ,  $1.5 \times 10^{-24}$ \*\*  
TOTAL HOURS: 40, 20, 20  
REFERENCE: 15  
COMMENTS: Passive search for Type II & III civilizations using astronomical data originally observed to detect H<sub>2</sub>O & OH masers in globular clusters.

DATE: 1978  
OBSERVER(S): KNOWLES & SULLIVAN  
SITE: NAIC  
INSTR. SIZE (M): 305  
SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 130-500 (SPOT)\*  
FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 1  
OBJECTS: 2 STARS  
FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $2 \times 10^{-24}$   
TOTAL HOURS: 5  
REFERENCE: 16  
COMMENTS: Attempted "eavesdropping" using MKI VLBI tapes as in Black, et al., 1977.

DATE: 1978 - 1980  
 OBSERVER(S): MICHAEL J. HARRIS  
 SITE: INTERPLANETARY NETWORK DATA  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): PIONEER VENUS & VENERA 11 & 12 SPACECRAFT  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 20 keV - 1 MeV  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  
 OBJECTS: 54 GAMMA RAY BURST EVENTS  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  
 TOTAL HOURS:  
 REFERENCE: 46  
 COMMENTS: Attempt to find 3 GRB events in a straight line, each having same velocity (from  $e^+ e^-$  annihilation line) that could indicate trajectory of an interstellar spacecraft.

DATE: 1979 - 1982  
 OBSERVER(S): JPL, UCB "SERENDIP"  
 SITE: DSS 14  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 64  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): S&X BAND (B = 10 MHz)  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 2 x (500 Hz)  
 OBJECTS: APPARENT POSITIONS OF NASA SPACECRAFT\*  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $8 \times 10^{-24}$ \*\*  
 TOTAL HOURS: 400  
 REFERENCE: 11  
 COMMENTS: Automated survey parasitic to spacecraft tracking operations using 512 channel auto-correlator & 100 channel correlator with micro-processor control.

DATE: 1979 - 1981  
 OBSERVER(S): TARTER, CLARK, DUQUET & LESYNA  
 SITE: NAIC  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 305  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420.4 +/- 2 MHz & 1666 +/- 2 MHz\*  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 5 & 600  
 OBJECTS: 200 STARS  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  $10^{-25}$ \*\*  
 TOTAL HOURS: 100  
 REFERENCE: 22  
 COMMENTS: Rapid 1-bit sampler & high speed tape recorder run in parallel with 1008 channel correlator. Software direct Fourier transformation as in Black, et al., 1977.

DATE: 1981  
 OBSERVER(S): ISRAEL & TARTER  
 SITE: WRST  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 3000 MAX BASELINE  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  $4 \times 10^6$ ,  $10 \times 10^6$   
 OBJECTS: 85 STAR FIELDS  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $6 \times 10^{-22}$  to  $6 \times 10^{-24}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: 600  
 REFERENCE: 19  
 COMMENTS: Parasitic search similar to Israel & De Ruiter using "uncleaned" maps stored at Groningen & Leiden, & AGK3 catalog.

DATE: 1981 - 1988  
 OBSERVER(S): BIRAUD & TARTER  
 SITE: NANCAY  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 40 x 240  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):  $1420.4 \pm 320$  kHz, 1665-1667  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 48.8  
 OBJECTS: 343 STARS  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $10^{-24}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: ~600  
 REFERENCE: 29  
 COMMENTS: Eight level, 1024 channel auto-correlator, with stepped first LO to extend frequency coverage at 48 Hz resolution.

DATE: 1981  
 OBSERVER(S): SHOSTAK & TARTER "SIGNAL"  
 SITE: WRST  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 3000 MAX BASELINE  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420.4 REL TO GAL. CEN. B = 156 kHz  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 1200  
 OBJECTS: GALACTIC CENTER  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $10^{-24**}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: 4  
 REFERENCE: 41  
 COMMENTS: Use of interferometer to search for pulsed signals from Galactic Center in range of periods from 40 seconds to 2 hours.

DATE: 1982  
 OBSERVER(S): VALLEE & SIMARD-NORMANDIN  
 SITE: ARO  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 46  
 SEARCH FREQ. (MHz): 10,522  
 FREQUENCY RESOL. (Hz): 185 MHz  
 OBJECTS: GALACTIC CENTER MERIDIAN  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $10^{-19**}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: 72  
 REFERENCE: 42  
 COMMENTS: Search for strongly polarized signals by mapping field  $1/4 \times 25'$  along  $\ell = 0^\circ$ .

DATE: 1983 - 1985  
 OBSERVER(S): HOROWITZ "SENTINEL"  
 SITE: OAK RIDGE (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 26  
 SEARCH FREQ. (MHz): 1420.40575 & 1667.3590  
 FREQUENCY RESOL. (Hz): 0.03 DUAL CIRCULAR ( $B = 2$  kHz)  
 OBJECTS: SKY SURVEY  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $5 \times 10^{-25}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
 REFERENCE: 26  
 COMMENTS: "Suitcase SETI" as the backend of automated sky survey at 2 magic frequencies over a 3 year observing period.

DATE: 1983  
 OBSERVER(S): DAMASHEK  
 SITE: NRAO  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 92  
 SEARCH FREQ. (MHz):  $390 \pm 8$   
 FREQUENCY RESOL. (Hz):  $2 \times 10^6$   
 OBJECTS: SKY SURVEY (PULSARS)  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $2 \times 10^{-22}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: 700  
 REFERENCE:  
 COMMENTS: Sixteen MHz sampled at 60 Hz, 8 contiguous frequency channels. Search for single dispersed pulses & telemetry (bit stream) signals.

DATE: 1983 - 1984  
 OBSERVER(S): CULLERS  
 SITE: AMSETI  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 2  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):  $\sim 1420$  &  $\leq 1000$   
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  
 OBJECTS:  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  
 TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
 REFERENCE:  
 COMMENTS: Low noise GaAs FETS & micros with satellite TV dishes, by Silicon Valley Hams, with NASA Ames consultation.

DATE: 1983 - 1988  
 OBSERVER(S): STEPHENS  
 SITE: INTERSTELLAR ELECTRO-MAGNETICS INSTITUTE AT HAY RIVER, NWT  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): TWO 18m x 18m (28m EQUIVALENT)  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1415-1425  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 30 kHz  
 OBJECTS: NORTHERN SKY SURVEY  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $T_{sys} \sim 75K$   
 TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
 REFERENCE:  
 COMMENTS: Two sixty four foot square surplus tropo-scatter dishes combined for use as dedicated amateur SETI observatory. Coverage is  $30^\circ \rightarrow 45^\circ$  declination. Discontinued due to lack of funding.

DATE: 1984  
 OBSERVER(S): SLYSH  
 SITE: SATELLITE  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): RADIOMETER  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):  $37 \times 10^3$   
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):  $4 \times 10^8$   
 OBJECTS: ALL SKY  $3^\circ$  K BB  
 FLUX LIMITS ( $W/m^2$ ):  $T/T_{\leq .01}$   
 TOTAL HOURS: 6000  
 REFERENCE: 27  
 COMMENTS: Lack of fluctuations  $3^\circ$  K background radiation on angular scales of  $10^{-2}$  Strd. rules out optically thick Dyson spheres radiating more than  $1 L_{\odot}$  within 100 pc.

**DATE:** 1986 & On  
**OBSERVER(S):** COLOMB, MARTIN & LEMARCHAND  
**SITE:** IAR  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):** 30  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 1415.4057, 1425.4057, 1667  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):** 2.5 kHz  
**OBJECTS:** 78 SOLAR TYPE STARS  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  $5 \times 10^{-23}$ \*\*  
**TOTAL HOURS:** 320  
**REFERENCE:** 34  
**COMMENTS:** Thirty four of seventy eight Southern Hemisphere solar type stars have been examined at 21cm to date. All stars will be searched at 21 cm & 18 cm within 1 yr.

**DATE:** 1986  
**OBSERVER(S):** ARKHIPOV  
**SITE:**  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):**  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 408 MHz  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):**  
**OBJECTS:** HD 21899, HD 100623, HD 187691 & HD 187923  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  
**TOTAL HOURS:**  
**REFERENCE:** 35  
**COMMENTS:** Search through 408 MHz Molonglo Survey Catalog of Radio Sources found 4 solar type stars within 130" of radio source position. Suggested as leakage emission from orbital industrial processing facility ~1000 AU from star.

**DATE:** 1987  
**OBSERVER(S):** TARTER, KARDASHEV & SLYSH  
**SITE:** VLA  
**INSTR. SIZE (M):** 26 (9 ANTENNAS)  
**SEARCH FREQ.(MHz):** 1612.231  
**FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz):** 6105  
**OBJECTS:** G357.3-1.3  
**FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):**  
**TOTAL HOURS:** 1  
**REFERENCE:**  
**COMMENTS:** Remote observation (by VLA staff) of IRAS source near galactic center to determine if source could be nearby Dyson sphere. Source confirmed as OH/IR star.



DATE: 1990 & On  
 OBSERVER(S): BETZ  
 SITE: MT. WILSON  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 1.65 M ELEMENT OF TOWNES IR INTERFEROMETER  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 10 MICRONS  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): 3.5 MHz (35 m/s)  
 OBJECTS: 100 NEARBY SOLAR-TYPE STARS  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>): 1 MW TRANSMITTER OUT TO 20 pc  
 TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
 REFERENCE: 52  
 COMMENTS: Search for IR beacons at CO<sub>2</sub> laser frequency using narrowband acousto-optical spectrometer.

DATE: 1990 & On  
 OBSERVER(S): COLOMB "META II"  
 SITE: IAR  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 30  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420.4  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): .05  
 OBJECTS: SKY SURVEY OF SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  
 TOTAL HOURS: CONTINUING  
 REFERENCE: 50  
 COMMENTS: A duplicate of META system build by Argentinian engineers under the guidance Prof. Horowitz at Harvard and financed by the Planetary Society. Same search strategy as META.

DATE: 1990  
 OBSERVER(S): GRAY  
 SITE: OAK RIDGE (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)  
 INSTR. SIZE (M): 26  
 SEARCH FREQ.(MHz): 1420.4 MHz RELATIVE TO GALACTIC STANDARD OF REST  $\pm$  200 kHz  
 FREQUENCY RESOL.(Hz): .05  
 OBJECTS: M31 and M33  
 FLUX LIMITS (W/m<sup>2</sup>):  
 TOTAL HOURS: 50  
 REFERENCE: 51  
 COMMENTS: Long integrations (5 hours per HPBW) on 10<sup>11</sup> stars at once, looking for low duty cycle signals.

\*These experiments corrected frequencies for motion of the observed stars with respect to the Local Standard of Rest.

\*\*Quoted sensitivities refer to signal/noise ratio = 1.

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## SITE ABBREVIATIONS

NRAO	National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia, Tucson, Arizona and Socorro, New Mexico
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Epping, New South Wales, Australia
NANCAY	Observatoire de Nancay in Nancay, France
OSURO	Ohio State University Radio Observatory in Columbus, Ohio
ARO	Algonquin Radio Observatory in Ontario, Canada
NAIC	National Astronomy and Ionospheric Center - Arecibo Observatory in Arecibo, Puerto Rico
WSRT	Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope in Westerbork, The Netherlands
HCRO	Hat Creek Radio Observatory in Castel, California
MPIFR	Max Planck Institut fur Radioastronomie in Effelesberg, West Germany
HRO	Haystack Radio Observatory in Westford, Massachusetts
NASA	Deep Space Network (DSN) DSS 14 in Goldstone, California DSS 43 in Tidbinbilla, Australia
U. MASS	Five College Radio Astronomy Observatory in Amherst, Massachusetts
KPNO	Kitt Peak National Observatory in Tucson, Arizona
IAR	Instituto Argentino de Radioastronomia in Villa Elisa, Argentina



Section 40

14/7/92

No reply until  
we have news  
on soil sample.

Section 40

Dear

Section 40

Thank you very much for looking up and sending me the 1990 UFO Report - I made someone from CERES (Storm & Torrado Research) come and ~~do~~ take soil samples for tests the other day; they are being done at the University of Southampton & I should have results by the end of the week. If there's anything interesting, I'll let you know. He thought it might be ball lightning

just by looking at the  
reached ground  
Thank you again  
for your kind help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

enclosed - ~~a~~ photos of  
the semi-circle & the  
silvery shuff on a  
nearby plant.



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

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Date

16 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 9 July 1992, and for sending a soil sample containing the metallic fragments that appear to be associated with the "crop circle" on your lawn.

As I mentioned on the telephone, I doubt that we will be able to undertake a full laboratory analysis, but I will pass the sample around and try to obtain some views. I will write to you again when I have done this.

I was interested to see the extract that you sent from Section 40 book. There do seem to be similarities between the material you sent and the flakes he describes. It will be interesting to see if the researchers you have contacted can correlate the results of their analysis with the results of the analysis undertaken by Section 40. You might like to take up the suggestion of writing to Section 40 through his publishers, to let him know about what you found.

Finally, I have two further addresses for you, of UFO groups who are also interested in crop circles:

Contact International

Section 40

Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I am sure they would also be very interested in having a look at the metallic fragments, if there are any left.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



9/7/92

Tel. Section 40

Dear

Section 40

re. our telephone  
 conversation today about  
 the "crop circle" on my  
 front lawn, & the "angel  
 hair" nearby - enclosed  
 please find a soil sample  
 with some of the silver  
 chips in it (sorry - it's  
 unlifted.) I've also sent  
 one to the British U.F.O.  
 Research Assoc.

Enclosed too - is  
 something I found in  
 Timothy Good's book  
 which talks of very

similar plates.

I'd be very interested in the results of a lab. test (though probably it will turn out to be something very mundane!)

Do let me know if you get one done.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



neath, or lower parts. We were not able to find any liquid or solid in the corral or pasture that glowed with the same colour or brilliance as the marks on the animals. The fluorescent marking was not from material picked up locally. If the animals were marked in advance, how was it done? When? By whom?

Near midnight, Tribal Police Chief Raleigh Tafoya of the Apache Indian Police stopped by to see how the operation was going. 'Did you see the orange light moving around in the sky a while ago?' he asked. 'It was the kind that always shows up when there's a mutilation. Maybe they're watching you tonight.' Later that night two mutilations occurred a few miles away on a remote mountain slope.

About four weeks after the fluorescent hair - containing some apparently metallic, organic material - had been removed from the animal (for analysis by the Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque), the fluorescence suddenly and inexplicably 'turned off'.

Four days before the ultraviolet test, on 2 July, about twenty witnesses observed a disc hovering directly above a state highway inspector's pick-up truck, outside his home in Taos, New Mexico. The object was described as being about 25 to 30 feet in diameter, glowing a brilliant pinkish-orange and emitting a 'crackling' noise similar to that of an electrical high-tension corona discharge. As the witnesses watched, flaky material from the UFO showered down to the ground, some falling on the truck. The small light grey flakes, averaging about one-sixteenth of an inch by about three-sixteenths and as thick as heavy paper, resembled chips of dried paint. Leroy Graham, the highway inspector, collected a substantial amount of the substance in a sterile fruit jar, and Dr Burgess (after having learned of the incident six months later) arranged for an analysis to be conducted by the Schoenfeld laboratory. Dr Robert Schoenfeld found twenty-two elements that generally occur in organic material, plus trace elements of europium, lanthanum, yttrium, platinum and vanadium. In addition, substantial quantities of magnesium and potassium were found.<sup>14</sup>

Dr Schoenfeld told journalist Larry Statser that the substance he tested was of the same chemical composition as the substance discovered on the cow hides he had analyzed previously. He explained that the material was similar to 'slivers or chips of grey paint' with an 'extremely high' quantity of potassium and magnesium. In fact, the

potassium content was about seventy times higher than the normal amount for earth samples in the Taos area. A test under a spectrometer showed the substance to be similar to Teflon in composition, although both samples proved to be basically organic, 'as opposed to a metal compound such as used on aircraft', Schoenfeld said.<sup>15</sup>

Perhaps coincidentally, a mutilated animal, fitting the general age pattern of those marked, was found later that year (or possibly 1979), a short distance from the point where the UFO had hovered over Leroy Graham's home in Taos. On the night before the mutilation, a similar UFO to the one reported in July was again observed in the area.<sup>16</sup>

In a report to the FBI Director alluding to the Taos incident, retired FBI agent Kenneth Rommel, Jr, who came out of retirement to head a \$50,000 FBI investigation established in early 1979 (the Animal Mutilation Project), concluded as follows:

... Some of the individuals that are most vocal to the media have inferred that these flakes are identical with a substance that was taken from cowhides in a controlled test conducted in the Dulce, New Mexico area ... I have not been able to locate a sample of the substance reportedly collected in the Dulce test, but it has been described as a fluorescent material.

I have to date been unable to confirm any connection between these two substances, and have been told by those that have seen both that they are not identical. However, I would appreciate it if through the use of a G.S. Mass spectroscopy test or any other logical test, these flakes can be identified. This in itself would go a long way to assisting me to discredit the UFO-Cow Mutilation association theory ...<sup>17</sup>

The FBI Laboratory Report identified the material as a 'white enamel paint typical of an acrylic latex/emulsion-type exterior house paint' which 'appears to have originated from a wood substrate', but that the 'particular origin and/or manufacture of this paint cannot be determined'.

Commenting on the animal mutilations in general, Rommel concluded that 'most credible sources have attributed this damage to



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Section 40

Your reference

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Date

15 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July 1992. As you requested, I will pass your 24 hour UFO hotline number to members of the public who write to us or telephone us with details of UFO sightings. I will continue to pass on your address in the usual way.

As you asked, I will only forward your personal number for "above average cases", although we receive very little that might fall into this category; nearly all of the reports on our files fall into the lights/discs in the sky category, and in my time here - over a year now - I have not received one report detailing a close encounter such as the sighting of alien entities or an abduction. I suspect that for whatever reason, people feel more comfortable about reporting these more exotic sightings to UFO groups such as yours, and not to us.

I read the copy of UFO Magazine that you sent with interest, and would like to take up your kind offer of receiving it regularly; this will clearly help me in some of the conversations that I have with people who telephone about aspects of the UFO phenomenon, and give me an idea of current ufology issues.

I was interested to hear accounts of the wave of UFO sightings over Hereford, and the airship sightings over London, as I received many calls on these incidents - and got to the bottom of things! I will try to ensure that I keep you informed on these sorts of matters.

I hope this is helpful, and I will do my best to answer any queries that you may have on specific sightings or on more general aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

*Yours sincerely*

Section 40



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Secretariat(Air Staff)2a,  
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13. 7. 92.

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th. July, 1992 in which you mention a contact telephone number to which you could refer witnesses to UFO sightings reported to your department. This would, as you suggest, speed up our ability to respond quickly and possibly get to an area before either witnesses or on site evidence could be contaminated by uninvolved persons.

Our UFO 24 hour hotline telephone number is Section 40.

My personal telephone number at the same address which could be used for immediate response to above average calls is Section 40 (Ex Directory).

Once again I thank you for taking the time to write to us. I enclose a copy of our current journal which I hope you find of interest. If you would like to receive our journal regularly, please inform me and I will ensure you receive a copy. (Without cost of course)

Assuring you of our full co-operation at all times,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

13 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 11 July 1992, the contents of which have been noted. This department has not been sent the earlier letter that you mention, on the subject of HOTOL and other matters, but this may have been passed to another section.

I should like to wish you the best of luck with your endeavours, and hope that you manage to find some suitable aid work. If you have not already done so, then I suggest you think about the Voluntary Service Overseas programme. If you wish to take up this suggestion, then you should write to the following address:

Voluntary Service Overseas  
317 Putney Bridge Road  
London  
SW15 2PN

I am returning the papers you sent me, as they appear to relate to other applications or projects that you are involved with.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

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CAMBRIDGE D.S.S.

Dear Sir,

I was given your address from the British Council O.Evel. they said they had enclosed my letter but I think they may have sent it on to you. It concerns NATO Research for Publication from what is happening to the "HOTOL" VIA Recycling ANTI MATTER REACTOR Powered CRAFT for GALACTIC Hyperspace Travel to why ARE MY BROTHERS and SISTERS starving to death in Somali and CHILDREN'S hospital Bombing in Yugoslavia without any unemployed BRIT'S being commandeered to commence duties immediately as Relief worker / Drivers etc. If OX fan the U.N. cannot do it we will today, not next week when we hear some Cock & Bull story of the Third World Aid Organisations etc. doing so much and saying they wish they could do more and had done more B.L.A. B.L.A. £ 12½, 000, 000, 000 for building a Russian VODKA FACTORY etc. I have applied for 3 years to work unpaid to churches and Third World Aid organisations and I am still sending letters like this.

I have had replies from H.M. Queen ERTI  
M. & Matthews, J. MAJOR, IAN  
LANG, I've met with  
George Younger, Terence White  
recently and I am thinking of  
sending one to Tony Benn.

I have applied for  
Grants, Scholarships, CAREER LOANS,  
TRUSTS, R.A.F. Benevolent Fund,  
S.S.A.F. Fund, MONASTRIES and  
The R.A.F.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

The DARTAN Army.

P.S.

You may remember me  
reporting the security  
deficiency at the careers office  
Royal Air Force in  
AT Wellington Square in Ayr  
in Scotland.  
I was telling a relation in  
Australian Government, think  
The R.A.A.F. should thank me  
before I tell them  
you

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Mr R Noyes

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

13 July 1992

*Dear Mr Noyes,*

I am writing to confirm our recent telephone conversation in which we agreed that members of the public writing to the MOD to enquire about, or report sightings of crop circles would be referred to the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. This will bring our policy into line with that for UFOs, where we refer people to a number of organisations such as BUFORA.

I hope this will prove useful to the CCCS, both in widening your membership, and in bringing to your attention sightings or other information that might otherwise have passed you by.

After our conversation on Friday, I telephoned the member of the public who reported a sort of "burn mark" in her back garden, which was in the approximate shape of a semi-circle. As we discussed, she reported seeing "angel hair" - which subsequently disappeared - and some other fragments of material which she believed were associated with the mark on her lawn. She has now undertaken to write to the CCCS, enclosing a soil sample.

I would like to wish you the best of luck with the research that you are currently undertaking, and as we discussed, I would be interested to hear how you get on.

*Yours sincerely,*

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

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Date

13 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July in which you asked about our UFO files. The S4 division no longer exists, and this section - Secretariat(Air Staff)2a - is now the point of contact for any questions about UFOs.

I am afraid that the position with regard to access to UFO files is not quite the same as was notified to you by S4; prior to 1967 all UFO records were destroyed after five years, as was the usual practice at the time. Since then, files will have been sent to the Public Record Office, although as these files are covered by the "30 year rule", they will not be open to public viewing yet.

I do not know the precise nature of your enquiry, but if you were after a general idea of what our UFO files contain, then I suspect that they are far less exciting than many would suppose. Essentially, they contain letters asking about the official view on the UFO phenomenon, and actual UFO sighting reports. These reports are almost all ones that could be classified as "lights/discs in the sky". In my time here (almost exactly a year) I have not received one report of any "close encounter" or "abduction". From my study of our previous files (ie those that we have cupboard space for here, going back to about 1985!) I can only recall one or two such reports. I suspect that for whatever reason, people might feel more comfortable about making such reports to UFO groups as opposed to contacting us.

I hope this is helpful, although I suspect that it is not the answer that you were hoping for. If you have any further questions, I will do my best to help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40





Section 40

7th July 1992.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 1962 UFO Records.

I refer to your letters dated:-

- 1) 03/11/77 - Ref: S/S4(Air)8/2/1C/S4f(Air) - signed by
- 2) 06/12/77 - Ref: D/S4(Air)8/2/1C/S4f(Air) - signed by
- 3) 27/01/78 - Ref: D/S4(Air)/8/2/1C - signed by
- 4) 16/03/78 - Ref: D/S4(Air)/8/2/1C - signed by
- 5) 12/03/79 - Ref: D/S4(Air)8/2/1F - signed by

- in which it was stated that the earliest UFO records held by the Ministry of Defence were dated 1962, and that under the Public Records Act they were to remain closed for 30 years.

As 30 years have now elapsed, I wonder if you are in a position to inform me whether or not the 1962 UFO records have been released, and if so, where exactly I would be able to view them.

If they have not been released, perhaps you could advise me as to why, and at what future date they might be available for public viewing.

I thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 40  
[Redacted]

Your reference  
  
Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3  
Date  
10 July 1992

Dear Section 40 [Redacted],

When we spoke earlier today I promised to try and find the UFO report that you submitted during 1990.

I have now turned this report up, and have attached a photocopy. As you can see, this is simply a record of the phone conversation that you had with Section 40 who did this job at the time. The actual date of the incident was 21 July. I do not think we sent you a letter, but had we done so, we would really only have offered an opinion on what it was you saw, and referred you to the UFO organisations that I mentioned to see if they had any corresponding reports. From the details of the report it does look as if ball lightning or some sort of related phenomenon might be one possible explanation. Another would be Section 40 suggestion of a flare.

I hope this is of some use, and that the various people you are in contact with are able to come up with some answers on the marks - and associated deposits - in your garden.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40  
[Redacted]





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British UFO Research Association

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Your reference

Our reference

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Date

10 July 1992

*Dear Sir / Madam,*

When members of the public report UFO sightings to the Ministry of Defence, or ask about the MOD's policy/view on the UFO phenomenon, we always try to include in our response a suggestion that they contact one of the various UFO organisations that exist in this country. As part of this policy we routinely pass on BUFORA's address, and I hope this is proving useful in widening your membership, and bringing to your attention UFO sightings that you may not otherwise have heard about.

However, we are sometimes asked for telephone contact numbers, and on the assumption that time is of the essence when you are investigating any sightings, if you do have a number that you would wish me to pass on to people, I could suggest that witnesses to sightings give you a call in the first instance. Please let me know if this would be useful.

*Yours faithfully,*

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Date

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*Yours faithfully,*

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[Redacted]



Section 40

A lady on the number above wants you to ring her on VFO, she didn't leave her name, she said she will be the one picking up the phone ^

Corp Circles / "Angel hair"

Section 40

NOA: Referred her to BNFORA + Centre for Corp Circle Studies having phoned Ralph Noyes to check this was OK. She has soil sample, and is sending it to everyone concerned.

Details of report: Semi circle "burn mark" on lawn, "angel hair" + fragments of material.



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

9 July 1992

Dear Section 40

When we spoke the other day I promised to let you have some information about recent UFO reports, together with anything else that might be useful to you.

Please find attached a few papers that I think give a flavour of what is going on at the moment. These comprise two fairly recent sighting reports, and two letters that clearly set out the MOD's position on UFOs. I have deleted the details of names and addresses of witnesses to UFO sightings and of those who correspond with us, in line with our usual policy of protecting their privacy.

1992 continues to be a slow year for UFO sightings; during the first six months of the year we had received only 60 reports - and at least twelve of these almost certainly related to sightings of an illuminated airship over London. Although I might have expected more reports recently (simply because it seems more likely that sightings might increase in the summer months as people are generally outdoors more), this has not happened, and if the current rate of sightings continues, I would anticipate a 1992 total broadly in line with last year's figure of 117 - nothing like the hundreds of reports we got in the late seventies and early eighties!

I hope that you find this material useful.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

1 July 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 26 June 1992 in which you asked about our UFO files.

The position with regard to our files is that we keep the recent ones here, but when we run out of space, the oldest files are "archived", and sent to the Public Record Office. This means, effectively, that our records in this office go back to about 1985 (available cupboard space is the key factor here!). Previous files are held at the following address:

The Public Record Office  
Ruskin Avenue  
Kew  
Richmond  
Surrey  
TW9 4DU

However, as you may be aware, prior to 1967 all UFO records were destroyed after five years, as was the usual practice at the time. Furthermore, any files at the Public Record Office will be covered by the "30 year rule", remaining closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Again, this is standard procedure, and applies to all government departments. The upshot of all this is that the only accessible UFO files will be those held here in Sec(AS) - usually dating back little more than five years from the present day, as space dictates.

With regard to access to our files in Sec(AS), we have always taken the view that we do not release material "en bloc", or open our files for viewing. This is because we would have to treat all requests the same, and once we had released material to one person or group, we would have to do the same for any subsequent requests, as we could not "play any favourites". I am afraid that we simply do not have the time or resources to make such an open-ended commitment. That said, we will always try to be as helpful as possible; if people ask about a specific sighting, we can search our files and release a copy of any UFO report we have received that might tie in. We would have to delete information pertaining to the witnesses identity though, for obvious reasons of privacy. We will also help by answering any questions about MoD policy on UFOs, or enquiries about the number, location and type of reports that we receive. Additionally, when people ask about MoD policy, or write in reporting a UFO sighting, we do suggest that they contact UFO organisations such as BUFORA.





On this latter point, I suspect that our files are far less exciting than many would suppose. Essentially, they contain letters asking about the official view on the UFO phenomenon, and actual UFO sighting reports. These reports are almost all ones that could be classified as "lights/discs in the sky". In my time here (almost exactly a year) I have not received one report of any "close encounter" or "abduction". From my study of our previous files I can only recall one or two such reports. I suspect that for whatever reason, people might feel more comfortable about making such reports to UFO groups as opposed to contacting us.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any further questions, I will do my best to help.

*Yours Sincerely,*

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TELEPHONE: Section 40

Section 40

26 June 1992

Dear Section 40

I have written to your department a number of times concerning my interest in the UFO subject. My reason for writing is to enquire if you could help me on two points. Firstly, could you tell me if the MOD has ever considered opening its UFO files wholesale to members of the public who have a genuine interest in the subject. I am thinking in terms of an archive and/or published form? Secondly, it was mentioned in a letter I received from your department dated 22 March 1991, ref. D/Sec(AS)12/3, that all surviving UFO records are held in archives with no easy access. Are these records held at the MOD main building or elsewhere? If you are able to help re. my questions it would be very much appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,

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[Redacted]

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

30 June 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 18 June 1992 in which you asked whether we have a UFO report relating to a sighting over the MoD buildings on Warminster Road, Bath, on 3 June 1992.

I have checked our files, and can confirm that we have not received any reports that would tie in with this date or location. Furthermore, given that nearly a month has elapsed since the sighting, I would not now expect to receive anything, as most UFO reports that are sent to us arrive no more than a week or two after the sighting.

I did speak to a couple of people at our Warminster Road buildings, but neither was aware that there had been any UFO sighting.

I do not know the background to this case, but it may be that the helicopter pilot did not see the object, or that if anything was seen, it was identified by the pilot as something quite ordinary. However, if you track down any further details, I will see what I can do.

One final thought on this point; I do not know if you are in touch with any of the civilian UFO research groups in this country, but if not, you might be interested in writing to them. They are always keen to hear from people, especially - I should imagine - those who are conducting their own research. May I suggest the following organisations:

British UFO Research Association

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[Redacted]

Contact International (UK)

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Quest International (UK)

Section 40  
[Redacted]



As well as exchanging ideas and information, these groups may be able to help you out on specific cases such as the one you mention, as some sightings may be reported to a civilian UFO group, but not to us.

I would be interested in borrowing a copy of the Halt tape, and am grateful for your offer.

Yours - Sincerely,

Section 40

18th June 1992

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter and the copy of the Halt Memorandum. If you would like a copy of the Halt tape I would be pleased to supply a copy.

I have an enquiry I would like to make concerning a UFO report, about a UFO being observed by a helicopter over the M.O.D. base at the Warminster Road, Bath on Wednesday the 3rd June 1992 at approximately 11.30 p.m.

If you have a report on this incident I would be grateful for any information that you could provide and confirmation of whether or not this could have been a U.F.O.?

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Section 40**

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Student of  
U.F.O and  
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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

29 June 1992

Japan

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 1992 to the Prime Minister. I have been asked to reply.

I read your leaflet SAKURA APPEAL 1992 with great interest, and I would like to wish you the best of luck with your endeavours.

I do not know how closely you liaise with UFO groups in other countries, but there are many such groups in the UK who would, I am sure, be very interested in making contact with SAKURA, to discuss ideas, and to exchange details of UFO sightings and encounters. If you are not already in touch with these groups, and wish to take up this idea, then may I suggest the following organisations:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]





Head of Sec 100

The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action.

a. No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly.

or

b. No 10 have ~~asked that a full reply be sent and you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.~~

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

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for APS/Secretary of State

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SAKURA

- SPECIAL UFO RESEARCH CORPS -

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Section 40

JUNE 15, 1992

The Prime Minister's Office  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON

Sire,

We esteem it a great honor to be allowed to send our leaflet  
SAKURA APPEAL 1992.

Since 1979 we have sent every year a message whose regular points are (1) an appeal for total extinction of nuclear weapon and atomic power plants and (2) a warning about the big crustal disturbance in the earth coming near. The message of this leaflet is on this line.

Today, people may be relieved to feel that the fear of a global nuclear war has gone with vanishment of the Soviet Union. But the threat of nuclear war still exists, or rather has become serious, when considering the increasing number of nuclear powers which is, and will be, supplied with the surplus arms after the cold war. Together with this threat, frequent earthquakes over the world, big volcano eruptions and abnormal weather - these give us another unease as a premonitory symptom of the arrival of the days of crustal disturbance.

In that world we notice that democracy and the market economy are welcomed after collapse of totalitarianism. Democracy seems to let racism or tribalism have its own way and the market economy seems to be praised too much in this world with limited resources and in critical environment. Sharply divided opinions being expressed in Rio's Earth Summit conference, the contrary trends of union and disunion in the whole Europe, starvation and diseases in Africa, big urban slums or refugee camps, population problems - the full list of these earthly issues familiar to us urges humanity to seek for a new way to go. Force was once the core of the old world order. Is economy the core of the new world order? If so, at this critical point in the human history, we can say nothing but that history repeats itself.



The French oceanographer Dr. Jacques Cousteau says in his speech at the Earth Summit, "...Let us cease thinking only of ourselves and reasoning only in the short term..." We believe that is the point. Self-sacrifice is what we need most in the present world. We ask you to take drastic action for solving problems from this point of view.

We should be glad if this leaflet has something new to tell you about the situation we are now in. With deepest thankfulness for the UFO flying from the Cosmic League.

Respectfully yours,

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Representative of  
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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

24 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 11 June 1992 to the Prime Minister, concerning the release of information relating to extraterrestrial activity.

I would like to assure you that there is no question of anyone attempting to cover up any UFO incidents, nor is anybody trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the public. The Ministry of Defence does not possess any evidence which supports the existence of alien life, or suggests that extraterrestrial spacecraft have ever visited the earth.

I hope this is helpful, although I appreciate that it is not the answer that you were hoping for. In the meantime you may be interested in making contact with one of the civilian groups that investigate the UFO phenomenon. May I suggest the following organisations:

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Yours sincerely,

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Head of SEC (A0)

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for APS/Secretary of State

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11 June 1992

Section 40

Dear Sir

During the Geneva summit conference in November 1985 President Raegan, during talks with the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, was reported to have said, 'how much easier his task and mine might be in these meetings that we held if suddenly there was a threat to this world from another planet outside in the universe. We'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries, and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings on this Earth together.'

This quote prompted me into the realization that there may be a great deal to benefit from publicly admitting the existence of a possible inter-planetary threat. The benefit would outweigh the possible initial mass confusion; it is true that the human race would have to adopt a different perspective to its view of life and I believe this is the only chance Earth has of survival - a change of perspective.

If this survival is something you are trying to guarantee at the Rio summit, then may I suggest that the first significant step would be such an admission.

If you are unclear as to what I am referring to, may I suggest that you directly or indirectly force the British Ministry of Defence or any other likely organization to decompartmentalise top secret information on the subject of extra-terrestrial craft/occupants/motives/orogin and have it released to the public.

Yours Sincerely

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Your reference

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Date

23 June 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for telephoning your report of an Unidentified Flying Object to this office yesterday; I understand that you requested some further advice .

I should begin by explaining that although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports that we see that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, lasers or searchlights reflecting off low clouds, ball lightning or fireballs. I accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation, and we have an open mind on these.

You might like to write to some of the many civilian UFO organisations, who might be able to offer some advice, or tie in your sighting with others that they may have received. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

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Date

22 June 1992

Dear Section 40

As I promised in my last letter, I have now shown your video to a number of my colleagues here, and discussed what it shows.

The consensus of opinion is that the bright light seen is the sun reflecting off an aircraft. Clearly the aircraft itself was too high to have been seen or heard, but the reflection off a shiny metallic surface of an aircraft can be very bright on a clear day. The fact that the light appears and then disappears would be due to the aircraft changing its position relative to you.

I would stress, however, that whilst this is our assessment, we cannot be one hundred percent sure. Other explanations, such as my original idea of an anti collision light, remain a possibility.

I should like to thank you very much for getting in touch, and I am returning the video.

Yours sincerely,

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

<p>A. Date, Time &amp; Duration of Sighting</p>	<p>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> October 1991 about 2.30 - 3.00 pm. from first sighting until end of filming - about 2-4 mins.</p>
<p>B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)</p>	<p>Single shining object - occasionally reflecting the sun - very, very distant but in comparison with plane - would be much larger.</p>
<p>C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving</p>	<p>I was standing outside facing due North-East.</p>
<p>D. How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)</p>	<p>By naked eye - then through camcorder - but could still see it without any aids until it disappeared.</p>
<p>E. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)</p>	<p>First seen travelling from North to North-East - over Brighton Needle - cross in hand television mast would be behind <del>on</del> my left shoulder - SW.</p>
<p>F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)</p>	<p>Approximately 30° angle from where I was standing</p>
<p>G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)</p>	<p>The distance from the ground would be difficult to estimate - I know that at that distance a commercial plane could not be seen.</p>
<p>H. Movements (Changes in E, F &amp; G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)</p>	<p>It travelled in a more or less E to W direction although it moved about a bit</p>
<p>J. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)</p>	<p>Clear blue skies no clouds at all.</p>
<p>K. 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)</p>	<p>Only overhead lines to my cottage - a valley covered by Dullington Forest - no lake -</p>

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec. 1012  
15 MAY 1992  
FILE

L. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	NOT REPORTED
M. Name & Address of Informant	Section 40 [REDACTED]
N. Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Section 40 [REDACTED]
O. Other Witnesses	only the helicopter on the tape. -as far as I know
P. Date, Time of Receipt	
Q. Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R. <u>Remarks</u>	





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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

17 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 2 June 1992 to the Secretary of State for Defence, enclosing a copy of your book "80 UFOs and counting...", which I am returning to you. Your letter was passed to this office for reply as we receive and co-ordinate a number of UFO reports.

I read your account of your own experiences and views on the subject with interest, and I wish you luck with the book and with your patents.

I do not know whether you are in touch with any of the civilian UFO organisations, but if you are not, you may wish to write to them. I am sure that they will be interested in your book, and they may be able to provide some assistance. May I suggest the following organisations:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Quest International

Section 40

I hope this is helpful. Once again, good luck with your various projects.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





Head of Secy (AS)

I attach a letter <sup>+ Book</sup> which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

19/6/92

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for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

Malcolm Rifkind (Rt.Hon).

Minister of Defence,

Ministry of Defence,

Adastral House,

Theobolds Road,

WC1X

Section 40

2/6/92.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a short book, non fiction, that I shall shortly be offering to the public, Funds from whom I shall be able to finance a proper programme for the manufacture of the craft mentioned.

I would have asked for assistance from current manufacturers who supply defence needs, however, what they have to offer is quite irrelevant, as this needs a completely new approach and new industries.

Pass the book around, give the staff 'A right good Giggle'

Yours Sincerely,

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Date

17 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 13 June, concerning your documentary on the subject of UFOs.

I was interested to hear your views on the subject, and your account of your own experiences. I can only reiterate that we do not possess any evidence supporting the existence of alien life; also, we do not attempt in any way to silence people who have seen or are researching UFOs. Indeed, in many ways we provide a degree of assistance to such people, by referring them to UFO organisations such as BUFORA, and by writing letters such as this. I accept, however, that we may have to agree to disagree on a number of points!

There are a couple of other points that you may find useful; firstly, as I think I mentioned when you telephoned, nearly all of the reports on our files relate to sightings which might be classified as either lights or shapes in the sky, as opposed to the more "exotic" reports of close encounters/abductions. I cannot say why this should be the case, except to speculate that people might feel embarrassed about making these latter reports to anyone other than a UFO organisation. Secondly, I think it is worth pointing out that there has been a lot of recent speculation about some of the "evidence" that has been quoted to support theories of "saucer retrievals" etc. For example, there are many who now believe that documents such as the so-called Majestic 12 papers - which seem to support some of the New Mexico "saucer retrieval" stories - are fakes.

Turning to your specific questions, I hope that you will understand that for obvious reasons, we do not discuss matters relating to the Security Services. However, I have attached some general information about recruitment and careers in the Ministry of Defence, and the role of the Department, which you may find useful.

I am glad you found my previous letter useful, and I hope this is also of some help. Once again, good luck with the documentary.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Section 40

13/6/92

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your letter and the document you sent to me with regards to my documentary. The letter was full and satisfactory but was what I expected.

The documentary is now in post production and we have filmed every thing we set out to achieve. We spent part of the shoot in Yorkshire where U.F.O. activity has been active over the last twenty or so years. We spoke and interviewed many people who have seen and experienced some very, very strange thing which can't be explained away as human or natural activities.

In fact the reason I wanted to produce a film on this subject goes back a number of years. It started when I was at junior school in the late 1970's. It was a clear morning and me and the hundred or so other pupils were out in the playground when a huge white disk followed by three smaller glowing spheres crossed the sky over the school at great speed. Many of us saw this including teachers, although I was only ten years old at the time, this memory has never left me.

My father lives in a remote part of Cornwall and during my many visits to him I have also seen unusual phenomena over the nearby headland. Usually a large white light ringed with red strobes could be seen at night moving slowly and erratically across the clifftops. This would then appear to land on the ground then reduce in size to a small point of red light. It would then take on the characteristics of something running across the ground with a large torch or flashlight. Once this reached the edge of the cliffs it would change back in to its original form and accelerate out to sea then up in to the sky at incredible speeds. Sometimes these lights would enter the sea and then re-appear some time later.

However, near by is a missile tracking station and Morgan Porth, an American air force base. Of course it could be military vehicles or training exercises but acting in such unusual and advanced ways?

In my late teens I joined a civilian U.F.O. research group to pursue my interest more. I was trained as an investigator and worked with them on many cases.

As any investigator will tell you, once you devote your time and interest in to the subject it doesn't become lights in the sky any more. There is so much more underneath the flimsy Government explanations and patronising articles we some times see on the T.V.

I have seen families and people seriously disrupted and disturbed because of a close encounters they have experienced through no wish of their own. Not looneys, or religious fanatics, but a whole range of people, police personnel, military men, house wives, in fact this subject can involve any one.

I have spoke and sympathised with people who have been harassed and threatened by supposed employees of the air ministry and MI5. This being because they have researched or spoke too openly about U.F.O.experiences.

I, and and many other know full well that Governments of the world take this subject very seriously indeed. Most powers including our own have known of these visitation's since the nineteen fourties. Contact has been made, billions is spent in U.F.O. research development, and some disturbing knowledge has been discoverd.

I personally don't know if you are aware of the inside aspects of this subject, if you don't then some one within your department certainly does. Unfortunately you are in a job where it is not wise to ask too many questions or relay the truth to the public. However I found you very helpful and willing to talk and I cannot thank you enough for that.

The structure of our society has been shaped very cleverly and in a way, cynically. We all feel so safe and superior on our planet because we are surrounded by things we know and things we have created. Any intrusion of what does not fit in with our system of beliefs or science has a man made safety tag called humiliation, scepticism, and unreliable.

This is why so many people cannot cope with a close encounter or abduction because it does not fit in with what we are moulded to believe. Another element is that people are not informed enough on the subject. As a result people will laugh and scorn, the authorities will turn its back and leave them to the wolves.

This phenomena is world wide and it appears our Government is terrified and very strict with its knowledge of U.F.O.s. Other countries such as France are very liberal on the matter and have had televised national skywatches in the past. People are not as dense and easily scared as the people at the top think. Most people believe that there is life out there but when it comes to them coming on to our planet and taking and interest in us, people can't cope

with this. I'm sure if we had the technology, we would go out to the stars and take an interest in other life out there. We are a very young solar system, how dare we assume that nothing out there could be more advanced than us.

We are still a very stubborn and ignorant species and I sometimes wonder how we've got this far. I am interested in the subject for my own personal reasons but will not allow myself to become irrational or obsessive. I am writing to you because you are the only person in a Government position who has been good enough to show an interest. However I suspect that it is your duty to reply to all public enquires on this matter with a safe and reassuring letter.

Thank you also for the document on the Rendlesham Forest case. I have seen this piece before and also the two pages that follow it. Surely even you must agree that it is quite an unusual report.

In a way I can see why the Authorities do not release all their information to the public. If all the truths were known it would have a serious effect on the fabric of social conditioning and the stronghold of many religions. Of course any Government that openly admits to knowledge of U.F.O.s and alien beings would lose its public credibility. To them that's more important than the politics and truths of the universe.

Thanks again for your letter and I hope you return correspondence again. A few questions before I close.

How are people recruited for MI5 and other secret service departments?

Are members of the public vetted and approached, or do you only recruit from certain establishments?

What departments and careers are available in these organisations?

Yours very faithfully,

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Your reference

Section 40, 077

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

12 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 7 June 1992 concerning your investigation of a UFO sighting that occurred on Thursday 9 April 1992, just off the A303 in Wiltshire. Section 40 is no longer with this division, and I have taken over his duties.

I have checked our files and can confirm that we have received no reports that tie in with this sighting.

The description provided mentions that the object was shaped like an airship, and I would suggest that the object may indeed have been an airship. I am aware that there has been a recent spate of UFO sightings involving a brightly lit cigar shaped object, that turned out to be an airship, illuminated from the inside. Whilst this report states that the object was not illuminated, other details concerning size, shape and speed do seem to be consistent with this explanation. Most of the recent airship sightings were in and around London, but it might be worth checking out anyway. It might be worth your talking to the CAA about routes and timings of airship flights, or tracking down the commercial operators of the airships, which are, I believe, mainly used for sightseeing and/or advertising.

Of course, there is a good deal of Army activity in the Salisbury Plain area, and although it is not possible to be sure, because of the uncertainty over the precise area of the sighting, there is a chance that the object seen could have been a barrage balloon.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your investigations.

Yours sincerely

Section 40





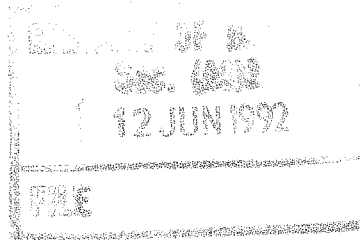
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7-6-92

Our ref: Section 40.077

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,  
M.O.D.,  
Room 8245,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A-2HB.



Dear Sir,

Re: enclosed UFO report, referenced above, and submitted for your inspection and possible comment.

Having investigated this UFO report without succeeding in attributing its stimulus to any mundane cause I am, therefore, writing to you in order to ascertain whether your department has received any contemporaneous reports from the area in question which might shed some light on the matter.

Of course, I do realise that your jurisdiction vis-a-vis the UFO controversy is strictly confined within the parameters of defence and thus you are not obliged to speculate on possible stimuli for such reports, but a potential, simple listing of incoming reports received by you can sometimes help to put the situation into perspective.

Any information you could possibly render with respect to this case, even if only in the negative, would be of immense help to me in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Investigator,

Section 40

GROUP /INVEST REF:	Section 40	BUFORA REF	YEAR	NUMBER	INVESTIGATOR	CASE SUMMARY	
		077			Section 40 EVALUATOR	DATE	9/4/92
RETURN FORM TO: - British U F O Research Association Ltd						TIME	21.20
Section 40						LOCATION	A303 WILTSHIRE
United Kingdom.						EVALN	
						UFO CLASS	FBI
						CLOSED	

# UFO SIGHTING ACCOUNT FORM

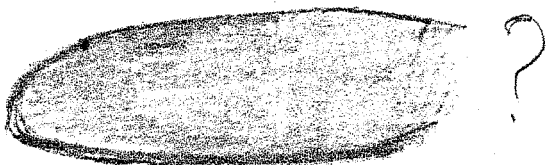
## SECTION A

Please write an account of your sighting, make a drawing of what you saw and then answer the questions in section B overleaf as fully as possible. Write in **BLOCK CAPITALS** using a ball point pen.

I was travelling westwards in a car on the A303 when the object appeared to my right it came over the road heading south. It was very low and appeared strange because of its size, colour, silence and lack of any light. I would estimate the speed to be approximately 15-20 miles per hour and the car I was travelling in would have been moving at approximately 65 m.p.h. The object disappeared over the fields to my left after it had crossed the path of the A303 and then disappeared from view due to our speed, its own speed and the darkness.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

DRAWING\*



Uncertain about the exact end shape, again due to the darkness.

\*If preferred, use a separate sheet of paper.

Your full name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Section 40

Address: Section 40

Telephone No. Section 40 (STD. 081.....)

Occupation during last two years... Section 40

Any professional, technical or academic qualifications or special interests

No

Do you object to the publication of your name? \*Yes/No. \*Delete as applicable.

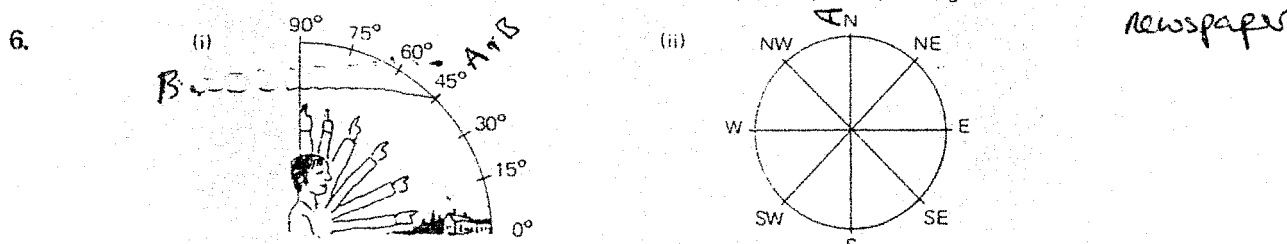
Today's Date... 9-5-92

Signature... Section 40

GROUP /INVEST REF.		BUFORA REF.	YEAR	NUMBER

SECTION B

- Where were you when you saw the object(s)? Exact location A 30.3 POSSIBLY NR. SAKISBURY  
Nearest town/village DON'T KNOW - OPEN ROAD County/District WILTSHIRE
- What was the date of your sighting? ~~THURSDAY~~ THURSDAY day 9<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 19 92
- At what time did you see the object(s)? 9:20 pm ~~am/pm/midday/midnight~~. \*Delete which ever does not apply. How did you know the time? checked car clock
- For how long did you observe the object(s)? approx 20 seconds If not certain please state - for not less than ..... and for not more than .....
- If each of the following objects were held at arm's length which one would just cover the object(s) you saw, i.e. have the same apparent size? (underline) Pinhead/pea/half penny/penny/two pence/golf ball/tennis ball/other



Place an 'A' on the curved line in diagram (i) to show the altitude of the object(s) above the horizon when you first noticed it/them and a 'B' when you last noticed it/them. Also place an 'A' on the outside edge of the compass in diagram (ii) to indicate the direction in which you first observed the object(s) and a 'B' when you last saw it/them.

- Did you see the object(s) at or near ground level? YES 175' APPROX
- How did the object(s) disappear from view? IT WAS DARK & WE WERE TRAVELLING IN A CAR SO OBJECT DISAPPEARED OUT OF VIEW
- If you took a photograph or made any measurements, give details.

- If you noticed any unusual effects on people, animals, plants, objects or equipment nearby: Describe these

- What was the main feature of the sighting which made you feel that the object(s) was/were not natural or man-made? COULD HAVE BEEN MAN MADE BUT WAS LARGE, LOW, WITHOUT LIGHTS & SILENT

- How many other people at the same time saw the object(s)? 1 Give the names, addresses, age and relationship to you of other witnesses. Section 40 - SAME ADDRESS - HUSBAND

- Give a brief description of the object(s) under the following headings: -  
 (a) Number of objects 1 (b) Colour BLACK (c) Sound NONE  
 (d) Shape AIRSHIP was this sharply defined or hazy? SHARP  
 (e) Brightness NONE (compared to star, venus, moon, sun etc.)

- What were the local conditions? Please tick in box where applicable.
 

Clouds	Temperature	Wind	Precipitation	Astronomical
Clear Sky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cold <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stars <input type="checkbox"/>
Scattered cloud <input type="checkbox"/>	Cool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breeze <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fog or mist <input type="checkbox"/>	Moon <input type="checkbox"/>
Much cloud <input type="checkbox"/>	Warm <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	Rain <input type="checkbox"/>	Planet <input type="checkbox"/>
Overcast <input type="checkbox"/>	Hot <input type="checkbox"/>	Strong <input type="checkbox"/>	Snow <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun <input type="checkbox"/>

CAN'T REMEMBER PRESUMABLY MOON & STARS AS NOT CLEAR



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Section 40

Your reference

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Date

3 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter on the subject of UFOs.

You mentioned the sighting that occurred at Rendlesham Forest in 1980, and asked what further information has been released. In fact, the only paper we have on this subject is a copy of a report made by Lt Col Charles Halt. I assume that you have a copy of this, but I am enclosing a copy in case you do not. I am not aware of any further MoD documents relating to this sighting, and although I have heard about the tape you mentioned, we have never been sent a copy. I have to say that I am aware that some ufologists believe that this tape - and a number of documents - have been faked.

I hope this is helpful, although I appreciate that it is probably not the answer that you were hoping for.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



29th May 1992

Dear **Section 40**

Thank you for your letter dated the 11th May 1992, I understand why you can not send me material that has been closed to public viewing, so I will not request further information in this area.

You stated in your letter "Our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the National Security of the U.K.", in this case can I go back to a case from 1980 at Rendalsham Forest. Through various contacts I have obtained a copy of the Halt statement and the taped radio messages from him, from this it is easy to deduct that National Security was compromised.

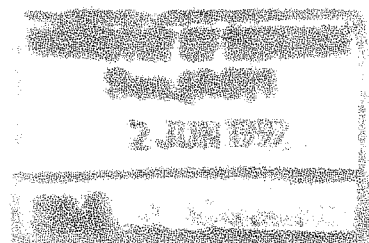
Please could you let me know if any further information has been released, especially the 6 documents that involve the case which the M.O.D. states was not a U.F.O. but still remain classified.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Date

2 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

I am writing to let you know that your letter to AWE Aldermaston has been forwarded to me for reply.

I hope the project is coming along well, despite your having received a lesser number of inputs than you had doubtless hoped for!

I am returning your SAE.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



To Sec (AS) 2a

MB Section 40

AG/SY/20/9

The enclosed has been sent to me for AWE(A). ~~Do~~ Is there a standard line for response. Grateful for any advice (line etc)

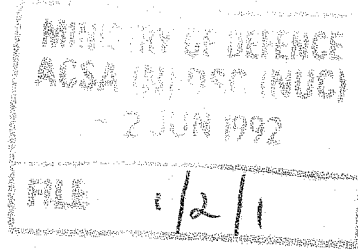
28 May 1992

Dr J A Davies  
Sc(Nuc)1  
Rm 2356

Section 40

Sc(Nuc) / /

Re Section 40



SP/ke to Section 40

give him background. I'll reply, he'll want Syi needs in!

UNSOLICITED MAIL

1. The attached letter from Section 40 I believe falls into the category of unsolicited mail with which you wish to deal. I am also copying it to Major Section 40 of D MOD Sy 2 who may wish to check the bona fide of the writer. He will no doubt advise you of anything adverse.

Section 40

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2. I have not acknowledged receipt and do not intend doing so.

Section 40

CSyO

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cc Major Section 40  
D MOD Sy 2

Section 40

Section 40

30th April 1992

Ministry of Defence  
Atomic Weapons Establishment  
Aldermaston  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG7 4PR



Dear Sir/Madam,

Our film company is in the process of researching material for a documentary which we will be starting to shoot on 16mm film at the end of May.

The documentary concerns U.F.O. sightings in Britain and the United States of America and is also investigating how authorities like the government and US Airforce have knowledge of U.F.O.'s which is kept secret.

I would be grateful if you could help us in any way by sending me information which you have available or by telling me how I can find any information which might be of use. We would of course give credit to you for helping us if you so wish.

Many thanks for your help and we hope to hear from you soon (an S.A.E. is enclosed).

Yours faithfully,

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Date

2 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 15 May to the Prime Minister on the subject of UFOs. I have been asked to reply. You will also recall that when we spoke recently on this subject, I explained that I would be unable to accept your offer to appear in your documentary. I shall attempt to set out for you our position on UFO's, together with other information that you may find useful. In this way although I am unable to appear in your film, you will be able to draw upon the material in this letter in representing the position of the Ministry of Defence.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon, nor do we have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to maintaining the security of the UK and meeting our responsibilities to allies and dependents. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possible explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation, and we have an open mind on these.

You mentioned official knowledge of UFOs which is being kept secret; I would like to assure you that there is no question of attempting to cover up any incidents, nor are we trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the public. The Ministry of Defence does not possess any evidence which supports



the existence of alien life, or suggests that extraterrestrial spacecraft have ever visited the earth.

The Ministry of Defence does not release material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the public records act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer specific enquiries about particular sightings that have occurred recently, and can let you know if we have received reports on the incident, and if so, what they contain. You may be interested to know the numbers of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years; the figures are as follows:

1978 - 750  
1979 - 550  
1980 - 350  
1981 - 600  
1982 - 250  
1983 - 390  
1984 - 214  
1985 - 177  
1986 - 120  
1987 - 150  
1988 - 397  
1989 - 258  
1990 - 209  
1991 - 117

So far this year we have received 55 sightings, although about a dozen of these were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside - which was flying over London a lot during February and March. I saw this myself, and can understand how, from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO travelling slowly over London. I mention this as a useful example of how an explanation can often be found for an apparently quite exotic UFO report.

You mentioned the sighting of a UFO in Rendlesham Forest; the only information that we have on this matter is the report that was made by Lt Col Charles Halt, and I have attached a copy of this for your information. We have no further documents on this sighting, and are certainly not aware of any papers relating to a close encounter with aliens. You may be aware, however, that there has been some recent press coverage of supposedly official UFO documents turning out to have been fakes.

You also mentioned that you were in touch with a number of civilian UFO organisations. We routinely refer people to various organisations, as we are aware that they will always be interested to hear from witnesses to sightings or members of the public who are interested in the subject. You are probably in touch with these organisations already, but in case you are not, the details are as follows:

British UFO Research Association

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Quest International

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Contact International (UK)

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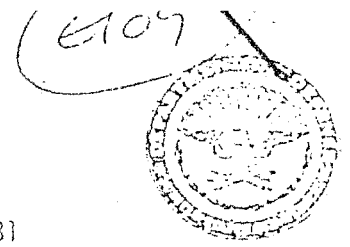
All these groups are currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon, and will, I am sure, be keen to assist you in your project. There are, of course, many books on the subject of UFOs, and any good library or bookshop will probably have a fair selection.

I hope this is helpful, and I should like to wish you the best of luck with your documentary. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 51ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)  
APO NEW YORK 07755



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

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13 Jan 81

SUBJECT:

Unexplained Lights


TO:

RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 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.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. 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° 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 to 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 2 and 3.

  
CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander



Head of Sec (As)

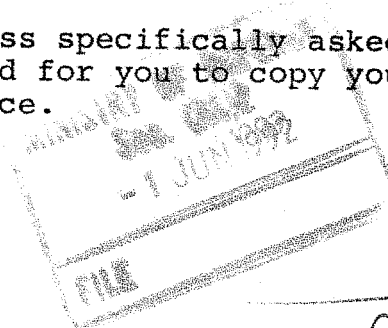
The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action.

a. ~~No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly.~~

or

b. No 10 have asked that a full reply be sent and you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.

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



Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

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Section 40

mod  
Defence  
UFO's

15/5/92

Dear Mr Major,

Being a student at a film school in London, I am producing a documentary on U.F.O encounters and the subsequent reluctance of various Governments to release information on the subject.

Most people, probably yourself included know a small amount about the subject. There are however many civilian organisations committed to serious research including many in the U.K. who I have been in contact with. In the states the "Citizens against U.F.O. secrecy" have obtained several documents through the freedom of information act regarding an alien contact. This event took place at Rendalsham Forrest U.S. Air Force Base in Surrey during the late nineteen eighties. According to several investigations and interviews with military personnel involved at the base, it appears that the General in charge and scores of other personnel encounter an alien object and its occupants in the surrounding woods.

Being a citizen of the U.K. I would like to hear your views and your intentions on the subject of U.F.O.s and their connection with national security. The subject was raised in Parliament a number of years ago, but did not inspire a satisfactory result.

Other departments in the ministry will have more information on U.F.Os including MI5 and the ministry of defence. These however in the past have been very stubborn and ignorant on releasing information and would probably lie to even you regarding the volume and seriousness of the information they have.

I hope you receive my letter personally and you may take interest in some kind of investigation. Please could you return correspondence as is convenient.

Yours faithfully

Section 40



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Section 40

SRUFO

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

1 June 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked for some information about the reported near miss last year between an aircraft on approach to Gatwick and an unidentified object.

I have attached a copy of the CAA's report into this incident, prepared by the Joint Airmisss Section.

Because the matter had been reported as an airmisss as opposed to a UFO incident, no report had reached this office, and I only became aware of it as a result of the recent press coverage. I checked to see if we had received any other reports that might tie in with this incident, but we had not.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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**AIRMISS REPORT No 75/91**

	<i>Type</i>	<i>Operator</i>	<i>Alt/FL</i>	<i>Assessed Met Conditions</i>
<i>Date/Time:</i>	151745 Jul			
<i>Reporting Aircraft:</i>	B737	CAT	FL 140 ↓	VMC 40 km
<i>Reported Aircraft:</i>	Black Lozenge Shaped Object			
<i>Position:</i>	N5042N E0044 (30 NM SE MAY)			
<i>Airspace Type:</i>	CTA			

**PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS**

**THE B737 PILOT** reports that he was inbound to Gatwick and in communication with London control on 128.4 while squawking with Mode C. He was heading 308° and descending through FL 140 at 355 kt with visibility in the region of 40 km. His FO saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500 m ahead of the ac and at the same level. Within the space of about 1.5 sec it passed very close, less than 100 yd away, down the port side of the ac and, at the most, 30 ft above the level of the wing. He informed London Control, via the RT, who reported seeing a small primary radar contact astern of the ac. No impact or disturbance was felt on the ac and no damage was observed during a post flight inspection. He assessed the risk of collision as high.

**ATC AT LATCC** reports that during a moderate traffic loading on the BIG/EAS CCF sector the B737 pilot reported an object passing his ac in the opposite direction at a high closing speed. The B737 was inbound to Gatwick via the Eastwood stack and passing the BEXIL way point. He was descending through 15,000 ft and thought the object may have been a balloon, or part of, describing it as black and about 18 inches wide. The SC reports that a primary return was seen about 10 NM behind the B737 heading SE at about 100 kt. A following ac was given traffic information and avoiding turns to the left to avoid the primary return, which had appeared to change heading towards it, but its pilot reported seeing nothing. The DVR CSC was also advised of the facts in order that inbound traffic could be given vectors to avoid the area.

**JAS Notes:**

- 1 A Meteorological balloon was released from Crawley at 1719 on this particular day, it was light brown in colour and was trailing a silvery mesh triangle. Twenty six minutes after release (1745) it was at 27,000 ft bearing 085.76° and at a range of 30 km from Crawley. It ascended through 15,000 ft 13 min after release (1732) when it was bearing 097.6° and at a range of 17 km. There was a sharp inversion between 4000-5000 ft where the temperature rose from +8° to +12°. The top of convection was at 4500 ft, above this was a very dry area up to about 15,000 ft. Wind velocity at 14,000 ft - 305/25, 10,000 ft - 295/25.
- 2 AIS(Mil) undertook very thorough tracing action but could reach no positive conclusion. Their radar replay did show a primary return in the general area but it was seen to move about like a light ac or helicopter at low level. No Met or other balloons could be traced which having been released could have reached this area/time nor which could have appeared black. The only possible exception to this was that some hot-air balloon pilots launch small balloons which can be followed with a device called a 'Wind Tracker'. One balloon pilot contacted had released



balloons on the 6th/7th July but then not again until the 19th. On the 21st he tracked one of his black balloons to 7200 ft before he lost sight of it and he assumed they could go much higher than this. The CAA SRG is well aware of this use of balloons; they and others of similar size (less than 2 m) are exempted from most restrictions of the ANO by Article 109(a). The object seen by the B737 pilot must be considered as untraced.

**PART B: SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS**

The only information available to the Working Group was the report from the pilot of the B737, photographs from the radar recordings, and reports from the appropriate ATC and operating authorities.

A member commented that the number of sightings of balloons and other unidentified objects seem to have become more prevalent in the S and SE of the country. Members took note of the AIS(M) comment on the primary return seen in the general area of the airmiss as being more akin to the movement of a light ac or helicopter at low level. They were at a loss to identify the reported object since its shape and behaviour did not seem to fit any recognisable piece of aviation equipment, while the temperature inversion made it unlikely that something like a piece of black polythene could have been carried to that level. It was agreed that this airmiss was best described as a confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object. Whilst members were unsure what damage could have occurred had the object struck the B737 the general opinion was that there had been a possible risk of collision.

**PART C: ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND CAUSE**

*Degree of Risk:* B

*Cause:* Confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object.

**AIRMISS REPORT No 84/91**

	Type	Operator	Alt/FL	Assessed Met Conditions
<i>Date/Time:</i>	241442 Jul			
<i>Reporting Aircraft:</i>	SA365N Dauphin 2	CAT	1000 ft (RPS 999 mb)	VMC 4 NM
<i>Reported Aircraft:</i>	Tornado GR1	HQ STC	700 ft (Rad Alt)	VMC 7 km Haze
<i>Position:</i>	N5339 E0016 (5 NM ESE of Easington)			
<i>Airspace Type:</i>	FIR/LFS			

**PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS**

**THE DAUPHIN 2 PILOT** reports heading 285° at 140 kt en route to Easington from an offshore rig and receiving a RAS from Anglia Radar. Anglia advised him of a pair of ac and he saw them heading N

26 May 1992.

Dear [Section 40]

Your address was given to me by [Section 40] of the group Scottish Research into UFOs (SRUFO) [Section 40] is no longer with the group.

I would be grateful if you could send me a detailed report of the UFO sighting reported by the crew of an aircraft over Gatwick airport approximately one year ago. This sight was returning from Greece and the UFO was "black and lozenge shaped" as reported recently on national broadcast news.

I would be grateful for further information on the craft's dimensions, structure, metal and eventual destination.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[Section 40]

SRUFO.



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Date

27 May 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 24 May 1992 concerning your attempts to locate a copy of your original report - and any follow-up papers - on the UFO incident that you witnessed on 30 August 1956.

Regrettably, prior to 1967 the Ministry of Defence maintained a policy of destroying UFO files after five years, so I am afraid we are unable to obtain the information you want.

If you have not already done so, it might be worth contacting RAF Odiham direct, in case they have any papers on the subject.

I hope this is helpful, although I appreciate that it is not the reply you were hoping for. I should like to wish you the best of luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

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AIR HISTORICAL

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25 April 1992

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Air Historical Branch

No. 3775

30 APR 1992

Dear Sirs -

I am very grateful for your reply as enclosed and am pursuing inquiries at Kew. However, I am advised that there is a special MOD office or department, outside the AHB, which files and handles UFO reports involving R.A.F. aircraft.

Would you please be so good as to provide me with the title and address of that department.

Yours sincerely

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Directors : Section 40



Section 40

24 May 1992

MOD

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Dear Sir -

**UFO INCIDENT R.A.F. ODIHAM AUGUST 30 1956**

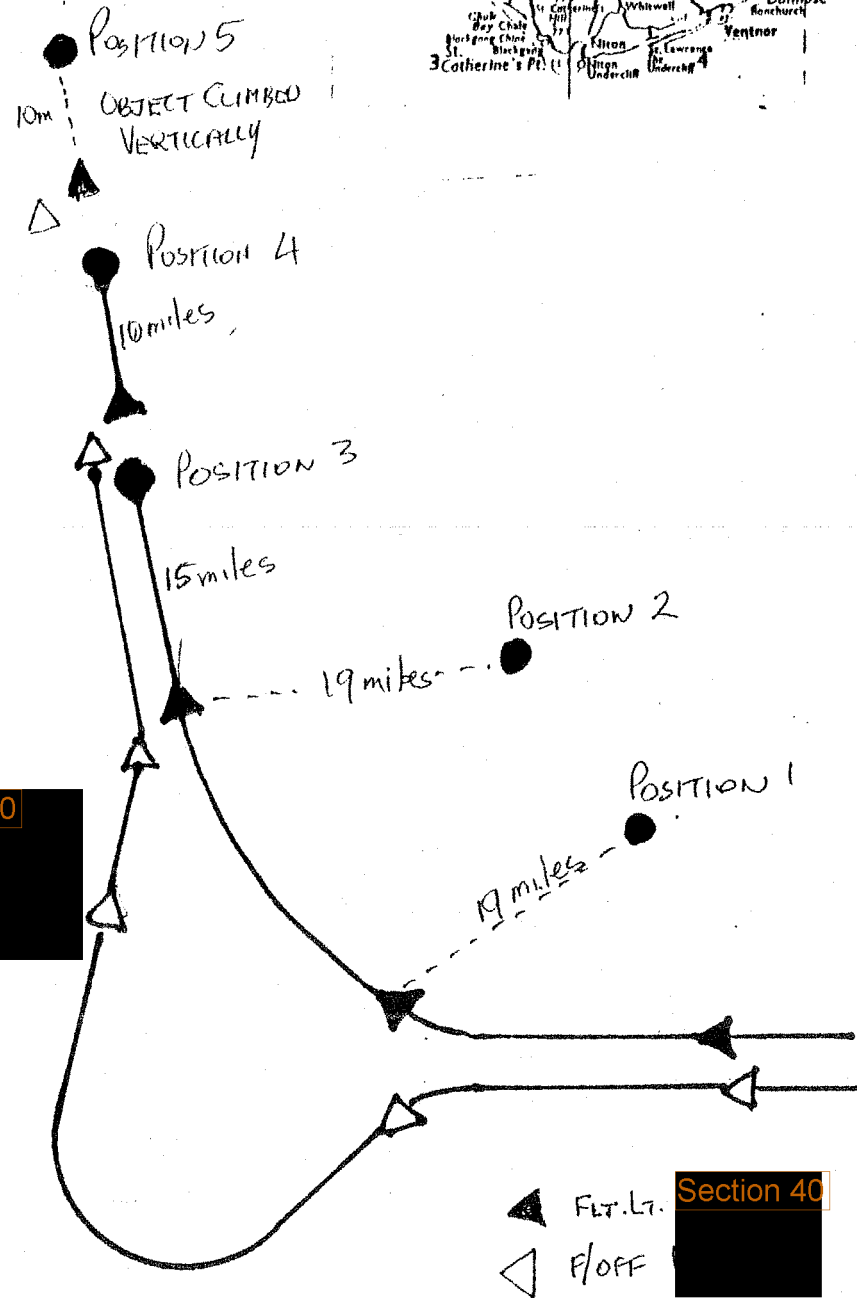
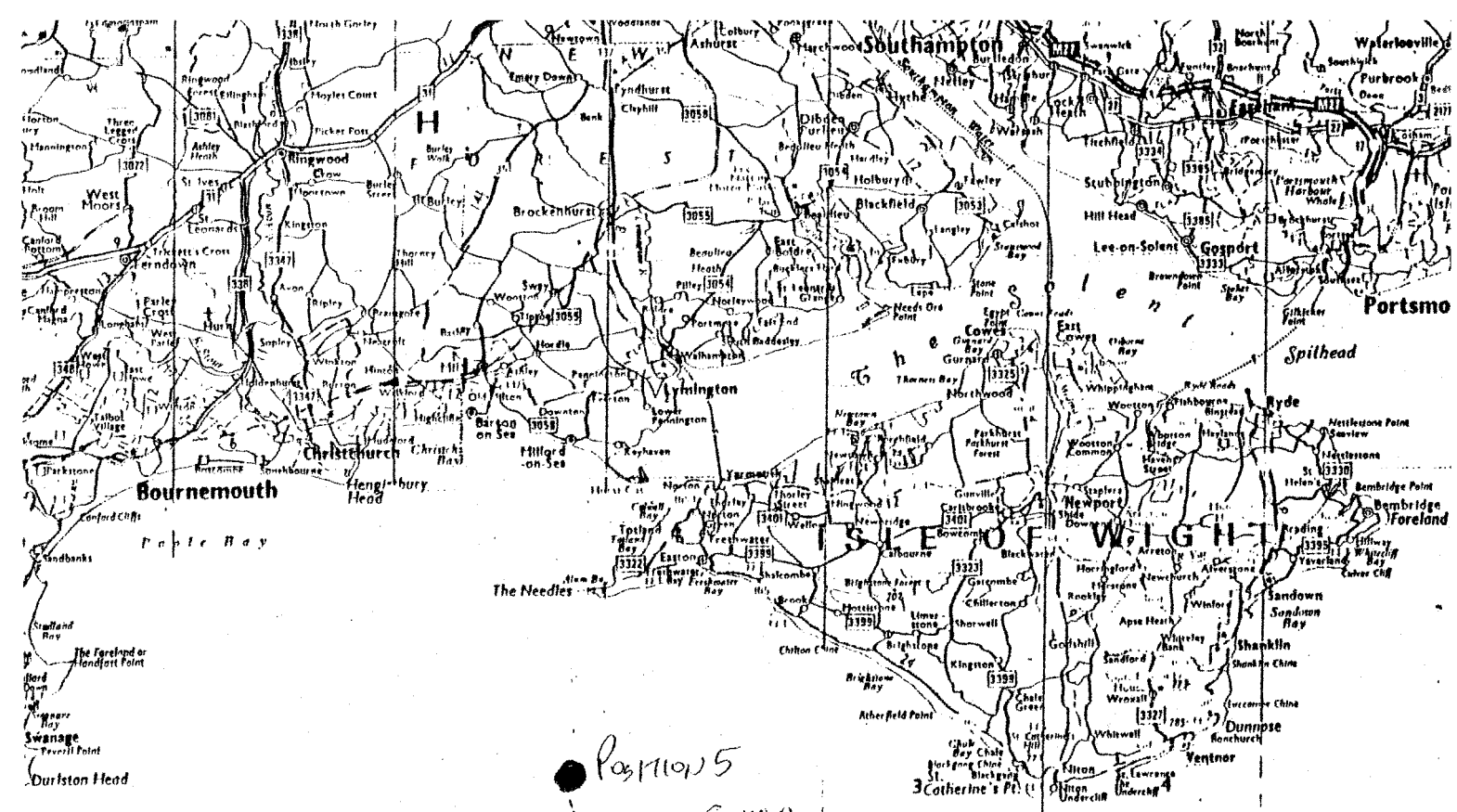
I wrote recently to MOD about this incident - I was involved and I am trying to obtain a copy of my original report and any 'further action' documents associated. I am a professional author with 14 published books including MILLERGATE, the story of the disappearance of Major Glenn Miller.

I was advised by MOD that all UFO records are in the PRO Kew, but PRO only has the daily Form 540 record for each squadron.

Since more than 30 years has elapsed since this incident, you should be able to release copies of the papers I require, and I would appreciate an early reply.

Yours sincerely

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UFO SIGHTING  
Aug 30 1956

CREWS: Pilot F/O  
 NAV. F/O  
 Pilot F/O  
 NAV. F/O

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 △ F/OFF

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1956

Location : English Channel south of Isle of Wight, UK

Date : Aug 30

Details : Witnesses Flt.Lt. Section 40 RAF night fighter pilot and navigator F/O Section 40 in one Javelin fighter, F/O Section 40 and navigator in second aircraft, practicing air interceptions at 45,000 feet in daylight. Weather clear above low layers of cloud, visibility unlimited. Witness Section 40 relates : 'We were flying west in line astern before separating for interception. Section 40 was the target aircraft. Aircraft each turned 45 degrees different directions, flying courses at 90 degrees to each other. Airborne radar used with range 20+ miles and height indication. Section 40 flying north-west before turning south-west for interception, saw disc-shaped object off starboard wingtip, ahead and starboard. Navigator Section 40 obtained a radar return at 19 miles. At that point Section 40 got an estimation of object's size - the diameter of his little finger-nail at arm's length in cockpit. Later calculation indicated a diameter exceeding 600 feet. Witnesses got permission from Ground Control to abandon exercise and investigate object. Section 40 turned north towards the object on right wing - but it apparently slowed down, maintained position. Witness F/O Section 40 had now caught up and was behind, half a mile, also confirming visual and air radar sightings. The fighters banked steeply and object was at 15 miles dead ahead on radar screen, slightly larger visual size. At full power distance was closed to 10 miles on air radar and object was of metallic grey appearance. Section 40 obtained second size estimation - object - diameter was the length of witness's little finger in windscreen - later calculations indicated diameter exceeding 1000 ft. At 8 miles the object suddenly climbed vertically too fast for air radar to track, estimated rate of climb 5 miles/second, and vanished. Ground radar at Sopley, Dorset, later confirmed ground radar sighting. Pilots told to submit reports to Air Ministry'

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Date

14 May 1992

*Dear*

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May 1992.

111 Squadron is based at RAF Leuchars, and operates Tornado F3 aircraft - the F3 is the Air Defence Variant of the Tornado. Should you require further information, you should write to the Squadron direct, specifying the sort of things that you are interested in. The address to write to is as follows:

The Officer Commanding  
111 Squadron  
RAF Leuchars  
Leuchars  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 OJX

You asked about the rank of T.A.3.R.A.; it is not a Royal Air Force or United States Air Force rank. I had thought that TA might stand for Territorial Army, but it does not ring any bells with them. The closest thing I could find is Technical Assistant Royal Artillery (TARA), although this rank was discontinued several years ago, and I do not have any further details on it.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

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EAST MIDLANDS U.F.O. RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
E.M.U.F.O.R.A.

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff)2a  
Room Section 40  
Ministry Of Defence.  
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Section 40

Dear Section 40

Just a request for some information if at all possible.

Please could you tell me what rank T.A.3.R.A. is and is it a British rank or American ? How many people would hold this rank at one given time ?

I would also appreciate any information you could give me about TREBLE ONE (111) squadron.

Yours Sincerely

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Date

14 May 1992

Dear

Section 40

The Home Office have forwarded me your letter to them about UFOs, and I suspect that if you have written to all Government Departments, all the letters will be sent to the Ministry of Defence, as the only Department that is involved in the subject of UFOs.

I will continue to let you know when this happens, and return your SAES.

Yours Sincerely,

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OUR REF: RMC/OA/100/ 39

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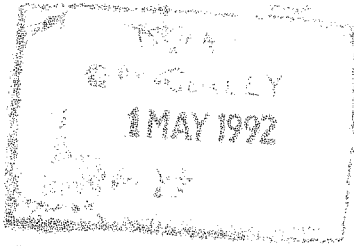
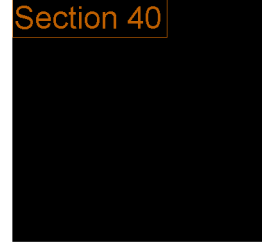
The attached letter from Section 40 .....  
..... is forwarded to you for official action.  
This letter has/has not been acknowledged from this office. The  
Minister attaches great importance in prompt replies to  
correspondence he receives and would like this letter answered by  
COP ..... 27/5/92 ....., or alternatively, if a delay is  
anticipated, an interim reply should be forwarded, preferably  
within the same timescale.

Would you please let us see a copy of your reply quoting our  
reference. If this correspondence is transferred, then this  
office must be notified.

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OA - Sec(AS)

28th April

House of Commons  
Westminster  
London



Dear Sir,

Our film company is in the process of researching material for a documentary which we will be starting to shoot on 16mm film at the end of May.

The documentary concerns U.F.O. sightings in Britain and the United States of America and is also investigating how authorities like the government and the US Airforce have knowledge of U.F.O.'s which is kept secret.

I would be grateful if you could help us in any way by sending me any information which you have available or by telling me how I can find any information which might be of use. We would of course give credit to you for helping us if you so wish.

I have enclosed an S.A.E. for your reply and I hope to hear from you soon. Thank-you for your help.

Yours sincerely,





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Date

13 May 1992

Dear Section 40

The Department of Transport have passed me your letter to them on the subject of UFOs, and clearly have no points that they feel would be of use to you in the making of your film.

Hopefully you will already have received my letter setting out the position of the Ministry of Defence.

I am not able to return your SAE, which appears to have gone astray somewhere in transit.

*Yours sincerely,*

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Section 40

30th April 1992

Department of Transport  
2 Monck Street  
LONDON  
SW1

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Many thanks for your help and I hope to hear from you soon (an S.A.E. is enclosed).

Yours faithfully,

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Date

12 May 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter concerning the UFO that you witnessed on 4 May.

I should begin by explaining that although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports that we see that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, lasers or searchlights reflecting off low clouds, ball lightning or fireballs. Having said this, I do think, from what you say, that the object was probably an aircraft, possibly with some of its lights obscured.

You might also like to write to some of the many civilian UFO organisations, who might be able to offer some advice, or tie in your sighting with others that they may have received. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

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Contact International (UK)

Section 40

Quest International (UK)

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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SEC (AS) 2A

Room Section 40

(MOI)

Dear

Section 40

WFO GUILDFORD 4 MAY 1992

Following my 'phone call I would like you to make a note of my sighting of an unusual flying craft last night. Time 22.15 - 22.20. Exact North/South trajectory - watched it come from horizon over Worplesdon + finally disappear over horizon <sup>over</sup> Godalming. My partner + I saw a very large white steady light coming directly towards us, it did not appear to be very high - about the height of a helicopter (They often fly around here so I suppose it could have been one of those with a silencer attached !!). At first we thought it must be a plane but there were no wing lights. We looked for a tail light + listened for the sound. There was no sound of low flying aircraft + certainly not helicopter sound which is unmistakable. There many



have been some slight sound but as we  
live near the A3 we could not distinguish  
it. As it flew overhead we could  
easily see another light but not on a tail  
as I had expected but right behind the main  
one. It was pulsating regularly & fast -  
exactly like the light on top of ambulance.  
It flew over the house & we watched  
till it disappeared south. From the back  
only the flashing light was visible.

I realise it was probably an aircraft  
flying without lights but surely there is  
dangerous - plane from Heathrow or Gatwick  
fly over here ~~all~~ all the time.

Please pass this information to anyone  
who might use it. I am telling you  
because I know there were two strange  
machines seen at Gatwick a few days  
ago & we are in the area!

Have fun!!



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Date

11 May 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April concerning UFO sightings in the UK.

The position of the Ministry of Defence is that while we do receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the UK. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. We remain convinced, however, that rational explanations could be found for most of them.

I am not able to send you material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the public records act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer specific enquiries about particular sightings that have occurred recently, and can let you know if we have received reports on the incident, and if so, what they contain.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Sec (As)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec (As)  
- BHA/1/72  
FILE

I attach a letter which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

7/5/92

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for APS/Secretary of State

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A52  
M.O.D.  
Whitehall  
LONDON

Section 40

29th April 1992

Dear Sirs

I am an investigator of UFO's and am enquiring about the Ministry of Defences stance on the increasing number of UFO sightings in Great Britian. As a number of the sightings enter the defensive airspace of the United Kingdom, presumably they are a bearing on the countries defence?

I would appreciate your views on this matter and would also be grateful if you could send any documented copies of UFO sightings/cases reported to any of the government authorities that are available.

I look forward to hearing your hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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UFO INVESTIGATOR

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Date

7 May 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April to the Secretary of State for Defence, on the subject of UFOs. I have been asked to reply.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon, nor do we have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to maintaining the security of the UK and meeting our responsibilities to allies and dependents. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possible explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation, and we have an open mind on these.

You mentioned official knowledge of UFOs which is being kept secret; I would like to assure you that there is no question of attempting to cover up any incidents, nor are we trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the public. The Ministry of Defence does not possess any evidence which supports the existence of alien life, or suggests that extraterrestrial spacecraft have ever visited the earth.

I am not able to send you material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the public records act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for



50 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer specific enquiries about particular sightings that have occurred recently, and can let you know if we have received reports on the incident, and if so, what they contain. You may be interested to know the numbers of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years; the figures are as follows:

1978 - 750  
1979 - 550  
1980 - 350  
1981 - 600  
1982 - 250  
1983 - 390  
1984 - 214  
1985 - 177  
1986 - 120  
1987 - 150  
1988 - 397  
1989 - 258  
1990 - 209  
1991 - 117

So far this year we have received 47 sightings, although about a dozen of these were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside - which was flying over London a lot during February and March. I saw this myself, and can understand how, from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO travelling slowly over London.

With regard to the position of the USA, I suggest that you write to the United States Embassy in London. The address is 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE.

If you have not already done so, you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. They may have some other ideas, and will, I am sure, be keen to help. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Quest International

Section 40

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

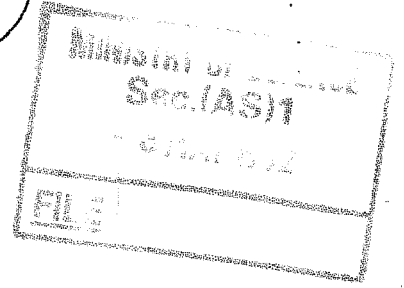
There are, of course, many books on the subject of UFOs, and any good library or bookshop will probably have a fair selection.

I hope this is helpful, and I should like to wish you the best of luck with your documentary. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I have returned your SAE, as we have our own mailing arrangements.

*Yours Sincerely,*

Section 40



Head of Sec(AS)

I attach a letter which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

*S/92*

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

Official  
copy

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Section 40

29th April 1992

House of Commons  
Westminster  
London

Dear Sir,

Our film company is in the process of researching material for a documentary which we will be starting to shoot on 16mm film at the end of May.

The documentary concerns U.F.O. sightings in Britain and the United States of America and is also investigating how authorities like the government and the US Airforce have knowledge of U.F.O.'s which is kept secret.

I would be grateful if you could help us in any way by sending me any information you may have available or by telling me how I can find any information which may be of use. We would of course give you credit to you for helping us if you so wish.

Many thanks for your help and we hope to hear from you soon (an S.A.E. is enclosed).

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Section 40





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(Fax)

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
7 May 1992

Dear Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for sending me the video of the Unidentified Flying Object that you witnessed from your garden last year.

I have had an initial look at the tape, and have not been able to come up with any obvious explanation. One initial idea was that it may be an anti-collision light from an aircraft that was much higher than the helicopter; having said this, I will pass the tape to some of my colleagues here to see what they think, and to try and come up with some other ideas. I will, of course, let you know what we come up with, although I cannot promise that we will have any more luck than you!

I have enclosed a copy of the standard UFO report form that is used to record information about sightings of unusual objects in the sky. If you would not mind filling in this form, it would help us form a better judgement about what you saw.

Once again, thank you for writing.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40  
[Redacted]



REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeple, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	

L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
M.	Name & Address of Informant	
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	
R.	<u>Remarks</u>	

Section 40

For the attention of Section 40

27th April 1992

Section Secretariat (Air Staff)  
2a Room Section 40  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

As promised I enclose the video tape of a 'sighting' taken around Tuesday, 2nd or 9th October 1991.

On this particular day I was sitting in my garden reading when I heard a helicopter flying overhead. as I live in the flight path of commercial, private and military aircraft, I didn't take much notice of it until it started to bank around several times. As I watched I was aware of an object flashing to the right of the helicopter. I gather this was what the pilot was trying to watch.

I ran indoors, grabbed my video camera and started filming. Unfortunately the film has come out in black and white, but the day was perfectly sunny with a brilliant blue sky. I can only conclude that what I saw wasn't any sort of aircraft that I'm aware of.

Perhaps you may make more sense of the tape than I did.

Best of luck!

Yours sincerely

Section 40



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Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
5 May 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April, in which you asked whether we had any information on a near mid air collision between an "Al-Italia/Danair" aircraft and a "UFO".

I assume that you are referring to the incident that occurred on 21 April last year, where the pilot of an Alitalia MD80 reported sighting a "flying object". In fact, while the MoD was forwarded a copy of the pilot's report to the CAA, we received no other reports that tied in with this.

If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact the CAA, with a view to seeing if they have any other information that might be of use to you.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]



Section 40

29-4-92

Our ref:BBC-1, 6pm TV News report of 27th April, 1992 of a near, mid-air collision between an 'Al-Italia/Danair' aircraft and a 'UFO'. (GATWICK ATC)

Section 40

Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,  
M.O.D.,  
Room Section 40  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A-2HB.

Dear Sir,

Re: ~~XXXXXX~~ ABOVE QUOTED UFO report, referenced above, and submitted for your inspection and possible comment.

Having investigated this UFO report without succeeding in attributing its stimulus to any mundane cause I am, therefore, writing to you in order to ascertain whether your department has received any contemporaneous reports from the area in question which might shed some light on the matter.

Of course, I do realise that your jurisdiction vis-a-vis the UFO controversy is strictly confined within the parameters of defence and thus you are not obliged to speculate on possible stimuli for such reports, but a potential, simple listing of incoming reports received by you can sometimes help to put the situation into perspective.

Any information you could possibly render with respect to this case, even if only in the negative, would be of immense help to me in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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Investigator,



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Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
29 April 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your report on the recent spate of UFO sightings over Stapleford.

I had not come across an example of this sort of prank before, and it is useful to be aware of such activity when looking at future sightings.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



EAST MIDLANDS U.F.O. RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
E.M.U.F.O.R.A.

23 APRIL 1992

Section 40

Dear Section 40

As requested I've enclosed a detailed report. As you see, at first we thought we were investigating multiple u.f.o. sightings.

Where it is stated in my report 'see letter', these letters have not been included as they are communications to and from the stated parties and also progress reports.

Kind regards

Section 40

23April 19:00 Hrs.

I've just recieved a phone call from one of our members, stating that an article in the Nottm Evening Post says that councillor Henry Shaw says that the students should be prosecuted. I hope this can be avoided as we did warn the lads of the dangers in this and the possibility of causing a fireball.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40



THE STAPLEFORD UFOs

CASE No CE1.8.0032.

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 1992.

On Sunday April 5th 1992, we received a call from a **Section 40** [REDACTED] informing us about several UFO flights in one night, over the Stapleford in Nottingham.

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

The first sighting was of a single orange object at 20.30 hrs, on March 29th. The second sighting was at 21.15 and consisted of six orange objects, two of these dived towards the ground and vanished behind houses. At 22.00 hours she, and at least four work colleagues witnessed another single one fly by. Sometimes the UFOs appeared stationary and also gave a whirring sound. They appeared to be orange spheres and flickered.

We received another call from a **Section 40** [REDACTED] **Section 40** [REDACTED] Stapleford, who claimed to have seen something exactly the same, on the previous night ( 28th March ) and the times differed slightly. This time they passed over at 19.30 hours, 21.30 and 22.00 hours.

The flights were steady on both nights. On the Saturday night, the six objects/spheres disappeared into low cloud.

On Friday, April 3rd, I wrote to the M.O.D. ( see letter )  
On Saturday April 4th, I wrote to the Nottingham constabulary ( see letter ).

On Monday April 6th, **Section 40** [REDACTED] made some checks about light shows ( see statement ).

On Friday April 10th, I contacted the Nottingham Recorder to appeal for information, a reporter will be phoning me on Monday 13th April.

On Saturday April 11th, **Section 40** [REDACTED] and I went to check out the farms around Stapleford Hill. First we went to **Section 40** [REDACTED] **Section 40** [REDACTED] Stapleford, we spoke to a farm worker, who was ploughing a field. He told us that **Section 40** [REDACTED] is the farm owner, but does not live in the farmhouse. The occupants living in the farmhouse didn't see or hear anything unusual.

We then went to **Section 40** [REDACTED], on **Section 40** [REDACTED], and this only consists of a farmhouse and outbuildings. The retired farmer, saw and heard nothing unusual.

We went to the farm shop on **Section 40** [REDACTED] Ilkeston, to find out who owns the livestock in the area. We spoke to the owner of the livestock, and every one was accounted for. No cattle mutilations or UFO sightings.

On Monday 13th April, I received a reply from the M.O.D. ( see letter ).

On Tuesday April 14th, the appeal for information appeared in the Nottingham Evening Post, and on the following evening it also appeared in the Recorder. I also received a reply from Nottingham Constabulary ( see letter ).

The appeal brought in a large response, and we received over thirty phone calls during the case, up to Monday April 20th. On Friday 17th April, certain details of these sightings were printed in the Evening post.

The following day, we received a tip off that some adults were sending up miniature hot air balloons, from a house on [REDACTED], Stapleford. That night, Section 40 and Section 40 [REDACTED] and myself, went to watch the house from Section 40 [REDACTED]. After fifty minutes, it started to rain and we decided to call it a night. We went and knocked on the door, but nobody was in, so we went to their next door neighbours. Amidst their laughter, they told us that they knew nothing about it. We assumed that they were laughing at us, as we were UFO investigators.

On Sunday April 19th, at ten am, Section 40 and myself knocked on the door of number [REDACTED]. A face appeared at the bedroom window, and shortly afterwards the door opened. We introduced ourselves, and stated that we had reason to believe that they had been launching orange glowing objects into the night sky. His face was a picture of guilt, as a million thoughts flashed through his mind. He didn't know whether he was in trouble or how we had tracked them down. He invited us in, and told us his name was [REDACTED], and he told us the names of two other lads involved. One is [REDACTED] and the other is [REDACTED]. He demonstrated how it was achieved, and constructed a contraption for us, made from a firelighter, copper wire and a clear plastic bin liner bag, basically a miniature hot air balloon. The firelighter fills the bag with hot air and then the bag rises into the air. The firelighter cannot be blown out by the wind, and the balloon can go for over a mile, at great height.

Several people saw them disappear into low cloud on one occasion. A friend of [REDACTED] showed him how it was done. It was performed on at least three occasions to the best of [REDACTED] knowledge, and he added that the other lads could have done it on other occasions. When asked about several at one time, going up, he stated that this was correct and that one from the bunch had fallen out of the sky. "The whole idea was just for the fun of seeing them go up". Said [REDACTED].

He asked for his friends and also his own name and their location to be kept from the media. We respected his wishes, and told him that it was only so we could close the case.

We asked [REDACTED], if he would give us a demonstration one night, and this was fixed for Monday April 20th. The evening came around, and Section 40 [REDACTED] phoned me to say, that he couldn't make it. He had intended on being there to capture it on video tape. The students and myself, went into fields at Stapleford, and tried to launch six balloons, the wind was too strong, and they found it very difficult to launch them, after several attempts, they got three off the ground,

two crashed into trees, but the third was successful. It went over the trees and glided away into the distance. The whole experiment was captured on my 35mm camera. (photographic). Case Closed.

NB; The best wire for this, is fuse wire, as it is much lighter than copper. A slight wind or no wind at all are the best weather conditions. Case investigated by [Section 40](#) and [Section 40](#)

[Section 40](#)

From; Section 40  
EAST MIDLANDS UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION,  
Tel; NOTTM Section 40

Dear

On behalf of the East Midlands Research Association, we would like to thank you for reporting the UFO sighting over your area recently.

We understand that some of the witnesses to this prank will not believe the explanation, but we must stress that we have interviewed the students, and we were given a night time demonstration, of how the objects were created and launched. We also have photographic evidence. We respect the wishes of the students in anonymity and to keep their location secret. Once again, thank you for reporting this incident.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

#### UFO' ARE HOT AIR

Recent UFO sightings over Stapleford, were hot air, according to UFO investigators, Section 40 and Section 40 of the East Midlands UFO Research Association.

Balls of orange coloured lights, spotted over Stapleford turned out to be miniature hot air balloons.

Following a tip-off, the information received led them to a certain address in the Stapleford area, where it was discovered that several students had released these objects as a prank.

One of the students demonstrated how this was achieved. It consisted of a clear plastic bin liner, with copper wire threaded through a firelighter, attached to the bag. The firelighter was then lit and the hot air inside the bag carried it up into the air. Several of these were released on different nights.

The whirring sound reported by witnesses, was probably due to the wind on the bags. The size reported, was about the size of a car, which goes to show that distance and sizes are very difficult to judge.

The students, who wish to remain anonymous, didn't intend the air balloons to be taken as UFOs. "It was just done for the fun of seeing them go up into the air. They can travel for over a mile at great height.". Said one of the students.

" We are not disappointed with the explanation, it just goes to show that we check every possibility and that over 90% of UFOs can be identified ". Said Section 40

Section 40 added; "We don't want anyone else to try this as it could be dangerous and someone could get burnt, or even set fire to buildings or fields".

# DID YOU SEE UFOs?

WITNESSES are urged to come forward after unidentified flying objects were spotted in the sky over the Hemlockstone at Bramcote.

Anthony James, organiser of East Midlands UFO Research Association, said he received three reports of sightings of strange objects between 7.30pm and 7am during March 28-29.

## Sittings

Sittings have come from two independent witnesses living within half a mile of each other.

Mr James said: "The objects displayed manoeuvres not characteristic of normal aircraft."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the association on Nottingham 275623.

14 April

# YES...IT'S A SPACE ODDITY

**UFO experts in Notts today released details of strange objects and glowing lights spotted in the county's skies by 25 witnesses on a single night.**

Unidentified flying objects and strange balls of light were seen in the sky around Stapleford on March 25.

And the organiser of the East Midlands UFO Research Association, Mr Anthony James, reckons the strange happenings represent a major sighting.

"It has broke the silence we have had in the last seven or eight months," he said.

The first sighting was at 7.30pm, when a ball of white light with a orange glow was seen flying over Bramcote's ancient landmark, the Hemlockstone.

Most sightings were reported at around 9pm, when five or six objects, each the size of a car, were seen flying in formation over Sandiacre and Stapleford.

The objects flew off towards Wollaton Park and disappeared into low cloud.

Four objects, making a whirring sound, were seen over Hemlockstone around 10pm.

"There were no laser shows in the area for the time given, and the objects were all too low for East Midlands air traffic," said Mr James.

17 April

# UFOs were a hoax

THE large balls of orange light, thought to be unidentified flying objects when they were spotted over Stapleford, were a student hoax.

The East Midlands UFO Research Association received more than 30 calls this month but the 'UFOs' turned out to be fakes.

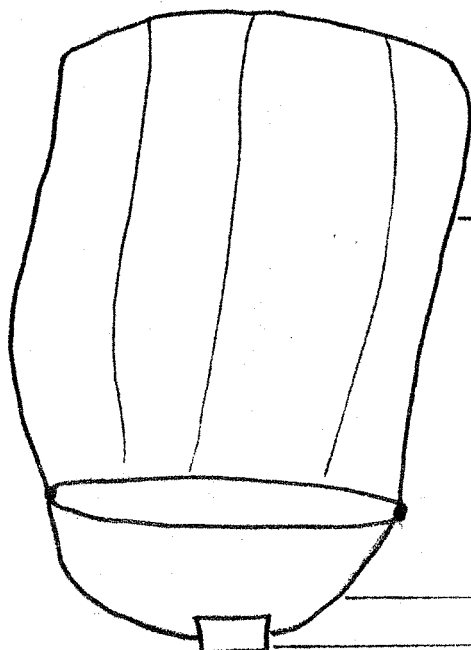
They were made of nothing more cosmic than a firelighter, a piece of copper wire and a clear plastic bag made like a small hot air balloon, said the association's Anthony James.

"When lit the firelighter expanded the air in the plastic bag and sent it into the sky" he said.

Mr James visited the students following a tip-off. "They were amazed when we turned up. They couldn't believe we'd tracked them down," said Mr James.

"They just did it for a bit of fun," he added.

21 April 92.



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BIN LINER.

COPPER WIRE.

FIRE - LIGHTER.



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

27 April 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for sending us a copy of the report on the three UFO sightings that occurred on Tuesday 3 March.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports that we see that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, lasers or searchlights reflecting off low clouds, ball lightning or fireballs. Having said this, the object that you and Ms Baillie saw does not sound as if it can be explained by the more usual explanations, and I am afraid that I am unable to suggest what it was that you saw.

I notice that you have copied your report to Quest Publications International Ltd, and wondered whether you might try copying it to some of the other UFO organisations, who might be able to offer some advice, or correlate your sightings with others that they may have received. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Dear Sir

I enclose a copy of  
a report which may interest you.  
I would like to know whether  
there is any explanation which would  
explain the phenomena which I  
have seen.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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# REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

## OBSERVERS:

Section 40

&

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## DATE & TIME OF OBSERVATIONS:

Tuesday 3rd March 1992 @

Section 40

Kirkella,  
Hull

18.45 (duration 5min)

20.45 (2min)

21.00 (3min)

The first sighting was reported by telephone to Sergeant Section 40 of Flight Complaints RAF Ludloe Manor @ 18.55, who confirmed that he would send a report to MoD. The second and third sightings were not reported to any third party.

## FIRST SIGHTING - 18.45

First sighting @ 18.45 took place <sup>within</sup> 15min after sunset. A bright light appeared in front of dark rainclouds on the west horizon 15 degrees above horizon : estimated brightness magnitude -5. The object was coming directly towards the observers unusually slowly, almost hovering. Through binoculars one could distinguish three lights - one central bright one and two subsidiary and smaller ones. The object was at no more than 2000 feet up . NO NOISE WHATSOEVER could be heard. The evening was very calm and still and one could hear cars up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away. The object got to within less than 1000 yards away when it seemed to stop, as though it had noticed the observers. What happened next was seen only by Section 40 as Section 40 was trying to set up a telescope. The object shimmered, became nebulous and then invisible. Section 40 after less than 5 seconds tracked the object through binoculars travelling very fast (faster than a military jet) in the same easterly direction noiselessly, without vapour trails. This time the object appeared as a diffuse elliptical glow with a light flashing intermittently and regularly in the middle, but toward the rear of the craft.



## SECOND SIGHTING - 20.45

Observer Section 40 went out into the back garden (which faces south), it was as if he had been "summoned". In the SSE at 45 degrees an object was travelling to the west. It had 3 lights in a triangular pattern the apex of the triangle was a brighter light than the other two and was at the rear of the motion of the craft Section 40 also witnessed this. The shape of the craft could not be made out. The object travelled very slowly as before (no faster than a microlite) but noiselessly and in a straight line. It was tracked through binoculars until it was lost from view on the western horizon. The speed of the object was constant. At its nearest the object covered  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree of sky and was 3000 feet up. A commercial aircraft that passed overhead travelling south at 20.55 at 7000 feet could clearly be heard. Could the UFO have been much higher than estimated? If so it would have been massive.

## THIRD SIGHTING - 21.00

Section 40 went into back garden. The night was moonless clear and still, as before Section 40 immediately noticed the same triangular light formation in the SSE at 60 degrees or more in the sky and travelling to the NNW. No sound was heard. AVYB also witnessed the object. It travelled very slowly and smoothly passing to the East of the zenith. It was much lower than before (1000 feet?). Both observers saw the object through binoculars (10 by 40). Both observers thought they noticed a domed/curved shape on the upper side of the object. There were two side lights of a brilliant white and a central diffuse emerald green glow behind which there was a red flashing light, flashing in a regular intermittent manner but as though it was turning Section 40 says she also saw a blue light. The red light and green glow became visible only after the object had passed overhead. The object was observed until it disappeared from sight over the NNW horizon.

In all sightings the observers believe they saw the same object. It did not rise and fall, save as mentioned in the first sighting it travelled slowly, almost hovering but

making purposeful progress toward a given point. Unfortunately no photographs were taken - the observers were too interested to make out the nature of the object. Handwritten notes were made @ 22.00 3/3/92 upon which this report is based.

Compiled Friday 17th April 1992

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

9 April 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 3 April concerning a recent sighting of lights in the sky over Sandiacre. We have received no other reports that would tie in with this sighting, and the only possible explanation that occurs to me is that the lights could have been searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds. I do not know, from the details in your letter, how likely this is.

I would welcome sight of a more detailed report if one is produced.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]



EAST MIDLANDS U.F.O. RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
E. M. U. F. O. R. A.

Section 40

APRIL 3 1992

Dear Section 40

I recieved a call from a lady last night in Long Eaton, Nottingham, saying that about twelve people and herself had seen strange lights in the sky on Sunday 29 March at about 20.30 hrs and then again at 22.00hrs

She claims that they saw six very bright orange spheres in a 45° line over Sandiacre in Nottm. The two spheres at the lowest point of the line dropped away and disappeared and seconds later the light at the highest point shot away in a different direction. All the 'objects' returned to the same area of the sky later on in the evening.

She claims to have called the East Midlands Airport and her brother called RAF Newton near Bingham, Nottinghamshire but she recieved no explanation to these events. I also called the airport but to no avail.

If you could shed any light onto these events, I would be very grateful. If it turns out to be a genuine case with no satisfactory explanation, I will forward a detailed report to you if you request it.

Thankyou for your time.

Yours sincerely

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Date

6 April 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 25 March concerning the UFO that you and your husband witnessed on 20 March.

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It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. One possible explanation is that the object you witnessed was an airship, as one has been flying over London and the surrounding area recently with the main part of its body brightly illuminated. I have seen this myself, both close up and from a distance, and can confirm that it can have the appearance of a bright cigar shaped object.

Having said this, you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. They may have some other ideas, and may have received other reports that would tie in with yours. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

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Head of Sec (AS)

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Hd. Sec (AS)  
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Section 40

for APS/Secretary of  
State

Section 40

Ministry of Defence (Air)  
Whitehall  
London SW1

25<sup>th</sup> March, 1992

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to report a sighting of a U.F.O. or what I believe to be a U.F.O.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March my husband and I went for a drive at approximately 9-9.30pm. We drove out to Borehamwood, Radlett and Shenley in Hertfordshire. This area is fairly unthick and open.

As we were driving along my husband, who was driving noticed an object in the sky which appeared to be just hanging there. He pointed this object out to me as, being the passenger, I could have a better look.

This object was brightly lit and looked as though there were hundreds of windows, but it was fairly high and quite a distance away. It was cigar shaped and even from a distance seemed very big.

We carried on driving until we could no longer see it. I suggested we turned around and had another look. This we did.

When we reached the same spot, the object had completely disappeared but on looking out across the other side we saw it again. It was once again a long way away but still the same object.

P.T.O.

It could not have been an aeroplane because the lights were not flashing and it just hung and was simply too vast. I do not know what it was.

Could you please write back and maybe give me some explanation as to what we saw?

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40







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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

3 April 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 March in which you asked about the number of UFO reports that were forwarded to the Ministry of Defence last year. We received a total of 117 reports for 1991.

You may be interested to know that so far this year we have received 36 reports (a rate broadly similar to last year), although at least nine of these almost certainly relate to an airship that has been flying over London recently, brightly illuminated from the inside. I saw this myself, and can understand how - from a distance - this led to a number of UFO sightings!

I hope this is helpful.

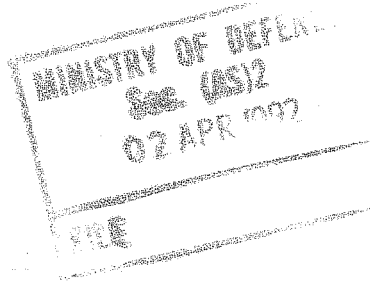
Yours sincerely,

Section 40



TELEPHONE: Section 40

Section 40



31 March 1992.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have wrote to you a number of times regarding my interest in the subject of UFO's. I would be grateful if you could advise me of the number of UFO reports forwarded to the Ministry Of Defence for the year 1991. Any help would be appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40



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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

2 April 1992

Dear Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked about the sighting of a UFO at Rendlesham Forest in 1980. The Department of the Environment have no responsibility for the subject of UFOs, and have passed your letter to this office.

You mentioned having written to the Ministry of Defence, but I do not recall having received a previous letter from you, and am sorry that your original request for information seems to have gone astray.

In fact, the only information that we have regarding this UFO sighting is Lieutenant Colonel Halt's report. There was no Ministry of Defence investigation into this sighting, and there are no Ministry of Defence documents on this subject.

You do not mention whether or not you have a copy of Lt Col Halt's report, so I have attached a copy for your information.

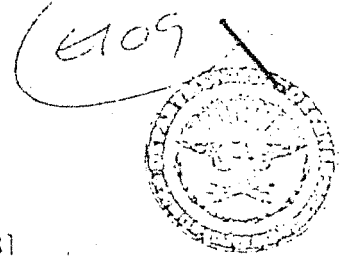
I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)  
APO NEW YORK 07755



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

CD

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT:

Unexplained Lights

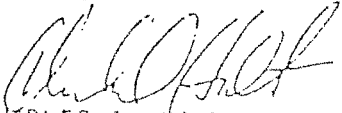
TO:

RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 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.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. 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° 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 to 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 2 and 3.

  
CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander



Head of Sec (AS)

*Via Dept of Environment*

I attach a letter which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.

31/3/92

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of  
State

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MOD

Your reference

WHITEHALL

Our reference

SW1

Date 26.3.92

Dear

The attached correspondence appears to raise matters for which your Department may be responsible. It is transferred accordingly; the writer ~~has~~ has not been informed of its *transfer*.

Yours

**Section 40**

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26 MAR 92  
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D.O.E.  
TREAT OFFICIALLY  
25 MAR 1992  
If a Ministerial reply  
is required, please  
return to N16/13 2MS

Section 40

Dear

Section 40

I recently wrote to the Ministry of Defence for information concerning a U.F.O incident which occurred December 1980 at Rendlesham Forest England without any success. I was wondering whether you could throw any light on the subject or any information you have concerning the incident. What did the M.O.D come up with, with its investigation and what explanation did they give at the time of the incident. Is the Ministry of Defence holding documents from the public which tells of what really happened, or is the only information the M.O.D has on the U.F.O Sighting at Rendlesham Forest, is the report by Colonel Charles Halt of the United States Air Force. I hope you can help me as you were then the Minister of Defence.

Thank You

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

24 March 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 March concerning Extra Terrestrial activities in the Cheshire and Staffordshire areas.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them.

You might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Quest International

Section 40

Contact International (UK)

Section 40

There are a number of local groups affiliated to BUFORA, and it is possible that there may be one in your area.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





Section 40

C/c

16th MARCH 1992.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,  
S.E.C. (AS) 2 ROOM Section 40

Dear Sir or Madam,

I very much hope that you may be able to assist me. I am presently on an amateur basis investigating and researching possible occurrences of Extra Terrestrial activities of all kinds. This is specifically in the Cheshire and Staffordshire areas.

It is, I feel, in the general interest of everyone concerned that explanations, where possible, are found. This being irrelevant of what ever or how ever mundane they may seem. I fervently believe only through continual research and investigation of all possible causes will we find an answer to this phenomena. Both 'true' skeptics and 'true' believers are of any particular use to anyone trying to help those people who are involved.

Although my personal view is that Extra Terrestrial intelligences do very much exist somewhere, this is never allowed to interfere with any research I may do. As you undoubtedly know, most activities of this nature are if not always easily, eventually explained.

To this end, I would be grateful of any information past and present, of sightings of this nature in Cheshire and Staffordshire and the surrounding area, and their explanation if any is yet known. I thank you for your time and effort. Perhaps together, you and the many people like myself may ultimately help the people who are touched by unexplainable phenomena, by gaining knowledge of its

causes and results. It may be that the human imagination  
has a lot to answer for, or it may not,

Yours truly,

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Your reference

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
20 March 1992

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 11 March concerning the Unidentified Flying Object that you and your wife witnessed last week.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. One possible explanation is that that the object you witnessed was an airship, as one has been flying over London recently with the main part of its body brightly illuminated. Of course, much depends upon the distance of the object and the angle of its flight, but we have received a number of reports similar to yours, that could tie in with this explanation.

Having said this, you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. They may have some other ideas, and may have received other reports that would tie in with yours. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Sec. (AS)2
FILE

M.O.D.  
Whitehall.

11<sup>th</sup> March 92

Dear Sir,

I understand that  
your Dept may be interested in  
UFO sightings.

On 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 92. whilst on holiday  
in London. staying on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
of the Hilton Park Lane, at approx  
7:30pm. whilst resting on the bed &  
looking out across London I noticed  
a brilliant (large) star like light in  
the sky down river between (to me)

Westminster + St Pauls which I could see. Nothing unusual in that perhaps for I am aware of the airport in that area.

However the light was so intense + star like and it moved up + then across horizontally, then back again, hovered, for approx 30 min. Finally it rose vertically up through the clouds and illuminating the cloud base as it passed through + vanished. It was so peculiar I called my wife's attention to it.

Plane - no. Helicopter perhaps but moving in the way it did + showing such a brilliant light.

I did not see anything similar again.

Yours truly

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Section 40  
[Redacted]

Indiana 46322  
USA

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

18 March 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter about Lt Col Halt's report entitled "Unexplained Lights". I have attached a copy of this document, as you requested.

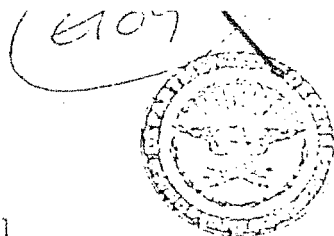
I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 31ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)  
APO NEW YORK 07155



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

Section 40

Do you have any idea  
what this man is talking  
about. I assume it is some-  
thing to do with UFOs.

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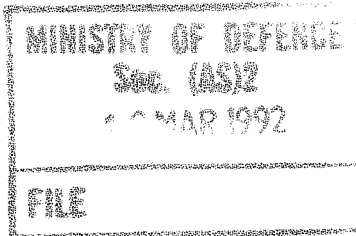
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Section 40



24 February 1992

Public Relations Office  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Dear Public Relations,

I am currently interested in obtaining a copy of the 13 January 1981 letter written by Lt. Col Charles I. Halt., USAF 81st Combat Support Group at Bentwaters. Signed by Lt Col Charles I. Halt. I understand Her Majesty's government through the British Ministry of Defence has released copies of this letter to other interested parties previously. The title of the document is "Unexplained Lights".

The British Information Services in New York City provided me with your address.

Sincerely,

Section 40

Indiana 46322  
U.S.A.



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

18 March 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter about crop circles, in which you asked a number of questions about the involvement of the Ministry of Defence.

In fact, the Ministry of Defence has no interest or involvement in this subject at all, and has never been involved in any of the activities that you asked about.

While we are not aware of any official involvement in the crop circle phenomenon, the other Government Departments that you wrote to may be able to provide you with some further information.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



LOOSE MINUTE

D/ES 26/1

10 Mar 92

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
 Sec. (AS)2  
 10 MAR 1992  
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CROP CIRCLES ON THE MOD ESTATE

1. I attach herewith a copy of a letter from **Section 40** dated 8 Feb 92 which is self explanatory.

2. I am not able to throw any light on **Section 40** numbered paragraphs 1-5. I wonder if you are in a position to respond to **Section 40**

**Section 40**

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**Section 40**

IL(ES)B3

**Section 40**

1. I understand from **Section 40** that **Section 40** **Section 40** is an old friend of yours and that you are a regular subscriber to 'The Crop Watcher.'

2. I would be grateful if you would take this one on a reply to **Section 40**

Many thanks,

**Section 40**

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with the compliments of Section 40

# Ministry of Defence

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Section 40

Is this for IL(ES) deal  
Mr Hodgson  
with ?

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This is much more in your field  
than mine. It may impinge on archaeology, but not  
on MOD land.

Section 40

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY, N.Y.



Section 40

The Public Relations Officer,  
Ministry of Defence,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London

8th February 1992

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you as Editor of The Crop Watcher, a magazine devoted to the scientific study of crop circles. I am writing to you to canvass your response to claims made by a Section 40 of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS) on the "Up Front" Granada TV programme, which was transmitted on October 20th 1991 from Manchester. During this programme (and in various magazine articles) Section 40 alleged that during 1990 a secret meeting was held between three government departments, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, and the Ministry of Defence, at which the subject of crop circles was discussed. Section 40 alleged that these ministries were "very concerned about the crop circles" and that "The point of the meeting was that they, the Ministry of Defence, was given a brief to keep a watch on what was happening and take appropriate action". During this programme Section 40 alleged that during this meeting these Ministries discussed the use of "disinformation". Section 40 went on to allege that Section 40 and Section 40 the self proclaimed crop circle hoaxers from Southampton, were part of this government campaign to mislead the public. Later Section 40 alleged that the government had set up a "bogus news agency" called "MBF Services" to disseminate this untrue story to the public.

Obviously this story has attracted a good deal of comment from various organisations devoted to the study of crop circles. As far as I can tell Section 40 has not published any documentary proof of these allegations, although he has carried on making them in various magazine articles during the past six months. I would therefore like to gain an official response from each of the Ministries concerned. Please could you:-

- (1) confirm or deny whether or not a meeting has ever been held within or between any of the ministries named above to discuss the subject of crop circles;
- (2) confirm or deny whether or not any ministry of Her Majesty's Government has ever been given "a brief" to monitor the crop circles and "take appropriate action";
- (3) confirm or deny whether or not Her Majesty's Government has decided to use "disinformation" in relation to crop circles, for whatever purpose;
- (4) confirm or deny whether or not Her Majesty's Government has set up a "bogus news agency" as part of this campaign; and

(5) confirm or deny whether or not Section 40 and Section 40 of Southampton have ever been employed by any of these Ministries for purposes of spreading "disinformation".

I emphasise that any response received will be used in my magazine The Crop Watcher for the public interest and I look forward to receiving your response,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

cc PRO, Ministry of Environment, Marsham Street, London  
PRO, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Block A, Government  
Offices, Coley Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 6DT



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

18 March 1992

*Dear*

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 9 March concerning a report of a black, unmarked helicopter chasing a UFO.

We have received no reports of any sighting that might tie in with what was reported, and the helicopter that you describe does not sound like any military helicopter.

I can only suggest that the helicopter described is privately owned, and that the CAA might be able to help. You may also wish to consult a copy of "Jane's All The World's Aircraft", which might help in identifying the helicopter. Any good reference library should have a copy.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40





MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec. (AS)2  
15 MAR 1992

Section 40

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

Section 40

Date: 09 MAR 1992

Dear

Section 40

Further to our telephone conversation on Friday, March 6, 1992, and as I discussed with you the following is the summary of the report I have received from an individual who is an expert in Helicopters as a professional. He is quite familiar with all makes of the helicopters operating in Great Britain.

His sighting took place on February 29, 1992, 6:25PM on the turn off of the A64. He described a half moon shape object, glowing in red, with an amber colour halo only a few yards away from him, hovering 5 to 10 feet above the ground. As he was observing this object he noticed a BLACK helicopter without any MARKINGS suddenly coming from behind of his car in trying to chase the object. The object suddenly accelerated with a phenomenal speed and shut off to the sky. He describes that he had never seen any helicopter like that before despite his long experience with the helicopters. He noticed that the helicopter did not give up the chase and could see it in distance still chasing the UFO. He also noticed that a few hundred yards further on a lay by a few cars were parked and were looking at this cat and mouse game.

I would like to learn;

- a) Have you received any reports from in and around that area at that particular date?
- b) Could anyone explain the type of the helicopter (black, unmarked, make unknown) that was flying in the area at that time.
- c) Or any helicopter that was airborne for any purpose at that time in that area.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain.

Sincerely,

Section 40



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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

27 February 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February in which you asked about declassified documents relating to Unidentified Flying Objects and Alien Encounters.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen. Given this limited involvement, our files consist of little more than a collection of UFO sighting reports, and not the sort of documents which have been mentioned in many of the recent books to have been published on this subject.

I believe that most of the documents that have been referred to in UFO books recently are American, and that they have been released under the Freedom of Information Act. Given this, you might try contacting the United States Embassy to see if they can help. The address is 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40





with the compliments of

# Ministry of Defence

Section 40

Your colleague kindly said that if I sent this up you would answer it as 'the UFO man'.

Thank you

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Section 40

Ministry Of Defence  
Whitehall  
London

18-2-1992

Dear Sir/Madam,

After reading a number of books  
("Above Top Secret" and "Alien Liason" by a  
Mr. Timothy Good, I have become interested in  
the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and  
Alien Encounters. The books pointed out that  
documents which have been declassified from Top  
Secret are available for anyone to see.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would  
send me some or indicate where I can obtain them.

Yours Sincerely,

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Date

26 February 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your further letter about UFO reports, and the possibility of releasing some of them to you and your colleagues.

Whilst none of our UFO reports are classified, the release of any material on the subject "en bloc" is not possible as, like other government departments, all MoD files are subject to the public records act. As you may be aware, this act states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, if you are aware of any specific sightings that have occurred recently, we can search our files, and let you have a copy of any report that we have received - with details of the witness deleted, as you recognise.

You asked to be put in touch with any other personnel who look at UFO reports; although reports are forwarded to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties, we are the sole point of contact for any queries relating to the UFO phenomenon.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40



Your ref: D/SEC(AS)I2/3

25-2-92.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter and copy of blank form, which I recieved very promptly. I do appreciate that, however, I would like to pursue this enquiry just a little further. (obviously, you must be busy with more pressing work, thus I do not expect any reply until such time as you are free to do so.) Your letter to me states that '...rational explanations could be found for most of them.' That statement allows for a percentage to which an explanation is not forthcoming, it is that small percentage which I am interested in.

If, as suggested to myself and other researchers, these so-called 'sightings', do not appear to pose a threat to security of our nation, there would, in that case, be no reason for reports recieved by you to be classified as confidential.

I would like to ask, is there any possibility of the unexplained reports being studied by my colleagues and myself? (obviously, with the witness name and address deleted.)

Very finally, I would like to know whether you would be able to put me in contact with one of those persons who look into these recieved reports, and decide whether further investigation is required.

I thank you most sincerely for the time spared to read this letter, and trust that I will hear from you in due course of time.

Yours sincerely,

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Date

26 February 1992

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Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter about UFO contacts.

I should begin by explaining that although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or identify whatever might have been seen. The Ministry of Defence does not carry out studies, investigations or surveys into the UFO phenomenon.

You may wish to get in touch with one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. I am sure that they are interested in hearing from people who have reported "contacts", and will be keen to hear what you have to say. May I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40

Quest International

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Contact International (UK)

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



14. Feb. 1992.

Dept of U.F.O. Investigation.  
 Ministry of Defence.  
 Whitehall.  
 London.

Dear Sir,

I am a paranormal researcher having previously appeared on Television, Radio and with national and international publicity as a clairvoyant. I have over many years been experiencing U.F.O. contacts and came to Cornwall at a time when I felt "guided" to begin further research. My 'contacts' have been getting clearer often giving me information about defence and other national items of importance. I feel now that the information I have recently been given, is of such value that it need be given to government sources. Military secrets and information, theological research, Earth Energy projects, Space Technology and Healing. The future direction of Earth's development may be controlled by external forces, but the communication that allows me to translate information from their sources seems only of beneficial nature. I am no draughtsman, nor engineer and therefore need your help in the explanation and designs of their structures and in giving to you what they want to communicate.

Though I am reluctantly state security benefit, I do not believe that making the information I have available to the public through the media would be beneficial to either myself, or to your Scientists, who's programmes would be considerably advanced



"I am happy to discuss my information with your contacts, regarding psychic development, U.F.O. abductions and much more in the hope that you will, as I am assured, be able to help me. I do have available a single coach travel, payable to London, but no accommodation available in London, should it be required.

I want to help you, and I need your help, perhaps we could negotiate a mutually agreeable understanding.

Yours sincerely,

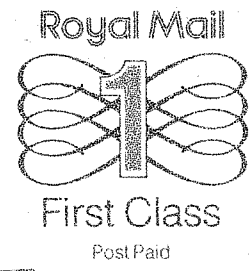
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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

25 February 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 20 February about Unidentified Flying Objects. The MoD received 209 UFO reports in 1990, and 117 in 1991.

We only hold files for UFO sightings in recent years, and I am afraid that we no longer hold those relating to 1977. I can only suggest that you try one of the civilian UFO research groups.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]



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MOD.

Whitehall,

London S W 1A 2 HB.

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Dear Section 40

20/February 1992

I am writing to you once again on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Could you please forward to me the following information.

How many reported sightings did the MOD. receive on UFOs. for 1990 and 1991.

Can you also send me any information you may have on file regarding a UFO sighting over Rhos - Y - Bol Anglesey, Wales.

This sighting was on the 3rd. February 1977, and was reported by several school children of Rhos - Y - Bol County primary school.

They saw a silvery cigar shaped object in the sky above thier school, this was travelling Northwards and without noise.

Many thanks for your help once again.

Your Sincerely

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Crofton Park  
London

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 February 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 19 February concerning the Unidentified Flying Object that you and your husband witnessed last week.

As I think my colleague explained when you telephoned, although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. In this particular case I think that there is a fairly straightforward explanation; I believe that the object you witnessed was an airship, as one has been flying over London during the past couple of weeks, and the main part of its body is illuminated. We have received many reports very similar to yours, that would tie in with this explanation.

I believe my colleague also suggested that if, more generally, you were interested in UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. If you wish to do this, then may I suggest the following societies:

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Yours sincerely,

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Crofton Park

London

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(Secretarial) Air Staff 2<sup>A</sup>

Room

Section 40

Ministry of Defence

Main Building

Whitehall

SW1A 2HB

Dear Sirs,

On the evening of Tuesday

11<sup>th</sup> February 1992 at about 6.50pm

my husband and I were leaving our house, my husband called me back, I had walked on ahead. When I drew level with him he pointed across the road. Above the houses opposite and slightly behind was what we can only describe as a saucer shaped object. It was

Illuminated, glowing, with a central orange light. It was alternately hovering and moving from left to right. There seemed to be a humming sound in the sky too. It stayed visible for about 8 minutes and eventually moved off to the left and out of sight.

At one point we came inside to find a camera and went into the front bedroom to get a better view. The object was very clear from here and appeared to tilt so that it appeared domed.

It was a dry clear evening with little or no breeze.

I would appreciate your comment on this matter, and if you are not able to give an explanation perhaps you will be able to put us in touch with an agency that can.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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



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Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

19 February 1992

Dear Section 40

The authorities at RAF Coltishall have passed me details of your recent UFO sighting.

I should begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights, or aircraft seen from unusual angles, lasers or spotlights reflecting off low clouds, ball lightning, satellites in orbit, or satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, weather balloons or fireballs.

If you are interested in finding out more about UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. As well as being able to give you more general information about UFOs, it is possible that somebody may have reported a similar sighting to yours to them. May I suggest the following societies:

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# Memorandum

MOD Form 4A  
(Revised 4/89)

<b>To</b>	SEC (As) 2a, Room [Section 40] MOD Main Building	<b>From</b>	Pat Coltschall
<b>Date</b>	10 Feb 92	<b>Number</b>	[Section 40]
<b>Your Reference</b>		<b>Our Reference</b>	Colt/146613/07g
<b>Subject</b>	UFO Report		

1. Herewith for your information an UFO report received after hours by the Station Duty Officer.
2. Apologies for the delay, since it should have been referred to you direct from Ops.

Name  
(In Block Letters Please)

[Section 40]

Signature:

[Section 40]

Rank: Lt3

(94)

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

26 Jan 92; - 1805 - 1810 Hrs

Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc). *one light, triangular in shape of medium brightness.*

Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving). *observer was outside his house, address below, and stationary.*

How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera). *observed by naked eye.*

Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

*low in the sky, well below "star level"*

Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

*Not known, over a mile.*

Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

*Very erratic in movement, violent changes of direction, not unlike a firefly.*

Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

*clear.*

Nearby objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam; swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio posts; airfields, generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

*SDO RAF Coltishall.*

Name and address of informant.

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*WYVERTON, HOLT. TEL:*

Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

Section 40

*Works for Coastguard.*

Other witnesses

*Wife only.*

Date and time of receipt of report.

*26 Jan 92 1905*

Is a reply requested?

*yes.*

*CRO  
Spoke to Ops, they say this is 'our' pigeon. What action is required?*

Section 40

*ORGD*

*28'*



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Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
14 February 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 February in which you asked a number of questions about UFOs, and the position of the Ministry of Defence.

I should begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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I have attached a blank copy of the form that details the information that pilots - and anybody else - would fill in if they were reporting a UFO sighting.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your research. I have returned your SAE as we have our own mail dispatch procedures.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



II-2-92

Dear Sir or Madam.

I am carrying out, with others, some extensive research into the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, (UFOs.) If I am correct, I believe that pilots who observe a true unidentified as opposed to an unidentified aircraft, have a form which can be completed and returned to you, is it possible for you to confirm or deny this?

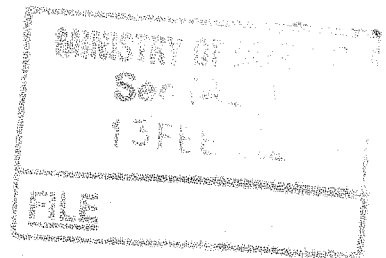
I would also like to ask if there is any considered opinion on the subject of UFOs, meaning, if forms are filed with you, are they compiled in an investigative capacity?

As I understand it, the United States do not consider the subject of UFOs as presenting a threat to national security, would you be able to confirm this as being the case regarding the Ministry of Defence and Britain?

I thank you for the time you have taken in reading this letter, and trust that you will be in a position to answer these questions, for your convenience, a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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Date

14 February 1992

Dear

Section 40

When you telephoned me earlier this week about a number of UFO sightings that had occurred recently, I suggested that I write to you later in the week, by which time any other reports of these sightings could reasonably be expected to have reached this office.

You mentioned sightings at Wigan, at Earby, by the M4/M5 interchange near Bristol, and over mid Wales. I am sorry to have to report that we have not received any reports at all that would tie in with what was seen. If any such reports do come in, I will forward you a copy in the usual way, but I would expect to have received anything by now, and do not hold out much hope.

You asked about the number of sightings so far this year. To date, we have received 21 reports. There is no grouping or pattern to these sightings, which are spread fairly evenly around the country.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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will copy us  
← anything from Sennybridge  
if they do from something

DPR(A) now advises  
that "chant" has  
instructed him not to pursue  
this enquiry! Sennybridge  
are still having a look  
at this though.

D/DPR/330/1

Section 40

5 Feb 92

→ Sec(AS)2

Copy to:

SO1 DPR(A)

ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC - UFO

Spoke to Lt Col Section 40 this spoken to [redacted], who  
was rude to him, accusing him of lying about our knowledge of UFO's.  
In view of this, and of the time that has elapsed since this  
alleged incident, I am disinclined to say more than no record  
of this incident, and not our practice to look retrospectively at something that  
happened so long ago. However, before we do, Lt Col Section 40  
will get  
back to us, having tasked Sennybridge with commenting. Sec(AS) held  
no files for this time period. Indicated that response to Section 40  
should probably come from us.

Section 40

6/2

1. My Army colleague has asked me to follow up a request from  
solicitors Section 40 about a UFO incident at Sennybridge Range  
in (or around) July 1976. As you can see from the attached  
letter, this is primarily an Army matter, but we should address  
the questions about the RAF "interrogator" and whether we have  
any record of the incident.

2. Please forward any information to DPR(A), Lt Col Section 40  
Section 40 (ext Section 40) who will be coordinating the MOD response.

Section 40

Wg Cdr  
SO/DPR(RAF)

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30 JAN 1992

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The Ministry of Defence  
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London SW1A 2HB

29 January 1992

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REF.:

Dear Sir,

re: Sighting of UFO at Senny Bridge Army Training Ground Breckon Wales  
in July 1976 (or thereabouts)

Information concerning the above incident has come into my possession  
from a client who instructs me to investigate the event

The facts surrounding this event as disclosed to me are as follows:-

1. The 47 Field Regiment 31 Battery RA (?) were on a firing exercise  
with live ammunition at the time in question and the number of men  
involved was at least three hundred - the time would be around 5pm. ie  
late afternoon with good summer visibility.

2. A UFO displaying bright magnesium colour luminosity infiltrated into  
the impact area - it was described to me as being 25 to 30 feet across  
and that it hovered for some 30 seconds and then shot off at an angle of  
45 degrees with the ground at tremendous speed without appearing to  
accelerate

3. Apparently an order to cease firing was issued by a Lt [Section 40] (or  
[Section 40] of the 'Gun position office' (?)

I am informed that an order to cease fire in the middle of an exercise  
of this type is very rare and not given without valid reason

4. The NCOs were called into the office of Battery Major [Section 40] and  
interviewed

5. Approximately fifteen days after the event all relevant personnel  
were interviewed by an RAF man believed to be of the rank of Group  
Captain from RAF Bentwaters who was already well versed and briefed  
about what had occurred as he produced a number of maps, plans and charts  
of the neighbourhood and gave the impression that he was very conversant  
with interviewing servicemen and others concerning UFO activity

It is believed that the RAF interrogators name may be [Section 40] or [Section 40]  
- I am told he was then aged about 38 and approximately 5ft 9" in height  
and that those whom he interviewed handed over written statements and  
drawings to him - would it be possible to have copies of same and also  
be afforded the opportunity of an interview with this RAF Officer?



6. I am further told that the original record of the event was deleted or tipped out of the Log book and that this original record was then substituted by an entry in the log book stating that the order to cease firing was caused by a miss-fire on no. 5 gun!

I am particularly interested in the RAF Officer's plans and charts etc because one of my colleague UFO investigators, retired Aeronautical Engineer **Section 40** has for the last twenty five years been researching and developing an Astronautical theory concerning UFO sightings to the point where **Section 40** is satisfied that he can detect specific flight paths of UFOs both nationally and globally **Section 40** flight paths fit in with all the well evidenced UFO sightings to a point well beyond which the connection could be regarded as pure coincidence - suffice to say that the event now under enquiry also fits neatly into one of the well established flight paths

**Section 40**

I look forward to receiving your official explanation of the events described above and as to what you think the object was and as to why the Log book was doctored so that evidence of the sighting was removed - also, as requested, would it be possible for an interview to be arranged with the RAF Investigator?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

**Section 40**





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[Redacted]

Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
5 February 1992

Dear Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 16 January on the subject of UFOs.

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If you are interested in finding out more about UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. As well as being able to give you general information about UFOs, these organisations may have received reports that tie in with what you saw. May I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]



From: Section 40

16. January 1992.

Dear M.O.D.

On my way home on the M1 South bound from Leeds on Tuesday 14 January approx 7.15 Pm I was aware of 4 strange lights above me. The lights were of oval shape, quite large and hovered very slowly.

I know this was not an air-craft, Helicopter or weather Balloon because the lights were far too big to be any of them, and it moved to slow (A side to side motion rather than forward).

They were 3 other people in the car who witnessed this and they watched it for about 3 minutes above the motorway. I saw very little of this because I was driving and for obvious reasons couldn't gaze out. The Incident happened above Wakefield close to the Barnsley side.

I have not encountered anything unusual before and I'm not into U.F.O's.

I work for the civil service so I'm no freak and have my wits about me.

I wasn't going to report this incident but was persuaded by my work mates to do so, after mentioning the subject today.

I must point out that it was definitely not a plane or any other aircraft I could identify.

yours faithfully,

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Date

23 January 1992

Dear

Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary of State for Defence on the subject of UFOs. I have been asked to reply.

I should begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. With regard to the procedure for UFO sightings, any report submitted to the Ministry of Defence is automatically passed to this office. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was witnessed, are passed to staff in departments concerned with air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties. The Ministry of Defence does not carry out studies, investigations or surveys into the UFO phenomenon.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights, aircraft seen from unusual angles, kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, unusual cloud formations, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you may be aware from your reading, there is also a suspicion that some reports are hoaxes.

I would like to assure you that there is no question of attempting to cover up any incident, nor are we trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the public. The Ministry of Defence does not possess any positive evidence to support the existence of alien life, or to suggest that alien spacecraft have ever visited the Earth.

If you are interested in finding out more about UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. These organisations, needless to say, would be very interested to hear about any UFO sightings. May I suggest the following societies:



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There are many different theories about UFOs, but I hope that the above information will explain the position of the Ministry of Defence. Certainly, we do not regard UFOs as "a cause for concern".

I hope this information is helpful, and I should like to wish you luck with your course.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40

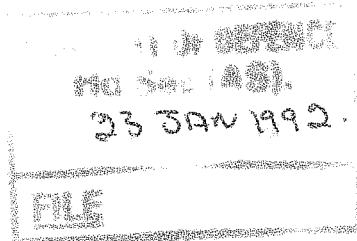


Sec(AS) 2.

Head of Sec(AS)

I attach a letter which the Secretary of State has received from a member of the public, and which has been acknowledged by this office.

2. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the appropriate action to be taken, including a reply as necessary. Since the Secretary of State attaches importance to such letters addressed to him being answered promptly, any reply should be sent within two weeks of the date of this minute. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale.



22/1/92

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

Dear Mr King,

I am a pupil at the Grove School Market Drayton. I am writing to you as part of my English course work. The unit we are studying at the moment is called, 'A Cause For Concern.' The subject that I have chosen to write about is that of UFO's and I would be very glad if you could answer me some of the questions that I have. I would be interested to hear your opinion.

I have been interested with the subject for many years now, and have read many books on sightings and encounters. From all the information that I have read I have come to my own conclusion that they do exist, and that they are coming into the worlds air space with out us being able to do much about it.

Bearing this in mind I would be very grateful if you could tell if these Unidentified Flying Objects are regarded as a serious threat to the country, as there is not a lot that we can do to prevent them. Could you also tell me why the whole subject of UFO's appears to be so secretive? Finally I would like to know what happens when someone reports a sighting, and what I should do if I saw a UFO.

I hope that you can answer my questions, your reply will greatly help me with my English GCSE course work.

Your's Sincerely,

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Section 40

Southwell  
Notts

Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
22 January 1992

Dear

Section 40

I have been passed details of your recent UFO sighting, and understand that you expressed an interest in finding out more about what you saw.

I should begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft seen from unusual angles, or a host of other things.

If you are interested in following up your sighting, or in finding out more about UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. Clearly as well as giving you general information, it is possible that somebody may have reported a sighting similar to yours to one of these organisations. May I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	16 Jan 92, 1030pm for 10 mins, then went to sleep, woke at 11.45pm & saw it again
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	V shape, very long white in colour with red at the front
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	In bedroom
D. How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	-
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	-
G. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	By the Minister
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Didn't see it moving
J. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	clear sky
K. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeple, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	No

L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Police station at Newark
M.	Name & Address of Informant	Section 40 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Southwell Notts
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	25-30 years ago, saw something similar, was in the papers
O.	Other Witnesses	No
P.	Date, Time of Receipt	17 Jan 92 1400
Q.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	-
R.	<u>Remarks</u>	she had not been drinking. Is interested to know what it was

Section 40 [REDACTED]

Squadron Leader  
Duty Operations Officer  
AF Ops

Date: 17 Jan 92

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 January 1992

Dear Section 40

The authorities at RAF Rudloe Manor have passed me details of your recent UFO sighting.

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It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. The possibilities - some of which you mentioned in your letter - that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft seen from unusual angles, or a host of other things.

You asked whether any other reports had been received that might tie in with your sighting. We have received no such reports.

If you are interested in following up your sighting, or in finding out more about UFOs, then you might like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. Clearly as well as giving you general information, it is possible that somebody may have reported a sighting similar to yours to one of these organisations. May I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Quest International

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Contact International (UK)

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I hope this information is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40  
[Redacted]





MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec. (AS)2  
20 JAN 1992  
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of  
Officer Commanding*

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST AND SECURITY SERVICES  
(United Kingdom)  
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Rudloe Manor  
Hawthorn  
Wiltshire  
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Telephone : Hawthorn **Section 40**

Section 40

8

The Officer-in-Charge  
Flying Complaints Flight  
Provost and Security Services  
RAF Rudloe Manor  
Corsham,  
Wilts.

18th December 1991

Dear Sir,

Unidentified Flying Objects - evening of 17th August 1991

I am writing to you as I believe you may be interested in my report, given the locality. I apologise for the fact that the events are four months old.

On Saturday, the 17th of August, I was at Rudloe Park Hotel for an evening wedding reception. At about 11.35pm I went into the garden where about ten others were standing. As I was due to drive home later I had not been drinking alcohol so my faculties were intact. As your meteorological records will show, it was a fine, clear evening with no wind; the stars were visible, even the Milky Way. I am fairly well acquainted with observing the night skies as I have an astronomical telescope. I am used to seeing planets, aircraft, meteors, and satellites, all of which are frequently mistaken for UFOs by those who are not acquainted with the night sky.

I am also aware of the effect of air bubbles in the fluid of the eye which can sometimes be mistaken for objects seen in the telescope. While these are spherical they are unique to the particular eye of that observer and I know what mine looks like and where it is situated in my field of vision.

The group I was standing in suddenly became aware of an object travelling in a south-westerly direction directly above us. Coincidentally we also saw some fireworks in the sky over Corsham a couple of miles to the west. At first we thought the object was part of the display that had drifted our way but as it took more than two minutes to traverse our field of view and maintained its height it clearly was not a firework.

.... /cont.

The object was spherical with flames around the edge. The centre was not bright but illuminated like an orange glass globe lit from within. Our first thought was that it was a hot-air balloon but we discounted this explanation for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was a very dark sky, (the moon having set about two hours before), and balloons cannot fly at night. Secondly, it moved at a steady speed, around 60 mph if its apparent height of 1000 feet plus was correct, (difficult to judge), and there was no wind. Thirdly, there was no sign of a basket slung underneath, which would have obscured a portion of the light of the globe. The band at the reception was playing so it was difficult to tell if the object was emitting any sound.

Its size was difficult to judge but given its apparent height it may have been 40 to 50 feet in diameter. I do not have flying experience so my judgement as to height, size and velocity will not be accurate. My impression though was that it was of a large size and at an altitude that was not immediately overhead. As it looked like no aerial transport I had seen before it was impossible to judge scale.

We watched as it progressed to a point where the nearby trees obscured it as it headed for the horizon. We were still in the garden at 11.50pm when an identical object flew over at exactly the same height and speed. The fireworks in Corsham had finished by this time.

These objects were definitely not like any astronomical phenomenon I had observed before. Have you had any other sightings reported that corroborate my account? I wonder if the radar records at RAF Colerne confirm that two craft flew into the local airspace at those times? One reason I am writing to you is to ensure you are aware of these strange phenomena in our airspace. Have you any idea what they were?

Yours faithfully,

Section 40





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Date

20 January 1992

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at RAF Buchan have passed me details of your recent UFO sighting.

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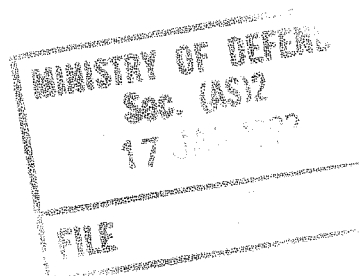
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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To Section 40

From Section 40

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Sec(AS) 2a

Date 17/1/92

Tel. Section 40

Your ref. —

Our ref. P/sec(AS) 12/3

Subject: - UFO REPORTS -

I've attached a copy of a UFO report submitted by the Captain of an aircraft flying across the Atlantic. The report sounds like some form of meteorological phenomenon.

I've also attached a copy of RAF Buchan's 162025 Z Jan 92 - interesting, as the UFO was seen on 3 successive days! It sounds similar to the other report I've attached, which was reported through RAF Kinloss. Any ideas on this one?

I've sent a standard reply to Section 40 but there may be a comeback in view of previous sightings and press interest reported in Para 0.

Rank/ Appointment E0

Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

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Section 40

Ministry of Defence  
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SEC(SA)2A  
Whitehall  
LONDON SW1A 2HB.:

14th January 1992

Dear Sir ,

Please find enclosed form for reporting of "UFO's" received by R/T to ScATCC from AMM 206 crossing east to west on North Atlantic Track W on the 4th Jan 1992.

Also enclosed the NAT Structure tracks for that day for your info.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

OAC/Ops  
Room Section 40  
Atlantic House.

K/CC

## REPORT FORM

## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

## MANUAL OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE PART 1

CHAPTER 6 - 20 1.9.89

- A. Date, Time Duration of Sighting. 4/1/92 0525Z 1-2 SECS.
- B. Description of Object SIMILAR TO SHEET LIGHTNING WHEN VIEWED FROM ABOVE
- C. Exact Position of Observer 55°N 26°W
- D. How Observed ON RIGHT HAND SIDE Section 40 ON TRACK W SAW IT TO THE NORTH.
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen SOUTH OF TRACK.
- F. Angular Elevation of Object —
- G. Distance of Object from Observer ABOUT 30 NM
- H. Movements of Object FLASH.
- J. Meteorological Conditions During Observations. GOOD VMC - SCATTERED Moving Clouds, Haze, mist etc AC ABOUT 5000' BELOW
- K. Nearby Objects —
- L. To Whom Reported. SCATCC S. 26
- M. Name and Address of Informant. CAPT. Section 40 c/o Section 40
- N. Any Background Information on the Informant that may be Volunteered.
- O. Other Witnesses Section 40, AAL?
- P. Date & Time of Receipt of Report 4/1/92 0645Z.

SHANWICK DAILY TRACK SIGNALS

**EAST BOUND 0100Z - 0800Z**

TRACK	U.S. LAND	U.S. LAND	50°	40°	30°	20°	15°	10°	08°	U.K. LAND
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P										
Q										
R										
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U										
V	DOTTY		52.0	54.0	55.0	55.0		55.0		BEL
W	SG		51.0	53.0	54.0	54.0	54.0			ACKIL
X	YQX		50.0	52.0	53.0	53.0	53.0			SNN
Y	VYSTA		49.0	51.0	52.0	52.0	52.0			CRK
Z	YYT		48.0	50.0	51.0	51.0	51.0			TIVLI

EAST BOUND ALTITUDES

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**WEST BOUND 1130Z - 1900Z D04 ROUTE 3**

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B				52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	50.0		YQX
C				51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	49.0		VYSTA
D				50.0	50.0	50.0	49.0	47.0		COLOR
E				49.0	49.0	49.0	47.0	45.0		POGGO
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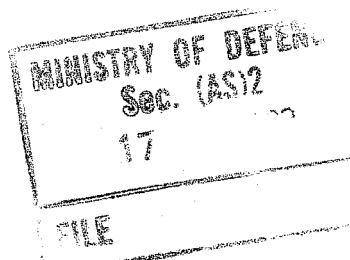
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Time and duration of sighting (local times) 26 DEC 41 2150-2200 L.

Description of object (number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sounds)  
1. CIRCULAR OBJECT GREEN/BLUE WITH WHT, VERY BRIGHT BUT NO NOISE - ABOUT SIZE OF LARGE AIRCRAFT.

Exact position observer (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).  
MUNLOCKIE, BLACK ISLE. 3 MILES NORTH OF INVERNESS.  
SEEN FROM INDOORS - THEN WENT OUTDOORS WITH BINOCULARS, HOVERING AND MOVING.

How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device still or movie camera)  
BY NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS.

Direction in which object was first seen. (a landmark may be more useful than a badly est. bearing).

SOUTH OF HIS HOME - HOVERED FOR A TIME THEN SPED AWAY SOUTH WARDS THEN TURNED WEST.

IT WAS EAST OF INVERNESS AT FIRST SIGHTING.

Angle of sight. (estimated heights are unreliable)

ESTIMATED 35° ANGLE.

PROBABLY 1000 FT IN AIR.

Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible)

Movements (Changes in E. F. G. may be of more use than the estimates of course and speed)

WHEN IT DEPARTED IT TOOK ABOUT 30 SECONDS TO DISAPPEAR AND THEY WATCHED IT FOR ABOUT 1/2 MILE.

Meteorological conditions during observations. (moving clouds, haze, mist.)

SKY CLEAR WHILST IT WAS ABOUT BUT CLOUD APPEARED AFTER IT DEPARTED. THEY COULD SEE IT THROUGH THE CLOUD.

Obstructions (telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake, swamp, marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, T.V. masts, airfields, factories, floodlighting)

THERE ARE 3 HOUSES ABOUT 1/2 MILE AWAY FROM THEM. BUT THEY LOOK OUT ONTO A RIDGE. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIDGE IS THE FIRTH.

From whom reported. (Police, military organisations, press)

RAF KINLOSS, BASE OPS. AND SPOKE TO A FRIEND IN NAIRN,

Section 40

Name address of informant.

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

NORTH KESSOCK  
INVERNESS

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

HE SAW SIMILAR ABOUT 4 OR 5 YEARS AGO  
WHICH WAS MORE LIKE A SPHERE WITH A HALO  
ROUND IT.

Other witness

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

- SAME ADDRESS - WIFE

AND Section 40  
[REDACTED]

- FRIEND ON HOLIDAY FROM  
A LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN PARIS.

Date and time of receipt of report.

26 DEC 91 2230L.

Section 40  
[REDACTED]

SGT.

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Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3Date  
16 January 1992

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 10 January to the Secretary of State for Defence. I have been asked to reply.

I am sorry to hear that you feel you were treated rudely, and I have asked the authorities at RAF Coltishall to look into the circumstances surrounding your telephone conversation.

With regard to the object you saw in the sky, you may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Sec(AS)2

Head of Sec(AS)

I attach<sup>a</sup> letters which the Secretary of State has received from members of the public, and which have not been acknowledged by this office. <sup>has</sup>

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec. (AS)2  
15 JAN 1992

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for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

14/1/92

Section 40

Rt. Hon. Tom King  
H.M. Secretary of State  
Ministry of Defence  
Whitehall  
LONDON

10th; January, 1992.  
22.30 hrs.

Dear Sir,

At 10.00p.m. this evening I telephoned the main exchange number for the Royal Air Force based at Coltishall, Norfolk, to report a strange object in the sky and to seek reassurance from someone in authority.

After explaining to the telephonist why I had called and asking to speak to some member of the base staff who could help, I was 'cut-off'. I immediately called again only to have the same telephonist, a rude, off-handed, arrogant young man tell me 'stop wasting my time' and then disconnect me once again. At no time was I given the opportunity of explaining, in full, why I was telephoning. I am shocked at the way members of the public, the very people our armed forces serve, are treated and I would ask you for an explanation of this man's behaviour.

For the record, I am a normal, well educated individual. I had not been drinking and I have friends who also saw this phenomenon hanging in the sky to the West from 10.00 p.m. until it faded away at 10.20 p.m.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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Date

8 January 1992

Dear

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 3 January to the Secretary of State for Defence, about Unidentified Flying Objects and crop circles. I have been asked to reply.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive some UFO reports, unless we judge that there is a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom - and no reports received to date fall into this category - no attempt is made to investigate or identify what was seen. We do not possess any positive evidence that extraterrestrial flying craft exist.

As is the case with UFOs, there is no Ministry of Defence research or investigation into the crop circle phenomenon.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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for APS/Secretary of  
State

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6.1.92

3 January 1992

Section 40

Department of Defense,  
Dear Mr. King,

Crop circles have been increasing in number and pattern over the last few years. I wondered if you could tell me whether the government has any interest in these, ~~of~~ <sup>or</sup> UFO's? Have you any evidence of the existence of UFO's (extraterrestrial flying craft) ~~or~~ <sup>to</sup> the formation of crop circles?

If the crop circles are being formed by extraterrestrials, what are the defense implications for this country?

Yours Faithfully

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Date

11 December 1991

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 22 November, about sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects over the Edinburgh area on 20 November 1991. As we discussed when you telephoned, I have made enquiries as to whether there was any military activity in the area that might account for what was seen. Unfortunately these enquiries have not revealed any activity that could account for the sightings.

I have also checked our files to see whether we have received any other reports that might tie in with these sightings, but can confirm that we have not.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40





# S.R.U.F.O.

Scottish Research into Unidentified Flying Objects

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

Section 40

22nd November 1991

Dear Sir,

Further to our telephone conversation of today Friday 22nd November 1991. I enclose details of the observations made by a number of Civil Servants in an Edinburgh Office block on the late afternoon of Wednesday 20th November 1991.

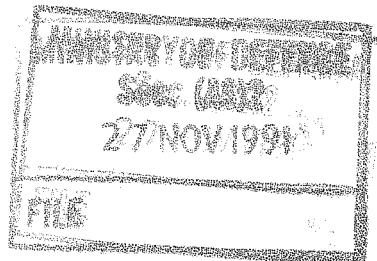
The witnesses have described the following incident:

During the period 15.50 hours until 16.15 on 20.11.91. Several objects were observed making erratic movements to the East of Edinburgh. From the vantage point in an upper floor of an office Block on the West of Edinburgh, the objects were seen above the local Edinburgh landmark of "Arthurs Seat" which is a large volcanic hill two miles to the East of the City Centre and an estimated 6 miles line of sight from the point of observation.

It is fair to add that several witnesses thought that the objects may have indeed been a greater distance to the East but in the same general direction.

The objects were not identified as conventional aircraft due to the very erratic movement patterns they made.

At around 16.15 a Civil aircraft thought to have been an Edinburgh bound Shuttle made its appearance in the same general area of airspace. As the Aircraft approached the objects they were seen to scatter upwards at phenomenal speed until they disappeared.



I find it hard to beleive that military aircraft would be operating in this area so close to traditional Civil air routes and I would be grateful if you would assist us by confirming whether or not there may have been Military manouvers at the above location and time.

I would also be most grateful for any other non confidential information that may assist us in our investigation into this incident.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

Chairman



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(Switchboard)  
(Fax)

Section 40  
[Redacted]

Your reference  
  
Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3  
  
Date  
11 December 1991

Dear Section 40,

You telephoned yesterday about a number of UFO sightings that occurred on Monday 9 December. As I mentioned, we had heard about the sighting over Herefordshire/Mid Wales, although we had not heard anything about the later sightings.

You will wish to know that this first incident has now been explained; at approximately 4.45pm an F-111 from RAF Upper Heyford was ordered to return to base because of the deteriorating weather conditions. As a safety precaution the pilot jettisoned some of his fuel, which was ignited by the afterburner.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40  
[Redacted]

LOOSE MINUTE

D/D Air Def/111/6/4

10 Dec 91

Sec(AS)2a

Copy to:

DI55c

**UFO SIGHTING - DYFED/HEREFORD - MON 9 DEC 91**

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 10 Dec 91.

B. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 28 Nov 91.

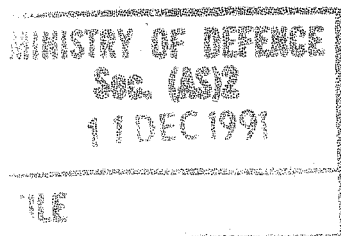
1. I am afraid I am unable to shed light on the incident you refer to at Reference A. Furthermore, the Air Defence Ground Environment (ADGE) System would also be unable to give us any more help because of the area. It does, however, sound very much like an aircraft engine going in and out of reheat.

2. I have also attempted to follow up the other incident, at Reference B, in the Edinburgh area. Once again, I am afraid the ADGE organisation has been unable to shed any further light on the incident for the same reason, ie it was outside the normal area of operations.

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Wg Cdr  
GE 3

Section 40



LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

*Explained! See E26.*



10 December 1991

Section 40

DI55c  
GE3(RAF)

UFO SIGHTING - DYFED/HEREFORD - MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 1991

1. We have received information about a UFO sighting which occurred yesterday over South Wales/Hereford and Worcester.
2. The sighting occurred at approximately 1650Z yesterday, and reports were made to a number of different locations, including the police at Worcester and Dyfed, local fire brigade stations, the CRO at RAF Hereford (where there were a number of military witnesses), and Duty Officers at RAF Shawbury, RAF Brampton and in Main Building. The Distress and Diversion Cell at West Drayton also fielded a number of calls. I understand that the sighting was reported on local radio and television, and reports appeared in the Shawbury Star and the Manchester Evening News.
3. The object seen was a bright white light, at a high altitude, with flames (or an illuminated vapour trail) in its wake. Many witnesses believed that they were witnessing an aircraft accident, and some reports indicated that the object broke up. A few seconds after the sighting, a low rumbling sound was heard, and some windows were seen to be shaking.
4. A local reporter (ex-RAF) phoned the CRO at RAF Hereford to say that he had witnessed the object through binoculars, and believed it to be a Tornado flaming out and subsequently recovering power. IFS(RAF) are not aware of a flight safety incident, but if one has occurred, it would normally be reported by signal within 48 hours. I will advise if a report is made. Routine use of afterburners, however, would not be unusual at all.
5. For the time being we are treating this as a UFO incident. I would be grateful for any light addressees can shed on this sighting. I will advise of further developments, and forward any reports that have not been copied to you.

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*CRO RAF Hereford:*

*File Lt* Section 40

*Sqn Ldr* Section 40 *OC Pers File RAF Hereford:*

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*(witnessed event)*



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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 November 1991

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November about the lights in the sky that you and your family witnessed on 7 November.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Room Section 40

Ministry of Defence Main Building  
Secretariat ( Air Staff ) 2A  
Whitehall  
London SW1 2AH.

Section 40

17th November 1991.

Dear Section 40

I write further to my telephone call on the 8th November 1991. The purpose of that call was to enquire about some strange blue-white lights which my family had seen in the sky between about 7 and 10 pm on the day before. I was advised that if I wrote to you I could be told whether or not there was some simple technical explanation for the appearance of these strange lights. I might add, that the colleague who originally telephoned your office, on my behalf, subsequently rang the Met Office and although the person there was not able to offer any meteorological explanation for the lights, ~~but~~ he or she, did comment, that other phone calls had been received from this district.

As I explained on the telephone, the lights appeared to come from between 3 to 5 separate sources. They followed a path which appeared sometimes circular, sometimes elliptical, but always in a clockwise direction. We assumed the source was above cloud level because at certain places on their path, the lights appeared to disappear behind the clouds. Each individual light appeared to consist of 3 fan blades in a way which reminded us of helicopter rotar blades.

I should be very interested in any information which you can give me concerning these lights and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 November 1991

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November about the UFO that you saw on 9 November.

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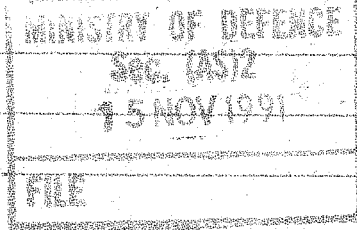
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(Secretaria)

Asst. Staff, Branch 2 A.  
Ministry of Defence Main Building  
Whitehall London.

12th Nov. 1991



Dear

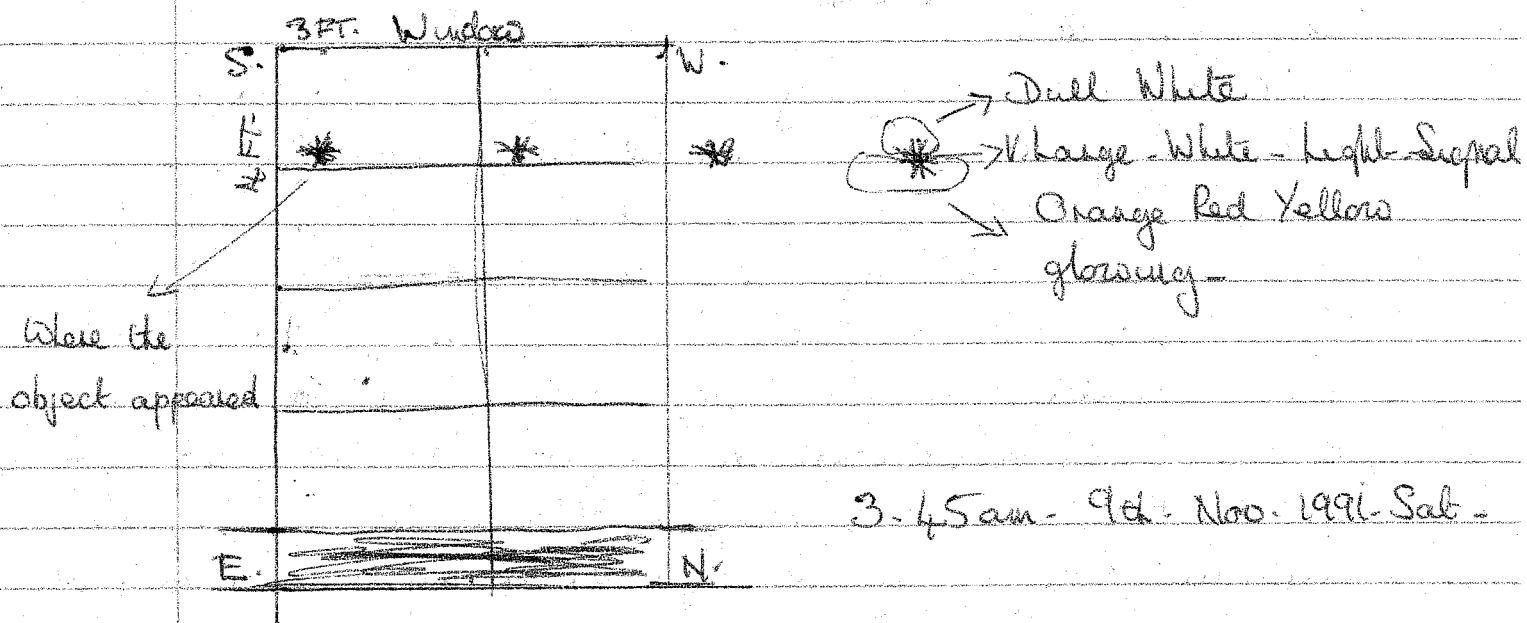
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I have been given your address and have been asked to write to you by the R.A.F. at Exeter which is about 25 miles from N. Abbot. I spoke to them on Saturday afternoon after seeing what I believe was a U.F.O. of somekind - on Sat. morning - at 3.45am - 9th. November 1991.

I woke up at 3.30am - Sat morning as I was cold I put on the E. fire and because it was so very cold I decided to get up and make myself a cup of tea - Before I got out of bed I lay looking towards the window which was directly in front of me. The sky was very clear. The stars were very bright - definate and clear - <sup>dark</sup>

I then noticed, suddenly a very bright, very large, white light - moving into view - I was awestruck and what I was seeing I had never ever seen before - I felt an eerie sensation ~~and~~ looked at my watch - ~~what~~ - 3.45am - To be quite honest whatever it was left me feeling I had been in another world - and that's the truth - I had not got a camera. I was in the house on my own - I certainly was not afraid - but knew I was seeing something a moving - precisely accurate - solid - very silent yet driven by somekind of power, engine - nuclear - or otherwise - thing - craft - or object - & large. It was moving from the South of the house - window towards the West - as it did so it became larger and more definate - and distinct - It was white at the top (dull white) - with a red orange - yellow - glowing larger, longer shape base. The very large white light was to the right centre of the object  
Cont. over -

The white light was giving out a systematic - signal of flashes - very clear and definite flashes which did not alter - ~~the~~ The light remained the same size shape - power of light - 4 or 5 - signal flashes were given - the white light dimmed - the object moved a certain distance - the signal exactly the same was repeated - the light dimmed - the object moved exactly the same distance and so on etc - very precise and accurate - I moved into the next bedroom - the signal - etc nothing about it altered - I watched it disappear towards the North east - and silent yet it seemed very large and powerful - over Dartmoor until it was out of site - I rang Exeter Airport who ~~said they~~ informed me that there was nothing no aircraft in the area around that time - The R.A.F. informed me of the same - From where I am - live there is 25 miles away Exeter etc - 30 miles the other way Plymouth Naval Base - 1 1/2 - 15 miles North Dartmoor Military - Training Ministry of Defence etc - Dartmoor -



Yours Sincerely

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 November 1991

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November about your interest in UFOs. You mentioned having written a letter in August, but I am sorry to say that we did not receive this.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft seen from unusual angles, or a host of other things.

With regard to your interest in a career concerning parapsychology, UFOs, or space, I suggest that you speak to a careers advisor to see what opportunities exist.

We do not have any other information about UFOs, although I hope this letter is useful in explaining the - rather limited - role that the Ministry of Defence has. If you want any further information, any good bookshop or library should have various books on these subjects. You might also like to contact one of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. May I suggest the following societies:

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Lastly, you mentioned that you were interested in doing your work experience in Whitehall. Should you wish to apply for a placement at the Ministry of Defence then you should write to:

Section 40

Work Experience Co-ordinator

Room Section 40

Sentinel House

Southampton Row

London

WC1B 4AX

Other Government Departments may also have placements, and you might like to write to their Personnel Departments.

I hope this information is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,*

Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been told that the Whitehall is where investigational research is done on and about UFO's, aliens etc. I got the address from the local police station. I am very interested in this subject and hopefully I would like to do anything to do with parapsychology, UFO's and space for a career. I was wondering whether or not you could send me some details of what qualifications are needed and where else I could write to, to get this information. I have already written to NASA, and to work at the Ames Research Centre I need to be an American citizen. Educational wise I have four G.C.S.E grades C and above. At the moment I am in the 6<sup>th</sup> form doing G.C.S.E mature. [I wanted to do 3-0 levels but I only have enough to do 2. So therefore I am doing 5 G.C.S.E mature exams, different subject prior to my other results].

Also I have written before in August of this year but I have had no reply. Also could you send me anything else to do with this subject. My address is above. I thank you in advance and eagerly await for your reply. Thank you again.

Yours faithfully,

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P.S I would also like to know if I'll be able to work at Whitehall for my work experience, which is on January the date is yet to be decided.



With Compliments  
ATF 2  
Ministry of Defence



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Room [redacted] Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB

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Dispose of as you wish!

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Sqn Ldr

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DIRECTOR

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- \* Delete as applicable

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CAA

OPEN OCCURRENCE REPORT  
CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION

OCCURRENCE NUMBER  
9/102019X

AIRCRAFT TYPE  
UNKNOWN

OPERATOR  
UNKNOWN

SDAU COORDINATOR  
OFS 3 EXT. 3211  
3699

EXECUTOR  
RS3a MATO

LOCN- Hillingdon HSE

INFORMEE LOCATION  
ATCI AVIATION HSE  
AP6 (DAP) CAA HSE  
AP4B CAA HSE  
Section 40 MSU CAA HSE  
SL Section 40 MOD RAF(ATF2)

BRIEF TITLE :

A/C OCC - 4 PAX SAW A WINGLESS  
PROJECTILE PASS BELOW - TO LEFT OF A/C

Closure of this occurrence is recommended on the following basis :-

- ~~[A] NO MILITARY ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE:-~~
- ~~(1) The hazard is acceptable provided the frequency of the occurrence remains low. --| |~~
  - ~~(2) The hazard is adequately controlled by existing requirements / procedures / documentation stated in (2) and (4) overleaf. --| |~~
  - ~~(3) The hazard is adequately controlled by reporters action(s) as stated in (2) and (4) overleaf. NB - this assumes special action by the reporter. --| |~~
- [B] MILITARY INVESTIGATION WAS NECESSARY:-
- The hazard is now controlled by the actions stated in (3) and (4) overleaf. --| |
- [C] OCCURRENCE DIGEST/GASIL ENTRY RECOMMENDED --| |

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

(1) THE HAZARD (Briefly describe if not self evident from the report)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
29 OCT 1991  
DIRECTORATE OF AIR DEFENCE (RAF)

(2) REPORTER/MILITARY ACTION TO CONTROL THE "LOCAL" SITUATION (see (4) overleaf)

See attached letter

GTS23N/1  
110490

DATE OF ADMIN  
ACTION

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
Sec (AS)1  
21 NOV 1991  
FILE



C L O S U R E   R E C O M M E N D A T I O N   ( C O N T I N U E D )

(3) MILITARY ACTION TO CONTROL THE OVERALL SITUATION (see (4) below)

(4) "CONTROL" DOCUMENTATION ETC ON WHICH CLOSURE IS BASED.

DOCUMENTATION ETC	REFERENCE NUMBER	DOCUMENTATION ETC	REFERENCE NUMBER
CAA ADDL. AD.		FLIGHT MANUAL	
FOREIGN AD.		OPS MANUAL	
A/C MFR SB/MOD.	MANDATORY YES / NO	A.I.C.	
COMPNT MFR SB/MOD		YES / NO	NOTAM
MAINT MANUAL		NTAOCH	
REPAIR MANUAL		*	
MAINT PROGRAMME		*	
A W NOTICE		*	
LTO		*	
LAMS		*	

\* Please quote any other. e.g. MILITARY DOCUMENTATION

EXECUTOR'S SIGNATURE Section 40	NAME Section 40	DEPT/SECTION HQ NATO RS3a	DATE 7 Oct 91
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(1) RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE ACCEPTED.

(2) RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE NOT ACCEPTED  
SEE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

ANALYSTS INITIALS	DATE
OPS /	16/10/91
AIR Section 40	

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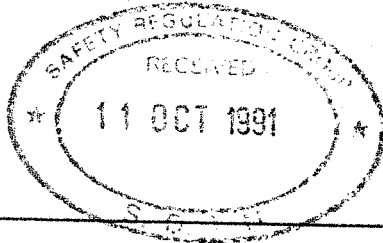
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NO

# HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

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Hillingdon House Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 0RU



DDI:  
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Section 40  
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Please reply to Air Officer Commanding

Your Reference

Our Reference MATO/20/6/6/RS3a

See Distribution

Date 7 Oct 91

## ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - PROJECTILE - 17 JUN 91

Reference:

A. CAA 91/02019X dated 27 Jun 91.

1. At Reference you requested military comment on the title Occurrence Report.

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2. We have reviewed the radar replay showing the flight path of the B737, c/s DA [Redacted] from shortly after take-off at Gatwick until approaching Southend some 8 minutes later. Unfortunately there are several discrepancies in timing and flight level between the radar replay and the pilot's report which make an investigation somewhat difficult. The pilot's report states that the incident happened at 1735 UTC as the aircraft was passing 5000 ft. The radar shows that the aircraft was climbing from 4000 ft to 5000 ft between 1725.30 and 1726.10. Further, the passenger who saw the projectile reports the time as 1730.39 UTC at which time the aircraft was passing FL 160 east of Heathrow heading towards Southend. At 1735 UTC the aircraft would have been passed Southend having climbed through FL 190 at 1732.20. Our radar recording ended at approximately 1733. However, having viewed the radar recording from 1725 until 1733 we can confirm that nothing untoward was seen in the vicinity of the aircraft track.

3. We also requested assistance from the appropriate MOD department who ascertained that a weather balloon was launched from Crawley at 1715 UTC. A comparison with the radar replay shows no correlation with the times, locations, or altitudes of the balloon, nor does the description of the projectile tie in.

4. In the circumstances we are unable to assist further with this incident and can only propose that the Occurrence Report is closed.

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SDAU ANALYST'S INITIALS AND DATE	
OPS	AIR
	Section 40 [Redacted]

LtCdr RN  
for AOC

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MOD Sec(AS)2a, Rm Section 40 [REDACTED] Main Building



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

24 October 1991

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 18 October about the object that you witnessed on 14 October.

You may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

18th Oct. '91

SEC (AS2) ROOM Section 40  
MOD Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Sir,

I am a fourth year languages student at London University's Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, living in the Kingswood Hall in Englefield Green, which is very close to Heathrow Airport. I was cycling home on Monday 14th October from the main college campus at about 12:15 am (00:15) when my attention was attracted by an extremely loud buzzing sound, not unlike that of a car alarm or rape alarm, but much louder. Looking up into the sky I saw a single intensely bright white light flying above me, flying too high to be an aeroplane landing or taking off. This aircraft remained flying parallel to me, even though I was cycling along the bends and curves of Coopers Hill Lane, giving me the absurd impression that I was being followed. On arriving home and dismounting my bike, the deafening noise and light suddenly and instantaneously disappeared.

I would be very grateful if you might be able to explain what exactly the noise and aircraft were. I would appreciate hearing your opinion on the matter. I usually enjoy observing the planes flying to and from Heathrow and would be interested to find out what this aircraft was.

I thank you for your attention,

Yours Faithfully,

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**Section 40**

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

22 October 1991

*Dear*

**Section 40**

Your recent letter to Shanwick Oceanic Operations about UFO reports has been passed to us for reply as they are not aware of any sightings in their area.

As you are probably aware from our previous letters, there is little that I can add to this except to wish you luck with your project.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Section 40**



Shanwick Oceanic Operations  
Atlantic House  
Sherwood Road  
Prestwick

18th October 1991

Dear **Section 40**

Reference our telephone conversation of today's date, regarding UFO's. I enclose the letter from **Section 40** I have never been aware of any sightings on the North Atlantic so I'm afraid I was unable to help.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours

**Section 40**

Oceanic Ops

England

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DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY PROJECT I  
SEEK THE ANSWER TO ONE OF THE  
MOST ELUSIVE MYSTERIES OF OUR TIME -  
THE (UFO) PHENOMENON OR UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECTS. DOES OCEANIC AREA  
CONTROL HAVE ANY REPORTS OR  
INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF  
(UFOS) AS I WOULD BE INTERESTED -  
IF YOU CAN BE OF HELP TO  
ME I THANK YOU

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Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
21 October 1991

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October, about a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over Hyde Park on 26 August. I have taken over from Section 40 who has moved on to other duties.

As you requested, I have checked our files to see if we have any corresponding reports, but can confirm that we do not. I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40  
[Redacted]



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Section 40  


Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a  
Room Section 40  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB


17 October 1991

Dear

Section 40  


I am sorry to bother you with what may well turn out to be an easily explainable UFO sighting, but I promised the witnesses to inform the MoD about it.

Section 40  


and Section 40  
 plus three other students from Eastbourne College, claim to have observed a peculiar flying object in Hyde Park, London, on Monday 26 August, between 18.30 and 19.00 hrs. I append their separate sketches of the object, which they are convinced was not a kite or balloon.

The object appeared to be moving fast at a high altitude, and glistening or rotating. It also appeared to be surrounded by a heat haze, which made the object look black at times. The entire sighting lasted for about fifteen minutes.

These are all the details I have. Perhaps you could be kind enough to let me know if you received any other reports at that time?

With many thanks in advance,

*Yours sincerely*

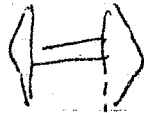
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From: Section 40, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40



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Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
11 October 1991

Dear Section 40,

When you telephoned me recently about a UFO sighting at Hanley Park, in July 1989, I said that I would search our files, and pass you a copy of any reports we had relating to this sighting. I can now confirm that we do not have any reports that would tie in with this location or date.

However, whilst the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, many reports may not reach us at all. If you are still interested in obtaining finding out about this sighting, you might like to contact some of the many civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon, as there is a chance that they may be able to help. May I suggest the following societies:

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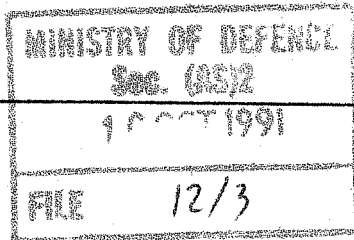
Yours sincerely,

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Date 7 Oct 91

## ATC OCCURRENCE REPORT - PROJECTILE - 17 JUN 91

### Reference:

A. CAA 91/02019X dated 27 Jun 91.

1. At Reference you requested military comment on the title Occurrence Report.

2. We have reviewed the radar replay showing the flight path of the B737, c/s DA [REDACTED], from shortly after take-off at Gatwick until approaching Southend some 8 minutes later. Unfortunately there are several discrepancies in timing and flight level between the radar replay and the pilot's report which make an investigation somewhat difficult. The pilot's report states that the incident happened at 1735 UTC as the aircraft was passing 5000 ft. The radar shows that the aircraft was climbing from 4000 ft to 5000 ft between 1725.30 and 1726.10. Further, the passenger who saw the projectile reports the time as 1730.39 UTC at which time the aircraft was passing FL 160 east of Heathrow heading towards Southend. At 1735 UTC the aircraft would have been passed Southend having climbed through FL 190 at 1732.20. Our radar recording ended at approximately 1733. However, having viewed the radar recording from 1725 until 1733 we can confirm that nothing untoward was seen in the vicinity of the aircraft track.

3. We also requested assistance from the appropriate MOD department who ascertained that a weather balloon was launched from Crawley at 1715 UTC. A comparison with the radar replay shows no correlation with the times, locations, or altitudes of the balloon, nor does the description of the projectile tie in.

4. In the circumstances we are unable to assist further with this incident and can only propose that the Occurrence Report is closed.

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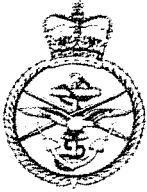
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Contact International (UK)

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Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 25 September 1991

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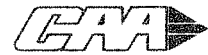
Your letter to the Farnborough control tower about a UFO sighting on 14 August has been passed to me for reply, as the unit concerned was not operating at the time in question. I have also checked our files to see if we have any corresponding reports, but can confirm that we do not. I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely*

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19th SEPTEMBER 1991.

Re: U.F.O. Information Request - Contact International U.K.

Further to our telephone conversation today I enclose correspondence from the above organisation and advise that this unit was not operating at the time in question.

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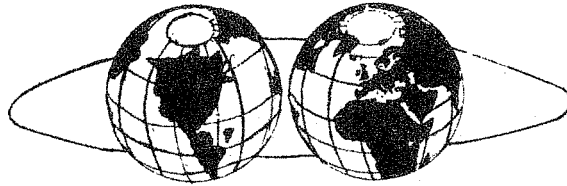
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Note of action,

Checked file. No corresponding  
reports were received.



# CONTACT INTERNATIONAL [U.K.]



## A Worldwide Association of Objective UFO Researchers

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16/9/91

To the Farnborough Control tower:

To the records officer:

Dear Sir (Ms.),

On the 14/8/91 at 9.30 pm a witness on Sunning Common near Reading spotted a light which travelled from west to east overhead with a single zig-zag taking about one minute to cross the sky, the light was silent and at the apparent (to the witness) height of 2000'. We would be most grateful if you could tell us whether you have records of any traffic at this time and place that could account for this.

Yours sincerely,

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Date  
23 September 1991

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 17 September on the subject of air refuelling.

There is only one dedicated air-to-air refuelling area over the UK mainland, and that is in the north of Scotland. Any such activity would always be carried out over sparsely populated areas at high levels, ie no lower than 15000 feet, and probably well over 20000 feet. In fact, virtually all air-to-air refuelling is carried out over the sea. Whatever was seen in the two cases that you were investigating would not, therefore, have been aircraft refuelling.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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



EAST MIDLANDS U.F.O. RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
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To; Section 40  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
NORTHUMBERLAND AV  
LONDON.

From Section 40  
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T  
17th SEPTEMBER 1991

Dear Section 40

As you may be aware, I run a small UFO group in Nottingham. During two investigations, one in 1987 and another in May 1991, it has been alleged that these sightings were of refuelling aircraft.

I contacted your press office - who assured me that refuelling does not take place over land. Could you therefore supply me with a copy of your air refuelling policy ?

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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5/9/91

Dear Mr Major,

Please first allow me to make it perfectly clear that I am not a journalist or a reporter.

My name is Section 40 and I am a 15 year old Student.

I am in set 1 for all subjects and so I become extremely frustrated when there is something I wish to learn about and understand but nobody else can explain either.

One of these phenomenon is: Flying Saucers. I am not talking

about UFO's, I am talking about flying saucers and other alien craft. There is a difference.

Alien craft have been IDENTIFIED.

Sir, I have read many books including, "Above top Secret" and "Alien liaison" by Timothy Good and it is painfully obvious, that there has been a government/military/whatever, cover-up.

Although I do not accuse you personally sir, there has been a cover-up.

I assure you that my letter is in no way prompted and I am not a member of BUFORA, or in any way or have ever been in contact with UFOlogists, Journalists or Researchers

Now to my point.

I respectfully request that the persons concerned reveal all or many of the details concerned with Flying saucers, Crash retrievals, Test flights, established contacts, EBEs and many other aspects of this subject for the nation to see. This is not a matter of national security, it is a matter of national interest, and I personally would like to know on my lifetime.

If you will not accept my request, accept my plea.

I beg you to reveal the above details.

Matters like this will not



destroy a nation, they will save  
a planet (probably).

I am not a fanatic, but I am  
concerned that the planet is in  
trouble ecologically.

Please, Please, Please, Please  
reply in a personal letter, I would  
be infinitely grateful.

Yours in Support

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Your reference

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
29 August 1991

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 August about our practice of referring members of the public to UFO organisations.

I should explain that when a member of the public specifically asks for the address of any organisations involved in researching the UFO phenomenon, we are happy to refer him or her to those which are known to us and appear to be local to the individual concerned. We do not have any "circulation list" as you suggest but would be happy to refer to Quest International in responding to any such requests in the future.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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Director of



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Secretariat (Air Staff)2a,  
Room Section 40  
Ministry Of Defence,  
Main Building,  
Whitehall,  
London.  
SW1A 2HB.

26. 8. 91.

Dear Section 40

I would like to request your observations as to why you are referring people interested in the UFO phenomenon to only:-

British UFO Research Association.

Contact International.

I realise that your time is valuable and that you have probably better things to do than answer numerous, sometimes ridiculous letters, but I would point out that Quest International is the largest UFO investigation body in Europe and one of the top four in the World and I would have thought that we would have been worth mention when circulating civilian groups.

We have good liaison with NASA, NORAD and military authorities in many countries and would of course assist our own authorities should it become necessary. We have been in contact with Section 40 (AS2a) on many occasions with UFO information.

I would request that Quest International be included on your circulation list if this is possible.

Yours Sincerely,

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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I have checked our files, but can confirm that we have received no reports of the sightings around Nottingham that you mention. I am not sure who in the Ministry of Defence you spoke to, but as I have said, our involvement in the subject of UFOs is very limited; whilst dealing with public correspondence involves a lot of work, we have no evidence of UFOs causing problems or threatening the security of the UK. I apologise if this is the impression that was given.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft seen from unusual angles, weather balloons, satellites, or unusual cloud formations to name but a few. Certainly, we have yet to receive conclusive evidence that alien spacecraft have ever landed on the planet.

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Any questions with regard to the position of the US should be addressed to the appropriate American authorities. The American Embassy may be able to advise you of an appropriate point of contact.

Yours sincerely

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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22/8/91

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Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that on the night of Wednesday, 22nd June, 1991, a major UFO incident occurred over many areas of Nottingham. Apparently 80 people witnessed the strange craft which were triangular in shape and many times larger than conventional aircraft. They were seen hovering at one stage and then flying very slowly and closely in perfect harmony from the East of Nottingham, towards the West and Derbyshire. The objects had intense white spotlights on each corner with lines of red and green lights on the underside. There was apparently no sound as it travelled. The Ministry Of Defence in London was contacted and they were aware of the incident saying that no military aircraft had been in that area on the night in question. Their final comment was, "These objects have caused us a considerable amount of problems.", but they refused to elaborate any further on that statement.

What I would like to know is, why are we not told about the existence of UFO's ? Is it right to withhold information of this nature from the public and make lame excuses about it being of importance to national security ? Having read a great deal of material on the subject, I have noticed that Governments around the world particularly in the U.S. are researching and in some cases examining recovered craft and alien life-forms, ie Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Is it not time (44 years since the first major UFO incident at Roswell, New Mexico), that the public was told what is going on? I would warmly welcome a reply,

Yours Sincerely,

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THE Government is considering the abolition of minimum standards for school buildings. Ministers have kept quiet about the possibility of abandoning the standards, which were last revised in 1981. They have announced only that they are carrying out a review of the standards, which lay down minimum classroom space for each pupil, require "reasonable resistance to rain, snow, wind and damp" and specify numbers of washrooms and toilets.

The news that abolition is being considered slipped out unnoticed last week in a National Audit Office report. The report revealed that nearly half Britain's seven million schoolchildren are taught in buildings that need urgent repairs and refurbishment. Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, said that the condition of buildings was having "adverse effects on the quality of education".

Sir John added that there had been little change since 1986 when a Department of Education survey found that more than £2bn was needed to bring school buildings up to the standards required by the 1981 regulations.

In October last year, John MacGregor, then Secretary of State for Education, announced the review of the standards in a press notice which also said that "the transitional period" for compliance would be extended from 1991 to 1996. A spokesman for Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, said yesterday: "At a stroke, MacGregor moved the goalposts. Now it would appear that Kenneth Clarke, his successor, is planning to abolish the football pitch."

In his press notice, Mr MacGregor said that the review would consider the regulations "in the light of changes in educational practice over the last 10 years" and assess "the implica-

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tions for school premises of the national curriculum over the next 10 years". It would also examine how requirements would be affected by new laws which give schools money, previously held by local authorities, to carry out their own repairs and maintenance.

Last week's audit office report repeated the press notice word for word but inserted the sentence: "The review will also consider whether there is any need for regulations." The press notice had continued: "The review will report to the Secretaries of State for Education and Wales who will then consider any recommendations for bringing the regulations up to date." Again, the audit office repeated the sentence but added three words — "or abolishing them".

Roy Hattersley, Labour's dep-

uty leader, said: "I can think of no change in educational practice in the last decade that makes leaking roofs or broken windows acceptable. This review is a sham to allow government to absolve itself of responsibilities to parents and children." Her Majesty's Inspectorate said in February that the national curriculum would need even better accommodation.

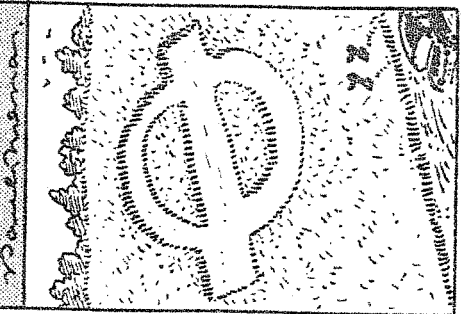
A spokesman for the Department of Education defended the decision not to mention abolition as an option, arguing that a review was bound to consider all options. The regulations, which were extended in 1989 to schools that opt out of local authority control, are wide-ranging. As well as adequate classroom space, sufficient toilets and weatherproof buildings, they say there must be changing accommodation available for children taking PE, readily accessible from the school grounds. There should be show-ers for staff teaching PE if the

school has pupils aged over eight. There should be a room available for the medical or dental examination of pupils during school hours. Every school should have a head teachers' room, and a room for teachers "for social purposes".

Paul White, Tory chairman of the Association of County Councils education committee, said he would be surprised if minimum standards were abolished. "I think they will be changed but kept on in some way. Some of the regulations are absurd. In a small primary school you do not need to build a shower for the staff. These regulations are a bit crazy, they are terribly expensive. You need some laws, but not these."

However, Jim Keight, leader of Knowsley council in Yorkshire, said: "If they abolish the minimum standards they are saying to hell with it, it does not matter what the school buildings are like."

# Crop circles take to the underground



**MYSTERIOUS** circles similar to those found in crop-fields around the world have been discovered in the bowels of Tokyo's underground system.

Though smaller in size than their rural brethren, the metro circles appear similarly symmetrical, and often in the linked patterns that have excited scientists, "cercalogists" and UFO-watchers. They appear in dust in the tunnels that has not been disturbed for 25 years.

But alien or supernatural forces cannot be blamed for the circles, according to Professor Yoshi Hiko Ohtsuki, the scientist who has revealed them. Instead

**By Alex Renton**

he thinks they and crop circles are caused by eddying currents of air, possibly electrically charged.

Professor Ohtsuki, who visited British cornfields with a research team this summer, claims to have already created a "plasma vortex" with microwaves and air in his laboratory at Waseda University in Japan. He has used it to make circles appear in trays of aluminium filings.

Japanese television film of these circles was shown at the Sixth International Congress on UFOs in Sheffield this weekend.

It also revealed the dust circles on the walls and floor of the Japanese underground system — causing some distress to the non-sceptical "ufologists" at the conference who had liked to believe that the crop circles were perpetrated by UFOs.

Even the most optimistic were unwilling to suggest that aliens might wish to use their own craft in such an efficient transport system as the Tokyo metro. Professor Ohtsuki thinks the Tokyo circles are caused by small vortices created by passing trains.

Jenny Randles — a respected and sceptical researcher into "anomalous phenomena" — wel-

comed Professor Ohtsuki's findings. "It's a great shame that while we British are still saying 'Is it bovine flatulence or is it aliens from space?' the Japanese are thinking, 'Let's patent it and make a few billion yen,'" she said.

The editor of *The Crop Watcher*, Paul Fuller, said at the conference that up to 50 per cent of British crop circles were hoaxes. Eager to extend Professor Ohtsuki's investigations, he said: "We're hoping we can go to London and look through the Underground system. Presumably we'll start at the Circle Line."

Space invader shocks

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we had that the loop had been completely closed round the Iraqi forces ... so that all their equipment was in our grasp ..."

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, rejected in a *Times* arti-

not directly challenge that point of view. But he says: "Perhaps with the benefit of hindsight if we'd gone on 12 hours, greater military damage would have been caused."

a near-fatal attack last Thursday, writes Alex Renton.

Scotland Yard yesterday released details of the attack on Lucy Christopher, 24, a prostitute who was left for dead after being battered and strangled in her flat in Queensgate, west London. She needed more than 50 stitches to head wounds.

Sharon Hoare, 19, who was found dead in her Fulham flat, had been similarly battered and died from pressure to her neck. Police do not think either woman was sexually assaulted.

Ms Christopher, whose family live in Cornwall, told police that she was attacked around 9.30pm last Thursday by a man she had let into her basement flat after he made an appointment.

Police issued an artist's impression of a man with very pale white skin, fuzzy dark brown hair, a heavy beard and moustache, and high cheekbones. He was about 5ft 8in tall.

# Labour's poll lead slides to 1%

THE TWO main political parties are running neck and neck, according to a surprise Harris poll in today's *Observer*, writes Donald Macintyre. The poll, which puts Labour at 41 per cent and the Conservatives at 40 per cent, will bring unexpected cheer to the Tories after an ICM/*Guardian* poll last week which showed Labour nine points ahead.

Today's poll puts the Liberal Democrats on 14 per cent. It shows a one point rise for the Tories and a one point fall for Labour since a month ago. It also

suggests that John Major's personal rating has climbed back towards the level of his "honeymoon period". Seventy-four per cent of electors think he is doing "fairly well" or "very well" as Prime Minister. Fifty per cent think Neil Kinnock would do "fairly badly" or "very badly" in the post.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday defended current interest rate levels by challenging his critics to say how a "a further dramatic cut" could be reconciled with

Britain's continued membership of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. He stood by his forecast that recovery would "begin in the second half of this year."

Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said that the Government could stimulate the economy by immediately relaxing constraints which stopped councils using money from the sale of assets, such as council houses, to build more homes. He said that 50,000 homes could be built at "very little risk" to inflation or the balance of payments.

# Space invader shocks UFO talks

By Alex Renton

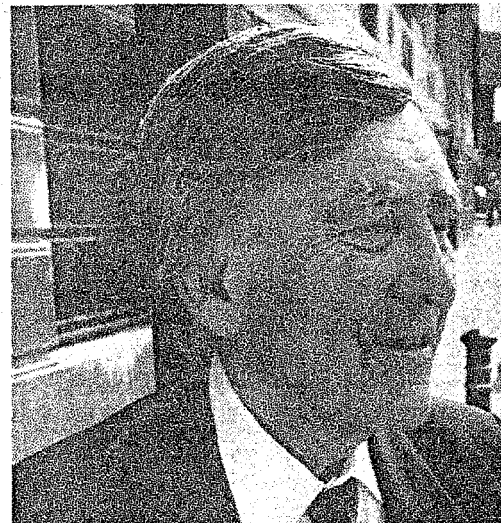
KATHRYN HOWARD, an American singer with shimmering blond hair and dress, was just about to tell of her abduction experience (Sweden, April 1969, went to the moon in spaceship as tall as Sheffield Central Library, listened to rhythm of universe) when something happened.

A cigar-shaped object, no more than 6in long and with a bulbous tip, shot across the stage in front of her at a speed of at least 10mph. It crashed to the floor, skidding, shattering and making a startling noise.

"Oooh!" went the audience. "Wow!" Were aliens intervening to stop Ms Howard revealing all? When it emerged that *The Independent on Sunday's* photographer had merely tripped over a lead, wrenching a microphone from its stand, the whispers of explanation were laden with disappointment.

Few people at the Sixth International Congress on UFOs might have been expected to show relief that Ms Howard was not going to be re-abducted before our eyes, but a lot felt cheated. And that explains some of the current problems of "Ufology".

"If I resolve a case, I've succeeded," says the British UFO Research Association's investigations director, Jenny Randles. "But too many Ufologists don't want to explain things. That's not what they're here for." Talking, teeth clenched, of New Agers and assorted hippie types, she says that tampering with evidence



NEVILLE PINE

Sir Patrick Wall (left), former Conservative MP and now president of the British UFO Research Association, at the Sixth International Congress on UFOs in Sheffield. His claim never to have encountered a UFO puzzled some conference observers, who wondered about the object sitting on his head. Right: the 'abductee' Kathryn Howard

that might provide a rational explanation is not unknown. "There are people within the Ufology community who hold very firmly to beliefs about extra-terrestrial intelligence. And there are no lengths they won't go to to stop those who challenge them."

The central question - can Ufology become a serious scientific discipline when there are so many nutters around? - is well illustrated at Mike Alexander's stall outside the conference. There, dense, desktop-published casebooks and statistical investigations struggle for your custom with Airfix flying-saucer kits, dolls of Steven Spielberg's star *ET*, and a display from the comedy movie *Spaced Invaders*: "Now

there's living proof there is no intelligent life in space."

Mr Alexander ("sceptical with an open mind") isn't worried about mixing science with Hollywood. "A lot of people take all this too seriously," he says - offering a sticker, "UFOs are real - ask the Government", for £3.

Just as sanguine is his fellow Independent UFO Network member Terry Jones, who sports a Gary Numan tattoo and a flying suit with "US Colonial Marines" badges attached - "Like in the movie *Aliens*," he says with pride. Is he, perhaps, an abductee? Mr Jones considers. "I don't think I am. I don't believe I am - not as far as I know. But I've got an intense interest in the subject."

Ms Randles relies on the respect of the Ministry of Defence and Jodrell Bank to help her investigate dozens of reports of "anomalous phenomena" (90 per cent are quickly explained) every year.

"It's a waste of time to be seen as a bunch of amateurs wandering around looking for aliens on hilltops," she complains. "But in the end it always comes down to money: to fund serious research you've got to pander to an extent to the community."

She went off to test her sensible explanations of corn circles on an audience still reeling from Ms Howard's stories of 10ft aliens and a universe that goes "Vroom, vroom".





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Your reference  
Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3  
Date 19 August 1991

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 August concerning the handling of unknown light phenomena.

The procedure with regard to sightings of any unusual lights or objects in the UK is that reports made by or received by military personnel in the UK (American or British) should be forwarded to this department, as the central point for all such business. However, our only role is to ensure that there is no threat to the security and defence of the UK. There is no policy document setting out any criteria for this.

I am not able to comment on the procedures that apply under the Freedom of Information Act, and the release of American documents is a matter for the appropriate American authorities. The position of the Ministry of Defence is that we are bound by the provisions of the Public Records Act, and official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. With regard to our files on UFOs, therefore, we are not able to release material en bloc, although we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents that have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so, what it contains.

You mentioned other departments, but as I explained, all reports should be forwarded to us, and therefore any queries on any UFO incidents that have occurred in the UK should be addressed to us.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

16 August 1991

Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of July 9 on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

We are aware of the incident that you mention, but as it occurred outside UK airspace this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence. I can only suggest that you approach the Dutch authorities, in case they can help.

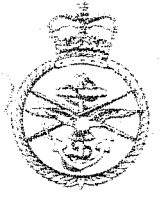
You asked about the number of recent UFO reports; we received 22 sighting reports in total for the months of April, May and June 1991.

Yours sincerely

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





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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of the 5th of August on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

The Ministry of Defence does not have a "Policy Statement" as such, but you may find it helpful if I begin by explaining that while the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was witnessed, are passed to staff in departments concerned with air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine them as part of their normal duties.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft seen from unusual angles, weather balloons, satellites, or unusual cloud formations to name but a few. Certainly, we have yet to receive conclusive evidence that alien spacecraft have ever landed on the planet.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,  
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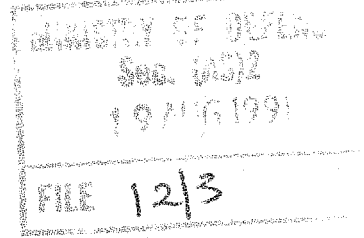
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Ministry Of Defence  
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14 August 1991

Miss Section 40  
Secretariat (Air Staff)2a



Dear Section 40

I have a few questions which require the professional decision of your experienced staff people at MOD D/Sec(AS 2a).

Here, I am asking for the address of RAF Rudloe Manor or the other referenced names of the other departments are as follows HQ RAF Support Command, RAF Brampton, HQ Provost and Security Service. I would like to correspond with their department through a correct address on some trivial matters of interest to my self.

Here, I wish to know about your established protocol interest in these sightings of unknown light phenomena. On the subject of our US military people who are assigned to particular British base's, are there any clearly defined need for the US Military people to expedite as soon as possible through the British military Liaison Commander.

I would like to obtain the official understanding through communication of this and the MOD interest's in such phenomena that has been seen by US military personnel, are there rules and regulations that must be followed to the letter, when the British liaison Officer receives the sighting report and are there restriction which allow our US military people to ask your department for a copy of the US military originated memo on the sighting events. There is a need to understand what your regulations cover and in regard to a request by a US military dept, would they have to ask for the copy of the memo at the command level at a particular section such as the Base US military CO.

There seems to be a conflicting situation involving this American Freedom of Information Act and the American UFO enthusiast who are able to obtain such memo's by describing the document with sufficient details, so that the US Military Public Affairs section CO on base can determine if any such described documents exist and then respond accordingly. You are no doubt aware of the interesting problem here, It circumvents your Official Secrets Act in the fact that if a memo or report does exist within the US military, then there is a possibility of the report being on file at their Document Management Services section.

With this knowledge, I need to know if there are any special established protocol agreements which advise the various US military departments to the effect that all documentation that is forwarded to your department that pertains to Unknown Light phenomena sightings by our US military people who are assigned to these bases in your country, are not to be acknowledged that such a memo has been forwarded to your department and no US military section CO may request a copy of the memo in order to answer a American UFO enthusiast FOIA request.

From your dept staff, a question, can the CO of Document Management services at the 513th Combat Support Group acknowledge and ask for a copy of a memo through gracious consent of Her Majesty's government, the British Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force. It is very important that I clearly understand your established protocol procedures exactly, so that there is no missinterpetation due to lack of communication on my part.

I have a 14-June-1983 letter from the USAF which explains their policy of that time frame. It does indicate that the USAF did as indicated ask someone within the MOD for a copy of the letter. It would be inappropriate to inquire about this 14-June-1983 letter nor it's author or the individual that the letter was addressed to. However considerable change in protocol must have occurred since then.

Here, I am asking about your established protocol instructions to the British liaison officer's and what instructions exist that pertain to any US military personnel who wish to file a sighting report. Is there a information document on what your department people are looking for in these reports to determine if they are of a Defence Implication.

Thank you very much and please send a return reply if possible.

Sincerely

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Signed

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 513TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAF)  
APO NEW YORK 09127

Section 40

Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

14 June 1983

Dear Section 40

I am pleased to be able to respond to your request for information dated 7 May 1983. As you may now know, the 513th Combat Support Group provides document management services for Headquarters, Third Air Force. After extensive effort, we are able to successfully answer your four separately directed requests for information concerning unexplained lights on 27 December 1980.

It might interest you to know that the US Air Force had no longer retained a copy of the 13 January 1981 letter written by Lt Col Charles I. Halt. The Air Force file copy had been properly disposed of in accordance with Air Force Regulations. Fortunately, through diligent inquiry and the gracious consent of Her Majesty's government, the British Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force, the US Air Force was provided a copy for you. We trust this adequately explains the initial inability to provide a favorable response.

As you also asked, we have attached such documentation as we had concerning the processing of your several FOIA requests as of receipt of your 7 May 1983 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Bent", is written over the typed name.

PETER W. BENT, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

What we have closely with our American allies on  
matters of defense, as you would expect as fellow members  
of NATO, the UK does not, nor do we feel that there is  
a need to co-speak with them on the subject of UFO's.

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Dear Sirs,

5th August 1991.

In early April 1989 a letter was sent to your agency by the HULL EMPLOYMENT TRAINING CENTRE with enquiries into the study of the phenomenon known as UFO's (Unidentified flying objects). This letter was then forwarded to QUEST INTERNATIONAL (UK) from which a reply was received.

The governments stand in the study of such an area of research/ investigation is of great importance to the researcher in this area. I as an individual would be pleased to receive any information/statements as to the governments investigations/data acquisition on this subject. As I understand you also issue what is known as a Policy statement any information on this would also be gratefully received

yours sincerely,

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