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SUBJECT FOI REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

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RECORD OF KEYWORDS:

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Date closed: 06 AUGUST 2007

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

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Destroy after _____ years	
Forward to DR after _____ years	
No recommendation	

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Date of 1st review	Date of 2nd review	Forward Destruction Date

Reviewer's Signature: _____

Reviewer's Signature: _____

PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW
(To be fully completed at time of file closure)
(Delete as appropriate)

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

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

	✔		✔
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CONTRACTUAL	☐	ORIGINAL COMMITTEE PAPERS	☐
FINANCE/AUDIT	☐	MAJOR EQUIPMENT PROJECT	☐ [_____]
DIRECTORATE POLICY	☐	OTHER (Specify)	☐

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(ii) Key enclosures which support the recommendation are:

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

Destroyed	☐
Considered by DR for permanent preservation	☐

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by DR for permanent preservation. ✔ ☐

PART 3. BRANCH REVIEWING OFFICER (not below HEO/equivalent)

Signature: Section 40 [redacted]

Name: _____ (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: C2 Date: 9/9/10

Branch Title and Full Address:

BUS SEC
Rm2E06, SPITFIRE BLDG
HQAIRCMD, NO1 Site
RAF HIGH WYCOMBE
BUCKS

Tel No: Section 40 [redacted]

PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the specified file has been destroyed.

Signature: _____

Name: _____ (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET* and SECRET only)

Signature: _____

Name: _____ (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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17			11-07-2007-113213-010	Visiting Forces
18			30-082007-110116-004	UFO
19			23-07-2007-143005-004	UFO
20			03-08-2007-093521-001	UFO

ENCLOSURE 20 NUMBER

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 06 August 2007 09:50
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-093521-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 August 2007 asking for details of the file title and contents of files D/Sec(AS)/12/5 and D/Sec(AS)/12/6.

The titles of the files are shown below:

D/Sec(AS)12/5	UFOs- Close encounter reports, alien entities, abductions etc
D/Sec(AS)12/6	UFOs – Alleged UFO incident-Crash of Lightning F6 – 8 Sept 1970

I have checked the contents of D/Sec(AS)12/5 and they do not relate to crop circles. D/Sec(AS)12/6 relates to an aircraft crash over the sea and again, has no connection to crop circles.

Your e-mail suggested that the background documentation to a PQ from Lord Hill-Norton appearing in Lords Hansard at Column WA191 on 19 November 1998, might confirm that a file on crop circles was opened at some point. I have checked the PQ and supporting documentation, but can still find no evidence that an official file on crop circles was opened at any time.

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03-08-2007-093521-001
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 02 August 2007 20:08

To: Section 40

Subject: MoD File on Crop Circles

Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 25 July 2007 (23-07-2007-094217-001), enclosing a copy of your letter dated 9 January 2007 (08-01-2007-101817-003) to Section 40, together with the related attachments.

I think I can see where the confusion has arisen. Section 40 clearly believes that what you've sent him is the MoD's entire file on crop circles, or some of the material from this file. However, it's clear that what you've actually sent him is 1991 correspondence on crop circles extracted from the more general file on which UFO-related public correspondence was kept. I am virtually certain that at some stage in 1992, 1993 or 1994 Section 40 opened a discrete file on crop circles as opposed to filing papers on the subject on D/Sec(AS)/12/3.

Section 40

During Section 40 that the UFO-related file structure was as follows:

D/Sec(AS)/12/1 - UFOs - Policy

D/Sec(AS)/12/2 - UFOs - Sightings

D/Sec(AS)/12/2/1 - UFOs - Sightings - Rendlesham Forest Incident

D/Sec(AS)/12/3 - UFOs - Public Correspondence

D/Sec(AS)/12/4 - UFOs - Parliamentary Business

D/Sec(AS)/12/5 - Alien Abductions/Close Encounters

D/Sec(AS)/12/6 - Crop Circles

D/Sec(AS)/12/7 - UFOs - The Cosford Incident

A 1998 PQ (second down in the hyperlink below) confirms most of this information (though I may have transposed 12/5 and 12/6) and if you can track down the background note to this PQ on the relevant part of D/Sec(AS)/12/4 it may fill in the blanks for you:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199798/ldhansrd/vo981119/text/81119w04.htm

My 19 January 2007 (17:03) email to you set out my recollection of the contents of the crop circle file.

Please send me any information about the title and content of files D/Sec(AS)/12/5 and D/Sec(AS)/12/6 from the file lists, from the PQ background note I mentioned, or from any other source - I think this will resolve the mystery and help clear up any misunderstandings.

I hope this is helpful and assists you in tracking down what I still believe is a discrete file on crop circles which has gone missing.

Best wishes,

Section 40 [redacted]

SEE FILE
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PART F.

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 August 2007 10:20

To: Section 40

Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-093521-001

Section 40

Thank you for your email. Unless there was a D/Sec(AS)/12/8 or a sub-part to one of the earlier files in the 12 series, it seems that I may have been mistaken about opening a discrete file on crop circles, and that I kept all documents on this subject in the D/Sec(AS)/12/3 series after all. If so, I apologise if I've set any hares running. I'll brief Section 40 on the situation, as it seems I may have inadvertently misled him.

Best wishes,

Section 40

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:50 AM
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-093521-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 2 August 2007 asking for details of the file title and contents of files D/Sec(AS)/12/5 and D/Sec(AS)/12/6.

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 06 August 2007 10:43
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-093521-001

Dear Section 40

Just to confirm that there is no file D/Sec(AS)12/8 and no sub-files in the 12 series were opened on the subject of Crop Circles.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Section 40
Sent: 06 August 2007 10:20
To: Section 40
Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-093521-001

Section 40

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Best wishes,

Section 40

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> **To** Section 40
> **Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2007 9:50 AM
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>
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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 06 August 2007 08:28

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 23-07-2007-143005-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 asking for a copy of any letters written by Mr Nick Pope to the MoD on the subject of an alleged MoD file on the subject of crop circles. Additionally, you asked me to speculate as to why Mr Pope had stated that he had opened a file and that it had recently been located by the MoD. Finally, you asked me to reconsider my response to your Freedom of Information request reference number 16-07-2007-074214-001.

Any correspondence between a named member of the public such as Mr Pope, or indeed yourself, remains a confidential matter between the individual and the MoD and is withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information). I would point out, that if Mr Pope were to ask for copies of any correspondence between yourself and the MoD, the same would apply. However, a disclosure of information under FOI terms is considered a disclosure to the wider public, if you require copies of the response to specific FOI requests or recorded information held by MOD, please let me know.

It would not be appropriate for me to speculate on the motives of a member of the public in any statement that they make during the course of their private or business life. If you are curious as to the motives behind any comments he has made, I suggest that you contact Mr Pope himself.

You have asked me to review my response to Freedom of Information request 16-07-2007-074214-001 in light of comments made by Mr Pope in a recent magazine article. I can only state that the MoD has no record of a file on crop circles having been opened either prior to, during, or after, the period 1993-94.

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 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 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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

Yours sincerely,

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23-07-2007-143005-004

EXP 14 AUG 07

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 17 July 2007 16:23
To: Section 40
Subject: FOI request - reply

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your quick response to my FOI request of 15 July. I would like to expand on the request and offer the following comments and questions.

My request was based on information given in an article written by a previous incumbent of the MOD's 'UFO Desk, Nick Pope.

In his most recent column in BEYOND magazine, (Issue No 7 (July 2007), pg 13) Mr Pope writes:

> "...in an amusing postcript to this column...I was contacted a few
>months ago by someone who had made a request under the Freedom of
>Information Act asking the MoD to release itas X File on Crop Circles.
>The MoD replied saying that no file had ever been opened on the
>subject. As I'd opened it, I know this was incorrect, so I wrote to the
>MoD and set them straight. I have a good memory and was even able to
>help them by recalling the file's reference number! Happily, following
>my intervention, the file was located."

As Mr Pope is claiming direct knowledge of an MOD file he claims exists because he opened it and could recall the file number, I am now somewhat confused.

To clarify my confusion may I now request:

* That you reconsider my original FOI request about the MOD Crop Circle file, in view of Mr Pope's comments

* If you still maintain no such file exists could you offer any thoughts as to why Mr Pope claims to have opened a file and has recently informed the MOD of its existence to enable them to locate it, which he claims they now have done

* I would also like to request a copy of any letter/s written by Mr Pope to the MOD in which he refers to a crop circle file or to any files containing information about crop circles

Thanks

Regards

Section 40

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 23-07-2007-143005-004 Expiry: 14 Aug 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copies of letters written by Nick Pope to MoD on subject of Crop circles.

Reconsider response to 16-07-2007-074214 -001

Motives of Mr pope in stating there is a crop circles file.

Case for release of information

Correspondence from Mr Pope is personal correspondence between the MoD and the individual concerned and should therefore be withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information from the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: ....$2..... Name:.....Section 40 [redacted].....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05...Section 40 [redacted]..

Date:.....3/8/2007.....

ENCLOSURE 18 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 03-08-2007-110116-004 Expiry: 31 Jul 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copy of results of internal review into 27-11-2006-142921-002

Case for release of information

The results of any internal review of an FOI request are personal correspondence between the MoD and the individual concerned and should therefore be withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information)

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information from the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 31/7/2007

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 03 August 2007 11:36
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-110116-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 3 July 2007 asking for copies of the response to an internal review undertaken by the Directorate of Information Exploitation into a Freedom of Information request from a member of the public, as mentioned in an e-mail from DAS-FOI dated 29 November 2006. You also raised a number of other matters that were not requests for information. These will be dealt with separately in due course.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 is designed to cover information held by public bodies. However, the results of any internal review conducted at the request of a member of the public, are a private matter between the MoD and the individual. The information you request is therefore withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information).

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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Finally, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. It had been hoped to respond to all the matters that you raised in your e-mail in the same response, but unfortunately this has not been possible due to pressure of work, hence the delay.

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03-08-2007-110116-004
EXP 31 JUL 07

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 02 August 2007 20:26

To: Section 40

Subject: Fw: FOI REQUEST 18-06-2007-113709-002

Section 40

I don't think I've yet received a response to the email below, which I believe is now overdue. I'm more than happy to agree an extension, but perhaps you could give me an indication of when you think you'll be in a position to reply.

Best wishes,

Section 40

----- Original Message -----
From Section 40
To Section 40
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007 3:22 PM
Subject: Re: FOI REQUEST 18-06-2007-113709-002

Section 40

1. Thank you for this information.

2. One of the RFIs appears to be ongoing. Your 29 November 2006 (11:35) email to Section 40 states that an internal review will be undertaken by the Directorate of Information Exploitation. You sent me no further papers on this, possibly by oversight but presumably because the review is not yet complete. I would be grateful for a copy of the response to this review.

Section 40

Section 40

I appreciate this may be a fine distinction in some cases, but as my 25 May email to you elicited only six batches of correspondence (several of which were linked), I don't believe this should be too onorous. To this end, I'd like to refine my request to be consulted on FOI requests that mention me to include only:

a. The areas listed in paragraph 3 of this email.

b. Any FOI requests from Section 40 and Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

5. I can confirm that I wish this request to apply MoD-wide and not merely to DAS.

6. Please feel free to telephone me Section 40 to discuss these requests, should any part of this email not be clear, or should you feel a telephone conversation would be the best way of agreeing a mutually-satisfactory policy.

Best wishes,

Section 40

----- Original Message -----
From: Section 40
To: Section 40
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2007 3:56 PM
Subject: FOI REQUEST 18-06-2007-113709-002

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 25 May 2007 which asked for copies of any FOI requests that mention you, together with any response. Additionally, you asked for any documents relating to the consideration/staffing/handling of any such requests.

Section 40 [redacted]

Please find enclosed a number of FOI requests that mentioned Section 40 that DAS have lead on or been involved with. You will notice that names, addresses telephone numbers etc have been withheld in accordance with Exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Any documents relating to the consideration/staffing or handling of these requests is withheld under Exemption s.35 (Formulation of government policy, etc.)

Section 40 [redacted]

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 09 August 2007 13:37

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 03-08-2007-110116-004

Dear Section 40

Your e-mail of 3 July 2007 raised a number of points in relation to the response to your FOI request Ref: 18-06-2007-113709-002 and I promised you a response.

You have asked:

- For copies of any further correspondence from Section 40 on the issue of documents concerning Section 40 media statements and books

Section 40

- You noted that this information has been withheld under s.40 and asked to be consulted if this decision was challenged, or if new requests were made for this material

Section 40

You also requested that you be consulted on FOI requests that mention you to include:

- Any FOI requests from Section 40 and Section 40

Section 40

- You asked that this covers the whole of MOD.

The Freedom of Information Act (the Act) provides access to recorded information held by a public authority at the time a request is made. The authority has an obligation to provide this information unless it is exempt from disclosure by virtue of an exemption under the Act.

Section 40 of the Act provides for the protection of personal data. Section 40(3)(a) of the FOI Act states that where information falls within the definition of "data" in DPA 98, and "the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene-

i. Any of the data protection principles, or

ii. Section 10 of DPA 98 (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress)"

this information is exempt from disclosure.

Furthermore, the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), Article 8, provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life. The purpose of DPA 98 is to protect personal data, and to ensure that the processing of any such data (or, to put it in straightforward terms, the use of such information), is carried out in accordance with the Act. Personal data is defined as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. The

[redacted]tection afforded by DPA98 is not an excuse to withhold information, but any disclosure must comply with the provisions set out in the Act. The data protection principles state that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully, and not processed in any manner incompatible with the purpose for which it was obtained.

There is a distinction to be made between the 'private' (personal) and 'public' life of a third party when considering the disclosure of information. [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted]

In answering these requests MOD, as owner of the information makes the distinction between 'official' and 'private' information, namely those personal details covered by DPA 98. For example, information requested contained within a document [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted] In posts where there is a high level of contact with the public, in what are regarded as public facing appointments such as Press Officers, or in responding to correspondence from the public a certain amount of personal information will undoubtedly fall into the public area.

All recorded information held by a public authority is subject to the Act, and where MOD considers that the request is for personal information and s.40 is clearly engaged, the information will be withheld. [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted] This recognises the duty of confidence the Department has towards the originator of the information and is normal practice where disclosure of third party information is being considered, but the final decision to disclose information or apply any appropriate exemptions is taken by the public authority holding the information.

The same protection that is afforded to [redacted]Section 40 under the legislation is afforded to others, therefore correspondence from Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 [redacted] would not be disclosed to a third party without prior consultation with them. This is because they will have written to the Department in the expectation that their correspondence would not be disclosed to a third party.

Section 40 [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

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

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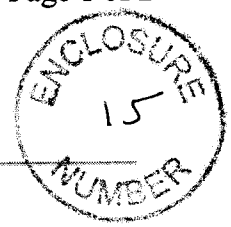

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 01 August 2007 16:08
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI Request - 30-07-2007-162110-003

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for information on British UFO activity since 1940 to the present day. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are 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.

With regard to your request on British UFO activity since 1940 to present day, I should inform you that the MOD records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received and we currently hold records spanning a 25 year period. To identify the information you mention, a manual search would be required, and the costs to do this would exceed the permitted £600 cost 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.

In the meantime 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 after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before1967 and together with records up to 1984 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed via the internet at: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with the 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 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 details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 31 July 2007 08:55
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 30-07-2007-162110-003 Section 40

Section 40

One for you. Standard answer saying it costs too much. Direct him to our website and the National Archive.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 30 July 2007 16:22
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 30-07-2007-162110-003 Section 40

Section 40

Over to you.

Section 40

Info-AccessOps5

Section 40

Main Building

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 30 July 2007 16:18
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 30-07-2007-162110-003 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 16:17:36
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtaddress1:

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Ilfracombe

txtstatecountry: Devon /UK

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txtinforequest: Hello

I would like all the information regarding British UFO activity since 1940 to the present day.
Please include all close encounters, abductions, cattle mutilation, ufo sightings, rader sightings, witness accounts and anything relating to the subject.
If you have any information regardint the members of the group, MAJESTIC 12, please send me the information.

With Kind Regards,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 01 August 2007 15:27
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI Request - 30-07-2007-064310-001

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request asking for details of any UFO reports received from Lancashire, Cumbria or North Yorkshire, between the dates of 10th and 25th June 2007. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are 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 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.

With regard to your request, I have checked my records, and can confirm that we received no UFO sighting reports for the above areas, between the dates 10th and 25th June 2007.

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 after five years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for The National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1984 are now available for public viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Richmond, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 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. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website also contains some released information on UFOs. This can be accessed the internet at: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme, by searching under UFO reports.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 31 July 2007 08:56
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 30-07-2007-064310-001 Section 40

Another one for you.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 30 July 2007 06:44
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 30-07-2007-064310-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 28 July 2007 15:04
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 30-07-2007-064310-001 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 15:03:39
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest:

Please can you provide me with details of any reports in Lancashire,Cumbria or North Yorkshire, of unusual lights or anything that equates to what is commonly known as a UFO, between the dates of the 10th and 25th of June 2007.

If any reports were made, did the MOD receive them directly from the public, from police officers or from other agencies?

ENCLOSURE NUMBER 13

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 31 July 2007 15:00

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 17-07-2007-075648-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 asking why the MoD response to FOI request 27-04-2007-080512-007 referred to the radar contact with the Alderney UAP sighting of 23 April 2007 as a secondary, when it was reported as a primary radar contact. Additionally, you asked why it was reported as being in French airspace when the Alderney constitution states that the UK is responsible for the islands defence matters. You went on to ask how many UAP sightings by pilots in the last 5 years have been backed up by primary radar contacts and finally, you asked if the MoD is going to release all its photographs of alleged UAP for public scrutiny.

In response to the first part of your question, I assume you are referring to an internal e-mail released with our response, suggesting that Jersey air traffic control did not have a primary radar capability. The longer range *area* radar system is indeed a secondary system. The Jersey Airport radar system, which has a shorter range, has both primary and secondary radar capability. I assume therefore, that the e-mail is referring to the longer range *area* radar.

The UK does retain responsibility for the defence of Alderney. That does not mean that it is necessary at this moment in time to place military radars there with the coverage necessary to have seen this UAP. The alleged incident occurred within an area of airspace that French air traffic control at Brest have overall responsibility for. This should not be confused with matters of sovereignty.

The MoD is not aware of any sighting reports made by pilots over the last five years that have been backed up by primary radar contacts.

The MoD has no plans at present to release all its photographs of alleged UAP incidents for public scrutiny. However, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, should any member of the public request photographs for a particular incident or time period, we will respond appropriately.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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Section 40

31/07/2007

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MoD Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

31/07/2007

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 17 July 2007 08:00
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 16 July 2007 22:16
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 22:16:05
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtoccupation: Business Systems Analyst

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Anglesey

txtstatecountry: Anglesey

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: Wales

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: Q1. Why did a FoI Response to the Alderney UAP sighting of 23 April 2007 (ref: TO02766/2007 and 27-04-2007-080512-007) refer to the radar contact as a secondary when in fact it was reported as a primary (CAA Occurence No:200703486) - also why was it reported as being in French airspace when the Alderney constitution quite clearly states that the UK is responsible for the island's defence matters?
Q2. How many UAP sightings by pilots in the last 5 years have been backed up by primary radar contacts?
Q3. Is the MoD going to release all its photographs of UAP for public scrutiny

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Section 40 WORKING PAPERS - NOT SENT OUT.

From: Section 40 Wg Cdr
Sent: 24 July 2007 09:48
To: Section 40
Subject: RE: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Section 40

Sorry for the delay have been taking over new job. Will try and pop up with my replacement today Wg Cdr Section 40

1. I cannot find the original but sounds to me that he may be right about the primary not secondary contact - we need to check. However, on the radar issue:

The UK does retain responsibility for the defence of Alderney. That does not mean that it is necessary at this moment in time to place military radars there with the coverage necessary to have seen this UAP. The French do provide the civilian radar coverage and provide the civilian air traffic control in that area.

2. None that we are aware of.

3. Not aware that we have any.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 17 July 2007 08:09
To: Section 40 Wg Cdr
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can you advise on the following FOI request?

I will let you have a copy of the original response shortly.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 17 July 2007 08:00
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 16 July 2007 22:16
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request PS 17-07-2007-075648-001 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 22:16:05
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txttitle: Section 40

[redacted]firstname: Section 40

txtlastname: [redacted]

txtoccupation: Business Systems Analyst

txtaddress1: Section 40 [redacted]

txtaddress2: [redacted]

txttowncity: Anglesey

txtstatecountry: Anglesey

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40 [redacted]

txtcountry: Wales

txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]

txttelephone: Section 40 [redacted]

txtinforequest: Q1. Why did a FoI Response to the Alderney UAP sighting of 23 April 2007 (ref: TO02766/2007 and 27-04-2007-080512-007) refer to the radar contact as a secondary when in fact it was reported as a primary (CAA Occurence No:200703486) - also why was it reported as being in French airspace when the Alderney constitution quite clearly states that the UK is responsible for the island's defence matters?
Q2. How many UAP sightings by pilots in the last 5 years have been backed up by primary radar contacts?
Q3. Is the MoD going to release all its photographs of UAP for public scrutiny

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Section 40

From: Section 40 Wg Cdr
Sent: 31 July 2007 13:30
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Jersey Radar

Hope this helps.

Yours Section 40

Section 40
Wg Cdr
DAS Ops AS1
Mil: Section 40
Civil: Section 40
e-mail: Section 40 @mod.uk

Wing Commander Section 40 is posted in to replace me. We will complete a 4 day handover commencing Tue 28 Aug 07. As of Fri 31 Aug all e-mails for DAS Ops AS1 should be addressed to Section 40 @mod.uk

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From: Section 40
Sent: 31 July 2007 12:40
To: Section 40 Wg Cdr
Subject: Jersey Radar

Sir,

There are 2 radar sites in Jersey:

The first is an SSR only system with coverage out to 250nm. It's situated on the North coast of the island at a site called Les Platons. The SSR is fed to both UK and French ATC, although not to the CRCs.

The second is for Jersey Airports' use. It is both primary and secondary with coverage out to about 60nm, although Jersey only routinely use it out to 40nm.

No doubt there is more detail to be had if necessary – happy to dig deeper if required!

Section 40
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SO3 MABCC

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Section 40

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 April 2007 17:04
To: [redacted]
Cc: BOU-AFC-DACCS SO2; [redacted]
Subject: UFO report 23 Apr 07 -
Importance: High

[redacted]

Once again apologies for the delay in responding.

The position reported is outside of the UK radar coverage and in fact inside French airspace for air defence. We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or detected on radar. We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact (if the object was capable of producing one). The contact was reported as stationary again making radar detection unlikely and no further reports indicated that the object had a heading towards the UK. Therefore, we conclude that there was no threat to the UK from this observation and will not be taking the investigation further.

Hope that is sufficient for lines for the possible press interest.

[redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 26 July 2007 14:57
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-Authorised: UFO sighting/FOI request - 24-07-2007-074837-001

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I am writing with reference to your report of an 'unidentified flying object' seen on 21 July 2007, and your request for information on this particular sighting. 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 (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' 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 Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

With regard to your particular observation, and the question of any other member of the public reporting the incident to this office, I can confirm that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings for 21 July 2007, for this particular sighting 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.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 24 July 2007 09:05
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 24-07-2007-074837-001 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40

Can you answer this FOI request. You will also need to record and file it as a sighting report.

Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 24 July 2007 07:51
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: foi email request PS 24-07-2007-074837-001 Section 40

Section 40

Can I interest you with this FOI request?

Regards

Section 40
FOI Helpdesk

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 23 July 2007 10:42
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: foi email request PS 24-07-2007-074837-001 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 10:42:24
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtoccupation: BRICKLAYER TECH

txtorganisation: Section 40 EASTBOURNE EAST SUSSEX

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: DEAR SIR OR MADDAM, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING ANY REPORTS YOU MAY HAVE ON STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN BY MYSELF ON SATERDAY NIGHT THE 21.7.07. AT AROUND 11.35PM. THE STRANGE BRIGHT RED LIGHTS MUST HAVE BEEN SEEN BY OUTHER PEOPLE. I WOKE MY WIFE FROM HER BED TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE LIGHTS IN THE SKY,THEY DID NOT MAKE ANY SOUND AND WE WATCHED THEM FOR ABOUT 15-20MIN.THEY THEN MOVED AWAY DISAPERING BEHIND A CLOUD, AT THIS TIME ALSO I NOTICED A PLANE HEADING TOWARDS GATWICK AIRPORT THE PILOT MAY HAVE SEEN THEM TO,THE TIME WAS ABOUT 11.40PM.I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE SO I THOUGHT I BETTER REPORT IT TO YOUR DEPARTMENT.YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO SEE THE PICTURES MY WIFE TOOK OF THE OBJECTS , MY HOME PHONE NOUMBER IS Section 40 REGARDS Section 40

ENCLOSURE 11 NUMBER

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) Section 40
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

London
Section 40

Our Reference
23-07-2007-094217-001

Date
25 July 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 July 2007 asking for a copy of my letter referenced 08-01-2007-101817-003, together with material sent under cover of this letter. They are enclosed.

You will notice that the letter itself has been redacted to withhold names, addresses and telephone numbers in accordance with exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The supporting documentation is as originally released.

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 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 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

NOTE - SCANNING DOCUMENTATION AS PER 08-01-2007-101817-003 NOT COPIED HERE TO SAVE ON PAPER.

Section 40

25/7/07

From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
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[redacted]

Our Reference
08-01-2007-101817-003

Date
09 January 2007

Dear [redacted]

I am writing in response to your revised Freedom of Information request dated 19 December 2006 for information held on file relating to crop circles for the year 1991.

I attach copies of documentation relating to crop circles for the year 1991. You will notice that the names and signatures of some individuals have been removed as they do not for a substantive part of your request. Additionally, you will note that words have been blacked out at the top and bottom of the signal dated 21 July 1991. These were security classifications which are now no longer relevant.

If you are unhappy with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk).

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD 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.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

23-07-2007-054217-001
EXT 20 AUG 07

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2007 09:16

To: Section 40

Subject: MoD Crop Circle File

Section 40

Thank you for your letter (your ref 09-07-2007-115547-002) dated 9 July. In it you state:

"Finally, I should point out that despite your advice that Section 40 had created a file on crop circles, the MoD has no record of any file on the subject and, regardless of what you may have been informed, no such file has been located".

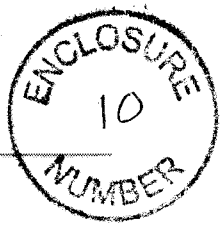
However, a member of the public Section 40 with whom I have been corresponding assures me that he was sent such a file, by you. He told me that the date of your covering letter was 9th January 2007 and your file reference was 08-01-2007-101817-003. Section 40 has undertaken to scan in the material and email it to me on his return from holiday.

In order to clear up this apparent contradiction I would be grateful if you would send me a copy of your 9th January letter to Section 40 together with copies of any material you sent him under cover of this letter.

Best wishes,

Section 40

PART V ENC 2



Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 25 July 2007 09:52

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 16-07-2007-151238-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 16 July 2007 asking what involvement the military had with "Operation Blackbird" in Wiltshire in 1990. Additionally, you asked if a "D-Notice" had ever been placed on this incident.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has no knowledge regarding this alleged operation, although from time to time members of the public raise the matter with us. There was, and is, no evidence held by the MoD to suggest that crop circles are caused by anything of military concern and it is hard to see what value there would have been to the MoD in assisting, or jointly organising, any event of this nature.

The Ministry of Defence does not have responsibility for answering questions regarding D Notices which falls to the Independent Defence and Broadcasting Advisory Committee which is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 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 days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
MoD Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

Section 40 EXP 13 AUG 07

From: Section 40 on behalf of Section 40 .mod.uk]
Sent: 24 July 2007 16:24
To: DGMC-MgtUnit AssistantInfoMgr; DAS-FOI
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40 Reference our conversation earlier, my mistake Section 40 has already informed Section 40 that she can not answer and she copied it to you and Section 40 to look at yesterday. Email is below.

Section 40 Any assistance either of you can provide would be very much appreciated. As this one has been around for a while and Info Access are keen for someone to take the lead on this one.

Many Thanks.

Section 40

E1 FOI
Land Forces Secretariat
DTN : Section 40
Please forward official correspondence to Land-PSC-CSPolSec-(Mailbox)

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 Lt Col On Behalf Of Section 40 Lt Col
Sent: 23 July 2007 14:20
To: Section 40
Cc: Section 40 Avm
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Section 40

As this is really about the D Notice Committee you need to speak to them. I have copied in AVM Section 40 for ease.

If it is to do with crop circles then Section 40 is your man - also CC'd.

Hope this helps

Section 40
SO1 D News Army
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40
Sent: 23 July 2007 13:41
To: Section 40 Lt Col
Cc: Section 40
Subject: RE: Release-Authorised: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Section 40

I can't answer this.

Section 40 would you check and answer this from DGMC's side?
- you may wish to be aware.

Section 40

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

From: Section 40 Lt Col
Sent: 23 July 2007 12:37
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: Release-Authorised: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Section 40
SO1 D News Army
Section 40

-----Original Message-----
From: Section 40 On Behalf Of Section 40
Sent: 23 July 2007 12:27
To: DGMC-DNews Army
Subject: Release-Authorised: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Lt Col Section 40

I have been given your name by Section 40 of someone that may be able to assist.
We have received the following FOI request (which is at the bottom of this email) asking for information on 'operation Blackbird' which is to do with Crop circles dating back to 1990.
I believe that you deal with D Notices we were wondering if you had any record of this one in particular.

Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Many Thanks.

Section 40
E1 FOI
Land Forces Secretariat
DTN : Section 40
Please forward official correspondence to Land-PSC-CSPolSec-(Mailbox)

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 16 July 2007 14:37
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 16-07-2007-151238-001 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 14:37:04
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname Section 40

txtlastname:

txtoccupation: Ambulance crew member

txtorganisation: none

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Section 40 Bristol

txtstatecountry: South Glos

txtzipcodepostcode Section 40

txtcountry: Great Britain

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: At the crop circles 'watch' held at Bratton, Wiltshire, in 1990, one of the helpers, a Section 40 claims that he organised the affair jointly with the British Army. Others claim that the BBC and Nippon TV organised the event. Could you explain what (if any) involvement the Army or any armed forces, had with this event, which was known as 'Operation Blackbird'. Has a 'D-notice' ever been placed on information concerning this affair? Some soldiers were certainly present on occasions. Can you assist?
many thanks. Section 40

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 020 7218 2140
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
(Fax) Section 40
e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40

Bristol
Section 40

Our Reference
16-07-2007-151238-001

Date
28 August 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 August 2007 relating to your earlier Freedom of Information request on the subject of crop circles.

A response (attached) was originally sent to you on 25 July 2007 but clearly did not reach you. On checking, I suspect that this was due to a typing error in the e-mail address that I used.

Please accept my apologies for this error and for the delay in a response reaching you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 25 July 2007 09:52
To: Section 40
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 16-07-2007-151238-001
Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 16 July 2007 asking what involvement the military had with "Operation Blackbird" in Wiltshire in 1990. Additionally, you asked if a "D-Notice" had ever been placed on this incident.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
MoD Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 28 August 2007 15:03
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request

Importance: High

Section 40

Could you please investigate.

Thanks.

Section 40

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Section 40

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-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 28 August 2007 13:54
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 13:54:11
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname: Section 40

txtlastname:

txtoccupation: Ambulance crew member

txtorganisation: none-personal

txtaddress1: Section 40

txtaddress2:

txttowncity: Section 40 Bristol

txtstatecountry: South Glos

txtzipcodepostcode: Section 40

txtcountry: United Kingdom

txtemailAddress: Section 40

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: In 1990, a group of people organised a watch over fields at Bratton castle, Wilts, to watch for crop circles forming. the BBc were involved along with two civilians, Colin Andrews and Pat Delgado. The Army were also present in small numbers. Mr Andrews claims that he worked with the Army to set up this watch over the fields.

Can this be clarified or confirmed and what part did the Army play in the event?
THIS REQUEST WAS FILED IN EARLY JULY, BUT NO REPLY OR CONTACT RECEIVED BY 28TH AUGUST.

ENCLOSURE 9 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40

Case Number: 18-07-2007-110759-005 Expiry: 14 Aug 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copies of sighting reports and correspondence for UFOs in Scotland 1999-2007

Case for release of information

Compliance with this request will exceed £600 and under Section 12 of the FOI Act, we are not required to answer it.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 Section 40

Date: 23/7/07

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2007 16:01
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 18-07-2007-110759-005

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 asking to see reports and correspondence relating to sightings of UAP/UFOs in Scotland between 1999 and 2007. Your request has been passed to this branch as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for UFO matters.

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 used of defence resources if we were to do so.

Copies of UFO correspondence and reports, are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any of this information can be released, personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Clearly, if we were to search for and then process copies of all these reports for the years you requested, the costs would quickly exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act, the Ministry of Defence is not obliged to comply with your request.

However, details of sighting reports for the years 1999 to 2006, are held on the Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information website. This can be accessed via the internet at: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomofInformation/PublicationScheme, by searching under 'UFO' reports. I suspect that this will give you much of the information you are looking for.

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 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 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 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 of more assistance.

[redacted]urs sincerely,

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
MoD Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

Section 40

From: Section 40
Sent: 18 July 2007 11:09
To: Section 40
Subject: FW: FOI written request 18-07-2007-110759-005 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40

Please see.

Section 40

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Section 40

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-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 17 July 2007 12:38
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 18-07-2007-110759-005 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 12:38:29
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txttitle: Section 40

txtfirstname Section 40

txtlastname:

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress1: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress2: 108 Holyrood Road

txttowncity: Edinburgh

txtstatecountry: City of Edinburgh

txtzipcodepostcode

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40 scotlandonsunday.com

txttelephone: Section 40

txtinforequest: I would like to see all reports and correspondence relating to sightings of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP/ Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) in Scotland between 1999 and 2007.

ENCLOSURE 8 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted] 20/7/07

Case Number: 18-07-2007-111138-006 Expiry: 14 Aug 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Copies of photographs and videos of UFO sightings 1980-2007.

Copies of related sighting reports and correspondence

Case for release of information

Compliance with this request will exceed £600 and under Section 12 of the FOI Act, we are not required to answer it..

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to withhold the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: ..... B2 ..... Name:..... Section 40 [redacted] .....

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05..... Section 40 [redacted] ..

Date:.....23/7/2007.....

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2007 11:39

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 18-07-2007-111138-006

Dear Section 40

Thank you for Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 requesting copies of photographs or videos purporting to be of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena or Unidentified Flying Objects held by the MoD for the period 1980-2007. Additionally, you asked for copies of any related reports or correspondence. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we are the lead branch on UFO matters.

If they are retained, (and they are often returned to owners) copies of UFO photographs etc are stored on our normal paper files, together with any sighting reports or correspondence, in the date order in which they are received. To comply with your request would require a manual search of those records, the cost of which would exceed the permitted £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 the request. However, if you restricted your request to one or two specific years, we may be in a position to help. We have recently answered a request for copies of alleged UFO photographs for 2006. If you are interested, please e-mail a response and I will send you copies.

Additionally, as I mentioned in my response to your request 18-07-2007-110343-004, our files for the period 1967-1984 have been transferred to the National Archive and it is quite likely they contain alleged UFO/UAP photographs.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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I am sorry I could not be of more assistance.

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
MoD Main Building
London
SW1A 2HB

23/07/2007

Section 40 [redacted]

EXP 14 AUG 07

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 18 July 2007 11:13
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI written request 18-07-2007-111138-006 Section 40

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40

Please see.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 17 July 2007 12:47
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 18-07-2007-111138-006 Section 40

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 12:46:48
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txttitle Section 40

txtfirstname Section 40

txtlastname: [redacted]

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress1: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress2: 108 Holyrood Road

txttowncity: Edinburgh

txtstatecountry: City of Edinburgh

txtzipcodepostcode: EH8 8AS

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40 @scotlandonsunday.com

txttelephone: Section 40 [redacted]

txtinforequest: I would like to know how many photographs or films purporting to be of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)/ Unidentified Flying Objects the MoD has for the years 1980-2007.
I would also like to receive copies of these images along with all reports and correspondence related to them.

ENCLOSURE 7 NUMBER

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 23 July 2007 10:38

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 18-07-2007-110343-004

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 July 2007 regarding an alleged UFO incident at Dechmont Law, Livingston, East Lothian on 9 November 1979. It has been passed to this branch to answer as we are the lead branch for UFO matters.

Given the length of time since the alleged incident, we no longer hold "UFO" files for the period 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.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information
Section 40
MoD Main Building
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SW1A 2HB

Section 40 [redacted]

Exp 14 AUG07

From: Section 40 [redacted]
Sent: 18 July 2007 11:05
To: Section 40 [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI written request 18-07-2007-110343-004 Section 40 [redacted]

Categories: FOI Information Request

Section 40 [redacted]

Please see.

Section 40 [redacted]

Info-AccessOps5

Section 40 [redacted]

Main Building

-----Original Message-----
From: feedback@www.mod.uk [mailto:feedback@www.mod.uk]
Sent: 17 July 2007 12:31
To: Info-Access-Office
Subject: FOI written request 18-07-2007-110343-004 Section 40 [redacted]

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 12:31:22
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txttitle: Section 40 [redacted]

txtfirstname: Section 40 [redacted]

txtlastname: [redacted]

txtoccupation: Journalist

txtorganisation: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress1: Scotland on Sunday

txtaddress2: 108 Holyrood Road

txttowncity: Edinburgh

txtstatecountry: City of Edinburgh

txtzipcodepostcode: EH8 8AS

txtcountry: UK

txtemailAddress: Section 40 [redacted]cotlandonsunday.com

txttelephone: Section 40 [redacted]

txtinforequest: I would like to see all reports and correspondence relating to a reported Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)/UFO incident said to have taken place at Dechmont Law, Livingston, East Lothian, Scotland, on Friday November 9 1979.
On that date forestry worker Robert Taylor (now deceased) alleged he had been assaulted by an unidentified flying sphere which left indentations on the ground.

Many thanks for your help,

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted] senior reporter, Scotland on Sunday

ENCLOSURE 6 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 26-06-2007-113131-004 Expiry: 23 Jul 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Policy documents relating to gathering and storage of UFO information

Case for release of information

There is no objection to the release of this information.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 19/7/2007

Expiry - 23/07/07. Ref - 26-06-2007 - 11313-004

Section 40
[redacted]
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40
[redacted]

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you under the FOIA in regards to the policy documents in regards to the gathering and storing of information in regards to UFOs. If you could provide me with a copy of such policies I would be grateful.

Regards

Section 40
[redacted]

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
5th Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Our Reference
26-06-2007-113131-004

Date
19 July 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your undated Freedom of Information request asking for copies of policy documents regarding the gathering and storing of UFO information.

I have checked our files to find documents outlining policy relating to these matters, which I attach. You will note that some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers have been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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.

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Yours sincerely,

LOOSE MINUTE

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

D/Sec(AS)/64/1-

19 Feb 97

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to:

DPR(RAF)
DPO(RAF)
AIS(Mil), LATCC West Drayton
DCMC Air Force Desk

DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE FOR ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

1. You will wish to be aware that with effect from **0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb**, the MOD will have a dedicated telephone line for handling enquiries and reports from members of the public about "unidentified flying objects".

2. Queries will usually be handled through an answerphone system, which will briefly set out the MOD's limited interest in this subject, and invite members of the public to leave reports if appropriate. The answerphone will be switched on from 0800-1700 hrs and will be continuously monitored. Any "UFO" calls received outside these hours must continue to be handled by the DCMC in the usual manner, in the event there may be genuine air defence implications of a more terrestrial nature.

3. The dedicated "UFO" number will be: **0171 218 2140**. All members of the public wishing to be put through to the "UFO" desk should be connected **only** to this number. Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks. Although I will continue to oversee queries of this nature, the separate telephone line I have acquired for handling the major part of my work (the non-'UFO'-related duties) must not be given to members of the public or Press enquiring about "UFOs". Members of the public not content with an answerphone and insisting on speaking to a member of staff should be firmly advised that "UFO" business is only handled from the number given above.

4. Officials who wish to speak to a desk officer in Sec(AS) about "UFO" business can of course be advised of my alternate number below. If you have any queries in respect of these new arrangements please contact me on [redacted]

[redacted]

Sec(AS)2a1

[redacted]

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

6 Jun 97

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to:

DPR(RAF)
DPO(RAF)
AIS(Mil), LATCC West Drayton
DCMC Air Force Desk

DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE FOR ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19 Feb 97.

1. You may recall I wrote to you at reference (copy attached for ease) informing you of the telephone number to be used for members of the public wishing to leave reports of "UFOs" etc.

2. Action was taken to amend the MOD Directory showing my dedicated telephone line for non-UFO business [redacted] and a separate line listing the Public "UFO" enquiries telephone line (0171 218 2140). Unfortunately we have today received our copy of the new MOD Directory and have discovered that the Public "UFO" telephone line number has not been included.

3. I should be grateful if you would continue to ensure that any member of the public wishing to contact Sec(AS)2 about "UFO" matters is put through to **0171 218 2140** only in accordance with instructions issued at reference.

4. If there are any queries in respect of these arrangements please contact me on [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

19 Feb 97

To all Sec(AS)1 Staff

Copy to:

PS/Head of Sec(AS)

"UFO" PUBLIC ENQUIRY ANSWERPHONE FACILITY

1. Head of Sec(AS) has given approval for public enquiries by telephone on "UFO"-related issues to be handled using an answerphone facility, to free-up my line for business more directly related to the Sec(AS) remit. The answerphone will be in operation from 0800 - 1700 hrs Mon-Fri. Outside these times, in accordance with current practice, calls will be directed by the Switchboard staff to the RAF Duty Officer in the DCMC.

2. I have been allocated a new telephone number for non-"UFO" business [redacted] Please note that this number may be passed to **officials** who wish to speak to me about "UFO"-related business, or of course about any other matter for which I am responsible. However, members of the public who wish to talk to someone about "UFOs" should be advised to call **0171 218 2140** only. If they have previously been put through to the answerphone and complain that they wish to speak to a member of staff not an answerphone, please firmly advise them that all such enquiries are handled from that telephone line alone, which is continuously monitored by staff in Sec(AS)2. All Press enquiries should directed towards the RAF Press Desks [redacted]

3. The above arrangements apply from 0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb.

[original signed]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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ENCLOSURE NUMBER 21

Facsimile Transmission Cover Sheet

Transmission Details		Document Details
Serial No:	**Date and Time of Transmission:** 8 Feb 99	**Reference:**
From: ORG 1c	**Fax Number:** Section 40	**Subject:** Orders for HQPTC Duty Staff Officer - Order No 17
To: Sec (AS) 2a1	**Fax Number:** Section 40 [redacted]	Total number of pages including this cover sheet: 3

Authorizing Officer	Transmit Operators
Rank, Name and Appointment: [redacted] ORG 1c	**Rank/Grade and Name:** [redacted] ORG 1c
Signature: [redacted]	**Signature:** [redacted]

Message/Remarks:

Reference our telephone conversation this morning.

Find attached a copy of Order No 17 for the HQPTC Duty Staff Officer. The orders require examination as some are now over 12 months old.

Any assistance you are able to give me in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Covering	N/A
Caveat	N/A
Classification	UNCLAS Restricted

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ORDERS FOR HQPTC DUTY STAFF OFFICER

ORDER NO 17

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. All sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are to be reported using the format at Annex A. Reports are to be submitted as follows:

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   b. At any other time to Sec(AS)2a, MOD Main Building, Room 8245, Tel GPTN (96621) Ext 82140, Fax Ext [redacted] Section 40 se SIC - Z6F with signal messages.

2. CDSDO will pass all reports submitted out of hours to Sec(AS)2a. Under normal circumstances Sec(AS)2a will not respond to the originator.

3. Outside normal working hours all enquiries from the Press are to be referred to Duty Press Officer at MOD who may be contacted at MOD Main Building, Tel GPTN (96621) [redacted] The Press may be given the following direct dial BT Tel No for the Duty Press Officer / [redacted]

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ANNEX A TO
HQPTC DSO
ORDER NO 17

FORMAT OF A REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)

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

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

C. Exact position of observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

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

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

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

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

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

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

J. Nearby objects. (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or other night lighting.

K. To whom reported. (Police, military organization, the Press etc).

L. Name and address of informant.

M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

N. Other witnesses.

O. Date and time of receipt of report.

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ENCLOSURE 7 NUMBER

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

19 Feb 97

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to:

DPR(RAF)
DPO(RAF)
AIS(Mil), LATCC West Drayton
DCMC Air Force Desk

DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE FOR ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

1. You will wish to be aware that with effect from **0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb**, the MOD will have a dedicated telephone line for handling enquiries and reports from members of the public about "unidentified flying objects".

2. Queries will usually be handled through an answerphone system, which will briefly set out the MOD's limited interest in this subject, and invite members of the public to leave reports if appropriate. The answerphone will be switched on from 0800-1700 hrs and will be continuously monitored. Any "UFO" calls received outside these hours must continue to be handled by the DCMC in the usual manner, in the event there may be genuine air defence implications of a more terrestrial nature.

3. The dedicated "UFO" number will be: **0171 218 2140**. All members of the public wishing to be put through to the "UFO" desk should be connected **only** to this number. Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks. Although I will continue to oversee queries of this nature, the separate telephone line I have acquired for handling the major part of my work (the non-'UFO'-related duties) must not be given to members of the public or Press enquiring about "UFOs". Members of the public not content with an answerphone and insisting on speaking to a member of staff should be firmly advised that "UFO" business is only handled from the number given above.

4. Officials who wish to speak to a desk officer in Sec(AS) about "UFO" business can of course be advised of my alternate number below. If you have any queries in respect of these new arrangements please contact me on [redacted]

[redacted]

Sec(AS)2a1

[redacted]

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

2 December 1998

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to:
DCDSDO

OUT OF HOURS 'UFO' REPORTING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Since February 1997, an answerphone facility has been provided by Sec(AS)2 to enable members of the public to report sightings of 'unidentified flying objects'. In the past, the answerphone was switched on between 0800-1700 Monday to Friday, however, with effect from 19 October 98, the answerphone has been left on 24 hours a day.

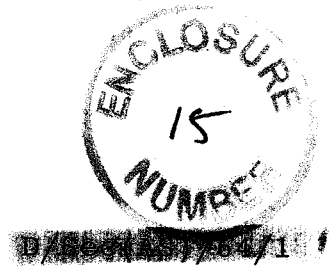
2. Now that this facility is constantly available, would you please ensure that members of the public, whether telephoning in or out of office hours, are put through to the answerphone (0171 218 2140) and not through to the CDSDO Cell.

3. If you have any queries regarding this minute please give me a call.

[redacted]
Sec(AS)2a1

Chots: SEC(AS)2A1

Minute sent at request of DCDSDO



16 October 1998

*** F I L E N O T E ***

With effect from Monday 19 October 1998, the 'UFO' answerphone will be left on 24 hours a day. This is in response to PQ 3785i.

[redacted]

Sec(AS)2a

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From: [redacted]
Directorate of Air Staff (Lower Airspace)
Operations & Policy 1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
[redacted] Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London.
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(Fax)
(GTN)

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[redacted]
Org 1 Parenting
HQ Personnel and Training Command
RAF Innsworth
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GL3 1EZ

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/1
Date
15 March 2002

DUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER ORDERS – Order No.17

A. PTC/342036/6/Org dated 11 March 2002

Thank you for your letter at reference A. Please make the following amendments to the PTC Duty Personnel Officer Order which we sponsor.

Paragraph 1b. Amend to read
At any time to MOD, DAS(LA)Ops & Pol 1, Room 6/73, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London. Tel GPTN (96621) Ext 82140, Fax Ext Section 40 Use SIC-Z6F with signal messages.

Paragraph 2. Amend to read
CDSDO will pass all reports submitted out of hours to DAS(LA)Ops & Pol1.

Sponsor.
DAS(LA)Ops & Pol 1

[redacted]
DAS(LA)Ops+Pol1
[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
PERSONNEL AND TRAINING COMMAND

ROYAL AIR FORCE INNSWORTH, GLOUCESTER GL3 1EZ

Telephone Gloucester [redacted]

Your Reference

See Distribution

Our Reference PTC/342036/6/Org

Date 11 Mar 02

DUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER ORDERS

1. The Duty Personnel Officer Orders are due for reissue by the end of April 02. I enclose copies of the order(s) that you sponsor and request that any amendments are forwarded to me by 20 April 02.

2. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Org 1 Parenting
[redacted]

Distribution:

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HQ PTC, ICP4, Room [redacted] (Order No 12)
HQ PTC, ICP2, Room [redacted] (Order No14)
HQ PTC, ICP 1, Room [redacted] (Order No's 1, 2 and 13)
HQ PTC, Wg Cdr PM(PTC), Room [redacted] (Order No 1)
HQ PTC, FT ME&EFT, Room [redacted] (Order No11)
HQ PTC, PC4, Room [redacted] (Order No 7)
HQ PTC, CFSO, Room [redacted] (Order No's 4 and 5)
RAF Innsworth, WO Comms (Order No 3)
RAF Innsworth, Station Security Officer (Order No 19)

ORDERS FOR HQPTC DUTY STAFF OFFICER

ORDER NO 17

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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2. CDSDO will pass all reports submitted out of hours to ~~DAS 4a(Sec).~~ DAS(LA)Ops+Pol1

3. Outside normal working hours all enquiries from the Press are to be referred to the Duty Press Officer at MOD who may be contacted at MOD Main Building, Tel GPTN (96621) Ext [redacted] The Press may be given the following direct dial BT Tel No for the Duty Press Officer [redacted]

May 01

DAS(LA)Ops+Pol1
Sponsor: MOD ~~DAS4a1(Sec)~~
Tel: [redacted]

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REPORT OF AN UNEXPLAINED AERIAL SIGHTING

1	Date and time of sighting. (Duration of sighting)	
2	Description of object. (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	
3	Exact position of observer. (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving.)	
4	How object was observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	
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8	Weather conditions during observation. (cloudy, haze, mist, clear)	
9	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	
10	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	
11	Other Witnesses.	
12	Remarks.	
13	Date and time of receipt.	

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ENCLOSURE 8 25 NUMBER

From: [redacted]
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AMP Sec B&C2a
HQ PTC
RAF Innworth
Gloucester
GL3 1EZ

Your Reference
PTC/342036/6/B&C

Our Reference
D/DAS/64/1

Date
15 March 2004

DUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER ORDERS

1. Thank you for the opportunity to review the Duty Personnel Officer Order No.17 concerning Unidentified Flying Objects. Please amend the following paragraphs as shown.

Para1b. Change post title from DAS(LA) Ops & Pol1 to DAS-Sec 3.

Para 2. Change post title from DAS(LA) Ops & Pol 1 to DAS-Sec 3.

Bottom of the page. Sponsor: Change DAS(LA) Ops & Pol1 to DAS-Sec 3.

2. Please note that on 9 July 2004 we are due to move back to the refurbished Main Building, so our address will change. We do not yet have details of our full address, but I will advise you of the changes in due course. All telephone and fax numbers, and signal addresses should remain the same.

[redacted]

Section 40
DAS-Sec3

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
PERSONNEL AND TRAINING COMMAND

ROYAL AIR FORCE INNSWORTH. GLOUCESTER GL3 1EZ
Reply to: AMP Sec Brlefing & Co-ord2a, [redacted]

Telephone Gloucester [redacted]

See Distribution

Your Reference

Our Reference PTC/342036/6/B&C

Date 8 March 2004

DUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER ORDERS

1. The Duty Personnel Officer Orders are due for reissue at the end of April 04. A copy of the Order(s) that you sponsor is enclosed and you are requested to make any amendments that are necessary and return the Order(s) to me by **5 Apr 04**.

2. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

[redacted]
AMP Sec B&C2a
[redacted]

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HQ PTC, SO1 RAF Cer & UP, Rm [redacted] Order No 15)
HQ PTC, ICP1, Rm [redacted] (Order Nos 2, 12)
HQ PTC, ICP2, Rm [redacted] (Order Nos 1, 13, 14)
HQ PTC, SO1 PM PTC, Rm [redacted] (order No 1)
HQ PTC, FT ME, Rm [redacted] Order No 11)
HQ PTC, SO3 PC4, Rm [redacted] Order No 7)
HQ PTC, CFSO, Rm [redacted] (Order Nos 4, 5)
RAF Innsworth, WO Comms (Order No 3)
RAF Innsworth, Station Security Officer (Order No 19)

ORDERS FOR HQPTC DUTY STAFF OFFICER

ORDER NO 17

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May 03

Sponsor: MOD DAS(LA)Ops & Pol 1 [redacted]

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9	To whom reported. (Police, military, press etc)	
10	Name, address and telephone no of informant.	
11	Other Witnesses.	
12	Remarks.	
13	Date and time of receipt.	

ENCLOSURE 5 NUMBER

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Section 40

Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Our Reference
26-06-2007-114044-005

Date
19 July 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your undated Freedom of Information request asking how the MoD defines something of defence significance.

With regard to UFO reports, the MOD makes an assessment of the nature of the phenomenon described and whether it poses any threat to the integrity of UK airspace, which is routinely described as "defence significance".

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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 take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 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."

Yours sincerely,

Expiry - 23/07/07.
Ref - 26-06-2007-114044-005.

Section 40
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you under the FOIA in regards to the term 'defence significance'. I have seen it mentioned in numerous correspondences in regards to UFOs, can you please expand on how the MoD defines something to be of defence significance.

Regards

Section 40

ENCLOSURE 4 NUMBER

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 26-06-2007-143421-007 Expiry: 23 Jul 07

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

If any UFO information received is shared with other MoD branches or government departments. Who are they and any associated policy papers.

Case for release of information

There is no objection to the release of this information.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation to release the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05 Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 19/4/07

From: Section 40
Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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e-mail das-ufo-office@mod.uk

Section 40
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Our Reference
26-06-2007-143421-007

Date
19 July 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your undated Freedom of Information request asking whether UFO information received is shared with other branches within the MoD or other government departments. You also wanted to know who those branches or departments were and to see copies of policy documents relating to the sharing of that information. I have made the assumption that when referring to UFO information received, you refer to sighting reports, rather than letters from members of the public such as yourself, or indeed Members of Parliament, asking for information about UFO matters from the MoD. If this assumption is incorrect, please let me know.

Firstly, I can confirm that DAS does pass UFO information to other branches within the MoD. As you will be aware from my letter of 18 October 2006, we occasionally pass copies of UFO reports to SO1 Airspace Integrity for further consideration of whether UK airspace has been compromised.

In terms of sharing information with other government departments, I am not aware of any policy specifically relating to UFOs, that either directs, or restricts us, from passing on information we have received. If another government department requested information on a legitimate official basis, we would consider the request, but it is far more likely that DAS would be the recipient of information, (for instance from the Police) than send it out. The two exceptions I can think of are, that on the rare occasions when MoD investigates a sighting report, air defence staff might liaise with the Civil Aviation Authority to ask if they had seen anything on their radar screens. It is also possible that we might contact the Meteorological Office to find out if there were any unusual weather conditions occurring at the time of an incident, although, since the MoD's concern is air space integrity and not the identification of unusual phenomena, this would be unlikely.

I have checked our files to find documents outlining policy relating to these matters, which I attach. You will note that some personal information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers have been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Expiry - 23/07/07
Ref - 26 Oct 2007 - 143421-007

Section 40

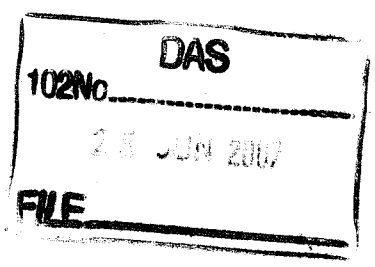
Cwmbran
Gwent
Section 40

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you under the FOIA in regards to the sharing of information between departments in regards to UFO related information. Could you let me know if any UFO information is received is it shared with any other MoD or government departments, what those departments might be and any associated policy documents. Many thanks.

Regards

Section 40



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D/Sec(AS)/84/1 /

2nd April 1997

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DPR(RAF) *

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference A: D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997

1. Thank you for your reply (Reference A) to my minute seeking advice on the way forward for the handling of 'UFO' reports.

2. In view of your stated interest in 'UFO' sightings (para 2 of Reference A), Sec(AS)2 will in future only refer to you for advice or investigation reports that fall into the following categories:

a. documented sightings - reports that are supported by evidence such as photographs, video recordings or radar traces, where these cannot be readily explained and are provided by sources who appear to be reliable;

b. corroborated sightings - a series of reports apparently describing the same phenomenon and provided by separate and independent sources, where these cannot be readily explained;

c. timely sightings - reports of a phenomenon that is currently being observed and might, therefore, be capable of detection by AD or other assets such as military aircraft or radar observers.

We will not follow-up undocumented, uncorroborated reports of past events unless, in the opinion of the Sec(AS) desk officer or duty officer, there are features of particular interest or dependability.

3. You asked about US reporting and investigating practices. We have inquired about this in the past through the Washington Embassy. The US DOD has a statement on their Internet web site recording their 'Project Blue Book' research and concluding that they no longer have any interest in UFO reports and related matters; those who wish to report 'sightings' are invited to contact local law enforcement agencies.

4. You question whether we need to fund investigation of

inexplicable incidents. Ministers' policy is clear: we are not funded to investigate all unexplained phenomena and our interest is confined to any occurrence that may have an air defence significance. The Prime Minister sees no case for funding research into extra terrestrial 'UFO' phenomena.

5. Finally, you suggest that we need an electronic database and management system against which sightings might be recorded and handled. This is not something we ourselves see any need for.

[redacted]
Sec(AS)2
[redacted]
CHOTS: SEC(AS)2
FAX : [redacted]

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/12/1

4 Mar 85

AF Ops

Copy to:
DI55

REVIEW OF AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SOPS

Reference:
A. D/AF Ops/2 dated 14 Jan 85

1. Thank you for Reference A in which you asked us to examine the existing SOP No 502 (Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects).

2. Please find attached an updated version of the SOP which takes account of reorganisation. Unless copy addressees wish to add anything I see no need for further amendment.

[redacted]

Sec(AS)2a

[redacted]

COPY NO _____

SOP NO 502

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

AIR FORCE OPERATIONS ROOM

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NO 502

REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference: AF Ops/1/11

Annex : Report of an Unidentified Flying Object

Sponsor : Sec(AS)2

INFORMATION

1. Sec(AS)2 co-ordinate detailed investigation into reports on Unidentified Flying Objects, consulting AEW/GE and DI 55, and correspond with the public on the subject of UFOs when required.

2. Circulation of reports on UFOs is the responsibility of Sec(AS)2 during normal working hours, and AF Ops outside normal working hours. Reports may be received by telephone message or by signal message.

3. Copies of all UFO reports received in AF Ops and reports of AF Ops initial investigation, are circulated to Sec(AS)2, AEW/GE and DI 55.

4. The above mentioned reference gives considerable detail on the stages of investigation of UFO reports, and information should be passed to Sec(AS)2 as early as possible.

ACTION BY THE DUTY OPERATIONS OFFICER

5. During Normal Working Hours. Refer telephone calls reporting UFOs to Sec(AS)2, Ext 2140. No action is required on signal message reports.

6. Outside Normal Working Hours

a. Reports Received by Telephone. Complete the proforma at the Annex to this SOP. Dispatch it through the Registry.

b. Reports Received by Signal Message

(1) Ensure that the message has been circulated to the staffs detailed at para 3 above.

(2) Complete para R of the proforma at the Annex to this SOP and insert on the proforma the signal message reference to which the investigation refers. Dispatch it through the Registry.

ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

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Squadron Leader
Duty Operations Officer
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LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAO/1/13

27 Mar 97

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.

1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.

2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.

3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.

4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SofS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

sightings may be uniformally handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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Gp Capt
AOAD1

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25 Apr 97

(A work-creation programme for the DIS, I think.)

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - POLICY

References
A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
B. D/DIST/11/10 dated 3 Feb 97
C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25 Mar 97
D. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 2 Apr 97
E. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 22 Apr 97

1. My apologies firstly for not responding sooner to your minutes at Ref. Unfortunately it took much longer than expected, at the time of my holding reply, to recover from a number of staff changes and to give the subject sufficient attention against other priorities. I am pleased that we should have this debate since at present there is a significant mismatch between our assumed responsibilities and our ability to resource them.

Policy

2. Referring to the policy stated in your initial minute (Ref A, Annex paras 1 & 2) an immediate difficulty arises over the use of the term 'UFO'. This term is discredited in some circles and I think that consistent use of UAP would be much more satisfactory. This would then avoid an immediate association with 'extraterrestrial' phenomena and the difficulty which arises in trying to distinguish whether events are 'extraterrestrial' or not, a judgement which we are strictly incapable of making. While analysis may enable MoD to identify some phenomena, those that remain are by definition 'unidentified' rather than 'extraterrestrial'.

3. You queried at Ref A, para 3a the extent of DIST interest in UFO reports. We agree that MoD's interest has to be related to defence significance but this is not solely to determine whether

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the UK ADR is breached, as implied by the parenthetical text in your Annex, para 2. DIST's role in support of customer requirements is to assess all source intelligence on foreign weapon systems and science & technology with military relevance. We have the responsibility to decide which sources are most appropriate and how they should be weighted for assessments. We regard UAP as a source, akin in some respects to human reporting not least in that the phenomena are reported by people and may not be fully appreciated or understood at the time. This intelligence interest needs to be explicitly covered in the policy statement and we propose that your Annex, para 2 should read:

'MoD's interest in 'UAP' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance, viz:

a. whether the UKADR has been breached;

b. what intelligence is revealed on military capabilities of other countries;

c. whether scientific and technical information of military significance is revealed.'

Arrangements

4. Referring to your Annex, para 4, in the light of the above we do not consider that MoD can have no interest in extraterrestrial matters and needs to keep an open mind on whether 'unidentified' phenomena may have significance. Additionally the lack of evidence to date in the DIS on the extraterrestrial hypothesis has to reflect the fact that we have not carried out any analysis. Effectively the UAP source is unproven for DIST purposes, a situation of concern even if we never expect it to be as reliable or valuable as other sources. Two principles therefore arise:

Reports

5. Firstly DIST needs to continue to receive reports in order to make the judgements at para 3b and 3c above. It seems probable that only credible sources are likely to provide enough information for a substantive analysis and we are therefore prepared to constrain ourselves to receive reports in the categories at Ref D, para 2.

Analysis

6. Secondly DIST needs to have an adequate system in order to reference the information. In line with developing practices for other source intelligence we need a reliable system for the retention and analysis of data. Hitherto the paper records have been much too unwieldy for effective action leading to the failing noted above. The proposed filtering of reports will reduce the volume considerably and we need to take the opportunity to initiate a database now. How we do this remains to be decided. Our resources are heavily over-bid but it seems essential that we establish the database in order to reduce subsequent analysis effort to the minimum. The extent to which we incorporate retrospective reports into the database depends on the resource costs. At best we would aim to apply the proposed filters in order to reduce the task to manageable

proportions. Concurrently we have to decide whether it should be DIS policy to retain the other reports or rely on your own archive. I favour the latter. Once the database is established and populated we would commission a limited analysis to determine whether reports possess any intelligence, S&T value or discernible patterns (locations, features, performance) and establish the residue of significant unidentified events.

7. This requirement for a database needs to be considered alongside DAO's interests and we should aim to develop a single framework and decide how to share the responsibility for data entry.

Action

8. We therefore propose to:

a. plan in conjunction with DAO and customers how to achieve the database;

b. implement the plan, sharing resources if appropriate;

c. conduct, in DIST, a limited analaysis of events;

d. review the situation once the database is accessible and no later than 12 months hence.

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AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: Section 40 [redacted]

Case Number: 19-06-2007-153151-003 Expiry: 20 July 2007

The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Information relating to a meeting held on 29 May 1997 to discuss Rudloe manor..

Case for release of information

There is no reason to withhold the information. Security classifications have been redacted as they are no longer relevant and the names of some living individuals mentioned have been redacted under exemption s.40 Freedom Information Act.

CT&UK Ops (SF CN & Disclosure) have confirmed they are content for references to Sec HSF to be released.

Authorisation

I hereby give authorisation for the release of the aforementioned information to the Applicant.

Grade/Rank: B2 Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Authorisation Reference Number: DAS-FOI 08/05.. Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 17/7/07

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Our Reference
19-06-2007-153151-003

Date
17 July 2007

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 June 2007 asking for copies of papers generated by a meeting on the subject of RAF Rudloe Manor held on 29 May 1997.

As requested, please find attached copies of documents relating to the above meeting, although I was unable to find much that fitted your requirement. You will notice that personal information, including names, addresses and telephone numbers, have been withheld under exemption s.40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You will also notice that the copies have been stamped as "Unclassified" in order for them to be released to you.

In addition to your Freedom of Information request, you also asked what role DAS had played in the decision by DIS to release a number of their files. DAS and DIS are currently conducting a joint review of the UFO files with a view to release. I can, however, confirm ahead of the conclusion of the review, that DAS will continue to release UFO material on a proactive basis. Details of UFO reports for 1998 will shortly be released on our internet site.

You also raised a number of questions relating to specific UFO files. File *D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H UFO reports & correspondence 1980* is already in The National Archive. However, when you conduct a search for it, can I suggest that you type "UFOs" rather than "UFO" as I am told this minor alteration should produce the required results.

The three DD/Ops(GE) files you mention were not part of the package of UFO files that were reviewed for release to The National Archive. They will be subject to release within the normal timescales.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your 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 Info-XD@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 take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 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."

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Sec(AS)2 - [redacted] (by E-mail)
AOCIS/SO - [redacted]
Cmd Sec(LC) - CS(Fin Sec)1 [redacted]
OC Admin RAF Rudloe Manor - [redacted]

ENQUIRIES ABOUT RAF RUDLOE MANOR

Later than intended, I attach a draft record of what I think we agreed on 29 May regarding the future handling of enquiries. I should be grateful to know, by Fri 13 June if possible, whether you are content with it and whether the distribution looks right. (Sqn Ldr [redacted] On distribution, should a copy go to each of your neighbouring units or would you prefer to be the central point for informing them?)

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Sec HSF 1
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Spoke Sec HSF
& said OK

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20-06-2007-141513-006
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16 July 2007

Dear Section 40

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request dated 20 June 2007, regarding all UFO/UAP reports from East Yorkshire, Humberside, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire between the dates 31 August and 31 December for the years 1985 and 1986.

I have examined our records for relevant reports, of which there were five for 1985, and four for 1986. Copies are attached.

Names and addresses have been withheld under Exemption 40 (personal details) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope this is helpful. 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.

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

23-06-2007-14157-006
EXP 18 JUL 07

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 20 June 2007 12:20

To: Section 40

Subject: New FOI request

Hi Section 40

I notice the dates of my previous FOI enquiries may now permit opportunity to submit another request (despite pending response to Lord Hill Norton PQs re. internal MoD correspondence and briefing papers in another ongoing request, now subject to decision due to exemption S 36 that you informed of yesterday)

Can you please clarify that I can indeed submit another separate request now? If so, would you please consider the following a freedom of information enquiry, if not, would you please hold and process this request at the appropriate time.

Would the MoD please supply copies of all UFO reports/signals submitted from the following regions during the following dates? Of course I expect there will be processing for release including DPA considerations.

a) All reports of UFOs/UAP from East Yorkshire or Humberside, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire between August 31 and December 31 1985.

b) All reports of UFOs/UAP from East Yorkshire or Humberside, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire between August 31 and December 31 1986.

After seeing yearly statistics of reports to MoD during these time periods, locating these regionally discriminative reports from the chronological and other MoD files should help keep the scope of the request narrow and within the limits of FOI.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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CWD044 03/1120 276C2150

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 031030Z OCT 85

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 022205 LOCAL OCT 85 FOR APPROX 15 MINUTES
B. FOUR BRIGHT ROUND OBJECTS CHANGING COLOURS FROM RED/GREEN/WHITE, NO SOUNDS HEARD
C. OBSERVER WALKING DOG NEAR ANCASTER, OVERLOOKING RAF CRANWELL
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN NORTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION
F. 45 DEGREES
G. OBJECTS FIRST SEEN AT ONE MILES DISTANCE BUT MOVED TO WITHIN ONE FIELD AWAY
H. MOVING VERY FAST, CHANGING DIRECTION CONSTANTLY BOTH VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY
J. CLEAR SKIES
K. NONE

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L. DIRECT TO AIS(M) AT LATCCMIL
M. [redacted] RAF WAINFLEET, SKEGNESS
N. OBSERVER IS SERVING MEMBER OF RAF
O. WIFE
P. 031120 LOCAL OCT 85
BT

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CAB 1 Sec (AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 JOC AFDO)
CAM 1 ACS(F)
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CAB097 03/1036 276C1876

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 031004Z OCT 85

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 301950 LOCAL SEP 85
B. ONE SEMI-CIRCULAR SHAPED FLAME COLOURED OBJECT
C. BOSTON SPA, NR HARROGATE, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN THE EAST
F. VERY HIGH
G. UNK
H. STEADY MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST
J. NOT GIVEN
K. NOT GIVEN
L. TO DUTY FLYING INSTRUCTOR, RAF LINTON-ON-OUSE
M. [redacted] NORTH YORKS. TEL NO
BOSTON SPA [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDAID 002 UNCLAS
N. NONE
O. ONONE
P. RECEIVED LATCCMIL AISM AT 031050 LOCAL OCT 85
BT

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

CAB011 08/1436 251C0825

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ROUTINE 0813332 SEP 85

FROM 52352 HUMPOL G
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F (Z6F INS BY DCC)
FROM CC HUMBERSIDE (HULL NORTH)
DTO 1414 8.9.85
22241 MODDCC G
9, 59 .8,8!
N TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SIGHTING N. BRANSHOLME, [redacted]
1. 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1985 - 0100HRS UNTIL ABOUT 0115HRS SAME DAY.
2. INITIALLY A SINGLE POWERFUL BEAM OF LIGHT WAS SEEN SPINNING AROUND IN THE SKY. THIS BEAM WAS DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO A LASER OR LIGHTHOUSE BEAM IN ITS MOVEMENT. EXACT HEIGHT OR DISTANCE WAS NOT DETERMINED BUT IN BETWEEN VIEWERS AND OBJECT WAS A LINE OF TREES OF ABOUT 50 FEET IN HEIGHT. THIS WENT ON FOR ABOUT 10/15 MINUTES AND THEN DISAPPEARED.
THEN A ROUND OBJECT ABOUT CIRCUMFERENCE OF A HOUSE ROSE UP FROM BELOW TREES TO ABOVE THEM. THIS OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING A RING OF RED LIGHTS AROUND ITS BASE, EACH ABOUT ONE AND A HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER. ABOVE THESE LIGHTS WERE THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF WHITE POWERFUL LIGHTS. DURING SIGHTING A HUMMING NOISE WAS HEARD WHICH BECAME LOUDER AS OBJECT ROSE FROM BEHIND TREES. THERE WAS NO SMELL DETECTED BY WITNESSES.
3. VIEWED FROM JUNCTION OF [redacted] N. BRANSHOLME ESTATE, KINGSTON UPON HULL. THEY WERE STANDING OUTSIDE.
4. VIEWED BY NAKED EYE.
5. EAST(GENERAL HEADING) ACROSS FIELDS FROM ABOVE LOCATION.
6. NO ANGLE OF SIGHT - OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE AND BEHIND THE ABOVE MENTIONED LINE OF TREES, 50 FEET IN HEIGHT(APPROX), NO EXACT HEIGHT AVAILABLE.
7. LINE OF TREES MENTIONED ARE BETWEEN 150 AND 200 YARDS AWAY.
8. ORIGINAL SINGLE LIGHT SIGHTED ABOVE TREES AND ON ITS DISAPPEARANCE THE MAIN BODY ASCENDED ABOVE TREE LINE AND THEN DESCENDED AGAIN. THE MAIN BODIES LIGHTS THEN WENT OUT AND HUMMING CONTINUED FOR ABOUT 2/3 MINUTES BEFORE ALSO CEASING.
9. NIGHTIME, CLEAR VISIBILITY APART FROM LOW DOWN SLIGHT MIST AND A A FINE DRIZZLE.

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10. NONE.
11. POLICE.

12. [redacted] YEARS OF [redacted] NORTH [redacted]NGSTON UPON HULL.
13. ENGINEERING INSPECTOR EMPLOYED LOCALLY, DESCRIBED AS APPARENTLEY CREDIBLE WITNESS.
14. [redacted] YEARS - WIFE OF ABOVE.
[redacted] YEARS - DAUGHTER OF ABOVE.
15. 0055HRS, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1985.

NB+ THERE WAS A MILITARY EXERCISE ON IN THE HUMBERSIDE AREA AT THE TIME, INVOLVING ALL TYPES OF VEXSSELS AND FLARES ETC...

MESSAGE ENDS
AUTH OFF INSP BENSTEAD
TOD 1510 8.9.85 NW
52352 HUMPOL G
22241 MODDCC G@

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE Ø812ØØZ OCT 85

FROM RAF BINBROOK
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC LGZ/Z6F (SIC Z6F INSERTED BY DCC)
A. 7 OCT/2Ø35 HRS LOCAL/4 SIGHTINGS 4 MINS APART 3 SECS LONG
B. ROUND BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT SIZE MOON
C. IN CAR ON M18Ø GRIMSBY TO SCUNTHORPE 4 MILES FROM JUNCTION 5
D. NAKED EYE
E. OVERHEAD JUNCTION 5 M18Ø
F. OVERHEAD
G. 4 MILES
H. OBJECT MOVED FM JUNCTION 5 TO FINNINGLEY
J. CLEAR NIGHT, NO MOON, LITTLE CLOUD
K. NONE REPORTED
L. GOOLE SUB-DIVISION HUMBERSIDE POLICE Ø4Ø5 2131
M. [redacted] GOOLE
N. NIL
O. NIL

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P. Ø81112Z OCT 85
BT

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CAB087 04/1308 27702055

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 031004Z OCT 85

FROM LATCCMIL (CORRECTED VERSION)
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 301950 LOCAL SEP 85
B. ONE SEMI-CIRCULAR SHAPED FLAME COLOURED OBJECT
C. BOSTON SPA, NR HARROGATE, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. IN THE EAST
F. VERY HIGH
G. UNK
H. STEADY MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST
J. NOT GIVEN
K. NOT GIVEN
L. TO DUTY FLYING INSTRUCTOR, RAF LINTON-ON-OUSE
M. [redacted] WETHERBY, NORTH YORKS. TEL NO
BOSTON [redacted]

PAGE 2 RBDAID 002 UNCLAS
N. NONE
O. ONONE
P. RECEIVED LATCCMIL AISM AT 031050 LOCAL OCT 85
BT

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F
CAB 1 Sec (AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 JOC AFDO)
CAM 1 ACS(P)
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CWD028 11/0116 283C5083

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 101430Z OCT 86

FROM RAF BINBROOK
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC LGZ/Z6F
(SIC Z6F INSERTED BY DCC)
A 041910L OCT 86/ONE SIGHTING TWO MINUTES
B ONE OBJECT, HALF MOON SHAPE WITH CURVED OUTSIDE UPPERMOST CONE ON TOP. RED LIGHT ON THE SIDE ONE EIGHTH OF THE LENGTH. WHITE GLOW FROM THE OBJECT. BIGGER IN SIZE THAN A LARGE PASSENGER AIRCRAFT
C STATIONARY IN [redacted] BRANSHOLME, HULL
D BY THE NAKED EYE
E OVER THE EAST PARK AREA
F 15 DEGREES
G ONE AND ONE HALF MILES
H FM EAST TO WEST RETURNED EAST AND THEN DISAPPEARED AFTER HOVERING FOR A WHILE
J DUSK WITH NO CLOUD
K POLICE STATION
L BRANSHOLME POLICE

PAGE 2 RBDOXA 026 UNCLAS
M [redacted] BRANSHOLME, HULL. ON BEHALF OF HIS TEN YEAR OLD SON [redacted]
N NONE
O TWENTY OTHER PEOPLE INCLUDING TWO ADULTS
P 041925L OCT 86
BT

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F
NO SDL

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CAB 1 Sec (AS) ACTION (CXJ 1 AFDO)
CAM 1 ACS(P)
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

(1 OF 2 PAGES)

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sightings. (Local Times to be Quoted)

19th OCTOBER 1980 1145L 5-6 MINUTES.

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

CIGAR SHAPED VERY BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED

C. Exact Position Observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

INSIDE AT FIRST, THEN OUTSIDE. OBSERVER STATIONARY.

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

NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS.

E. Direction in which Object was First Seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

TRAVELLING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION

F. Angle of Sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

APPROX 45°

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark whereever possible).

NOT KNOWN (OVER SEA)

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

VERY FAST LAST

I. Meteorological Conditions during Observations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

SKY CLEAR.

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

VIEWED OVER SEA.

K. To Whom Reported. (Police, military organisation, the press etc).

NO OTHER AGENCIES CONTACTED

L. Name and Address of Informant.

[redacted]

SERGEANT [redacted]

M. Any Background on the Informant that may be Volunteered.

N, Other Witnesses.

O. Date and Time of Receipt of Report

19th OCTOBER 1986

1205 L.

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OPERATIONS ROOM

RAF WADDINGTON

GPN [redacted]

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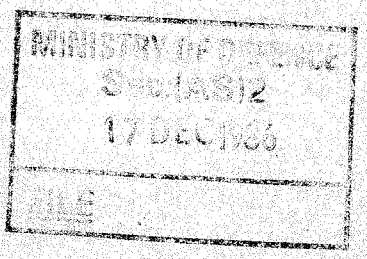

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 151500Z DEC 86

FROM RAF BINBROOK
TO MODUK AIR

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SIC L6Z/Z6F
(SIC Z6F ADDED BY DCC TO EFFECT DISTRIBUTION)

E35

A 052100Z DEC
B FLASH OF GREEN LIGHT WITH RED SPOT INSIDE
C NOT REPORTED
D NAKED EYE
E NOT REPORTED, OBJECT TRAVELLED ACROSS THE SKY
F NOT KNOWN APPEARED TO BE HIGH
G NOT REPORTED
H SEEN AT FIRST FOR ABOUT 3 SECONDS TRAVELLING IN A STRAIGHT LINE DISAPPEARED FOR 30 SCONDS TO ONE MINUTE AND THEN RE-APPEARED DIRECTION SWABY TO LOUTH
J AFTER DARK NOT KNOWN
K NOT REPORTED
L [redacted] RAF BINBROOK
M [redacted] ALFORD, LOUTH LINCOLN
N NOT KNOWN
O [redacted]
P 052130Z DEC
BT

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
22 OCT 1986
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FOR CXJ

ROUTINE 2110292 OCT 86

FROM UKRAOC
TO MODUK AIR

UNCLASSIFIED
SIC I3F
MOD FOR AFOR SUSPECT UFO REPORT
A. 1910452 OCT 86 FOR APPROX 5-6 MINUTES
B. ONE OBJECT, CIGAR SHAPED, VERY BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED
C. INSIDE AT FIRST, THEN OUTSIDE, OBSERVER STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. TRAVELLING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION
F. APPROX 45 (FORTY FIVE) DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN (OVER SEA)
H. VERY FAST EAST
I. SKY CLEAR
J. VIEWED OVER SEA
K. NO OTHER AGENCIES CONTACTED
L. [redacted] SKEGNESS. [redacted]

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O. 1911052 OCT 86. [redacted] OPERATIONS ROOM, RAF WADDINGTON
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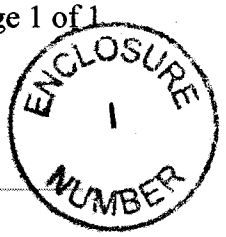

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 16 July 2007 08:21

To: Section 40

Subject: Release-authorised: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 16-07-2007-074214-001

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 15 July 2007 asking for a copy of the MoD file on crop circles which you believe was opened circa 1993-94, and that you also believe was located recently.

I am afraid that you have been misinformed. The MoD has no files specifically relating to crop circles and has no record of any such file ever being opened. There is no evidence to suggest that crop circles are caused by anything of military concern and the MoD does not investigate them or carry out any research into them. Members of the public do sometimes associate crop circles with UFOs and write to the MoD (and more specifically, this branch) about them. However, no separate record is kept of them and they are filed in the order they are received in our normal UFO files.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
DAS-FOI
Section 40
MoD Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A

16/07/2007

16-07-2007 - 07424-001

Section 40

From: Section 40

Sent: 15 July 2007 11:54

To: DAS-UFO-Office

Subject: FOI Request

Dear Section 40

May I submit an FOI request for:

A copy of the MOD file on Crop Circles that was opened by Nick Pope circa 1993-94. I understand you have recently located this file following a request from another member of the public.

Regards

Section 40