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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	27 December 2008 Time not given
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two orbs, that were quite big.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, but didn't say where.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were moving across the sky over Kensington in London.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They dropped through the sky and disappeared behind some trees.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Kensington London</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Her Sister witnessed the orbs too.
12.	Remarks.	<p>Section 40 said she was quite frightened once she saw the objects start dropping to the ground and rushed back indoors!!</p>
13.	Date and time of receipt.	<p>14 January 2009 11.05L</p>



From: **Section 40**
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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Perth
Perthshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

12 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 December 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 25 December 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	25 December 2008 Time not given
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Perth in Perthshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite far in the distance.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Perth Perthshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	9 January 2009 14.10L



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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Felixstowe
Suffolk

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
8 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 24 December 2008, the details of which you passed to us by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFO’s.

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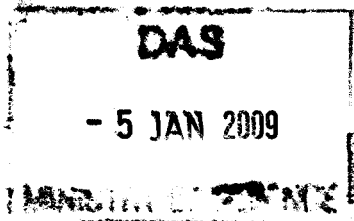
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received two other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings for 24 December 2008, and they were from Rottingdean in East Sussex and High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



24:12:08

Dear M.O.D.

(UFO DEPT)

Please do not disregard this as rubbish.

At 8pm on 24:12:08

I saw (I have a very good witness who is a
sceptic) an orange/red ball shoot in to the
sky from a N/E direction ? 1000ft can't be sure.
It travelled over head at a terrific speed climbing
all the time towards the S/W then faded &
disappeared. We were outside there was
no noise of any sort (engine, hot air, fire work etc)
The light was steady - there was very little wind
although it was N/E. No fog - no clouds.

There has to be a logical
explanation for this —

- ① ? Para chute that caught in jet stream
- ② Firework of some new kind
- ③ Someone "Having a Laugh"

Also we live near Rendlesham

USAF Base + helicopters etc but as I
say there was no noise?

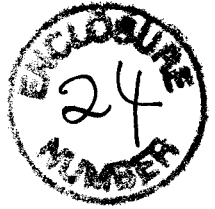
Have you any ideas

Many thanks

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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Farnworth
Lancashire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
8 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 29 December 2008, the details of which you passed to ATC Manchester. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 29 December 2008, and that was from Kettering in Northamptonshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. **Date/Time And Duration Of Sighting** (Local times to be quoted)
29th December - 1955¹ - Duration 30 seconds

b. **Description Of Object** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

Large bright Orange light (like street light in the sky), no sound, unlike an aircraft, described as large size

c. **Exact Position Observed** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

Farnworth, Nr Bolton - Estimated as being NW of this position, observed outdoors and moving and disappeared

d. **How Observed** (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

Naked eye

e. **Direction In Which Object Was First Seen** (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

NNW of Farnworth - 300 degrees to 285 degrees from position

f. **Angle Of Sight** (Estimated heights are unreliable).

10/15,000ft - virtually above witness - 30/35 degrees -

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

Possibly overhead Belmont - 6/7 miles - difficult to determine. Over open land

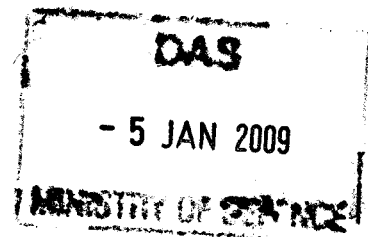
h. **Movements** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

Slow moving initially and then rapid movement (unlike any previous observed aircraft - witness was ex.RAF) west until it disappeared out of sight.

i. **Meteorological Conditions During Observations** (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

Clear sky

j. **Nearby Objects** (Telephone lines, Spires Etc.)
None



k. **To Whom Reported** (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

Reported to ATC, Manchester.

Section 40

ATC WATCH MANAGER

1. Name And Address Of Informant

Section 40

Farnworth Lancashire

Section 40

m. Any Background On The Informant That May Be Volunteered

Ex RAF (Anti-aircraft gunner) - Familiar with aircraft

n. Other Witnesses

Girlfriend

o. Date And Time Of Receipt

29th December 2008 -2000

The above details are to be faxed immediately to AIS (Military), LATCC
on Section 40

The completed form is to be despatched to:

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Room 8245
RAF Main Building
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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Northampton
Northamptonshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

7 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an ‘unidentified flying object’, seen on 29 December 2008, the details of which you passed to the Northants Contact Centre. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to ‘UFO’s.

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Yours sincerely

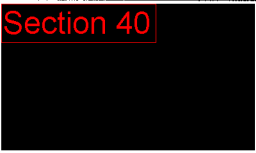
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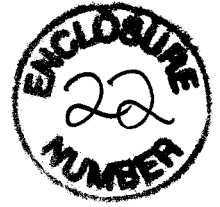
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	29 December 2008 Time not given
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were some large objects in the sky. There was also a constant red light heading West. The objects were bigger than a plane.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Kettering in Northamptonshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite far away and were heading West over the County.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Northants Contact centre who then forwarded the message to the DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40  Northampton Northamptonshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 11.52L



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Section 40

Littlehampton
West Sussex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

7 January 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of ‘UFO’ sightings so far for December 2008, from Littlehampton in West Sussex. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom’s airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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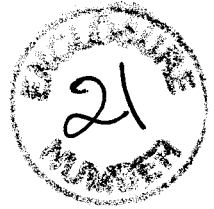
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orange globe/light was coming along the coast line. It was very vivid.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside, but didn't say where.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Littlehampton in West Sussex, towards the Isle of Wight.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was moving along the coast line at five hundred to a thousand ft in height.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Littlehampton West Sussex Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said that her husband could determine the height, as he used to be in the Air Force.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 11.40L



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Section 40

Ilkley
West Yorkshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

6 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 December 2008, the details of which you passed to West Yorkshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 26 December 2008, and that was from Southgate in London. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	26 December 2008 No time given
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two parallel UFOs were seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen flying over Ilkley in West Yorkshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the Police at Keighley, West Yorkshire, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Ilkley West Yorkshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 11.40L



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Section 40

Redruth
Cornwall

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
6 January 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far for December 2008, from Redruth in Cornwall. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

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Yours sincerely

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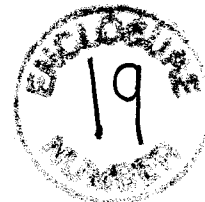
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1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 18.20L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An object was seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Indoors, at work in Redruth, Cornwall.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying over Redruth in Cornwall.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Redruth Cornwall Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 said could we get back to her regarding her sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 11.35L



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Morecambe
Lancashire

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Date:

6 January 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 27 December 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk
Sent: 30 December 2008 17:03
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: Section 40
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: Section 40
txttowncity: morecambe
txtstatecountry: lancashire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtincident: 22.10pm 27/12/2008
txtrequest: Dear sir/madam On the 27th dec 08 myself and other members of family witnessed unidentified objects in the sky over morecambe , lincs. please can you tell me does this incident need to be reported and if so can you give me the relevent contact details



From: **Section 40**
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Section 40

High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

5 January 2009

Dear **Section 40**

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for 24 December 2008, and that was from Rottingdean in East Sussex. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.


Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	24 December 2008 21.40L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were fifteen lights moving across the sky, about half a mile away. They were red and flickering. Then three lights formed a triangle shape. 
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Out in the back garden.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen flying over High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	The objects were about half a mile away.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were moving horizontally from left to right.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 High Wycombe Buckinghamshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 husband and son.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 would like us to explain to her what it was that she saw. Section 40 was telling us about the sighting on DAS answerphone as the sighting was happening!!
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 10.55L



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Section 40

Southgate
London

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
5 January 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 26 December 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 26 December 2008, and that was from Ilkley in West Yorkshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.


Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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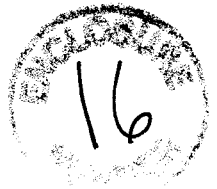
REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	26 December 2008 18.30L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There was a whole procession of lights in the sky. Big eight orange balls with a red, flaming triangle in the centre of all of them. There was no noise. 
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The family were out in the back garden.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. A video was also taken, but it didn't come out very well.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Southgate in London.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Southgate London Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Section 40 children and wife witnessed the objects too.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 would like to know if anybody else has reported what they all saw.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 10.40L



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Section 40

Brighton
East Sussex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

D/DAS/64/2

Date:

5 January 2009

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a 'UFO' sighting for the 24 December 2008, and that was from High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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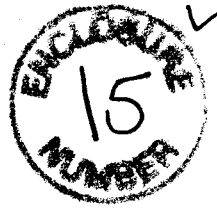
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	24 December 2008 19.50L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	There were fifteen UFOs/bright lights coming down from the Downs.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFOs were travelling over Rottingdean, East Sussex.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	They were travelling at very fast speeds.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Brighton East Sussex Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 would like us to get back to her regarding her sighting.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	5 January 2009 10.30L

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given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	18 December 2008 No time given.
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A string of fifty to sixty lights were seen in the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Outside in Waxland Road, Halesowen.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving over Halesowen in the West Midlands.
6.	Approximate distance.	The lights were quite far in the distance.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to the local paper who advised the witness that they should tell the police. West Midlands Police were informed of the sighting and then left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	No name was given. Halesowen Dudley West Midlands
11.	Other witnesses.	The informant and quite a few other people.
12.	Remarks.	The witness said that quite a few other people saw the lights too.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	19 December 2008 14.40L



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Section 40

Coulsdon
Surrey

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
15 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in December 2008, the details of which you left on our answerphone. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far for Coulsdon in Surrey for December 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date not given). 21.00L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Two very strong, clear white lights.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye. The witness took a photo on the mobile, but it didn't come out properly.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The lights were seen moving over Coulsdon in Surrey.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Coulston Surrey Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	His wife.
12.	Remarks.	The lights were there for some period of time.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	15 December 2008 11.50L



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Section 40

Kettering
Northamptonshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
15 December 2008

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings so far for Kettering in Northants for December 2008. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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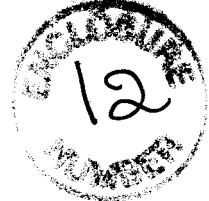
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying over Kettering in Northamptonshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 Kettering Northamptonshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	15 December 2008 11.35L

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	6 December 2008 23.45L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An orange ball. There was no sound.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	The witnesses were outside walking down a street.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen moving over Stratford upon Avon in Warwickshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	The object was stationary for about five minutes and then shot up into the sky, and out of view.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 [REDACTED] Stratford Upon Avon Warwickshire
11.	Other witnesses.	A few friends.
12.	Remarks.	Section 40 wondered if there was any military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of his sighting?
13.	Date and time of receipt.	15 December 2008 11.00L

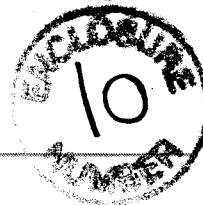
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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A UFO was seen.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The UFO was seen flying over Chesterfield in Derbyshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Derbyshire Police, who in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	No name given. Section 40 [REDACTED] Chesterfield Derbyshire Section 40
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	15 December 2008 10.45L



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 11 December 2008 12:48
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 December 2008, the details of which you passed to us by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received one other report of a UFO sighting for the 1 December 2008, and that was from Winsford in Cheshire. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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11/12/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 10 December 2008 22:48
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: sighting

On December 1st at between 21: 30hrs and 21: 45 hrs I experienced an unexplained happening. Whilst walking my dog across the local sports field in the village of Llangwm in Pembrokeshire, I spotted in the North West a very bright light, which I thought to be a very bright star. It did seem a little too large and bright however but after looking at it for about 10m seconds I turned to head back home. I now had my back to the star and was walking in a southerly direction.

Suddenly something shot across the sky and the whole field was lit up.

I looked up to see no object, only a long white trail. This lasted a few minutes until it began to break up. The sky that night was really clear and the moon was not visible at this time. I have never seen anything like this before. I can not say I saw any craft but it was a very real and disturbing event. It could have been a meteorite; I don't know. I contacted the coastguard who had not had any reports and I also asked a friend in the police to check also.

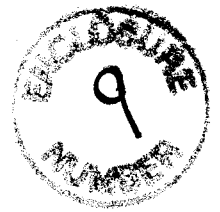
If anyone else saw this I would like to hear. I feel uneasy about telling people in case they think I'm loopy but I know what I saw.

Yours Section 40

Please do not publish my name.



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Section 40

Devizes
Wiltshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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Date:
11 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 10 December 2008, the details of which you passed to the RAF. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 10 December 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Unit Ref:

UPD



MILITARY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM

■ To be completed in CAPITALS
■ Forward the completed form to the authorities listed at Section 1 within 5 days.

SECTION 1: ACTION AUTHORITIES

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SECTION 2: DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other:

Surname: **Section 40**

Forename: **Section 40**

Address: **Section 40**

Denizes

Town/City:

County: *Wiltshire*

Postcode: **Section 40**

Telephone No.

SECTION 4: DETAILS OF INCIDENT

Date: *10.12.08*

Time (Local): *See over.*

How many aircraft involved:

Category of aircraft

Jet Prop Helo Light a/c Transport

Possible type (eg 'Chinook')

Markings

Grey Camouflaged Red/White Black/Yellow

Other (Specify)

Height

Low Medium High

Estimation in Feet:

Direction:

Inside MATZ?

Yes No

If Yes which MATZ?

SECTION 3: LOCATION OF INCIDENT

Address at Section 2,

or:

Address:

Town/City:

County:

Postcode:

SECTION 5: PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINT (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Out in his garden, saw a commercial jet fly over at high level. He saw a small, bright golden coloured orb which flew around and above the a/c's contrail approx 400-500 ft behind the a/c. It then went south of the a/c before flying past it at a very rapid speed and disappeared!

SECTION 6: CLAIMS (DO NOT PROMPT)

Has the incident given rise to any injury to persons and/or livestock or damage to property which will result in a claim for compensation being submitted to the Ministry of Defence?

Yes No

If Yes, give details and copy form to D/C+L (F+S) Claims 3.

SECTION 7: UNITS RESPONSE

	Yes	No
Return Telephone call	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written response sent (attach copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low flying leaflet sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit arranged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possibly requires attention of HQ P&SS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify)		

IMPORTANT REMINDER

ALL ACTION TAKEN MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAI J5002 OF 1999.

THE COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AS LISTED AT SECTION 1 WITHIN 5 DAYS.

SECTION 8: DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING COMPLAINT

Date Complaint received:

Time: (Local) 15:49

Signature:

Name:

Rank:

Unit:

Tel. No:



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 10 December 2008 14:14

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Sighting.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 25 November 2008, the details of which you passed to this Department by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 25 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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SW1A 2HB

10/12/2008

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 09 December 2008 22:43
To: DAS-UFO-Office

Attachments: Sighting.doc



Sighting.doc (32 KB)

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email providing details of how to report a UFO sighting. Please find below my account of what I saw on 25 November 2008. I know it is not much but you never know!

On Tuesday 25 November 2008 I witnessed a strange light in the sky, it was at about a 45 degree angle. I was travelling in the car on the M54

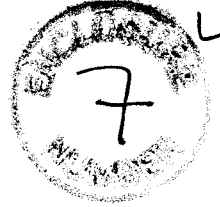
from Shrewsbury to Cannock, and I witnessed a strange triangular shape in the sky (it was on my right side). I saw the object from just past junction 6 (M54) to Junction 2 (M54) when I couldn't see that part of the sky anymore. I came level with the object at around junction 4 (M54), it seemed to have stopped in the middle of the sky and wasn't moving. The time I saw the object was approximately 17:10 - 17:30. The object was triangular in shape, with the apex to the right (when I drew level with it at Junction 4). It was a metallic grey in colour, but the flat base end seemed to glow orange. I have attached a (badly simple) drawing of the object, it really was the most odd thing I have seen. It must have been a couple of miles from the M54, but it was quite large in shape, couldn't really give an exact size but it must have been at least 15 feet long and 10 feet wide.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Section 40

No reply,
as full
address
not given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	Date not given. 23.20L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	An object was travelling through the sky, inside the atmosphere.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was seen flying over Middlewich in Cheshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	The witness did not give his name or full address. Middlewich Cheshire
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	The witness said he didn't want us to think he was mad, but thought that he had better report what he had seen.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	8 December 2008 11.50L

No reply as
address not
given.



REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	(Date and time not given).
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	Ten unidentified flying objects were seen in the sky.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The objects were seen moving over Buckinghamshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Quite far in the distance.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Thames Valley Police, who then in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	Section 40 He did not give his address.
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	Not given.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	8 December 2008 11.30L



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Section 40

East Grinstead
West Sussex

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
4 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 15 November 2008, the details of which you passed to us by e.mail. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 15 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 December 2008 16:13
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request

Categories: FOI Information Request

Please deal with.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 December 2008 16:02
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request

Normal business

Section 40

Info-AccessOps5

Section 40

Main Building

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 15 November 2008 21:48
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

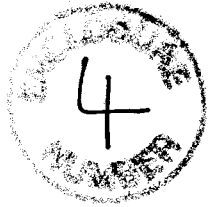
This request has been received via www.mod.uk.

txttitle: Section 40
txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: Section 40
txtoccupation: accounts manager
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2:
xttowncity: east grinstead
txtstatecountry: west sussex
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
xtemailAddress: Section 40
txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: Sitting in the lounge at approximately 21.20 i noticed 2 very bright orange lights travelling west to east over east grinstead heading towards Tunbridge Wells, the lights where almost vertically spaced. Myself and my partner and 2 children went out side to watch, they were not aircraft as these were flying in the opposite direction with the normal flashing lights. We watched until they disappeared then about a second later another one came over, still bright orange, no noise and no flashing/flickering. We are still unsure as to what we had seen.



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Section 40

Boston
Lincolnshire
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
4 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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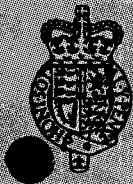
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With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 14 November 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



with the compliments of
Ministry of Defence

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DAS LA CEU

This one is for you I think.

Regards

Section 40

25/11/08

MOD Form 195 (7/94)

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24 NOV 2008
ST GEORGES
COURT

Reference: CON/2133/3/ORG

Date: 21 November 2008

Section 40

Boston
Lincolnshire

Section 40

Dear Section 40

I am writing to acknowledge your telephone call regarding your observations on 14 November 2008.

I can confirm that your details have been forwarded to the office of the Directorate of Air Staff at the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall who monitor all such observations and records all information received.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Deputy Media & Communication Officer
For Officer Commanding

DAS
27 NOV 2008
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



LOW FLYING MILITARY AIRCRAFT – PUBLIC COMPLAINT

This form is to be attached to MOD Form 953 and forwarded to the Station CRO within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. A copy of the MOD Form 953 and this proforma is to be copied to OC Ops Wg through Sqn Ldr Ops.

Date: 14 Nov 08. Name of Complainant: Section 40

Telephone Number: Section 40

ACTION TAKEN BY DUTY OPS OFFICER

The following aircraft were airborne, the parent sqn(s) were contacted and the aircraft activity in relation to the incident were as follows:

41 + 17 SQN Contact Name: /

29 SQN Contact Name: /

3 SQN Contact Name: /

11 SQN Contact Name: /

BBMF Contact Name: /

The following aircraft were under the control of RAF Coningsby ATC, or in communication with ATC at the time of, or in the vicinity of the incident:

ATC Contact Name: _____

Additional info (if applicable):

OpsO Name: FgOff Section 40 Section 40 called Air Ops directly and spoke to Ops Assistant. She was informed that the incident would be reported.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, time and duration of sighting.	1650 14 NOV 08
B.	Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise).	12 Lights in Sky, not in formation
C.	Exact position of observer (indoors / outdoors, stationary / moving).	
D.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder).	
E.	Direction in which object first seen (landmark may be more useful than an 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).	Lights started to fade, then 2 more (brighter) lights came towards the first 12.
J.	Met conditions during observation (moving clouds, haze, mist etc).	Lady said sky was beautiful and clear.
K.	Nearby objects (telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, rivers, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, TV / radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights).	
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc).	
M.	Name and address of observer.	Section 40 Kirtton Nr Boston Section 40
N.	Background of observer that may be volunteered.	
O.	Other witnesses.	
P.	Date and time of receipt.	1650 14 NOV 08.
Q.	Any unusual met conditions.	
R.	Remarks.	When asked if she thought it may be fireworks she said no, Also said it was too high to be a helicopter and there was no noise,



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Section 40

Sleaford
Lincolnshire

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
4 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in August of 2003, the details of which you e.mailed to us. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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Finally, with regard to your sighting report and photographs - thank you, the details will be logged and filed.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40
Sent: 03 December 2008 15:09
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: UFO Sighting
Attachments: DSCF0063.JPG; DSCF0064.JPG

Section 40

Sleaford
Lincolnshire

Section 40

Hello,

In August of 2003 my 2 brothers, Section 40 older brother and Section 40 younger brother, and me had to look after my Uncles house while they were away on holiday for a week. They live in a small village called Culverthorpe a few miles outside of Sleaford. After a few days of looking after the house, one evening we were outside and the sky was perfectly clear and the sun had just gone down when we noticed 2 white objects over the fields coming towards us. One object was big and round while the other was smaller and almost completely round but seemed to have a sharp edge to it and this object was moving faster than the bigger one but they both were moving in the same direction over the fields in front of us. The objects didn't make any sound and moved too fast to be balloons and they basically moved across the sky until we couldn't see them anymore. We were really excited from seeing these objects, and because we still had a day left looking after my Uncles house we decided to borrow my Dads Digital Camera just in case we saw anything else. On the last night we were outside in the garden, the stars were out and it was nice and clear. My brothers were taking pictures with the camera and getting Orbs which just seemed to turn up in the pictures, we couldn't see them and my view about these Orbs is that most of them are just dust/moisture. When my brothers were taking pictures they were using the Flash on the camera. After a while of being outside we noticed something flashing, coming towards us, moving parallel/horizontal to the ground, over the trees at the bottom of my Uncles paddock which is at the bottom of his garden. As the object came closer we could see that it would flash a white light which covered the entire object, then the light on it would decrease until it would go out, then it would increase in brightness and then flash and continue increasing, flashing, decreasing in brightness and the light going out. This object wasn't making any sound and my brother Section 40 had the camera took a picture of it. About the same time he took the picture we noticed another identical object coming from the same direction. As this second object was nearly above us we could see there was a smaller object, not perfectly round, which was travelling along with it. This smaller object wasn't flashing, it remained at the same brightness. Section 40 took more pictures of these 2 objects together but because the objects were moving so slowly Section 40 was actually taking pictures and checking how the pictures were turning out and seeing that they were blurry he was deleting any blurry ones and would try and get better pictures. After he got a clear picture, which is when the 2 objects were right above us, we watched them travel over the house and out of sight. Later on that night we went back outside after we had gone inside for a while and there was an intense fog and we couldn't see the stars anymore. I think because of the moisture in the air my brothers were getting the Orb pictures.

Attached to this e-mail are the pictures of the objects we saw. Number 63 is the first object we saw and was taken just as the light on the object had gone out but you can just about see the object in the top centre of the picture. Picture 64 was taken as the second object we saw was overhead and had flashed, you can see the white light around the object. Near the lower left of the picture is the smaller white object. Because of the settings on the digital camera at the time we saw the objects, the pictures appear quite dark so its best to use Auto balance when looking at them, I also brighten them

03/12/2008

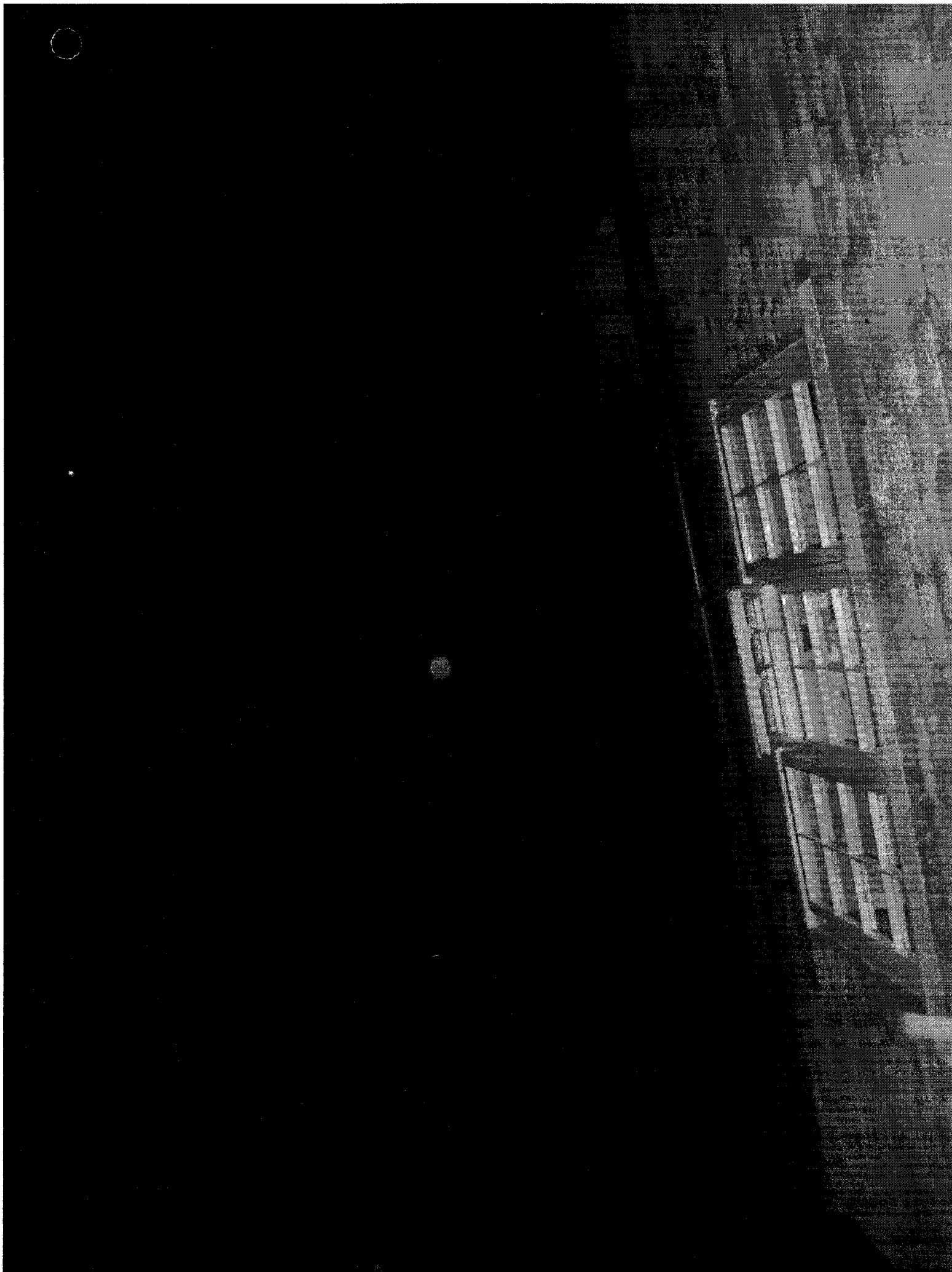
up a bit as well to see the objects better.

I have sent these pictures to Timothy Good and Nick Pope. Both couldn't say what the objects were and Nick Pope suggested that I get in touch with you.

Please could you e-mail me and tell me if you have ever seen pictures of similar objects before or have you any idea what these objects could be?

Thank you for the help

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(Fax) **Section 40**

Section 40

Boston
Lincolnshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/2

Date:
3 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

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Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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Reference: CON/2133/3/ORG

Date: 25 November 2008

Dear Section 40

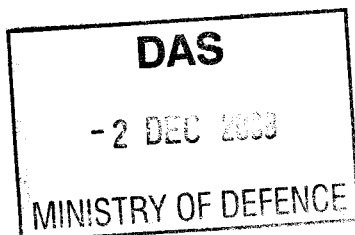
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Media & Communication Officer
For Officer Commanding

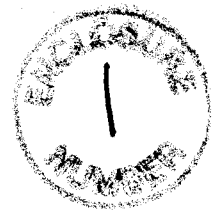


REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, time and duration of sighting.	21 NOV 08 2330Z ON GOING
B.	Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise).	CLOUD TYPE DULL LIGHT WITH NO NOISE
C.	Exact position of observer (indoors / outdoors, stationary / moving).	INDOORS AT ADDRESS PEZZ 8HB
D.	How observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder).	NAKED EYE
E.	Direction in which object first seen (landmark may be more useful than an estimated bearing).	ABOVE MOY PARK CHICKEN FARM KEAL BANK, STICKFORD
F.	Angle of sight (estimated heights are unreliable).	
G.	Distance (by reference to a known landmark)	100FT - 200FT FROM HOUSE
H.	Movements (changes in E, F, & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).	MOVING IN AN ARC CONTINUOUSLY AT SPEED, LEFT TO RIGHT
J.	Met conditions during observation (moving clouds, haze, mist etc).	CLEAR, BECOMING SLIGHTLY CLOUDY
K.	Nearby objects (telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, rivers, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, TV / radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights).	RURAL AREA WITH A FEW FARMS, NO HILLS
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc).	MILITARY OPERATOR
M.	Name and address of observer.	Section 40
N.	Background of observer that may be volunteered.	
O.	Other witnesses.	HUSBAND
P.	Date and time of receipt.	2340Z 21 NOV 08
Q.	Any unusual met conditions.	NONE
R.	Remarks.	WX @ TIME OF COMPLAINT: 2350Z 3101SKT CAVOK 021M03 G 1015 BLU. NO STARS SEEN ON VISUAL



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Section 40

Winsford
Cheshire **Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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Date:
2 December 2008

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen on 1 December 2008, the details of which you passed to Cheshire Police. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

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

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

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 1 December 2008 from anywhere in the UK. We are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised aircraft.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1.	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting.)	1 December 2008 18.50L
2.	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise.)	A crest shaped object moving to the South East at the rear of the witnesses' property.
3.	Exact position of observer. Geographical location. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	Not given.
4.	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder.)	With the naked eye.
5.	Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more helpful than a roughly estimated bearing.)	The object was flying over Wettenhall, Winsford in Cheshire.
6.	Approximate distance.	Not given.
7.	Movements and speed. (side to side, up or down, constant, moving fast, slow)	Not given.
8.	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	Not given.

9.	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	The sighting was reported to Cheshire Police, who in turn left a message on DAS answerphone.
10.	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	<p>Section 40</p> <p>Winsford Cheshire</p> <p>Section 40</p>
11.	Other witnesses.	Not given.
12.	Remarks.	The Police Officer who took the sighting report, stated that he had rung Manchester Airport Control to see if they had spotted anything different, as Section 40 farm is near the flight path.
13.	Date and time of receipt.	2 December 2008 10.55L