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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 December 2008 12:06
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: MISSING PQ FOLDER

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] passed me your e-mail of 29 November regarding the whereabouts of an Air Ministry PQ Folder from 1955.

I can confirm that a number of UFO files were passed to CS(Records) for retention (CS (Records) being the previous name of Corporate Memory (Records)), but there is no mention of that particular folder having been received in this branch, or stored in any archive under our control.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Section 40 [redacted]
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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2008 17:45
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: UFO FILES
Attachments: SecASUFO.JPG

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thanks for your email in response to my request concerning the Air Ministry PQ folder on 'flying saucers' from 1955. I do appreciate your offer to keep an eye out for this important historical record, and your commitment to release it into the public domain if it does turn up.

I also appreciate that if there's no record in the MoD archives the default position must be that you must assume 'it has been destroyed'.

But as you will be aware, this was also the response I initially received in 2001 when I wrote to one of your predecessors requesting a copy of the report by the DIS 'Flying Saucer Working Party', produced in 1951. A copy of this report subsequently turned up following a search of another related file into which it had been placed.

With regards to the possibility the PQ file could have been transferred to TNA, I can be as certain as it is possible to be that is not the case, unless for some reason it has never been entered onto the catalogue (which I'm assured could not happen for long).

I think it is more likely the file has been transferred to one of your record divisions where it has been misplaced or misfiled, possibly circa 1990-91. You will recall that in my last email I sent you a copy of a page from a Sec(AS) file dated 1989 which listed the PQ folder as existing at that point along with a number of other historical UFO files stored 'in the lobby' (?).

If you refer to the attached loose minute, dated 2 April 1990, from your precessor Section 40 [redacted] to your CS (Records) division (released to me via a 2005 FOI request) he writes: "we have recently been clearing our cupboards of old files on the subject of UFOs some of which have been sent to CS (Records) for retention."

Section 40 [redacted] then goes on to repeat the Ministerial undertaking, first given in 1969 and repeated in 1990 by the Earl of Arran, that UFO records would be retained in view of their historical importance and not destroyed.

As I mentioned previously, back in 2003, your predecessor Section 40 [redacted] sent me a list of UFO related files that *were* destroyed in 1990, seemingly in direct contradiction of this edict, presumably as a direct result of this 'clearing out' of old cupboards. The 1955 PQ folder was, however, not on this list.

Therefore, a) it has not been sent to The National Archives and b) you appear to have no record of the destruction of this folder and c) it dosen't appear on the list of UFO files destroyed in 1990 as a result of this 'clearing [out of] our cupboards'.

I would suggest therefore that it may have been among the files that Section 40 says were sent to CS (Records) in April 1990 for possible retention.

I'm not sure if this branch still exists, but could inquiries be made with them - or their successors - to

ascertain whether they retain a list of files sent to them by Sec(AS) in April 1990, and if so what it included? If they destroyed the file at that stage then they should have some record of this somewhere?

I'm also aware from earlier correspondence that a number of UFO related files have at various stages in the process of review 'gone missing' - I think from your storage facility at Hayes - and then turned up at a later stage after a search was made for them.

Given this long experience I think it is entirely possible this folder could be another example.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

On Wed, Nov 19, 2008 at 9:20 AM, Section 40 wrote:

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 October 2008 regarding a PQ folder with a reference number of PQ 196/55.

I am afraid that I am unable to find any record of this folder in the MoD archives and it is not held by this branch. Unless it can be found in The National Archives, and I note that you have already initiated a search there, I must assume that it has been destroyed.

I realise that this must be a disappointing response. However, although I am not particularly hopeful of the folder turning up, I will keep an eye open for it. Given the folder may be half a century old, I can't think that it can contain much in the way of military secrets and I am inclined to the view that it probably belongs in the public domain.

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

ENCL No 27

[redacted]

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/1

2 April 1990

CS(Records)1 [redacted]

POLICY ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) REPORTS

1. We have recently been clearing our cupboards of old files on the subject of UFOs, some of which have been sent to CS(Records) for retention.

2. Viscount Long stated for the Government in the House of Lords in April 1982, that prior to 1967 the Ministry of Defence maintained a policy of destroying UFO reports after five years but reports sincce then have been preserved. This has been restated as MoD policy by Ministers, as recently as 20 February 1990 by the Earl of Arran.

3. Sec(AS) have therefore marked UFO report files for permanent retention. As UFO reports are unclassified, it is likely that they will be released for public inspection after the file has reached the 30 year point. I would like to request that at some point before release to the public, that the names and addresses of witnesses, and the persons to whom the reports were made should be removed from the reports to protect their confidentiality. In addition, the internal distribution on UFO reports should also be removed, as it is not our practice to specify the other areas within the MoD which receive UFO reports except to say that UFO reports are passed to those departments within the MoD which are responsible for the Air Defence of the UK. We do not feel it sensible to release the titles of the other branches within MoD which have some interest in UFO reports, as firstly Sec(AS) is responsible for corresponding with the public on the matter, and secondly the topics (other than UFOs) with which these branches deal are in some cases extremely sensitive.

4. If this causes you any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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Sec(AS)2a [redacted]

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Section 40
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date

17 December 2008

Dear Section 40

As a long term correspondent, you may wish to be aware that with effect from 1 January 2009, the UFO desk will transfer to Air Command at RAF High Wycombe.

This move is part of the recent "Streamlining" exercise carried out by the MoD with the aim of reducing the number of MoD posts in London. Since, with modern communications such as e-mails and document scanning, much of the work undertaken by DAS Secretariat could quite easily be conducted away from London, it was decided to transfer the secretariat posts, including the UFO desk, to RAF High Wycombe. This would have the result of centralising RAF secretariat work in one place.

This transfer is an entirely administrative move and the existing duties and responsibilities of the UFO desk, including the UFO Hotline, will be maintained. As RAF High Wycombe is within driving distance of my home, I will be transferring with my post. My new post title and address, to which all UFO correspondence or sightings should be sent after 1 January 2009, is as follows:

RAF Business Secretariat 13
Room 2E03,
Spitfire Block,
HQ Air Command
RAF High Wycombe,
HP14 4UE
ufodesk@mod.uk

Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 17 December 2008 10:51
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: MOVE OF UFO DESK TO RAF HIGH WYCOMBE

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RAF High Wycombe,
HP14 4UE
ufodesk@mod.uk

UFO Hotline: 01494 496254

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Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 17 December 2008 10:49
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: MOVE OF UFO DESK TO RAF HIGH WYCOMBE

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(Fax) Section 40

Section 40

Prestonpans
East Lothian

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
16 December 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter regarding your UFO sightings, that you saw a few years ago. 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.

Finally with regards to your sighting reports, I have logged the information and your letter will be placed on our files.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

I saw that the Ministry of Defence were looking for anyone that had seen U.F.O.s and I am writing to tell you that I have seen three U.F.O.s [illegible]

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Section 40

Carlisle
Cumbria
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
25 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your various messages left on our answerphone in the last few weeks of November regarding alien and apparition matters. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFO's. I apologise if I have misspelt your address, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

As stated before, 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. Also, no threat has been discerned which has been attributed to a 'UFO'.

Therefore, the MOD cannot be of assistance in relation to the apparitions/matters that you are talking about.

Sorry, I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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From: Section 40

Sent: 24 November 2008 20:40

To: Section 40

Subject: CNN covers UK UFO sighting

NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

Section 40

Dear Section 40 please watch this:

http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/us/2008/11/24/obrien.aliens.not.just.crazy.cnn

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40
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> Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.
>
> When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.
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> The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is already in the public domain via our website and will be included in the general release of 160 UFO files that you mention in your e-mail, which will also include policy files, correspondence files, sighting report files, Freedom of Information request files and a small number of files regarding specific incidents or subjects such as alien abduction.
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> Yours sincerely,
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If, in fact, we are able to answer the question 'ARE WE ALONE?' in the Universe then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization.

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Section 40
Carlisle
Cumbria
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
18 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of the phenomena you saw in November 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. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname or address in any way, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40
Belfast
County Antrim
Northern Ireland
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
18 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', left on our answerphone. You will know from my previous correspondence, our policy on UFOs.

As stated before, 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.

So I apologise, but the MOD can not be a help to you in the matter that you are talking about.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Preston
Lancashire
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
18 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your message left on our answerphone, for which I picked up on the 17 November 2008. You will know through my previous corrsespondence, that this office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence that deals with the issue of UFOs.

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 us calling you. We do not call members of the public to discuss what they have seen, regarding UFOs. We have the answerphone for people to record that information.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 November 2008 09:21
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: UFO FILES

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 October 2008 regarding a PQ folder with a reference number of PQ 196/55.

I am afraid that I am unable to find any record of this folder in the MoD archives and it is not held by this branch. Unless it can be found in The National Archives, and I note that you have already initiated a search there, I must assume that it has been destroyed.

I realise that this must be a disappointing response. However, although I am not particularly hopeful of the folder turning up, I will keep an eye open for it. Given the folder may be half a century old, I can't think that it can contain much in the way of military secrets and I am inclined to the view that it probably belongs in the public domain.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 03 November 2008 10:01
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI request - 1955 PQ folder
Attachments: 1955PQ.doc

Enjoy!

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 24 October 2008 09:56
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FOI request - 1955 PQ folder

24 October 2008

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I was interested to read your response to a request posted on the disclosure log (sent 4 August 2008) that makes reference to the statistic that "95% of [UAP] sightings are mundane misidentifications." In your response to the requester you say that you are unaware "of any MoD survey or statistic analysis that came to this conclusion."

In fact, from my research it appears this statistic, or something very similar, appears in a response from the old Air Ministry to one of the first Parliamentary Questions on UFOs (or 'flying saucers') in May 1955. Patrick Wall MP asked the Minister for the RAF, George Ward, if he would publish 'the report on flying saucers recently completed by the Air Ministry.' In response Ward said there had been 'no formal enquiry' but reports were investigated as they came in and "about 90 percent...have been found to relate to meteors, balloons, flares, and many other objects. The fact that the other 10 percent are unexplained need be attributed to nothing more sinister than lack of data" (Hansard 4 May 1955).

The Air Ministry 'report on flying saucers', referred to by Wall, is not the Flying Saucer Working Party (completed in 1951), but a more detailed study of some 80 UFO reports received by Air Technical Intelligence between 1952 and 1954. This study appears to have been lost or misplaced in MoD's filing system. It is specifically referred to in a briefing prepared by one of your predecessors for Defence Minister Roger Freeman in May 1996, prior to a TV interview. This was released in the papers transferred to TNA in October this year and states "...in the UK a report was produced by the then Air Ministry in 1955. Its conclusions

[redacted]ere basically the same [as the US Air Force Project Blue Book.]

Also among the collection of papers released this month is a minute sheet attached to file DEFE 24/1942/1
(MoD reference D/Sec/AS 12/3 Pt F UFO correspondence 1989) which lists, amongst a number of 'UFO files
held in Lobby' the following:

"Parliamentary Questions & Enquiries on Flying Objects - UFOs 1955" - closed 24/1/68" (see attached scan).
This is clearly the PQ folder containing the background papers for Ward's response to Patrick Wall; a folder
that appears to have been consulted on many occasions during the 1960s and as late as 1986.

You will be aware this folder is not amongst the numerous files transferred to The National Archives under the old
30 year rule, neither does it appear on any of the lists of UFO files held at MoD and currently being prepared for transfer under the FOIA (a copy of which I was sent by MoD in 2003 and 2005).

In addition, I have a letter from your predecessor Linda Unwin dated 21 July 2005 (your ref D/DAS/64/3/11) in
response to a request I made for a list of UFO files destroyed by MoD. The 1955 PQ folder listed above does not
appear in that list. I have identified it's original Air Ministry reference as PQ 196/55.

Therefore I wish to make a FOI request for a fresh search for this PQ folder and a copy of the contents
when located. I feel it is one of the most important historical documents relating to this subject, in view
of its early date and its contents which appear to refer to one of the earliest statistical studies of reports
received by the former Air Ministry.

It is clear from the minute sheet attached that the file existed "in the lobby" as late as 1989 and from my research it's clear that it's contents were used to brief a Minister in 1986.

Please note the file on which the minute sheet appears also contains the comment: "in accordance with ministerial instructions, all UFO files are to be permanently preserved, in view of the public interest in this subject."

I understand this ministerial instruction was made in 1967, and was clearly stated in MoD papers during 1989 when this PQ file remained in your lobby.

I hope that you will be able to locate this folder and I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

UFO FILES HELD IN LOBBY

R/U	PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS & ENQUIRIES ON FLYING OBJECTS - UFOs	1955 CLOSED 24/1/68
C	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - POLICY & POLICY STATEMENTS	28-4-64
C	PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRIES ON UFOS PRIME MINISTERS FOLDERS Section 40	1967 CLOSED 1.7.76
R/U	PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES ON UFOS	JAN 1968
C	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - POLICY & POLICY STATEMENTS	22-2-68
R/U	UFO REPORTS	23-2-72
R/U	UFO REPORTS	27-10-72
R/U	UFO REPORTS	21 MAY 1973
R/U	UFO REPORTS	7 FEB 1974
R/U	UFO REPORTS	20-3-75
R/U	UFO REPORTS AUGUST 1975	1-8-75
R/U	UFO REPORTS SEPT 1975	12-9-75
R/U	UFO POLICY STATEMENTS	16-9-75
R/U	UFO REPORTS OCT 1975	6-10-75
R/U	UFO REPORTS NOV 1975	3-11-75

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 19 November 2008 09:15
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: FBI AGENTS

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 November 2008 asking whether the MoD was hiring FBI agents to investigate UFOs in accordance with an article in The Sun newspaper.

The short answer is that we are not.

Although you do not specifically state where the story can be found, I believe the article you are referring to is actually part of an advertisement for the DVD of the last "X-Files" film and is not actually a news story.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 18 November 2008 10:05

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM FOREST TO00151/2008

Hello Section 40

Is it true that the MOD is hiring some FBI agents from the U.S. to conduct UFO research? I read an article from The SUN UK.

Regards,

Section 40

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> Yours sincerely,
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> Section 40
> DAS-FOI
> 05-H-13
> MoD Main Building
> Whitehall
> London
> SW1A 2HB

If, in fact, we are able to answer the question 'ARE WE ALONE?' in the Universe then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization.

Published: 17 Nov 2008

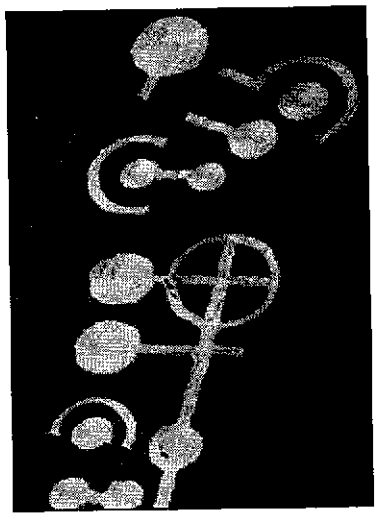
ADD YOUR COMMENTS

A CRACK new 'X-Files' squad of special FBI agents has been recruited by the UK Government – because the number of UFO sightings this year has been out of this world.

Leading boffins in Whitehall have admitted to being flummoxed by a spate of 'extra-terrestrial activity' and have turned to a top US agency to hire in "Mulder and Scully" style investigators.

The undercover unit will begin work in a high-tech London lab analysing unexplained photography and debris, before moving into the field to obtain explanations of bizarre crop circles.

There has been a huge upsurge in the interest for alien life forms since late last year when the The Ministry of Defence opened its 'X-Files' to the public for the first time since records began in 1967.



Crop a load of this ... strange

The unveiling has thrust it to the forefront of the public agenda and, amazingly, it has been afforded more debating hours in the House of Lords than foxhunting.

But cynics suggest opening the Pandora's Box has only engaged the public's over-active imagination.

Georgina Grounded of an unnamed local council said: "For a lot of people it's just a sci-fi fix.

"There are those who think that this Fox Mulder fella cuts a bit if a dash and are just desperate to believe.

"But these are credit crunched times. We need people with down-to-Earth attitudes."

Numbers of UFO sightings have really taken off this year, dwarfing the total of 135 reported to the Ministry of Defence for the whole of 2007.

The Sun recently reported how a flying saucer hovering over Dudley in the West Midlands was photographed by a Wakefield nanny visiting the local castle.

And pop oddball Robbie Williams is reported to be penning new tracks after staying at Trout Lake – the number one spot in the US for UFO sightings.

Malcolm Robinson, founder of research group Strange Phenomena Investigations, told The Sun last month: "Something really bizarre is happening in the skies over the UK. "

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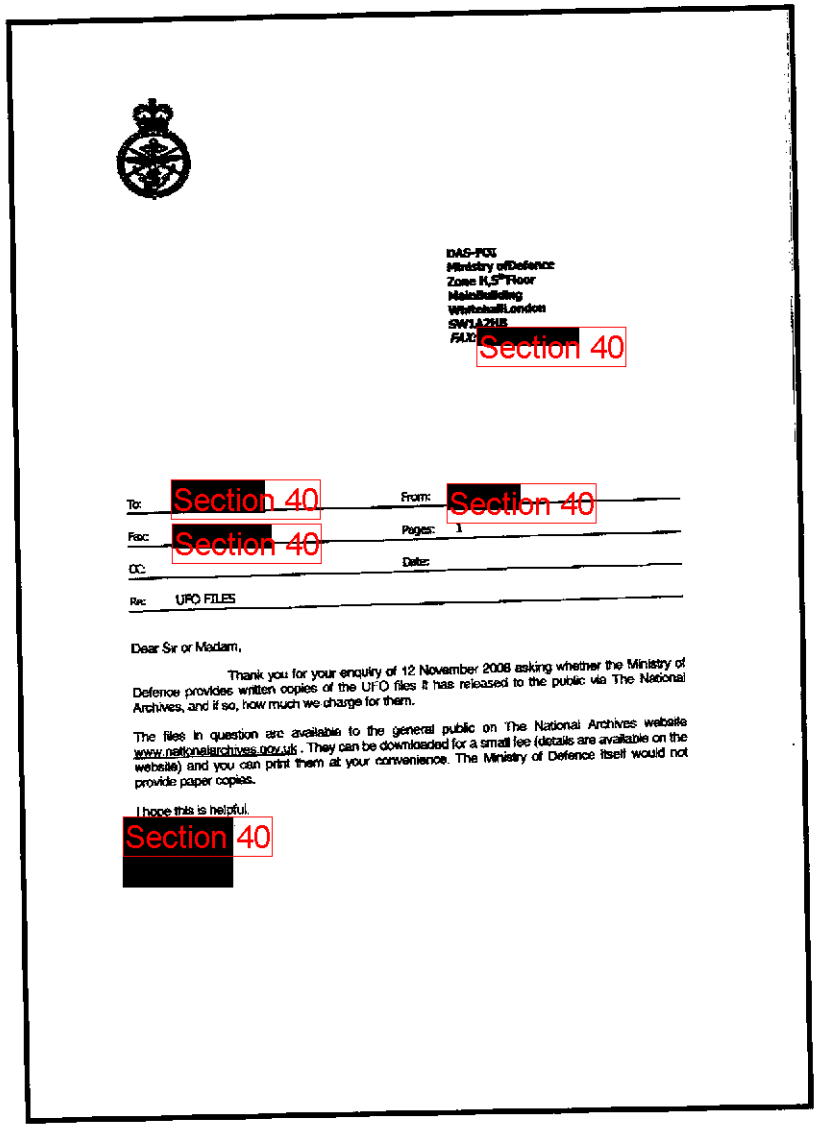

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SW1A 2HB
FAX: Section 40

To: Section 40
From: Section 40
Fax: Section 40
Pages: 1
CC:
Date:
Re: UFO FILES

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your enquiry of 12 November 2008 asking whether the Ministry of Defence provides written copies of the UFO files it has released to the public via The National Archives, and if so, how much we charge for them.

The files in question are available to the general public on The National Archives website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. They can be downloaded for a small fee (details are available on the website) and you can print them at your convenience. The Ministry of Defence itself would not provide paper copies.

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

Ministry of Defence,
White Hall Building,
London SW1A 2HB,

England (GB)

INQUIRY
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Realeased UFO-Reports

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Section 40

Ministry of Defence,
White Hall Building,
London SW1A 2HB,

England (GB)

INQUIRY

Dear Sirs,

Re: Realeased UFO-Reports

according to some articles in Swedish newspapers a while ago you have now, after many years of silenceon the above subject published these secret reports on Internet. My question now is if you also have written reports on this subject for distribution, if so, where such copies are available !

What do you charge for such a copy ?

If the address is incorrect please correct me immediately by fax,also confirm this fax !

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Engineer

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From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Section 40
Brent
London
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
12 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing regarding your request for information that you left on the DAS answerphone on 11 November 2008. I apologise if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

All requests have to be made in writing, whether it be in letter or e.mail form.

You can write to the above address or if you prefer, send your Freedom of Information request by e.mail to: das-ufo-office@mod.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Section 40
Wrexham
Clwyd
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
5 November 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your message left on our answerphone regarding your e.mail footage of your sighting, and your sighting on the 29 October 2008, for which I previously wrote to you about on the 30 October 2008. I apologise if I have misspelt your address in any way, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

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 regards to your sighting report, we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for the 29 October 2008.

If you so wish, you can send your e.mail footage of your sighting to das-ufo-office@mod.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40
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Section 40

Hemel Hempstead
Herts
Section 40

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date

27 October 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 October 2008, asking how to apply for a job as a UFO investigator at the Ministry of Defence (MoD). It has been passed to this office to deal with as we have responsibility for answering questions relating to UFOs.

Firstly, I think it would be helpful if I gave you some background about the MoD role in UFO matters. Despite what many people think, the MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, 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.

The MoD 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 unauthorized foreign military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military 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 term "*UFO Investigator*" is actually rather misleading. I suspect it gives the impression of individuals devoted to research into UFO matters and extra-terrestrials or specific UFO sightings. There are two posts within the MoD that are dedicated to UFO matters. One (DAS-FOI) is at D Grade, which is the most junior management level within the Ministry and the second (DAS-FOI1) is at E1 grade which is at non managerial level. Both these posts are part of a branch based in London called the Directorate of Air Staff. This branch deals with a wide range of air defence related matters of which UFOs is a minor part. Although the overwhelming majority of the UFO work in these two posts involves (and has for decades) answering correspondence from the public or recording sightings reported to the MoD, we do on occasion investigate reports. This usually involves liaising with air defence experts (such as radar specialists) on perhaps half a dozen reports per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police.

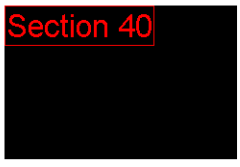
I think I should make it clear that we do not do field investigations. Contrary to some speculation amongst ufologists, we are entirely desk bound and do not travel around the country interviewing members of the public who think they have seen something odd or visiting locations of alleged landings.

The two posts require general office skills, with a preference for strong drafting abilities. When either of them becomes vacant, they are filled by internal competition. If you wanted to take up one of these posts, you would therefore first need to join the MoD, and then once you had established yourself, apply for the posts as and when they become vacant.

If you were interested in pursuing a career within the MoD, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the relevant recruitment branch or section.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 20 October 2008 19:15
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

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

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txtfirstname Section 40
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtoccupation: Retail supervisor
txtorganisation: Debenhams
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: Hemel Hempstead
txtstatecountry: Herts
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtinforequest: I would like to know how to apply for a job as a UFO investigator for the MOD. thank you

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 21 October 2008 19:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Aliens have had bases on Earth for many years

NBC Nightline coverage of the MOD UFO files:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2RIbaHD3bE

Section 40

PLEASE FILE ON CORRESPONDENCE. NO NEED FOR A RESPONSE

Section 40

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Section 40

Directorate of Air Staff
Ref D/DAS/64/2
Date 20th October 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your prompt and courteous reply .
The only reason I had reported the incident to the Ministry of Defence was I thought I should being a good citizen.
I thank you for your time.

Section 40

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From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Section 40
Livingston
West Lothian
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
21 October 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 9 October 2008. My apologies for the delay in replying.

As to you corresponding to us on the 4 August, our apologies to no response, but we never received your letter.

With regard to the particular observation, that was seen on 16 July 2008 in Perth, Scotland, I can confirm that we received no reports of 'UFO' sightings for that date from Perth or anywhere else in the UK.

Finally, I have enquired as to if there was any low flying activity on the 16 July 2008, and have been informed that there was no activity on that date.

Sorry, I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

56:23:431

EAST 2 WEST UFO SOCIETY

"HERE TO INFORM"

Section 40
Livingston
West Lothian
Section 40
Tel:
E-mail: Section 40

9th October 2008

Dear Sirs,

I wrote to you on the 4th August 2008 regarding a couple on holiday in Perth, Scotland who reported seeing a redish orange oval shaped object in the sky over the town on the 16th July 2008 at around midnight.

What I asked you was had anyone else reported this to you and had there been any military activity in the area around that time and on that date.

I would be very grateful if you could supply me with this information, thanking you in anticipation.

Regards

Section 40

Director of E2WUFOS

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 21 October 2008 02:49
To: Section 40
Subject: UFO files release

Section 40

Section 40

October 20, 2008

Dear Section 40

I see the MOD is releasing more UFO files. That is a good sign, and another step toward disclosure of the ET presence/visitation which has been going on for a long time...

http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,24523730-5005961,00.html

http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,440945,00.html

"the size of an aircraft carrier" on his radar — it vanished at 10,000 mph.

These documents throw a little egg on the face for those claiming no evidence of UFOs and also claiming governments and military haven't covered them up don't you think?

The RAF were convinced enough to give a firing command over mainland UK which is a significant statement. Again we have heard over and over "there no threat" and yet clearly there's threat enough to order Sabres to unload 24 rockets into a UFO.

An event of that significance was buried in MOD archives which pretty much sums up what the military does with this sort of information.

"After my debriefing on the events he advised me that this would be considered highly classified and that I should not discuss it with anybody not even my commander. He threatened me with national security breach if I breathed a word about it to anyone."

That about sums up the honesty and integrity with which the UFO matter is really treated.

Regards,

Section 40

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Section 40

Belfast
County Antrim
Northern Ireland
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
20 October 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your messages left on the DAS answerphone in the last two weeks.

As stated before 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.

Regarding the death threats that have been made towards you, that is a criminal office as I stated before, and is purely a matter for the Civil Police to deal with.

I hope this clarifies our position.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 24 September 2008 11:43

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFOs.

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e.mail dated 24 September 2008, the details of which you passed to Low Flying Complaints, regarding a sighting report of four orange lights in the sky on Saturday 20 September 2008.

You will know our policy on UFOs from our previous correspondence and I will therefore not repeat it unnecessarily.

With regard to the particular observation that was mentioned on LBC radio, we did not receive any details of that sighting in this office and will not be investigating it further.

Sorry I could not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

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E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted] on behalf of Low Flying
Sent: 24 September 2008 07:41
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: FW: Low Flying Complaints

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 24 September 2008 02:11
To: Low Flying
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

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

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txtlastname: [redacted]
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txtaddress2: [redacted]
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txtstatecountry: barnet
txtzipcodepost Section 40 [redacted]
txttelephone: [redacted]
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]
txtincident: 20/9/2008 6am
txtrequest: Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Could you look into these two cases please.

On LBC last night there was a query from someone in East Finchley about four orange lights in the sky last Saturday night. I didn't catch the name, but a message had been left asking if anyone else had seen them travelling over EF in formation, the largest being at the front. A recent article in The Press reported on something similar in the borough. Can any of you shed any light on this (pun intended!)?

Section 40 [redacted] called round tonight with details of what he and others saw on Saturday night - he does not have email so had no knowledge of my earlier request to the team and was pleased at my interest. I've asked him to write it up. Thanks to those of you who have responded so far, especially those who reported seeing something! Jake's sighting was around 10.30 -11.30 pm I believe and it was four, as mentioned on LBC.

2 - This was posted on youtube this weekend of an orb over London that was flashing orange and red for 40 minutes.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofr1ly3suTE

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 18 September 2008 15:49
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFOs.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your e.mail to our das-ufo-office e.mail address dated the 6 September 2008. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As to your question of a UFO research exchange, there are only two posts within our Department dealing with UFOs and they are both filled.

With regards to UFO research, the MOD does not study or research the phenomena of 'UFO's and this office which forms part of an RAF Secretariat Branch, is not constituted as a 'UFO' bureau. We look at reports as part of our normal duties to seek to establish whether a sighting might represent something which is of defence concern.

As it is clearly outside the Department's defence remit to devote resources to determining the precise identity of every seemingly inexplicable sight in the sky, it is quite normal for a sighting to remain unexplained but not require further official action. Once content that there is no evidence of a matter of defence concern, the reports are placed on file.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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E.mail – das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 06 September 2008 13:50
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: How are you .

How are you .
My name is sonhyoseong at age 31 male to live korea .
I am search immigration sponsor for satellite ufo research exchange and extra terrestrial exchange base.
I have korea validity passport .
My address Section 40 [redacted], Gyeonggi-do, Korea
Thank you read .
Language korean nature , english common , chinese at law read
Abroad tel) Section 40 [redacted]
TEL korea) [redacted]

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(Fax) Section 40

Section 40
Manchester
Greater Manchester
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
18 September 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to the message you left on our answerphone, regarding our airspace being compromised, for which I received today, relating to the correspondence I sent to you on the 4 September 2008.

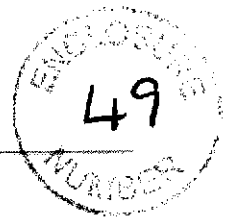
With regards to your sighting, I am not disputing that you and other members of the public spotted the grey craft, but you will know the MOD's policy due to my previous correspondence.

It may be helpful if I explain that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light off the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling of air defence aircraft).
From that perspective, reports provided to us of 'UFO' sightings are examined, but consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is only considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space.
The vast majority of reports we receive are very sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 August 2008 15:45
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: VEXATIOUS CORRESPONDENT - Section 40

Section 40

Thank you.

I am aware of the continuing correspondence from Section 40 and his reluctance to accept our position. It is clear that we have provided as much assistance as we can and I agree that we should not use resources on further exchanges with Section 40 this subject. I agree that he should be listed as vexatious and should be grateful if you will take the necessary action to notify Parliamentary Branch.

Section 40
DAS AD Sec
Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 August 2008 13:49
To: Section 40
Subject: VEXATIOUS CORRESPONDENT - Section 40

Section 40

During the course of 2008 I have written to the above individual 8 times on the subject of the Rendlesham Incident. Additionally, I have answered 3 FOI requests from him on this subject.

I have explained the MoD position on this matter, in full, on a number of occasions and have provided him with a (redacted) copy of the MoD file on the subject. He is therefore in possession of all original material the MoD holds on the subject. I have also explained to him that we consider the subject of the incident itself closed but he continues to return to it with repeated questions that we cannot answer without re-opening MoD investigations into an event that occurred over quarter of a century ago and about which we long since lost any interest in.

Whilst this may be in the interest to those like him who are fascinated by the topic, or those who work within the self perpetuating UFO "industry" which thrives on rumour and conspiracy theories and will seize on any renewed MoD interest as evidence of a previous cover up (or whatever theory is currently flavour of the month), it simply cannot be defined as in the wider public interest to continue to utilise scarce resources in terms of staff time in pursuing further fruitless correspondence with him on this particular topic.

I will of course reply to him again, and will try to be as clear as I am able (the possibility cannot be discounted that he simply does not understand what I have told him) but I fear the gentleman will continue to write to us about Rendlesham until we agree with whatever his view of the incident is, and I am therefore seeking your authority to list him as vexatious. I have no doubt that he will continue to write to us on other UFO related matters, but at this stage, this is not a concern since they cover different topics or incidents.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2008 16:02
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM FOREST

Dear Section 40

I have explained the MoD position on the Rendlesham Incident on a number of occasions but I fear I have not made myself clear, for which I apologise.

Let me be plain. We consider the incident closed and have done so for a considerable period of time. We therefore have no further interest in the subject and, consequently, we have no further comment to make on the testimony of the two gentlemen in question. Indeed, we have no further interest in evidence or testimony from anyone else involved in the incident and will not be investigating any further.

I have provided you with a copy of our file on the subject and I believe from reading it that it is clear that, contrary to the opinion of many ufologists who suspect some sort of cover up, the reality was that the MoD took a very limited interest in the subject at the time. Other than correspondence to and from other members of the public such as yourself, the MoD's knowledge regarding Rendlesham is contained within that file. There are no hidden files on Rendlesham and no conspiracy of silence by the MoD.

You may be of the opinion that the MoD should have taken more interest at the time. You are entitled to that opinion. However, that does not alter the actual limited level of interest taken. If you wish to speculate about what happened at Rendlesham, you are perfectly free to do so but the MoD chooses not to expend any further resources in doing so.

Despite the considerable number of responses I have sent to you, I suspect that we will never be able to agree on the Rendlesham Incident and therefore I believe that no further purpose will be served by continuing this correspondence with you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]
DAS-FOI
05-H-13
MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 25 August 2008 01:22
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM FOREST TO00151/2008

Section 40 [redacted]

All evidence at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident was looked at? So the MOD heard and considered testimony from head of base security at the time Jim Penniston? I know Jim Penniston, and he walked up to and touched the triangular shaped black UFO while it was resting on the ground. It made no noise.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y-pJDYJkfA

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Regards,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 26 August 2008 20:05
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM INCIDENT

Section 40 [redacted]

No where in your previous correspondence of e-mail dated 28 May 2008 did you mention the MOD's opinion of Jim Penniston's testimony.

Are you saying the MOD thinks the head of Woodbridge base security at the time (Sargent Jim Penniston) is lying? He didn't really see a triangular craft and he didn't walk up to it, observe it, and touch it?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y-pJDYJkfA

Please explain the MOD's position on the testimony of Sargent Jim Penniston and John Burroughs.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] wrote:

> Dear Section 40
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> Thank you for your e-mails of 21 and 25 August 2008 regarding the Rendlesham Incident.
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> I believe we have already covered this matter in previous correspondence and I therefore refer you to my e-mail of 28 May 2008.
>
> Yours sincerely,
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 28 August 2008 10:24

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: UFO SIGHTINGS OVER THE UK

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 August 2008 asking whether the MoD was investigating any of the recent flurry of UFO sightings in the UK *"just to make sure"* none of them could be a potential threat to national security.

The short answer is no we are not.

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 07 August 2008 20:20
To: Section 40
Subject: Section 40 Please advise

8/7/08

Dear Section 40

With all the recent mass UFO sightings in the UK, is the MOD investigating any of them "just to make sure" none of them could be potential threats to national security? I would hope so...

There has got to be something to all of this. I don't think all these people in the UK are hallucinating or mistaking regular jet planes or stars for UFOs.

Why doesn't the MOD set up a UFO committee to thoroughly study the phenomena and let the public get involved.

We deserve answers. This shouldn't be a classified issue.

Best regards,

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 27 August 2008 11:30
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: UFO REPORTING PROCEDURES

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 August 2008 regarding current UFO reporting and investigation regulations.

If members of the public believe they have seen a UFO they can report it to the Ministry of Defence either by telephone to a dedicated answer machine (0207 2182140) or in writing to the address at the foot of this e-mail. If people report the sighting to their local military establishment, the report is then forwarded to the same address.

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 unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military 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. In practice we look into a handful of sightings a year, generally those from aircrew, air traffic control and service or police personnel. Such sightings are treated on a case by case basis.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: no-reply@feedback.mod.uk [mailto:no-reply@feedback.mod.uk]
Sent: 14 August 2008 16:35
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

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

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txtfirstname Section 40
txtlastname:
txtaddress1:
txtaddress2:
txttowncity: Chatteris
txtstatecountry: Cambridgshire
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: Would it be possible for you to tell me the current UK procedures, for the reporting and investigation of recent sightings of UFO/UAP activity?
As these sightings seem to be on the increase,it would be very helpful to have the most up to date recommended methods of dealing with them.

Yours truly Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 26 August 2008 11:34

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM INCIDENT

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mails of 21 and 25 August 2008 regarding the Rendlesham Incident.

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Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 25 August 2008 01:22

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM FOREST TO00151/2008

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 21 August 2008 10:32
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM FOREST

8.21.08

Section 40 [redacted]

So when you say there was no evidence or no breach of air defense, you're saying that the head of base security Jim Penniston is lying as well as Charles Halt?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHwhmc2m-tQ

I know Jim Penniston, and he walked up to and touched the black triangle UFO craft which was on the forest floor. It was only about 5 feet tall and 9 feet wide. It made no sound. It had symbols engraved on it. It changed colors. It lifted up and took off at an incredible rate of speed.

This happened. When is the MOD going to tell the truth? It's bullshit.

Regards,

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ENCLOSURE 44

Section 40
Bedford
Bedfordshire Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
13 August 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 25 July 2008. I apologise for the delay in replying.

You will know our policy on UFOs due to my previous correspondence.

My apologies for the mistake in saying the sightings were in Harrowden. I have now amended the area of the sighting.

Thank you for the link regarding the other sightings of the same objects.

With regards to the risk to national security, I would like to add that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous surveillance of the UK Air Policing Area by the Royal Air Force. This is achieved by using a combination of civil and military radar installations, which provide a continuous real-time "picture" of the UK airspace. Any threat to the UK Air Defence Region would be handled in the light of the particular circumstances at the time (it might if deemed appropriate, involve the scrambling or diversion of air defence aircraft).

From that perspective, reports provided to us of 'UFO' sightings are examined, but with consultation with air defence staff and others as necessary is considered only where there is sufficient evidence to suggest a breach of UK air space.

The vast majority of reports we receive are sketchy and vague. Only a handful of reports in recent years have warranted further investigation and none revealed any evidence of a threat.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Bedford Section 40
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For the attention of Section 40
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25th July 2008

Dear Section 40

Your letter ref: D/DAS/64/2

Many thanks for your letter dated the 22nd July.

Firstly the sightings in question could potentially pose a risk to national security. I certainly wouldn't want to be standing under the red beam that came out of these craft when they were being fired.

Secondly the sightings weren't in Harrowden, they were near the Embankment in Bedford and travelling across towards the Priory marina.

Also there were other sightings of the same objects. If you want details of these you can contact the Bedfordshire on Sunday, and the reporter Garrick Alder. Here is a link to the article they published last Sunday http://www.bedsonsunday.com/bedsonsunday-news/displayarticle.asp?id=332477

I personally think it is someone's responsibility to investigate this. If that's not the Ministry of Defence, then who is it?

I have contacted the United States NSA and NATO also. Maybe they will take this a bit more seriously.

I don't think at any point I mentioned I thought these UFO's were extra-terrestrial. For all we know they could be UAV's based on some next generation technology. We don't have to look too far from home, in the Middle East maybe, to find lots of countries that don't like us and our values who have a significant larger amount of money to spend on weapons and military aircraft than the UK.

If you have any other questions then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Section 40

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
13 August 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter regarding the release of our UFO files, for which I received on the 1 August 2008.

Thank you for your comments on the releasing of our UFO files. It is nice for this Department to get positive feedback from a member of the public.

You may wish to be aware that the MOD has already released a great deal of information about UFOs which is available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed until 1967, when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1987 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU, telephone 0208 876 3444. The National Archives also have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at:
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Finally, the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website has a database which contains information on UFO sighting reports from the year 1997 up to 2007. This can be accessed via the internet at:
http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme,
by searching under 'UFO' Reports.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
Maidenhead
Berks
Section 40

Dear Sir,

I would like to compliment you on the release of various files regarding UFO's, & more releases over the next few years. This ensures more trust in the government, & its departments. Regardless of ones opinion on UFO's the subject is very real, the release of these files will allow people to make up their own minds. Which of course is how society should function. Please keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 August 2008 13:25
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: UFOs AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 July 2008 regarding UFOs and the potential threat to UK national security.

It is not possible to provide you with a firm definition of what constitutes a threat to national security, nor one that encompasses every possible event or incident. However, any action or activity that endangers or intends to endanger the sovereignty of the UK or its territory overseas, the general population or UK interests, could be reasonably be termed as a threat to national security.

Evidence as to whether a potential threat is deemed to exist would be decided on a case-by-case basis, on the judgement of those responsible for the air defence of the UK. Essentially, they would look to see whether there was any dependable evidence that required investigation – e.g. a radar trace – before deciding what course of action to pursue.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 22 July 2008 22:29
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Clarification on D/DAS/64/3 - Memo Dated 11 July 2008

Dear MOD Official,

I am writing to clarify your statements within the subject memorandum. Pasted at the bottom is the relevant excerpt from the memo.

Specifically, please clarify what "evidence of a potential threat" means. It would seem that anything that violates UK air space would be a potential threat. An unknown object would demand a threat definition by its very nature, unknown.

Technological advances are producing new aerial surveillance objects at an ever increasing rate. A foreign government or cooperation may be flying some type of unknown and unidentified intelligence gathering object or implementing a type of psychological warfare against the UK.

Per your memo you "do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported." If that is the case, how can you know if it is a threat?

Respectfully,

Section 40 [redacted]
Attorney at Law

Relevant parts of statement follow:

"Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) 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 or 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."

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 04 August 2008 11:36
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 August 2008. You raised a number of issues that I will deal with in order.

Firstly, 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 unauthorized foreign military activity.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military 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.

It would be helpful if you would identify where the statistic that "*95% of sightings are mundane misidentifications*" came from. Although I have seen this statistic mentioned in the media and on the internet, I am unaware of any MoD survey or statistical analysis that came to this conclusion. It would however, be reasonable to state, albeit based on experience rather than statistical analysis, that something in the region of 95% of UFO sightings reported to the MoD are simply never investigated and therefore no conclusions can be drawn from them.

Turning to your second question regarding (I assume a hypothetical?) sighting of a "*metallic UAP*" some 500ft in the air with associated missing time and memories of strange beings, is that given the above policy, it is not necessarily the MoD's function to investigate the matter or, indeed, to make any conclusion as to whether it was a threat to the individual that saw it.

Finally, you asked what specifically would constitute a threat to UK national security from a UAP. It is not possible to provide you with an all encompassing definition of what constitutes a threat to national security from a UAP. If we were to investigate an incident, it would have to be judged on a case by case basis.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

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To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 04-08-2008-065225-003 Hanton

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

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txtfirstname Section 40
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txtoccupation: Programmer
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txtstatecountry: Strathclyde
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txtcountry: UK
txtemailAddres Section 40
txttelephone:
txtinforequest: 1. Given that the U.F.O. or U.A.P. is a real phenomenon and given that the majority (95%) of U.F.O. sightings are mundane misidentifications, does the Ministry of Defence speculate that the remaining 5%, or less, are benign? What is the basis of the MoD's conclusions on these matters, if any?

2. Should a member of the public consider the sighting of a metallic U.A.P. 500ft in the air hovering perfectly still on a windy day directly above said individual(s) for at least 5 minutes, with an apparent appendage extending toward them (the appendage WAS reacting to the wind) looking at them, with associated missing time and memories of interactions with strange beings, a threat? Given that the individual(s) are neither insane nor lying.

3. Additionally, what specifically would constitute a threat to UK national security in terms of an U.A.P.?

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 July 2008 11:21
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: UFO's

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 July 2008 asking if we would explain the existence of aliens already living on our soil.
Additionally, you asked the MoD to release its UFO files to the public.

Firstly, 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 or regarding 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. We are therefore unaware of alien beings living on our soil.

The MoD has recently started a three year programme to transfer some 160 files on the UFO topic to The National Archives, where they will be placed on their website. The files will be released in chronological order with the aim of those covering 1979-92 being released in 2008, those covering 1992-2000 in 2009 and 2001-2007 during 2010. The first eight files have already been transferred and are available for viewing at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: FOI written request PS 28-07-2008-072327-005 McMahon

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txtfirstname: Section 40
txtlastname: [redacted]
txtoccupation: Dentist
txtaddress1: Section 40
txtaddress2: [redacted]
txttowncity: rochester
txtstatecountry: Kent
txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40
txtcountry: United Kingdom
txtemailAddress: Section 40
txtinforequest: I would like you to release the files on what you have on UFO's to the public, and explain the existence of alien beings living on our very soil.

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 31 July 2008 00:23
To: Section 40
Subject: Guernsey April 23 2007 report

Hi Section 40

I don't know if this is of any interest to you or any of your colleagues?

Section 40

The final report for this interesting case is now available at:

http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org/

Congratulations to Section 40 and Section 40

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 16 July 2008 10:51
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 June 2008 regarding the Rendlesham incident.

It is not possible to provide you with a firm definition of what constitutes a threat to national security, nor a definition that covers every possible event or incident. However, any action or activity that endangers or intends to endanger territorial integrity of the UK or its territory overseas, the general population or UK interests, could be reasonably be termed as a threat to national security.

The so called Rendlesham Incident took place over quarter of a century ago and, given the passage of time, it is not possible to say with any certainty why the decision was made that the alleged sighting did not constitute a threat. You state that you have read "the files" on the subject, although it is not clear what files you are actually referring to. The MoD file on the subject is shortly to be transferred to The National Archives where it will be available for viewing by the general public.

I accept that the incident is of interest to many people and the subject of much speculation, but aside from answering correspondence from members of the public such as yourself, the MoD considers the matter to be closed. If there are any answers to be found from the MoD they will be in its file on the subject, although this appears to be a compilation file made some considerable time after the alleged events.

I am sorry I could not be of more help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]
DAS-FOI

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2008 12:06
To: DAS-UFO-Office
Subject: Rendlesham

Hi there

Having currently read the British governments position on UFO's and having read the files and testimony of the rendlesham UFO incident i am intrigued to know what does actually constitue a " threat to natinal security " ? I mean, if security patrolman, not to mention a deputy base commander see an object landing in the forrest, break into numberous peices and fly off, as well as a patrolman who actually touches the object is not a national security risk, then what is? Either they are lying, or what they say happened, happened. Either way, surely this would be of defence significance?

regards

Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 15 July 2008 11:44
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: TERN HILL INCIDENT

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 June 2008 regarding the alleged UFO sighting at Tern Hill in Shropshire.

The MoD has not been investigating this sighting, other than to answer questions from the press and members of the public. However, the BBC reported that a nearby hotel had been letting off Chinese lanterns at the same time as the alleged sighting.

The RAF operate a number of fast jet aircraft including Typhoon, Tornado, Harrier and in the training role, Hawk. However, we did not launch or direct any aircraft to investigate a UFO sighting. The Quick Reaction Alert aircraft are a combination of Typhoon and Tornado.

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 26 June 2008 17:35

To: Section 40

Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-095012-004

hello Section 40

I was not going to bother you again but i could not resist to inform you that i have just spent a week in supposedly quiet countryside of shropshire.
whilst down there the county went ufo crazy, and my other half who ridicules my interest - found herself and i witnessing an alarming amount of ufo sightings over last weekend.
not only that but the flight path of the military response appeared to be right over oxon caravan park where we were staying!!.6 in one evening which was unusual according to the regular uses of the park -thought nothing of it until i read the news the next day.
unfortunately i did not spot any myself but what another coincidence - i don't normally buy the sun but they got the exclusive, as predicted they trivialised the defence issue - ternhill barracks, and i was also mildly annoyed no other paper was interested.
recent de-bunk attempt was wedding chinese lanterns - perhaps the airforce could invest in these exceptionally dynamic lanterns - as ufo's {lanterns} were spotted in at least four locations spread all over the county, and date wise was before they were alledged to be released at the wedding - an aeronautical feet indeed.
ther are so many questions i would love you to answer but it's on a need to know basis - and i know the rest.
still is there an official investigation takeing place? and what's your view on this intrigueing incident?
thankyou for the cd of bentwaters of the 80's -found out that another incident with alledged ufo's happened in the 60's at the same site - what ever it was was extremely interested in the cylo's that were supposed to be empty - anyway starting to ramble - hope to hear from you soon!
ps do the raf response use typhoons or something else - god these things can move whatever we use these days
cheers Section 40

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 19-05-2008-095012-004
Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 15:02:40 +0100
From: Section 40
To: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2008 asking how many requests for information regarding the Rendlesham Incident there had been since the incident itself. It is being treated as a new Freedom of Information request. Your outstanding request for a copy of the MoD's file on Rendlesham will be answered very shortly. Additionally, you asked whether files on other cases would be released and if not, where they can be viewed on line.

The Rendlesham Incident has aroused consistent interest from member of the public interested in UFO matters. Most of this is in the form of letters asking for information which are stored on paper correspondence files (amongst others) in the date order they are received and not on the single file the MoD has on the topic. Accurately answering your question would involve manually checking some 100 plus files, the cost of which would exceed the £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and, as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request. However, I can tell you that this branch, which is the lead branch for UFO matters within the MoD, has received some 26 requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act on the subject of Rendlesham since 2005.

As you may have seen last week in the press, the MoD is releasing some 160 UFO files over the next three years which will be available for viewing at The National Archives. This will include all the 100 plus files mentioned in my second paragraph, together with other case files. When they are released, you will be able to view them at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail InfoXD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may wish to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

I am sorry I was unable to be more helpful.

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From: Section 40
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Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
11 July 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2008 asking for the address of a local UFO organisation.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) 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.

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Turning to non-official organisations, I am afraid that the MOD does not put members of the public in contact with outside bodies interested in UFOs. This is for two reasons. Firstly, by directing an individual to a particular outside organisation, it might be construed that organisation was vouched for, or approved, by the MOD. This would most certainly not be the case. Secondly, by suggesting an individual contact one particular organisation, it could be claimed that we were showing favouritism, which we would not wish to do.

That having been said, there are a great many organisations and societies in the UK that are interested in UFOs. I suggest that you conduct a search of the internet to locate one near to you. If you do not have a computer with an internet connection, your local library should have one and I am sure they would be willing to help you. The library may also be able to help you locate magazines that deal with the subject, which may assist you in locating an organisation near you.

I must however, sound a word of caution. The internet and indeed the world of ufology, (as the study of the UFO phenomena is sometimes known) are largely unregulated. Virtually anyone can

[redacted] describe themselves as an "expert" on UFO matters, whether they have spent a lifetime studying the subject, or conversely, five minutes. You should therefore exercise great caution before parting with any money. If you are considering undergoing any form of hypnosis relating to UFO matters, I would recommend that you discuss the matter with your doctor, as they may be able to put you in contact with reputable practitioners.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

CLIFTON. NOTTINGHAM.

Section 40

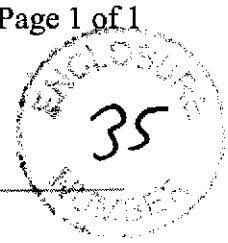
Dear Sir,

I should be very grateful if you could give me the address of a local Organisation which deals with U.F.O Sightings. Although the events of my own Sighting were many years ago, the facts of what I witnessed should on no account be deliberately twisted into. Either Under Hypnosis or a lie Detector test. The clarity and size of what I saw certainly bears further investigation, and I should add that whatever I saw was most certainly not built on this Planet.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

TEL. Section 40



Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 11 July 2008 11:03
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: UFO SIGHTING CARDIFF 8 JUNE 2008

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 2008 regarding an alleged UFO sighting involving a police helicopter on 8th June 2008 near Cardiff. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we have responsibility for UFO matters.

Firstly, 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.

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The MoD does not record Air Traffic Control radar itself, but I suggest you contact the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk as they may have records for the date in question. However, I can confirm that MoD radar sites did not report any unusual activity and that no military aircraft were tasked to investigate.

The questions of whether the police helicopter issued a "Mayday" or any other distress signal or radio message and whether on board electronic systems recorded the alleged object can best be answered by South Wales Police at www.south-wales.police.uk.

As for the alleged UFO incident involving the Garda over Dublin Bay in 2006, this would be a matter for the Irish authorities and it would be inappropriate for the MoD to involve itself in the matter. I therefore suggest that you contact the Garda or the Irish Air Corps directly.

I am sorry I was unable to be of more assistance.

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11/07/2008

Section 40 [redacted]
Dublin 5, Ireland.

Section 40 [redacted]

Friday, 4th July 2008.
To: Air Command, RAF Business Secretariat 3, RAF, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4UE.

Dear Sir / Madam,
It was with great interest that I read in some of the newspapers over here about an incident involving a South Wales Police helicopter and a UFO, somewhere in the Cardiff area about a month ago. I understand that the UFO - not necessarily extraterrestrial in origin, of course - came up from below the helicopter, even though the chopper was only at something like 500 feet in altitude. I was wondering if you could possibly tell me the following…?

(a). Did the unidentified object show up on any civil or military radar systems that were either on the ground or in the air?

(b). Was it picked up on any electronic detection systems on board the police helicopter?

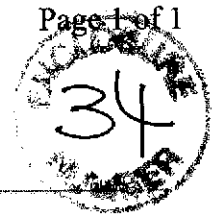
(c). Did the South Wales Police helicopter issue any 'mayday' or other distress signal or radio message during its encounter with the UFO?

(d). Were any RAF (or Royal Navy or Army) aircraft scrambled, or were any military aircraft that were airborne at the time tasked with routing to the area to investigate? If so, to either of these possibilities, what was the outcome?

Finally, I recall that a Garda (Irish Police) helicopter was asked to investigate a UFO near the north eastern shore of Dublin Bay, one evening in August of 2006. I'm not certain of how that incident ended, but the UFO apparently flew away when approached. However, the ATC tower at Dublin Airport definitely did ask the pilot to fly out the area to try to ascertain what the UFO was. You might ask through the necessary channels about this incident, and let me know what is said in response. (As an avid aviation enthusiast and a private pilot, I'm sure that most of these things have a more prosaic explanation than some would have us believe!) The Garda aircraft are all flown by military pilots, and their Air Support Unit is based at the Irish Air Corps base at Baldonnel, near Dublin. So, a phone call from you to the Unit there may just prove illuminating - who knows…..

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]



Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 09 July 2008 11:51
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: TERN HILL BARRACKS UFO SIGHTING 7 JUNE 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 June 2008 asking for information regarding a newspaper article by The Sun into an alleged UFO sighting at Tern Hill Barracks in Shropshire.

The MoD has not been investigating this sighting, other than to answer questions from the press and members of the public. However, the BBC reported that a nearby hotel had been letting off Chinese lanterns at the same time as the alleged sighting.

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 25 June 2008 15:30
To: Section 40
Subject: Section 40 please advise ASAP

Dear Section 40

What can you tell me about this?

http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece ← Sun Report a UFO Sighting at Tern Hill Barracks.

Is the MOD looking into this?

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40
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> Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.
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> When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.
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> Yours sincerely,
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25/06/2008

From: Section 40
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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
8 July 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 29 June 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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.

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Finally, with regard to your observation, the details will be logged and your letter filed.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
[redacted]
Rochdale.
Section 40
[redacted]
Phone
Date 29.06.08.

U.F.O's.

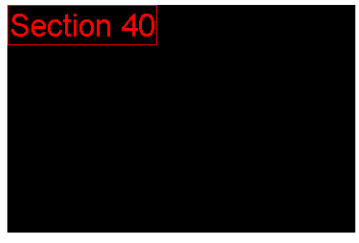
What They Really Are.

Scientists and leaders of different religions have allways led us to believe that we are Gods gift to the Universe. Why should this be so. Bees in a beehive may think the same way, or dolphins in the sea but are not intellegent enough to realise that there is a higher form of life than them, namely Humans. Also we Humans are not intellegent enough to realise that there is a more advanced form of life than us living on or around the Earth. All that we see is the U.F.O. phenonema that we cannot believe or understand. The Ministry of Defense believe that there is something in the air but they always state that "There is no threat to the defence of the realm". Why should there be. We would not think of invading herds of elephants and showing them how to behave. It would be very unwise.

The phenonema is nothing new. There have been reports for thousands of years referred to as chariots of fire, angels of the lord and guideing lights. The Ancient Isrealites were said to have been guided through the desert by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day. They are still watching us

mans to this day. In recent years there have been reports of crash landings and aliens taken prisoner. The beings referred to are of a higher intellegence. They do not crash land and be taken prisoner, so we can forget these fairytales.

One of my own experiences is that I was traveling over Portugal in an aircraft when a woman sat next to me near the porthole said,"look down under the aicraft there is one of those flying saucer things". I then stood up and looked through the window and less than 100mts below was a flying saucer like object the colour of stainless steel or dark grey. It was about 30mts in diameter and keeping pace with the aircraft. there is then no doubt at all that we are being observed by a higher form of existence.



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Mechanical Engineer Various Industries

Secretary Licenced Club and a Security Company.

Infantry Soldier Territorial Army.

Enquiry Agent, Discreet Enquiries.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 07 July 2008 15:21

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: Tape Recording.

Dear Section 40

I am writing regarding your e.mail to the Ministry of Defence dated 4 July 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

With regards to your video tape recording of a sighting, that you said the Police took off of you, can you please let us have the date on which this occurred, as I have no record on file of your name or any video tape coming into our possession. The date may be able to help us locate it, if it is in our records.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 July 2008 13:39
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI Written Request

Section 40

Have a look at this and then decide what we should say. Then we should discuss.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 04 July 2008 13:34
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI Written Request

Section 40

As discussed, do you want to deal with as normal business.

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 04 July 2008 12:36
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI Written Request

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, July 4, 2008 at 12:36:01
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firstname: Section 40

lastname:

occupation: WELFARE VISITOR

org/company: Please enter your Organisation or Company (optional)

address1: Section 40

address2:

towncity: LEEDS

statecounty: WEST YORKSHIRE

postzipcode: Section 40

country: UK

e-mail: Section 40

telephone: Please enter your telephone number (optional)

informationrequest: HELLO,

I KNOW YO WILL THINK I AM BONKERS BUT QUITE A FEW YEAR'S AGO I FILMED SOMETHING IN THE [redacted]KY. WE CONTACTED THE POLICE WHO CAME AROUND THE NEXT DAY AND, AFTER CRACKING MANY JOKES HE LOOKED AT MY RECORDING, STOPPED MAKING JOKES AND NEEDED SOME MORE ADVICE. HE CAME BACK TEN MINUTES LATER AND TOOK MY VIDEO TAPE OFF ME TO SEND TO YOURSELVES. I'VE NEVER HAD THIS TAPE BACK AND WONDERED IF YOU STILL HAVE IT AND CAN IT BE RETURNED?

MANY THANKS

Section 40

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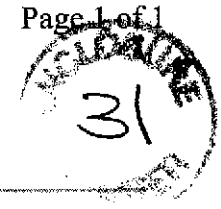

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 07 July 2008 15:21

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: 'Project Star Wars'.

Dear Section 40

I am writing regarding your e.mail to the MOD dated 29 June 2008.

You will know our policy on UFOs due to previous correspondence.

With regards to your question about 'Project Star Wars', the MOD can not give you any information regarding this project, as we have no knowledge of it.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2008 00:26
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: PROJECT STAR WARS
Importance: High

Having had previous correspondence with you and with the contact us forms currently unavailable on the MOD website I thought it best to contact you with my latest enquiry.

I would like to ask again about 'Project Star Wars' and for any information that you are allowed to give me regarding project star wars it's uses and function.

Regards

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2008 17:49
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RE: 'Project Star Wars'.

Thank you for your hasty response however It would be of great help if you could point me in the right direction

Regards,

Section 40 [redacted]

Subject: 'Project Star Wars'.
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 15:20:39 +0100
From: Section 40 [redacted]
To: Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2008 19:16
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: RE: 'Project Star Wars'.

No problem many thanks for your advice however limited.

I'm sure you will no doubt hear from me in the future until such time my sincerest thanks for your immediate response to my emails

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Subject: 'Project Star Wars'.
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 18:17:04 +0100
From: Section 40 [redacted]
To: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

I have just received your e.mail dated 7 July 2008 and the only suggestion I have for you to find information on 'Project Star Wars' is to check the internet.

Sorry I could not be much help.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 26 June 2008 11:50
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: UFO over Cardiff

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 June 2008 regarding an alleged UFO sighting involving a police helicopter over Cardiff on 7 June 2008.

The MoD has received no report on this matter and have not investigated it.

I hope this is helpful.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 20 June 2008 14:59
To: Section 40
Subject: UFO over Cardiff

6/20/08

Dear Section 40

What can you tell me about the UFO incident which occurred on June 7, 2008 over Cardiff in which a police helicopter chased a UFO which was described to be a saucer shape with lights on it?

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/2160814/Police-chase-UFO-over-Cardiff.html

I hope that the MOD conducts a thorough investigation and makes ALL of it's findings regarding this public.

Please write back when you can. Thank you,

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40
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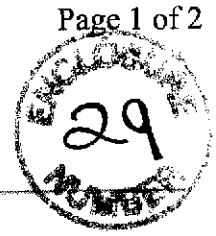

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 25 June 2008 11:25
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: RE: UFO's

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail.

The Sun should direct their request to Section 40 [redacted] in the MoD Press Office (DGMC) on Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 25 June 2008 11:14
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: UFO's

Section 40 [redacted]

The Sun have asked me to forward you the attached photo with the request that it be analysed. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. Good quality daylight photographs are comparatively rare.
2. The fact that the photo shows the ground and other features enables calculations/estimates to be made of the object's distance from the camera, size, etc.
3. The MoD will have to necessary technical equipment and expertise to properly analyse/enhance the picture.
4. There is growing concern about unauthorized penetrations of the UK Air Defence Region and - in relation to the 7th June sighting of a UFO by personnel on board a police helicopter - the associated flight safety issues.

I would appreciate your comments.

Best wishes,

Section 40 [redacted]

Message Received: Jun 25 2008, 10:59 AM
From: Section 40 [redacted]
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: UFO's

Hi Section 40

Here is the picture we spoke about. Thanks very much for agreeing to do this.

If you could send this on to the MoD and ask them to look at it explaining your reasoning why that would be great.

Thanks

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 24 June 2008 16:35
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: UFO's

From: Section 40
Sent: 23 June 2008 16:00
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: UFO's

From: Section 40
Sent: 23 June 2008 15:48
To: Sun Exclusive
Subject: UFO's

Hello there,

I have attached a word doc that you may find interesting referring to 'UFO Snaps' Friday 20th edition of the Sun. The document explains what happened.

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Section 40

"Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail"

The Newspaper Marketing Agency: Opening Up Newspapers:

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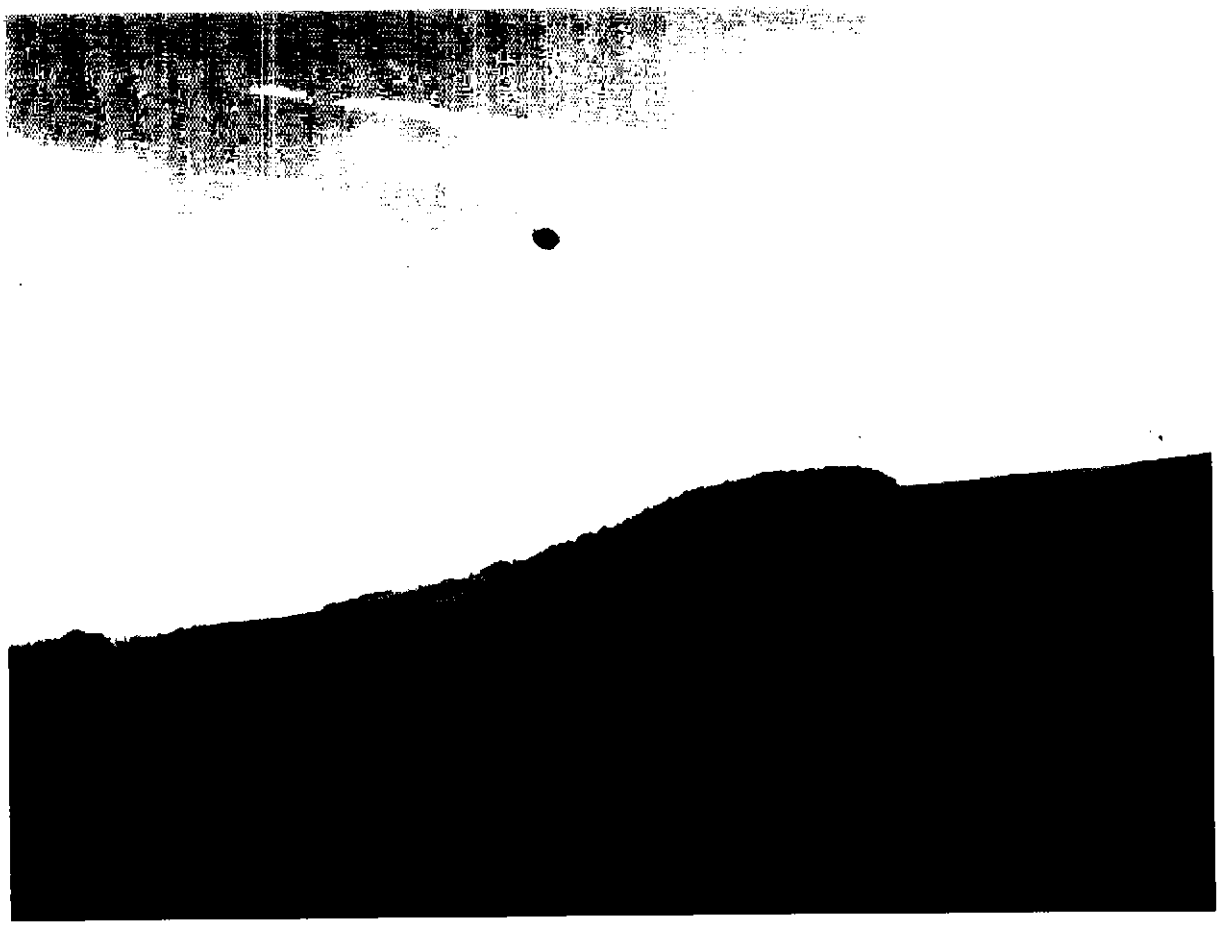

This photograph was taken by myself on Sunday the 27th of August 2006, in the Trough of Bowland, Lancashire about 3 miles from Dunsop Bridge travelling towards Lancaster and captures something flying in the sky above a grassy ridge.

I was using a canon 7million pixel digital camera. I saw the craft hovering for a few minutes and was able to take this snap. Whilst waiting for the camera to cock itself for the next frame, the craft took off vertically at an amazing velocity.

The craft, however, was unfortunately in the shadow of a cloud and cannot be seen to cast a shadow. I have submitted this photograph to many newspapers and 'ufo' groups, but have only ever received one reply that said "very interesting"

I hope that this photo may 'interest you'

Section 40 [redacted]
Burnley, Lancashire

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 17 June 2008 11:46

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Address.

Dear Section 40

I have just received your e.mail.

The correct address to send UFO reports to is:

Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1
Ministry of Defence
5th Floor, Zone H
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Section 40
FOI 1

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 17 June 2008 11:23
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request

Please deal.

Section 40
-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 17 June 2008 11:21
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request

Section 40

Can I interest you with this request?

We have not logged this as FOI.

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 17 June 2008 11:57
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 11:57:15
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Hello,
My mum saw an UFO many years ago and wants to send you the details - could you please e-mail me the correct address to send the letter to please?
Thank you.
Section 40

From: Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Section 40 Zone I, Level 3, Main Building, Whitehall, London.
SW1A 2HB

Switch Board: 020 7218 9000

Section 40
Peachtree City
Georgia
30269
USA
Section 40

Reference:
D/DI CSD/10/8/3

Date:
12 June 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2008 to Section 40 of the Directorate of the Air Staff. The message was forwarded to me and I have been asked to reply.

Your email includes four quotations from the Executive Summary of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) in the UK Air Defence Region report. In order to put these quotations into context, it is important to take into account the purpose of the report, which was to determine whether there was a requirement for the Defence Intelligence Staff to monitor UFO sighting reports, as well as ascertain whether there was any evidence of a threat to the UK and to identify any potential military technologies of interest.

The study concluded that there was no evidence that any UAP in UK air space were incursions of foreign origin, no potential military technologies of interest were identified and there was no longer a requirement for the DIS to monitor UFO sighting reports. The report also concluded that the potential causes of many of the UAP sightings were comprised of several types of rarely encountered natural events. Since 2000, no further work has been carried out by the Ministry of Defence into this subject and none is planned for the future.

I trust that you find this helpful

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 04 June 2008 22:50
To: Section 40
Subject: Section 40 - Please advise

Hello Section 40 this is Section 40

Please read these quotes which came from MOD personnel:

"That Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP or UFO) Exist is indisputable. Credited with the ability to hover, land, take off, accelerate to astonishing velocities and vanish. They can reportedly alter their direction of flight suddenly and clearly can exhibit aerodynamic characteristics well beyond those of any known aircraft or missile - either manned or unmanned." - The UK Ministry of Defense

"The Conditions for the initial formation and sustaining what apparently buoyant charged masses, which can form, separate, merge, hover climp, dive, and accelerate are not completely understood." - The UK Ministry of Defense

Dependent on a color's temperature and aerosol density, it may be seen visually, either by it self generated plasma color, by reflected light, or silhouette by light blockage and background contrast.

Occasionally and perhaps exceptionally, it seems a field with, undetermined characteristics can exist between certain charged buoyant objects in loose formation, the intervening space between them forms an area, viewed as a shape, often Triangular, from which the reflection of light does not occur. This is a key finding in the attribution of what have frequently black "Craft", often triangular and up to hundreds of feet in length.

http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationSc

Now what's that all about? Please advise or have someone else advise as soon as possible. Thank you.

Best regards,

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

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(Fax) Section 40

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 26

Section 40

Holland on Sea
Essex
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
TO02408/2008
Date:
28 May 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object', seen in 1943/44, the details of which you passed on to the MOD by letter. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

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 sighting report, we have no records of UFO sighting reports going back to the 1940's.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 28 May 2008 11:07
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO02408/2008
Attachments: TO02408 2008 - 20080528104722 - Section 40 [redacted]

Over to you...

From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 28 May 2008 10:48
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO02408/2008

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO02408/2008
Due Date: 17 June 2008
Correspondent: [redacted]
Additional Advice: Section 40

the Department has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the date of this message**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List: http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx. Lead Branches without access to

the Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.

Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_parl/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm. If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

Email: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

MOD Parliamentary Branch
Ministerial Correspondence Unit
t: Section 40 [redacted]
t: [redacted]
f: [redacted]
e: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Section 40 [redacted]
HOLLAND ON SEA,
ESSEX.
Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(UFO SIGHTINGS)
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON. SW1A 2HB.

21/5/08

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

THE RECENT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PUBLICATION OF UFO SIGHTINGS SINCE 1997 HAS PROMPTED ME TO WRITE TO YOU WITH THE UFO SIGHTING I EXPERIENCED DURING THE WAR YEARS OF 1943/44. APART FROM CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, I HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY REPORTED THIS INCIDENT.

THE FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS; IN 1943/44 I WAS 15/16 YEARS OLD LIVING WITH MY PARENTS IN BARKING ESSEX. I WORKED IN LONDON AND IN ORDER TO AVOID THE COMMUTER QUEUES FOR TRAIN TICKETS IN THE MORNING, I USED TO PURCHASE MY 'WORKMANS TICKET' THE EVENING BEFORE AT BARKING RAILWAY STATION.

ON THIS PARTICULAR EVENING, WALKING FROM MY HOUSE IN SOMERBY ROAD INTO SALISBURY ROAD TOWARDS BARKING STATION I SAW IN THE SKY A LARGE SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT (WITH COLOURED LIGHTS ALL ROUND ITS SIDE) SPINNING AROUND AND HOVERING ABOVE BARKING STATION BEFORE SPEEDILY FLOATING AND SPINNING AWAY INTO THE DIRECTION OF BARKING PARK AND THEN DAGENHAM. I WOULD ASSUME IT TO BE AROUND 300/400 FT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTE SILENCE FROM IT. FROM WHERE I WAS STANDING, THE SIZE WAS AROUND 7 FT WIDE 2 FT DEEP.

I HAVE ALWAYS ASSOCIATED THIS SIGHTING WITH BEING CONNECTED TO THE WAR BUT SEEING ALL THESE PICTURES OF UFO'S, THEY ARE AN ABSOLUTE REPLICA OF WHAT I SAW IN 1943/44.

I ENCLOSE THE ARTICLE FROM THE DAILY MAIL, THE ILLUSTRATION IS EXACTLY WHAT I SAW ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.

YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

YOURS SINCERELY.

Section 40 [redacted]

THEY may sound too bizarre to be credible, but they make gripping reading nonetheless — the first-hand accounts of ordinary Britons who claim to have seen UFOs in our skies. After the Ministry of Defence released details last week of around 7,000 sightings since 1977 — including reports from policemen, military pilots and air traffic controllers — READ IT went back to five of them to hear their incredible stories.

Suddenly, an almighty flash of light raced over my house

RUTH HOWELLS, 61, lives in Hankley, Hertfordshire, with husband Bruno, 68. In 1996 Ruth reported a UFO sighting to the MoD. She says:

TO THIS day my children have never forgiven me for not waking them up the night my neighbour and I spent several hours gazing at what looked like a UFO in the night sky. Twenty-four years on and it's come back to haunt me with the previously secret Ministry of Defence report in which my sighting is recorded.

It was April 20, 1984, and as night fell, we saw out of the kitchen window what looked like a huge shining star in the sky. It started to change colour — pinks, reds, blues and greens — and there were bits of light coming off the sides.

The object stayed in the sky, occasionally moving sharply back and forth and side to side. We lived close to the Bentley Priory RAF headquarters so initially decided that if it wasn't a star, it was perhaps military equipment being tested.

Suddenly, an almighty flash of bright light passed over our houses and we were so panicked that we called the RAF HQ. They claimed they knew nothing about it, so my neighbour and I called the police.

A second passed by, but soon we blasted off our road while scrutinising the sky. We were asked to fill out lots of forms detailing what had happened. Nobody ever told us what it was we'd seen, but the following day local papers carried reports of strange lights sighted above the Thames. A friend of a friend said she'd seen something similar on the same night.

The weirdest part of the whole episode was when a local UFO enthusiast called me a few days later.

He said I should be prepared for men in black suits and a small black car coming to my door in the coming days. 'They'll tell you they are from the Ministry of Defence but they're not,' he said, before adding, 'they'll ask you lots of questions about what you saw but they quickly get tired.'

Of course, I thought he was completely round the bend. That was until three weeks later. I arrived home from work and my neighbour asked if we'd been expecting any visitors. Just as she said a 'black car with three men in dark suits had been at my house and left when they realised nobody was home.

She knew nothing of the phone call I'd had from the UFO man. It was extremely spooky and I only wished I'd been in when they'd called.

The point of the pudding is that the policemen who came out to our house that night documented their findings in the MoD report. Sadly no one has ever given me an explanation, but I know what I saw.

I didn't believe in UFOs before. Now I think we're not alone

LYNN JONES, 32, lives in Wrexham, Wales, with partner Leigh, 32, and their three children. In 2007, the trio saw strange lights hovering over the town. The MoD was alerted but the lights remain unexplained.

UNTIL the day I saw a UFO myself I had never even thought about them — I didn't believe such things happened. But even now, when I look back on what I saw, I can feel the fear creeping over me again — it was a truly terrifying experience.

It was 12.30am and I was in bed when Leigh came rushing in saying he could see strange lights in the sky. I felt so sleepy I waved him away, but he drew back the curtains and I hurriedly gazed at the night. There in front of us was a formation of seven brilliant white and yellow lights, which together had formed the shape of a cigar.

Leigh and I were dumbstruck. We opened the window and listened for any noise but there was none. Yet, the lights above us were clear as could be — they were incredibly white and mesmerising.

We decided to use the video camera so we could zoom in on the sighting. As I went to find it, I felt frightened. I hoped that looking through the video would reveal it was just a plane, but it wasn't.

The next day I phoned my local

paper to see if anyone else had seen anything. It turned out the police had received a phone call in the middle of the night — and the paper had also received sightings from around six other people in the area all describing the same thing.

Since then I've been contacted by a number of UFO enthusiasts wanting to see the film. Through them I've discovered that this area is renowned for UFO sightings — it was near here that the 'Welsh Roswell' happened in 1974 in the Berwyn Mountains when one day a large tremor was felt and police later found the remains of an unidentified object. Rumours are that the military destroyed a UFO.

To be honest, I have tried to put it out of my mind. I found it very unsettling and going over it all again raises more questions than it answers. Nevertheless, it would be correct to say I am now more open-minded to the possibility that we may not be alone.

Flashing lights, hovering spacecraft – even mysterious visits from 'Men in Black'. As the Ministry of Defence releases its UFO files, the bizarre stories of the Britons who've had their very own close encounters . . .

UFOs DO EXIST — WE'VE SEEN THEM!

My hands began to shake and my mouth went dry

YVONNE UNDERWOOD, 51, lives with husband Richard, 54, in Northampton. At 8.30pm on February 3 this year, she saw a UFO.

MY HUSBAND and I live in a beautiful location, next to a golf course, and because we don't have any close neighbours we never draw the curtains. Then one day, while I was watching a film on TV, I glanced out the window and was left aghast.

There in the sky I could see five bluey-white lights. I leapt out of bed to get a better look. They were moving steadily and very low in an oblong formation. I felt my mouth go dry wondering if it was some aircraft going to south land.

We often have police helicopters fly over our house but this was somethingelse — there was no noise at all.

I shouted to Richard to come and look. But as he did the lights seemed to pass by the house and out of view of the bedroom window.

I ran to the front of the house, where from one of the bedrooms there is a balcony. As I opened the door my hands began to shake. It sounds silly now but I wondered what on earth I'd find.

The lights had been so low I almost expected to see something in the front garden. But there was nothing at all. I came back in the house visibly shaking and terribly frustrated that Richard hadn't seen it as well.

A few days later I was still so excited that I contacted our local newspaper. I wanted to know if anyone else had seen them or if there was some logical explanation.

They contacted the MoD, who confirmed nothing untoward had gone on that night — however, there had been 27 such sightings in Northamptonshire in the past decade.

Over the next few weeks I was teased by a few friends and I think my children thought I had lost the plot.

I kept going over the incident in my head but I still couldn't come up with any explanation. I even tried to work out if what I saw was car lights reflecting on to the road that runs past our house.

A few weeks later I then discovered through my father-in-law that another man walking his dog nearby had also seen the same thing. Like me, he'd been astounded. His sighting tallied with mine.

It was a relief because until then I'd felt as if I were going mad. I've always had an open mind about UFOs but until February I never guessed my mind'd even look at the sky for one.

Truthfully it has shaken me — the worse thing is not having an explanation and realising however much you try to analyse what you saw, you will never know the truth.

I'm sure this is evidence that we've been visited by aliens

SEAN TIERNEY, 46, runs the Hull UFO Society. He spotted a UFO in 1991 and reported it to the MoD, but no explanation was given. Sean says:

VICKI and I were driving through Scarborough in February 1991. It was just a normal night but it was clear and cold. Suddenly, I saw two bright white balls of light moving steadily, one in front of the other, about 4m apart.

I was so excited that my first reaction was to call my son Sean to come and *see us and video what we were witnessing. For me, it's more evidence in my mission to prove UFOs exist.*

Since the age of 11 I have believed in the existence of alien life — it was also the same age I saw my first UFO, when I observed strange lights and what looked like meteor showers in the sky.

As an adult I was more interested than ever and aged 21 went to my first Hull UFO Society meeting. Now I'm running it. I've lost count of the exact number of times I've reported sightings to the MoD but it must be between 20 and 30 now.

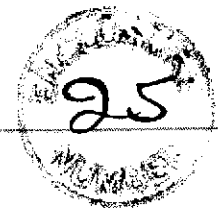
During this particular sighting in 1991, though, we watched the lights for about eight or nine minutes before they were last seen a twinkling or a cloud. I wasn't alarmed, just intrigued to watch it making its way across the sky.

When I looked on the Hull UFO Society website, I saw that other people had posted messages to the sightings section saying that the lights had been seen as far away as Nottingham.

I have tried to rationalise what I saw, but as there was no noise or flashing lights I'm sure it wasn't a military plane.

Just to be certain I wrote letters to Humberside Airport, Humberside Police and all the local RAF bases and the MoD, who all assured me there'd been no planes in the sky that night. Intriguingly, the MoD confirmed that there'd been other sightings that night, although it refused to offer an explanation. I'm certain that what we saw was a UFO.

INTERVIEWS BY SAMIE NICHOLAS, ALISON SMITH-SQUIRE AND REBECCA WRIGHT



Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 28 May 2008 13:40
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM

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Best regards,

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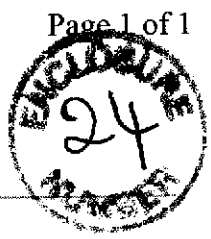

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Sent: 26 May 2008 14:55
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Mr. Webb RENDLESHAM FOREST

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Please click on this link and carefully read the text:

http://www.ufocasebook.com/2008/poorattempt.html

Please write back with your thoughts on this article regarding how the MOD handled the investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident.

Also, I do not see any documents with MOD military or scientific personnel conclusions or hypothesis regarding any UFO sightings. Are those documents still classified?

I do not believe the MOD is going to release ALL files they have regarding UFOs in the next 4 years. You might be able to trick or fool the majority of the public into believing it, but not people like me.

Please if you can....be more personal in your replies. I send you information and all you seem to send back is the same old cookie cutter replies. Don't get me wrong I do greatly appreciate your communication with me.

PERHAPS YOU COULD FORWARD THIS TO THE PRIME MINISTER? I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE HIGHER UP IN THE M.O.D. PLEASE. THIS IS AN OFFICIAL "REQUEST" ON MY PART.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 26 May 2008 18:37
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Nick Pope

Nick Pope and I stay in contact. He held your current position in the 1990's before you.

What are your thoughts on these comments Nick Pope emailed to me in response to questions I emailed him regarding the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident?

Nick Pope - "While no definitive explanation was ever found for the Rendlesham Forest incident, MoD does indeed regard the case as closed. However, when MoD made its "no defense significance" assessment it did so without all the facts: the USAF never forwarded MoD the witness statements that Halt took from Penniston and others. Conversely, MoD never passed the USAF the Defense Intelligence Staff assessment that the radiation readings taken at the landing site seemed "significantly higher than the average background."

If these statements by Nick Pope are true, the MOD's investigations in the incident fell far short of acceptable in my opinion.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] wrote:

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28/05/2008

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 20 May 2008 10:51
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: RELEASE OF MOD FILES

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May 2008 which asked about the files the MOD recently released at The National Archives. You asked where the conclusions and/or hypothesis about what witnesses saw were.

The files that have been released represent an accurate picture of the MOD involvement in the UFO or extra terrestrial phenomena. The MOD interest in this subject is very limited and despite what many people choose to believe, we are not constantly investigating UFO sightings when they are reported to us. Only a handful of reports are investigated each year and if the files you examined contained no written conclusion about a sighting, this is probably because no written conclusion was reached. I realise this may be disappointing for someone interested in the subject of UFOs, but this is the position.

That having been said, the MOD produced a report in 2000 which investigated the general topic of UFOs which can be seen on our website at www.mod.uk by searching in the publication scheme under "UAP".

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 16 May 2008 23:10
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Rendlesham Forest - Sgt. Jim Penniston

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I have recently spoken to Jim Penniston who was the head of base security at Bentwaters RAFB during the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident in 1980, and he worked with Col. Charles Halt (who was on Larry King Live last night here in the U.S.).

Here is recent video testimony from Jim: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHwhmc2m-tQ

Jim told me that the problem is that Bentwaters and Woodbrige were joint U.S./UK bases. The U.S. took all the witness testimony and never gave it to the MOD! That's why you don't know the truth! You don't have to believe me, but I thought you would like to know that.

I see the MOD released some more previously classified UFO documents. That's good, but where are the conclusions and/or hypothesis about what these witnesses have seen? Surely that isn't ALL the MOD has on UFOs.

Best regards,

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
8 May 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to the six reports of UFO sightings and the two discs you sent to this office, which is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'.

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 or 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 regards to the two discs, we could not find anything that was of defence significance. I have returned them with your letter for your future reference and your reports will be placed on our files.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

ATTN:- Sec AS 2a.

NOTE: NOT CLEAR THERE ARE IN HAND ACCOUNTS. DO NOT INCLUDE IN OUR STATISTICS.

UFO SIGHTINGS

06 Jan 2001-15 Jan 2001

Section 40

DAS-2E 7/5/08

1. Saturday 06.01.01

Phone call from Section 40 sighted at 245 degrees from Lyneham centre line, approx 3500-4000 ft. (I was able to estimate this altitude as I observed a single cumulus cloud pass behind it). The object stayed for approx 10 mins then departed over Bath area. Before departing the object appeared to be "scanning" the area, rotating between 090 & 270 degrees.

Time of visit: 18.45-19.50 Hrs.

2. Sunday 07.01.01

As Above (except for phone call).

3. Friday 12.01.01

Rang Section 40 re: sighting. Tonight the object appeared again. It rapidly disappeared then reappeared in approx 1 second, did this several times. This time we studied the object through a telescope, what we saw was amazing, this thing definitely had structure!

Duration of visit: approx 40 mins.

4. Saturday 13.01.01

As last night it disappeared and reappeared within a matter of seconds, only this time it turned a very bright orange-red colour before leaving (it did this twice).It left in a SW direction as before.

Duration of visit: longest so far, 2.5 hrs. (departed at 20.30 Hrs)

5. Sunday 14.01.01

Sighted again at 16.30 Hrs. Disappeared again four times and returned immediately each time. Again it turned an orange-red colour each time it departed.

Time of visit:16.30-19.45 Hrs.

6. Monday 15.01.01

First sighted tonight at 16.40 Hrs. As before the object was again moving closer to us and then moving away very quickly but this time there was no orange-red glow, although this time it also climbing and descending. After a short time it shot off into the distance . Since this sighting we have not seen the object again.

Time of visit:19.45-20.15 Hrs.

Note: On every night that we saw this object it appeared to be rotating all of the time that it was here as if it were "scanning" the area before it left.

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 30 April 2008 15:01
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: Section 40 [redacted] ease advise

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 April 2008 concerning the MOD position on the so called Rendlesham Incident.

The Rendlesham Incident was over quarter of a century ago, but as far as I am aware, there was no evidence at the time (or since) that UK air space had been compromised and that would have been the limit of the MODs interest.

Many members of the public think that the MOD and, by extension the UK government, has a much deeper interest in the Rendlesham Incident than it actually does. The MOD has only one file on this subject, which has been published on our website and is now being transferred to The National Archives. If there are any answers to your concerns they will be in that file and you are at liberty to look at it yourself. If you wish, I can provide you with an electronic copy.

I am sorry I cannot be of more assistance to you.

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 27 April 2008 16:21
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Section 40 [redacted] ease advise

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I have been thinking about what you have said regarding the fact that the MOD believes the event near Bentwaters RAFB in December 1980 was of no defense significance. How can this be true?

Bentwaters and/or Woodbridge held nuclear weapons. I would think that any UFO near those twin bases would be a 'potential' threat to national security. How does the MOD see this differently?

Even though UFOs don't seem to be hostile, does that mean that all future UFOs will be benevolent? I think the MOD has taken this position to keep public interest of UFOs to a minimum and act like there's nothing to the phenomena hardly at all.

If one looks at the decades of UFO history, they will see that the UFO phenomena is real and deserves further investigation. When will the UK and U.S. become more open to telling the full truth about what they know regarding UFOs?

Best regards,

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Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3
Date
21 April 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 2008 requesting assistance in your investigations into UAPs.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of unidentified aerial sightings 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. UK airspace is continually policed to ensure that no such aircraft enters our airspace.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no unidentified aerial sighting report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

You may be interested to know that the MOD has already released a great deal of information on UFOs and UAPs on its website www.mod.uk This includes a copy of its own report into UAPs that was completed in 2000.

It is not possible to provide you with the assistance you seek to further your investigations from public funds. If you do wish to pursue your plans to establish a watch tower of some sort, you should contact your local authorities to discuss planning permission.

I am returning your photographs and disk.

I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 Havant
Hants, Section 40
Tel: Section 40
E-mail: Section 40 [redacted]

16.4.08

Dear Sir / Madam
My name is Section 40 and I am a 44 year old family man from a town called Havant, which is situated on the outskirts of Portsmouth in Hampshire on the south coast of England.
I am writing to ask you if you would please consider helping me in a matter. Firstly, I better say, I have got reservations about writing this letter to you fearing how you will perceive me, but I must try because I believe the subject matter is very important.

I appreciate you may not be able to help me directly, if not, I would be very grateful if you would forward this on to another department who maybe in a position to help me, thank you.

.For the last ten years or so I have been filming and cataloguing a large volume of very strange occurrences involving unidentified Aerial phenomena in my area, I do not seek publicity in my findings on this subject, I am a civilian but I once worked in shipbuilding, I was raised in a naval family as my father had a long royal naval career followed by a equally long career as a civil servant in the ministry of defence before his retirement.
concerning my findings in regards to UAPs, I have only shared my findings "specifically in the last five years" with just one person who is a Belgium national and a NATO expert in peace support operations and critical infrastructure protection (connected to SAIC), previously though some of my footages were analysed by several distinguished people, notably Professor Roger Green from Warwick university, but more recently my footages have been viewed at several defence related meetings within NATO, my NATO colleague is trying to get a proper study up and running, but it is a long & difficult process, one foot forward, two steps back considering the topic is controversial & sensitive and the complexities of NATO.
My wish is to be able to study the phenomenon full time, I am 100% positive that if I was given the permission and support to set up a discreet observation post, for instance; situated high on portsdown hill, giving me a complete 360 degree view of the whole of the Portsmouth area, observing both at day and at night, I would be able to achieve remarkable results and obtain invaluable data in regards to any unauthorized / unidentified phenomena penetrating our airspace.
I cant explain the fact how it is that since a very young age I have had this ability to be able to sense & seek out UAPs in the sky, even if they are not immediately visible to the eyes, over the years I have witnessed so many bizarre incidents in regards to the phenomenon, incidents that have changed my perception of the world we live in, I am convinced very serious and urgent study needs to be achieved in regards to the UAP phenomenon.

Over recent years I have managed to accumulate so much visual and video evidence that our skies are routinely penetrated by unknown objects, objects that are certainly not natural or mundane in nature, many give the appearance of being organic in nature i.e. the objects / craft appear to be living entities themselves, I believe, even if the possibilities are that some of the phenomena observed is just an undiscovered life form living in our upper atmosphere, surely this alone is an important discovery, worthy of serious study & attention, but without question, after all that I have personally witnessed in my life concerning the UAP subject, there is much more going on than just that, there are other things at play that fly around our skies that are far more exotic than just the possibilities of an unknown life form in our atmosphere. What I have managed to capture on film, doesn't even touch upon what I have actually experienced & witnessed with my eyes.
Over these last ten years I have sacrificed so much of my life and my family's lives in my quest & obsession to try and seek out & study this phenomenon, I am absolutely passionate about the work / evidence I have amassed concerning this very important subject, I would just like the chance to be able to show what I could really achieve in getting results and gaining evidence in regards to this subject if I was given the right help & support.

Sir / Madam; please will you help me to achieve my aims in getting work in this field? if you require more information in regards to verification of what I have said, I will gladly supply the information you require, also please find enclosed a supporting letter from my NATO colleague, I am positive he will also verify anything you need to know, I know with complete certainty that if I was allowed to set up a discreet observation post, and commit all my time to this, I would be able to gain so much important evidence in seeking out unauthorized UAP activity in the area that may not be detectable by conventional means, sometimes using an unorthodox approach to a problem can yield surprising results,
My ability in this field must be of some use, particularly in these very uncertain and worrying times we live in where the ever threat of terrorism is present; it must be worth trying every method available to evaluate all possible intrusion / threat to us from the skies.

Please will you help me in this matter? If you cannot help me directly, please will you kindly pass the information on to someone else who maybe in a position to help me, I would just like the chance to show what I could contribute in this area.
Thank you.

I have enclosed several pictures showing a small selection of objects I have filmed and a short DVD disc with just a few footage segments on.
Yours sincerely
Section 40

Dear Sir,
Through this letter, I would like to confirm that I follow the studies of Section 40 since 1999. Section 40 contacted me concerning his findings into unidentified Aerial phenomenon, at the time I was doing work about a specific kind of plasma phenomenon: flying balls of plasma.
Up to today, Section 40 did not stop to share with me his observations. These observations are very interesting for many points of view: about technology, about security, about social impact, and about safety.

As a NATO expert in Homeland Security, selected partner for SAIC Public Security Information Center, and partner in the Unified Incident Command and Decision Support (UICDS) phase 2 project, I am deeply involved in Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection concerns.

I think that everything should be done to clarify phenomenon observed by Section 40 Section 40 His capability to observe such things is invaluable and not reproduced anywhere in the world.

Science and government should greatly benefit of his perception and observations of these objects.

As a person, I am doing everything I can; writing to former DERA, meeting R&D radar scientist from QinetiQ, writing to the UK Airprox Board, meeting NATO and SHAPE forces responsible for Civil Protection.

I hope you can help him.
If I can be of some help too, do not hesitate to contact me.

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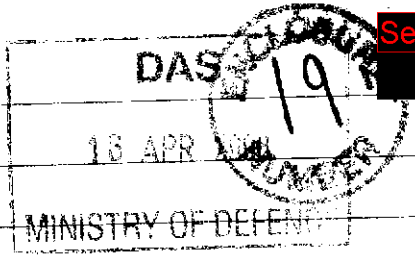

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Dear Section 40 and Section 40

I have written to RAF Cottesmore Air Commodore twice and have had no Reply my claim of Vicar Valiant & which crash of RAF at Spanhoe Aerodrome 5+ market Harden 1/5 I was rescued walking Roy: and slung out of TA and: James 1972 2429463 Royal Artillery I have been acknowledged by Sovereign for MOD advising and have thank full of PM and Sovereign Foreign correspondent for good duty served RAF Cottesmore write Supplement my P & E

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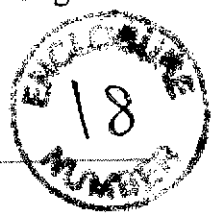

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 03 April 2008 11:02
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: BERWYN MOUNTAINS

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2008 to the Directorate of Air Staff regarding an alleged UFO incident on Berwyn Mountain on the evening of 23 January 1974. It has been passed to me to answer.

These events are alleged to have taken place nearly quarter of a century ago and the Ministry of Defence UFO records for this period are no longer held by the MOD, but are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU. Details of how to access information at The National Archives can be found on their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. A quick look at the archives catalogue (PROCAT) has revealed two files for this period that *might* hold relevant information. These are AIR 2/18873 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1973-74) and AIR 2/18874 (Unidentified Flying Objects 1974-75).

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I regret that we will not be providing a spokesperson for your programme.

Yours sincerely,

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26th March 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Berwyn Mountain UFO sighting 23rd January 1974

Firefly Film and Television Productions is currently producing a series of Documentaries for Channel Five entitled "Britain's Closest Encounters". As the title suggests it is concerned with UFO sightings in British airspace. I am producing a programme about an incident which took place in North Wales on Berwyn Mountain on 23rd January 1974.

We have testimony from many and varied eye witnesses from that night and the following weeks which requires a response from The Ministry of Defence. We would very much appreciate a spokesperson from the MoD to appear on camera to confirm or deny the following;

1. That soldiers were dispatched to the area at the time of the incident.
2. That an alien spacecraft crash landed onto Berwyn Mountain on the evening of 23rd January 1974.
3. That said spacecraft was removed from the area and driven to Porton Down.
4. That two alien bodies were also removed from the mountainside.
5. That said aliens were dead on arrival at Porton Down.
6. That RAF reconnaissance planes from RAF Valley scoured the area, looking for wreckage.
7. Whether any papers regarding this incident remain without public domain.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Assistant Producer

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From: Section 40
Sent: 01 April 2008 09:16
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: LIAISON WITH USA

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 31 March 2008. I can confirm that I now occupy the post formally held by Nick Pope, although it has been re-titled since his tenure. Turning to your second point, I am not in contact with anyone in the US in a similar post to me.

I hope this is helpful.

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 31 March 2008 21:30
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Section 40 please advise

Monday 3/31/08

Dear Section 40

I'm sorry to bother you sir, but I would greatly appreciate it if you could write back when you can.

You hold the job at the MOD that Mr. Nick Pope formally held which deals with UFOs...correct?

Are you by chance in touch with anyone in the United States who has a position similar to yours? In which I mean it is their job to deal with public inquiries into the UFO subject and handle requests? In the U.S. is it someone at the Pentagon?

If you know anyone like that, could I please have their email address? I live in the United States, and it's very hard to contact anyone directly like I am able to contact you. I get the same old pre-written statement from the Air Force, CIA, NSA, you name it. "Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969 and we don't investigate UFO sightings any more."

I simply don't understand how a UFO invading a countries air space could not be viewed as at least a "potential" threat to national security. Does the MOD and the U.S. Air Force not want to admit publicly that UFOs have indeed invaded restricted air space over the past several decades "at will"?

I think both the MOD and the United States group or agency which deals with UFOs need to sit down and have several meetings to discuss how to disclose the truth to it's citizens. Enough is enough. It can't be covered up any longer. The lies, flat out denial and manipulation of data and testimony can no longer be excepted, and the general public is not excepting it any longer.

Best regards,

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Subject: Release-authorised: EMPLOYMENT ON UFO RESEARCH

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 March 2008 asking for help in your desire for a job with the MoD related to UFO research and enquiries.

There are two posts within the MoD that are directly related to UFO matters. Both these posts, which are civilian rather than military, are within the Directorate of Air Staff (DAS) and form part of its secretariat function. This means that their primary role is the answering of correspondence from both the public and parliament. The two posts dealing with UFO matters are tasked with answering correspondence, and since 2005, Freedom of Information requests. Additionally, they are tasked with recording UFO sightings reported to the MoD, details of which are placed on the MoD internet site at the end of the year. Very occasionally, they receive a UFO sighting report that they believe may justify further follow up and they will liaise with air defence experts. I would estimate that 95% of both jobs are UFO related, with the remainder being related to administering and providing guidance to colleagues within DAS on Freedom of Information matters.

However, despite what many members of the ufology community believe, the MoD examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen may 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.

Staff who fill these two posts are recruited from within the MoD amongst its normal administrative staff and despite rumours to the contrary, these posts are not Top Secret and do not require security clearance beyond the norm for civil servants in the MoD. Therefore, if you were interested in undertaking this work, you would need to join the Ministry of Defence and, once you had established yourself, apply for one of them as and when they became vacant.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40 on behalf of Low Flying
Sent: 19 March 2008 16:38
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: ufo research & enquires

Section 40
Directorate of Airstaff (Lower Airspace)
Complaints & Enquiries Unit
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Section 40

From:
Sent: 19 March 2008 16:34
To: Low Flying
Subject: ufo research & enquires

hello, my name is Section 40 i've been researching ufo's now for 5-6 years and i'm convinced that there are unusual advanced vehicles in our skys today. I am seeking a job related to ufo research and enquires within the mod. Please can somebody help.

Many many thanks.

Section 40

contact tel: Section 40

mobile: Section 40

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 26 March 2008 13:48
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM INCIDENT

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 March 2008 regarding the Rendlesham Incident. I have explained the MoD position regarding this matter and I can add little further to the information already provided to you.

It is clear from the file that has already been released, that the MoD did not consider this to be an event of defence concern. You may disagree, but never the less, that is the position.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 19 March 2008 15:49
To: Section 40
Subject: RENDLESHAM FOREST

Dear Section 40

During any investigation conducted by the MOD into the Rendlesham Forest incident of 1980 did the MOD question and gather information from Jim Penniston? If not, why?

Please watch this short video clip featuring Jim Penniston: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHwhmc2m-tQ

Even though the Rendlesham Forest incident is over a quarter century old, it seems to me that a truly significant UFO event took place and was either never fully and properly investigated by the MOD or the MOD is not telling the general public the full truth about it's findings.

Please advise,

Section 40

Section 40 wrote:

> Dear Section 40
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> Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.
>
> When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.
>
> The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is already in the public domain via our website and will be included in the general release of 160 UFO files that you mention in your e-mail, which will also include policy files, correspondence files, sighting report files, Freedom of Information request files and a small number of files regarding specific incidents or subjects such as alien abduction.
>
> Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 14 March 2008 15:26
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM FOREST - TO01335-2008

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 March 2008 to Secretary of State for Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.

You have raised a number of issues and I will attempt to answer you. You are already aware of the MoD position regarding the Rendlesham Forest incident. The incident was over a quarter of a century ago and despite the assertions of many people who chose to believe in the existence of UFOs or extra terrestrials, the MoD had little interest in the matter at the time and even less interest now. Put simply, we consider the incident closed. The file on the subject will be placed in the National Archive along with some 160 other UFO related files and will be open for both the UK and international public to view. Those people who seem to believe that the MoD is in some way covering up its deep involvement in a UFO incident, are simply wrong.

You assert that the MoD says that no UFO has ever been shown to possess technology beyond our capabilities. The MoD does not know that UFOs and extra terrestrials exist, however, we remain open minded on the subject. We have no evidence that they do exist, but are equally unable (and do not seek) to prove that they do not. We are therefore unable to comment on technology that may or may not exist.

You further assert that the MoD "knows" that some UFOs are of extra terrestrial origin. We know no such thing.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

TO01335 2008 - 20080314110036 - Section 40

From: feedback@www.mod.uk
Sent: 12 March 2008 20:28
To: Ministers
Subject: Ask a Minister

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 20:28:05

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [redacted]

txtsubject: UFOs - Section 40 - please advise

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2: *I don't have an address 2* ???

txttowncity: Peachtree City

txtstatecountry: Georgia

txtzipcodepostcode: 30269

txtcountry: USA

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtrequest: Dear Section 40

The MOD does not think the UFO sighting at Bentwaters RAFB near the Rendlesham Forest in December of 1980 was of any defense significance? So the MOD does not investigate UFO sightings or try to explain the reality of UFOs to the public simply because you don't believe UFOs in general pose any potential threat to the UK's national security?

First of all I find it very hard to believe that a UFO near a base like Bentwaters in 1980 which housed nuclear weapons would not be considered at least a 'potential' threat to national security. Please explain to me how this can be so. Second, I believe that any invasion of air space by a UFO is a 'potential' threat to national security and should be investigated. If not, I believe the MOD is not doing it's job to protect.

For me personally I'm sick of all the hog wash both you and the U.S. government/military have to say about UFOs and have been saying for the past several decades. I know Jim Penniston. He was there that night and he touched the triangular UFO when it was on the forest floor. It was a real physical craft and you know it. Why act like you don't fully know what happened? Only the most ignorant of the population believes the MOD in regards to UFOs. It is a rather unfortunate fact. how can you say that no UFO has ever shown to poses technology beyond our current capabilities? The U.S. uses that same statement. It's complete hog wash. I know a man who saw a 300 yard wide UFO hovering silently 300 feet above him on Jan. 1, 2008 in Dublin Texas here in the U.S. It took off in the blink of an eye without making a sound or creating any air disturbance. Now please tell me what you think of that level of technology.

Some UFOs are of 'ET' origin. You know this. I hope you make the correct decision and disclose this information soon before they make themselves known in a big way. It will be a lot easier to deal with if the public knows about their existence before that happens.

The one thing I must commend you on is the fact that you at least reply to requests such as mine. Although your replies are rather filtered and mundane, at least they're something.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Thank you very much! :)

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 14 March 2008 11:31
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01335/2008
Attachments: TO01335 2008 - 20080314110036 -Section 40 [redacted]

From: Parli Branch-Treat-Official
Sent: 14 March 2008 11:01
To: DAS-Sec; Low Flying
Subject: Release-Authorised: Treat Official Correspondence: TO01335/2008

TREAT OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY

To: DAS Sec
Copy To:
Our Reference: TO01335/2008
Due Date: 08 April 2008
Correspondent: Section 40 [redacted]
Additional Advice:

The Rt Hon Des Browne MP has received the attached correspondence from a member of the public, which this office has neither retained nor acknowledged. Please send a reply on behalf of the PM/Minister/Department.

Ministers attach great importance to correspondence being answered promptly, and your reply should be sent **within 15 working days of the date of this message**. If, exceptionally, this should prove impossible, an interim reply should be sent within the same timescale. You should be aware that No 10 periodically calls for a sample of letters sent by officials on the PM's behalf for his perusal.

If correspondence includes a specific request for recorded information then it should be treated under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if the Act is not specifically mentioned. In general, if you meet the Department's 15 working day deadline and respond fully to the request for information, then there is no need to follow the full procedures for FOI requests. However, you will still need to acknowledge that you have applied the Act and provide details of their right of appeal (see link below). If the correspondence requests information which is not already in the public domain, and particularly if you considering withholding information, then you should formally treat it as a FOI request. The correspondence should be logged on the Access to Information toolkit and you should consult and comply with the separate FOI guidance from DG Info. Note, the shorter deadline for responding to Ministerial and Treat Official correspondence will still apply. If you are in any doubt as to whether a piece of correspondence should be treated as an FOI request, you should ask your FOI Focal Point or refer to the guidance produced by DG Info. (See the guidance at http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/RespondToRequestsForInformatic

It is important that branches ensure they have simple systems to track correspondence received from members of the public, though the Parliamentary Toolkit records the basic details. If you have access to a DII/C terminal, please follow this link (once a response has been sent) to add your Final Reply Date and close the case to remove it from your TO Task List: http://pt/_Layouts/PT/TaskList/TaskList.aspx. Lead Branches without access to

The Toolkit should notify the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (via ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk) of the date of their reply so that Parli Branch can close the record on the Toolkit.

Detailed guidance on handling TO Correspondence can be found on the Defence Intranet at http://main.defence.mod.uk/min_parl/ParlBrch/TOGuid.htm. If you do not have access to the Intranet, please inform the Ministerial Correspondence Unit.

Email: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

Regards,

MOD Parliamentary Branch
Ministerial Correspondence Unit
t: Section 40
t: [redacted]
f: [redacted]
e: ParliBranch-Treat-Official@mod.uk

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 05 March 2008 10:31

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: UFOs AND EXTRA TERRESTRIALS

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 March 2008 on the subject of the MoD position regarding UFO and extra terrestrial behaviour.
I am afraid I can add little to what you have already read.

The MoD is not charged with investigating the existence of extra terrestrial life and it is certainly not funded to do so. Nothing we have seen to date gives us any reason to believe that UFOs or extra terrestrials are a defence threat to the UK and its interests. Until such time as we are presented with clear evidence of the existence of extra terrestrial lifeforms, and to date we have received none, we remain open minded about their existence and by extension any defence threat they may pose.

The MoD is quite open on this matter and in fact, and you may be interested to know that we will shortly begin releasing some 160 UFO related files to the National Archive. The files will be released in chronological order over a period of three years commencing this year and will cover the late 1970s to 2007.

I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 March 2008 15:06
To: DAS-UFO-Office

Dear whoever this may concern.

I'm writing to ask a question with regards to some information i read on the mod website concerning ufo and extraterrestrial activity in Britain. While reading this information, i could not help but notice your comments about no expertise being designated to this area of research and that the mod's stance on this subject remains from a purely defence point of view. Firstly i would like to ask, if there are so many people reporting sightings and incidents relating to ufos, then why isn't there an area of research dedicated to an obviously growing occurrence. Secondly i would like to know, if you suggest that you have no expertise on this subject and that the mod's interest in this field is only defence related and that up until this time, this has not been compromised by such phenomena, then how do you know this? i mean how can you know something is benign if you don't have anybody researching this matter? i find this confusing and a little contradictory. that's like me looking at a stranger, who i have no prior knowledge of and then saying that he holds no immediate threat to me, of course i cannot know this without some form of knowledge to base an opinion and of course there are always variables.
Are you basing this on the fact that they have yet to attack us, speculation or is there information that is contrary to your statements about no research being directed towards this area?

I would also like to know whether your 'open minded' stance is just another way of saying yes we understand that not all sightings and interactions can be logically explained, but to admit such a thing might pose a threat to sociological order? This is again quite contradictory as you can only be open minded about something if you have information with respect to both sides of the argument. Its hard to be open minded if you have no information to base the opinion on.

I am aware of the fact that if such phenomena posed a hostile threat, we may have already felt these intensions by now. However, i find it hard to believe that there are no protocols' in place if such an event was to take place. So my questions is this, do such things exist? will this be available for public domain considering you are here to defend the public and if there is no such thing in place for such an event, then why not?
Also, irrelevant of threats etc, has any attempts been made to contact alternative existences on a purely intelligent level, if so who has been selected to represent mankind for such a significant role?

I would also like to ask whether the mod's interests regarding this matter since the NPC disclosure project have shifted or perhaps been persuaded to put research into such things, since we spend more time attacking than defending i would imagine there is plenty of money left over to look into the origins of existence, which could possibly put an end to such insignificant and superficial differences, or is this why the mod remains coy about such subject matter?

and finally, is the mod likely to come forward and put an end to this facade joining many political organisations across the globe not excluding extraterrestrials themselves and finally admit the obvious conclusion to the world? or are good, honest, reliable and intelligent people going to continue to be shunned and ignored to a point where higher forces step in and do it for you, possibly a mass global sighting of which nobody can deny?
also if such a thing were to happen, which i believe will at some point and is already starting to, how will the mod react when there are more believers than not and people realise that the boundaries which have been set before us are ultimately trivial in comparison to the infinite possibilities of the inter-dimensional world, how does one go about organising the downfall of the political world against something which you cannot comprehend?

with regards and respect to whoever reads this, these are merely questions and it is my right to ask, hopefully it will not be silence or nothing which answers them

Section 40 [redacted]

G Hotmail on your mobile, text MSN to 63463!
http://mobile.uk.msn.com/pc/mail.aspx

From: Section 40
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e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40
North Guilford,
CT. 06437
USA

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
28 February 2008

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 February 2008 regarding a letter purporting to be from the MoD in response to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request on the subject of "Operation Blackbird". It has been passed to me to answer.

The MoD maintains a central database of FOI requests but has no record of any with a reference number of 19-11-2005-123518-008 or of having written any response to a FOI request to the individual in question, on this, or any other subject since the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act in 2005. Indeed, the structure of the letter leads me to believe that it is a composite taken from a number of different sources.

You have also asked this office to provide you with a response to your own FOI request. I am afraid that I have been unable to locate any such request, but if you wish re-send it direct to me by e-mail or post at the above address, I will attempt to answer it or forward to the relevant branch.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

REDACTION ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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e-mail daa-ufo-office@n

Section 40 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Salisbury,
Wiltshire,
[redacted]

Our Reference
19-11-2005-123518-008

Date
28 [redacted] 2005

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORM
2005-123518-008

NOTE = FOI FILE ONLY - NOT SENT TO INDIVIDUAL (MR A) AS PART OF OUR 28 FOI 08 RESPONSE TO Section 40 [redacted]

DAS-FOI

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of
involvement the military had with "Operation Blackbir

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has no knowledge rega
although from time to time members of the public raise
and is, no evidence held by the MoD to suggest that cro
anything of military concern and it is hard to see what
the MoD in assisting, or jointly organising, any event o
If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to cc
handling of this request, then you should contact me in
resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied tl
internal review by contacting the Director of Informatic
MOD Main Building, Whitehall SW1A 2HB (e-mail In
that any request for an internal review must be made w

Section 40 [redacted]
North Guilford, CT. 06437
USA

Your Ref: D/DAS/64/3

Date:
22nd February 2008.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thanks for your letter.

I left several emails, including one Freedom of Information request, via your Internet Web site. If you don't have them, perhaps they were pulled away by the N.S.A. and Echelon (smile).

Seriously, here is my question and request.

I have engaged an attorney with regards slanderous and libelous statements published on the Internet. The legal concerns, relate to a person or persons as yet unknown (not involving MOD). This is where the MOD enter the picture though.

First to give you the Internet link concerned: http://[illegible]
[illegible]

For your information and confidentially. Here is the email address of the person/persons who claim to have posted this: : [illegible]

On this blog posting and now of course available by searching the web, is an MOD document which has been sent to a person claiming to be Section 40 [redacted] (I have reason to believe this is not in fact the persons real name), living ib Salisbury, Wiltshire. The actual street address has been lined out. The FOI request ref is: 19-11-2005-12318-008 and dated 28th xxxxx (lined out) 2005.

You will see that this requests information about a surveillance operation I coordinated during 1990, called 'Operation Blackbird'. This operation took place at 'Bratton Castle' on the edge of 'Salisbury Plain', Wiltshire, England and on property owned by the M.O.D. The BBC based then in the 'Pebble Mill' studios, Birmingham received M.O.D. approval for 'Operation Blackbird' to be undertaken there. The project was filmed and also transmitted 'live' by many television networks around the world, including the B.B.C. itself. Even the national weather forecast was transmitted live from the site. There is no question of the fact that the M.O.D. were aware of all of this.

We (BBC/Nippon and I) were offered uniformed army personnel, based at Aldershot to assist and indeed they supplied low light and image intensifier shoulder mounted night viewing camera's. There was nothing secret about any of this as far as I nor the BBC or Nippon Television, are concerned and so I have referred

to this significant operation, intended to film a crop circle forming, on many television programs I've appeared on since.

Here is my complaint and my request.

The FOI release states that the "MOD have NO KNOWLEDGE of this ALLEGED operation", even though they "have been asked about it on occasions by members of the public". I was in contact during that time with who is now a former member of your staff, who was fully aware of the operation and has in fact privately suggested I suggest to you that you check with the MOD press office to look at the many cuttings about 'Blackbird' and myself.

I would like you to give me a full written hard copy reply to this letter and also my own FOI request and send them to this address. On advise, I might post your reply on the internet to counter the inaccuracies of your release to Section 40 [redacted]. It is not my intension to draw any more attention to this fiasco than necessary and so will react according to my attorney's advise.

I do not believe that your release is deliberate misinformation and fully expect it to be a bureaucratic mix up between departments but as you can imagine, when the whole objective of the attack on me is to place me in a bad light, your inaccurate release supports unfairly that position. More importantly, this statement looks very bad for the MOD as well as myself and is in fact untrue.

Sorry to give you this to sort out for me, but in the long term, its important to be accurate, and for me its very easy to show the evidence supporting the operation, its location and the army officers at work.

In anticipation, I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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Section 40
Witney
Oxfordshire
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
27 February 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your e.mail dated 26 February 2008, regarding an unexplained aerial sighting on the 26 February 2008.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of unidentified aerial sightings 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. UK airspace is continually policed to ensure that no such aircraft enters our airspace.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no unidentified aerial sighting report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

With regard to your particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of your sighting for the 26 February 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: feedback@www.mod.uk
Sent: 26 February 2008 22:47
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk
Subject: Low Flying Complaints

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 22:46:38

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txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: witney

txtstatecountry: oxfordshire

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtcountry: Anguilla

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtincident: 21;15

txtrequest: i was in my gareden with the dog looking ot the sky when for the second time this year i saw about five objects in the sky heading in a south east direction, at first i thought they might be birds but as i stood there staring i realized that they where alluminated!!, they where amber coloured lights and they where expertly flying and seemed to be dancing around each other,.the last time my children and i saw them was at the end of october last year only there where only three of them then, my husband and i saw three simular objects a few years ago flying in the same direction only they where very low and we saw them in more detail they seemed to be silver in colour and almost shell shaped., we said nothing as we didnt want to seem mad! and it freaked us out a bit.
i would like to know what these craft are as our sightings are becoming more frequent now and i know that what we are seing are not some kind of space craft from mars (we dont believe in alians!)but a very advanced aircraft, we understand the secrecy of testing military planes and the limited amount of information that is aloud to be given but i would realy like an indication of what these might be. i look forword to your reply thanks x

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Section 40

Maidenhead
Berkshire
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
19 February 2008

Dear Sir

I am writing with reference to your letter I have just received regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.'

With regard to your question of UFOs being investigated, only a handful of reports have been examined each year, and no report has revealed a threat to UK airspace. The majority of UFO reports are not investigated. It would be an inappropriate use of defence funds if we were to do so.

For your information, I should point out that we do not open a separate file for each UFO report we receive, but UFO reports will be contained in the 160 files we are releasing to The National Archives.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40
MAIDENHEAD
BERKSHIRE
Section 40

Dear Sir or Maddam,

thankyou for the reply to my letter I sent you regarding Unidentified Flying Objects. There are a couple of things I would like to address in your letter. You have stated that the files you pay most attention to are that of UFO activity that might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's air space might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity, & also that you will be releasing 160 files in the near future to do with U-F-O's.

With regards to the evidence you do examine, are any of the cases left unsolved? If so, are these files due for release over the next 3 years? If not then why not?

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 19 February 2008 15:16
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO Picture.

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your e.mail dated 9 February 2008 regarding a picture you took of a UFO. Sorry for the delay in replying. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to UFOs.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) 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.

Finally, if you wish to, you can send in photographs of your sightings to us, but as explained above, we will not investigate them.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 12 February 2008 10:30
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI - UFO

Section 40

Can you let the individual that wrote to us know that if he wants he should send photos to us. However, you should also include the standard para about the MoD role and that we are only interested in air defence matters blah blah.....

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 12 February 2008 10:26
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI - UFO

Section 40

UFO request that wants to give you information, not the other way around for a change. I trust that you will take.

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

From: Section 40 **On Behalf Of** INFO LibSvcs-PublicEnquiries-Office
Sent: 11 February 2008 13:55
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI - UFO

Hi I was advised to refer UFO enquiries to you.

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From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 09 February 2008 03:27
To: webmaster@dgics.mod.uk
Subject: Research Enquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 03:27:09

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txtname: Section 40

txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtrequest: hi
i have captured a picture from airport lounge a month ago when i was gonna take my flight from london heathrow when i was looking at pictures a few days ago i realized it was unsual bcz i have seem some objects in sky like round thing like UFO i have the picture now and i want to daw your attention on that where should i submit the photo.
thanks

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

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North Guildford
Connecticut
USA

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
5 February 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your answerphone message on 29 January 2008. Sorry for the delay in replying.

With regards to your comment on our answerphone of you e.mailing this Department, we have received absolutely no e.mails from yourself.

Please could you be more specific as to what information the MOD has meant to have put in the public domain regarding UFO information by yourself, by replying to the above address.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Sutton
Surrey
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
25 January 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your message left on our answerphone on the 25 January 2008. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs.' I apologise if I have misspelt your address in any way. The answerphone can be hard to understand.

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.

If you have a sighting report to inform us of, the details can be left on our answerphone. I am sorry, but we do not contact members of the public by telephone to discuss sightings. We have the answerphone for people to leave their information on.

Sorry I could not be any help and that you are distressed.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 January 2008 09:44

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 January 2008 which raised a number of specific questions about the Rendlesham incident. You also asked whether the MoD had tracked UFOs on its radar.

I have already informed you of the MoD position on the Rendlesham incident and there is therefore little to be gained by my repeating it. The file on the subject is available for viewing on the MoD website which you may peruse at your leisure to see if the information you want is there.

Given the length of time since the alleged incident, the Directorate of Air Staff which has responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD, no longer holds "UFO" files for the periods in question. Before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. Files for 1967 to 1984, and any files prior to 1967 which did survive, are now available for examination at The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, Telephone: 0208 876 3444. Details of how to access these records and The National Archives on line catalogue can be found on their website at http//:www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The Defence Intelligence Service has a file covering the period of the alleged incident which will also be placed in the National Archive later this year.

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I am sorry I could not have been more helpful.

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 08 January 2008 13:51
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Re: RENDLESHAM FOREST TO00151/2008

1/8/08

Dear Section 40 thank you very much for the quick reply. I greatly appreciate it.

No evidence? So the MoD doesn't take witness testimony from the former chief of security police and a former Col. at the base evidence, or at the very least convincing testimony?

Please watch these short video testimonies Section 40 and tell me what you think about them:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmR2PzgLPhg

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y-pJDYJkfA&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_G4bGWfkrio&feature=related

Why was Col. Halt never debriefed?

I have in fact communicated via email with one of the people at the base who says he tracked the Rendlesham Forest UFO of 1980 on radar. Does the MoD have a copy of this radar tracking? So there is witness testimony as well as radar confirmation. Also, casts were made from the landing sight of the craft. Has the MoD examined them? Also, the radiation readings that Col. Halt took in the area were higher than normal. All of what I have mentioned is in no way considered evidence by the MoD?

I have been studying the UFO phenomena for 8 years and I know the U.S. Military has tracked UFOs on radar traveling at extreme speeds and making erratic maneuvers for many decades. Has the MoD not done the same? It is time to stop lying to the public and making it seem as though there is nothing to the UFO subject and that you have no evidence or interest for future investigations. It seems as though the U.S. Military/Government has the same UFO policy as the MoD ever since their Project Blue Book closed in 1968 and it's time to reverse this policy and fully level with the public who deserve to know.

Thanks again Section 40 and I look forward to your reply email.

Best regards,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] wrote:

> Dear Section 40 [redacted]
>
> Thank you for your e-mail of 1 January 2008 to Secretary of State for

Defence, Des Browne, it has been passed to this office to answer as we are the branch with responsibility for UFO matters within the MoD.

When the Ministry of Defence was informed of the events which are alleged to have occurred at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980, all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to substantiate an event of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last quarter of a century which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect. Other than an obligation to respond to questions from the public, the MoD has no further interest in the subject and considers the matter closed.

The MoD file on the Rendlesham Incident is already in the public domain via our website and will be included in the general release of 160 UFO files that you mention in your e-mail, which will also include policy files, correspondence files, sighting report files, Freedom of Information request files and a small number of files regarding specific incidents or subjects such as alien abduction.

Yours sincerely,

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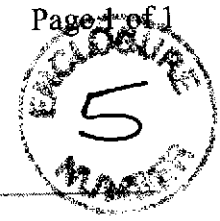

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 January 2008 09:17

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: RENDLESHAM

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 January 2008.

As requested, I have looked at the links you provided but I believe that there is little I can add to my e-mail of 8 January 2008 which sets out the MoD position.

I am sorry I am unable to be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 21 January 2008 19:53
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Rendlesham Forest

1/21/08

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

So you're telling me that you can not open this link? It's a well functioning video link which you should have no problem opening and viewing.

Please try again, or try again on a different computer. Here are two different links to the video clip.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfwgrelYirs&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHwhmc2m-tQ

Please watch it, and then please give me some feedback as soon as you possibly can. If you can not watch it, please have someone else at the MoD who is familiar with the Rendlesham Forest UFO case watch the video and get back to me.

Thank you very much,

Section 40 [redacted]

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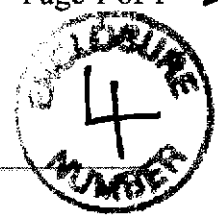

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From: Section 40
Sent: 21 January 2008 13:41
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: RE: Section 40 Please advise

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 January 2008. I was unable to listen to the audio testimony as I was unable to follow the link. However, the subject appears to be UFO incidents in Texas and is therefore not appropriate for the Ministry of Defence to comment on. If you are concerned about this matter, I suggest you contact the relevant US authorities.

I am sorry I was unable to be of more help.

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From: Section 40
Sent: 19 January 2008 23:42
To: Section 40
Subject: Section 40 Please advise

Section 40 how would you explain this?

Amazing audio testimony of the recent UFO sightings in Texas (USA).

http://www.ufocasebook.com/2008/sorrellsinterview.html

What is going on? Are the powerful governments of the world going to tell us before we have an alien invasion? It's not fair!!!!!!!!

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From: Section 40
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Section 40
Cardiff
West Glamorgan

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
16 January 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your recent letter regarding your sighting in October 1992.

You will know from my previous letter, our policy on UFOs.

The details of your sighting have been noted and your letter will be placed on our files.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Sorry I could not be any help.

Section 40 [redacted]

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

DAS BS
14 JAN

Cardiff,
West Glamorgan.

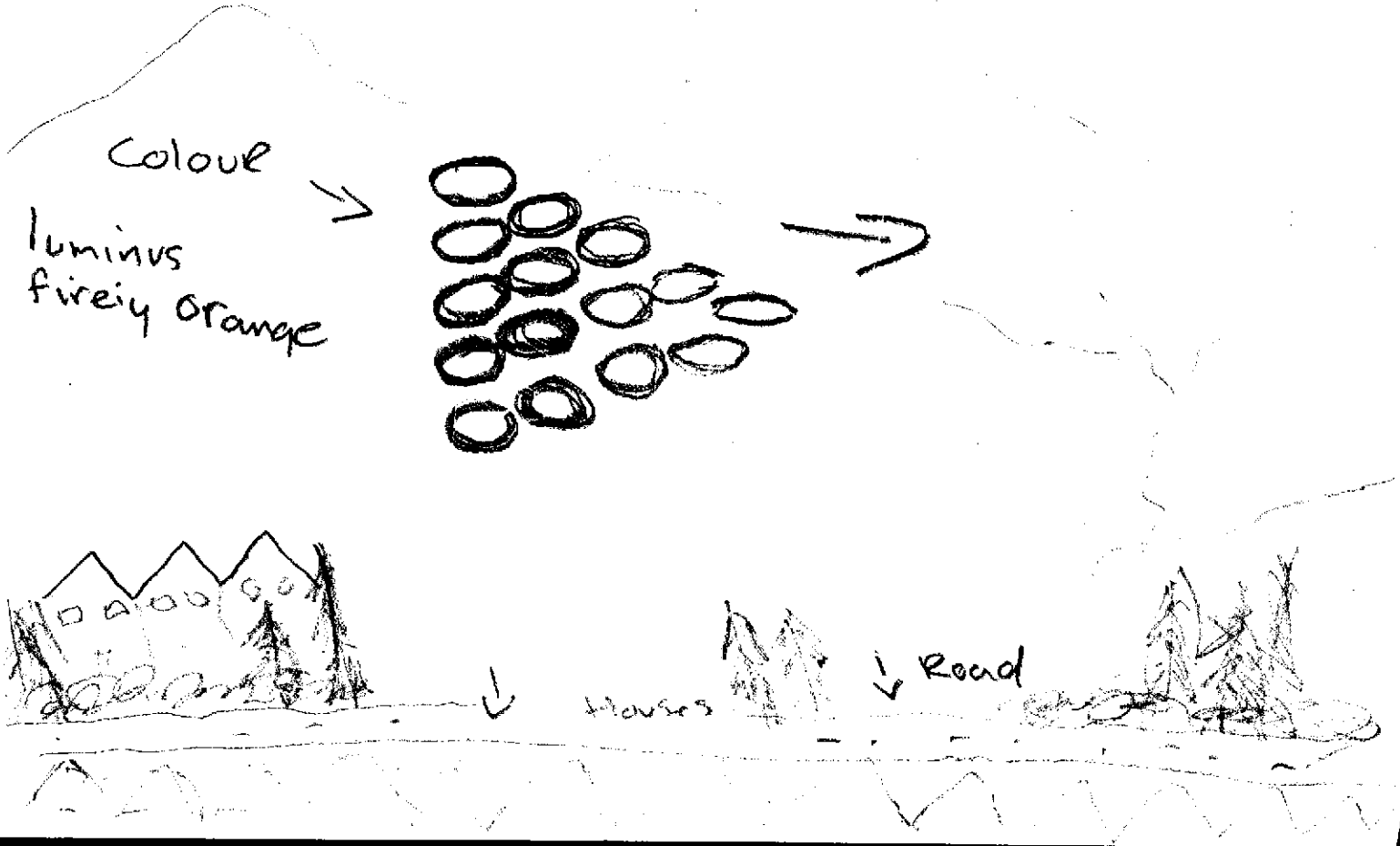
I am writing to tell you what I Realy saw. IN 1992 October me and my 2 freinds were in a town called Witchurch Cardiff, we were parked up for about an hour got out of the Datsun cherry car walked around the corner 3 mins away no sound listeng 4 sounds Because we were up to no good. when t Back to the car it was gone me and my 2 mates who can comferm this true story I am telling. the car had gone the day in Back seats gone and my tent. as we were all Baffeled By what was happening all of us were in Dis-belife Where does the car go no sound Just round corner 3 mins and gone Vanished. Walking down a long Road and all 3 saw which I said look Boys what the fuck is that. IN-dis-belife

P.T.O.

I said look pink Flamigos flying south for Summer. They ~~last~~ giggling me mate said their fire flies I giggled with my mate my other mate said nothing -

Their were about 12-15 flying objects in the sky they were in formation of a triangle. I hear no sounds we see them cross past us about 1 mins then disapeared we were gob smacked then we all walked home to St mellons

diagram what I saw



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Section 40
Livingston
West Lothian
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
11 January 2008

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 3 January 2008, regarding the sighting on the 19 December 2007, that a member of the public informed you of.

With regard to the particular observation, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings from the area of Ardrishaig in Argyll or from anywhere else in the UK on 19 December 2007.

Finally, I have enquired to if there was any low flying military activity on that date and have been informed that there was not.

Sorry I could not be any help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

EAST 2 WEST UFO SOCIETY

"HERE TO INFORM"

Section 40 [redacted]
Livingston
West Lothian
Section 40 [redacted]
Tel:
E-mail:Section 40 [redacted]

3rd January 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have had a report of a light in the skies over Ardrishaig, Argyll, Scotland on the 19th December 2007 at 23.35 hours.

The lady that reported this said the light was bright green in colour and she watched it for 2 to 3 seconds.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know if anyone else reported seeing lights in the sky around the time and date above or indeed was there any military activity in the area at this time and date.

Regards

Section 40 [redacted]

Director of E2WUFOS

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Coatbridge
North Lanarkshire
Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/DAS/64/3
Date:
19 December 2007

Dear Section 40

I am writing with reference to your message left on DAS answerphone on the 19 December 2007. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'. Sorry if I have misspelt your surname, the answerphone can be hard to understand.

First, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) 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. So the MOD will not be able to comply with your request.

Finally, 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.

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