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Defence Information Management  
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000  
- Requests for Information

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Information Management - Defence Information  
Management - Freedom of Information Act  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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OTHER (Specify) ☐

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Section 40

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Date:

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Date:

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Section 40



From: Section 40

Sent: 12 April 2006 16:22

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information Request

Dear Section 40

Reference 14-03-2006-162419-074

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request for copies of correspondence regarding the alleged UFO sighting near the residence of the former Home Secretary, Michael Howard, at Burmarsh, Kent on 8 March 1997. I apologise for the delay in replying.

The documents the MOD holds about this incident consist of a number of letters from UFO Monitors East Kent to the MOD, the Defence Special Adviser, Secretary of State for the Home Office, Kent County Constabulary and Roger Gale MP and associated replies. I have not attached copies of these as I assume you will already have them. We also hold correspondence from two members of the public who enquired about events around the time and one who made an enquiry in June 2004. It is, of course, possible that others have written to the MOD about these events between 1997 and the present, but without searching hundreds of paper records it is not possible to be certain. Clearly such an exercise would exceed the £600 cost limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as provided by Section 12 of the Act the MOD is not obliged to comply with this aspect of your request.

I have however located four documents which are relevant to your request which I hope you will find of interest. These consist of a letter from Sec(AS) to the Air Defence branch (DAO) dated 1 July 1997 requesting confirmation that there was no unusual military activity in UK airspace on the date in question, DAO's reply dated 2 July 1997 confirming there was no unusual activity (plus a handwritten note about the Home Office confirmation that there was no security alert), Sec(AS) letter to the Home Office dated 25 February 1998 concerning these events and the Home Office reply dated 26 February 1998, confirming that the Kent County Constabulary had checked their records and there was no such security incident. Electronically scanned copies of these documents are attached for your information. Personal data has been removed in accordance with Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with the 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: [Info-XD@mod.uk](mailto:Info-XD@mod.uk)).

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40

Ministry of Defence  
 Directorate of Air Staff - Freedom of Information  
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 SW1A 2HB

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12 April 2006

12/04/2006

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

1 Jul 97

ADGE1

**ALLEGED "UFO" INCIDENT AT THE HOME OF MICHAEL HOWARD**

1. I have been passed a letter which was addressed to the Home Secretary which asks questions about an alleged "security incident" with a possible "UFO" connection at the then Home Secretary's residence on 8 March 1997. Michael Howard was and remains the MP for Folkestone and Hythe and lives in the constituency.
2. Unsurprisingly, the Home Office have confirmed that there was no such security incident involving the Home Secretary on 8 March and in responding along the usual lines I would like to make the following statement:

"... there is no evidence that the UK Air Defence Region was compromised by unauthorized foreign military activity on the date in question."
3. I should be grateful for confirmation that this statement is factual.

[original signed]

Sec(AS)  
MB8245

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DAO/1/13

2 Jul 97

Sec(AS) [REDACTED]

ALLEGED 'UFO' INCIDENT AT THE HOME OF MICHAEL HOWARD

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

1. At Reference, you asked for confirmation that no unauthorised military activity occurred in the UKADR on 8 Mar 97.
2. Having consulted HQ 11/18 Gp, I can confirm that there was no such military activity reported anywhere and, specifically, in the Kent/Folkstone area.
3. Additional inquiries with AIS LATCC, West Drayton, have also confirmed that no unusual or unauthorised air activity, civil or military, was reported or observed in that area on that date. LATCC holds a radar recording of air traffic in the Folkstone area for 8 Mar 97. As a precaution, since the Home Secretary was involved, I have asked for the tape to be preserved until 31 Jul 97 in case further enquiries are launched.

[original signed]

[REDACTED]  
Wg Cdr  
ADGE 1  
[REDACTED]

The Home Office have  
confirmed that there  
was no security alert  
at Mr Howard's home  
on 8 March at the  
time in question. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED], Secretariat (Air Staff) [REDACTED]  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
Room 8247, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



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(Switchboard)  
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Section 40

[REDACTED]  
Home Office  
50 Queen Anne's Gate  
London SW1H 9AT

Your reference

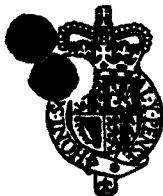
Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)/64/3  
Date  
25th February 1998

Dear [REDACTED]

1. We spoke recently about my letter to you of 30th January concerning allegations made by a member of the public ([REDACTED]) that a 'UFO' had landed in the vicinity of the former Home Secretary's house in March last year. You said that you hoped to let me have something in reply very soon.
2. We now have two more 'ufologists' asking about this issue:
  - a. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Sutton Coldfield claims to be a journalist researching the incident and has asked us to confirm that an incident occurred on the day in question.
  - b. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Beaumaris, Anglesey, [REDACTED] has written to say that the Society is jointly holding a conference with the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology on 17th March at which he will be asking two questions. The first concerns the Freedom of Information Act; the second is to request a public inquiry into the alleged incident at Mr Howards house.
3. I would like to respond to all three letter writers as soon as possible, particularly given the date of the Select Committee conference and put the facts, whatever they are, in the public domain. As I said previously, I am more than happy to come along and talk to your colleagues about what might or might not be relevant, or collaborate with lines to take.
4. Could I have something soon please.

Yours ever

[REDACTED]



# HOME OFFICE

50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT

Tel: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

64/B

David Omand

*Permanent Under Secretary of State*

26 February 1998

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 30 January concerning the alleged UFO sighting at the former Home Secretary's home in Kent.

As a result of your letter Kent County Constabulary have rechecked their records between the 1-15 March 1997 and have confirmed that no security incident took place at the property in question between these dates or that they have had any correspondence with [REDACTED] about the matter.

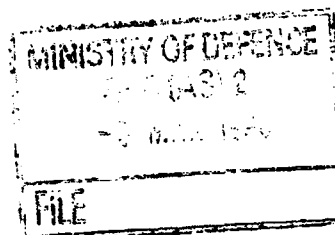
Given what the police have had to say, it is doubtful whether much could be gained from a meeting with officials. However should you consider that such a meeting would be helpful then [REDACTED] who is responsible for the arrangements for Mr Howard's security, would be willing to attend and could arrange for a representative from Kent County Constabulary to be present. [REDACTED]

Yours ever,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Secretariat (Air Staff) [REDACTED]  
Ministry Of Defence  
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London SW1A 2HB



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D/Sec(AS) 64/3 PE I.

UFO - Public Correspondence

D/Sec(AS) 64/3 PE L

UFO Public Correspondence

D/Sec(AS) 64/4 PE E

UFOs - Parliamentary  
Questions & Enquiries

D/Sec(AS) 64/5 PE A

Files requested from TNT  
27/3/2006.

D/DAS (Sec) 64/3/3  
PE A

Persistent Correspondence

Section 40

14-03-2006-162419-074  
Expiry: 11 April 2006

Section 40

**From:** Section 40  
**Sent:** 13 March 2006 22:40  
**To:** Section 40  
**Subject:** FIO Requests: Burmarsh Sighting.

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your quick response to my Freedom of Information request.

Would it be possible for me to obtain a copy of everything that is connected to the Burmarsh sighting, such as all correspondence relating to the case, both official and non official?

You state that the Home Office stated that there was no such security incident involving the Home Secretary. Are they saying that there was no security incident at all at the residence of the then Home Secretary? Did your department contact them recently regarding this? If they deny this, then it does seem strange that the Chairman of the Kent Police Authority Sir John Grudgeon, informed me in writing that he received a confidential report from the Deputy Chief Constable of Kent County Constabulary that there was indeed a security incident at the said property, but that it was minor in nature.

It seems that the Home Office were a bit economical with the truth, or the Kent Constabulary failed to inform them of the security incident at the Home Secretary's residence. Does seem somewhat odd wouldn't you say?

I would like to state that I do not believe that what occurred at Burmarsh on the 8 March, 1997 involved anything that is possibly connected to so called extra-terrestrial phenomena. I believe it may have had some connection with the military, be it an exercise or otherwise.

It does seem strange that the whole incident could have been closed just by someone at the MOD or elsewhere stating that it was an Army helicopter on manoeuvres.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course, and thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

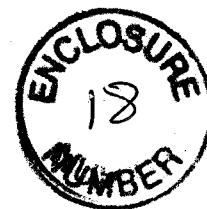
FOLKESTONE

Kent Section 40

14/03/2006



**ENCLOSURE TRANSFERRED TO  
FILE D/DAS/10/2/8/16 PART E**



## AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Applicant: **Section 40**

Case Number: 09-03-2006-150615-002

Expiry: 06/04/2006

### The Applicant has made the following request for information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, may I now request copies of papers, relating to any alleged UFO sightings over Britain between 1980 to the present, other than papers relating to Rendlesham Forest (unless since 2003 any previously unreleased papers exist), as you sent me plenty to enjoy.

### Case for release of information

I informed **Section 40** that our records are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. That we hold records spanning a 25 year period. It would cost over the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, to examine all the records. Have told **Section 40** that all the information on Rendlesham Forest has been released to the public and can be seen on the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme. Also, that **Section 40** can look up information on UFOs on The National Archives website. Plus have given the address and telephone number, in the case of him not having access to the internet.

### Authorisation

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

Grade/Rank: D Name: **Section 40**

Signature: **Section 40**

Date: 11/4/2006



From: **Section 40**

Directorate of Air Staff – Freedom of Information 1

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Zone H, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

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|           | (Switchboard) | 020 7218 9000     |
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**Section 40**

Bexleyheath  
Kent

**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

09-03-2006-150615-002

Date:

11 April 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request regarding copies of papers relating to any 'alleged' UFO sightings over Britain between 1980 to the present. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. Sorry for the long delay in replying.

The records the MOD holds of UFO sightings are not held electronically but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received, and we currently hold such records spanning a 25 year period. Before copies of these reports can be released, personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. If we were to process all the information you requested, the costs would 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 MOD is not obliged to comply with your request. If however, you could be more specific about the information you are seeking we may be able to assist you.

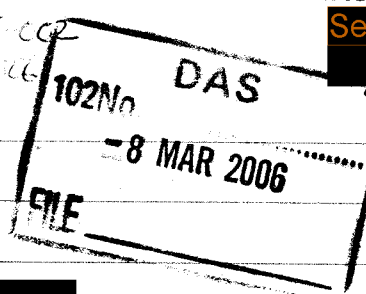
In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files were routinely destroyed after 5 years until 1967 when they were generally preserved for the National Archives. A few have survived before 1967 and these together with records up to 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, 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 Publication Scheme also contains information on UFOs which can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.mod.uk>. Further information can also be found in the Publication Scheme Disclosure Log.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with the 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: [Info-XD@MOD.uk](mailto:Info-XD@MOD.uk)).

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may be able to 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

09-03-2006-150615-CC2  
Expiry: 6 April 2006



Section 40

Berleyheath

sent Section 40

4.3.06

TELE: Section 40

Dear Section 40

Once again I find myself contacting you relating to "Alleged" ufo Sightings in the u.k, the first time I wrote to you being September 2002, when under the Freedom of information act, I requested Copies of papers relating to the "alleged" 1980 rendlesham forest incident.

Under the Freedom of information act, may I now request Copies of papers, relating to ANY alleged ufo Sightings over Britain between 1980 to the present, OTHER than papers relating to rendlesham forest (unless Since 2003 any previously unreleased papers exist), as you sent me plenty to enjoy. I have a keen interest in alleged ufo Sightings over Britain and do go on Skywatches occasionally, but anything you send me is solely for my own personal interest.

Many thanks for your assistance & Co-operation.  
yours Sincerely

Section 40



**AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** Section 40 [redacted]

**Case Number:** 20-02-2006-093250-004

**Expiry:** 05/04/2006

**The Applicant has made the following request for information:**

Would it be possible to get information on UFO sightings in Britain in form of reports, pictures and documents. I am sending this letter in aid of school work on UFOs in Britain. Plus confirmation of room 118.

**Case for release of information**

I have informed Section 40 [redacted] that room 118 does not exist within the Ministry of Defence.

I have also asked if he could clarify as to what documents that he requires, ie. a particular year or time as we have files scanning a 25 year period.

Thousands of records would have to be searched through and redacted and that would mean exceeding the £600 cost limit for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

I have informed him that if he has access to the internet, he can look on the National Archives web site and the MOD Publication Scheme website to look for information on UFOs.

**Authorisation**

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

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

Signature: ..... Section 40 [redacted] .....

Date: ..... 11/4/2006 .....



From: **Section 40**  
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**Section 40**

Your Reference:

Our Reference:  
20-02-2006-093250-004

Date:  
11 April 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information requests regarding information on UFOs in the British Isles and room 118. Your requests have been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFOs. Sorry for the long delay in replying.

First you enquired about Room 118. I can confirm that there is no such room at the Ministry of Defence.

With regard to information on UFOs in the British Isles, I should inform you that this department holds details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received. Before any information can be released personal data has to be removed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. To carry out a manual search and process copies of all these records would exceed the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If however, you could be more specific about the information you are seeking, we may be able to assist you.

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that there is already some information about UFOs available for public viewing. MOD files were destroyed after 5 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 1977 are now available for viewing. The National Archives can be contacted at Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or telephone, 020 8876 3444.

If you have access to the internet, The National Archives have a website giving information about the records they hold and how to access them. This can be found on the internet at <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk>. The Ministry of Defence Freedom of Information Publication Scheme also contains documents relating to well known events in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk in 1980 and the final report of the Flying Saucer Working Party in 1951. These can accessed via the internet at <http://www.mod.uk>.

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Yours sincerely

Section 40

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21 February 06

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Date request received: 20 February 2006

**Applicant Details**

|                 |               |           |            |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Title:          | Section 40    | Other:    |            |
| First Name:     | Section 40    | *Surname: | Section 40 |
| Organisation:   |               |           |            |
| Applicant Type: | Not Specified | Other:    |            |

**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)

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| Address Line3: | Omagh      |                         |
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Section 40

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21 February 06

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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested: electronic

Language Requested ☐ Welsh**\*Enter the request for information:**

Information on UFOS concerning the British Isle. As in reports, files documents just an insight and conformation of room 118

Record storage location of Applicant request (or upload document).

Clear

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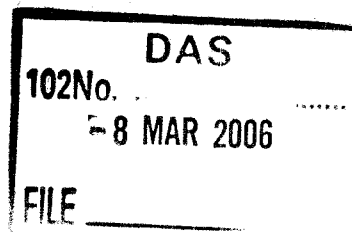
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Cancel

Nick Pope  
Level 6, Zone B

Section 40

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Nick,

I'm sorry to bother you but wonder if you might be able to help with the attached request. As you can see I have received a letter from a schoolboy in NI asking for any information (reports, pictures etc) we might have on UFOs for inclusion in a school project. It has come to me at DGCB, by default I think. But I have seen that in the new issue of FOCUS you have an article and are the expert on UFOs! Might you be able to help with this request?

Please let me know if this is not possible, or if you are able to point me in the right direction that would be helpful. I will let Section 40 know that this is being dealt with.

Many thanks

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SPS/DGCB

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*I think this is one for Scully, not Mulder!*

*Regards,*

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08-03-2006 152350-007

Expiry: 5 April 2006

Section 40

Omagh  
Co Tyrone  
Northern Ireland

Section 40

Dear Sir/Madam

Would it be possible to get information on UFO sightings in Britain in form of Reports, Pictures and document. I am (doing) Sending this letter in aid of school work on ufo's in Britain.

Yours

Sincerely

Section 40

(~~John~~)

Aged: 13.



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From: **Section 40**

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**Section 40**

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**Section 40**

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Llandudno Junction  
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LL31 9ZD

Our Reference

04-04-2006-093221-007

Date

5<sup>th</sup> April 2006

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Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for a list of the amounts of calls the Ministry of Defence received from Flintshire, Wrexham, Denbighshire, Conwy, Gwynedd and Anglesey claiming a UFO sighting. Your request has been passed to this Department because we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence concerning UFOs.

The MOD does not keep lists of the amounts of calls we receive from specific areas of the UK. We receive reports of UFO sightings in a number of different ways including by letter, e-mail, telephone calls on our answer-phone and via Police or RAF Stations. The messages left on our answer-phone are listened to daily and the details recording on a form. All of the correspondence and reports we receive are filed on paper files in the order in which they are received and are not segregated by date or geographical area. We currently hold details of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports) spanning a 25 year period. The cost of searching all of these records for reports specifically from the areas you have mentioned would 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, you may wish to be aware that in order to assist members of the public we are compiling a database of all the sighting reports we have received in date order. This has now been completed for sightings between 2002- 2005 and can be viewed in the Disclosure Log on the Freedom of Information page of the MOD website at <http://www.mod.uk>.

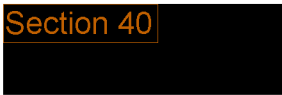
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<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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Date request received: 04 April 2006

**Applicant Details**

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name: Section 40

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: Daily Post/Trinity Mirror

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists

Other:

**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: PO Box 202

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Address Line3: Llandudno Junction

Town/City: Gwynedd

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05 April 06

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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Could I have a list of the amounts of calls received from Flintshire, Wrexham, Denbighshire, Conwy, Gwynedd and Anglesey counties, claiming a UFO sighting or an unusual object in the sky?

If it is possible, I would like the list to contain an outline of the content of the call, where the call came from and the date of each call.

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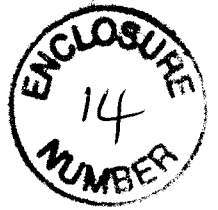


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**Section 40**

**Section 40**

Chaseside  
Bournemouth

**Section 40**

Our Reference

03-04-2006-120558-014

Date

7 April 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request (addressed to Secretariat 2a) for documents relating to the "start of the collaboration between **Section 40** (MOD S4), **Section 40** (RAF), and **Section 40** (DI55)" and their investigations into five UFO sightings in 1967. You may wish to note our new title and address given at the head of this letter.

While I am not familiar with the three individuals you have named, it may be helpful if I explain how UFO sighting reports are handled by the Ministry of Defence and the relationship between the departments concerned. Directorate of Air Staff (previously S4) is the focal point within the MOD for UFO sighting reports and correspondence about UFO matters. The Directorate of Counter Terrorism and UK Operations (DCT&UK Ops) have responsibility for the integrity of UK airspace and DI55 is a Defence Intelligence branch who at one time looked at UFO sighting reports to see if they provided anything useful in their task of analysing the performance and threat of foreign weapons systems, nuclear, chemical and biological warfare programmes and technologies and emerging technologies. During the period of your request UFO sighting reports would have been seen by all three of these departments and it is possible that the individuals you have named were incumbents of these posts.

With regard to your request for documents concerning the collaboration between these branches and their investigations into UFO sightings in 1967, I should inform you that the MOD does not carry out any such investigations. In 1967 S4 would have been responsible for handling incoming UFO reports, correspondence and media issues and the other two branches would have briefly looked at the reports they received to see if there was anything of interest to them in their roles described above. Government records are destroyed once they are no longer required and 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. Any files from 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>.

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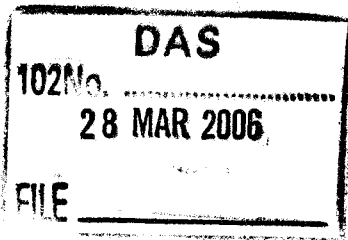
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Yours sincerely,

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03-04-2006-120558-014  
Expiry: 27 April 2006.



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Section 40  
Chaseside,  
Bournemouth,

Tel. Section 40

Secretariat 2a,  
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Whitehall,  
London,  
SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir or Madam,

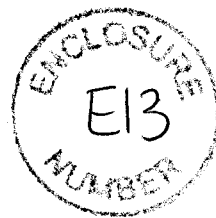
I am writing to request a copy, under the terms and regulations of the Freedom of Information Act, of any documents relating to the start of the collaboration between Section 40 (MoD S4), Section 40 (RAF), and Section 40 (DI55), and their subsequent investigations into the following sightings;

1. November 5 1967-Sopley, Hampshire- Witness; Section 40
2. October 26 1967-Moigne Downs, Dorset- Witness; Section 40
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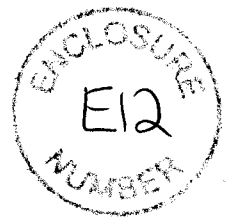
If your department is unable to fulfil this request, I would be grateful if you could transfer my request to the appropriate department or office on my behalf.

Yours faithfully,

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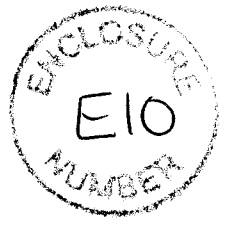
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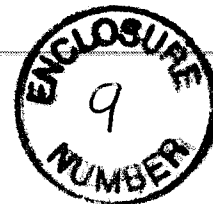
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From: Section 40

Sent: 28 March 2006 16:17

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information requests



Dear Section 40

References: 14-03-2006-131815-064  
17-03-2006-100239-001

I am writing concerning your freedom of information requests for information about UFO sightings in the Berwyn Mountains on the 23 January 1974 and for UFO sightings reported in Shropshire in the last five years. Your requests have been passed to this department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence about UFOs. Please accept this reply as a response to both requests.

With regard to your request for information about the alleged events in the Berwyn Mountains, I can advise you that the MOD UFO report files for 1974 are no longer held by the MOD, but are now open for public viewing at The National Archives, Richmond, Surrey. Details of the records held at The National Archives, (including an on line catalogue) and how to access them, can be found on The National Archives website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

As for your request for details of sightings in Shropshire in the last five years, I should inform you that this department holds UFO sighting reports and correspondence about UFO matters (some of which also contain reports of sightings) for the full 5 year period of your request. However they are not segregated by geographical area, or held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. This means in order to locate reports specifically from Shropshire, a manual search of hundreds of paper records would be required. Clearly, such an exercise would quickly exceed the permitted £600 cost limit set for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. I can advise you, however, that in order to assist members of the public we are compiling a database giving brief details from sighting reports received throughout the UK and this has now been completed for sightings from 2002 to 2005. These records include some sightings from Shropshire, so if you wish to view these details please look at the MOD website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme/UfoReports200>

With regard to your enquiry about the names of witness, I am sorry that in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide personal data concerning those who have corresponded with the MOD.

I hope this is helpful. If you are unhappy with the response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of these requests, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: [Info-XD@mod.uk](mailto:Info-XD@mod.uk)).

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Yours sincerely,

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28 March 2006

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Date request received: 14 March 2006

**Applicant Details**

Title: Section 40

Other:

First Name: Section 40

\*Surname: Section 40

Organisation: lockwell lectrics ltd

Applicant Type: Private Individuals

Other:

**Contact Details** (Mailing or email address required)

Address Line1: Section 40

Address Line2: Section 40

Address Line3: WELLINGTON

Town/City: TELFORD

Postcode: Section 40

Country: United Kingdom

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**Request Details**Response Format Requested: Language Requested ☐ Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

I would like to request information on ufo sightings in the county of shropshire in the last 5 years,where the sighting took place?Town and exact location in town,also would it be possible to release names of witnesses to these sightings for my research for interviews...Thankyou very much and look forward to hearing from you...

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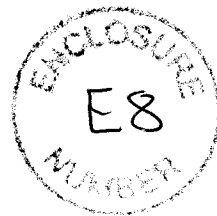
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Please could you send me information of a ufo sighting which took place in berwyn mountains clwyd on the 23 jan,1974.Also witness statements who saw the sighting...

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**Section 40**



**Section 40**

Our Reference

27-02-2006-141645-008

Date

27 March 2006

Sidcup

Kent

**Section 40**

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for details of UFO sightings in Bromley and Bexley. Your request has been passed to this Department as we are the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for correspondence regarding UFO matters. Several attempts to send this information by e-mail have failed, so I am replying by post. If you have now received my e-mails, please ignore this letter.

You have not specified a time period which interests you, so it might be helpful if I explain what information we hold and what is already available. The MOD files containing UFO reports received between 1967 and 1978 are fully open for viewing at The National Archives in Richmond, Surrey. A few records have survived from the 1950s and early 1960s and these are also available. The National Archives on line catalogue and details of how to access these records can be viewed on their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). Records from 1979 to date are still held by the MOD. These consist of records of UFO sightings reported to the MOD and public correspondence about UFOs (some of which also contain sighting reports). These records are not held electronically, but are filed on paper files in the order in which they were received. They are not segregated by geographical area.

With regard to your particular request, it is not possible for us to search all of our records for sighting reports specifically from Bromley and Bexley without exceeding the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we are in the process of compiling a database of sightings which has now been completed for the years 2002 to date. A search of these records has revealed only one sighting from Bromley during this period. There were none from Bexley. Details of the Bromley sighting are as follows;

*At 02.25 on 17 November 2003 two adults and a child in Bromley saw 20-30 red flashing lights in the sky accompanied by a whirring noise. The family called the Police who confirmed the sighting. The Policeman using a lamppost as a marker concluded that the lights were zigzagging/ turning across the sky at speeds faster than any man-made aircraft. The crew of a Police helicopter which was airborne at the time also confirmed they saw the lights, but thought they might be lights of aircraft on the approach to London Heathrow Airport.*

We do not hold details of the exact location of the witnesses, nor their age or sex. As for your questions about the MOD's response, I should inform you that the MOD examines reports of UFO sightings solely to establish 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 we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service and we could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit. On this occasion the MOD was satisfied that this report did not represent anything of air defence interest.

If you are interested in information the MOD has released on UFOs please look at the Freedom of Information page of the MOD website at [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk). Information can be found in the Publication Scheme, the Disclosure Log and the Freedom of Information Top Choices. New information is added whenever possible.

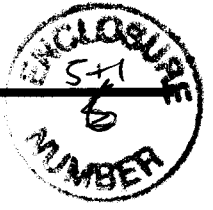
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Sent: 24 March 2006 14:31

To: Section 40

Subject: Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information Request

Dear Section 40

Reference: 27-02-2006-141645-008

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With regard to your particular request, it is not possible for us to search all of our records for sighting reports specifically from Bromley and Bexley without exceeding the permitted £600 limit set for compliance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we are in the process of compiling a database of sightings which has now been completed for the years 2002 to date. A search of these records has revealed only one sighting from Bromley during this period. There were none from Bexley. Details of the Bromley sighting are as follows;

At 02.25 on 17 November 2003 two adults and a child in Bromley saw 20-30 red flashing lights in the sky accompanied by a whirring noise.

The family called the Police who confirmed the sighting. The Policeman using a lamppost as a marker concluded that the lights were zigzagging/

turning across the sky at speeds faster than any man-made aircraft. The crew of a Police helicopter which was airborne at the time also confirmed

they saw the lights, but thought they might be lights of aircraft on the approach to London Heathrow Airport.

We do not hold details of the exact location of the witnesses, nor their age or sex. As for your questions about the MOD's response, I should inform you that the MOD examines reports of UFO sightings solely to establish 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 we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting. We believe it is possible that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service and we could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit. On this occasion the MOD was satisfied that this report did not represent anything of air defence interest.

If you are interested in information the MOD has released on UFOs please look at the Freedom of Information page of the MOD website at [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk). Information can be found in the Publication Scheme, the Disclosure Log and the Freedom of Information Top Choices. New information is added whenever possible.

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Yours sincerely,

24/03/2006

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Other: 

First Name: Section 40

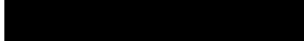
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Organisation: Bromley Extra

Applicant Type: Media and Journalists

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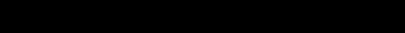
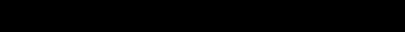
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**Request Details**

Response Format Requested:

electronic

Language Requested ☐ Welsh

\*Enter the request for information:

Have there been any UFO sightings recorded in Bromley?

2. If so, how many sighting?

3. If so, when were the sightings?

4. If so, in what roads were the sightings?

5. If so, what was the age/sex of the person reporting?

6. If so, what the MOD response?

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6. If so, what the MOD response?

7. Did the MOD offer an explanation, if so, what was it?

8. Have there been any UFO sightings recorded in Bexley?

9. If so, how many sighting?

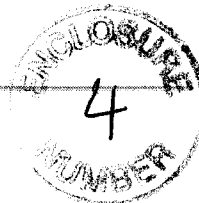
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12. If so, what was the age/sex of the person reporting?

13. If so, what the MOD response?

14. Did the MOD offer an explanation, if so, what was it?

**Section 40****From:** **Section 40****Sent:** 23 March 2006 15:33**To:** **Section 40****Subject:** Internet-authorised:Freedom of Information request 22-02-2006-093751-012Dear **Section 40**

Reference:22-02-2006-093751-012

I am writing concerning your Freedom of Information request for details of UFO sightings on the North Yorkshire coast between Scarborough and Filey from 2004 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 about UFOs.

Details of the UFO sighting reports we have received from the whole of the UK (including your area of interest) in 2004 and 2005 can be viewed in the Freedom of Information Top Choices section of the Ministry of Defence website at <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/>. Details of any sightings reported amongst general UFO correspondence have also been included in these records. To date the MOD has received fourteen reports of sightings in 2006, but none of these have been from the area you have specified. With regard to your request for log books, I can advise you that the MOD does not keep log books of these events.

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First Name:

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\*Surname:

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**Request Details**Response Format Requested: Language Requested ☐ Welsh**\*Enter the request for information:**

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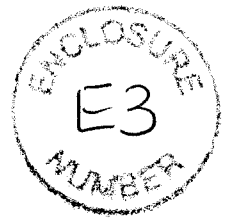
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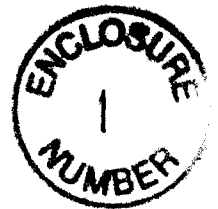


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**Section 40**

Our Reference

21-02-2006-092708-001

Date

13 March 2006

Dear **Section 40**

I am writing concerning your request for information about military aircraft activity in the area around Sanquhar and Carronbridge Village at 10.30pm on 9 February 2006.

As explained in my previous correspondence, military aircraft do not fly fixed flight paths, but plan their sorties individually. Fixed wing aircraft travel hundreds of miles on an individual sortie, so aircraft seen in any area, do not necessarily originate from a RAF Station in the immediate vicinity. The flight plans for these sorties are held by each Squadron and with the exception of aircraft conducting low flying training (below 2000 feet) no records are kept centrally. It is, therefore, not possible to identify whether there were any aircraft in the Sanquhar / Carronbridge area at the time you have specified without checking the individual flight plans of any aircraft that could have been flying. The cost of conducting such a task would 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. I can, however, inform you that military aircraft conducting low flying training are required to make a booking to fly in individual low flying areas. I have checked the night low flying area which covers this area and there were no fixed wing (jet or transport aircraft) or rotary wing (helicopters) booked to low fly at the time you have specified.

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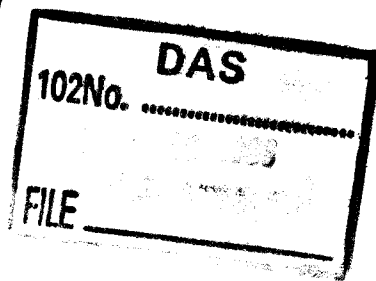
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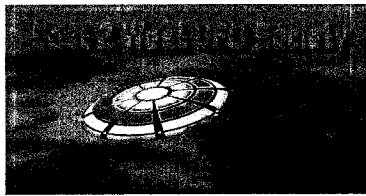
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14/02/06

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have had a Ufo Sighting Report from a lady who lives in Dumfries in Scotland. On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2006 this lady was driving from Sanquhar to Carronbridge Village at about 10:30pm when a triangular shaped aircraft of some kind moved across the sky above her. This object had three white lights, one on each corner.

Could you let me know if there was any military activity in the area at that time and date.

Thanking you in anticipation

Section 40

Director of E2WUFOS