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Section 40 [redacted]

March 27, 1988
Tel: Section 40 [redacted]
Your Ref: FIN/2286/ORG

Dear Sir,

This is a reply to your letter dated March 1st, 1988, in reference to alleged "UFO" sightings in the South Yorkshire area during February of this year.

First of all I would like to thankyou very much for the information you provided me with. However, in reference to your suggestion that the object seen in the Sheffield and Rotherham area on Feb. 2nd was "a turboprop commuter aircraft or light transport..[which could] fly directly from East Midlands to Leeds Bradford airports", I have made enquiries with the two civil airports involved (see copies attached), as well as Manchester Airport - all of whom deny convincingly that it was one of their aircraft that was involved.

At the same time I made enquiries with the RAF bases at Linton-on-Ouse (York), Church Fenton, Binbrook and Leeming - all of whom deny that any of their aircraft have been responsible for the sightings; a letter from the MOD dated 15 March to my colleague Section 40 [redacted] confirms that "the RAF are not aware of any air-defence activity on the dates and times in question in the South Yorkshire area".

Further, I am enclosing copies of two reports made by members of the public who saw this "UFO" on the night of February 2nd which I would like you to consider in detail. Section 40 [redacted] watched this object - undoubtedly the same as that seen by others at Ecclesfield - through binoculars and positively identified it as an aircraft. I have spoken at some length with Section 40 [redacted] and he is certain that the object he saw was a military aircraft of some kind and not a civilian light aircraft.

Further, the account by Section 40 [redacted] [enclosed] describes what he thinks was "a transporter plane such as a Hercules" as responsible for these sightings. The third account is by Section 40 [redacted] who saw both a light aircraft and an unknown light source on the night of either 3/4 February. (still waiting for details of this)

I have also read several newspaper articles referring to members of the "Yorkshire UFO Society" who claim that strange lights were being pursued by military jets over Rotherham/Wentworth area during January of this year. What is your comment as regards these unlikely allegations?

These accounts are just three out of nearly one hundred that I have now received from members of the public describing objects they have observed in the sky over South Yorkshire

since the end of 1987. I do of course accept that the majority of these sightings have conventional explanations such as aircraft lights, bright stars & planets, etc; however, some of the evidence does appear to suggest that some kind of structured object - probably a military aircraft of some kind - has been manoeuvring at low-level in this area. Unfortunately, as no one seems to want to admit that this aircraft belongs to them these sightings will eventually be added to the rapidly growing UFO mythology!

In reference to your letter again, can I take it from your comments about the Ecclesfield police sighting that the object involved was picked up on radar at RAF Finningley? This is what appears to be implied whatever way you wish to read it.

Finally, in reference to your suggestion that I "observe a large airport at night in order to familiarise [myself] with the many different size and patterns of light displayed by aircraft" would it be possible for me to visit Finningley to this end?

As I do speak to a large number of people who report "UFO sightings" each year it would be very educational for me if I could be shown light configurations commonly used on aircraft taking part in night-exercises. I am willing to co-operate with any conditions you may stipulate in relation to the above.

I would like to add that I have no preconceived notions about "UFO sightings" and think that the majority are explainable by 'the appliance of science'.

I enclose an SAE and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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UFO SIGHTING ACCOUNT FORM

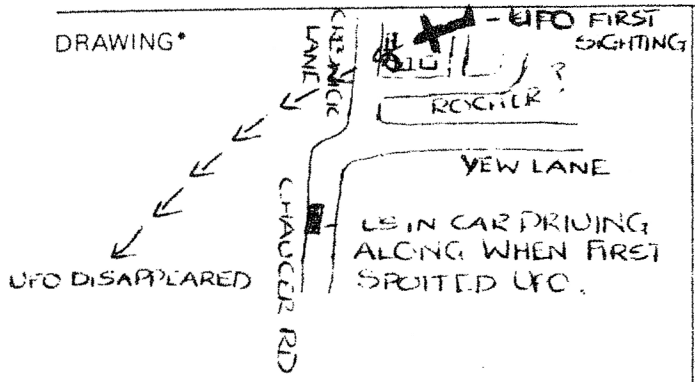
SECTION A

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

We were driving along Chaucer Road at approx. 7.50pm on Tuesday when we noticed some bright lights in the sky which were heading up from Ecclesfield over Creswick Lane and towards Hathfax Road. It appeared to be a transporter plane such as a Hercules and was flying very low. We stopped the car, turned off the radio + opened the windows so we could see and hear it more clearly. We watched it until it went out of sight over the hill. It was flying very low over the rooftops and we were concerned in case it was in difficulty. Later when we were in the village of Grenoside (going to chip shop on main St) we saw it again this time flying over Grenoside Woods towards Wharncliffe.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

DRAWING*



*If preferred, use a separate sheet of paper.

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

Section 40 [redacted]

Occupation during last two years... SALESMAN

Any professional, technical or academic qualifications or special interests

NO.

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

Today's Date 29/2/88.

Signature..... Section 40 [redacted]

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Form R1

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GROUP /INVEST REF.		BUFORA REF.	YEAR	NUMBER

SECTION B

1. Where were you when you saw the object(s)? Exact location JUNCTION OF CHAUCER ROAD / CRESWICK LANE / YEW LANE

Nearest town/village GRENOSIDE, SHEFFIELD County/District S. YORKSHIRE

2. What was the date of your sighting? TUESDAY ~~day~~ 2 of FEBRUARY 1988 (CANT REMEMBER DATE ?)

3. At what time did you see the object(s)? 7.50 *~~am~~/pm/~~midday~~/~~midnight~~. *Delete which ever does not apply. How did you know the time? WE LOOKED AT CLOCK ON DASHBOARD? - CHIPPY OPEN AT 8.00 PM

4. For how long did you observe the object(s)? APPROX 1 MIN. If not certain please state – for not less than ..... and for not more than .....

5. If each of the following objects were held at arm's length which one would just cover the object(s) you saw, i.e., have the same apparent size? (underline) Pinhead/pea/halfpenny/penny/ twopence/golf ball/tennis ball/(other) FOOTBALL

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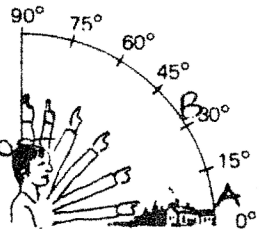

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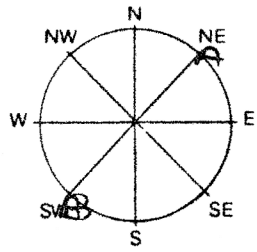

Place an 'A' on the curved line in diagram (i) to show the altitude of the object(s) above the horizon when you **first** noticed it/them and a 'B' when you **last** noticed it/them. Also place an 'A' on the outside edge of the compass in diagram (ii) to indicate the direction in which you **first**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

7. Did you see the object(s) at or near ground level? NO.

8. How did the object(s) disappear from view? OVER THE HILL OUT OF SIGHT

9. If you took a photograph or made any measurements, give details NO.

10. If you noticed any unusual effects on people, animals, plants, objects or equipment nearby: Describe these NO.

11. What was the main feature of the sighting which made you feel that the object(s) was/were not natural or man-made? WE STILL BELIEVE IT WAS A PLANE.

12. How many other people at the same time saw the object(s)? 1 Give the names, addresses, age and relationship to you of other witnesses MY WIFE [redacted] Section 40

13. Give a brief description of the object(s) under the following headings. –

(a) Number of objects ONE (b) Colour DARK SHAPE WITH LIGHTS SEEN AT NIGHT (c) Sound LIKE A PROPELLER PLANE

(d) Shape LIGHTS AS ON A PLANE was this sharply defined or hazy? SHARPLY DEFINED

(e) Brightness VERY BRIGHT LIGHTS (compared to star, venus, moon, sun etc.)

14. What were the local conditions? Please tick in box where applicable. DIFFICULT TO REMEMBER ?

Clouds		*Temperature*		*Wind*		*Precipitation*		*Astronomical*	
Clear Sky	☑	Cold	☑	None	☐	Dry	☑	Stars	☐
Scattered cloud	☐	Cool	☐	Breeze	☐	Fog or mist	☐	Moon	☐
Much cloud	☐	Warm	☐	Moderate	☐	Rain	☐	Planet	☐
Overcast	☐	Hot	☐	Strong	☐	Snow	☐	Sun	☐

Other conditions if any .....

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Because this, at first strange looking flying machine proved to be an aeroplane, we did not make a note of the date or the time. It was only on seeing the two or three newspaper articles, and particularly the direction of flight path described there, that we decided that it was the same object we had seen. I first saw it a long way off over the direction of Kimberworth Hill Top, and from there it came directly towards us, flying very slow, and until it was almost overhead, the bright landing lights made it impossible to see the shape. (I had had binoculars on it from first, and the three of us each had time for good look) It passed over-head, which was when I was able to see it was an aeroplane, its hazard flashing lights giving a peculiar affect as they reflected off the fuselage and the wings.

This line of flight should then put it over the Police Station and without looking at a map possibly over Wharncliffe.

On looking at my drawing, I think that possibly the wings were slightly narrower than that.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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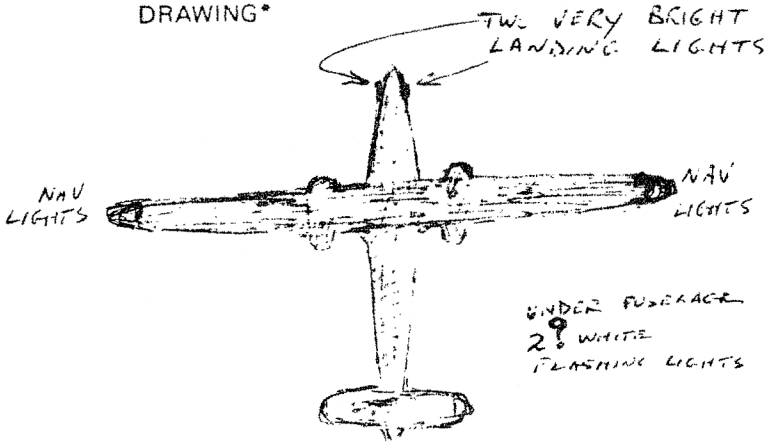

TWO VERY QUIET JET ENGINES

*If preferred, use a separate sheet of paper.

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

Section 40 [redacted]

Occupation during last two years... PORTER / STOREKEEPER

N.H.S.

Any professional, technical or academic qualifications or special interests

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

Today's Date... 14th MARCH 1958

Signature... Section 40 [redacted]

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SECTION B

1. Where were you when you saw the object(s)? Exact location KITCHEN DOOR & BACK YARD

Nearest town/village IN ECCLESFIELD County/District SHEFFIELD SOUTH YORKS

2. What was the date of your sighting? SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTE OVERLEAF. day ..... of ..... 19.....

3. At what time did you see the object(s)? BETWEEN 7.15 & 7.45 *am/pm/~~midday~~/~~midnight~~. *Delete which ever does not apply. How did you know the time? 3 of us discussed it afterwards on seeing newspaper reports

4. For how long did you observe the object(s)? ..... If not certain please state – for not less than 2½ mins ..... and for not more than 4 mins .....

5. If each of the following objects were held at arm's length which one would just cover the object(s) you saw, i.e., have the same apparent size? (underline) Pinhead/pea/halfpenny/penny/ twopence/golf ball/tennis ball/other

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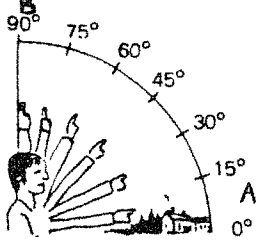

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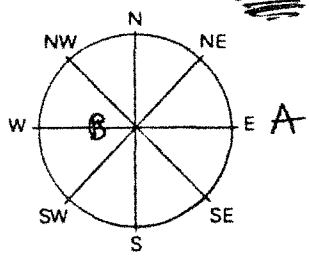

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7. Did you see the object(s) at or near ground level? NO

8. How did the object(s) disappear from view? OWN HOUSE IN WAY

9. If you took a photograph or made any measurements, give details NO

10. If you noticed any unusual effects on people, animals, plants, objects or equipment nearby: Describe these NO

11. What was the main feature of the sighting which made you feel that the object(s) was/were not natural or man-made? OBJECT WAS MANMADE.

12. How many other people at the same time saw the object(s)? 2 Give the names, addresses, age and relationship to you of other witnesses WIFE SISTER IN LAW SAME ADDRESS

13. Give a brief description of the object(s) under the following headings –

(a) Number of objects 1 (b) Colour ..... (c) Sound .....

(d) Shape ..... was this sharply defined or hazy? .....

(e) Brightness ..... (compared to star, venus, moon, sun etc.)

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

Clouds		*Temperature*		*Wind*		*Precipitation*		*Astronomical*	
Clear Sky	☑	Cold	☑	None	☑	Dry	☑	Stars	☑
Scattered cloud	☐	Cool	☐	Breeze	☐	Fog or mist	☐	Moon	☐
Much cloud	☐	Warm	☐	Moderate	☐	Rain	☐	Planet	☐
Overcast	☐	Hot	☐	Strong	☐	Snow	☐	Sun	☐

Other conditions if any .....

Leeds Bradford Airport Limited

Yeadon Leeds LS19 7TZ Tel: Section 40

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14 March 1988

Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March 1988. I am afraid that we are unable to identify any aircraft that might explain your sighting on 2 February 1988, or on the 10th February. The only aircraft controlled by Leeds Bradford Airport at the time you indicated was inbound to LBA from the west having departed from Dublin. Your suggested track from Rotherham to Ecclesfield is not a route likely to be used by aircraft operating to or from this airport. Doncaster or Sandtoft airfields have, in the past, carried out some night flying and may possibly have had traffic in the area you mention.

The only aircraft that would route to Leeds Bradford from the Sheffield area at the times you specify would fly either via the airways system from the South and pass to the West of Sheffield, near Penistone but usually above 4000 feet, or alternatively route from the Finningley area passing well East of Sheffield.

Very low-level flights are more likely to be of military origin but this would not occur over built up areas. However, it is not unknown for helicopters and other aircraft to operate at night at fairly low level. In good visibility aircraft a long distance away can seem close and of course you would not hear the noise. However, we have no information about any military activities. (my emphasis)

I am sorry I cannot be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Airport Director

Civil Aviation Authority

Manchester Airport
Wythenshawe Manchester M22 5PB
Telephone Section 40

your ref:

Section 40

our ref:
8/MCR/12/13/4

date:
21 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 29 February 1988. We have investigated our traffic patterns but are unable to confirm any movements.

You will no doubt be aware that Manchester is responsible for controlling aircraft within Controlled Airspace and the nearest route to the area you indicate would be some 10/15 miles to the North and flying at altitudes in excess of 6,000 feet, mainly in an East/West direction.

I would remind you that aircraft both civil and military have flashing navigation lights both red, white and sometimes strobe lights which give a very strong flash/beam effect. These in conjunction with certain cloud/weather conditions can provide unusual effects.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

ATC Operations

Telephone Section 40
Fax [redacted]

East Midlands International Airport plc

Extension: Section 40
Ask for:
Our ref: Section 40
Your ref: O/A8.1/JED

15th March 1988

Section 40
[redacted]

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd March 1988 it would seem that the UFO seen on the night of Tuesday, 2nd February 1988 would appear to have been travelling in a westerly direction, in which case it is more than unlikely that it was an aircraft en route between East Midlands Airport and Leeds Airport or vice versa. It would seem more likely, if it was an aircraft, that it might be heading for Manchester Airport or the aerodrome at Woodford, or might be low level military traffic in which case the departure point and destination would be unknown to us.

I can throw no light on the activities observed on Wednesday, 10th February 1988 in the area between Hoyland and Penistone, except to add that both Hoyland and Penistone lie beneath airway Bravo 1.

I can only add, and I am sure that you will be aware, that lights seen at night can be very deceptive in terms of distance or estimated distance, particularly on nights when there is good visibility.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
[redacted]
Senior Air Traffic Control Officer

EC:

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FROM:- FLT. LT. Section 40 [redacted] RAF RETD AND EX RAF SECURITY OFFICER WITH VIP'S TILL 1958.

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
24 MAR 1988
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23RD MAR 1988

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

There is no doubt that this Right versus Left Activity in the constituencies has brought us close to Civil War.

It wouldn't surprise me in the slightest if Civil War broke out in this country at any time between the Rich and the Poor.

A second point is that many people get their extra money from Intelligence Contracts.

I hope that MOD will be able to cope with these points when they break.

Section 40 [redacted]

God Speed
Sincerely

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
AIR STAFF 2 ROOM Section 40 [redacted]
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON

Section 40 [redacted] FLT. LT.

PTO

P.S.

Now that the Peter Wright Book
Spy Catcher and Anthony Cavendish
Book "Inside MI5 + SIS" have been
published all is now revealed.
Which makes a mockery of the
Official Secrets Act. Although it
is true that a lot in these
Books was 30 years ago.
In 1956 at Cyprus I knew before
the Suez Crisis started that the
Americans were planning to kill
President NASSER but unfortunately
the Americans knew that I knew
because one of them had told me
when we were alone one evening
in the "Kyrenia" Harbour Club Bar.
This gave me slight worries because
when the Suez Crisis broke I
wondered whether the Americans might
do it to shut my mouth. To cut
a long story short I was suddenly
flown home out of it. And told
once a Dirty War broke out nobody can
play it Dirtier than the British + Americans
but we now kill our own people without good reason!

From: Section 40

file copy E62

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat(Air Staff)2a
Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
23 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) which has been passed to me for attention. You asked for the Government's views, represented by the Ministry of Defence, on the subject and whether we consider it to be worthy of investigation.

I think you will find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

We have no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs and no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so, we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The sighting reports we receive, which usually are limited to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them, are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out full time studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

However, notwithstanding the above, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
23 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the opportunity to see the three investigation reports which you passed to the Ministry of Defence for comment earlier this year. We were interested to read of your findings and were impressed by the thoroughness of the reports. However, having said that, I feel that I must say that the MOD has only a passing interest in the UFO phenomenon, namely to ensure that UFOs do not pose a threat to the security and defence of the nation and as such I am sorry to say that these investigation reports are really wasted on us. If you wish to send further reports to the MOD, then please do but I regret that due to other more defence orientated work commitments and because we have no staff employed on the UFO subject full-time we are not able to spend much, if any, time in analysing the detail given in your reports, unless a clear threat to our security had been assessed. Nevertheless, we were interested to see your reports and wish you luck with your further endeavours.

Moving onto more specific points raised in your letter of 22 January, you mention that you are concerned that alien or unidentified craft seem to be able to pass undetected through the UK Air Defence Region. I must point out that the UK Air Defence Region is extremely well protected and it is highly unlikely that an intruder of conventional origin would be able to travel to the UK without being spotted. I would suggest instead that many "alien" craft could in fact be either UK military aircraft, civil aircraft, meteorological balloons and a host of other uncontentious objects.

You also offered assistance with the investigation of unidentified objects seen in the North of England. Although I thank you for your thoughtful offer, I regret that despite seemingly to have merit in theory, we see little need for it from our point of view.

You asked for information that we might have on sightings seen in Cheshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire during 1973-1979. Although it is possible that we may have some information on sightings which relate to these details, I am sorry to say that all of this information is now stored in MOD Central archives and that it would take a disproportionate amount of time to locate them for you.

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Lastly in your follow-up letter dated 8 February you asked for information on a possible sighting seen in the Ecclesfield district of Sheffield by two police officers, WPC [redacted] and PC [redacted] on 6 February. I can confirm we did receive a report for this sighting although I fear you may have your dates muddled up, our report is for 2 Feburary 1988. I attach a copy of the report for your information.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40 [redacted]

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Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
18 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your report of a possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting that you witnessed on 17 January 1988.

I think it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

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Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Redhill & Reigate Phenomena Research Group

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Sec (AS) 2
MoD
London

Ref. Case 37/88

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
21 MAR 1988
FILE 12/3

18.3.88

Dear Sir

As part of a research project which we are undertaking on behalf of the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena (ASSAP) concerning sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena reported over many parts of Surrey during the past 4 months, I recently contacted the Air Traffic Control at West Drayton about the incident reported in the enclosed newspaper reports, I was advised on that occasion to contact your department.

Although I realize that your department is very busy we would appreciate any factual information or assistance you can give us on the alleged radar sighting on the 4th of March 88 over the Reigate, Dorking area of Surrey, as reported in two of the local newspapers. (The only puzzling aspect of this particular case which we expect to confirm as sightings of Venus and Jupiter with

the Royal Greenwich Observatory).

I have spoken to the two reporters who covered this incident, both have stated that the Reigate Police had confirmed the radar sightings. We have agreed to send a full and correct explanation to the two newspapers about this sighting at the end of our research.

I would like to assure you that our group follows a scientific and responsible approach to all its investigations, and that any information we recieve will be used to dispel some of the wilder speculations already in circulation.

Thankyou for your time and help, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

(Secretary)

Redhill & Reigate Phenomena Research Group

R.R.P.R.G. is a small group of local enthusiasts interested in the subject of Psychic and other unexplained Phenomenon. Its aims are to collect, research, discuss and in some cases investigate incidents reported in the Redhill, Reigate and surrounding area.

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Section 40

UFO SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY GATWICK RADAR

MYSTERY IN THE SKY

SURREY MIRROR THURS 10th MARCH 88

A STRANGE UFO hung ominously over the Reigate area for four hours on Friday evening.

Two very bright white lights shone out from the unknown object which a Reigate man estimated to be nearly 200 feet across.

After hovering almost stationery over the Buckland area, the craft slowly moved away to the north west.

The UFO could also be seen by people in Redhill and Dorking, and New Scotland Yard had had reports of sightings from as far away as Watford and Wimbledon.

And Gatwick Airport radar controllers said something showed on their radar screens which they could not account for.

"It was so strange said Mr Joe Clarke, aged 36, from West Street, Reigate. "It was an ominous presence because it was something that should not have been there."

By Christine Milne

The night-time drama began at 6 pm when Mr Clarke's wife and daughter told him they could see two parallel bright lights approaching in the sky from the west.

He didn't take much notice but when he went into the garden an hour later the lights were still there, hanging somewhere over Buckland.

He telephoned a relative in Dorking who could also see the lights, and his father and sister in Redhill spotted them too.

From the distance between the lights and by taking bearings from various objects in the landscape, Mr Clarke reckoned the UFO was between 100 to 200 feet wide, and about 2,000 feet up in the sky.

At 8.30 pm Mr Clarke, a caretaker at East Surrey College's School of Art, rang Reigate police station to report the sighting.

Three polibe officers turned up and asked: "Where are the little green men then?

"But their attitude changed when I took them into the garden and showed them the lights," said Mr Clarke.

Checks by police with Heathrow Airport revealed that people in Watford and Wimbledon had reported the UFO sighting to New Scotland Yard.

They also contacted Gatwick and were told: "Yes, there's something strange on the screen we can't account for."

Mr Clarke and his family watched the object for another hour and a half before it started to move slowly away into the wind over Box Hill.



Mr Clarke points to the spot where he saw the UFO.

UFO sighting mystery

By JANET CARBERRY

TWO fierce white lights shone over the Surrey Hills area on Friday — and sparked off a UFO mystery.

The strange lights appeared around 6 pm and have left a family, local police and air traffic controllers baffled.

The lights appeared to come from a 100-200 feet long object flying at a height of around 3,000 feet, said Mr Joe Clarke, of West Street, Reigate, who reported the sighting to police.

"For very cynical, but it couldn't have been anything other than a very large object hanging in the sky," he said.

"It couldn't have been an aeroplane, it couldn't have been a helicopter, it couldn't have been a balloon, by the way it acted. It was nothing I have seen in my life," he said.

The spectacle was also witnessed by Mr Clarke's wife, Sue, seven-year-old daughter, Debbie, and relatives in Dorking and Redhill.

Two objects

Reigate Police reported the sighting to air traffic control at Heathrow, who, claims P Sgt Mike Wenn, picked up the object on radar.

The former Fleet Air Arm aviator and two WPCs followed the lights down the A25 to Dorking.

"It was two objects at around two to three thousand feet, moving very slowly, something like a Goodyear balloon, with very bright lights shining from both of them, 100 metres or so apart."

Sgt Wenn believes the objects may have been balloons, but, because they were behind the light, were difficult to identify clearly.

"There was no noise, they were probably balloons," he said. The lights were similar to the intensity of helicopter landing lights, but were not placed at the front, as they would have been on a helicopter, Sgt Wenn said.

"They were definitely moving, but it is difficult to determine how fast, maybe 20 to 30 knots, he said.

Similar sightings at Watford and Wimbledon have not been confirmed, but Reigate Police believe they may be linked.

No comment

Heathrow air traffic have forwarded a report on the incident to the Ministry of Defence.

A spokesman for the MoD said that sightings of a potential threat to military bases were investigated, but he could not comment on this report.

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
18 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 1988. I note that the sighting to which you referred in your earlier letter was observed on Saturday 9 January 1988 not 29 January 1988 as originally stated.

I have consulted with the Royal Air Force and I am able to confirm that they did not carry out any exercises or search and rescue missions on the night in question. Similarly, I regret that we did not receive any report (other than your own) which corresponds to the details that you gave.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

ES 9/2

To S2a (AS) MoD

From CRO RAF LEEMING

Date 16 MAR 88

Tel. 281.

Your ref.

Our ref. LEEM/2358/PK.

Subject LETTER ON UFO's

Section 40

Section 40

1 Attached is a copy of a letter from Section 40 of Sheffield about UFO's on 2 FEB and 16 FEB. You may have already had some correspondence with him. 21/2

Yes thanks

2. I have also enclosed a copy of my reply.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
21 MAR 1988
FILE 12/3

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Section 40

Please address any reply to The Officer Commanding
Your reference

Our reference
LEEM/2358/PR
Date
16 March 1988

Dear Section 40

With reference to your letter of 17th February about unidentified aerial activity I regret we are unable to provide any information on the events you describe. Our area of coverage does not extend that far south. I suspect from the description it could have been low flying aircraft but we have no way of confirming this.

The MOD department you are already in contact with is the correct authority to receive such reports.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

FG 2358/1R

[redacted]

February 17, 1988
Tel: [redacted]

Dear Sir,

I am a student at Sheffield University and have an interest in observations of unusual aerial phenomena; for around ten years I have been privately investigating instances of "UFO" sightings in the South Yorkshire/Derbyshire area out of scientific interest, and have recently begun to send my case reports to the Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a at the MOD in London.

I am writing in reference to a number of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena in the Sheffield/Rotherham area on the night of Tuesday, February 2nd, 1988. I have collected a number of independant sighting reports from this particular night which appear to relate to the passage of a "V-shaped" craft with a series of red lights over the northern suberbs of Sheffield; it appeared to come from the Blackburn Meadows/Rotherham area and passed over Ecclesfield where it was seen and heard by police officers shortly before 8 p.m.

I have received reports from over 40 independent witnesses in various parts of the northern suberbs of Sheffield corroborating the details given above. I have also received reports from a further 10 witnesses who saw a similar object - this time triangular/diamond shaped, surrounded by red and white lights and flying at very low level, in the area west of Barnsley, and around Penistone, on the night of Wednesday, February 10th, 1988.

My reason for writing is to ask if you are able to identify the object/s involved in the sightings above as a RAF/NATO aircraft, or some kind of refuelling exercise of the kind that recently caused similar sightings in the Hull area? Are you also aware of any low-flying exercises by civilian aircraft/helicopters, etc over the areas above on the nights in question?

I would also be interested to hear whether you have received any similar reports from members of the public in the South Yorkshire/Derbyshire area recently, and if so if it would be possible for you to pass on to me their names and addresses so that further enquiries could be made with them.

I must add that I am interested in this subject out of scientific curiosity, and feel that reports of such incidents should be recorded and collated in report form in a way that they could be of use to possible scientific investigation in future years.

I'm enclosing a Stamped Addressed Envelope and look forward to hearing from you in the near future,

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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ES 9/1

12/3

Dear Sirs,

For several years I have took an interest in the subject of U.F.O.'s/Flying Saucers, I would be very interested to hear the governments views on the subject and whether you consider the subject worthy of investigation. Also of interest to me would be the conclusions you have come to on the subject.

As I appreciate, postal charges may be incurred which I will of course cover. I would be very pleased to hear from you as this is purely for my own interest.

Kindest Regards,

Section 40 [redacted]

S.D. to
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Room Section 40 [redacted]
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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
15 March 1988

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your report which I received from RAF Finningley concerning a possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting that you witnessed on the evening of 7 January 1988. I have since established that there was no Royal Air Force air activity in the area at the time and date that you specified and I regret that because we do not carry out full-time studies or in-depth investigations into the UFO phenomena, I am unable to offer you any explanation for what was seen. However, I am able to confirm that we did receive a similar sighting report from the Rotherham area, a copy of which is attached for your information. I note that the witness of this particular report is also a member of YUFOs and you might, therefore, find it useful if you compare notes.

I think you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. The sighting reports we receive, such as yours, are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Although we are able, in certain circumstances, to let you know if we have received any information concerning particular unusual sightings, I regret that the release of any material on the subject "en bloc" is not possible as, like other government departments, all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. As you may be aware, this Act states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris

re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

ES8

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Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
15 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 1988 which asked for any information that the Ministry of Defence might have on 3 sightings seen in the South Yorkshire area on 2, 10 and 18 February 1988.

As you already know, information that we have in the MOD on possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings is usually limited to copies of sighting reports passed on to us by those who witnessed the incident. In this particular case, I can confirm that we received 4 reports corresponding to the details you gave in your letter. I attach copies of these reports for your information, although you will note, in line with normal practice, I have deleted any reference to who may have originated the reports.

I would also like to confirm that the RAF are not aware of any air defence activity on the dates and times in question in the South Yorkshire area. However, I regret that I do not have the resources to undertake a full investigation into all possible air activity which might have occurred in the region.

Lastly, I think it would be helpful if I point out that the Police do not come under the umbrella of the Ministry of Defence, but under the control of the Home Office.

I hope that this is of help.

Yours Sincerely,

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SPIRITUAL SPACESHIPS + UFO'S

1. The attached communication from

.... Section 40 .... dated ..... 7th MARCH

is referred to you for information and any necessary action.

It must be placed on a Departmental registered file.

2. I am copying this minute, with the attachment, to:

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Mr George Younger, M.P.
Ministry of Defence.

7th March 1988

Dear Sir,

I see you are with the aggressives to pollute us further & add to the illnesses in our environment, besides the blowing us all to the planets from this one.

This booklet was written by The Lord through a lady in the USA, but you may find something of use in it, for your self & your departments covering UFO, spiritual space ships & Their Wonderful Beings trying to guide us here.

Maitreya has been in London since 1977 so the messages date from then!!' No-one would believe, they prefer the adverse to Him & all He stands for.

Thank you, Section 40

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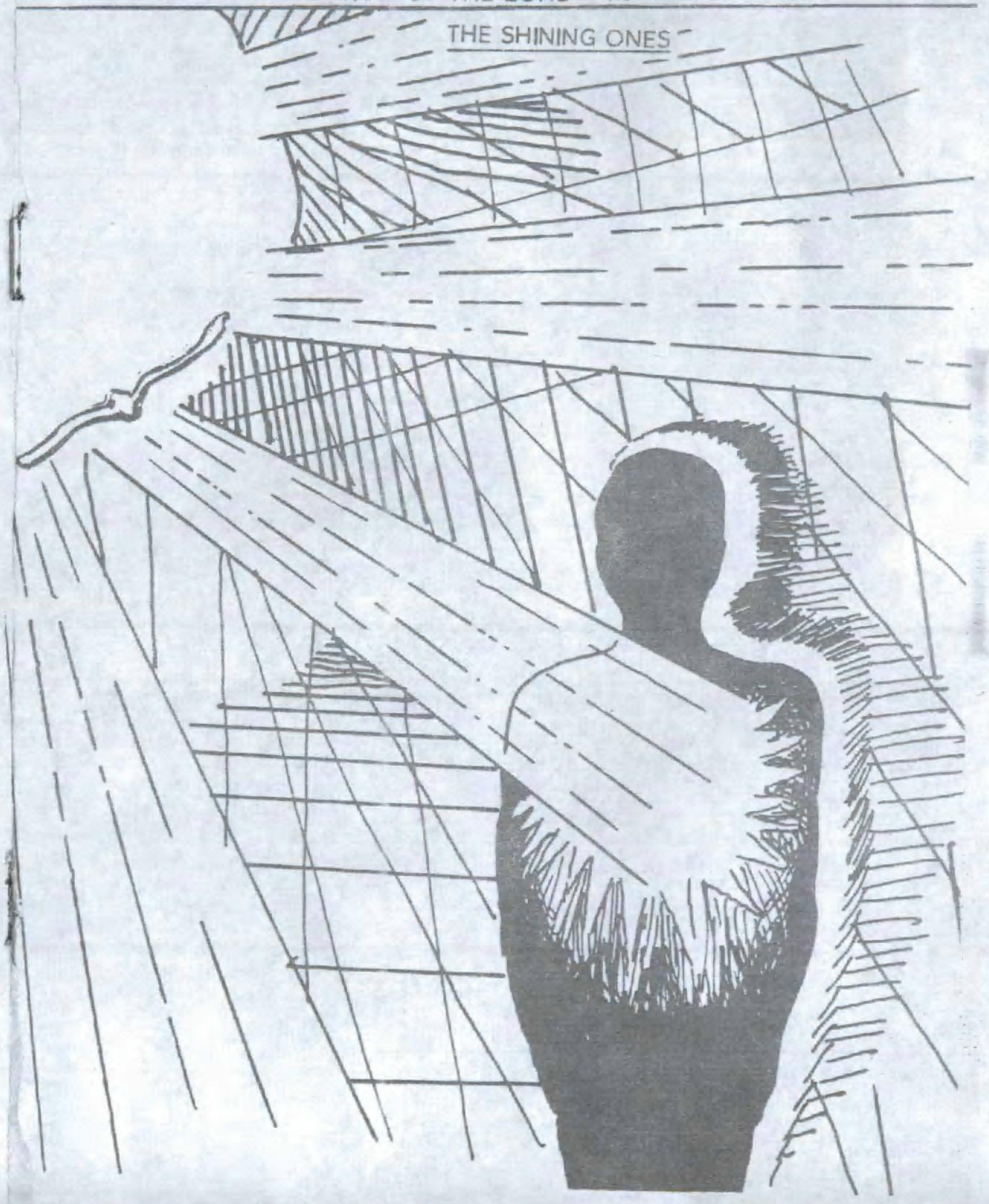

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THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST CHILD

Oh My sons and daughters, extensions of our own Light:

The new information of these teachings is now being cherished by the parents of the highly, evolved babies being born to parents within this organization. These are the advanced babies of the New Age, born with the extended Light of the Father Mother God, who have given these children their own body of Light, their own souls. It has been observed by so many members, along with their parents that,these children are highly sensitive; are rapid learners and comprehend easily; have alert minds and keen perceptive, intuitive qualities, along with sweet dispositions and are beautiful babies. These babies are already operating the reciprocal Law of Love,as the Parents practice the Law of Love and Recognition with these new babies. The latest baby, a little girl, is now just over six weeks old.

Although this recent baby's mother had despaired for years,that she could not have a baby, as a gynecologist told her,Later, she met Mary. My daughter began to have faith and hope in these teachings, that perhaps through the Etheric operations, the block could be removed in her spirit. Therefore, she came to My disciple for a private consultation, and was told that it was possible for her to have a baby. As the young wife gave this problem to the Father Mother God, she was guided to a doctor who performed a successful operation which removed the blocks to conception; even as the blocks had been removed from her spirit with the Etheric operations. It was after all this was completed., that after she was restored to health, and followed the instructions in what she was to do, to receive a highly evolved child, the young wife obeyed,and became pregnant.

Throughout the nine months of gestation, the young wife continued to follow the messages and continued consultations that My channel received. Both had turned to follow the Wisdom of the Divine Mother, who is the CELESTIAL MOTHER to the body of Light, the soul. During

THIS PORTION OF THE BOOKLET IS DEDICATED TO MOTHERS EVERYWHERE.

the nine months, the wife enjoyed the marvel of her pregnancy. Her faith was now strengthened in our Father Mother God, even as her Love grew in appreciation to having her prayers answered.

The young wife was taught the importance of operating the Law of Love daily so that the babe would receive the pure, Universal Light for the child to grow; just as the mother was now eating the healthy and nourishing foods for herself and her baby. As the Law of Love was practiced within the Universal Light, the mother-to-be now became more sensitive to the flow of Light within her own soul.

Assistance was given by this disciple when the time of delivery was to take place. There were no complications as the beautiful, little girl was born. But in a message the mother received through the still, small voice, she was shown that this baby would need the special assistance of the Divine Mother, all along the way. She would stay close to My disciple to assist her in the training of this special baby, whose body of Light was already radiating within the little body. Others felt this magnetic radiation, and were attracted to this unusual child. It is this soul body which has great need of receiving the Universal Light of the Celestial Parents, whose frequency of Light the baby was carrying.

The mother wrote that even though her baby has not yet learned how to say any words, still she is able to communicate with this baby with her own thoughts. The mother, too, receives the thoughts of her own baby. The mother stated: "It is important to tune into the same light frequency of the baby. While the baby's spirit is of the same light frequency as the parents, the soul body has the frequency of the Celestial Parents.

In addition, the beautiful young mother advised other mothers to be in the sunlight and fresh air, as the weather would permit. Gratitude overflows with this young mother. With love in her heart to her Father Mother God and My daughter, she exclaimed: MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to All.

Instructions to New Mothers of Highly Evolved Babies

My daughter had a conference with a new mother who received a highly evolved baby, who knew her Celestial Mother. Both of My daughters received messages for the baby from her Celestial Mother.

Tell My daughter: That even as she has been loving MY LOVE and she has felt the magnetic current flow through her breasts as she was nursing her baby–this is all new revelation to her. Her baby is now receiving the food of the soul, since her husband and soulmate is following our instructions. He is likewise loving My Mother with this baby. Note, how tender he is toward her. He did not realize that the paternal love for one's child was so strong. He is aware of the feeling of great protectivity for this baby, and would do anything for her. The baby too feels the love of her parents, and she too loves her mother and father.

Tell Elizabeth that she is to put a crystal glass of boiled water in the sunlight on the window ledge, with the window open even for one hour during the sunny part of the day. The baby is to have this pure water warmed to room temperature, and drink this water twice a day from the smaller baby bottle in the midmorning and midafternoon. A half teaspoon of honey may be added to each bottle. Then when her husband is home, he is now to hold the baby and give this water to her.

My own daughter will demonstrate the exercises which will be given to the baby before her morning bath. And then, as she is massaged the way we have instructed you, the baby will feel relaxed and invigorated.

After the second month, a ripe, mashed banana is to be given to the baby from a little spoon, but wait one hour after the evening feeding while your husband is home, and he will give this to her.

After the baby is two months old, she is to strain the

juice of ½ an orange, warmed to room temperature. The amount of juice would be about two tablespoons of fresh orange juice. Do not use the frozen juices, but just the fresh, ripe orange.

The third month, she will add the evening cereal; but now put the 2 tablespoons of the orange juice with the cereal. The baby will by this time be accustomed to the orange juice which will be familiar to her as she tastes the cereal. The fourth month she will give the baby mashed egg yolk which has been boiled. Add a little milk and a small amount of butter to the yolk. During the sixth month, pureed vegetables will be added to the baby's diet, and she will also have apple sauce. At various times of the day, a dry piece of toast, called zwieback may be given to her to chew, since her teeth will be coming in, and this will help her with her gums.

After the sixth month, the mother will begin to diet, and My daughter will show you the right foods for your body chemistry at that time, so that this mother can return to her former loveliness.

Tell My daughter that she is to write in her baby book that which I will give to her each day. For the book will be called: "My Celestial Mother Helping Me With My Baby.

Also, as she comes to Me and asks how she can give to Me each day, she will exchange with Me. I will give to her as she gives to Me in the Way I guide her. For now, she will rely on Me more and more; and this is My will. Since her baby is a highly evolved baby, she will need special training and I will guide her in just the right thing to do. That is all for My daughter.

The Celestial Mother is the same for both of My daughters.

Feel thou My Love for All of My children.

THE UNIVERSAL BODY OF LIGHT-CHRIST CHILD.

Long have My children believed that as soon as a seeker begins to change organizations and enters a new teaching, from that moment on, the student is within the same frequency as the other students. It is believed that it is only necessary to join and accept the new teachings, now the student is within the 7th degree. It is like being promoted to a higher grade. The moment you are promoted into a new class, you are now in the grade of the entire class. This is the way it is done within the school system. However, it has not been understood that when aspirants enter into the 7th degree of these teachings, the students who have been studying within these teachings have already had the 5th and 6th degree teachings dissolved before the new teachings can be registered within the spirit body. Many members have discovered that, although they would study the knowledge taught by the ascended beings, they were unable to practice what they had studied. Neither could they incorporate what the other students already had registered within to their own spirits.

When first becoming a new student, it is like having a house already filled with old, dilapidated furniture that is ready to be discarded. But before new furniture is moved into the house, the outdated furniture must be removed. The new, modern, and beautiful furniture is to replace the old furniture within the same house. The old furniture would be the symbols of the former teachings, with the attendant beliefs and habit patterns learned within the 5th and 6th degrees. In the beginning, it is necessary for the disciple to study awhile to determine for himself whether the new furniture is desired. Many are comfortable to remain in their former degrees, where they have settled into a comfortable, familiar pattern of their spirits. These may not desire to make the necessary changes. Often, there are students who will clutter up their rooms and just move the new furniture to remain with the old.

7th degree. The ascended beings are assigned to teach and reveal the knowledge of the Universal Soul.

All over the world, the vision held of the saints is confined to a physical, solid, male or female body of Light. As long as such an erroneous, limiting vision is held within one's consciousness, the individual cannot envision a light that would be all-pervasive and encompassing, enveloping the entire earth, from north to south, east and west, to the utmost extremities.

Meditate upon this revelation and then envision a vast body of Light, seeing the entire planet Earth within this enormous Ray of Light, which extends beyond the Earth. As you visualize the entire globe, now you will understand My Law that, 'As I come to One, I come to All.' All of My light extensions are to operate the Law of Love daily in order to expand their consciousness, and learn to Love the ONE BODY OF LIGHT in its all pervasiveness everywhere. Each one would now include the entire globe, and include all within every country, until the realization dawns that God's own Light is to be loved in all of mankind. Did I not say, 'My Body enfolds all of mankind?' Meditate on this daily, so that the Law of Love can be properly operated in the daily practice which is continued until the individual will be able to visualize the 'Light of the World' as a Great Sun, shining over the entire Earth.

Observe within your own being as you are centered, how each one is still within his own light as the Law of Love is practiced. Some will say, "I enfold my arms around mankind." But the Celestial Parents are excluded. Note where the attention is throughout the entire thirty minutes. Is it on your own light, or is it on the All-Encompassing Light above the crown chakra, with your attention centered on the Universal Light of your Celestial Father Mother God? Remember that your own love light is used to love the All-Encompassing Light of your Celestial Parents, who have the Light which is All-pervasive. You are

practicing your operation of this Law within THEIR LIGHT. While the mind is dwelling on the all-pervasive light, now it expands further and further as you are meditating on the all-encompassing Light, encircling all of mankind and the entire globe. In order to keep your mind centered on expanding your light, mention in spirit the name of each country. Your light is within the Higher, Purer Light-expanding it as your mind traverses each country. It is as though you were traveling in a space ship, which is the Light of your Celestial Parents; and, as you are with them, you are traveling over the entire Earth with them. But this is being done with your mind and spirit, as you envision country after country, while the heart is loving the Light through which the space ship would be traveling. This will give you a visual concept of what you are to do within your own spirit, soul, mind and heart; with your attention on the Light of the Celestial Parents. Gradually you will gain the realization that their Light is the Pure Love which is carrying your light with them.

While you are thinking about this, now envision your self upon the earth neara group of people. You have with you a flash light, but as you point and flash the light upon the people, it is simply too small to include everyone in the group, simultaneously. Each one's own inner light would be like the limited flashlight. Therefore, you would now realize why it is necessary to work with your Celestial Parents, whose light is beyond the limitation of a flashlight. Note, dear ones, our own Light is so vast, that it can be compared to the sunlight, already shining over all, which includes and envelops all with Light.

Each disciple will learn to love our Light in the atmosphere-already shining within the higher frequencies. Our Light is so infinite that one cannot see the beginning, nor the end. Each one is simply to love the entire light and see All within OUR LIGHT.

We do not give our Universal Light to anyone. We give OUR LIGHT, the UNIVERSAL LIGHT to OUR Followers. We show each individual how to expand their own light, which they receive from OUR LIGHT. It is as our BODY OF LIGHT is loved within each lamp, that the love to OUR LIGHT, lights the lamp of the individual.

We know that within the fifth and sixth degrees, the disciples are taught to envision their own light, expanding and stretching it to the four corners of the Earth. My children have received cards from individuals, upon which there would be printed the words: "Let there be light." These are the individuals who would envision their own light covering the darkness of the world. These children believe that each one is lighting up the world with his own light by letting it shine over the entire Earth. This is the practice all of My children have been taught within the 5th and 6th degrees. These spiritual ones have not yet received the higher teachings flowing from the ascended beings. The mortal teacher would teach of each one's own light, and have them repeat the decrees about their own light. The followers would be taught that the mortal teacher has expanded his own light over the whole Earth. Therefore, all would be receiving the knowledge of the human and mortal teacher on his own level of development. These younger ones could not understand an infinite body of Light of the ascended beings, as an all-encompassing Light which shines as the sunlight. But that is precisely what the Body of an ascended being is like. Consequently, the ascended being does not have to travel anywhere in the world. Each one is already everywhere in the world. Each of the ascended beings within the pure Light frequency, is already permeating the entire space of the world. But he comes into the atmosphere of the world through a disciple.

As teen-agers would attend school away from their own homes, so too, do My disciples attend the

churches and temples as though this would be the religious school. But the time comes when the individual finds his own light. In reality, the individual has come into contact with the light shining in the darkness. The darkness would be his not knowing that his own light within, is received, in truth, from the higher Source of his own Celestial Parents, whose Light flows into the interior areas of the unknowing ones.

As little children have not yet learned about their interior light within their own beings, they are under the light of their own parents in the world. This would be as though the children were under an umbrella of light while they are with their parents who are in the world. Within the maturing of a child, after evolving to the place where he has had sufficient training from his teachers, he understands that the Light of his Celestial Parents is that light which shines within each one's being. It is as the child learns to commune with his Celestial Parents, that he is now ready to learn about the expanded light of the ascended beings.

Although a child is not aware that My Father is overshadowing each one of His children, since the little soul is within another dimensional level, it is My Father who can penetrate any dimensional level because HE IS WITHIN ALL DIMENSIONAL LEVELS.

Throughout the centuries, man has been seeking the way to enter the minds of the masses of people. All manner of ways have been used, such as: incantations, decrees, sounds, vibrational words which are known to carry high vibrations, and enter into a higher frequency. Despite all of man's attempts to use his mortal mind to enter varied dimensional levels, it is still the mortal mind operating on its own frequency. Neither the spirit, nor soul mind can enter into all the dimensional levels, because IT IS NOT GIVEN. None are permitted this power. Inasmuch as there would be those unscrupulous individuals who would use the power for self gain. These would try to find the way to

control the masses to serve his own purpose. Each disciple goes through all manner of tests, trials and experiences before he is ready to release his power of light to the LAWS of the FATHER MOTHER GOD. This would be like an individual who amassed valuable possessions throughout one's lifetime. He would now be asked, to give them all up freely to the HIGHER MIND and the HIGHER SELF, under the guidance of the LAWS OF GOD, which ALL ARE TO OBEY.

My children, whom we are teaching, have already observed within their own spirits the difficulty and resistance which was felt interiorly by each one. When a member was asked to exchange his own lesser light power, and be willing to experiment with the higher Light, or Wisdom of My Father, in the distribution of His own books-all have seen their own lights in their own minds in operation, as the mind would conjecture, plan, surmise, analyze, reason and envision, who should receive the book? Each one would try to select the most logical person whom they believed, would be within the will of the Father, and who is sufficiently evolved to receive such a book. Would that person merit a free book? Perhaps someone in a high position, should have the book, in order to do some good in the world and be a better leader. All shall see the speculations of the lower strata of thinking. Images of individuals are formed and now, each one decides for himself, to whom the book will be given or sold. After the decision has been made in his own mind, to whom he is to present the book, now they come to Me and ask, "To whom should the book be sold?" Since these disciples have already made up their own minds, they will hear the ascended being give them the name, which has already been chosen in the first place. Almost in every booklet, we have repeated in some way, that we, in the ascended state, are under the Law: 'To give to each one his own beliefs.' Therefore, the images already selected to receive a "free copy," are repeated to the disciple as though it is the will of the Father. While we have taken this means to have

our children experiment with the higher mind and receive the higher wisdom; since we know the perfect ones who are to receive the book, still. . . our children would find it easier to pay for the book and then,give it away as a gift. This is easier than trying to sell the book for $15.00,to someone whom I would show them, would be willing to buy the book-in appreciation, to have found such an enlightening book. After the book would be sold, they would at this time, send the $10.00 as a donation to Me, toward buying the headquarters land.

All over the world, individuals were asked to donate freely for the temple or church structure, or donate toward a building,which would house the headquarters. Few realize that this organization is under the Law of Balanced Interchange. As you give to Me FIRST, now I give to thee within thine own soul and environment. It is this LAW-all are to learn;in order to obey,and learn how to operate within each one's environment. This disciple has also struggled in this, until,little by little, her obedience increased.

Oh My dear ones, note how a little child cannot do or obey all that is given to him to obey,while the mother makes daily repetitions, until finally, the child grasps what is expected of him and slowly responds. We too, wait, oh so patiently, for our children to grasp the significance of what we are teaching. The majority of the members now realize how our knowledge is utterly new. Before the new Wisdom can be incorporated, the new paths need to be constructed within the spirit.

All of the members have repeated the conditioned responses which they were taught,while they were small children. Members are now realizing that in their maturity, the computerized, conditioned responses have to be eliminated from the cement of the spirit. They now know the subconscious mind holds the habit patterns, which were established in former states of consciousness. Have we not also,in our Path of Light, traveled through our consciousness to make the same

alterations and changes in our responses? Therefore, we have gained the infinite patience in the same way, that a loving mother has the patience with her little child. She knows that there is so much that a child has to learn and be taught, to establish the new paths of habit patterns. Nevertheless, in the great Wisdom of My Father, the past lifetime patterns are held within another dimension in a state of suspension. The former states of consciousness do not appear to the child's awareness, until a higher way is first taught. At the right time, the former way is shown. But by now, in viewing the contrast with an enlightened mind, the child now perceives the better way. This is progress.

The child that comes into the world, eager to learn all that is new, has come into an improved and happier way of life. All have noted how there is so much discovered from generation to generation. But the spirit of the child is ready with an open mind, to improve and incorporate within his consciousness so much that is new. This is especially true, where there is the freedom given by the parents. For these parents will patiently teach their own improved ways to the child. But within families, where the child feels the oppressiveness and force of parents,to hold the child to the ways and habits of their own grandparents, progress becomes very slow. In such an environment, the child receives the repetition of the same old ways, until the child himself is ready to break away and insists on adopting the new ways.

Now, dear ones, you will perceive how each one has likewise conformed to the past, then became reformed to the new, and transformed into a higher way. Therefore, over the past two thousand years, My children have evolved to the place where each one is willing and ready to learn about the ways of Light, the ways of the soul. But now, God becomes the true Teacher; and His Way becomes a completely new path. However, there is this difference: while each one's spirit is within a mature, adult body, the soul, the body of Light, is as a little child which the Father Mother God

would teach. In the willingness of My children, to have the Higher Mind enter into the mortal mind, the door becomes opened interiorly, to receive the Higher Light. The Higher Mind would represent the state of mind of the little soul, trying to gain attention, to open the spirit inwardly to the Spirit of God, for the entry of the light into the world of the individual. All have struggled in opening their minds to so much that has been incomprehensible in the past. All have seen the resistance within one's own mind and spirit. Each one would retain one's own power in established ways, and not permit the new light to enter, to establish a new way.

My beloved light extensions, currently, there are highly evolved children entering the world. These little ones will have the conscious awareness of their own souls, their body of Light. These are the children destined to become the leaders of tomorrow. Such children are being trained at the present time, to receive a higher state of evolvement. The blessed Etheric operations have been raising their consciousness; as this process has been done within, to their spirits, before entering into the world as a babe.

My children have not yet grasped the GREAT PRIVILEGE of Etheric operations performed by the Angelic Beings. Now, I know that there are individuals within the world who have made claims of their own ability to perform Etheric operations. They use their own light and their own concepts of how this should be done. These leaders have penetrated some of the new knowledge; and then, incorporated their own ways to affect the changes, through establishing the new habit patterns of individuals. These leaders would teach one the way to begin new eating habits, remain in the fresh air more, exercise the body to increase the alertness and vigor, and stimulate the blood and respiratory system. The leaders would teach that each one should practice meditation more; and then, they would be aided to climb into a higher plateau. This, dear ones, involves

a considerable amount of time and effort.

My Father Mother God has made a special dispensation within these teachings, so that His children could receive the QUICKENING, which no mortal can perform upon the Earth. I have repeated that it is the higher, Pure Light from the Ascended Beings, who have the necessary LIGHT TO DO THIS. But the mortal does not have the wherewithall to do what WE can do in the Ascended State. After We remove, dissolve and cleanse the spirits of the lower vibrations and past habit patterns, now WE lift them up into a higher frequency by adding our OWN LIGHT of a Higher Frequency, to their inner soul light. The higher frequency lifts up the lower frequency of light. Few of our children have perceived the extent of this gift as they receive it from US. It is for this reason, that we have stated, 'none can receive these gifts by donations alone.' We have stated that it is by obedience alone, to the HIGHER WAY, to the HIGHER WISDOM within the HIGHER MIND, which WE HAVE. In following our instructions as We show you in the booklets and within your own soul, now they can receive the HIGHER FREQUENCY; even as our children are obeying us. This disciple too, is to obey US. For she cannot give these Etheric operations apart from OUR LIGHT. It is in her obedience, that WE give to her and show her which ones have obeyed; and are eligible for the Etheric operations. These special operations will raise the levels of consciousness as one would be raised before entering the world as an infant.

My children are now all to realize that as a patient turns against the doctor for any reason, within the judgment of the patient, a cloud now settles over the doctor, and the patient. The patient is now given that which he himself believes, and now the doctor cannot be effective with the patient; inasmuch as he has lost faith in the doctor. I AM using this example to show My children that as they turn against this disciple in judgment for something that I have guided her to do, now the member himself has clouded his aura and spirit, and constructed a fence between himself and My

daughter. Until this is all removed, the fence is drawn around the member and the light does not enter. But even so, My daughter operates the Law of Love daily, and includes all so that she remains in My Light. It is during this time, that My children are to come to Me for understanding. As you follow My instructions, you will have the fence of your own creation removed.

Within these teachings, the Etheric operations which are now being performed every night for two hours steadily, all need only obey Me in the distribution of the Book, The Path of Light. This service to Me, enables each one to have erased all that is created against members of the family, within the circles of society, within the members of this organization, within anyone with whom you associate, where there has been judgment or resentment, or anger in some way.

Note dear ones, how we speak softly and lovingly, where one detects no force. This, in itself, makes it so easy to disregard us and go your own way. Each one of the members knows by now, that there is no punishment involved. Therefore, the individual goes his own way, and believes that his greater reward is in his knowing that he has the superior mind to go his own way. It is this which enters the minds of our children in their own beliefs of their superiority. Just belonging to this organization, which teaches the higher Wisdom within their own organization---now this superiority enters the mortal mind.

It is when our children become humble and strive to reach up to us, in the first place, in prayer; and ask that we hold each one to our own Higher Mind and Higher Will, which is within our Perfect Knowledge. We know to whom, or where each book is to be sold. As My children will wipe out everything they have noted, in their own minds; and now, come to Me with a clear slate, upon which no preconceived notions have been formed. Previous thoughts created, plans visualized, or people whom one may know, would be the logical one's to

receive the book. This is to be wiped out, so the slate is clear, as one comes to Me for the instructions which I would give in My Perfection. Each is truly to be willing to follow Our Way and fulfill Our Desire. As the disciple demonstrates his love for our Wisdom, more that the superior way of the mortal mind, it is this, which will bring success to the individual. But so often, the mortal mind sees what is going on in the world, and believes in the appearances. They would believe that they themselves know to whom to send a book. All this takes place within the mind of the individual. But frequently, the disciple is not aware of his own thoughts. For oftentimes, as the thoughts are flowing, he cannot distinguish which are his, or which are our thoughts. It is by calling our names and praying that we hold their spirits and minds, that the individual begins to recognize, when our thoughts are flowing. Because it never occurred to the member to sell a book, where we are guiding him to go.

Since so many of the members have already paid for the book, each prefers to give it away. But now, something is wrong for the disciple does not feel the divine Spirit. He does not receive the Etheric operation. When this happens, that one will react against My disciple, and will not lift another hand to assist Me. The books now lie in closed closets and nothing is done. These members turn away and find these teachings distasteful to their own way of thinking. But these individuals are not aware that each one would still be the master, teacher, and Lord. He would still dictate to My disciple what she is to do with these books.

I had guided My daughter to send the Path of Light books, which would normally be sent monthly within the same package as the booklets. I changed this, and showed her that she was to send all the books at the book rate costs. Her monthly mail packages and air mail costs would be greatly reduced. In overseas mail, many packages had been sent airmail. I gave My Wisdom to her, and advised her to mail books-the book-

rate, in pouches. This reduced the mail costs extensively. Overseas, 24 books were sent in a pouch.

My children are not aware of the frequent times they have reacted against My daughter, and turned against her in the instructions I would give to her, especially when I would change her ways. She, at times, despaired, even as she tried to obey and follow Me. Then she would feel the anger and retaliation in spirit against her. At times, members believed that she was now following her own ways.

My children are to realize by now, how My daughter is aware of their spirits against her. One need only visualize the person to whom you are sending thoughts; and they receive them, charged with the emotional, negative reactions. All of My children within this organization are within the One Light. My daughter would often receive the anger and disapproval of My sons and daughters. In their retaliation against her, they would return the books to her. The instant My daughter received the package, the angry spirit was with the package. I had seen how My daughter resolved to obey Me, and not the members. But I was also showing her the spirit of the past, when others were trying to follow Me, and she reacted in the same way.

Time and time again, My children are not aware of their own spirits, having gone forth into the world against Me. But as they finally learn the way their spirits travel within their own light, a great change takes place as each one admits his own opposition to Me. And then, when they become humble and have seen their spirits, now they learn to know themselves. And then, the cold and stiffness within the recalcitrant spirit can be removed by Me, within the Etheric operations. All have, at times, been rulers within their homes, businesses, in positions, or over large groups of people. The ruler ruled over his subjects, and had his way. But now, the rulers are the members within this organization. All are learning how to follow, instead of rule. It is the Higher Mind which is to reign over the

mortal, or human mind, to receive the Higher Way of Wisdom. It is this which improves the efficiency of the operation of this organization. As all learn to follow My Way, now all are in harmony, peace, and feel the Divine Spirit of My Love.

STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Consciousness is the state of each one's awareness of himself and his environment. All is based on accumulated knowledge, experience, training and the sum total-of all the states of consciousness an individual has passed through. Parents have the same state of consciousness which they have passed through. The children are brought into their area where their children, and the surrounding people within their environment are likewise carrying the sum total of each one's consciousness. Within each area, My children have served Me throughout many lifetimes. Since My Father knew each one's state of consciousness perfectly, He accepted the service in each one.

In the past, the children simply followed and imitated their parents, learning from them to the extent of their cumulative knowledge. The parents directed and controlled their own children to follow the image of the parents for generations.

My dearly beloved ones, within these teachings, a great change has occurred. Where in the past, the parents observed their children in all that happened; now the children would observe their parents and review their former states of consciousness through the study of their parents. My children would now observe the parents from the time they were able to recall the scenes of the past. However, other children in the family remained with the same state of consciousness as their parents. But at varied times, all the children wearied of the continued, unchanged ways and same patterns of behavior; and would, at a later date, make the necessary change in moving to another country.

Note, how in every country, there always were the pioneers, the adventurers, the discoverers and the innovative, creative individuals. All these would gain the knowledge their environments produced. But when the printing press was available to the masses of people, from that time on, progress increased considerably. So rapid became the progress, that inventions and new discoveries brought the masses to this Age, where traveling was easier, faster, and more comfortable. Wealth increased with greater numbers who could now afford the luxury of travel, often just to visit and be amidst the fascinations in each country. When this began to happen with scores of people, as they returned to their own homes, news would spread of what they had seen and experienced in ways of life, different from their own. It is this, which increased the traveling from one country to another at an unprecedented rate. Airlines were spanning countries in a few hours, traveling at great speeds to any part of the world. One could reach one's destination within a day or two. Airline travel was within the reach now of multitudes of people in their mode of travel, which so many could afford. News now traveled with the passengers everywhere, not only with airplanes, but the great influence of telephones, telegrams and newspapers. What was happening in any part of the world, was brought into the living room of millions through television. Then the satelites were placed in orbits, to increase the speed of communication, matching the speed of light. In minutes, information was received on the other side of the world. This accelerated the speed of learning and knowledge to such an extent, that research centers were being set up in every country in the world. There was not only research in the medical field, but also in science, in communication, in the study of the atoms and molecules; and study of the interior of the earth, the atmosphere, the spirit of man, woman and child. In practically every field, there were now students in laboratories, creating, observing, detecting, analyzing and probing into nature. This continued into the study of the seas, mountains, stars, moon, the comets, and the Universe at large. In fact, in

every field of endeavor, this was the Age of rapid acceleration and quickening. Within the exchange of knowledge, the way of life improved all over the world immeasureably.

All the improvements in technology, brought the people of the earth into the understanding, that in order to live within the new developments and complicated machinery, along with the vast usage of electronics, education would now have to be given to those masses in backward countries. Knowledge would have to be assimilated in order to live in the modern world of light and electricity. Furthermore, as the cameras, microscopes, and telescopes were vastly improved, the knowledge of man in the world expanded outside of the planet, Earth. Within the study of astronomy, and the planets within the Universe, man wondered if there was life on other planets.

So great have fast changes been made within the world, at large, that there were those who spanned centuries of backwardness. These were now forced to learn new ways and improve their own way of life.

Although a majority of people witnessed the rapid changes even in remote areas, there were still the resistant ones who would remove themselves from the rapid pace of life and developments, and moved to isolated areas, just to be left alone.

The population began to soar as it doubled and tripled upon the Earth. Therefore, the laggers and opposers to new changes, now had to give way, not only within themselves, but also with their own children. The legalization of education for the masses took place worldwide. Parents could no longer forbid their children from entering schools as they had, in the past. Shortly thereafter, the areas themselves received the improvements from the educated children, now grown to adulthood. When books, carrying the knowledge of the new ways of life in countries, where there was a greater

freedom of creativity, and productivity, and a greater acquisition of wealth in the land–the dissidents became interested. They traveled to the foreign lands and saw the great improvements in the way of life, where the people had a democratic system and were given the freedom to vote for their rulers; desires for the changes now began to flourish in the consciousness of the people. Instead of being bound to the ancient ways of holding to the "divine right of kings," with their beliefs in their royal blood within the lineage of the rulers–these beliefs were now being studied. For centuries, it was believed that the rulers were given divine power to rule over the people of the Earth. But what the people themselves did not realize, was that the rulers were given the highest education obtainable in the land. These same rulers now received the responsibility over the welfare and protection of their people. But it was when the rulers began to use their power over the lives of the people, and used them to acquire more power for their own empires; the people were oppressed, and then many lost their lives. Now there were assassinations, revolutions, and disunity, as the disgruntled subjects would be oppressed repeatedly. The rulers had ceased considering the welfare of their people. Ambitious rulers would gain greater and greater power to rule over increased numbers. It was this inordinate lust for power, which brought so much misery to the people, where so many had suffered and lost their lives.

This state of misery continued into the present period of time upon the Earth, where war implements and instruments were so lethal, and devastating to masses, that as the atom bomb and nuclear missiles were discovered, the people suffered on such a vast scale, that these rulers lost their own souls rapidly; and often passed away from ravaging illnesses. Nevertheless, it was still not understood that the body of Light, even within rulers, received the mass currents of negative energy. While so many suffered under the oppression of dominating rulers, still existent upon the earth, individuals turn against the ruler and send forth

their retaliatory energy against him. Oftentimes, the rulers know not why they suffer pains in their bodies, but these are often the retaliatory energies being sent, even as the oppressed ones visualize the ruler and are thinking of what they would desire to do to him in spirit. All this flows unknowingly to the rulers, whose light receives the destructive currents.

As long as the ruler held the highest power in the land, and refused to follow the Way of God and the Will of God for the people–the rulers,themselves,were bound by all those who served them.

It is necessary today for rulers to hire informers of world conditions. Therefore,thousands of individuals in areas all over the world, have been hired to communicate through special telephones,which are now available for direct communications with their emissaries. Large countries in the world have newspaper reporters stationed near the rulers,to study all that is taking place. There are now many rulers in every country throughout the world.

It seems as though the world has become smaller,in the sense that distance no longer separates one from another,as it had in the past. This was due to the exceedingly slow methods of transportation from country to country. But now the time had come, where people in countries everywhere,began to realize,that unless a greater interest was taken in all that was occurring in the world. . . that each one's life could be endangered upon the earth. Vigilance was now required on the part of the people,everywhere. The newspapers kept the people informed, while television gave the public visual views of what was transpiring in the world as there were severe calamities . Organizations have been so set up that instantaneous assistance by airplane, trains, cars, trucks and all manner of vehicles are ready to save lives. Every country had set up a system of trying to protect the people, not only from invaders, but also from the pollutions in the air, which would now be carried by the winds, and would bring

harmful fallouts to remote areas. It has been noted how the winds carried the perverted currents and energies to distant place, when just the testing of bombs took place.

There are millions of people who believe that they are helpless, to control the powers in the world, who hold the safety of the planet within their own control. Organizations were being formed from the four corners of the earth, to spread the knowledge of ways individuals could protect themselves. There were now those individuals who pursued any avenue of knowledge which could protect them from the unscrupulous individuals, who would pervert their power in the world.

UFO'S ENTER THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

Investigations were now being made to the frequent sightings of UFO'S,which were mysterious flying objects seen in varied countries by hundredsof people around the globe. From the very first sightings, all manner of explanations were created,to minimize the importance of the illusory objects; until it was discovered that governments were trying to coverup what had been discovered, and gathered together to be secretive knowledge concerning these flying machines. While churches and religions world-wide,now increased their knowledge of all that was happening in the world, attempts were being made to spread important knowledge concerning the importance of peace among rulers. But simultaneously , the rulers within the churches would incite the people to pray,in such a way, that the evil ones would be destroyed. Since the time of Moses, the story of the earth swallowing up the wicked, the evil-doers, and evil forces, continued to plague the people to this very day. Often when a ruler was branded as being evil, the people in the country where he ruled-all followed his ways.

As religious people followed their leaders in their own country where he ruled-the majority followed his ways.

Since the religious people followed their leaders in prayers, now their own lights would oppress nations. None understood the soul, or light of a nation which would be oppressed by the proclaimed enemy. The emotions of the people would now be stirred up against the enemy. For the enemy was one who was purported to be following the ways of Satan. Those under the influence of Satan would destroy, cripple, and kill to gain power over all of the people. Those countries which had become powerful and amassed stockpiles of destructive armaments, bombs and missles-all this was considered to be the works of Satan. For, whatever was used to kill others, no matter what the instrument would be, even gases and fire used to annihilate people-all this was purported to be the evil spirit which would hurl all manner of destruction against others. Since this has been happening for centuries among people of all nations, the rulers had learned how to control the mass minds within the country itself. To condemn a nation as being evil, that nation would be doomed, as the religious people prayed and used their own lights against the enemy to destroy them.

Time and again, those individuals who used their lights destructively in prayer, were the very ones who projected their energies into the atmosphere to do the destructive work, where they desired to have the earth opened up to bury the evil ones. As such prayers were used, these were the very ones who were caught up into the vortex of the wars, which were taking place. Millions lost their lives. Those who used their energies destructively, knew not what they were doing within their own light, within their own minds; and within the negative formations of desiring destruction for the entire nation itself. Since the people supported their rulers, they too were the enemies. They believed prayers would overcome even the evil nations in the world. Each side believed they were fighting the forces of evil. For the enemies were always the evil ones.

Wars were now being fought on all levels, not only the physical level, but the spiritual level as well.

Rulers of the churches themselves would judge the nations, and then incite the people to pray to have them conquered by the "good forces" in the world. They believed that God was on the side of the "good forces." These believed that as they would praise the Lord, He would give to them more ammunition than all the rest of the nations, so that the evil forces could be overcome.

As wars continued on a globle basis, the wealthy countries now suffered in the enormous costs of continuing wars. A number of countries had to borrow money from the wealthier nations, to continue their wars to destroy "evil ones." As millions of dollars were being poured out to protect the nation against the aggressor, or the evil ones-nations were now discovering that there was no end to wars in this way. For now, they were heavily in debt, and could not continue to assist other countries financially as they had done for so many years.

The HOUR HAS COME where the TRUTH is now flowing throughout the Earth. Since hundreds of individuals have learned how to contact the Wisdom and Truth of the Creator; and, it is now known that the UFO'S are the Angelic Beings, who have been sent into the atmosphere to protect the people of the Earth. Communications were being given to those sensitive individuals who received messages from these beneficent beings through the method of mental telepathy. These messengers circulated the knowledge in the world, that evil itself, was the darkness and ignorance of the rulers in the world. These rulers did not understand the nature of their own inherent power of light, which was being perverted by the human, mortal mind.

Inventions and television had now unlocked the secrets of the operations of the inner nature of man. It

is, at last, being seen on the screen, what thoughts and emotions do to the health and well-being of the body as the laws of God are being broken. Man is learning what this will do within one's own inner being.

The Earth has a reflective atmosphere. All that happens within all the thinking, mental imaging, and forming of nefarious plans, in which destructive ways of all kinds are formulated-all is projected into the outer atmosphere of an electromagnetic nature. This atmosphere would be like a camera which receives all the images upon a film of light or negative. But this is all within the law, set within the atmosphere itself: to return to the sender, the same currents to his own body which were hurled into the environment. In another way to describe it, all that was projected from the inner mind and spirit, now boomeranged upon the individual, who formed all that has returned to him. Each one's own light goes from within to without, or flows exteriorly. And then, from the outer light within the atmosphere, now flows back to the sender.

It is one's own light with which one thinks, feels, and projects. The atmosphere has mirrored everything.

Thus, one learns that each one creates his own destiny, in what happens to each one in the world. Man will be astounded to learn he created his own destiny.

An individual's negatively charged energies rebound at a given time. These negatively-charged energies would gather together with others of like frequency. At a specific time, this would be released upon all those instrumental-in the formation of their own negativity, which has returned; since they formed— in the first place, all the perversions that returned to them. No matter what has been formed interiorly, this registers in the electromagnetic ethers; and then, envelops all those of like mind, who think and believe as they do. As perverted light offends others in any way, the light operates against the one who sent out his light against

another. He receives the offenses and the same spirit from others, returned to him. This happens repeatedly, but still man has been totally unaware that it originated from within his own spirit, because the spirit is of a higher frequency than the naked eyes can see. How can one's own eyes see the thoughts being formulated within one's hidden spirit? When the eyes are turned outwardly and cannot see what is within the body, he would not believe in unseen thoughts, or the spirits of others.

In the study of the inner structure of man, the television screen is showing myriads of colors and rays flowing into the body. It is now being understood that the way each one's power was used, affected his own body and spirit, causing all manner of illnesses. The learning is now taking place, to corroborate what is already herein written.

It will no longer be believed that man is being controlled by his own destiny within his own country. The inner spirit of man controls his own destiny in the aggregate accumulations of all that he believed, thought and formed in his spirit, mind, heart and soul. Man himself broke the Laws of Light, which he did not comprehend, neither did he believe in something he could not see.

The masses did not realize that the Light in their beings was under the Law: to give to him that which he gave to others. This law operated with no respect to who the person was, whether it is a peasant, a farmer, a learned wealthy man, a king or queen, or one in the lowliest state. All were under the Law of their own energy forces within the soul, spirit and body. It is this GREAT KNOWLEDGE which is being revealed by highly evolved beings, who themselves had experienced every state of consciousness, and ultimately learned how to be obedient to the Laws of God, to remain healthy in body, sound in mind, and joyous in the blessings which are received.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY TODAY.

The greatest discover today is the realization that the Light of God is within every man, woman and child. This Truth will now be circulated in a land which gives freedom to religious pursuit, and freedom to express the Truth within this land. Many sensitive individuals who knew they had been rulers in the past, and have been seeking the Truth within this country, are now being enlightened, cleared and purified of past errors. These would now redeem their own past lifetimes of following the ways of the world; having found the Truth and proven it to themselves. These will be the pioneers who will now circulate the Truth, not only in this land, but it will go forth into the world as it has been, for a number of years. These courageous ones today, are laymen, free to pursue and follow the new and higher Knowledge in the world. Many have applied these teachings and have been thrilled; and will willingly pass it on freely to one's fellowman, as they have been doing. These forerunners of the New Age are destined to be the leaders of these great discoveries which they found to be true within their own souls.

In the past, knowledge had been guarded and passed on, only to the selective few, who would assist the ruler in the land to guard and propagate the power of the established spiritual kingdom. But now, the Truth would circulate electronically to the four corners of the Earth. This Knowledge will not be stopped, nor controlled. Since there are now thousands who have been forming groups in every portion of the world, these have dedicated themselves to the ways of peace in the world.

The time has come when Knowledge cannot be suppressed. Neither can the powers in the world buy up all the books, written outside of any church, by sincere seekers; and forbid the circulation of such marvelous Knowledge, which brings comprehension of the light, the soul, and one's environment. Formerly, devious means were used to silence those who brought forth the

Truth as laymen. It was not permitted that the layman should receive the Truth directly from higher beings. This was done only within the realms of the sanctified within the church structures. But now, there are too many avenues of obtaining the Truth; and it is flowing from too many messengers from the four corners of the world. Who can stop the Truth as it flows from the interior of one's own being? The great Truth that Light is in all, will inevitably spread throughout the Earth, because the Light within has been discovered in the interior of the body. It is this which is happening. It is this that cannot be stopped because it is happening on so vast a scale through so many fields of endeavor.

Booklets have been circulated by the thousands. The members and leaders within branch centers will receive extra copies within their monthly packet. There is a great purpose in this. As My extensions of Light are willing to follow Me in My Wisdom with the booklets, each one is to ask Me for My Will which is in My Wisdom. This becomes the leader's right action. It is,in this way, that I will supply the right members to come into each one's Light Center. All are to realize that when something has been sent within each packet that is unusual, this is done purposely. Be not mystified, I have guided My disciple to send whatever has been sent to you,to SERVE MY PURPOSE. As you seek My Purpose in all that you receive, you will be enlightened.

There are now so many channels and messengers that governments know not the source, or where to begin to try to suppress individuals. It is too enormous a task. One does not know even where these individuals are located; and new ones are cropping up everywhere. Besides, there are numerous women who have now entered the field of religion. These are now educated and trained women, who have the legal protection of being oracles of Truth. They are free to speak and write the Truth. It has been noted that many of these women have been blessing the people, at large. Although thousands of women have been suppressed by the churches throughout the centuries, as scores of women are receiving the Truths which improve the way of life for the laymen, an enormous amount of material is

being amassed throughout the world. And women are in a financial position, where they are now assisting one another.

The printing of the Truth has increased to such an extent that people are already seeing the changes that must be made within their own ways of thinking, to establish peace in the world among all nations.

Just recently, as two great rulers confronted each other, and were willing to seek methods of peace, each one now realized that the people in the land were now themselves clamoring for Peace. The rulers faced each other and knew that something would have to be done to obtain peace among themselves. So many rulers have believed in their own superior power in the world. It was THIS BELIEF that would hold each one to his own way, to his own might and to his own position among other nations. But now, the masses of people have been demonstrating worldwide. People are now pleading with their leaders to learn the way of Peace. For if the people and the rulers are willing to follow the Way of God for Peace, mankind and the planet will be saved.

As the people themselves have been changing in their own attitudes through the higher knowledge from their own souls, the changes are taking place amidst the people. They were perceiving that one cannot go on indefinitely believing that some nations are evil. It is now being learned that as each one holds to his own beliefs, that one receives according to his own beliefs from his own light,which has been perverted in his own soul. So now it is the BELIEF itself which is to be changed! But the change is deep-seated, and people are wondering and seeking-how the change can be made within the people in a peaceful way.

The knowledgeable individuals in the world, who have learned that,unless one is willing to learn the ways of God, and are willing to change in their love to the light, not only within themselves, their families and

relatives, but they are to learn to love the Light of God within the world, instead of perverting the light by forming evil thoughts of other nations. IT IS THIS WHICH IS TO BE CHANGED. It is known that thoughts are formed within the light; therefore they are no longer without power. Thoughts are first composed by the light of each individual. As each individual uses light with which to form the thought within his own spirit, he is using the energy of God which is light, with which to form the thought in his own spirit. One need only visualize any man, woman or child, or visualize an entire nation, to whom the thoughts are directed–as the thoughts are filled with hate, distrust and disbelief, one fills himself with darkness and oppression. It is this which is being viewed interiorly with the eye of the camera. The inner mechanism of the way light operates in spirit and in the body, is now being seen. Thoughts are indeed being carried by light transmitters which are the neurons in the body. But the light does not stop there, it flows into the atmosphere and now reaches individuals through the image held in visualization.

Thousands have seen how their thoughts have been picked up by others within their own homes. Millions of women are now realizing that within their own environments, the husbands receive the thoughts of their wives and vice versa. Countless individuals have perceived how others have received their thoughts even as there has been silence and a lack of communication between members of the family. But nevertheless, among relatives and friends, those who received the negativity of each thought, would react against the one who sent out the negative thoughts, despite the fact that nothing was said. But the thoughts entered the spirits of the individuals as dark clouds–when the thoughts were filled with negativity, and charged with emotions even in the silence. This created tensions in the atmosphere.

Millions have believed in the power of positive thinking. Millions have believed that thoughts held

within an individual, sent out vibrations into the atmosphere which were either positive or negative. Within this day and Age, as people have been thinking on a mass scale, and are all affected by the news which they heard, by what is read, and by what is seen on television–these are all the media of communication which are affecting the responses of people in thoughts and emotions, worldwide.

It is now being seen that this avenue is to be investigated. As this is studied, new laws will be made which will control the amount of negativity being permitted to go out over the electronic means of communication. Thousands have seen the affects on their own state of mind and how news has been filled with so much negativity, that millions of people are being kept in a state of emotional tension and judgment against one another in the world.

The news media is to be informed about the affect news has upon people; especially where reporters themselves can give vent to their own emotional turmoil and tensions. Long has the news media believed that sensational news sells papers. Consequently, there is a continuous seeking for sensational news, not only within one's country, but also within the world at large.

While there are continuous problems within each country which divide the people, there are irreparable damages caused because of the way news is spread; inciting both sides in the way the news media would present the problems. How often one segment of the population would be against another segment. Oftentimes, there would be great tensions which accrue among both sides; since each one would present his side of the controversy.

It has long been noted among the sages of the ages that, as individuals are willing to communicate with one another within the right atmosphere, that many problems would be resolved in a peaceful way. Both sides would

now be satisfied with the changes that would be made. Problems would often be resolved slowly among some of the Far Eastern countries. Both sides would be given ample time,and an opportunity to seek more information. Sufficient time would be given for meditation and consideration for all involved to seek a solution to the problem. And then, there would be those beautiful maidens who would be hired to play soft and soothing music. Delectable dishes of food and wine were served in an agreeable atmosphere. This is the stage which would be set, to encourage the right frame of mind so that individuals could solve their problems peacefully in a peaceful setting.

On the other hand, when leaders of varied countries meet with one another, and each is confronted with the anger of people, with the demands and insistence that their way be adopted, no matter what those ways would be, the stage was already set for negative vibrations. Especially, when the reporters interviewed both sides prematurely; and then, reported in the newspaper what appeared to be the solution on both sides. The reaction of anger accompanied the reading. Both sides felt the resentments of the publicity and the negativity of all that had been written. All would now react negatively. Instead of being within the right atmosphere to enable the problems to be solved, the individuals were already in the midst of volatile emotions. Demands would be shouted. Parades carrying slogans of what each desired, were blatantly waved. Judgmental slogans angered the leaders who would be branded as being to blame for the problems in the first place. Under such an atmosphere of circumstances, nothing would be achieved. Resistance tightened the heart. Each side would be firm in holding to his own desires for his own country, in the way the ruling parties in each country would outline all that was to be accomplished. It is as though each one had been presented with a paper showing the way an individual is to behave. In the receiving of just such an ultimatum, both sides would react negatively to the opposing parties, as though he

were under the jurisdiction of the enemy, who now tells him what he should, or should not do.

These are some of the reasons so many conferences failed. In such atmospheres, the leaders could not communicate with one another without becoming deeply disturbed. And then, neither side would desire to pursue the problem any further.

All this, is not too unlike a husband and wife who were quarreling with one another. Neither side would consider the other. Neither one wanted to hear what the other had said in a condemnatory tone, in which the individual spoke. The moment each one begins to judge the other as being wrong in any argument, no matter what it is, the emotions will flare. At that moment, the light is perverted and further attempts to resolve the problem is useless. The problem becomes impossible. Therefore, individuals have had to prepare very carefully, the points which would be considered. Neither was to judge, nor condemn one another. But just listen with compassion and interest, in all that is being said. In a state of peace, the light of peace is still with the individual. The heart and mind is still open. Oftentimes, there will be reconciliation as each is willing to listen quietly to one another in a friendly way.

HOW TO BE WITHIN THE MIND OF THE CHRIST.

It was My Father who spoke and showed His children that,where both sides were within the Peace of God, and the mind was within the love of understanding, as it was said: "When two people can be in the One Mind of Christ, and agree upon any one thing, it shall be given unto them." To be in the One mind of Christ, is to recognize that even as the light is with one leader, it is also with the other. One Light will light up the light of another as one is within the Christ Light. This is the Light which is in all and through all. As each one recognizes that the Infinite Mind of God is the Christ Light, which solves all problems, the Light enters. Each

one is now open to the way the problem can be solved. It is in this atmosphere of Peace that a friendship is made between two hostile parties or companies, or nations, or within families. It is within this atmosphere of peace that it matters not who the people are. It is as the two are in the One Mind of Christ-this is the Light of GOD, now present. This is especially so, where one recognizes that God is present within himself. Now he is within a state of good-will with the one he is confronting.

Oh dear ones, too long, before two people would meet together, the mind would go over all that is wrong with the individual. This is the human mind operating in the world. All the human aspects of what has been seen, said and experienced, is rehearsed within the mind. And then, the negativity is poured out against the individual in a perverse, judgmental way. The effect of this is immediate. The light of God becomes covered with the negativity of the dark clouds rolling in the inner atmosphere, and being projected outwardly. The clouds become darker and filled with negative, destructive currents as the individual is thinking that the other one is evil. As both come together, believing in the darkness of the other, there is animosity released, which now makes the solutions to problems often impossible. And then, many times, one or the other will meet with some unfortunate circumstance, which will only make matters worse.

My dearly beloved ones, as you resolve, not to try to impose your thoughts or ways, or beliefs on others in a perverse manner, or a judgmental way--the darkness imprisons the light within. It is within that the negative invectives are hurled against one another, and flows to the enemy-the one who opposes you. The solution lies within the spirit as the spirit is turned to the Light. As one refuses his own spirit of negativity, and will first pray, and ask for My Peaceful Presence to come into one's own inner spirit--My Light of Peace now flows to lift each one into My Peace.

THE GREAT LAW OF RECOGNITION.

All are to know that, as I AM recognized with the enemy-as soon as this is acknowledged silently and inwardly, a peace comes over My children.

But it is MY PEACE which is refused. It is this which denies MY PRESENCE, as though I AM not present with the enemy.

All of My own children have been taught that I AM in all and through all. I AM OMNIPRESENT. I AM THE FATHER OF ALL OF MY CHILDREN. I HAVE NO ENEMIES! How could I have enemies when I KNOW that MY OWN LIGHT is within each one. It is MY OWN LIGHT which I WOULD LOVE in the purported enemy. The love to MY OWN LIGHT brings MY OWN LIGHT to the enemy. And Lo, the problem which held the individual to being an enemy, will often disappear. The individual will suddenly see his own spirit at this time, and be ashamed.

Many of My own children have learned to be at peace as there would be turmoil within the atmosphere. Some would leave the scene or area, where there was quarreling, or tension in negativity, being hurled at others. Many do not realize that within the area, even children and babies feel the vibrations of the perverse currents. These are the currents of perverted light, which will flow to the inner spirit, and are felt as disagreeable, negative energies. Spirit flows to spirit; and it is the inner spirit which receives the currents within one's being.

From now on, My children are to keep silent and not speak at all, when one is angry. No matter what is happening, KEEP SILENT. It is while the currents of perversion are flowing that one is to TURN IMMEDIATELY to ME. As this is done, the negative currents no longer enter into the spirit for MY LIGHT IS FLOWING! And, MY LIGHT is always PEACE and LOVE.

Thus, wherever there is any turmoil, My children are to turn inwardly to ME. Give Me your attention inwardly, but speak not at this time. If possible, if you can leave the scene and come to Me in prayer, so that I can enlighten each one, you will see how My understanding will change the atmosphere and anger, at that very moment. It is in the Love of God that understanding now dawns, and the angry individual is ready to listen. It is as one is lifted up in the Light of Love that, the great change is made in the consciousness.

Now, dear ones, I know that this is the Christmas Booklet. However, this is also a period of time when thoughts and feelings should be turned to the Christ Light; not only within one's own being, but dwell on this Light as being in all and through all. Remember, the Christ Light is the Overall Light. It is not only within your own being, but it is shining over the entire Earth, over all of mankind. Spend more time in prayer, in loving this ONE LIGHT IN ALL-the CHRIST LIGHT. This, in truth, is the Love of God for all of His children. This is the Light which flows through the electromagnetic waves to All.

As His Love is within the atmosphere, it is not reserved for any special group. Remember dear ones, it is given to All just as the sun shines and gives its rays to All. So too, does this Love flow to All.

My children do not fully realize, but some of the members who have learned how to pray within the Love of the Universal Mother, and have learned how to give this atmosphere to all who confer within the locality of one's city, or within the nation, or even within the international scene—these blessed ones are serving the Father Mother God, by assisting to prepare a higher atmosphere of Peace to begin the conference. As those who pray, are operating My LAW OF LOVE FOR ALL, the minds become open to listening to the other in friendship.

In conferences, as it is known to people that both

sides are religious, this is not difficult. But so often, so many have been conditioned to believe that only one's own religion is with God. All others are false. All others worship idols and are with Satan. This belief now brings the darkness to the area. As this happens, the lower nature within the human mind predominates within the setting; and none are satisfied. The mortal mind of man is with the self. It is here where the self interests and ways dominate the atmosphere. It is in such an atmosphere that no solutions are forthcoming. The higher mind of each one is covered by the darkness of the one who is judging the other, as being the inferior or lesser power. Or the leader is unreligious, or he is the evil one, or the aetheistic one. All this overshadows the spirits of the individuals, and prohibits the higher mind, the Infinite Mind of God to enter the spirits of the parties involved at the conferences.

Now, although I AM already present with each one, no matter who it might be, it is in the acknowledgment of My Presence that the individual is lifted up into My Presence. Therefore, the Law of Recognition has been given to My children, to apply whenever each one is confronted with whatever problems each one would have. The Law operates in such a way that, as one's mind is dwelling on Me within one's own being, I AM drawn into the Presence by the attention being given to Me.

My children cannot practice this Law of Recognition enough. The Law of Recognition is to be practiced daily within the home, within the office, or store. It can be practiced within one's car on the road, or at home even while watching television. As My children are acknowledging Me within and without, they will see what happens in each case while one is silently dwelling on My Presence. It is in the knowing that light operates in every portion of one's body, heart, mind, spirit and soul, that the individual becomes convinced of My Presence being closer than the air which you breathe.

It is all true. I AM in the air. The Light is given to you from your own spirit as the physical body respiratory system is exhaling through the passages. Within the inhaling breath of the solid body, the exhaling breath of Light flows from the spirit. The spirit respiratory system receives the Light from the soul in the same manner. The spirit body exhales, but with the inhaling breath, the spirit body receives from the soul body. Meditate on this and practice dwelling on the soul giving to the spirit, and the spirit gives to the body. When this is thoroughly understood and you learn to do this in conscious awareness, studying the process within, you will learn how to go from one dimensional level through the breathing process. You will understand how, you are in the awareness of the physical body. Then, with the breath being received from the spirit, you are in the spirit within. Receiving the light being inhaled from the soul, you are now in a higher dimensional level. Once more, it is as though the individual is on top of a mountain, while he is within his soul; and feels the fresh, pure, revitalizing air of Light.

It was this messenger preparing this booklet, who spent six months practicing this type of breathing. She discovered that she was in her spirit body, and then entered into her soul body with the knowledge she had learned. She recognized the three bodies in her being. This revelation alone is worth all that one has studied and gained in the world. Just to know how to enter the realm of the spirit so easily, one becomes aware of the spirits of others. This is the beginning of spiritual discernment. And then, as one is breathing the light of the soul in conscious awareness, it will be noted that one becomes recharged with Light, while one is within the state of awareness of recognizing what is taking place in the breathing process.

When each one learns how to do this, you will see how less sleep is needed by that individual. Since the purpose of sleep is to relax and let go of the spirit body, one now drifts off into a state of dreams during sleep. It

is during this time that one is receiving the light from the soul body in sleep. The breathing is so deep and silent that one cannot hear the breathing. During this period of time, the visions are flowing into the spirit body and mind from the soul body.

Every dream that is dreamed, is not to be interpreted by the mortal, physical mind. I have taught this already to My children. All are to use the Law of Recognition of My Presence being with the disciple. As the individual's attention is turned inwardly, and he is within his spirit body in conscious awareness, he is to speak in spirit and ask for the interpretation of the dream which has been released to the spirit mind. From there, it flows to the memory of the physical mind of the individual. Many have already said that they do not remember dreams, but they do not understand why. In the first place, many do not believe in dreams. Some people would be too reticent to divulge the content of their dreams; some have tangled and snarled dreams. There are those who do not want to remember dreams and refuse to think about them, and just put the dream out of their mind.

Few realize how each one conditions his own subconscious mind to be forgetful. So many times, these would say, "I cannot remember the dreams." As this creation is formed, it registers upon the spirit body. This spirit body draws a film over the dream and it quickly fades and is forgotten. But there are some dreams which are mystical and fascinating to the individual. Remembering such dreams, the dreamer tries to interpret his dream from his own accumulated knowledge. Dreams mean something, since they are given in a form of a parable, at times. Words are heard in dreams which seem to have a great significance to the individual. Happenings will take place within the environment which remind the dreamer of the dream. However, some individuals realize that there is indeed a deep-seated meaning to the dream itself. Sometimes, the dream is of such nature that one cannot speak of

the dream to others. But the individuals are to learn to trust their own body of Light, their own soul within the spirit of the highly evolved Celestial Teacher each one knows he has.

In spirit, turn inwardly; with your mind and heart dwelling on your Celestial Parent, ask for the purpose of the dream; and ask for the enlightenment and understanding of the meaning of all that was observed and remembered in the dream.

Note the statement: "I AM to you that which you believe that I AM. As you believe that I AM the Dream Interpreter, you repeat this statement, believing your own words. Next, you operate My law of Love as each one has been taught. It is the Celestial Parent who now speaks. I show each one how the dream does indeed portray a state of mind that the individual has been holding over a period of time. This state may be based on concepts that have been held over a period of time. You have learned that each one is given according to his own belief within the environment. The dream is given to alleviate what will happen within the environment if the continued state of mind is held in one's consciousness. It will usually be something in the mind which is to be released, removed and dissolved. The individual is then set free of the result of the negative and erroneous state of mind. For it is in holding the image and concept which brings turmoil in the world to the individual. My Father would eliminate the state of mind by clearing up one's understanding through the dream.

Countless images have been held by scores of people everywhere. But to so many, there seems to be no significance to those images. In most cases, insufficient knowledge of what those images can do to the individual, prevails. To such individuals, the dream has nothing to do with what happens in the world. But in adhering to the images within the consciousness over a period of time, will draw the held image into

manifestation.

Note the frequency of repeating that, the Law within the Light itself with which one forms the image: "Be it done according to your belief." This brings the image into focus of the human mind of the individual. The dream shows his mental state in what his own mind is doing. The dream given is actually given to alert the individual to his own imaging, which is destructive and negative. So aware now, are My children of the formation of images and thoughts, that they are becoming aware within their own subconscious minds at the precise moment the fear image is being formed.

How often one will view a fire on the television screen; and then, in retrospect, begin to form an image of their own homes catching fire. A fear now becomes registered within their own spirit, but they are not aware of this happening. Individuals the world over, have many images of all manner of fears. As these images are formed within the psyche, or within the spirit, the individual thinks about them and believes in the images. The dream will often be given to show the individual his own image and state of mind; and the fear will be illustrated in the dream. The fear registers and lodges as a cloud within the area; and festers with fear thoughts of fires, until attention is drawn to this image and formation within the spirit, to show the individual what is to be eradicated. This is done in order to alert the individual to his own believing in the image. As it is dissolved, the image will not be drawn into the environment, or happen in some way.

Now I know that for generations, it was believed that silent thoughts and images were the private domain of individuals, to think as they pleased within the silent area of the subconscious mind. But now, with the study of Light, it will be seen within the subconscious mind, how the fear itself had been held for years.

Parents often held fears concerning their own

children, but did not realize that the fear of the parent registered in the subconscious area of the child, who likewise accepted the same fear, without understanding why the child accepted the fear. But, in so many cases, the child does not understand what is happening, and looks to the parents to know what to do. So many children sense the fears of their parents and feel the fear vibrations. The child studies the parents' facial expressions and can detect the spirit of fear. They realize that parents themselves are afraid. So too, do the children become afraid, and will often cling to their parents in times of peril of any kind.

Although dreams can be wiped out and dissolved, and disbelieved, once a thought form or image is registered within the spirit, it is a higher and purer light which erases the lower vibrational image.

All of My children NEED THEIR CELESTIAL PARENTS, just as little children need their natural parents. Children are vulnerable and need the protection of their parents. The souls also, as children, have need of their Celestial Parents. All souls need the protection of the Celestial Parents.

What consolation it is to the individual, to know that he has Celestial Parents; who are often so close to their children, that they are only a breath of Love and recognition away. When it is finally realized that the Celestial Parents have a body of Light with a given frequency which spans the atmosphere of the entire Earth, it becomes awesome to the child. Nevertheless, this is the Truth. For, no matter where the child may be, the Celestial Parent is within a higher dimensional level. But still, the divine Spirit of the Parent, being all-encompassing, is always within the reach of the child. It is in the knowing, realizing and calling to the Parent, that one will realize how close each one is to the soul.

This disciple only today received a letter from a

member who had an accident which so mystified her, that she wrote a letter, asking for understanding to all that had happened. Although the woman driver was of small stature and weighed less than a hundred pounds, she was still driving a car; inasmuch as there was no transportation to her own home. She lived within a small, northwestern town, where each one drove a car, or had to walk to reach any area of the small town.

Although this member always prayed before driving a car, she met with an accident on the road, where a sharp turn of the wheel to avoid an accident with other cars, toppled her car over as she swerved and turned the wheel of the car too sharply. The safety belt was not around her as she fell to the floor underneath the dash board. Believing she wasn't hurt, since she could not feel any pain anywhere, she began to extricate herself from the car. Rescuers at that moment, saw the accident, opened the door to her overturned car, totally demolished, and were astounded to find such a little woman still alive. They believed she must have been in her nineties. This surely has been one of those miracles, the rescuers thought. It was too incredible to find her alive. However, as she was driven to the hospital, xrays revealed she had three broken ribs.

In her letter to this disciple, she asked for an explanation to the feeling that her spirit had left this world. She must have been in another dimension. For some reason, she was protected from feeling any pain whatsoever. She had already forgotten that in her prayer, before starting the car, she had given her body, spirit and soul to the Father Mother God. It was His Light which lifted her spirit into the soul body. She was totally unaware that there was a short period of time where she was unconscious, while she was in the car. This was before the rescuers had arrived. It was, at that moment, that her soul had been transported to this disciple, to whom I AM dictating this booklet. This disciple had told another member, who was a Light Center Branch leader, that something had happened to this member, because

her soul was brought to My daughter. This one, was alerted immediately, and began to operate the Law of Healing and Love in her prayers; so that, as the little woman was within the Light of the Father Mother God, now their Light was doing the works of holding her spirit within THEIR OWN LIGHT. Her spirit did not feel the pain, but caused her to be mystified. The injured one had kept saying, she herself felt so unreal, as though she were within a different world; and so she was. But the world was the dimension of the Light of her Celestial Father Mother God, who were with her each day, until she was discharged from the hospital; and went home by bus, herself. Arriving in the bus station of a nearby small city, she was met by friends, who transported her to her home, the rest of the way.

Formerly, My Father had seen the clouds of fear of accidents within her spirit. At times she had, without realizing, envisioned all that had occurred on the road when visibility was poor. Because of her fears, she would pray, asking for protection, before starting her car. Despite all that had happened, My Father tried to impress her through a dream that had been envisioned with our Light, flowing into her soul. However, the fear had lodged in her spirit. And then, she still did not come to Me for the interpretation of the dream which was repeated to her. Nevertheless, to her, the dream was so hazy that it passed through her consciousness. Nothing was done about it. Therefore, she continued to hold the fear in her spirit. When the accident happened, she could not correlate what happened outwardly, to the "accident-prone fear" she had still held. She did not release her fears, as I was trying to reach her through repeated dreams. She could not realize that her consciousness had held the clue to the outcome of what happened in the accident. However, she will now have a clear understanding of all that occurred. Due to her inability to put the story of her accident together, it was for this reason that she wrote to this disciple for an explanation, which has now been clarified within this booklet.

As you study this booklet, dear ones, be ALERT to the significance of dreams and be attentive to what you are to do. Understand the purpose of those dreams and you will realize why all are to attune to Me. I will give you the answers to your dreams and mysteries. The examples of the importance of dreams should now lead you to commune with your Celestial Parents more often.

HOW PREDICTIONS COME TRUE.

Predictions are My own Truths of what will happen in the future. Predictions are not the same as dreams. A prediction is created in My Father's own Light, and is made within the Universal Light. The Universal Creation of My Father which is given to the disciple, to come to pass in the future, is dependent upon his willingness to serve Me within the organization as I direct him. In addition, as I give to My disciple instructions through these booklets, I AM speaking to all of My light extensions. Then as My disciple continues to serve Me, while he holds the prediction in his soul and believes IN ME and in MY PREDICTION, it will be precipitated at the right time. Despite these instructions, one of My disciples had many predictions given to him by this disciple. Since they did not come to pass, he resigned. He lost his faith in these teachings. Afterwards, he turned elsewhere for the purported Truth.

The individual who resigned, did not have sufficient knowledge, or understanding, in the way Celestial Parents make predictions. Neither does the prediction come to pass, unless the person, who received the prediction, precipitates what has been predicted.

First, My Father creates the prediction within His own Universal Light. Every prediction which My Father creates, would bless the member. Before the prediction will manifest in the world, the individual is to accept the prediction and believe in what has been created by our Father. However, there is an interval of time between the prediction and manifestation which will take place.

The timing depends upon whether the member is willing to continue to serve within the organization; and follow the instructions given within the teachings. When the individual would follow ME, and serve as I would guide him, the prediction would manifest at the right time.

This member did not realize why he had resigned. Within his own spirit, he held tenaciously to his own beliefs which were his own eternal and immortal truths. Among the concepts registered in his spirit: He was not to follow woman, nor believe in what she said. Although the Father was speaking through the woman, a channel, he would not believe that the Father speaks through woman. He speaks only to man. Therefore, he was not to believe in the predictions she received from Me. He believed in the timeless truths he received from his own nation, centuries ago. Therefore, the member turned only to his own ascended being Teacher. He believed that the ascended beings do not fabricate. But when the ascended being began to speak to him about his own stored concepts within his book of Life, he did not understand the Law governing all ascended beings. All were held to give to each disciple according to his own registered belief. The former beliefs were released so that they could be recognized and would be dissolved as the Universal Truths were taught. Therefore in channeling, each disciple was to know himself through understanding his own purported truths.

In the beginning, channels believe everything that is said by the Celestial Teacher. Because they are within the divine Spirit of God, what they say is the Truth. Therefore, as the book of Life was being read, all that was given, was the knowledge each one had gained in the world from the interpretations of the human mind.

Now My disciples know that a person's book of life is written with each one's own light, recorded on the soul-light. And that, we, in the ascended state, read what is written on the pages of light. What you accept as truth in your life, is in that book of Light; and is, to us,

clear and plain to see. Moreover, everything you see, hear and feel, along with all of your thoughts, education, as well as your own interpretations of truth, are recorded and revealed to us. Those revelations can become clear to you too, during communion, as we read what is written. We have access to your book of life.

When you are in communion with us, the still, small voice tells you what is written on your soul. It is then that you can understand what is to be erased of the negative past, to make room for the new Truths from your Celestial Parents.

It is not an easy task. Instead of being pacified by beautiful, inspiring messages that simply lull you to sleep, you are now focused on your inner spirit and self, forced to see the "stones" of the past in the "ashes of your ancestors." But once you have accepted this, and realize what the Celestial Parents can do for you in erasing the "heavy burdens" you are still carrying, you see yourself as you have been formerly and still are, since the stones are still there being shown to each one. But as the path becomes cleared, now a new road can be built of the new Truths for you to travel upon. The new truths are created in Universal Light. This will bless you, but will not oppress you.

One cannot truly know himself unless he can see his own state of mind and consciousness, based on the sum total of all that he has collected in his spirit. Knowing one's self, takes place when one learns to hear the still, small voice.

There are individuals who do not want to know about themselves. They only want to teach the world the beautiful, inspiring messages and be acclaimed and admired. Such individuals no longer believe in the past. To them, it is finished. But what they do not realize is, that since the past is still recorded and written upon the light of their own spirits, their present actions, ways, and thoughts still stem from all that has been recorded. It is

within the consciousness that changes take place when the habit patterns and conditioned responses are all exposed and removed completely. But as long as the past is still there, thoughts from the same old concepts will continue to well up in such a way, that the consciousness is now portraying these chains which drag one's soul behind their own self-created stones.

Thousands of men have refused to follow any woman, especially in the duality of their own souls. Many men have resigned from this organization simply because they were men, and were not to follow a woman. Opinions among them were expressed that My messenger, a woman, was very knowledgeable and clever, but still a woman. One of these men became estranged with his wife and after a divorce, was not permitted to see his little daughter. Recently news arrived that the little daughter had passed away. He was so crushed that he wrote a letter to this disciple and wanted to receive consolation. Perhaps some revelation could be given to him for his understanding. Why did this happen to him? Although this same man refused to come to Me for the purpose in all that happened, he was hoping My disciple would give to him the answer. Through her channeling, I showed him-he is indeed male and female; and that the male principle in his being would be the light of the son. But I AM the OVERSOUL within the Universal Light, representing the FATHER. It was I, speaking to him through the duality of My daughter. He was to obey ME, not the self of the woman. But he did not understand this. Neither did he realize that his own wife carried his own male principle, the son, who was overshadowed by the FATHER. Therefore the son, the soul, or light of the husband was within the spirit of his wife. Therefore, the FATHER was with the son, within the wife. But so many men could not accept this. Neither could he, the one estranged from his wife. Neither was the little daughter, nor his own mother accepted, as having the light of the Oversoul, or the Father, who overshadowed the spirit of the son, whom the wife, mother and little daughter had carried within their beings. In the duality of the soul of

what is seen in their own thought formations. The Higher Teachers tell him to do just what he has previously planned, or thought. Some of the leaders would turn away from their own Celestial Teachers if they were asked to interchange the lower light for the higher light. These are the leaders who believe that the light within their own beings is the higher light.

It is known that the chosen ones are with the ascended beings or angels. This is a great privilege. To know that one has merited an ascended being for a Teacher, further elevates their light to the light of the ascended being.

Beliefs lead so many astray and retard spiritual progress. What so many leaders do not realize, is that this woman, a disciple, has paved the way to the completion of the Path of Light in each state of consciousness. She has eliminated a mountain of beliefs. First she would study and meditate on the higher teachings. Then she perceived her own erroneous beliefs, and recognized the contrast. She quietly practiced the higher way and learned how to demonstrate these teachings. My disciple knew that the beliefs were stored within another dimension. The Celestial Parents saw those beliefs within the spirit and would reveal them to this disciple as she would ask for the revelations apparent to them and registered upon her body, spirit and soul. In fact, so much is stored within each one that, all individuals have the equivalent of a library, stored within each state of consciousness.

After the truth is revealed by the Celestial Parents, if the disciple meditates on what has been released by the ascended being, and will love the higher Truth taught by the Shining Ones, it will be much easier to release one's cherished beliefs.

The dawning of a new state of consciousness brings a greater willingness to know all that is stored within. Awareness of the way the mortal mind operates in human

interpretations, brings a new comprehension of the higher mind. Subsequently, the disciple becomes willing to spend the time and effort in seeking the higher interpretation of the Infinite Mind when messages have been given. Great strides will be made in enlightenment, as one does not rely on his own human understanding. It is here that one learns the meaning of the words: "Lean not on thine own understanding." It is this which has been lacking for centuries, with those who could not overcome their own spirits. But eventually, all will discover the great and rapid acceleration in spiritual progress, as one seeks the interpretation of the Father Mother God, even in detail, of the messages already received. Receiving a message, and then returning for the interpretation, brings the Light of Wisdom to know how to follow your Celestial Teacher. No matter what method is used to interpret the messages, none can overcome what has been recorded on the body, spirit or soul. This is due to the mechanism of the spirit body which would be like a computer. In the first place, the computer has been created to receive vast amounts of knowledge with the speed of light. But it can only return what has been recorded in the speed of light. There are no original thoughts or new inspiration with any mechanized machine. The machine performs according to its function-of storing and returning what has been programmed into the machine. The computer plays back from its memory bank upon a screen, only that which was previously recorded. The book of Life can be compared to a recorder. Whatever is stored on its memory bank, can be returned upon a screen of light within the soul, that which had already been recorded. As this disciple turned inwardly, she viewed a tape of light, carrying her beliefs to her own conscious awareness within the spirit mind, and then to the conscious mind. She saw the light inwardly, as though the printing had been done with white ink, but it was light instead of ink. Each one will be fascinated with the inner mechanism of his own memory bank, as you rely on your Celestial Parents to touch the right keys of your own computer inwardly, to show you

why it is necessary to receive their higher mind for their interpretation, instead of using what has been computerized by the mortal mind.

THE BEGINNING OF PEACE AND THE LESSENING OF TENSIONS.

During the holiday season in December of 1985, there will be a greater relaxation in the world and the lessening of tensions as two leaders strive to reduce armaments in the world, at large. Although this nation held the beliefs that it was imperative to assist other democratic nations in the unification of the democratic system. And that eventually these countries would unify to overthrow the communistic nations, through powerful stockpiles of amunition in varied countries, to protect the followers of democracy a great change has taken place. It is now being realized that force cannot be used in one democratic nation to hold any other nation to the given concepts of this, or any other nation. Since each nation represents a state of consciousness, with all the national beliefs within the masses of each country this is the national heritage which represents each state of consciousness. The masses of people in every country inherit the national thinking of that country. The national thinking enters the spirit of each individual within his own nation. People who evolve to a higher state of consciousness within any country, are ready to adopt a higher state of consciousness in a new land. Such individuals will gain entry at the right time, under the right conditions, as one's new consciousness has already incorporated many of the beliefs inherent within the new land. The Law of Attraction brings people of the same state of consciousness together.

Nevertheless, there are leaders and individuals who pretend to follow democratic ways in the outer consciousness, but inwardly they are still holding others to their own concepts, which are still of the old consciousness. This is not unusual with many people. But all who are of the same state of mind are drawn

together. Notice how individuals of the same state of evolvement are within the same given area in some country. Such individuals tend to remain together until one wearies of the sameness of life; and now makes the necessary changes within his own being to improve his own lot in life.

It is not wise to impose one's own way of life upon others who are not ready for the changes. However, there have been thousands of people who have been brought to this democratic country against their own will, under varied conditions. And, although there was great resistance to the new ways in the land, the children within these families became educated in the public schools. Even in their youth, the children accepted the ways of the land and adapted to the consciousness of the people in the land. Gradually, the foreign population would be assimilated and followed the prescribed laws and constitution of the land. Eventually, the people learned the new ways and conformed to the mass consciousness of the national thinking of the country itself.

As millions of people throughout the world were praying for Peace, My Father intervened when two leaders met at a Conference in Geneva. My Father guided the two leaders of two large nations, and showed each leader what was to be done in his own nation. Both leaders reached a mutual agreement, and were encouraged to work toward the goal which would be set through the guidance of My Father for each leader in his own land.

The leaders in each country realized that neither country could continue supporting the people of diversified states of consciousness in varied countries, to enforce a way of life which the people were not yet ready, in their own respective state of consciousness to adopt. It was found that, forcing individuals would cost millions of dollars in policing a nation; and forcing upon them that which they themselves refused. No real

progress could be made as democratic ways were ignored. No true progress had been made through force, to adopt the policies of any other country. As this realization dawned upon the leaders, the agreement was made to follow the Way of Peace in the world. It was now within the power of these two nations to reduce the tensions of the fears of a global war with nuclear missiles. Both countries had depleted their financial resources in the high cost of war. It became a mutual agreement that it was a very wise policy for each country to operate in Peace and become friends. There would now be attempts to unify through cultural exchanges, and other ways, so that the people could still live in peace in their diverse countries.

So great have the lessons been learned by these two countries, that these same lessons will be accepted and spread into other nations. Rulers of varied nations will see how, as any nation starts a war, all the other nations will begin to show their disapproval. Rulers will see how, as they increase tensions within their own countries, they will see the increase of great suffering to the people, who are at war with one another.

Oh My beloved ones, did not My Father say, that He would intervene in such a way, that war would be seen as being unprofitable to any nation. Wherever extensive force is used, a change is not made in consciousness. The people strive all the harder to rebuild their resources, in order to retaliate and retrieve what was taken from them, in some way. It has been realized that wars do not end wars! Wars breed retaliation, and only delay the time for the next war to be fought. Countries would be at war with one another over parcels of land. As one side would win temporarily, the other side would begin another war to retrieve what he had lost. Both sides continue to war until the land in the Far East is returned to the former owner.

It was discovered through experience, that backward nations could not be molded into the image of this nation.

This became impossible. There would be a pretense to democracy, where the dominating ways of the leaders would be hidden to the democratic nation. So now, it has been learned that wars do not make permanent changes in the cousciousness. The deep-seated anger caused by all the suffering, just heightens more tensions everywhere. Hatred mounts to such an extent that wars would be planned on a larger scale in the future. But now, with so many nations involved, there would be a great escalation, until the entire world would suffer from the nuclear weapons unleashed, which would affect the entire globe and all of mankind.

As Peace comes into the world, all shall see how prosperity will follow. There will be a mutual exchange of the goods and talents of the people in cultural exchanges. The sharing in research for the benefit of mankind, will bless people everywhere. Great blessings will follow within a great communication of interchange and ideas, and ways, among the countries in a time of Peace.

Now, My dearly beloved ones, you will see how these teachings will cover the globe as time passes. Now there will be a greater inflow of spiritual material to assist mankind in their evolvement into the next higher body, the body of light. This is the soul body which Jesus represented in the world two thousand years ago. It is at last, being comprehended through the great discoveries being made within this Age.

Great! will be the acceleration of the spiritual progress of mankind upon the Earth.

Feel thou our own joy in our children, the forerunners of these teachings in the world. These leaders will assist to usher in the Golden Age in 1986. That is all, My dearly beloved ones whom you all are.

THE SHINING ONES.

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DEAR Section 40 9/3/88

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPLY, TO MY LETTER DATED 7TH FEBRUARY 1988. CONCERNING THE STRANGE LIGHT SEEN OVER MORETON-IN-MARSH ON THE 18TH DECEMBER 1987.

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Date
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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 3 February 1988 which asked for any information that the Ministry of Defence might possess on a possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting seen in the Kensington area on 16 January 1988.

I believe the incident you are referring to is the same as that reported in the Express and the Independent Newspapers on 6 January 1988, which suggested that the incident occurred on Sunday 3 January 1988. Apart from this, I am afraid we have no other record of this incident. I am sorry that you feel that the British Government and others are attempting to suppress information about UFOs from the general public and can assure you that this is certainly not the case in Britain. As I said in my last letter, the UK Ministry of Defence's main concern is to establish whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. If we feel they do not, which is normally the case, then we have neither the time nor the resources to investigate, identify or carry out any in-depth studies of the objects or into the UFO phenomenon as a whole.

We were grateful for and interested to read your extracts from various books on the UFO subject but as both incidents occurred in the USA we are unable to offer any useful comment. The statement attributed to a former British Diplomat and Intelligence Officer is surprising and at least as far as this Government is concerned, total nonsense.

Finally, having also received your letter of 3 January 1988, which was addressed to Secretariat Division 8 I should explain that this is the old (pre 1984) title of what is now Secretariat(Air Staff) (Sec(AS)), who remain the only MOD point of contact for enquiries about UFOs.

I hope you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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7th March 1988.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 2nd March 1988 which I received this morning.

In my letter to you, there would appear to have been made an error of dates and I must sincerely apologise if I made the error in my last letter. The date of the observed phenomenon was Saturday 9th January 1988, and not the 29th January 1988.

I would be very gratefull if you could check if there were any Military Exercises on the 9th January 1988 between Nantwich and Whitchurch areas on this date. The phenomenon was observed by several people as far away as Hankelow which is situated between Nantwich and Audlem and various observations were made close to the A525 road between Audlem and Whitchurch.

I am currently having some debris from the "landing site" analysed and we should have the results within the next week. Some of the debris recovered consisted of dark grey metal and I did wonder if this might be from a R.P.V.? or more obviously from an aircraft passing overhead.

Thanking you in anticipation for your assistance,

Yours Sincerely,

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Would you please draft a Std letter for this using our usual format. Tell him paras 1, 2, 3, 4 and confirm that we received __ number of reports last year. Then do para 5. 9/3

Dear Sir / Madam

I am doing a investigation into U.F.Os, could you tell me how British stands on the U.F.O & How many sightings has there been in 1987. I am writing to other countries, I have had some help From U.S.S.R. Please Reply

yours sincerly

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MY UFO ENCOUNTER—BY SHOCKED NURSE

NIGHT nurse Elda Coretti sparked a military alert yesterday after seeing a UFO.

The glowing object—as big as a double-decker bus—soared across the sky before turning from circular to cigar shape.

Then it vanished over the horizon leaving Elda, 50, stunned and shocked.

Police and defence officials immediately launched a probe into the sighting, which happened at 6.35 a.m. as Elda was finishing her shift at Bath's Royal United Hospital.

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She said: "I watched it from the window as long as I could. It was yellow-orange.

"I ran in and told my colleagues, then rang the police.

Elda added: "I hadn't been drinking or dabbling in the medicine cupboard —I know what I saw."

At nearby RAF Lyneham, Squadron Leader Ernie Dunsford said: "I don't think this lady should be knocked.

"We certainly had no planes up in the air. I've got to keep an open mind on this."

A new organisation called Skyscan has been set up in Worcester to probe the recent flood of UFO sightings all over Britain.

Night of fear in UFO Pages 10 and 11

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2 March 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 1988 which has been passed to me for attention by the Director of Public Relations (RAF), Air Commodore Hunter.

Before I answer the specific points raised in your 1985 letters concerning the sighting seen at Lowtherville, I would like to echo the feelings of Air Commodore Hunter as stated in his letter of 7 January 1988. The Ministry of Defence is certainly a very large government department and unfortunately it occasionally does happen that letters may not be directed to the branch which has the necessary knowledge to answer them. Having said that, however, I am sorry that the letter to the Head of the Naval Staff Secretariat was not answered to your satisfaction.

I am also concerned that you feel that the Ministry of Defence deliberately tries to be obstructive as this is certainly not the case. All letters that we received on this particular subject are answered, although this occasionally may take time due to other work commitments.

Although all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act, which states that official files should generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, we are able to answer any specific queries investigators may have about particular sightings which have occurred recently. We can then let you know whether or not we have a report on the incident and if so, what it contains. However, I think it is important that I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not they present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of these objects and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so, we do not have the necessary resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The reports that we receive, which are usually limited to the brief details of sightings passed onto us by those who witnessed them or by investigators such as yourself, are referred to MOD staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Moving onto the Lowtherville sighting itself, I have now seen copies of your original letters and have been able to look into the incident to see if there are any plausible reasons for the sighting. Unfortunately, however, I have established from the Naval Staffs that they have no record of Naval exercises for that area for 19 May 1985 that would have included the use of low flying objects over the Isle of Wight. Similarly, I have not found any evidence to suggest that RAF activity could have caused this incident.

I hope you will find this useful.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 1988 which asked if the Royal Air Force had been involved in any military exercise in the Cheshire and Shropshire areas, which might have caused an unusual sighting between Nantwich and Whitchurch on 29 January 1988. Although I note that you call this a Saturday; it was actually a Friday; I have taken the nights of both 29 and 30 January 1988 into consideration.

I have established that there was no military air activity in this region on those particular nights. From a military point of view, the only reasonable explanation for a landing occuring so close to midnight would be a search and rescue operation but I can confirm that none occurred on either 29 or 30 January 1988 in this particular area.

Moving on to the pieces of debris that you recovered from the "landing sight", we would be curious to know the results of your analysis if anything interesting was revealed.

I hope that this proves useful.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 1988 to National Air Traffic Services (NATS) which has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for attention.

You asked if there was any air activity in the Moreton-in-Marsh area which might have caused the unusual sighting on 18 December 1987. As was mentioned to you in the reply from NATS, we regret that there was no known aerial activity in that particular area and as such, we are unable to offer you any explanation for the sighting that was seen.

You may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. The sighting reports we recieve, which usually are limited to the brief details of the incident passed to us by those who witnessed them, are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out full-time studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any in depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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2 March 1988

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 1988. Although I have already given you a brief description of the Ministry of Defence's policy on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), I think I must clarify what I feel might be a misunderstanding. In your letter you mention that the "MOD can't solve it (the UFO phenomenon)". This is not entirely accurate as the MOD's involvement with UFOs is merely to establish whether or not they present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom and as such, we do not attempt to solve it. Indeed, we do not have the resources nor the time available to carry out in-depth investigations or surveys.

Moving on to your enquiry about the sighting observed at Rendletham Forest on 28 December 1980. I have pleasure in attaching a copy of the report submitted by Colonel Charles Halt USAF. As no further investigation into this incident was carried out by MOD, I regret that this is all we have.

You also asked for copies of UFO sighting reports that we received during 1987. Unfortunately, as I mentioned in my last letter, I am unable to supply you with material "en bloc" as, like other Government departments, all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. However, we are able to answer specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we received a report on the incident.

I hope that this is of help.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

Encl

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)

FESO/2

To Sec (AS) 2a - Section 40

From GE3

Date 1 Mar 88

Tel Section 40

Your Ref

Our Ref D/D Air Def/111/6/8

Subject UFO INCIDENTS 2 AND 10 FEB 88

1. You asked me whether there was any RAF activity over the South Yorkshire area on the evenings of 2 and 10 Feb 88.

2. I can confirm that there was no air defence activity at the times in question but, as I have indicated previously, I regret that I do not have the resources to undertake a full investigation of all possible RAF activity.

3. In passing, I note that one of the witnesses to the incident on 10 Feb believed that the object was a military ac.

Thanks.

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unanswerable I'm afraid

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter dated 26th Jan 88. The 3 Jan 87 Not 88. Any way, They as been a Number of sighting during the ~~ld~~ Last few Months in the west midlands.

I would like copies of any reports you have Recieved from that area. I have read your letter if you search through your files then you have your hand on some of them don't you. Any reports for 88.

Find enclosed US government Memo, as well as Newspaper cutting on the Sender Sighting, Which I have a copy of That

P-T-O

Document. As you can see, it tells quite a bit, in fact more than what I know. There is great concern in upper levels about UFOs, you don't have a Need to know.

1 more point does the OSA- mean the same for the Military as well as the civil side in other words could they screw the people for looking into it if they are in the Military or civil. My handwriting is very bad isn't it.

I spoke to a Major in the intelligence yesterday he said he Heard of secret investigations into UFOs from his Commanding officer Colonel [redacted] number No Name

Sincerely

[redacted] Section 40

Top U.S. Senator Saw Two UFOs

One of the most powerful U.S. senators in modern history actually eyewitnessed two UFOs while on a fact-finding trip through Russia in 1955 — and the U.S. government has kept the sightings a secret for more than three decades!

Washington Kept It Under Wraps For 30 Years

The incredible encounter is detailed in 12 top secret CIA, FBI and Air Force reports — only recently declassified — which have been obtained by The ENQUIRER.

Those startling reports reveal that Sen. Richard B. Russell Jr. (D.-Ga.) — then chairman of the Armed Services Committee — was on a Soviet train when he spotted a disc-shaped aircraft taking off near the tracks. He hurriedly called his military aide and interpreter to the window — and they saw the UFO plus another one that appeared a minute later.

The astonished trio reported the sightings to the U.S. Air Force as soon as they were out of Russia.

"The three observers were firmly convinced that they saw a genuine flying saucer or flying disc," says an Air Force Intelligence report dated Oct. 14, 1955, and classified top secret at the time.

Sen. Russell served 38 years in the Senate. He was its senior member and one of the most influential senators at the time of his death in 1971. He was chairman of the Armed Services Committee from 1951 to 1969, and unsuccessfully sought the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1952.

The mind-boggling documents detailing his UFO encounter were made available exclusively to The ENQUIRER by the Fund for UFO Research and its chairman, U.S. Navy physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee. Several key documents were obtained by the group through the Freedom of Information Act.

"These long-secret documents are of major importance because they show for the first time that one of the most powerful U.S. senators witnessed and reported a UFO," said Dr. Maccabee.

"This case is also unique because the CIA took the sighting seriously."

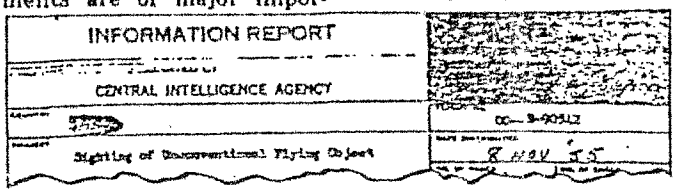
The Air Force Intelligence report says Russell and his two traveling companions spotted the UFOs on Oct. 4, 1955, while traveling by rail across Russia's Transcaucasian region.

"'One disc aircraft ascended almost vertically, at a relatively slow speed, with its outer surface revolving slowly to the right, to an altitude of about 6,000 feet where its speed then increased sharply as it headed north," the report states.

"The second flying disc was seen performing the same actions about one minute later. The take-off area was about 1-2 miles south of the rail line ..."



RESPECTED Sen. Russell never publicly revealed what he had seen.



INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Sighting of Unconventional Flying Object

CIA report on "unconventional flying object."

Russell "saw the first flying saucer or flying disc ascend and pass over the train" and went "rushing in to get Mr. Efron (Ruben Efron, his interpreter) and Col. Hathaway (E.U. Hathaway, his aide) to see it," the report said.

"Col. Hathaway stated that he got to the window with the Senator in time to see the first (UFO) while Mr. Efron said that he got only a short glimpse of the first. However, all three saw the second disc and all agreed that they saw the same round, disc-shaped aircraft ... as the first."

The Air Force report was written by Lieut. Col. Thomas Ryan, who interviewed Sen. Russell's companions in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on October 13 after they arrived there from Russia shortly after the sighting.

In his report, Col. Ryan called the sightings "an eyewitness account of the ascent and flight of an unconventional aircraft ... by three highly reliable United States observers."

He added that Col. Hathaway led off his account of the sightings by saying: "I doubt if you're going to believe this, but we all saw it. Sen. Russell was the first to see this flying saucer ... we've been told for years that there isn't such a thing but all of us saw it ..."

CIA documents show that the agency later interviewed the three eyewitnesses in the Russell party — and also a fourth person, unidentified in the reports, who had seen the UFOs.

An eyewitness — whose name was blacked out on the CIA report prior to its declassification — said one of the UFOs "had a slight dome on top" and also a "white light on top." The edge of the disc was glowing pinkish-white, he added.

The UFO rose "vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction, giving the appearance of a pinwheel."

Interpreter Ruben Efron told the CIA that visibility was excellent. As one UFO approached the train, he said, "the object gave the impression of gliding. No noise was heard and no exhaust glow or trail was seen by me."

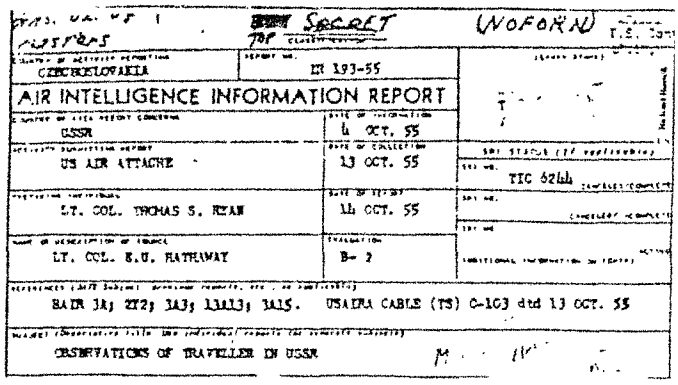
After the encounter, Sen. Russell told the men with him: "We saw a flying saucer. I wanted you boys to see it so that I would have witnesses," according to the CIA documents.

And an FBI memo dated Nov. 4, 1955, also discusses the sighting — and admitted Col. Hathaway's testimony "would support existence of a flying saucer ..."

Dr. Maccabee of the Fund for UFO Research believes that Sen. Russell and his group never publicly revealed their incredible sightings "because they were no doubt advised not to talk.

"These documents provide startling new evidence that UFOs exist."

— DAN SCHWARTZ



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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

USSR — 4 OCT. 55

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LT. COL. THOMAS S. RYAN — 14 OCT. 55

LT. COL. E.U. HATHAWAY — B- 2

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OBSERVATIONS OF TRAVELLER IN USSR

National Enquirer.
11th February 1986.

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FBI, RICHMOND 12-8-50 12-09 PM G.L MEW

DIRECTOR URGENT

RE FLYING SAUCERS. THIS OFFICE VERY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE, RICHMOND, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PUT ON IMMEDIATE HIGH ALERT FOR ANY DATA WHATSOEVER CONCERNING FLYING SAUCERS. CIC HERE STATES BACKGROUND OF INSTRUCTIONS NOT AVAILABLE FROM AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF REASON FOR ALERT LOCALLY, BUT ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER MUST BE TELEPHONED BY THEM IMMEDIATELY TO AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE. CIC ADVISES DATA STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED.

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cc Nannie

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let me see your draft reply pse

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec (A)2
- 7 MAR 1988
FILE 12/3

Dear Sir / Madam

As I'm interested in UFO's purely as a hobbie for myself can you tell me anymore on these sightings as I keep a Scrapbook of all newspaper reports and have Blyth and surrounding area flap in 1979/80 still kept. The sightings I mean are the recent ones we've had though I know you cant for security reasons let me have some info I would be pleased just a little bit to receive. I'm a Civil Servant myself and have signed the Secrets act so there's no worry on

that were there.

So the Blyth sightings what intrigued me were the fact that they were travelling in the same direction North East or whatever etc, yet they were all sighted in different areas but yet the same direction point.

If you'd like the sightings I can write them out for you If I can be of any help in the near future please let me know.

I'll say this though I agree with a lot of people, I dont believe in the cover up and also the attitude of these men in black threatening people is going the wrong way about it and it is about time something was done about it the right peaceful way not to put fear into people

So far as I'm concerned we should know whats going on. They may be for Peace lets hope they are and they may not be, whatever, the British Public have a right to know a little more for all our sakes.

What of Rendlesham Forest I'm interested in that particular sighting

Thank you for the time in this letter, just to say the more people are threatened to keep quiet the more will come out for better to treat them with kid gloves its human nature to react against threats like children when told no, dont do that we do it all the more, Ponder on that for next time for surely there will be a next time bigger than before perhaps.

Once again thank you for your time in this letter and thank you for keeping our Country safe

Yours Regards

[redacted] Section 40

PS Also being honest with people about sightings, instead of always the same answer with a cover up honesty would produce better results than the stupid answers we get every sightings, explaining it away as you do. Hope its alright being so blunt but its the way I feel about it and strongly, yet not strongly enough to jeopardise the security and safety of the Country as security and safety must come first in some areas though not all the time it depends on the case as it Maybe at the time a I agree we do

need the Secrets act and am
disgusted recently by people who
have let secrets out and possibly
endangering lives they are no true
Briton.

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)

To Sec (AS) 2a

reply sent 2/3/88

From GE 3 (RAF)

Section 40

Date 23 Feb 88

Tel Section 40

Your Ref
D/Sec (AS) 12/3 dated 22 Feb 88

Our Ref
D/D Air Def 1/6/3

Subject UFOs

1. I saw there no light on the incident in Shropshire which you passed to me for comment at Reference.

2. It is unfortunate that the author of the letter confused his dates, the 29th January was a Friday. Nonetheless, the only reasonable explanation for a landing so close to midnight would be RAF activity and I can confirm that none occurred in the area on either the 29th or the 30th.

3. It would be interesting to find out what the analysis of the "several pieces of metal" reveals.

D155 – telecon Section 40 of 25 Feb refers.

Have no knowledge of any report which corresponds to the details given by Section 40

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NOTE
No Army manoeuvres at that time of night.

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Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To: TE (AEW) GE3
(b) D/SS

From Sec (AS) 2a hite copy

Date 22 Feb 88

Tel. Section 40

Your ref.

Our ref. b/Sec (AS) 12/3

Subject UFOs

1. Please find attached UFO correspondence from Section 40 I would be grateful if you could shed any light on the particular sighting – do we have any reports which correspond to the details? More specifically, please would GE3 establish whether or not the RAF were exercising / operating over Cheshire / Warrington on 29 Jan 88.

2. Please may I have replies by 2 March.

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CHESHIRE U.F.O. STUDIES CENTRE.

Est 1985

All Reports treated in Strict Confidence

Ref Feb/88/EM.

Section 40 [redacted]

15th February 1988.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to ask if the Royal Air Force were involved in any Military exercises between Nantwich, Cheshire and Whitchurch, Shropshire on the night of Saturday 29th January 1988, at approximately 11:15p.m. Or any of the other Armed Forces for that matter.

Our Organisation received a report of an Unidentified Object landing in a field between these two locations on this particular evening, that was seen by five witnesses. There were independent witnesses spread out between various villages between these two places and I have written statements from these. I have also photographed the area where this landing occured and I found damage to grass and trees in the area where this object landed, consistent with combustion damage.

The local RAF Base at Stafford would only say that if any of their aircraft had been involved that any debris might be dangerious if touched by human hands. We have collected several pieces of metal which we beleive to have been left from this object and we are keeping it in our posession. for further analysis.

I would be grateful if you could deny or confirm if any Military exercises were in action during the time of this sighting, that might account for the observation by a number of witnesses.

Cheshire U.F.O. Studies Centre belong to the British U.F.O. Research Association and I will treat any information you provide me with, will be treated in the strictest of confidence. I am an ex - member of the Royal Navy serving fifteen years in the Medical Branch and am still subject to the Official Secrets Act, therefore I am bound to treat any information you might provide with strict confidence.

I looks forward to receiving your replies to my questions with interest.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted].

Chairman Cheshire U.F.O. Studies Centre.
Regional Investigations Co-ordinator South Midlands
British UFO Research Association.

To. Ministry of Defence,
Royal Air Force Department,
Main Building,

Whitehall,
LONDON,
SW1 2HB.

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19 FEB 1988
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From: Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Sec(AS)2a

Room Section 40

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 February 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 1988 which asked for any information we may have on investigations regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) within the Northumbria area.

You may find it helpful if first I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is, therefore, limited to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them and those details are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

I regret that the release of any material that we may have on the subject "en bloc" is not possible because like other Government departments all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. As you may be aware, this Act states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

I hope that you will find this helpful and I return your stamped address envelope for use on some other occasion.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

GE3 (E47/1)

We have received reports for 2 & 10 Feb, I believe. Would be grateful if you could let me know if any RAF activity in the dates in question. Thanks.

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Section 40

24/2/88

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thankyou for replying (14 Jan 1988) to my enquiries of late 1987 (20 & 30 November) pertaining to UFO sightings over the Huddersfield area and for your explanation of how the MOD treat UFO sightings. I would like some further information if possible.

I have been investigating numerous 'UFO' sightings from the area, around and including Rotherham, Sheffield and the south Yorkshire area in general. These reports have appeard widely in the newspapers and at least two police officers has been witness to one of the 'UFOs'. The dates in question are the 2nd, 10th and 18th of February 1988. Could you possibly inform me if you have any details of these sightings, at least one of which was reported to the MOD, and also if there were any MOD related (in the sense of ones that you were aware of eg RAF, Police Army, Navy or other services) aerial activities in that area on any of the above dates which could have accounted for the sightings.

no MOD

I hope I have provided you with sufficient information and I look forward to a reply in the near future. Thankyou.

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Section 40

Please see if we had any reports for these dates.

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Yours sincerely

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26 FEB 1988
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From: Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
23 February 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 1988 to the Ministry of Defence which has been passed to me for attention in my capacity as the MOD point of contact on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

I read with interest your unusual experience, although I believe you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. The sighting reports we receive which normally are limited only to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them, are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out full time studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive, that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

RE – ENTRY SIGHTINGS – GULF

F46/2

ATF 2 rang on 25/03 to say that Section 40 is the company name & official address for employees of Section 40 he expects that captain Section 40 is a pilot of Section 40 he also mentioned that the sighting was seen over the NW Saudi Arabian coast

Content Pls.

Section 40

Draft reply attached for clearance.

Section 40

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Sec (AS) discussion:

B155 — any ideas

Nav 3 — any explanation in navigation would be useful

ASF 2 — can you explain what Section 40 do and who they are?

ENCL 46/1

Section 40

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draft reply please for me to see.

Section 40

Sec (AS) 2a Bahrain

Section 40

22 February 88

Section 40

S.C.C.(AS) 2
M o D Main Building
Whitehall SW1A 2HB

Dear Sir,

Re-entry Sightings

The following is a description of a sighting made by four flight deck members, including myself, on the 19th February. The position was taken from the inertial navigation system and the subjective description of the phenomenon is from notes made by me at the time and agreed by the other three crew members.

date: 19. 02.88
position: N 29° 37.2' E 043° 29.9'
time: 2352 GMT
aircraft heading 290° flight level 310

I looked out of the window and saw on the horizon, bearing 210°M, what appeared to be a planet. It had the colour and magnitude of Venus but clearly could not be Venus. It then became apparent that it was moving towards me and I assumed that it was another aircraft showing landing lights flying along an intersecting airway. The light became too bright to be an aircraft and as it approached one could see trails behind it.(It is possible to see contrails by starlight). These trails however appeared to have yellow sparks in them and as it got closer several red lights, the size and colour of aircraft navigation lights, which kept station with the bright light and behind it.

The closing speed was greater than that of an aircraft one flight level above and the distribution of the lights much wider and longer than would have been possible had it been another aircraft but too close for a formation.

It passed overhead and appeared on the starboard side with the bright light unchanged and the red lights still keeping station. In other words it could not have been landing lights on another aircraft because it was far too bright and they do not shine backwards. As it receded to the horizon the "starlight" retained its colour but lost its intensity

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until, at the horizon, it turned yellow and disappeared. We were not sure if this was because it burned out or because it disappeared into the haze layer.

The total time from horizon to horizon was four minutes. The "trails" were visible only when it passed close overhead.

The descriptions in the press of the space laboratory which came down some years ago in Western Australia tally with what we saw on the night of the 19th.

I hope that this report is of interest and value. My crew and I would very much like to have an explanation if possible.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat(Air Staff)2a Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
22 February 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 2 February 1988 which asked if we possessed any information concerning possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings seen in South Yorkshire on or around 5 August 1987.

I have looked through our reports file but regret that we did not receive any reports which corresponded to the details given in your letter.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

MK TRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
22 FEB 1988
FILE

reply sent 2/3/88

19th FEB 88

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 15th February 1988 answering my letter about UFOS. The ministry of defences policy has not changed, this I can understand with your continuing security of the UK. Quite simply sir, when we ask you for help (ie fellow UFO investigators around the UK) with UFOS, it is because in some cases our clients ask "if people are seeing these things in the sky and the MOD can't solve it, what on earth do they know? However

you say in your letter that you can answer queries about particular incidents.
Therefore, could you tell me what the MOD's finding were on the UFO sighting/landing in Rendlesham forest suffolk on 27th 28th Dec 1980 also without giving names and addresses, could you send me perhaps photo copies of 1987's sightings you received IE Place, shape of objects explanation if any, if possible. Much Oblige.

Yours sincerely

Alan Section 40 [redacted]

THE TIMES

Freighter sails off leaving its troubles behind

By Kerry Gill

The 797-tonne Skellig Rock, which lost overboard two huge chunks of a Trident submarine, sailed peacefully from the Irish Republic to Antwerp yesterday with a more stable and less controversial cargo of barley, and left behind a crop of embarrassed *investigators*.

Shocked MPs were told how a 60-ton Trident section worth £300,000 had tumbled into the sea from the Bahamanian-registered freighter on the night of February 5.

Next day another section, weighing 40 tons and also worth £300,000 splashed overboard.

The Ministry of Defence, which is paying Vickers of Barrow, Cumbria, to build Tridents, is investigating.

Vickers, which sub-contracted the sections which went overboard to Motherwell Bridge, a company of Scottish engineers, is investigating.

Motherwell Bridge, which loaded the sections on to the deck of the Skellig Rock, is investigating.

Searaven Shipping Corporation, of Monrovia, which owns the vessel, remained silent, as did its London agent, Alexanders Partners of City Wall, Finsbury Street, London.

Alexanders agrees that it is commercial manager of the Skellig Rock but refers all inquiries to the shipping agent which chartered the vessel, Henry Abram of Glasgow.

Abram is investigating and says it has used the Skellig Rock several times and everything had been satisfactory.

Events aboard the ship on the disastrous days of February 5 and 6 remain a mystery. Captain Hollingwood, the skipper, refused to give any details to *The Times*, not even his first name.

This much, however, appears clear:

Motherwell Bridge was responsible for loading the Trident sections by crane on to the deck of the Skellig Rock as it lay in Motherwell's berth at Scotstoun, Glasgow. It looked a trim vessel with freshly painted black sides, red decking and white superstructure, flying the aquamarine, gold and black flag of the Bahamas.

Motherwell reports that loading was safely done and it was the responsibility of the skipper to ensure the cargo was properly secured, using steel hawsers which appeared to be new.

Motherwell did not feel responsible for supervising that.

The freighter sailed from Glasgow for Barrow at noon on Friday, February 5 when the weather forecast was for Force 5-6 winds from the South-west.

That night, when the ship was off the Mull of Galloway, 120 miles from Glasgow, the first section fell overboard into 55 metres of water. It was a 60-tonne submarine bow section, 30ft in diameter.

Early the next morning, 70 miles further on, the second section slipped into 15 metres of water west of Walney Island, off Barrow. That section comprised steel plates weighing about 40 tonnes, for the submarine's internal decks.

The forecast for Saturday morning February 6 was Force 6-7 winds from the North-west. Sea conditions were rough on both days.

It is expected that the parts will be salvaged but a salvage expert said it was unlikely submariners, notoriously superstitious, would want to sail in a vessel made up of the parts.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said: "It is preposterous that a small, Bahamian-registered ship should be entrusted with highly sophisticated parts of Trident strapped to its deck in the face of storm warnings".

7 UFO BOOKED BY FOUR COPS

TWO policemen have reported seeing a UFO —a brightly lit oblong craft whizzing silently across the night sky.

Said Sergeant Stuart Griffiths: "There were red and green lights around its circumference which were either flashing on and off or the whole thing was spinning."

He and constable Michael Powell stopped their patrol car at Rosehill, Willenhall, West Midlands to get a good look.

At the same time two other police officers several miles away also claimed they saw a mystery object "with loads of lights and bigger than any aircraft."

A report on the Willenhall sighting is going to the Ministry of Defence.

18 FEB 83

FROM: S.S. [illegible]
CS(R)1

Section 40 [redacted]

with the compliments of

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Section 40 [redacted]
SEC(AS)2a
Room Section 40 [redacted]
MAIN BLDG.

V.M.T. for the copy of your letter to Section 40 [redacted] and for the copy of Hansard. My reply is attached for your records

Section 40 [redacted]

15/2/88

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Common Services(Records)1 Room Section 40
St Christopher House Southwark Street London SE1

Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/CS(R)1/6/1/3
Date
12 February 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 1988 on the subject of material on Un-Identified Flying Objects held by the Public Record Office.

Our enquiries have indicated that there are no Ministry of Defence records on this subject in the PRO. A House of Lords debate on the topic on 4 March 1982 revealed that all UFO records prior to 1967 had been destroyed. Those created after that date are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Acts and would not be available for public scrutiny until 1998 at the earliest.

My colleagues at the Cabinet Office have also searched through their records but again there are no Cabinet Office files in the PRO on this particular subject.

It seems, therefore, that there are no official papers on this subject presently available in the Public Record Office and in their absence I can only refer you to commercially available books and publications which may indicate other primary source material.

I am sorry not to be of more assistance but may I wish you success in your research.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Dear Sir

My letter concerns the subject of UFOs I would like to ask you if you are ever going to release the information you have regarding this phenomenon. I think the vast majority would prefer to know the truth instead of having to put up with ridiculous stories and cover up's. Is there any reason for not telling us? The British people are a strong nation I doubt very much that we would all go to pieces on your admittance that UFOs are a reality. As human beings we have the right to know if anything is there even if it poses a threat to us. We faced the very real possibility of repercussions from terrorists when we allowed America to fly their planes from this country to bomb Libya, the backlash from that action could have been horrific in this country.

America has made some of its files on UFOs available to the public, and my question is if we can go along with them on other issues then why not on this one and inform the people.

We want to know the truth. Could you not spare a thought for the genuine people who have had true sightings and are made out to be complete idiots by people like yourselves by denials and silly explanations.

May I thank you for taking time to read this letter I do look forward to hearing from you in due course

Yours Faithfully

Section 40

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From: Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB

Room 8245

Telephone No: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
15 February 1988

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Ministry of Defence which gave a description of an object that you saw from your house during February 1986.

We are grateful to you for writing about your experience, although I think it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries and this being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorites, meterorolgical balloons, aircraft lgihts, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other rare conjunctions.

I am not sure, however, that this will be of much comfort to you in explaining your own experience and I am sorry that we cannot be more helpful. I quite appreciate that some sightings where rational explanations are not readily available can be very disturbing and I hope that this goes some way in reassuring you that the majority of unusual object sightings have some plausible reason.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB

Room 8245

Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
15 February 1988

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter of 26 January 1988 which I read with interest.

While I am quite happy to provide you with a Ministry of Defence statement of policy on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) for 1988, I do not think you will thank me for repeating large sections of my letter to you dated 12 August 1987 which set out our policy for 1987. As you will gather, little has changed to alter our approach to the subject of UFOs and as such our policy on the subject remains essentially unchanged.

Nevertheless, to recap, our main concern is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

The Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so, we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The sighting reports we receive, which usually are limited only to the brief details of the incident passed onto us by those who witnessed them, are referred to our staffs in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out full time studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any in-depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

As far as the release of this material en bloc is concerned all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so, what it contains.

I hope that this is of help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

(F62/1)

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

reply sent 26/2/88

TO: The Ministry Of Defence.,
Department AS 2,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
LONDON.

14th February, 1988

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am presently compiling a list of UFO sightings within the Northumbria area, included in that area are Sunderland, North and South Tyneside, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Could your department help if at all possible, by supplying any information regarding UFO investigations conducted by the M.O.D.

I would be grateful for any information your department may be able to supply, if it can help build up a catalogue list of UFO incidents, within those areas.

Thankyou for your time,

I remain yours very sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40 [redacted]

Room Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
12 February 1988

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Thank you for your letter of 12 January 1988 which asked for any information that we might possess on possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings originating from NE London and Bagshot areas for the nights of 28 and 29 December 1987.

I regret that a search through our files has revealed that we did not receive any reports which correspond to the details given in your letter.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec (AS)2

reply sent 2/3/88

Section 40

National Air Traffic Services
Airspace Utilisation Section
Hillingdon House
Uxbridge, Middlesex UB10 0RU

Tel: Section 40
GPT
Tele

Our ref: AUS/30/13/1/Ops

Air Force Duty Officer
Room Section 40
Main Building
Whitehall

10 February 1988

Dear Sir

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MORETON-IN-MARSH

I enclose a letter from Section 40 of the British UFO Research Association regarding the above event. Also enclosed is a copy of my reply stating that there was no activity known to this section.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

ATCO II
for OC AUS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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National Air Traffic Services
Airspace Utilisation Section
Hillingdon House
Uxbridge, Middlesex UB10 0RU

Tel Section 40
GP
Tel

Section 40

Our ref: AUS/30/13/1/Ops

10 February 1988

Dear Section 40

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MORETON-IN-MARSH

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February 1988 on the above subject.

There was no known aerial activity notified to this section on the relevant date, time or place,

I am passing on your letter to the appropriate department at the Ministry of Defence who will no doubt contact you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

ATCO II
for OC AUS

cc Air Force Duty Officer
Room Section 40
Main Building
Whitehall

[redacted]
Section 40

DEAR SIR OR MADAM, 7/2/88

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY AIRCRAFT, WEATHER BALLONS, ETC FLYING OVER THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA ON THE 18TH DECEMBER 1987.

THE REASON I ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION IS, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ME, OF A VERY BRIGHT OBJECT, SEEN OVER MORETON - IN - MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, AT 10.00 A.M. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR FIVE MINUTES, BY A PERSON IN NEARBY BLOCKLEY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE REPORT FORM FILLED IN BY THE WITNESS.

"THE OBJECT WAS STATIONARY AND VERY BRIGHT, AFTER A SHORT WHILE THE OBJECT SUDDENLY DISSAPPEARED BUT

P.T.O.

REAPPEARED WITHIN TWO SECONDS JUST AS FAST, BUT BRIGHTER WITH BEAMS OF LIGHTS SPREADING OUT."

IF YOU CAN HELP ME EXPLAIN THE OBJECT TO THE WITNESS. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ANSWER PLUS ANY INFORMATION OF YOUR FINDINGS TO ME IN THE ENCLOSED S.A.E. AS IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO ME IN FUTURE REPORTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

YOURS SINCERELY

Section 40

Section 40

B.U.F.O.R.A. INVESTIGATOR
(BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION)

MEMORANDUM

MOD FORM 4A

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To Section 40

From Section 40

Date 9 Feb 88

Tel.

Your ref. D/SEC (AS) 12/3

Our ref.

Subject UFO's.

Sorry about the late reply to your memo, I have read the reports with interest, but again there is no positive proof either way. I am not keen on the Yorkshire UFO society investigating on behalf of the MOD UFO incidents, this could lead to all sorts of problems I will put all this info on my data base and watch this space.

Regards Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
10 FEB 1988
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Rank/ Appointment

Name in Block Letters

Signature

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(E40/5)

Reference:
From: GE3
To: Sec (AS) 2a - Section 40
Subject: UFOs

1. Your UFO package returned with thanks - it made interesting, if unsurprising reading.

2. I can contribute little to your reply apart from noting that anything we might have on the events 1 Sep 73 and Jan 74 will be in archives & hence difficult to obtain. Even then, information would only probably be in the form of standard UFO reports. If the object was supposed to be a helicopter why is everyone so concerned about it?

Suspense:

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Section 40

Wg Cdr
GE3
Section 40

Date: 28 Feb 89

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Section 40 [redacted]

February 8, 1988
Tel: Sheffield 694537
Your reference: D/Sec (AS) 12/3.

Dear Sir,

Thankyou for your note dated February 3, 1988.

In reference to the Barnsley photographs of August 1987 - the two photographs I enclosed with the report are unfortunately rather poor quality reproductions of the originals, and I thought that I would write to let you know that if you find the incident of sufficient interest, higher quality prints of all four of the sequence of photographs can be provided. Section 40 [redacted] is reluctant to part with his original negatives for any length of time unless a written guarantee of return is provided, so if you wish to scrutinise these I would advise you to contact him directly at the address provided in the report.

You are welcome to retain the material I sent indefinately for your own files, as I have my own copies.

Finally, a very interesting sighting by police-officers at Ecclesfield Police-Station in Sheffield has just come to my attention, having been reported in the local press in Sheffield on Saturday, February 6th, 1988. The report was made by police-constables Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 [redacted] who have reported seeing a V-shaped object carrying flashing red lights hovering over their patrol-car near the police-station at Ecclesfield.

I have been in contact with the police-station in question in order to obtain details of the above incident, but they have apparently been deluged with enquiries from the press, TV news and "UFO societies", and have decided not to release details to anyone at this moment in time.

My reason for mentioning the above sighting is to ask whether you have received any notification directly from the police at Ecclesfield, Sheffield, regarding this sighting. I would like to speak to the officers in question to obtain comprehensive details of the incidents, in order to compile a report on the matter that would be of use to scientific bodies and yourself. I have informed the Duty-Sergeant that I have no connections with the press and will respect the anonymity of those involved.

I would like to hear your views on the above, and look forward to hearing from you soon,

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- 9 FEB 1988
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Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

with the compliments of

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Section 40

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ROOM Section 40
MAIN BUILDING
WHITEHALL
LONDON SW1A 2HB.

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Section 40

E406/3

reply sent 23/2/88

6-2-88.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM.

I AM WRITING TO TELL YOU OF SOMETHING I SAW ONE NIGHT BACK IN 1979 OR 1980? I AM NOT SURE EXACTLY THE YEAR. I HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED THIS TO A UFO ASSOCIATION, ANYWAY I WAS INTERESTED IN ASTRONOMY AT THE TIME AND WAS ON MY BALCONY STUDYING STARS THROUGH BROKEN CLOUD WHEN SUDDENLY FROM MY LEFT APPEARED THREE LIGHTS THE LIGHTS CAME OUT OF THE CLOUD LAYER AND TRAVELLED BELOW THE CLOUD FROM LEFT TO RIGHT MOVING SO FAST I COULD NOT BELIEVE MY EYES. THE LIGHTS WHICH WERE .V. SHAPED AND IN FORMATION TURNED WHEN THEY REACHED MY RIGHT AND SHOT BACK UP INTO CLOUDS OVER A SMALL BLOCK OF FLATS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE, I ALWAYS SEE PLANES AND THE ODD POLICE HELICOPTER GOING OVER MY BALCONY. THESE LIGHTS WERE STRANGE. THE LIGHT FROM EACH SHAPE WAS NOT ~~no~~ VERY BRIGHT JUST A DIM GLOW BUT WAS CONTAINED INSIDE THE SHAPE AND NOT BLURRY. NO NOISE WAS AUDIBLE. THE LIGHS SEEMED TO BE UNDER INTELLIGENT CONTROL. I ONLY SAW THEM FOR ABOUT 6 TO 10 SECONDS I DONT DRINK OR SMOKE, IM OF SOUND MIND AND BODY. I THINK I HAVE WITNESSED SOMETHING VERY STRANGE INDEED. I ENCLOSE A SKETCH OF THE LIGHTS (HELD AT ARMS LENGTH THIS IS THE SIZE OF THE OBJECTS).

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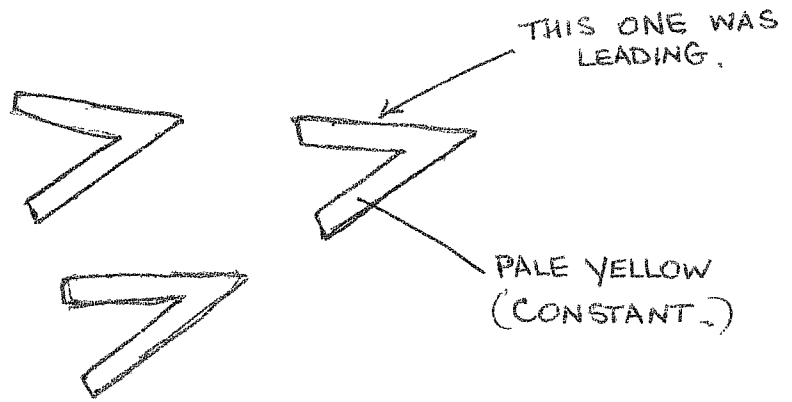
THIS ONE WAS LEADING.
PALE YELLOW (CONSTANT.)


S.
N.

Section 40 [redacted] Pse let me see the reply in draft

Section 40 [redacted]

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

3rd February 1988

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your reply, dated January 21, and I sincerely appreciate the wall chart you sent accompanying the letter. I must admit that, although you didn't reveal too much about the phenomenon, the letter was more informative than I had imagined it would be.

I was especially pleased with the fact that you are prepared to answer any specific queries I might have in the future.

At present the only case I would like to follow up is the Kensington sighting - involving a schoolgirl and eight policemen - which took place on the night of Saturday, January 16. Any (and I do mean any) information that you have on this case ~~and are~~ thanks pass on to me would be gladly received. Section 40 [redacted] please check if we received any reports. Thanks [redacted] 10/2

Section 40

Some of the questions that persistently gnaw into me are; Just how much do the governments of the world really know about UFOs ? What evidence have they got at their disposal ? How can the government/military hope to 'squash' every major UFO event ? And what lengths are they prepared to go to in order to suppress the vital evidence (fine film, photographs, reliable testimonies etc) from the public ?

To highlight just how strongly some groups feel about the withholding of information here are two brief extracts. The first is from Charles Berlitz' and William Moore's excellent book, The Roswell Incident, about the retrieval of a crashed 'saucer' at Roswell, New Mexico - in July 1947.

> At the time this book goes to press (1980) a civil action has been brought by concerned parties, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, through their attorneys, against the CIA for the purpose of releasing information about crashed UFOs in accord with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, CAUS has taken over a previous suit of the Ground Saucer Watch against the CIA. Among the charges brought forward by the suits are suppression of media information, withholding of files, muzzling of witnesses and, in general, hiding information through unnecessary security classification.

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The second extract is from the recent book of a colleague – 'Above Top Secret', by Tim Good. An unknown aerial device was seen by three witnesses on the night of 29 December 1980, near Huffman, a suburb of Houston, Texas. The object was described by the witnesses as 'shooting flames downwards' and it was 'very brightly lit'. The witnesses were Section 40 her friend Section 40 Section 40 and 17 year old grandson Section 40 A brief, edited, reproduction follows:

> Flames were shooting down from the object. The witnesses stopped the car, got out and watched, although they were all very frightened, particularly Section 40 who pleaded with the others to get back inside the car.
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> The witnesses followed the object in the car and noticed that about 23 twin-rotor helicopters (later identified as Chinooks) appeared to be escorting the fiery object, but never getting closer than about three-quarters of a mile.
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> Section 40 reported a blinding headache, pains in her neck, and nodules on her head and scalp that burst, seeping clear fluid.
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> The other witnesses, who spent less time outside the car, were irradiated to a lesser degree. Section 40 suffered from inflammation of of the eyes, temporary loss of hair, and developed line-like indentations across her fingernails Section 40 suffered from 'sunburn' on his face as well as eye inflammation.
>
> Section 40 and Section 40 are in no doubt that the craft was American, and sued the US Government for $20 million damages. I kept in touch with Section 40 (their lawyer) as the case dragged on in the US District Court, Houston. In August 1986 the case was dismissed on the grounds that no such object was owned, operated, or in the inventory of either the Air Force, the Army, the Navy or NASA (experts from each were represented in court). But as the principal investigator of the case, Section 40 emphasises, hardly any attention was paid to the evidence regarding the 23 helicopters (there were additional witnesses. 'Judge Section 40 considered the expert testimony to be sufficient reason to dismiss the case,' he says. 'That means he will not meet Section 40 Section 40 and he will not hear the evidence they wanted their attorneys to present.'

Since starting this letter I have received a reply from a former British diplomat and intelligence officer – it couldn't have come at a better time. It illustrates perfectly the point I am trying to get across. Again here is a quiet, edited reproduction of the letter:

> No government would ever dare to tell the truth about UFOs, and it is likely that government officials know that if they did

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reveal too much their own lives would be forfeit.

Consequently, I think you can forget about such ideas as "solving the UFO mystery", etc., or expecting governments to "come clean." THEY CAN'T AND THEY DAREN'T.

This letter was from a very respected ex-government official, who, in other parts of his reply, gave me the distinct feeling he was trying to perhaps warn me off - I could be wrong of course.

I realise that if there is any truth to what he says then I'm not going to get much joy from you - it just means I'll have to look elsewhere for my information.

What I would like, however, are any views you are able to give - if only on my letter - or any additional material you may have on the subject that you are able to pass on to me.

Any cooperation on your part, however large or small, would be greatly appreciated and gladly received.

I dare say this will not be the last time that I write to you and I therefore look forward to future communications between us.

I eagerly await to hear from you in due course.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]

E40/1

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat Division 8
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB.

3rd February 1988

Dear Sir,

I am a journalist working for [redacted] and I'm presently carrying out intensive research work into the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) phenomenon.

This research is totally detatched from my job and has been undertaken for purely personal reasons.

My eventual aim is to collect as much qualitative (as opposed to quantitative) evidence on the subject and then to analyse and documentate it as accurately and objectively as possible.

I recently wrote a letter to the Public Relations Department at Heathrow Airport who passed it on to the National Air Traffic Services of the Civil Aviation Authority.

They were not able to assist me directly, with regards to obtaining UFO-related material, but they did refer me to this office. Here is a very brief quote from their letter to me:

> Any further information, therefore, should be obtained from MOD (AFO) Defence Secretariat Division 8, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

You will be fully aware by now that I'm appealing to you to give me some idea of your (the Division's) involvement - concerning UFOs.

It goes without saying, for those of us who have access to some of the more 'hard core' evidence, that the Ministry takes these objects seriously - for one of two reasons;

1) Our air-space is being violated by craft that make even our most advanced jets appear archaic by comparison.
2) If these flying objects are as 'fictitious' as the Government (and their various bodies) would have us believe, then quite a number of our pilots are in a bad way (what with hallucinations and blatant 'misperceptions' forcing them to report real, solid, flying objects).

I would be extremely interested to hear a 'totally uncensored' official Government verdict on the situation.

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Recently, I also received a letter from the MoD, Secretariat (Air Staff) 5a, which indicated that they would answer any particular queries I may have on the subject of UFOs - so I'll be getting back to them very soon.

For now I would like to hear your views on the subject and possibly any additional information you may have in your possession.

Any cooperation on your part, however large or small, would be greatly appreciated and gladly received.

I came saw this with not the last time I write to your Division and I therefore look forward to further communications between us.

I eagerly await to hear from you in due course.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

Chief of the Air Staff,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
SW.1A

Section 40 [redacted] See (A8) 2 (E40) 860/2 for info (+3) (+2)

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Dear Sir,

In the last few years I have been sending letters to the Government warning of an imminent threat of Soviet Invasion. This was after a fleet of Soviet Warships were engaged in exercises in the North Sea at the end of March 1984. It is my belief that the Soviet + Warsaw Pact leaders are ready to put their planned invasion of Western Europe into effect during March of this year.

I have very good reasons for thinking this will happen bearing in mind that the Falklands were invaded after a fleet of Argentine Warships steamed towards the Island during the last week of March 1982.

I have had to compare like with like to create this accurate analogy.

MAIN WORLD EVENTS 82	MAIN WORLD EVENTS 1988?	comments
Falklands Invaded on 2nd [redacted] Section 40 April 1982. This was exactly a quarter of a year into 1982	Russians invade the British Isles on 1st April. Given the time of their exercises in March 1984, it is logical.	The Falklands were invaded exactly a quarter of a year into 1982. A quarter of this year is 12 o'clock on 1st April. Good FRIDAY
ISRAEL INVADES LEBANON	ISRAEL INVADES LEBANON	POSSIBLE IN RECENT CLIMATE
First visit by a Pope to the U.K. on 28th May 1982. Britain at war and in mourning	Christ's Second coming to the U.K. and not Israel as Bible prophecy states. All current facts support this.	The time of Christ, first coming was to an occupied country. The Bible says hi

It is my belief that the main world events of 1982 were a shadow of the prophesied world events of christ's second Coming. This means that the Russians will invade Britain and not Israel as Bible prophecy states. The fact that Soviet warships were engaged in exercises in the North Sea during the last week of march 1984 adds weight to my theory.
The Russians have been waiting for some years to put their plan into effect and I now think the time is right The Government should be looking at ways to counter a Soviet Invasion of Britain and prepare this country for a State of war.
I expect the Russians will invade Western Europe in March going through W. Germany.
Take heed to my serious warning

Regards

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(E39)

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From: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
3 February 1988

Dear Section 40

1. I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22 January and its attachments, which from my initial skim through appear to be very comprehensive.

2. I hope to be able to give you a more detailed reply shortly once I and my colleagues have had time to look at them more thoroughly.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

MEMORANDUM

file copy

MOD Form 4A

To D.I. 55c,
Room Section 40
Metropole

From Section 40
Sec (A5) 2a
Room Section 40

Date 1 February 1988

Tel. Section 40

Your ref. —

Our ref. D/Sec(A5) 12/3

Subject UFO INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Section 40

1. Please find attached the reports from various UFO societies from the Yorkshire area. As you will note, they are quite detailed and of a better quality than I expected!

2. I would be grateful if you would look through and comment as you see fit. As I intend to copy to Section 40 I would like the papers back (and photos) reasonably quickly — but please feel free to copy as necessary.

Yours

Section 40

Rank/ Appointment

Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Spt to VCS — re "Selling to MOD" booklet
Spoke CS(PC)2 on 16/3
Book on its way

(E386)

Section 40 [redacted]

25th January, 1988.

Reference W/1/Nova/Sp. Unit.

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig,

Chief of Air Staff,

Ministry of Defence,

Main Building,

Whitehall,

London S.W.1.

Dear Sir David Craig,

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reply sent 28/3/88

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Section 40 [redacted]

"UNITED KINGDOM AND COMMONWEALTH TRADING VENTURE"

TRADING AS "BIG GAME"

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following suggestion, that the above named Company may be used as a Vehicle by Her Majestys Goverment, as a means to eliminate waste, from the purchases for Her Majestys Services.

Where a predetermined Budget for this expenditureis £X M's., a larger proportion must be used for essential weapons and equipment.

Other Supplies:- Groceries; Butchery; Drugs & Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals; Vaccinnes; Veterinary Products; Vehicles; Communications Installations; Furnishings & Clothing.

In conjunction with thisMinistry of Defence Civilian Trading Stations may be operated anywhere that is necessary for "~~OBSERVATION~~ "OBSERVATION OR SUPPLY."

"INCIDENT CONTROL STATIONS"

Will Act as a Buffer to Vandals protecting our Police and Services.

SECTION "R-3"

UNITED KINGDOM & COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE FORCE will consist of Special Branch & My Practice.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Copies Letter to The Queen Mother. Letter to Sir John Baker.

he's dead!

Section 40 [redacted]

Telephone: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

12th August, 1967.

Reference W/1/Nova/Sp.Unit.

The Private Secretary,

Her Majesty The Queen Mother.

Dear Sir,

"OPERATION SEAGULL"

A SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT TO OVERCOME THE

PRESENT ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

May 1944 I enlisted as a Volunter in The Royal Air Force. My civil employment has been Clerk in the General Office of Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] said "We can reserve you, so not depart!". He made an application for me to be returned as they had certain Costing's Insulin Manufacturing and Ministry of Supply Contracts that depended on my Services. He coined the phrase 'Final Fruition'.

My Initial Training completed I was appointed as Clerk Special Duties and joined Operations B Watch at 12 Group Air Defence of Great Britain under the direction of Air Chief Marshal Sir John Baker Air Officer Commanding the Group.

His Father had been Vicar of my Church. (Christ Church).

I had an interview with Sir John who raised the point that "RED TAPE" was going more damage than the whole German onslaught. He instructed me to work out a System which would oyway the Idea.

Your Dear Husband was also concerned and quite cheerfully accepted the offer of Commander in Chief of "THE UNITED KINGDOM & COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE FORCE" which was going to consist of Six Persons namely:-

Number One His Majesty King George VI.

Number Two W. Churchill Prime Minister.

Number Three Section 40 [redacted] Clerk Special Duties.

Number Four Sir John Baker.

Number Five Section 40 [redacted] Clerk Special Duties.

Number six A Special Branch Officer.

The Reference Number explained:-

"W" The Prime Minister.

"1" was taken from No 1 Air Sea Rescue Unit Shapinsay Orkney Islands. (The Headquarters was at Section 40 [redacted] with the village Blacksmith Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 [redacted] and their daughter Section 40 [redacted]

P.T.O.

Section 40 [redacted]

Telephone: Section 40 [redacted]

"NOVA" was the call Sign of the Home Fleet at Kirkwall.

"S.F. Unit" Special Unit.

THE ANSWER WAS P.M.T.6 PRIME MINISTER TACTICAL SIX

I sent my Situation Reports to Sir John Baker who has now passed on. Please will you assist me by accepting future Reports.

Best wishes,

Section 40 [redacted]

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

Section 40 [redacted]

29th January 1988

Section 40 [redacted]

TELEPHONE Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Dartford:- 20580.

13th July, 1972.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Baker, GBE, KCB, CB, MC, DFC.,

Section 40 [redacted]

Kent.

Dear Sir John

Yesterday afternoon at 16.45 Hours I handed to Sergeant Section 40 [redacted] of the Special Branch of New Scotland Yard details of a Survey I have carried out of United Kingdom and Commonwealth Defence with a recommendation of the best employment of our combined Service Departments supported by all associated Sections of the police and civilian defence services.

I have handed them the basis on which to work and promised that I will render whatever assistance they need.

If they utilise this opportunity they will be able to eliminate the "Queens" enemies, and reduce day to day vandelism at the same time, also making every ones appointment that much more useful to the community.

At the time of writing too much information is accumulated by too many separate sections but if they make a slight modification the vital pieces may be filtered to the right section immediately.

Earlier this year I paid a visit to "THE HOLE" all that remains on show for anyone to see is a triangle of ground with the old filter room exposed for anyone to clamber over.

When I am permitted I will convey to you the latest news but for the moment I can only confirm my telephone message, Section 40 [redacted]

"MISSION ACCOMPLISHED NO CAUSUALTIES"

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

January 28th 1988.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Skyscan, a Worcester based UFO investigation team. We were formed in 1972, to assist in the investigation and research into sightings reported to us in the Worcestershire area. In the past 15 years, we have shown that over 90% of these sightings can after extensive research, be explained as natural or man made objects seen under unusual conditions. Unlike many involved in this field, we do not hold any views on what the UFO phenomena is. Our work is to investigate and collect the information which is available from the public. We have for many years argued against the ill feeling held by other organisations against your department. In doing so we have attempted to show that groups such as ourselves should in fact offer assistance to her majestys government. We understand that, due to the economic situation, you cannot spare the manpower to investigate and research into this subject, so we would like to offer our services in this field. All of our investigators are experienced in interview techniques, follow up research methods, collating and investigation of evidence, and public relations. We would be willing to supply copies of all complete reports and abide by any rules necessary. We strongly feel that we would be able to assist you by taking on much of the work which circumstances does not allow you to do. We are a completely voluntary organisation and all finances are met by the members themselves, all we would need from your department would be some form of identification to show that we are helping yourselves. We hope that you look upon this idea with favour, and look forward to possible close co-operation with you. If necessary we would be only to pleased to meet with one of your representatives to discuss this possibility.

yours faithfully,

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
- 3 FEB 1988
FILE 12/3

MEMORANDUM

File copy

MOD Form 4A

E38/3

To U/Sec 3C (Air
Room [redacted]
Lacon House

Date 28 January 1988

Your ref. —

From [redacted]
Sec (AS) 2a
Room [redacted]

Tel. [redacted]

Our ref. D/Sec (AS) 12/3

Subject U. F. O. SIGHTING in INDEPENDENT Newspaper

[redacted]

We spoke about this clipping from an early January edition of "The Independent" and the short note from [redacted] which possibly could explain the sighting. As I believe the student who is currently working with you is shortly to go to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, I would be grateful if he could ask them whether or not his explanation is valid / possible. Please let me know the results in due course.

[redacted]

Rank/ Appointment

Name in Block Letters [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

Flying saucer squad prompts UFO dispute

By Peter Dunn

A FLYING SAUCER has been witnessed by eight policemen over London, opening up old wounds between the promoters and debunkers of unidentified flying objects.

The UFO was seen in the early hours of Sunday morning by Zena Sfeir, 16, a Rugby School pupil who was raking the sky with her telescope looking for the full moon. Miss Sfeir, who lives in Kensington, London, said yesterday that the flat, saucer-shaped UFO, grey-green with pink blobs, looked like a "swimming jellyfish". When it spun round, it changed to electric blue.

After an hour's watching the Sfeir household telephoned the local police. "One policeman came round, saw it and called in a few more," Miss Sfeir said. "They called in two more and *they* called in two more. In the end eight policemen were witnesses. The moment they saw it they were complete believers."

News of the sighting put the Aetherius Society on full alert at its headquarters, a converted shop in Fulham Road, London. The society, which is passionate about flying saucers, regards the Kensington spaceship as further vindication of its beliefs and a well-earned rebuff for mockers like the astronomer, Patrick Moore.

"We're just literally on the phone to the police about it now," Dr Richard Laurence, the society's secretary, said. "There's a lot of police interest in flying saucers because they're always on duty looking at the sky. They get a lot of sightings and often feel frustrated because I think they're up against some sort of policy of no comment.

"For instance, my colleague's been shifted from department to department for 40 minutes and ended up at the same place three times. That's always a sign there's a bit of a panic on.

"Patrick Moore says it's just Jupite... know him of old. I've been on TV with h... As I said to him then, I wouldn't talk abou... astronomy because I don't know enough... about it and he doesn't know anything... about flying saucers and should keep quie... about them. Patrick Moore is one of thos... people who've set out to debunk the sub... ject. Another one is the science correspon... dent of *The Daily Telegraph* whose name... cludes me at the moment. None of them... knows anything about it. They're all preju... diced. We don't think it's strange or eccen... tric to believe in flying saucers. On the con... trary, we think it's eccentric to *dis*believe.'

See note

MOD

Static electricity and atmospheric dust.

Section 40 [redacted]

6.I.88.

NOTE

Copies sent to DISS
as it has for information
and advice.

Section 40 [redacted]

FROM HOME OFFICE
REGISTRY SERVICES
ROOM 107 / 109
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)1
15 JAN 1988
BIS 12/3

TO MOD

Section 40

DOCUMENT TRANSFER

1. *The document attached appears to be appropriate to your Department.*

2. *Details of any previous correspondence (if any)*

3. *Writer / No. 10 Downing St. has not been informed.*

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Section 40 [redacted] a reasoning letter pse.

Section 40 [redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 3 FEB 1988
FILE 12/3

Section 40 [redacted]

reply sent 15/2/88

Dear Sirs,

I have just been reading an article in the Weekly News about a girl who saw an object in the sky. Two years ago about the second week in February, at seven thirty six AM I looked out of the window to see what the weather was like. What I saw was like a big round red sun, shimmering but not throwing off rays like the sun. It was over the Campsie hills. The best I can do to describe it was like what you seen on TV or on a stage, a black line of the hills the object above it  , excuse an old woman, Section 40 [redacted]

Well I watched it until 7 40am when it did not fade. It was just as if it had been drawn down at the

back of the hills on piece of string.
It disappeared in 2 or 3 seconds.
I though I was away with the fairies
but my home help goes to a man in the
next block. & she told me I was quite
~~a~~ allright as John had been watching it
from 4/30 am. I have met one or two
more people who saw it, but all enquiries
from Net, TV, police, no one else seems
to know anything about it.
I would like to hear something about it.
John says maybe it was a comet
but comets have tails as far as I know.
Another person who saw it said it was a
meteor. Whatever it was it sets one thinking.
I feel a bit better with hearing about
someone else who saw an unknown
object. I Remain
Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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STAR

UFOs: TELL US THE TRUTH

By ROB McGIBBON

A UFO expert yesterday urged the Government to admit that aliens exist.

Dr. Richard Lawrence accused the Ministry of Defence of covering up thousands of sightings for fear of causing panic.

And he claimed droves of aliens would visit Earth when all the facts are released and accepted.

Destroyed

"The Government does not want to admit there is a superior power of intelligence," said Dr. Lawrence, European head of the Aetherius Society, a worldwide body devoted to proving extra-terrestrial beings exist.

"It has all the evidence needed to prove aliens exist but won't let the public have it.

"There is nothing to fear. There certainly are other forms of life much more advanced than us. They do not kill people — if they wanted us dead they could do it in seconds.

"They want to help us to progress and improve the world for a better life."

The MoD has publicly acknowledged that unidentified flying objects exist, and has catalogued them.

Mysteriously, files of sightings in the 1950s were never released under the 30-year Information Protection Act because the MoD had destroyed them to make room for other documents, said Dr. Lawrence.

He added: "The belief in superior beings threatens the whole Establishment. That's why the Government wants everything hushed up.

"UFO sightings have been going on for centuries. Now the believers are in the majority."

Since Dr. Lawrence opened a hotline last April, 450 "genuine" sightings have been logged. Calls have come from as far away as Majorca, Italy and Australia.

The two most common sightings are of "cigar shaped" objects, believed to be mother ships, and flying saucer shapes, believed to be scout craft.

Interest

The most popular areas for sightings in Britain are in the West Country and South Wales.

The MoD refused to comment officially on Dr. Lawrence's allegations of a cover-up.

A spokesman said: "Our sole interest in UFO reports is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest.

"Reports are passed to operational staff who examine them as part of their normal duties.

The spokesman could not confirm records had been destroyed in the 1960s.



UFOs galore . . . Star headlines on alien encounters.

ANOTHER 72 SIGHTINGS

By IAN TRUEMAN

THERE have been an amazing 72 sightings of UFOs in the North of England since New Year's Day. And on one occasion, a spaceship actually touched down.

It happened at 11.15 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, in a field just off the A525 at Audlem, Cheshire.

Several passers-by saw a brightly-lit object hovering in the sky, and then with a flash it swooped down and landed for 10 minutes.

Eric Morris, an expert member of the British UFO Research Association, received several calls about the sighting, and when he visited the spot he found newly-scorched trees and grass.

Journal

Eric, 34, a psychiatric nurse, from Crewe, said yesterday: "After listening to the people who claim to have seen the UFO and making my own investigations, I am convinced there was a landing."

Mark Birdsall, a researcher with the leading UFO investigation journal, Quest, said: "Something is happening. We have never received so many reports of sightings in a confined area in such a short space of time.

"They have come from the public, police, RAF officers and astrologers. We have even had reports of military aircraft chasing the UFOs."

THE GUARDIAN

A wee 'we'

Sir — In connection with the proposed space treaty, you report that Mrs Thatcher emphasised on US television that "we are absolutely behind the president". Who are "we"?

It is time that our Prime Minister realised that many, and probably most, of us would not support a treaty that permitted the testing and later deployment of space weapons. And how many of us are happy about plans for revamping Nato nuclear strategy to compenstate for the INF agreement?

How many of us are in favour of the escalation of our nuclear forces implied by the purchase of Trident? But perhaps this is yet another example of her usage of the royal "we" — Yours sincerely,

Robert A. Hinde
Park Lane,
Madingley, Cambridge

7 JAN 1988

Section 40 [redacted]

Section [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

reply sent 12/2/88

26TH JAN 88

SUBJECTS: UFOS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS)2
28 JAN 1988
FILE 12/2

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I am writing to you with regards to the above subject. As you know that we now have another wave of UFO sightings 26 days into 1988. Perhaps the most interesting being the one on JAN 6th when Police were called out by a school girl in the east. Eight Policemen with the girl spent 40 mins tracking the UFO through binoculars they were all convinced to start it was a joke until they saw it

the object has been officially reported as a UFO at Kensington station the officers saw it long enough to be completely convinced.
Is it not time the ministry of defence, release a statement what they know about these things. They are real sightings seen by sane people one wonders if there has to be a major incident concerning a UFO and a civilian (it has been almost already) before action is taken. The east in Australia near a family car was picked up by a UFO then

dropped with such force
a tyre blew the roof was
covered in ash, and the
family's speech was impaired
right away it was said to
be lightning?! Suppose such
an incident happened in England
As more sightings are coming
up, my fellow investigators
are convinced whatever they
are, are making themselves
more and more common, the
information may come from THEM!
before the Ministry etc
Could then, 1988, be the year
the MOD give the public
some insight into what
they know about UFO's

the MODS have collected UFO cases for 40 years surely some then have passed the 30 years rule?
I would be grateful if you could give me a 1988 statement on the latest policy of the MOD
I look forward to hearing from you.

I am Sir, your Obient servant
signed

Section 40 [redacted]

C2/Th21/M-P8/1

From: Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB
Room Section 40
Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
26 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your most recent letter, which asked for information that the Ministry of Defence might have on possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings seen in Telford on 23 October 1983 and what I expect is meant to be 3 January 1988. Unfortunately, you did not mention the year.

As stated in my letter dated 14 December 1987, the Air Staff Secretariat does not have the necessary available resources to undertake searches through our archive material to answer general queries which have little detail, cover wide timespans and which ask about sightings which have not occurred recently. I regret, therefore, that because of the time that it would have taken, we have not been able to look through our files to establish whether or not any sightings were seen in Birmingham or Telford in 1986 and 1987. However, I have looked through our current records and would like to confirm that we did not receive a report for the Telford or Birmingham area for 3 January 1988.

Moving on to your other points, again I would like to remind you that the Air Staff Secretariat does not have the facilities and information available to provide answers to a wide variety of questions not directly connected to the Royal Air Force. Nevertheless, I suggest, should you wish to reply to the letter you received from Washington DC, that you write back to the address on their letterhead.

I am sorry that I am unable to help further.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

(E37)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone: (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)

hite copy

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
26 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January which has been passed to me for attention.

I was interested to read about the incident witnessed by Section 40 and her husband in Pool-in-Wharfedale,and if Section 40 wishes to pass on more details of the sighting I would be most happy to receive them. However, I think that it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

The Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. The sighting reports we receive,which usually are limited only to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them, are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out full time studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any in depth investigations. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is of help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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(E36)

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

25 Jan 88

PS/CSA

UFO ENQUIRY FROM Section 40 [redacted]

Reference: CSA 12/3 677/87 dated 22 Dec 87

1. Your minute at Reference sought advice on a letter CSA had recently received from Section 40 [redacted] of Stockton-on-Tees which enquired about our involvement with the UFO phenomenon.

2. I attach a suitable draft reply which I suggest should be signed by you as PS.

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec(AS)2

Section 40 [redacted]

DRAFT

Thank you for your letter of 11 December to Sir Richard Norman, who has passed it to me for reply.

You asked particularly about the subject of UFOs and indicated that you would like to work in this area. I am not clear whether you have corresponded before with the MOD branch that deals with UFO enquiries, which is in fact part of the Air Staff, not the Scientific Staff. There is however no unit that deals with UFOs and indeed no full time staff covering UFOs. Instead several areas of the Ministry such as the Air Staff, the Scientific staff and the Intelligence staff hold records on UFO matters for their own purposes. The only real MOD interest however relates to whether or not UFOs might present a threat to the security of this country, which is not normally thought to be the case. This being so we could not justify the use of additional defence funds and resources for any major investigation into the source of any particular phenomena, and our records are largely confined to details of sightings, as reported to us.

I am sorry if this comes as a disappointment to you but would add that if you are interested more generally in a career with the scientific civil service you may wish to get in touch with the Civil Service Commission at Alencon Link who will be able to give you more information as to the sorts of jobs which are available.

I hope you will find this helpful.

PS/CSA

Section 40 [redacted]

11 December, 1987.

Professor R. Norman, FRS,
Chief Scientific Adviser,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

Please forgive this direct approach but I felt that the contents of my letter would be considered more seriously if I approached a perceived responsible person direct.

I am a serious student of the UFO Enigma. I have read widely about the subject and I am aware of the many theories propounded on the subject of UFO's. I believe in the existance of UFO's, but I have a completely open-mind regarding their explanation.

I am aware of the denials made regarding the level of official investigation into this subject, but I am firmly convinced that a unit does investigate all aspects of this matter. We both know the Americans, Russians and French take the subject seriously, and I refuse to accept that the British Defence Establishment does not take a similar interest. I wish to play a role in that unit.

Why should you be interested in me ? I have enclosed my CV to give you a more complete personal history, but I would emphasise the following points:

1) My social science background;
2) My personal and long-time interest in the subject;
3) My understanding of the workings of executive, bureaucratic and legislative institutions;
4) My understanding of human nature and reactions;
5) My understanding and acknowledgement of the need for secrecy.

Why have I approached you ? I have attempted a rational and logical analysis based on limited data. My first premise is that an official unit exists. That being the case I see the controlling Department as being either the Ministry of Defence or Home Office. The obvious military and aerial aspects of the subject mattersuggests the MOD, either Intelligence or Scientific Staff. On the other hand there is much attention focussed upon MOD, whereas there is more anonymity and hence a certain logic in placing such a unit under the Home Office. MI5 is, after all, under the control of the Home Office, and emergency planning for civil unrest and/ or panic is also handled by the Home Office.
My hunch is that your department is involved in a scientific advisory and research capacity. The senior scientists most likely involved within the Defence Scientific Staff are yourself, Dr. Collins, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Humphries and Dr. Jones. In addition Dr. Berry, as Director of Scientific & Technical Intelligence, may also be involved. It is for this reason that I have written to you in the first instance, although I do intend contacting the Home Office if I meet with a negative response from you.

In conclusion, I am sure the MOD is pestered with UFO researchers continually. I am NOT in the game of publicity or revelation. If I am accurate in my analysis then all I ask is that you consider seriously whether I could play a role in your unit, and perhaps a meeting will convince you of my sincerity. If, by some remote chance, I am wrong in my analysis, then I am sure that this letter will have given you considerable amusement, and I am happy to have made you smile.
I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, have a good Christmas & New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

Copy to Section 40 [redacted]

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Section 40

Address: Section 40

Age: Section 40

Date of birth: Section 40

Marital Status: Section 40

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Section 40

Section 40

Section 40

WORK EXPERIENCE

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INTERESTS

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PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

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TIME NOT ACCOUNTED FOR

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OTHER INFORMATION

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Section 40

December 1987

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, ASTON UNIVERSITY

COMBINED HONOURS: WATER RESOURCES OPTION

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

YEAR 1.

HISTORY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT
Historical review of early water developments; development of water supply and sewerage systems; water legislation and administraton; the role of water in national development.

HYDROLOGY
The hydrological cycle; causes, variation and measurement of precipitation, evapotranspiration, infiltration, snowmelt and sediment transport; groundwater movement and aquifers.

SOIL SCIENCE
Formation, properties and composition of soil; distribution, classification and mapping of soils.

RIVER BASIN GEOMORPHOLOGY
River basin form and processes; morphometry; estuaries and deltas.

LIMNOLOGY
Chemical and biological aspects of water; ecology of natural waters; anthropogenic influences on aquatic ecosystems; assessment and surveiliance of water quality; biology of water supply and used-water treatment; water borne and water related diseases.

COMPUTING
Introduction to computers; introduction to BASIC; program learning course in BASIC.

COURSEWORK
i) Water Resources Development Project: - preparation for and participation in a simulated Public Inquiry.
ii) Hydrology and Limnology Laboratory Classes.

YEAR 2.

STATISTICS
Probability and basic statistics; cross and serial correlation; linear regression; analysis of time series.

SURVEYING
Chain survey; use of level and theodolite; hydrographic surveying.

FLUID MECHANICS
Hydrostatics; friction flow in pipes and analysis of pipe networks; measurement of flow in pipes and open channels; Manning and Chezy equations and their applications; gradually varied flow; hydraulic jump and its use as an energy dissipator.

ECONOMICS
Price theory and resource allocation; present worth and discounted cash flow; economic objectives and project appraisal; evaluation of costs and benefits; economic and financial feasibility; project selection.

WATER AND SANITATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
Social and political influences; aid; rural and urban water supply and treatment; well construction and hand-pumps; excreta disposal systems; waste water treatment, refuse collection and disposal; engineering control of arthropod vectors; dams; irrigation and health.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
Water supply: demand, treatment and distribution.
Wastewater: processing and disposal of industrial and domestic wastes; sewage treatment; sewerage systems.
Recovery of natural waters.

COURSEWORK
i) Surveying projects.
ii) Fluid Mechanics Laboratory Exercises.
iii) Flood Economics Project.
iv) One week FIELD COURSE in Wales during long vacation.

YEAR 3

HYDROLOGICAL MODELLING AND SYSTEM SIMULATION
Data validation and analysis; conceptual rainfall/runoff models; stchastic streamflow and rainfall models; multi-site models; model testing; optimisation of simple systems by linear and dynamic programming; simulationof complex regional water systems; optimisation of development and operating policies by system simulation.

RIVER MANAGEMENT, IRRIGATION AND LAND DRAINAGE
Flood protection works; flood prediction and warning; river training works; navigation; estimation of water requirements for crops; irrigation techniques; water distribution systems for irrigation; land drainage; reclamation of land subject to water logging and salinization.

REMOTE SENSING
Optical and electronic remote sensing systems; remote sensing methods in hydrology, pollution control and land use studies; image analysis; evaluation and interpretation of systems.

GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT
Origins and location of underground waters; estimation of natural recharge; flow of groundwater; mathematical and analogue models; safe yield from aquifers; groundwater exploitation.

ADVANCED HYDROLOGY
Flood and drought studies; climate and change; special factors in arid and tropical hydrology.

COURSEWORK
i) Groundwater Exercise
ii) Hydrological modelling exercise
iii) Optimisation exercise
iv) FINAL YEAR PROJECT (selection from a range of titles)

Section 40 [redacted] (Course Tutor)
5:10:1986

~~E38/4~~

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AN EMPTY ENVELOPE

LETTER + REPORTS FROM

[redacted]

DATED 22 JAN 1988

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

Role of Science Staff in collation of UFO data

E35/1/1

I believe you wanted this clarified before the letter to Section 40 [redacted] was returned to PS/CSA.

The scientific staff have recently begun to hold UFO data (again) on their computer. They have an undergraduate who is currently working on a package which will hopefully be able to interrogate the data that they hold. Basically, it will be a statistical exercise only and will only use the data that we receive. They will not interview anybody or carry out any scientific investigation into what the sightings might be. The study will be for a duration of about 3 months – perhaps longer if manpower exists and DI 55 wishes for further study.

In due course I will review our standard paragraphs for UFO replies and will amend if necessary – however, I expect only very minor change, if any.

Section 40 [redacted]

25/1

Section 40 [redacted]

File on 12/5 at appropriate page.
This is Jan 1988!

Section 40 [redacted]

15/2

Section 40 [redacted]

Draft reply for PS/CSA attached for your approval.

Section 40 [redacted] 8/1

Section 40

- You spoke to [redacted] about the attached letter to CSA and, I understand, suggested that our draft reply should include a piece on joining the Civil Service. However, in view of Section 40 [redacted] previous time as a civil servant (admittedly Customs and Excise), I'm not sure that we should push it.

- I suspect Section 40 [redacted] got the names in his penultimate paragraph from the Civil Service Yearbook, although needless to say, they don't work on UFOs!

Section 40 [redacted] 12/1

Slight amendment - [illegible]

Section 40

Typed final for signature.

Section 40 [redacted] 21/1

Sec (NS) distr to Section 40 [redacted] File 536/1 (E35/1)

Sec (AS) 2a
Rm 8245MB

reply sent 2/3/88

OFFICE OF THE
FLAG OFFICER PORTSMOUTH
SEMAPHORE TOWER
HM NAVAL BASE
PORTSMOUTH PO1 3LT
Tel: Portsmouth Section 40 [redacted]

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Room Section 40
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Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

21 Jan 88

UFO ENQUIRY - Section 40 [redacted]

Reference:

A. MOD's D/Sec(NS)/536/1 dated 11 Jan 88

1. Regretfully Flag Officer Portsmouth does not hold any data referring to 19 May 85. However, it is considered unlikely that any naval ships were involved in exercises on that day that would have included the use of low flying objects over the Isle of Wight.

2. On the question of a target drogue, it again seems unlikely as the areas have to be notamed to fly one. The Isle of Wight is not a notamable area.

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Section 40 [redacted]

Second Officer WRNS
for Flag Officer Portsmouth

From: Secretariat (Naval Staff)b

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room [redacted]
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) [redacted]
(Switchboard)

[redacted]

Flag Officer Portsmouth

Attention: 2/O Dobson, SOX

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(NS)/536/1

Date
11th January 1988

UFO ENQUIRY - [redacted]

1. Please find attached some papers detailing the alleged sighting of a UFO over the Isle of Wight on the evening of Sunday 19 May 1985.

2. I understand that you may still have some information about any exercises taking place in the area at the time, and I would be grateful for any details that you could provide.

3. It has been suggested that the activity referred to by the local police may have been a radar tracking exercise, as I understand that these take place on a regular basis in the area concerned. If this was the case, then it seems possible that the object seen was a target drogue being towed by a FRADU aircraft. I assume that the drogue would be lit at night.

4. As the local MP is now involved, I would be grateful for your early comments on the papers and my questions above, together with any further thoughts you may have on the subject. Could I ask for a response by COP 29 January?

[redacted]

Copy to:
Sec(AS)2a

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SECRETARIAT
12 JAN 1988
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NOTE

Section 40 Sec (N5) rang on 11/1 to talk about the "low sighting".

He said that he had rung FO Portsmouth who stated that they do not have any exercise records which cover the date 19 May 1955 but could say that the Navy carried out regular target towing exercises over the area. The targets are towed by 10 - 12,000 feet of cable and are fired at by ships. This could have been the cause of the sighting.

As it all sounded a bit wishy-washy so I asked Sec (N5) to find out from FO Portsmouth if they had destroyed the exercise reports or if they had been archived. If the latter, I would like them to dig them out. He will ring back i.d.c.

Section 40

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To Section 40
Sec (NS) b

From Section 40
Sec (AS) 2a

Date 8 January 1988

Your ref.

Tel. Section 40

Our ref. D/Sec (AS) 12/3

Subject UFO Enquiry – Section 40

Section 40

You will recall that we spoke about this this afternoon. I attach copies of the recent batch of letters from Section 40 – which includes the original address to Sec (NS). As agreed I would be grateful if you would try and establish from the Navy whether or not the exercise mentioned in the police report could have caused the lighting seen by Section 40. Any other relevant information would also be gratefully received.

Although I appreciate that you will have to get in touch with FO Portsmouth, a quick answer would be helpful.

Rank/Appointment EO

Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room Section 40
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2BH
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard) Section 40

From: Air Commodore A F C Hunter CBE AFC MA LLB RAF
Director of Public Relations (Royal Air Force)

D/DPR/305/6

Section 40

7 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 1988 in which you voice a number of complaints about MOD handling of your enquiries about the Lowtherville IOW UFO report. I have taken the liberty of passing your letter on to my colleague Section 40 who deals with such matters. You will appreciate that this is a very large Ministry and that it is by no means a certainty that a matter communicated to one department will be known to another. Had your original message been addressed to the correct quarter, I am confident that it would have received prompt attention. I cannot agree that a letter to Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command constitutes a Ministry of Defence Record. Nor, I imagine would you, on careful reflection.

You should note that for further enquiries, you should address all correspondence to:

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

I know that Section 40 will be delighted to deal with any enquiries such as yours which are correctly addressed to him.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
- 8 JAN 1988
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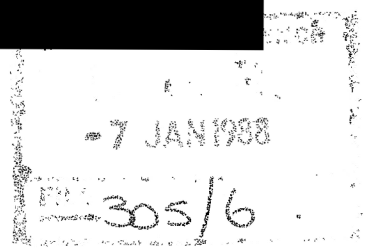
Yours sincerely

Section 40

From:- Section 40 [redacted]



To:- The Public Relations Officer
Air Staff 2a,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London

5th January 1988

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read in the December 6th edition of the 'Sunday Express' that the Ministry of Defence "has no record" of the Lowtherville, Isle of Wight UFO Report (May 19th 1985) made by Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 and investigated by myself on behalf of the British UFO Research Association. Do you not consider that the courteous and helpful response I obtained from the Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command (Portsmouth), dated November 15th 1985 (and enclosed), constituted a Ministry of Defence record ? I note that in my letter to you (dated November 27th 1985 and also enclosed) I specifically mentioned the Commander-in-Chief's letter, therefore your personnel at Whitehall would have known that a record of this sighting existed at HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

I was disappointed that the Ministry of Defence adopted a policy of non co-operation towards a responsible UFO investigator. I gave you every opportunity to describe in a very general sense the naval activities near Ventnor in May 1985 solely for the purpose of concluding my case investigation, yet you chose not to assist me. I was not interested in acquiring classified information or in compromising national security, I simply wished to find an ordinary explanation for the report by Section 40 [redacted] By refusing to even acknowledge my letter your policy actually resulted in more work for your Department as well as an embarrassing article in a national newspaper.

As I am sure you are aware, the majority of people interested in UFOs hold extreme beliefs about the subject, whilst those of us who actually investigate reports are largely of the opinion that the majority of reports (perhaps 90 per cent or more) are misidentifications of known phenomena. A small minority of reports, however, may represent previously unrecognised phenomena and consequently our task is to objectively investigate those reports for science and posterity. By treating us as if we too hold extreme beliefs your current policy of non co-operation encourages those beliefs amongst non investigators and serves no useful scientific purpose.

A more constructive approach would be to adopt a more open policy towards responsible investigators, to exchange data relating to the more interesting reports and to invite scientific organisations to examine those reports in an unbiased manner. I have expressed my concern at your current policy to my MP, Sir David Price and I look forward to greater co-operation and a reply from you,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Figure 22

[redacted] Section 40

HEAD OF NAVAL STAFF SECRETARIAT
MAIN BUILDING
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall

November 27th I985

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the British UFO Research Association, a society that collects, investigates and usually finds ordinary explanations for reports of UFOs. I am investigating a very interesting report by a resident of the Isle of Wight. At 20.40 Hrs on I9th May I985, he was walking on the Downs above Lowtherville, Ventnor (OSGR 554777) when he first observed an object he thought was a parachute, approximately one kilometer to the south-east (probably above the sea). The object rose up and began travelling towards the startled witness. The object hovered for a few seconds over nearby houses, and resolved itself as a disk shaped object, with a flange, two hazy lights on its upper surface, and a slight glow. As the object passed within about I00 feet of the witness, he noted that it was only a few feet across and made a slight swooshing noise as it passed him. The object then disappeared over a hedge to the north west of the witness, having been in his view for nearly five minutes.

During the course of my investigation, I have written to the local police, the Isle of Wight airport and HM Naval Base at Portsmouth. The local police inform me that during May I985

"the Royal Navy were engaged with special radar tests on St Boniface Down, Ventnor. This involved a Naval Helicopter at times flying from the sea to St Boniface Down, sometimes at night..."

HM Naval Base directed me to write to you in pursuit of an ordinary explanation for what is a most unusual sighting. Naturally I don't expect you to give me the full details of any tests that may have taken place, however, I would be very grateful if you can answer the following specific questions regarding military activities in the Ventnor Area:

(a) were exercises carried out near Ventnor on the evening of May I9th?

(b) did any such exercises involve the use of naval helicopters or other such devices controlled by the personnel involved?

(c) at what times and locations did any exercises occur?

Any other information you can give me, or advice on which authority to write to, will be gratefully received. Naturally any correspondence will be treated with due respect and my final report will draw upon any information you give me.

I do hope you will find the time to help me with my enquiry, so often

in the past sightings of unusual objects have become a matter of controversy when in reality an ordinary explanation could have been found with a little co-operation. I look forward to your reply with interest,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

From: Captain Section 40 Royal Navy

Figure 2I

Secretary to
The Commander-in-Chief
Naval Home Command
HM Naval Base
Portsmouth
Hampshire

Tel: Portsmout Section 40
Extension

AH500/10

Section 40

15 November 1985

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November 1985. I regret that I cannot answer your questions because the activities you enquired about are not the responsibility of this command.

I suggest that you write to the Head of the Naval Staff Secretariat whose address is

Main Building
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Figure 20

Section 40 [redacted]

Commander-in-Chief's Secretary,
HM Naval Base,
Portsmouth,
PO1 3LN

13th November 1985

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the British UFO Research Association, a society that collects, investigates and usually finds ordinary explanations for reports of unusual aerial phenomena. I have decided to write to you because of information given to me by Ventnor Police Station. They tell me that during May 1985, the Royal Navy

"were engaged with special radar tests on St. Boniface Down, Ventnor. This involved a Naval helicopter at times flying from the sea to St. Boniface Down, sometimes at night."

Could you please confirm or deny that

(a) you undertook any such exercises in the Ventnor area during May 1985, for the purpose stated;

(b) list the times and dates of these tests; and

(c) describe any aspects of the tests that may have resulted in local residents seeing unusual objects or lights.

The report I am investigating concerns a resident from Lowtherville who was walking on the Downs above Rew Close at about 20.40 Hrs on Sunday 19th May. He observed what he first thought was a parachute about a kilometer to the south east, the object rose and fell before slowly travelling up the valley in a north-westerly direction. Because the object was seen against houses and St Boniface Down I rule out astronomical objects as the responsible stimulus. The witness describes the UFO as being disk shaped, with two hazily defined lights, a flange and a slight glow. He appears to be an ordinary, sane person and has not made financial gain from his sighting. Obviously a helicopter seen at dusk should be quite identifiable, even if it was half a mile from the witness. Consequentl; I am quite prepared to believe that the stimulus for the sighting was a remote controlled device of some sort, although I realise that this would not be publically admitted. Nevertheless, it would be very useful to my investigation if you could respond positively to the questions I have posed above, and suggest any further line of enquiry. Any help will be used in my final report and treated with due respect. Thankyou for your co-operation,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

Figure I9

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Station: VENTNOR ISLE OF WIGHT Division

Department: ~~UNIFORM EAST WIGHT~~ 8th November 19 85

Subject: BRITISH U.F.O. RESEARCH ENQUIRY

Sir,

Nothing unusual was reported during May,1985. However during this time the Royal Navy were engaged with special radar tests on St. Boni face Down, Ventnor. This involved a Naval helicopter at times flying from the sea to St. Boniface Down, sometimes at night. I hope this will ,assist in your enquiry.

Section 40 [redacted] P.C. Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Figure I8

Section 40 [redacted]

Ventnor Police Station, I.o.W.

Sunday 27th October I985

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the British U.F.O. Research Association, a society that collects, analyses and usually explains UFO reports. Earlier this year we received a report from a resident in Lowtherville who claims he observed an unusual object in the area directly above Rew Close, at about 20.40 Hrs on May I9th I985. The object was disk shaped, about 8 feet across, and displayed two hazilly defined lights on its upper surface. The witness appears to be an ordinary, sane and sober person, and has not attempted to make financial gain from his experience.

Usually, UFO reports turn out to be mundane phenomena that witnesses observed under unusual conditions, but in this case I am unable to suggest an ordinary explanation for the sighting. Consequently, I am writing to you in the hope that you can inform me whether

(a) you received any reports of unusual phenomena in the Ventnor area during May I985, particularly on the I9th;

(b) what actions, if any, did you undertake to deal with those reports; and

(c) are you aware of any potential stimuli that may have been responsible for these reports (eg. helicopters, model aircraft, hang gilders etc).

Naturally, any correspondence will be treated with due respect. Thank you for your co-operation,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Home Telephone: Section 40 [redacted]

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From: Section 40 [redacted]
Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40 [redacted]
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40 [redacted] (Direct Dialling)
(Switchboard)

Section 40 [redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
21 January 1988

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I am writing to thank you for your recent letter to the Civil Aviation Authority which has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for a reply.

You mentioned that you are currently in the process of researching the phenomena of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and asked if we possessed any material on this subject which could be released to you to help you with your studies.

I regret that the release of any material on the subject "en bloc" is not possible as, like other Government bodies, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the Public Records Act. As you may be aware, this Act states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. I am pleased to say, however, that we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether or not we have any reports on the incident and if so, what it contains.

Nevertheless, I think it should be noted that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, we do not attempt to investigate or identify the objects.

As a rule, information that we have on UFOs is limited to the brief details of sightings passed onto us by those who witnessed the phenomena. These reports are referred to MOD staff who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties. Having said that, however, since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, the MOD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full-time. This being the case, we do not have the necessary resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. I am sure you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive, that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lighting, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

You also asked for any technical sheets on RAF fast jets and I have pleasure in enclosing a poster showing brief details and specifications of all current RAF aircraft. For further details and for information on those aircraft of USA and the Soviet Union, I would suggest you obtain a copy of "Jane's All the Worlds' Aircraft" from your local reference library.

I hope that this proves useful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting. 19 JAN 88
2015 HRS. 90 SECONDS

B. Description of Object.
LIGHT ORANGE BALL OF LIGHT (NAKED EYE)
DO-NUT SHAPE (THROUGH BINOCULARS)

C. Exact Position Observer.
KEPLES COLUMN, THORPE HESLEY
LOUDEN ROAD

D. How Observed.
NAKED EYE + BINOCULARS

E. Direction in which Object was first seen.
NE

F. Angle of Sight.
40°

G. Distance.
(OVER WENTWORTH AREA) 1 mile?

H. Movements.
FLYING IN SLIGHT CURVE TO SW

J. Meteorological conditions during observation.
PATCHY CLOUD

K. Nearby objects.
KEPLES COLUMN (40FT TOWER)

L. To whom reported.
ROTHERHAM POLICE
YORKS UFO SOCIETY

M. Name and Address of informant.
Section 40 [redacted]

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.
YORKS UFO SOCIETY

O. Other witnesses.
3 OTHERS (IN SAME LOCATION)

P. Date and time of receipt of report.
20 JAN 88. 1452 HRS.

Q. Is a reply requested.
YES - Attached copy

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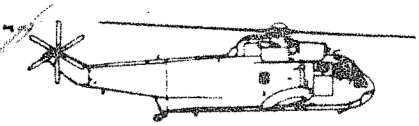

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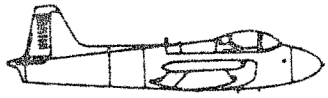

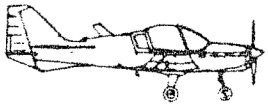

ROYAL AIR FORCE
FINNINGLEY
DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE DN9 3LQ
Tel. DONCASTER Section 40

FIN/2286/Org

Section 40

21 January 1988

Dear Section 40

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Further to our telephone conversation, I can confirm that I have passed details of your sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object to the Ministry of Defence Department concerned. I have informed them of your address and they will contact you if they wish to obtain more details.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

The reply takes into account advice received from A/C Probert AHB(RAF).

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Defence Secretariat,
Ministry Of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2HB.

January 18th, 1988

Dear Sirs,

Re: Request to inspect non-classified files.

I am seeking permission to inspect reports of alleged unidentified flying object sightings by members of the public. I understand that these accounts do not constitute classified material.

I believe access to the documents concerned is governed by the Public Records Act, which prohibits public inspection of an official record for 30 years after the last action has been taken on it.

My understanding is that the earliest reports of alleged sightings were forwarded to you in 1957. As no investigation of such reports has been conducted by the Ministry it would appear the last action staff carried out on these submissions occurred shortly after reciept.

If this assumption is wrong, perhaps you could inform me of the date the reports will be made available. I will then contact you again at that time. Could you also tell me whether the Lord Chancellor is empowered to allow an applicant access to public records even if the application falls within the 30 year limitation.

I am most grateful for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
21 JAN 1988
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Any sightings for 3 Jan 88 in Telford or Birmingham.

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E79 6TH Jan Telford

DATE: 14 JAN 1988

reply sent 26/1/88

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
18 JAN 1988
FILE 12/3

Your Ref...D/Sec (AS) 12/3

Dear Section 40

Regarding your letter of 14th December 87, which I recieved, on 21 Dec 87.

Since you are unable to find, anything on those dates, try the following, 23rd October 83, in telford, or 3 Jan just out side telford, or better still ANY, UFO, sight, in the Telford, area, or in Birmingham*

for 86-87 period, I think you will be able to find something, for that period.

These materials should be releaseable, it is not that long ago, if you can not released anything from 83, but I think you can because Charles Halt report, was dated Jan 81 and that was released. I think you have better check the above out, I will keep writting to you until I get some of your files, released to me.

So as soon as you release some files, th e better for both of us.

2.....

* any documents at that time

Also if possible reply as soon as possible, and save me and you wasting time and effort in writting. Section 40 [redacted]

I have not yet obtain the OSA-Official Secrets Act, I have some pages from a book, but th e act was 1920 which I thing is out of date. Section 40 [redacted]

One things gets me, is th at we stick to old acts, instead, of reviewing it, if you get what I mean.

One final point, in regard to Security Clearances, could you please send me a list, It wouls save me th e trouble os searching through the libiarys as well as my books on the security Services.As I have stated before, UFOs are the most Highly Classified subject within the united Stetes governmen t and that wasfroma TOP SECRET document obtain from the Canadian Governmen t.

Some one with in the Intelllogence services Knows something about this, and knows more about the subject than he or she will admit.

I have read SPYCATCHER, nice but the Number plates was a joke , one wws different from the other, Clear Intent caused a bigger Stink,that spycatcher, but the government could not reveal that. Who is the chief of staff, of the RAF, if there is a chief of staff?

One more point, I have recieved a letter from, something called ROYAL AIR FORCE STAFF, Washington DC, but the stamps where british, the persom writting it was, and it had my address, but NO shropshire, Englan d of even postcode, Its letter head, is like a cirles sqashed, and the telenumber was Section 40 [redacted] the REF was BDS/RAFS/3641,I wish to reply to this letter, but how, and who would I send it to? can you help?

p t o

Sincerely

Section 40

[redacted]

From: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff)2a

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40 (Direct Dialling)
(Switchboard)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 1987 which asked if we possessed any information relating to sightings seen in the Humberside area on 9 December 1987. I have now spoken to the Royal Air Force and can confirm that your suspicions about the sightings being a refuelling exercise were correct. On that particular evening, it is highly likely that the objects seen by your witnesses were USAF KC135 and F111 aircraft which were exercising over the North Sea, passing over Humberside at about 5.00pm.

I am also now able to answer your earlier letter of 26 November which asked if we had received any reports which related to sightings seen in the East Midlands on 14 and 21 October 1986; and Todmorden and Halifax, West Yorkshire on 28 November, 1980. I have looked through our records files and I regret that I have been unable to trace any reports which correspond to the details you gave.

As you already know, we do try to see if we possess any report relating to sightings seen by the public but I would like to stress that we do not have the resources to offer correspondents a general answering service on the UFO subject. As such I would ask that if possible you restrict any future requests to sightings seen recently, ie. within the last year.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

From: Section 40
Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40 (Direct Dialling)
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
14 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters dated 20 and 30 November 1987 which gave details of UFO sightings seen in Holmfirth and Huddersfield West Yorkshire on 28 October 1987 and 16 November 1987 respectively. You also asked if the MOD possessed any information on these sightings, but despite a thorough search through our records, I regret that I have been unable to find any records of sightings which correspond to the details which you gave either in Holmfirth, Huddersfield or in the North of England as a whole.

You may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is, therefore, limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena. These reports are referred to MOD staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I am sure you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that you find this helpful. I return your stamps for use on other occasions.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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From: Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB
Telephone No: Section 40

Room Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
13 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter to the Ministry of Defence dated 12 November 1987 which has been forwarded to me for attention. You asked for information that the MOD might have on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) for help with your study for a GCSE qualification in English.

You might find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is, therefore, limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena. These reports are referred to MOD staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been indentified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things. At present we do not possess any positive evidence that 'alien spacecraft' exist or have landed on this planet.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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12-1-88

reply sent 12/2/88

25/1

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with recent alledged sitings of UFOS originating from Bagshot - Lightwater and Kensington west London on the nights of 28-29 Dec 1987.

I would be interested to know if the M.O.D. has received any reports concerning any of these sitings, and if so what they contain.

I understand from previous communications with your department that such information is released, when it is concerned with recent reports of UFO phenomena.

Yours Sincerely

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Would you please look through 12/2 and see if we have any reports for 28/29 Dec 87. Thanks

Section 40 25/1

NONE FOR EITHER DAY

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
19 JAN 1988
FILE 12/3

From: Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat (Air Staff)2a
Main Building Whitehall SW1A 2HB

Telephone No: Section 40

Room Section 40

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
12 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 2 November 1987 to the Prime Minister. This has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for a reply.

We were interested to read of your experiences and those of your mother and details of these sightings have been noted. We have also looked through our records to see if we have any other reports which correspond to those that you saw. However, I regret to say that none were found; yours were the first.

Whilst we are interested to receive details of unusual sightings or experiences such as those witnessed by yourself, I think it might be helpful if I explain that whilst we do co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is, therefore, limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigation or general survey. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out full time studies into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless, it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris

re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I would also like to thank you for the newspaper cuttings of recent events. However, we do not have any evidence that points to any of these events being caused by strange beings or unidentified objects.

I hope that this is of help.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

E29/1
EC

To Sec AS
D D 255
[redacted]

Date 8 JAN 88

Your ref.

From [redacted]
DPO (RAF)
RM [redacted]

Tel. [redacted]

Our ref. DPO/DPO(RAF)/138

Subject UFOs.

1. Please find enclosed a letter from a [redacted] asking for information on UFOs.

2. I would be grateful if you would either reply to his request from your office or advise me how I should reply.

[redacted]

[redacted]

draft reply for your approval.

[redacted]
4/1

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
11 JAN 1988
FILE 12/3

Rank/ Appointment 10

Name in Block Letters [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

4/1/88

With Compliments

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT Room [redacted]
Civil Aviation Authority
CAA House, 45–59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE
(main entrance Kemble Street)
Telephone [redacted]

Press office
ministry of Defence (RAF)

Could you please keep with attached letter. I have told our Servis we have forwarded his letter to you for reply.

many thanks. [redacted]

Section 40

Civil Aviation Authority
Headquarters
CAA House (Public Relations)
45 Kingsway
London WC2.

Section 40

reply sent 21/1/88

30th December 1987

Dear Sir/Madam,

Section 40 I am a journalist working for Section 40 presently carrying out intensive research work into the [redacted] This research is in no way connected with my job, and is being undertaken purely for personal reasons.

My eventual aim is to obtain as much qualitative (as opposed to quantitative) data on the subject and then to analyse and document it as accurately and objectively as possible.

I have already contacted two Public Records Offices (requesting declassified government/military files on the subject), not to mention various other organisations who may be able to pass on vital information to me. I sincerely hope that I'm still moving in the right direction by contacting you. (I'm sure I am).

By now you must be fully aware of why I have written to you and what I want. Any UFO material (and I do mean any) in your posession that you could send on to me (in photostat form of course) would be greatly appreciated and gladly recieved. Also any specification/technical data sheets on our most capable fighter jets (plus USA and USSR if possible) would be most welcome.

No doubt this will not be the last time that I write to you and I therefore look forward to future communications.

I eagerly await to hear from you in due course.

Thank you.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
11 JAN 1988
FILE 12/3

Yours faithfully

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Caterham Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 7 JAN 1988
FILE 12/3

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Section 40

6th January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you so much for your D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 31st December, which reached me today. I am grateful for your detailed reply.

I do have some corrections to make to the dates involved in the light of further research. The dates listed in your second paragraph should be amended, in the first two instances, to 22nd February 1979 and night of 28th/29th February 1980. The third date is correct.

With regard to the Section 40 letter to the Naval Staff Secretariat of 27th November 1985, I have a copy of this letter here and I have suggested to Section 40 that he repeat it. It is addressed to the Head of Naval Staff Secretariat, Main Building, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall from Section 40 address at that time, but must presumably have gone astray. It is a courteous letter and one can see no other reason for the blank it drew.

With regard to the official who is said to have visited the two girls in Leeds (a 22nd February 1979, not November, see above), I did of course try, when I was interviewing Section 40 father of one of the girls, to get further information from him. His vagueness on the identity of the official at a distance of eight years, and the keenness of his memory of the conversation that took place, both seemed to me human and understandable, from a person of apparent integrity.

If any further information were to emerge I would be glad to have it. Meanwhile, my thanks again.

Yours sincerely,

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(E25/1)

Also see F538/3

Flying saucer over London, say police

By TED DALY

POLICE last night reported seeing a flying saucer hover over London.

It was first seen by 16-year-old Zena Sfeir, a schoolgirl whose hobby is astronomy.

She watched the circular object spin, bank and hover for two hours through a telescope at her home in Kensington.

"Finally I thought I had better tell someone so I rang the police station," she said.

"The first man to arrive was very sceptical—until he looked through the telescope.

"I watched him as his jaw dropped when he saw the object. Then he sent for some of his colleagues.

"Two more officers arrived and were just as amazed. They rang the station and five more came along bringing a pair of binoculars."

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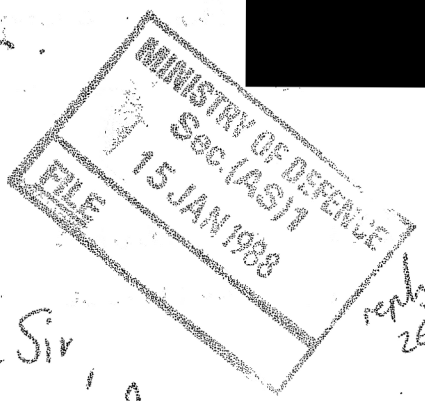
5th Jan.



reply sent 26/1/68

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in a BBC TV news broadcast regarding a girl spotting an unidentified flying object. The sighting was from her home in London.

Approximately two months ago I was talking to a lady from Port-in-Wharfedale who had seen a mistevious object in the sky. She was very concerned about the object & her husband also watched it at around 12.00 a.m. midnight. Following the sighting Section 40 Section 40 could not sleep & returned to the window only to see the planet crossing the sky in the opposite direction.

She told me that the shape was round, oval and green with red spots on.

[redacted] had no doubts about what she and her husband had seen.

I listened to her talking about the planet in October never thought about it again until I saw BBC TV early January 88

If you are interested in hearing from [redacted] personally I will be able to find at her address in Pool-in-Wharfedale.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

12/3 (E28) (+3)

Section 40

Section 40, Press Desk (Section 40) phoned asking if we had any info on a UFO sighting over London, shortly after midnight 4 Jan 88. A schoolgirl reported the sighting to the police who confirmed that there was "something in the air".

The enquiry is from a Section 40 Press Association

Section 40

5/1
10.10. 88.

NOTE

Rang Section 40 on 5/1 and said that we had not as yet received any reports for 4 January 1988. However, I said that we did receive a report which corresponded to the sighting referred to above but that this was on night of 2/3 January. It is possible that the schoolgirl got the dates mixed up.

Section 40
5/1

D1/15

(E27)

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling Section 40
(Switchboard) ext

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

5 Date January 1988

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister enclosing a copy of a report compiled about a UFO sighting in Devon on the evening of 4/5 August 1987. This has been passed to MOD and I have been asked to reply.

I believe that you have also now received a formal reply from Section 40 Section 40 of this department in response to a copy of your earlier letter of 29 August about the same incident. We are grateful for receipt of your report which will remain on our files although I believe that there is little I can usefully add to Section 40 comments on the incident itself. It certainly seems to us that the most likely explanations for the various reports was that the two VC10 tankers, which were in North Devon at the time in question on a refuelling exercise, had been sighted. And in this context it is perhaps worth adding that local RAF stations will not necessarily be aware of all air activity in their area as aircraft could have come from elsewhere in the UK or indeed RAF Germany.

May I also assure you that MOD do not, as you suggest in your letter to the Prime Minister refuse to release information they hold on UFOs, and we are happy to respond to any queries about specific incidents as in Section 40 letter of 12 October. We do not however have sufficient staff to search through our records to provide comparative co-ordinated data on a range of incidents in response to public queries nor could we justify such action given that we do not generally consider that UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of this country.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

8/2 E26/1

Section 40 [redacted]

Tele: Section 40 [redacted]

Date2/1/88.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter dated 14 January 1988.The information regarding the refuelling exercises over Humberside on December 9 1987 was most useful.

I would appreciate it if you could supply me with details of any UFO reports you have from the Barnsley area of South Yorkshire on or around the 5th of August 1987.Any information you can help me with will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

MUFON/BUFORA/IUN.

Section 40 [redacted] NONE

Please look through 12/2 and see if we had any reports for 5/8/87.

Section 40 [redacted] 9/2

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 4 FEB 1988
FILE 12/3

D1/74

(E26)

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a
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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40 ext
(Switchboard)

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 31 December 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters dated 11 and 13 November to the Ministry of Defence and DPR(RAF). Although I am aware that much of this information has already been passed to you verbally by Section 40 Section 40 of DPR(RAF) I thought that you might like it followed up in writing.

You asked for information that we might possess on three unidentified sightings seen in Leeds on 22 November 1979; Todmorden on 28 February 1980; and the Isle of Wight on 19 May 1985.

You may find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigation or general surveys. The limited information that we receive from those who witnessed the phenomena are referred to MOD staff in the department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

Moving onto your specific queries I regret that I can find no record of any sightings which correspond to the details given in your letter. Similarly, I have been unable to find any correspondence from a Section 40 who you said wrote about the Isle of Wight sighting on 27 November 1985. Although I was originally unaware of who or where Section 40 wrote to I have since seen your article in the 6 December edition of the Sunday Express which mentions that he wrote to the Naval Staff Secretariat. I have now spoken to them but unfortunately they have been unable to locate the letter. I also note that you say that an official purporting to be from the Government apparently visited the two girls who witnessed the Leeds sighting on 22 November 1979. Although I can find no record of such a visit, it would be helpful if you could establish who the official was, where he came from and other relevant details.

I hope that this proves useful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted] 23/12 pse sple. E25/1

23/12

CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER

CSA 12/3
677/87

Section 40

22 December 1987 [redacted] 23/12

Sec(AS)2 - Section 40 [redacted]

UFO ENQUIRY

CSA has received at his home address the attached letter from Section 40 Section 40 [redacted] of Stockton-on-Tees. CSA feels that it would be polite to reply, and knowing that you deal with UFOs suggested that I should ask you what sort of reply he should send. Perhaps you have heard from Section 40 [redacted] before?

Section 40 [redacted]

PS/CSA
Section 40 [redacted]

P.S. Please return the attachment.

MB.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
23 DEC 1987
FILE 12/3

D1/6 From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a
Room [redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) [redacted] ext
(Switchboard) [redacted]

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21 December 1987

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letters to the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Defence which asked for information on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). I have been asked to reply.

You may find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

As far as the release of UFO sighting reports is concerned all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Although I regret that we are unable to release material en blco, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

Finally, I would like to assure you that we are not trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the general public and that our files covering UFO sightings are unclassified.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

(E24/1)

Sec (AS) 2 distribution:

Section 40 [redacted] 23/12

Section 40 [redacted]

GE(AEW) GE3 : I would be grateful for advice on para 2. A telephone call will suffice. Thanks.

Section 40 [redacted] 4/1

Section 40 [redacted]

reply sent 14/1/88

Tele: Section 40 [redacted]

19/12/87.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

A colleague and I are currently investigating a number of alleged UFO reports of areas of Humberside on December 9th,1987.

* I would be very grateful if you could inform me as to whether or not the RAF were carrying out any exercises over the Humberside area on December 9th,1987 at around 5.20 pm. Any information you can help me with will be much appreciated.

The reason I have asked for this information is simply because that the reports that I am obtaining do sound rather like a re-fuelling exercise or something of that nature amd naturally I do not wish to spens endless hours researching aircraft.

I would also like to remind you that you have not yet replied to my last letter requesting information on certain UFO reports.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your colleagues a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

BUFORA/MUFON/IUN.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
23 DEC 1987
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* Telecon [redacted] (GE3)/[redacted] 6/1.

Section 40

W/C [redacted] rang to say that the objects seen were likely to be 2 x KC135 tankers and 14 F111 bombers from USAF Upper Heyford. [redacted] 6/1

D1/75

E24

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 18 December 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 9 October which has been passed to me for attention. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

You asked for any information that we might possess on a sighting reported to the local police by a Section 40 following an incident in her garden on 4 January 1979. I regret to say that despite a thorough search through our records I can find no correspondence which relates to this particular sighting. I know that you will find this disappointing but I think it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of unidentified objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the Department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

As far as the release of our reports en bloc is concerned all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

I hope that this is useful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

(E23/1)

Section 40 [redacted]

16/12

Head of Sec(AS)

reply sent 21/12/87

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

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

or

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

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
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FILE 12/5

Section 40 [redacted]

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40 [redacted]

15th December 1987

N/A Sec(AB)

14 MA MOD R2/12

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear prime minister (Mrs M Thatcher)

I have just taken up a project of UFO in which I would like to know more of this subject. I write to you Regarding the ministry of Defence Room Section 40 [redacted] where they keep the up to Date files on UFO sighting in the UK. Is there a possible chance in seeing the Report on UFO published so that the British people can see what is happing in the UFO files.

I would like to see the files for my self to choose for my self what is true and what is not true, But I should think that the UFO files are Top secret Are they can you say please?

Thank you for your time
And assistance

your faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] 17/11

D.S. Form 9

Section 40 [redacted] 17/11

With the Compliments of the

Director of Public Relations
(Royal Air Force)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
17 NOV 1987
FILE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall
London S.W.1A 2HB

Section 40 [redacted]

Can ya help?

Section 40 [redacted] 18/11

We have already received a copy of this letter and I have just drafted a response. [redacted] 17/11

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir

I have just taken up a project on UFOs in which I wish to know more on this subject. I wrote to manchester international Air port and they suggested to write to you at the M.O.D. to ask for information Regarding UFO Sightings around the U.K and other places that have British interest. please can you give me all the information you can on this subject As I would be most grateful for any given to me.

Thank you for your time And assistance

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
17 NOV 1967
FILE 12/3

Section 40 [redacted] 10

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have just taken up a project on UFO and wish to find out more on this subject. I wrote to manchester international Airport to ask what they do when they get a UFO on their screens And they send me a Form that they Fill out and sent it on to you at the ministery of Defence

please can you answer a @questionair

1/ What happens to the Form that is sent to you by Airport on UFO

2/ Is there any thing else you can Tell me about UFOs that is not confidenced

yours Faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
29 OCT 1981
FILE 12/3

D1/4

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a
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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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Section 40
c/o Cheshire U.F.O Studies Centre
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 14 December 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 9 November, which asked for information on the identity of MOD distribution points.

I think it would be helpful if I explain that the Air Staff Secretariat is the MOD point of contact for those members of the general public who wish to enquire about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Any enquiries received elsewhere in MOD will be referred to us for action, and will clearly be subject to delays in transfer. I would be grateful therefore if you would address any subsequent queries you may have to this branch only.

We are happy to help although we are unable to release material "en bloc" as all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

I hope that this proves useful.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 14 December 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letters which asked for information that the Ministry of Defence might have on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and on a variety of other subjects.

You may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We also have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake searches through our archive material to answer general queries or offer this sort of answering service to the public. However, as I mentioned in my letter of 15 October, if you have any specific queries about a particular incident which has occurred recently we can let you know if we have a report for it and if so what it contains.

Although I regret that I am unable to answer the majority of your questions on UFOs because of the lack of detail I have looked through our files to see if we received any reports for the incidents you say occurred on 12 March and 9 October 1986. Unfortunately this was to no avail.

I regret that I am also unable to answer any of your questions on the other subjects that you asked about as we do not have the facilities and information available here in the Air Staff Secretariat to provide you or other members of the public with an answer. I would therefore suggest that if you wish to pursue your enquiries further, you should contact the Director of Public Relations office here in the Ministry of Defence; the Public Records Office at Kew, London; your local Library or a nearby Career Advisory Service office.

I am sorry that I am unable to help further.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

Date D/Sec(AS)12/3

4 December 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 19 October to RAF Rudloe Manor which requested information on a possible Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting seen in the Harrogate area on 14 July 1987. I have been asked to reply on their behalf as the Air Staff Secretariat is the MOD point of contact for the general public on this particular subject.

I have looked through our files and can confirm that we received two reports which correspond to the details given in your letter, one of which was the report originally sent to RAF Rudloe Manor. Although we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and let you know whether we have a report on the incident, I regret that the release of this material en bloc is not possible. This is because all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act which means that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken.

I hope that this proves useful.

I am sorry for the delay in replying.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

with the compliments of

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Sec (AS) 2a

UFO's

I think I remember this letter, and I know we forwarded it to Sec (AS) for action - I think the Press desk would appreciate a call!

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Please reply.

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Another Navy cover-up!

Section 40 Sean.

Space Sec (NS). They remember seeing letter from Section 40 but as UFO's fail to Sec (AS) they say that they sent it to us for action. We have no record of it. I am currently in process of writing to Section 40 about information for this series of articles. I gave the standard line on UFO's to DAR (RAF) to give to Baxter verbally as we were unable to get a written response typed in time. The letter fell and fair up. I have also spoken to DPR(N)/Col: explaining situation.

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DPR(N)

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Copy also attached of HMS ARIADNE signal re fishing boat, plus copy of Guardian article today.

Spoke to Sec (AS) -

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to my letter of the 20th of Nov, dealing with UFO sightings in the Huddersfield area I wonder if your department has had any UFO sightings reported for the 16th of November from the same area. I have had six independent accounts of a UFO in the Castle Hill/Netherton area of Huddersfield at approx. 6:00 am and I would be pleased to receive any information you may have for the same date. I would be very grateful if you could inform me if you had this sighting reported to you and what you think it may have been. Would it also be possible for you to inform me if your department had any other UFO sightings in the north of England for that date. I enclose a stamp for your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Please see if you can find any reports which relate to the above.
Thank you.

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only 1 report of 12 Nov from Essex E39 pro

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FACE-TO-FACE WITH U.F.O.s — CONTINUING OUR INVESTIGATION

Close encounter a Whitehall man wanted kept secret



Sketch impression of the sighting at the time



Scene of the UFO landing near Leeds and (inset), Lynsey today

by RALPH BARKER

THE two teenage girls burst into the house panting, blurting out their words . . . *"We've seen this object!"*

"It were some flying thing! It landed right near us! It weren't a helicopter, and it weren't an aeroplane!"

Still breathless and incoherent, the two 14-year-olds, Lynsey Tebbs and Susan Pearson, tried to explain.

The grown-up trying to make sense of it all was Jean Passmore, Lynsey's aunt. She thought the girls were fooling around, having her on.

Mrs Passmore ran her own art class, and her reaction was swift: Separate the two girls, give them pencil and paper, and get them to draw what they'd seen. Unable to put their heads together, they would be sure to give themselves away.

Their adventure had begun at half-past six that icy evening, Thursday November 22, 1979. Lynsey had been called on by Susan to go sledging on the Woodhouse Ridge on the outskirts of Leeds.

LIGHTS

Up on the lonely ridge, suddenly they were conscious of a bright luminosity and saw a cluster of lights that appeared to be little more than a hundred feet up.

A closer look disclosed three green lights in a line, shining directly downwards, with a much larger crimson one underneath; the colours strangely fluorescent and metallic.

Half-blinded by the lights, the girls could just discern an oval shape, with fins at either extremity. It was making no sound at all and was quite unlike any aircraft they'd seen. For the first time they began to feel fear.

Suddenly the object emitted a shrill whine and began spiralling down like a leaf. It seemed to have sensed their presence and they were too frightened to move or speak. Then it slowed down, straightened, the high-pitched whine gave way to a hum, and the object settled itself on the ground only 30 feet away.

About the size of a small car, it still seemed to be watching them. Without a word they began edging along the ridge in the shadow of a wall before breaking into a run.

Fifty yards along the ridge towards home curiosity overcame fear and they stopped to look back. Suddenly the object rose, slowly and uncertainly, lights flickering, as though undecided what to do next.

Humming softly, it again seemed to be approaching the girls, aware of their movement, seeking them out.

Then at about 100 feet it banked sharply round and descended, disappearing behind the trees down the slope. Emboldened, the two girls retraced their steps to get a clear view.

The object was perched awkwardly on a steep incline some 30 yards down the slope. Still apprehensive, but tingling with excitement, the girls felt irresistibly drawn to the scene.

PATH

They watched for what seemed about two minutes, and then the object began to wobble before ascending smoothly, as though under much firmer control. Eventually it narrowed into a single speck of light before finding invisibility in the sky.

Not until then did they resume their scamper for the nearest safety: Mrs Passmore's house.

When Jean Passmore examined the drawings made by the girls, she was impressed by their similarity. She hadn't believed them at first, but she was changing her mind. They must have seen *something*.

'Show me where it happened," she said.

She walked along the top path with the girls and a neighbour, but there was nothing to be seen. Someone told the Press, and the incident was reported in a Leeds newspaper on the Saturday, with the girls' drawings as illustrations.

This attracted the attention of two experienced Yorkshire ufologists, the brothers Graham and Mark Birdsall of Leeds. They called on the Tebbs family that evening and met the two girls.

For the girls the initial excitement was over, and they were getting bored with answering the same questions—but they talked openly enough and accompanied the Birdsalls on Sunday morning, the first chance the investigators had had of examining the area in daylight.

The girls led them to what they believed was the exact position astride the path where the object had first alighted.

The cold weather had preserved the snow on the slopes but the path had been trampled. All the Birdsalls found was a half-circular depression in the hard ice on the edge of the path which might have been anything.

Below them lay the area, about 30 feet square, which the girls had indicated as the site of the second landing.

They began to notice cavities in the snow. And as they sketched them on their notepads, these became recognisable as E-shaped depressions, with a circular hole in the middle.

A few inches from one of these depressions they spotted a conical piece of ice. When they placed it in the circular hole it fitted exactly.

Embedded in this lump of ice were a number of black particles or stones, and they remembered seeing something similar on the first landing site. They retraced their steps

SIMPLE

Just off the path, unnoticed on their first inspection, was the top half of a distinct E-shape, the bottom half presumably trampled into oblivion. The circular piece of ice was missing, perhaps kicked away, but there were black particles nearby.

Could these shaped depressions have been made by the object seen by the girls, or was there a simple explanation? Surely if so, or if they resulted from a natural thawing, they would occur elsewhere on the slope?

The brothers spent the next two hours scouring the area, but nowhere else did they find anything resembling these E-shaped depressions.

Meanwhile two ambulance men in the Pontefract area saw the report of the sighting—and the drawings—in the Yorkshire paper and wrote in to say that later that night they too had seen an object and reported it; only to be met with ridicule by their mates.

They were struck by the similarity—oval-shaped, with fins either end—between their object and that seen by the girls.

It remained for the Birdsalls to deliver their samples to the Department of Agricultural Science at Leeds University for analysis, and await results.

On the Monday the Tebbs family had another visitor: he was, he announced, a Government official. He wanted to question the girls.

Lynsey's father Tony is sure he checked the man's identity, but it's eight years ago and he remembers little of him. What he does recall is the conversation he had with him.

Tebbs was surprised to learn that there was a Government department which looked into reports of U.F.O. sightings. "Have other people seen these things, then?" he asked. "Oh yes," said the visitor. "I can assure you they have."

"Do you believe what the girls say?" asked Tebbs.

"I can assure you they've seen something."

"What makes you so sure?"

"I can tell by their answers to the questions I asked. I'd have found out if they weren't speaking the truth."

"What did they see?"

"I can't say at this stage what is was, but it'll be best if you and the girls don't discuss it further. We won't be bothering you again."

RADAR

What was it that the girls saw? Why was officialdom so secretive? Was it some remote-controlled experimental machine that went wrong?

Was it the rumoured "stealth" aircraft, silent in flight and with reduced radar image, in some sort of trouble?

Was it a space craft? Analysis of the samples proved nothing. No explanation was ever forthcoming.

Lynsey and Susan are 22 now. Both are married and Lynsey has an eight-week-old baby.

Neither girl has ever wavered from her story.

Next: Theirs or one of ours?

STARTS TODAY:

Hanging

Unidentified flying objects—U.F.O.s—have fascinated and baffled for hundreds of years, with reported sightings all over the world. But are they really fact or fantasy? The Sunday Express has been talking to eyewitnesses whose experiences are thrilling, compelling, disturbing—and hard to refute . . .



by RALPH BARKER

THE first emergency call reached Todmorden police station at one o'clock on a Friday morning.

Nothing too alarming. One of the folk from the council estate that clung to the lower slopes of the Pennines which encircle this Calder Valley mill town. The caller said that a herd of cows was wandering down the hillside in a very distressed state.

More calls. All similar. A farm gate left open? Worrying by dogs? A spot of rustling? Police Constable Alan Godfrey and a colleague were detailed to take a Panda car and find out.

Maybe the duty sergeant thought Godfrey's Zapata moustache made him specially suitable for cowboy duty. The sergeant was wrong. Though Godfrey and his colleague cruised their white Escort along the Burnley Road and turned up the steep Ferney Lee Road into the estate, they could find no runaway herd to round up.

PATROL

Eventually, tired of squinting through the freezing rain—it was November 28, 1980—they returned to the station. Nothing more was heard of the cows.

Soon after five Godfrey headed out on Panda duty again. It was the night's last, routine patrol of the town, and he was alone.

Outside the Town Hall he spotted Constable John Allen. "I've already done the town patrol on foot," Allen told him. "Everything's okay."

"In that case," said Godfrey, "I'll see if there's any sign of those cows."

"Not long to go to the end of the night," he thought, heading back down the Burnley Road. Exactly how long he wasn't sure, for he hadn't worn a watch since it—and he—were badly damaged in a violent arrest three years before.

Slowing down to turn into Ferney Lee Road, something further along the Burnley Road caught his eye. The rain had stopped by now, and the air was clear.

SHREWD

What puzzled him was that the vehicle in the distance, whatever it was, appeared to be lying broadside on to the road. It looked like a bus, but there was something odd about it. He decided to investigate. The cows could wait.

He was driving along a trunk road, less than a mile from the town. There was still a row of terrace houses petering out on his right. Why then did he suddenly have this feeling of isolation?

At 33, married with two children, Godfrey was no

> "Your whole outlook on life changes—the whole structure is undermined because of one incident"

rookie cop but a balanced, genial yet shrewd professional, highly respected in the force. But now even the street light, reflecting off the rain-washed road, struck him as eerie.

Maybe that was why he stopped a good 30 yards short of the object he'd come to investigate.

Hovering in his headlights was a metallic, diamond-shaped thing that certainly wasn't a bus. Suspended as it was in mid-air he could almost have driven underneath it.

GLOW

The lower tier was rotating slowly. And from the upper tier a bank of panels or windows stared back at him opaquely. At the apex was a spherical crest. And there was no sound at all.

He switched on his Panda's blue flashing beacon. The object reflected the pulsating light. It also emitted a silvery, fluorescent glow.

He pressed the button on his personal radio. "Sowerby Bridge Control from 3861." Three times he called, but the receiver seemed dead.

These valleys were notorious for their radio black spots. But he would surely be able to make contact on his car VHF. For that he would have to go through Bradford Main.

"Alpha Bravo Three to XB Control. I have a message for Sowerby Bridge. Over." Again nothing. He reached for his clip-board and began sketching the object. He

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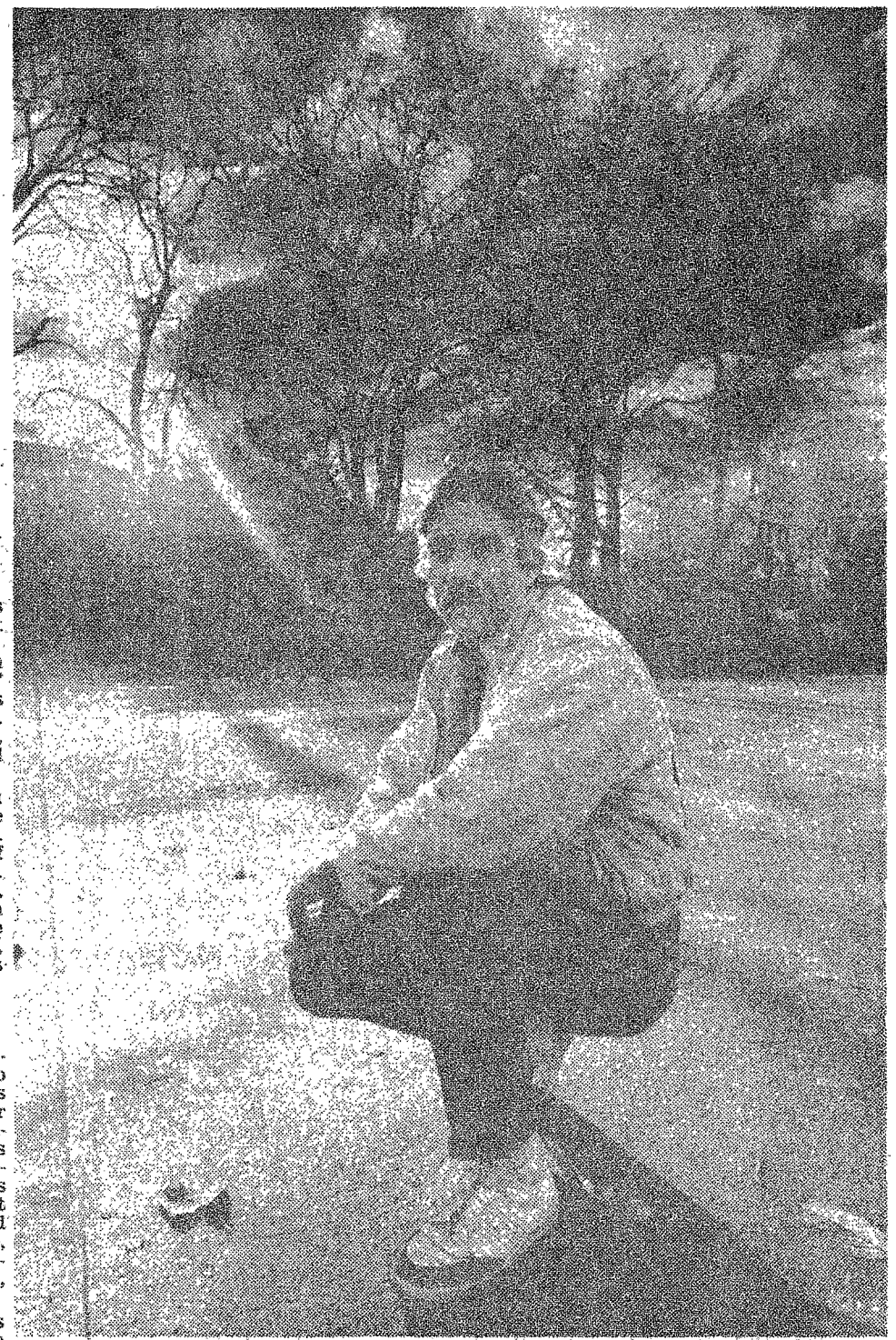
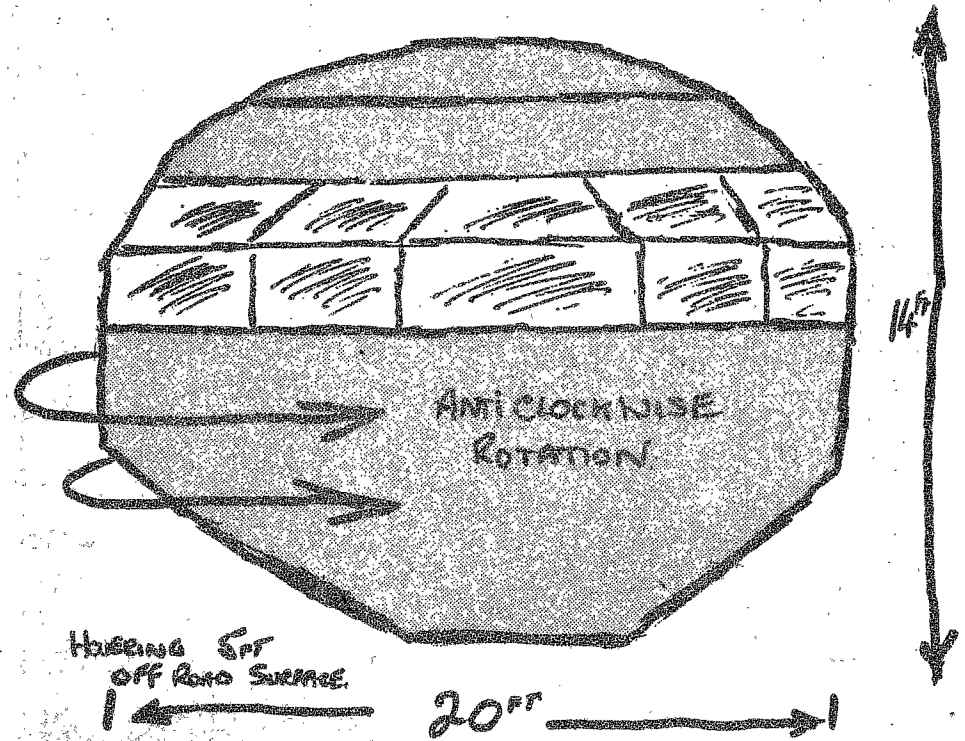
over a country lane, suspicious object that baffled a policeman



Back at the scene . . . Alan Godfrey on the road where he saw the U.F.O.
Picture by STUART MASON



A policeman's amazing evidence (left) . . . the sketch Alan Godfrey made in 1980 after observing a metallic, diamond-shaped U.F.O.

reckoned it was about 20 feet wide and 14 feet high. It had chosen a spot where a drive-in to the car park of the old Mons Mill—a massive seven-storey structure standing back from the road—provided an extended hardstanding.

If what he was looking at was some kind of hovercraft, it must have been manoeuvred over the mill and the engine-room chimney that towered above it, avoiding the hills and the trees, with extraordinary skill. All this in darkness apart from the street lights, on a night when it had been raining. The more he thought about it, the more mind-

he suffered some sort of time-lapse, for which his memory was blank?

He expected his colleagues to be sceptical, but he was unprepared for their scoffing. Even when he took two of them back to the spot, and showed them how leaves and twigs under the object had swirled into a circle, they regarded him quizzically.

They were no more impressed when he pointed out that whereas the road either side was still glistening wet, the site itself was patchily dry. They looked up at the trees and attributed dry patches to them.

he was chaffed by the off-going shift. He was not sorry when he was called in to see the inspector.

"Tell me what you saw," said the man.

Godfrey told him, and the Inspector's reaction surprised him. He didn't laugh.

STOLEN

"I want you to get on to Bradford," he said, "and make an abbreviated report. They'll telex it to the Ministry of Defence." This was the routine with U.F.O. sightings.

Godfrey went back to the outer office and rang Brad-

blue ball of light to the north. The time was 04.49. Pulsing in a slow rhythmic throb, it had grown in size and moved in arcs and zig-zags across the sky. It had eventually disappeared in the direction of . . . Todmorden.

Alan Godfrey reckoned he had first sighted it hovering over the Burnley Road, soon after 05.10.

The cows—they were bullocks—were found next morning across the road in Centre Vale Park. Animal distress, Godfrey was to discover, was typical of the U.F.O. phenomenon.

"Amazing encounter in Calder Valley," was the headline in the local paper a week after the sighting. Godfrey had been encouraged by his superiors to tell his story to the Press. If the intention was to end speculation, it only achieved the opposite.

His brief period of fame was succeeded by years of notoriety. The kindest thing the West Yorkshire force did for him was to grant him an invalid's pension in 1984, for his injuries in that assault seven years before.

"When you've had an encounter such as I had," says Godfrey, "it changes your whole outlook on life. Not in a religious sense, but you're completely and utterly changed.

"Things happen to you that you wouldn't believe could happen beforehand. The whole structure of your life is undermined. All because of an incident, faithfully reported, which lasted in my case no more than two or three minutes, so far as my conscious memory recalls."

VIVID

What of his subconscious? Efforts to regress under hypnosis have aggravated rather than eliminated his confusion. His conscious memory, however, the moment when he changed his mind about turning right into Ferney Lee Road and drove on to investigate, stopping short of the object and sketching it, remains as vivid as ever.

"All I can say," he says today, happily installed in a congenial job in Todmorden, "is that I know what I saw."

If what he was looking at was some kind of hovercraft, it must have been manoeuvred over the mill and the engine-room chimney that towered above it, avoiding the hills and the trees, with extraordinary skill. All this in darkness apart from the street lights, on a night when it had been raining. The more he thought about it, the more mind-boggling it became.

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His incredulity turned to alarm when he suddenly realised that somehow, his car was now a hundred yards further down the road, way past where the object had hovered. And when he got out and looked back . . . it was gone.

How had he got where he was? Had he been dreaming? He did not believe it. And there was his sketch-board to prove it. He drove back to the station, impatient to report what he'd seen.

He was surprised when he got there to find that the time was 05.30. He didn't realise he had been away so long. He began to wonder what had happened to the missing minutes. Had

them now leaves and twigs under the object had swirled into a circle, they regarded him quizzically.

They were no more impressed when he pointed out that whereas the road either side was still glistening wet, the site itself was patchily dry. They looked up at the trees and attributed dry patches to them.

He did not resent their ribbing—he knew he would have reacted the same, and he laughed. But rather than attract further ridicule, he went off duty without making a report.

When he took off his nearly-new boots he noticed that the left one was split open across the ball of the foot. On his left instep was a small burn, which the doctor later diagnosed as a skin infection, possibly brought on by shock. He had never had such an infection before. He was to learn that such marks were characteristic of U.F.O. encounters.

Back on duty that night,

NEXT WEEK: WITNESSES TO A U.F.O. LANDING

laugh.

STOLEN

"I want you to get on to Bradford," he said, "and make an abbreviated report. They'll telex it to the Ministry of Defence." This was the routine with U.F.O. sightings.

Godfrey went back to the outer office and rang Bradford. "I want to report an unidentified flying object I encountered in Todmorden last night."

"This isn't the one at Halifax then."

"Halifax? Was there one at Halifax?"

"We sent a telex last night from three police officers based at Halifax who'd had an encounter. Is this something different?"

"This was at Todmorden." He was beginning to see why the Inspector hadn't laughed.

Three Halifax officers, scouring the moors north-east of Todmorden looking for stolen goods after a tip-off, had seen a steel-

Section 40

When you have time would you please look through any UFO reports files and see if you can see any reports which relate to the three sightings mentioned here. Thank you.

Section 40

30/11

(G17/3)

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Tele: Section 40

reply sent 14/1/88

26/11/87.

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your letter dated 22 September 1987and for the two seperate UFO reports. These two reports were most interesting and have proved very useful to my research.

I would like to requet information on three more UFO reports which are outlined below. If you have any information on the following reports I would appreciate it if you could supply me with a copy.

Date: 14 or 21 October 1986.
Location: Nottinghamshire/East Midlands. None
Time: Approximately between 8.30 and 9.30 pm.

Date: 28 November 1980.
Location: Todmorden, West Yorkshire.
Time: Approximately 5.00 am.
Witness: P.C. Section 40
Reported to: Bradford Police and MOD.

Date: 28 November 1980.
Location: Halifax, West Yorkshire.
Time: Approximately 4.49 am.
Witnesses: 3 Police Officers.
Reported to: Bradford Police and MOD.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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30 NOV 1987
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Any information on the above three UFO reports would be much appreciated. I look forward to your reply, until then I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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~~E36, 37~~ E29 PtC

Poss 1. 1st Observation Nov 86 Mkt Drayton, Shropshire. (look thru. all Nov sightings)
None 2nd Obs 6 Oct 87 Mkt Drayton, Shropshire
None 3rd Obs 25 Oct 87 " "

Section 40 [redacted]

Notes

Spoken to Manchester Office of D Express & to Police.
Reading University – who's prof Section 40 – Hd of Met Dept.
Section 40 wanted to get his "secret info" to us
just in case it was important. Sense of National duty.
Do sightings relate to Newspaper articles!

please see if you can see anything in 12/2.
May I have back by 25 Nov. Thanks.

[redacted] 24/

Section 40

(E17/1)

Section 40

reply sent
14/1/88

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wonder if you could help me? I would be interested in hearing if your department had any 'UFO' sightings reported to you for the evening of the 28th of October 1987. I have been informed that an unidentified aerial object was seen 'hovering' in the sky about 1-1½ miles out of Holmfirth (West Yorkshire) on the A635 Greenfield road at about 800 feet above the road. The phenomena was displaying a ring of red, orange and white lights around it and stayed in place for at least ten minutes before moving off slowly over the moors to the south.
I would be very grateful if you could inform me if you had this sighting reported to you and what you think it may be. Would it also be possible for you to inform me if your department had any other UFO sightings in the north of England for that date. I enclose a stamp for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
23 NOV 1987
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From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone: (Direct Dialling) [redacted]
(Switchboard)

hike copy (E17) (+1) (+2)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
17 November 1987

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October to RAF Fylingdales which has been passed to me for attention in my capacity as the MOD point of contact on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). You asked for any information that we might possess on two sightings seen in Yorkshire on 28 and 29 September 1987.

You may find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigation or general survey. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the Department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties. I regret to say that we did not receive any reports which relate to the details you gave in your letter and I can confirm that the RAF did not see anything unusual on the nights in question.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this proves useful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

HIDDEN COPY TO

FLT/LT Section 40

RAF FYLINGDALES

(E16/2)

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Ministry of Defence
Main Building,
Whitehall, London.

reply sent
14/12/87

Dear Section 40

I am writing again for the last letter was not answerd. First, I now have a copy of Spycatcher by Peter Wright. I have read some of it. If MI5 makes so many cock ups, let me do it, I'll be able to do things better than thoughs idiots.

Now I wish for information on the following, any UFO sightings in Telford, or around the Telford Area, for 1987. I hope this is possible.

Will you send me the files you have on the above, also include the direct dialing on your letters, reply as soon as possible.

If you do not reply within under a month I will send another letter again to you and if no answer then, I will come down and wonder why you have not answerd my letters.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
16 NOV 1987
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P.S. Spy Catcher is jol'y good, if fact they prosblely did try to over thr-ough you know who, the PM isn't going to admit it is she.

I don't care how long it takes I will get the files I want.

Section 40 [redacted] n/a

Caterham Section 40

Section 40 [redacted] 16/1/2

13th November 1987

Dear Sirs,

Correction

I have now confirmed the date of the third sighting listed in my letter as Sunday 19th May, 1985, not 28th May as stated in my letter.

My apologies for the error.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Ministry of Defence (A.S.2)

Section 40 [redacted]

Note:- My previous letter was dated 11th November. -

Spoke to Section 40 [redacted] on 20/11

As I was unable to send out a reply to Section 40 [redacted] due to typing difficulties, I passed the details & the letter to BPR on 20/11. BPR will forward details by 'phone to Section 40 [redacted] I will follow up in writing asap.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Caterham Section 40

Section 40

11th November 1987

Dear Section 40

We met over the (sadly abortive) Sunday Express series on the Falklands Air War.

The enclosed copy of a letter to A.S.2 is self-explanatory but I thought I should send you a copy. Perhaps you can help.

With best wishes,

Yours

Section 40

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

11th November 1987

Dear Sir,

I have been engaged for some months past on a series of articles for the Sunday Express on Unidentified Flying Objects. The method has been to choose three or four individual experiences where someone of integrity and credibility has had a sighting so far unexplained.

My researches have brought me into contact with many investigators of this kind of phenomenon, and all seem to have failed to get a satisfactory answer - and sometimes no answer at all - to their enquiries of the Ministry of Defence.

The incidents I have researched are:

1. Police-Constable Section 40 [redacted] of Todmorden, on the Lancs/Yorks border, in the early hours of Friday February 28th 1980.

2. Two schoolgirls, Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 [redacted] in the Meanwood Valley, Leeds, on Thursday November 22nd 1979. Here an official purported to be from the Ministry of Defence apparently visited the [redacted] family four days later, on or about Monday the 26th, and interviewed the two girls and the father of one of them. Can you confirm this? I have only a verbal, and perhaps inaccurate, version of what took place. Section 40

3. A resident of Upper Ventnor, on the Isle of Wight, witnessed the strange flight of a disc-like and illuminated object in the Upper Ventnor valley just before dusk on May 28th 1985, from a vantage point above the valley. A UFO investigator, Section 40 [redacted] has completed a report on this incident, in which the following is quoted from a letter from the Ventnor Police:

May 10 x

'Nothing unusual was reported during May 1985. However during this time the Royal Navy were engaged with special radar tests on St Boniface Down, Ventnor. This involved a Naval helicopter at times flying from the sea to St Boniface Down, sometimes at night.'

On enquiry from Section 40 [redacted] Portsmouth Naval Base referred him to the Ministry of Defence, to whom an enquiry was addressed on November 27th 1985. I am told that no reply was ever received.

Present plans are that the series of articles will start on Sunday week, November 22nd, and run for three weeks. Are you able to comment on any of the three specific incidents, and on the UFO phenomenon in general, and if so, could I please have such comments by early next week if convenient, for possible inclusion in the articles if agreed?

I look forward to hearing your reaction.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

Copies to: Section 40 [redacted] D.P.R., R.A.F.; Section 40 [redacted] Features Editor, Sunday Express

To: Ministry of Defence (A.S.2)

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Section 40

Can you help?

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Section 40 [redacted]

12th November 1987.

The Ministry of Defence.

Whitehall.

London.

Dear Sir,

I am reading English in evening class at our local school. The G.C.S.E course stipulates that students must write a letter to enable them to peruse and write their subject.

I am most interested in unidentified flying objects. I would be most interested to learn if any of these objects have been sighted either in our country, or anywhere in the world. I should be most grateful for any information on this matter.

Yours Sincerely.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

Tele:: 0270-582378

To. Defence Secretariat 8
Ministry Of Defence,
LONDON,
SWI A 2HB.

reply sent 14/12/87

9th November 1987.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I am writing to ascertain some distribution points the M.O.D. pass on UFO reports onto, after they receive them. I wonder if you could provide me with the identity of these distribution points.

They are:-

Z6F F.

CAB I Sec (A.S.).

Action (CXJ I AFDO).

CYD I DD GE AEW.

CAV I DI55

CAV 2 DSTI.

I would be most gratefull if you could enlighten me on these distribution points so that, in future I do not have to write and ask continously about them for every justifiable UFO sighting I am requested to investigate.

I am of course subject to the Official Secrets Act myself, and all information provided to me will be treated in the strictest on confidence.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] - he must be told we are his only point of contact + give no info otherwise. Rec let me see your draft reply.

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Sec.(AS)2
11 NOV 1987
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Section 40 [redacted]

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Head of Sec (AS)

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

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
10 NOV 1987
FILE 12/3

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
for APS/Secretary of State

9th November 1987

Section 40 [redacted]

10 DOWNING STREET,
WHITEHALL

PRIVATE SECRETARY

MOD

.....

We attach a letter which the Prime Minister has received.

It refers to correspondence sent to you on .....

Please arrange for your Department to deal with it as they think fit.

Please arrange for your Department to send a full reply as soon as possible. If you are not responsible for this matter, please transfer the letter to the appropriate Department and let us know. Not writer.

Please co-ordinate any reply with the following Departments, to whom copies have been sent

( ) We have not sent an acknowledgement.
(✓) We have sent a plain acknowledgement.
( ) We have sent an acknowledgement, saying that the letter is receiving attention.
( ) A copy of the acknowledgement which we have sent is attached.

Correspondence Section
Date: 6 NOV

Section 40

Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London.

12.
MOD

(3/11

2nd November 1987.

Dear Prime Minister,

In retrospect of the events in this country in the last few weeks. May I bring to your attention sightings of flying UFO's over our territory, more specifically North Shropshire. These observations being made from the above address, by myself and by my mother.

During early November last year myself and next door neighbour were standing outside by the stables, when I looked up into the sky and did see a round red circular object travelling at great speed with tail back, then again one appeared from west to East the sky was clear but for one cloud and as I

was about to point this object out to my friend, it just stopped behind a small cloud and did not reappear what is the least bit strange. Then a further sighting from different aspect whilst I was travelling home from work a same red sphere travelled across the sky in the same direction west to East on both cases I would estimate that they would be about 2 to 3 mile up in the sky, and I must say they passed over in a matter of seconds.

Now this next observation was by my mother who was standing at the kitchen window and happened to look up across the paddock. The time was between 6.55pm – 7.00pm. on time when the BBC1 news had finished and I was in the lounge.

The sky that evening was low cloud then being no rain or thunder no fog or sun. She called me to come here quick and see this object in the sky, but before I could get a sighting it was already going. So in time I took me to come for

the lounge to the kitchen window which I suppose would be estimated to be between 7 – 8 seconds only.

She states that the object was a brilliant shining silver ring with projects like channels having holes in then the centre part was either dark or had cloud in it. She states that it was ~~[illegible]~~ it was stationary on first sight and that all of a sudden it became brighter and there was much glistening, then it became covered by a cloud. Immediately then she states that ~~[illegible]~~ two straight shafts of lightening appeared one after the other the first one being longer than the second one, and a final one which was straight but with V section in the centre. and they where but a short distance apart, and in relation to the right where the object had been it would appear that it had turned and fled. The aftermath was a severe crack of lighting of previous mention which I myself did ~~[illegible]~~ hear, then a small

rain bow of unusual shape appeared to right of where the object was stationary, off which was a horse shoe shape. The date this occured was the 6th of October 1987.

We estimated that the object was no further than 4-5 fouling away, in such a place known as the resovion area. The object appeared she states to be in her view of 7 inch diameter but that is only in releation to the size of the nearest tree that enable her to see it. That tree is 50 yards away from the bungalow, the height of the tree approx 15 feet and it was through a gap in the branches at the near top that she did see it. With regard to how high it was we can only esimate at about between 100-150 yards only accurate measurement can determine that. With regards the size of the object we estimate to be about 10 metre across. The last comment by my mother says she could feel a warm glow on the window and hence on her face.

She's made drawing on the

front of a envelope with descriptions to same, which are enclosed. Finally a relation to sightings on 25th October 1987, at 10.40pm. there was a silver-grey shape object in the sky again moving across west to east at great speed about 1—1½ miles up, on this occasion I was the observer.

You may think that we have been slow in our reporting of this but we have justifiable reasons, some of which are enclosed in the Blue envelope. But more specifically my mother phoned the Express Manchester office on the 12th October to report her sighting. She says because she felt that this object or objects had had something to do with preceding events of that week. She states that she was about to describe the object when the person on the phone said "Oh you've been a flying saucer. I should phone the police." She did not state only once to this person, so her secret remains intact. Then after the next weeks events we decided to contact the police which we did

on the Saturday morning date ~~Sept~~ 24th Oct 1987 who did not give any help. Then we decided to phone the Reading University to speak to a Proff [redacted] and spoke to a [redacted] who was on security, he told us that he could not contact Proff [redacted] and that I should telephone Reading Police station for his home number, this I did as they said they could not find his number but would get it and phone him. The resultant recall arrived at approx 12.30 Am that same morning they stated that he was not at home but had left a message with his wife to contact us, and that call never came Home to clear my conscience I felt that in the nature of the way things are in a balance in the material scene that we have duly to get this information reported to you, in case there is only connection between any of the past happenings and these type of objects.

Yours Sincerely [redacted]

[redacted]

Soviet space lasers shown in satellite photos

A Swedish space research ...any said today it had ...hie photos revealing a Soviet installation containg powerful space lasers.

Western arms experts said he lasers could be designed to ripple American satellites hat would warn of a nuclear ttack.

The photos show four dome-...aped buildings housing ...sers on a 7,000ft mountain ...p at Nurek 60 miles from ...e Afghan border, said Space ...dia Network, the research ...m distributing the pictures. It said the lasers domes, ...assuring ten yards in ...ameter, and large telescopes nearby, were part of a sprawling new complex linked to a powerful hydroelectric plant in the Soviet Republic of Tadjikistan.

"It has long been rumoured that the Soviets have such a facility," said space weapons expert Bhupendra Jasani of Britain's Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies.

"These photographs prove it," he said in an interview with the Swedish monthly magazine.

He added that the southern mountain top location of the Soviet laser station was ideal because of the thin air and because US satellites designed to give early warning of a nuclear attack had fixed positions above the Soviet Union and China.

He said powerful ground lasers could put such satellites out of action.

Fire death pair face charges

THE couple who were drinking when four of their children died in a blaze could face charges, it was learned yesterday.

Police have quizzed scaffolder Philip Shadsmit and his wife Heather and are believed to have reported them for neglect.

Wrecked

Files have been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service which must decide if action should be taken.

Baby-sitter Michelle Sellers, 12, a daughter from one of Mrs Shadsmit's previous marriages, survived the fire which wrecked the house in Highbridge, Somerset, on Friday.

The other children—Holly, three, Billy, two, Samantha, seven, and Stephen, 10, died.

Mary Celeste pilot 'was sucked out of the Harrier'



Scott: Experienced

EXCLUSIVE by ALUN REES

AN horrific new theory over the death of Harrier test pilot Taylor Scott emerged yesterday.

It is believed he was sucked out of the jet at 30,000 ft because of a fault in the cockpit canopy.

The moment of terror came when the new, £14 million jet was doing nearly 600 mph.

Crash investigators have evidence that this is what happened, a source at British Aerospace said yesterday.

The evidence comes from a film of the jet flying on Mary Celeste style without a pilot at the controls.



The Harrier jet before the crash

The film was taken by the crew of an American aircraft which shadowed the Harrier as it flew on empty before crashing in the Irish Sea.

The source said: "The film indicates that the ejector seat was intact in the plane AFTER the pilot had come out of his cockpit.

"The best theory we have is that the canopy flew off for some reason and the pilot was plucked [redacted] men, dous forc[redacted] and speed."

The GR5 Harrier was on its final "road test" from the British Aerospace field at Dunsfold, Surrey, before delivery to the RAF.

The body of father-of-two Mr Scott, an experienced test pilot, was found in Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

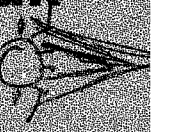
The accident happened shortly after he had spoken to ground control, probably over the Boscombe Down air base near Salisbury.

The wreck of the jump jet now lies in 200ft of water.

The jet was to have joined existing Harrier squadrons at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire.

The base is to receive 20 of the GR5s.

Hurricane a freak says professor



The storms that devastated Britain last week were a freak event and are unlikely to strike again for at least 20 years, the professor looking into the Met Office's forecasting fiasco said.

Professor Robert Pearce, head of the department of meteorology at Reading University, said: "The weather has always been variable. This was just an extreme event."

He said there was no evidence that the 100 mph winds which uprooted thousands of trees onto houses, roads and railway lines were part of a trend towards worse weather.

"If you take the globe as a whole then somewhere will be having an extreme event every week.

"If you are sitting in London, the probability of such an event affecting you over the next 20 years is probably very slight."

Professor Pearce and Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, have been appointed by the Government to carry out an independent inquiry into why forecasters did not predict the onslaught.

Professor Pearce (62) said reports of new Ice Ages on the way and fears that the earth was getting hotter as a result of the "greenhouse" effect overlooked the timescale of such events.

People hit by floods might care, however, to ponder over a study of 130 years of records from 1,500 weather stations in the northern hemisphere published last July by British and American scientists.

This found that significant increases in rainfall have occured at mid and high latitudes in countries such as Britain while countries nearer the equator have become more prone to drought.

Soviet generals die in air crash

Five Soviet generals have been killed in a helicopter crash, the armed-forces newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda reported today.

The dead included Colonel General Vladimir Shutov, a senior official of the general staff.

The others were named as Major Generals Erlen Porfiryev and Vladimir Bardashevsky and Lieutenant Generals Kirill Trofimov and Yuri Ryabinin.

The newspaper gave no details of the crash, which, it said, was on Monday. In separate obituaries, it said each man died "in an aviation catastrophe on October 19 while fulfilling his official duties."

The helicopter pilot and his mechanic also died in the crash.

The obituaries of the generals were signed by Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov, armed-forces chief of staff Sergei Akhromeyev and other top Soviet military leaders.

Western analysts said the report that the generals had died in an air crash reflected Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "Glasnost" policy of greater openness in the news.

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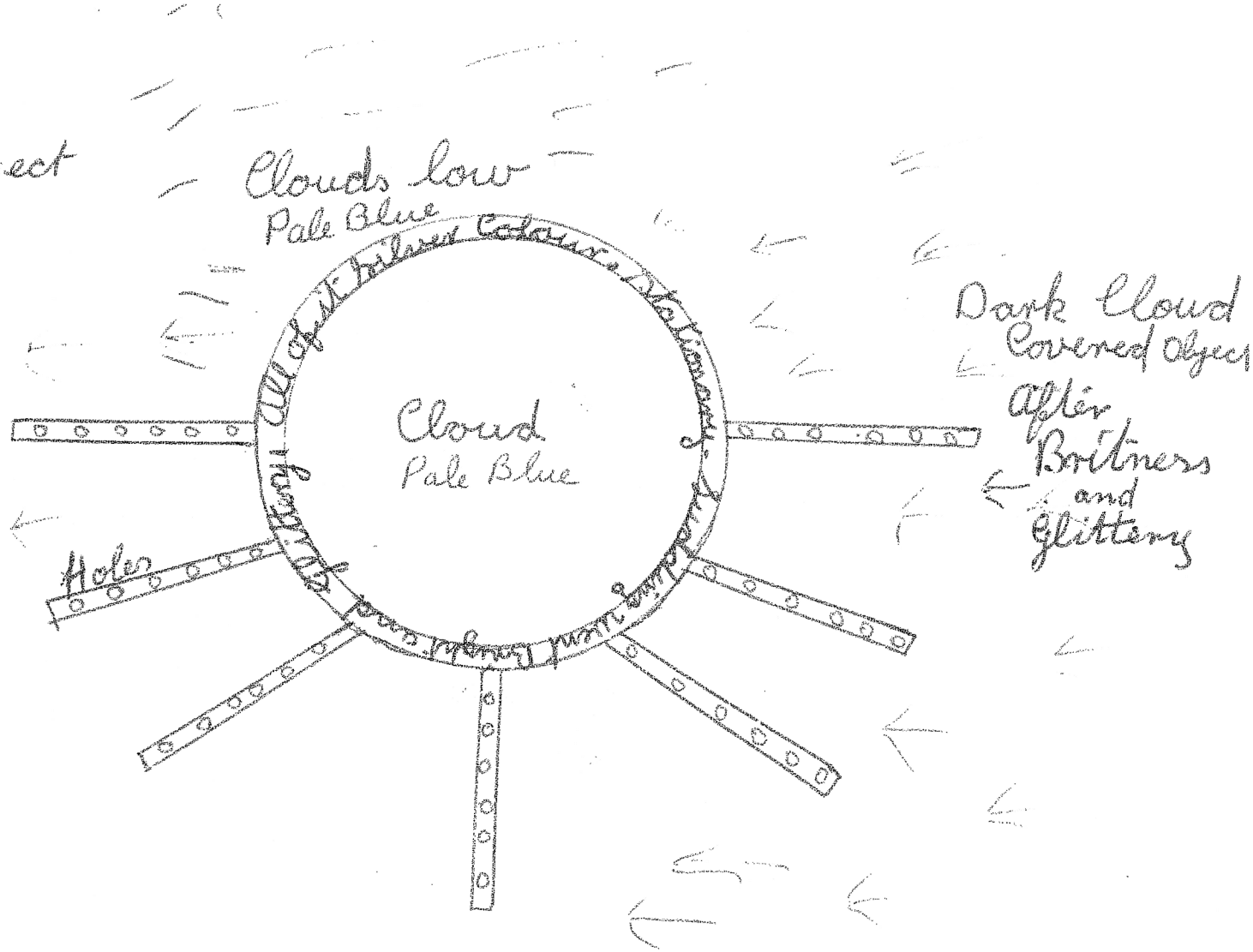
Flashes After The Dark Cloud
Covered
This Object



Lightning Flashes Made a Whip
Cracking Noise after
the Dark Cloud Covered
this Object



Section 40 [redacted]

Miniature
Rainbow
After the Lightning
Flashes

No Aeroplanes No Helicopters
About at this Time
No Rain No Thunder
No Sun N Fog

Date
6 Oct 1987

Time
~~4.55~~ to 7 o'clock

2 Nov
1987

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File copy (E16) (+2) (+1) (+2)

From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone: (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 November 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter which was addressed to Mr Ross, who has now moved on to take up a new appointment. I have taken his place.

You asked for any information that we might have as a sighting seen in the Burnley and Pendle areas on Thursday 10 September 1987. Having checked through our records I regret to say that we did not receive any reports which corresponded to the details that you gave. I have also established that there was no air defence activity, manoeuvres or exercises in these areas on the night in question. Indeed, the RAF and NATO do not conduct exercises over major urban areas at any time.

On a more general note you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigation or general survey. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the Department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

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Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
29 October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 28 September which has been passed to me for attention.

You asked for any information that we might have on sightings made in the Derby and Uttoxeter areas on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 August 1987. Having checked through our records I regret to say that we did not receive any reports which correspond to the details that you gave. I also found out that there was no air defence activity, maneouvres or exercising in these areas on the two nights in question. Indeed, the RAF and NATO do not conduct exercises over major urban areas at any time.

You also asked for copies of reports sent in during August 1987. Although I am able to confirm that we did receive some reports in August I am sorry to say that the release of this material en bloc is not possible as all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific questions you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently (like your query above) and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so, what it contains.

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I note that one of your witnessesses managed to take a photograph of the object. I'm sure that it will prove interesting and I would therefore like to take up your kind offer of the loan of a copy.

I hope that this reply proves useful.

I return your stamped addressed envelope.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

12/5 (E14/2)

Pl let me see all previous correspondence with Section 40 / Plymouth UFO Gp. Also, have any other copies of the "report" drifted our way yet (ie to RAF, or MOD)?

Section 40 5/11

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Main papers are at E94/0/1 on old file and E10 2 new file. At the moment, this is the only copy that we have received.

Section 40 5/11

postscript I have now received my own personal copy. This is identical to the one to the PM. I have amended and reply accordingly.

Section 40

Section 40 16/11

Draft reply attached which has finally emerged from typing

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E14/1

Head of Sec (AS)

reply sent 5/11/87

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

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

or

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

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
23 OCT 1987
FILE

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

23rd October 1987

Section 40

10 DOWNING STREET,
WHITEHALL

Sec(AS)

PRIVATE SECRETARY

.....MOD.....

We attach a letter which the Prime Minister has received.

It refers to correspondence sent to you on .....

Please arrange for your Department to deal with it as they think fit.

Please arrange for your Department to send a full reply as soon as possible. If you are not responsible for this matter, please transfer the letter to the appropriate Department and let us know. Not writer.

Please co-ordinate any reply with the following Departments, to whom copies have been sent

( ) We have not sent an acknowledgement.
( ) We have sent a plain acknowledgement.
(✓) We have sent an acknowledgement, saying that the letter is receiving attention.
( ) A copy of the acknowledgement which we have sent is attached.

Correspondence Section
Date: 22/10

20/10/87

Your Ref Sec(AS)/12/3

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear

Many thanks for your letter & enclosures dated 12 oct. I m sorry it came too late for inclusion in the report

Please find enclosed a copy of the completed report. I hope if nothing else you find it interesting!

I would be interested in any comments you would make on it & the subject of Ufos in general

You say in your letter that unless you judge them to be a threat and "this is not normally the case" . . . . does this mean there have been incidents when Ufos have been felt to be a threat? Was any action taken?

Again thanks for your letter & interesting report forms

Best wishes

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 6 NOV 1987
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PLYMOUTH U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP

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Section 40 [redacted]

CHAIRMAN - RESEARCH OFFICER
HON: SECRETARY
HON: TREASURER

reply to:
Section 40 [redacted]

our ref: your ref: date:

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I believe this to be true, but why are the authorities and successive governments convinced that this is so.

If they know there is no threat from Ufos, HOW do they know? And more interestingly, if they know that, what else do they know?!!

And why are we, the public, the employers of the authorities denied this information about these mysterious visitors. It has already been said by the authorities that Ufos present no threat to national security, so on what grounds do these public servants refuse us the information they hold, for us?

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Section 40 [redacted]
All witnesses

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The Independent
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News of the World
Sunday Mirror

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CHAIRMAN - RESEARCH OFFICER
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HON: TREASURER

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Section 40

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UFOs 'seen in West'

by ROGER MALONE

A NUMBER of UFO sightings have been reported over Plymouth and Cornwall. Strange configurations of lights have been seen in the night sky where no civil or military aircraft were flying at the time.

Mr. Leonard Hall of Penkenna Close, Crackington Haven near Bude, described what he and his wife saw around midnight on Monday as both "exciting and disturbing."

Looking out the door of their bungalow towards the east they witnessed what appeared at first to be two very bright stars. "They took ten minutes to cover an arc of 90 degrees from east to south, flying at a tragectory of about 20 degrees," said Mr. Hall, a retired Civil servant. who noted the time at about 11.20 p.m.

"As they moved towards the south-east each single light became double and as they moved farther to the south more lights appeared to form a triangle shape composed of many lights — mostly white but with some red flashing ones," he said.

not true — VC10 training exercise 4/5 August

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Mr. Hall, who observed the phenomenon with a number of neighbours, said there was a 45 minute gap followed by a second sighting. Again two single lights became double lights and moved away slowly through 120 degrees gradually disappearing towards the south.

In Plymouth 40 year-old Bob Boyd, chairman of the local UFO Group was awoken by a phone call from someone who saw strange lights over the city at much the same time as the Crackington Haven sightings.

"As I approached the Tamar Bridge I saw a big low light in the sky over Saltash. At first it appeared stationary then it moved slowly towards the bridge and divided into two," he said.

Plymouth Airport said yesterday there were no civilian aircraft in the area at that time. A spokesman for RNAS Culdrose said that, "occasionally night flying Sea King helicopters were mistaken for UFOs." However there were none on exercises in the Plymouth or Bude areas when the phenomenons were sighted.

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Report on UFO activity over southern Devon on the evening of the 4th of August 1987

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SIGHTING REPORT

Date 4/5 Aug. 1987 Time 10.10pm-2am	FILE NO. 8701	Location Exeter-Plymouth

At approx. 11pm I received a phone call from Section 40 (Prof. Off. at MOD) who told me that he had been watching a Ufo for some 20mins. He described it and I went into the back garden, but could see nothing. I then went to a nearby hill (Victoria Rd. tennis club) and momentarily glimpsed a small flashing light disappearing behind a house. I then went over the hill and down the other side but after watching the sky for 5mins, saw nothing returned home.

I had been in the house for 5mins. when Section 40 son called and asked if I had seen the objects and that from where they were the objects were bigger and brighter than any time since they first saw it. He said it appeared to be flying along the path of the Parkway (new by-pass) and heading towards Kit Hill, high point over the Tamar in C'wall. Time now 11.30.

I left the house again and walked along Normandy Way towards the Tamar Bridge where I would be able to see the Kit Hill area. As I was some 300 yards from the bridge I saw a very low large light that I immediately felt was the UFO. The light was stationary, but as I neared the bridge it began to move towards me, and as it did so separated into 2 lights which very slowly came towards the bridge. As I neared the end of the road I saw a man looking at the object, but when he turned and saw me he hurried off. At the end of the road I crossed Pemross Road and into the car park overlooking the Tamar River. The lights were now at the other end of the bridge and just above it. I called to two men who were sitting in a car, and they came over. I pointed out the UFO to them and they were both very excited about it. There was a telescope in the car park and I put some money it (thinking how appropriate!!), but unfortunately nothing happened so I put in another coin but still no good. The UFO was now very, very slowly flying NE over the top of the bridge and heading slightly to our right towards the Armaments Depot that is next to the bridge. One of the men said that it was heading for the Arms Depot. I took 2 photos as it flew over the bridge. It took 3-4 mins to cross the river.

*behind Saltash

I now lost sight of it as it flew into the glare of the lights of the toll booths on our side of the bridge, so I left the men and went to the other side the of Parkway (bypass) but when I reached there, the lights were low over the next hill and fading out in the direction of Ernesettle/Whitleigh. I thought I would go back to the car and get the names of the 2 men, but as I approached they drove off in their car.

I decided to return along the way I had come, and as soon as I started walking along Normandy Way I saw this large low light (split p at arms length) ahead of me and apparently over the Parkway. The light was stationary, white and at an angle of 20°. Throughout the whole sighting the sky was cloudless and very clear. All the stars were visible and there was a half moon. It was very warm with no wind.

As I walked towards it the light again divided into 2 smaller lights and started to move towards me. During the total sighting the 2 lights changed their position, relative to each other, constantly. Sometimes side by side, one above the other, close together then separating, side by side level and at various angles the left one higher than the right and vice versa, constantly changing position, but, until what happened next, I thought that they were only one object.

I slowly walked ahead, camera at the ready, but although the object was moving, it was very, very slow, with the lights changing position as it did so. I was on a grassy area about 50 yards wide between 2 rows of houses. There was noone around and I thought that this would be a good place for a landing!! I walked slowly on as the lights approached. I now came level with a telephone box and thought I would 'phone the local paper to tell them to get a photographer out here quick!! I got through to the Herald but was cut off as they answered. This happened 3 more times before I 'phoned the operator to put me through. The lights still ever so slowly, came towards me. While I was walking on the grass the lights seemed to be flying straight at me, but as I went to the 'phone I moved out of their direct path, then as I watched them through the open door of the box, they turned and again moved straight towards me.

The operator after trying a couple of times to get through to the Herald had the same difficulty as I did and said that there was a fault on the line at the Herald end, which she said was odd as their lines were constantly checked. She said all she could suggest was to get Directory Enquiries and ask if there was an alternative number. All the time the lights were getting closer.

Directory Enquiries gave me the number of the Western Morning News and I got through and asked for Section 40 (who has done articles on PUFORG and UFOs in the past), he wasn't there, only the rep I spoke to, Section 40 so I told him quickly about the UFO and that I was watching it even as I spoke, and begged him to get someone out here quick!! Unfortunately there was only him on duty on the night desk (I naively thought that there was a room full of reps waiting for a story to break - of course that may be the case in London but hardly in a small city like Plymouth) and he couldn't leave.

The lights were now very close and I took a time exposure of about 3 seconds. Now the lights were about the size of a split p each and now looked like 2 pear-shaped objects with a light at the front, a dim body and a smaller light on the body. They weren't very far apart but now looked like two distinct and separate objects.

They on y looked about 100 yards away. I took another time exposure. Now the UFOs turned slightly and I realised that they appeared to be following the route of the Parkway, which was on the other side of an embankment on the other side of the grassy area. The reporter was asking questions and I was telling him what I was seeing. The UFOs were now level with my position and at an angle of 15°. They then came off the Parkway(!!) and over the grassy area, heading back towards Cornwall. I then lost sight of them as they went behind the telephone box.
The rep was still asking questions which I answered for a couple of minutes then I told him that any further details could be got from Section 40 and that I was going to see where the UFOs were (the rep said that he had already had a UFO rep from the North Devon coast area of Crackington Haven)

I left the 'phone box, and walked towards where I had first seen the UFO overlooking the car park. I saw nothing but when I approached the end of the open space area, overlooking the car park, I again saw a large low light over (possibly behind) Saltash.

Again as I looked, the light separated into 2 lights and remained stationary for a short time (minute or two) before moving very slowly in my direction. The two white lights approached the other side of the river, and slowly came on towards me.

As they began to cross the river they began to glow slightly more brightly. This continued until they were halfway across the river, by which time they were noticeably brighter. I could not see any lights come on, the 2 (by now looked like the pear-shaped objects seen near the telephone box) just seemed to start glowing, whereas before they were only lights.

Over the centre of the river the left-hand object moved behind the other, continuing straight towards me and continuing to glow brighter. It was now apparent that in fact lights were the cause of the "glow" because as they neared, numerous lights were visible on them.

(The Ufos, I realised later, on reaching the centre of the river then began o ascend at an angle of something like 45 to 60degs. However, they couldnt nemselves have angled upwards to make this climb, because my view of them did t change until they were at an angle of 75-80degs. to me. They continued to be ust a couple of points of light until almost 60 to 70degs, except that their glow" increased all the time that they were climbing, and it wasnt until at an ngle of 75degs. that I saw them as delta shapes. From this I assume that they ose from their eye level position when first seen, which they maintained until pparemtly over the centre of the river, to over my head by keeping a level fli- ht. That is ascending but not changing their relative position to the ground.)

They were continuing on a straight track towards me, getting brighter and more impressive all the time. I felt that there was going to be a significant event and wound on my camera to find to my irritation that there was no film left.

The UFOs were now approaching overhead and I was very impressed by the appearance and shape of these UFOs. From being ordinary looking lights they had altered radically (see illustration). I couldn't believe it and was very impressed by them.

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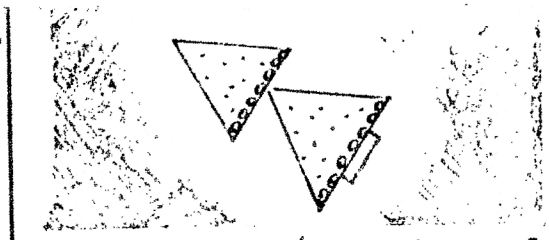
As they flew very slowly overhead,I thought, "Its like a b.....Christmas tree up there!". And it really was!!The objects were covered in l[illegible]ts,but in no set pattern other than the line of lights along the base of each triangle.The glow off all the lights,illuminating a sort of pearl grey body.I'm colour blind but all of the lights looked a creamy white.The brigh test were those along the edge of the triangles.There were no lights on the oblong shape at the base but it was sharply defined. Again I thought"It is just like a Christmas tree",and it was;just like a childs drawing of a Christmas tree.When overhead the Ufos were(together)about an inch long at arms length.But they were a very spectaular sight,moving very slowly,silently and all aglow.None of the lights were flashing.


Boyds eye view(act.size aal.)

Then I heard a deep rumble,"Oh no,I dont believe it,not re-fuelling aircraft",Ithought,"I just can not believe that".After approx 20secs.the rumbling noise stopped"Dont anybody try to tell me that they are just re-fuelling planes-come off it",I said to myself.

((This was in reference to a case we had a couple of years ago where a farmers wife reported that her family had watched an identical object(s) approach their farm from a distance,do a complete circle round it then flew off disappearing the same place they had come.A couple of days later the Daily Mirror had carried reports that"hundreds of people"had seen the same thing all over South Wales and the MOD had said that it was just aircraft refuelling(File Rep.D/C 0060 28/2/86.) I also remebered later that the farmers wife had also used those very words-"It was like a bl..... Christmas tree up there!!".I always thought that it was illegal for aircraft to refuel overland?))

As I thought of the re-fuelling planes I looked again at the rear of the 2nd craft and saw quite clearly that the"fuselage"that was visible,was much too broad to be,what would be the tail section of a plane(see illus)being about a $\frac{1}{4}$ or a $\frac{1}{3}$ of the wingspan.

"Dont try to tell me they are re-fuelling aircraft".I thought and as if in answer,the Ufos then proceeded to do a U-turn above me and headed back towards the Saltash area.I was shaking my head in wonderment.I have seen quite a few Ufos,but although this was small it was a very impressive sight to see.

During this whole sighting the immediate area was deserted,ill lit and very quiet,even though it was in a housing estate.I was too intrigued by the Ufos to think of going to a house to get witnesses,but unknown to me only a couple of hundred yards away a young couple were also watching the Ufos.Section 40 [redacted] and Section 40 were outside [redacted] house when they saw the Ufos on their "delta" flight.They were very impressed indeed by what they saw,and while they also heard a rumbling noise for some seconds the silence of the craft was very noticeable to them. Section 40

Section 40 -"I spotted 2 very bright lights coming slowly towards us from altash.As they became clearer we both got out of the car.We looked up and saw triangles of light.The Ufos seemed to be making a low humming noise and oved very slowly above us.We were able to see the actual shape of the Ufo,its ody was made of a greyish material and the lights on it were tinted different olours(pale green,red,orange and white).As it moved light rays shot out from ts side at great speed.It continued to move in a straight line for a short istance and thenturned 90degs.to the left.We then lost sight of it over the oof tops". Illus.2.

Section 40 [redacted] spotted 2 lights above the River Tamar.They seemed to be overing or moving extremely slowly.Then they began to move towards us" "At his we both stepped out of the car.The object passed directly above us.A uiet rumbling noise came from it.The lights reflected on to the ship.It was a ight grey colour.We could now see the outline of the Ufo.It was in the form of triangles one behind the other.The ship passed over us.As it moved away,beams ight also of a light grey colour shot out from the side of it.The object did 90deg.turn to the left and disappeared over houses". Illus.3.

Section 40 [redacted] were someway down the hill that I was on the top of,and pparently only saw the Ufos begin their turn into the first U-turn,before they ost sight of them behind houses.Lisa described the Ufos as 2 arrowheads.The ime when they lost sight of them was 12.15am by Adrians watch.I saw them early he following evening and they were both very excited by what they had seen and ad no doubt that they had been watching a Ufo. Lisa also said that all that

evening she had felt tense and on edge, that she felt that something was going to happen. In fact she and Adrian had had a minor argument, which she knew was caused by the unsettled way she was feeling.

Three other women who also saw the Ufos had felt the same way. Two feeling a. .f something was going to happen and the other that the air felt charged with energy. I also felt something of this when I first left the house to climb the nearby hill. Conditions were crystal clear and there seemed to be a tension in the air. I put this down to the excellent conditions and didnt think anything of it until L. mentioned it the following evening, but 4 women mentioned it without it being asked.)

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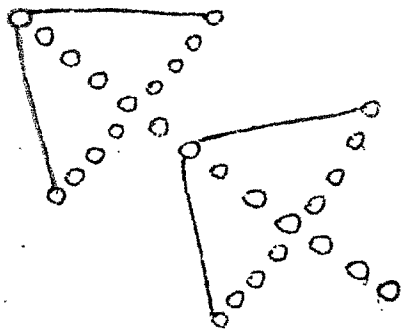

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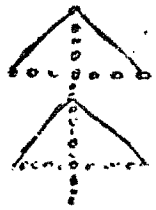

Illus.3.

The Ufos, on completing the U-turn were now heading back towards Saltash. .t all times that I watched them, both as single or double lights and the "Christ ıas tree", moved very slowly indeed.

The Ufos flew slowly in the Saltash direction for a couple of minutes, .ntil over the town and then did another U-turn and started coming back again. .s they came out of the turn they slowly fadedback into 2 small lights and hea-.ing in a NE direction eventually went out of my sight behind the same hill .s the first time I saw them. The time was now approx. 12.20am and that was the .ast I saw of them. (Illus.4. for flight path)

We heard of over 30 people in Plymouth who actually saw these objects, nd we received 15 completed report forms from 10 different locations. Not only .id we receive various places in Plymouth, but also from Torpoint, C'wall; Trem-ton, C'wall; off Picklecombe Fort, nr Cawsand, C'wall; two witnesses in a car app. lymouth on the A3 ; Crackington Haven, nr Bude, N. C'wall; Exmouth; and Woodbury alterton, nr Exmouth.

Among the witnesses who completed rep. forms were a company director; an OD Professional Officer; an ex-RAF wartime navigator; 7 amateur astromomers ho were out that night specifically watching the sky and an electrical inven-or!

If we suppose that we received reports from 10% of witnesses (which is un-.kely) to the "display" then at least 300 people witnessed it. We feel it is more .kely that we received reps. from, at most, 3-4% of witnesses. At very most!

So for the number of witnesses alone this is an interesting sighting, but ıat is only the beginning.

All the reports from Plymouth are the same, the only differences being n minor details of the two delta shapes. The report from the company direc-or, however is substantially different due to the fact that he watched the ctivity, for most of the time through a pair of army issue, night vision, 7 x50 binoculars.

All witnesses agree to the times and routes of the sightings between 0.30pm and 12.15am. of the two lights which flew back and forward along the ame flight path, sometimes merging into one light then separating into 2. hile remaing fairly close at all timesthe 2 lights constantly changed pos-tion relative to each other-side by side, one above the other, very close tog-ther the further apart. Only for short periods did they remain in constant osition to one another.

Few of the witnesses saw all of the activity. Some only seeing one fly-ver, or two. Some only seeing the delat shapes, some only seeing single or dou-le lights. All times fro the "fly-overs" are the same allowing for minor diff-rences and they are-10.10·10.30:10.50:11.10:11.30:11.50 and 12.10.

however, the "Christmas tree" was not seen in Plymouth till 12.10. This is interesting because Section 40 (and 2 others) who were 40 miles away near Bude first saw it at 11.20pm (at the same time that the M family were watching 2 bright lights fly east towards Cornwall) and then again at 12.05.

Section 40 "Looking at the eastern sky at 11.20pm....my wife and I saw what looked like 2 very large and bright stars at an altitiude of about 20degs. Realising that they were moving slowly, we followed their course with binocs. By the time they had reached the SE, each star had became a double white light. Each pair of lights maintained perfect formation and height towards the South where they showed as 2 separate delta shapes, each composed of many red and white lights with some red lights flashing. Thet gradually disappeared in the SW. 45 mins. later we saw similar objects in the E., again moving to the SW then turning through 180degs. to disappear in the S. Each sighting occupied 10mins."

Section 40, a retired civil servant and wartime aircrew, also says "I am not convinced the objs. are not man-made. I do think, however, that no known aircraft or satellite (on present info) could have produced such visual effects".

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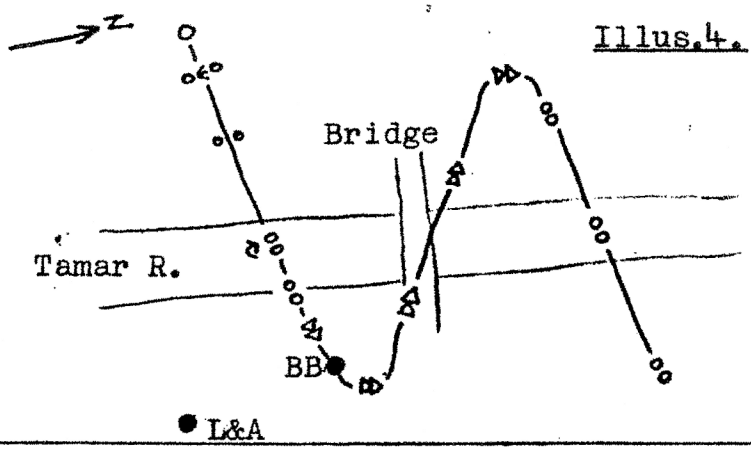

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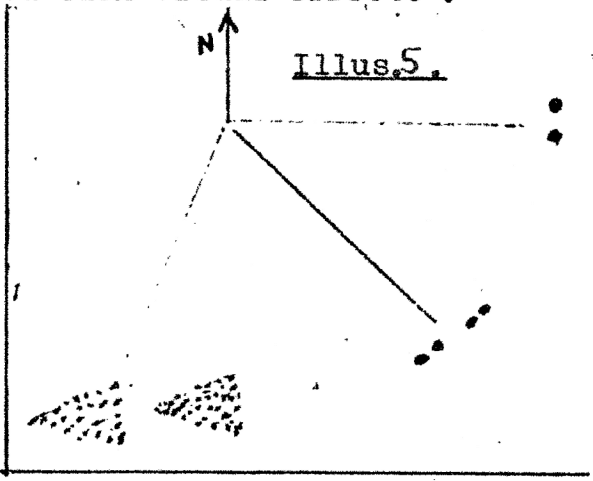

As the Ufos flew over my head, I thought that, at most they were about half a mile above me, definitely not miles up. As I stood in the telephone box, and they approached and passed me as two pairs of lights, at an angle of fifteen degrees, again I was positive that they were no more than 100yds away from me. I truly thought that they might be going to land on the grassy area. They each looked the size of an ambulance (standard issue!), or slightly bigger.

When I found out that these objects had been seen from 40 miles away it threw a spanner in the works as far as my estimation of size went. All we ca can assume is that they must have been colossal to be seen from 40 miles away.

A possibilty that comes to mind could be that as the witnesses in Bude were seeing the "delta" shapes, we in Plymouth were seeing only the lights at the wingtip of each Ufo, because they were flying at a 90deg. angle to the ground. Also that they were some way beyond the environs of Plymouth (except when Christmas tree), and towards Dartmoor by some miles.

This would account for the fact that none of the Plymouth witnesses to the 11.20 flight, saw any suggestion of the "delta" shapes. If they were flying at such an angle, the underside could be fully illuminated, and seen 40 miles away, but not as such in Plymouth

Section 40, company director, who was out fishing off the Cornish coast when he saw the objects, was positive that at all times the Ufos were some way beyond Plymouth. While I was watching them, I thought that they were in the immediate area, but on the 1st and 3rd times I saw them they did cross the Tamar and fly in the direction of Ernesettle and Whitleigh, but of course they could have been much further away than that. Wherever they were they looked close at all times. Only the 12.10 flight must have been directly overhead (for a short time) and that at 12.05 MrH. saw them app. Saltash from the West. They then levelled out and appSaltash, firstly one behind the other, then line abreast, then lifting into the air, showing themselves as the horizontal version of what some minutes earlier [redacted] had seen in the vertical position. (+outskirts of town)

Section 40 who phoned me about the Ufos, oddly enough is the same man who phoned me in May'85 about another very large Ufo. And there are some other similarities - On both occs. he was walking his dog at the same place; both involved repeated sightings over a two hour period; both ufos followed same flight path; same time of day; he contacted RAF on both occs. to be told that there were no aircraft about; both sightings seen by all members of his family (plus dog!) mai

;main witnesses to both sightings were both ex-RAF wartime air-crew;witnesses to both sightings had excellent universtiy degrees in education excep a report by myself and 2 weeks later a report of an identical object by 8 lephone engineers,we have had no reports since the previous mass sighting(File No.8502.Date 28/5/85 Time 11.15pm-12.30am)Does this mean that the Ufo are going to concentrate on"mass sighting"events?And finally my son [redacted] saw both sightings,from different locations! Section 40 Section 40

As already said, [redacted] is a Professional Officer with the MOD.He phoned the MOD at 10.40pm after seeing the Ufos for the first time,to be told by the that there were no aircraft about.After seeing them for the 2nd time,he phoned me.After his son had phoned me at 11.15,he(the son)then phoned RAF Mt.Wis and was told by someone on duty,"There isnt anything flying-you've got a Ufo" Hmmmmmmmm.

Section 40 and his family were another group of people who watched the Ufos through binocs.Section 40 "In all it amounted to 4 manoeuvres.The last one was the ultimate.It passed right over our heads.With binocs.it was FANTASTIC.The undercarriage,a mass of lights.I have never seen anything so awe-inspiring.It was marvellous.It was constructed beautifully.I can only describe what I saw as a pyramid shape,but what I could not get over,and cannot forget was,that underneath the lights,each had a casing around them resembling Lego blocks".

Section 40 -"On its final fly-over,it came very low overhead(note-BB).I looked at its underside through a good pair of binocs.and saw what I have drawn(see illus.7.)I also heard a low rumble similar to a large jet engine. Then it flew off towards the direction of Exeter".

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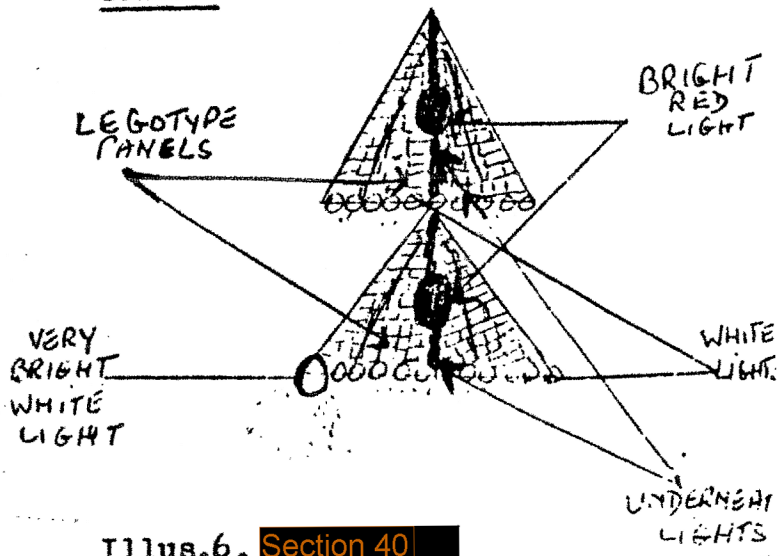

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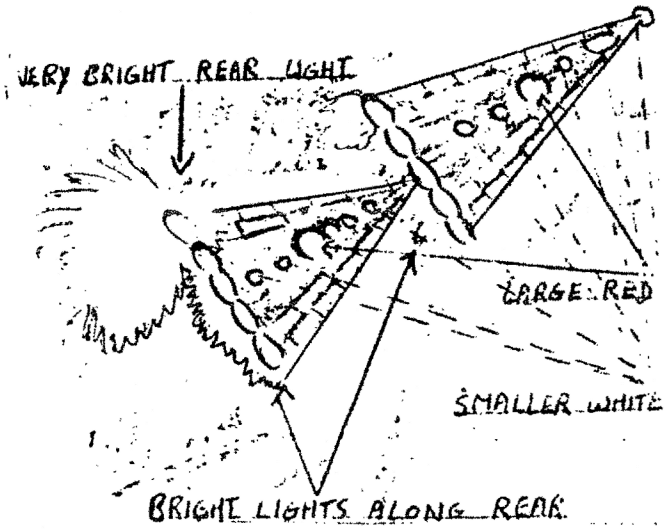
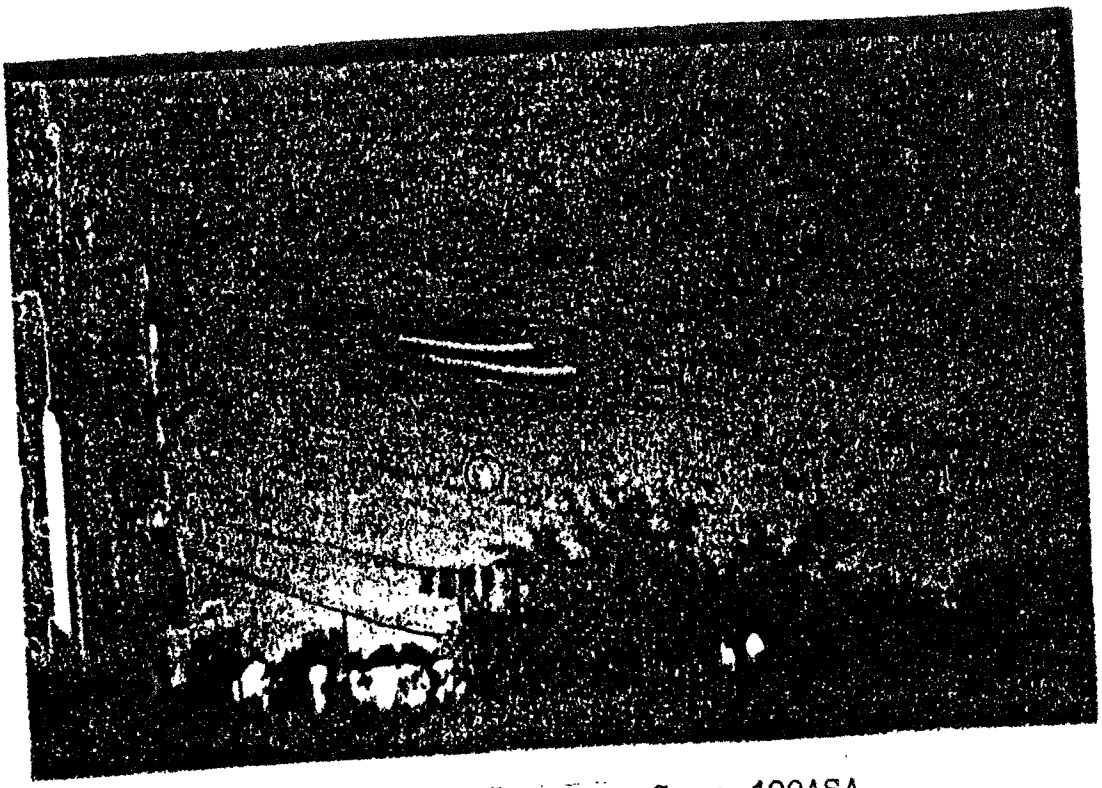


Illus.7. Section 40 [redacted]

People all over Plymouth were watching the Ufos,but particularly impressed were several amateur astronomers,who watched them.The evenin was as the clearest for"4 or 5 months,possibly all year"and a group of them had set up their equipment early to await Jupiter rising,in the"very rare brilliant conditions" They first saw the Ufos at 10.47 and managed to take five photos.These show clearly the Ufos but only as light tracks on the colour prints and as a light source on the b&w print.(see next page).They saw the Ufos again at 12.10 but again only as pin head sized lights,before they went out of their sight.This was probably before or after the "delta"flight.The astronomers after their first sighting had went indoors because they were specifically awaitng Jupiter and only saw the 12.10 sighting because one of them glanced out of the window.

This was a particularly good rep.because previous to this they had all believed Ufos to be"a load of rubbish".However they all have years of skywatching experience and full knowledge of the heavens and what it is possible to see(or rather thought they did!)and all are convinced that they were actually seeing Ufos.They would accept a more"rational"explanation for what they saw,but as experienced astronomers could not,and to date have been unable to identify what they saw as anything other than Ufos. They are"amazed to say"!!

While a lot of people were being"amazed"by what they were seeing,on a boat off Picklecombe Fort,just down the coast from Plymouth Sound Section 40 s wife wife and bro-in-law,had truly remarkable views of the Ufos.They had just finished their evenings fishing and were weighing anchor at 10.10pm,when they



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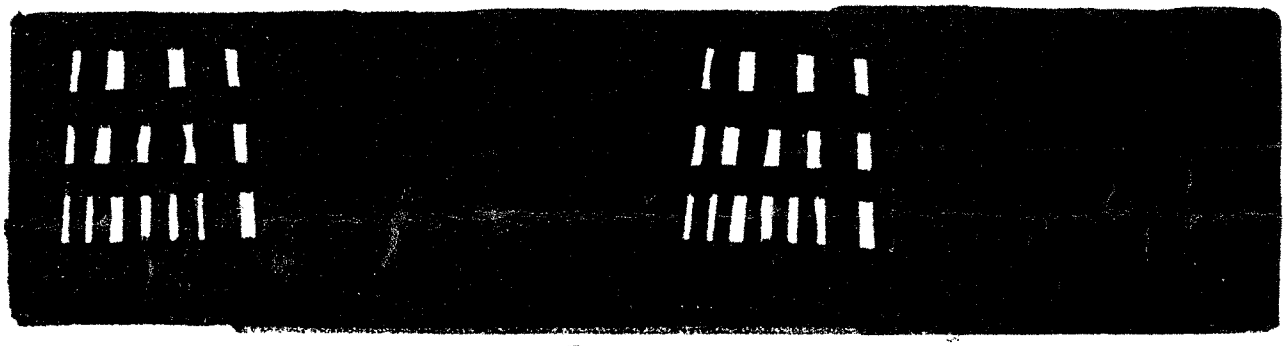
g. and his wife live at Plympton). They got out the binocs. which are always carried on board (as stated army issue, night vision, 7x50 mag.). The binocs were then passed from one person to another during their sightings. The Ufos followed t[illegible] same course on the 3 "flights" that they watched from the boat.

[illegible] they watched, the 2 "stars" began to move, to their left and towards Plymouth. When first seen one of the lights was above the other, but as they began moving, the top light descended until it was on level flight with the other. They flew in a straight line towards Plym./C'wall, but when over Devonport, made a slow curving turn and were then flying straight towards them. Now a lot of oth- lights became visible. These smaller lights were of all different colours (white purple, orange, red, white) and they seemed also to be changing colour. There seemed to be no definite pattern to these lights.

The witnesses were about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile off-shore and stationary. The li- again began to make a curving 90deg. turn as if following the coastline but some way inland. Now a new view of the Ufos was seen (illus.8.). To the naked eye they $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch tall and the 2 objects were about 2ins. apart. They flew very slowly along this path until lost to sight over the near skyline.

The witnesses then started the engine and headed for their mooring at the Barbican, but after only 4mins. they saw, again, 2 star-like objs. returning along the same path they had gone. To the naked eye they appeared as 2 lights but through the binocs. could be seen as 2 pairs of lights. They followed the same flight path. As they turned towards D'port all that could be seen was a single row of "8 to 10 very bright, fluorescent lights, and I got the feeling that I was looking only at the rear one of the 2 craft. Through the binocs. the lights could be seen definitely as dome shaped and on the outside of the craft".



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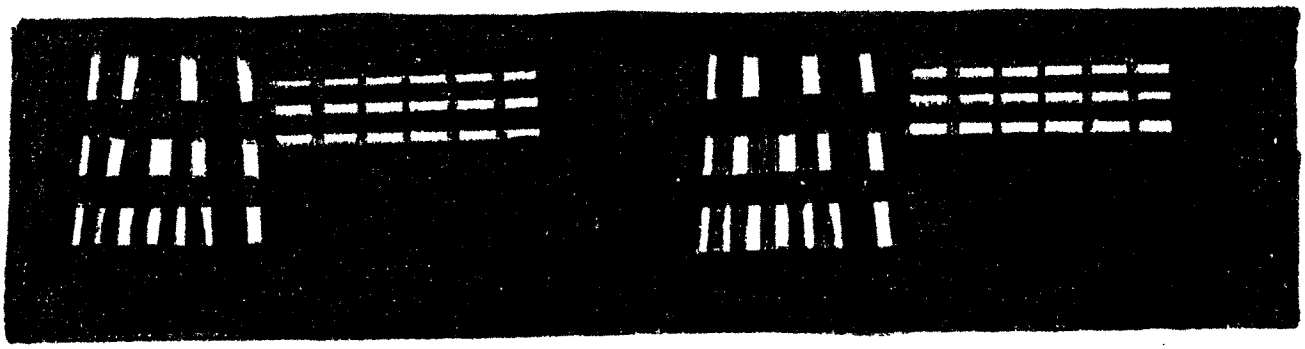

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They reached D'port and again took a curving 90deg turn and headed back o the position that they were first seen. As they started to turn they again ecame just 2 lights. This time however when they reached Plympton they didnt top but again executed a curving turn and headed back towards D'port, as 2 airs of lights. After they had flown a short way, they again became visible as llus.8. Mr. P. was watching them throught the binocs. when, "I then noticed that here were rows of red lights behind the main shape. There were 3 rows of lights ith at least 8 lights in each row. They appeared to be windows which were lit rom the inside, and not on the outside of the objects as the domed lights had een. I passed the binocs. to my bro-in-law and he confirmed what I was seeing. est. the red lights to be about 7ft long by $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high. The distance between ach light was about 3ft and the same distance between the rows. They definite- v looked like internal lights shining through windows, and were of a soft red"

I was concentrating on the lead craft,but the rear one was of identical appearance(illus.9.).They continued like this for approx. 1½mins.before again turning over D'port continuing along their original flight path.As they turned th again became 2 very bright lights,and remained as such until we lost them o C'wall".

Section 40 The trio then started the boat and headed for the Barbican.After tying up [redacted] s b-in-law went home and [redacted] and his wife headed for home at Plymstock,arriving at approx 11.40pm.Their house is on a hillside with a fine northerly view,and as [redacted] arriving home turned to see if the Ufos were still about was very surprised to see that they were there,not over Plympton but more over the moors.Theyappeared to be just completing a turn and were heading back to D'port.They were 2 lights but as they went out of sight behind the hill he was,he could see other red lights.After they had gone from view,he went indoors and had a coffee.At 12.20am,he came out again and the lights were there again!He called his neighbour out to have a look at them,but as they were only visible as 2 white lights heading towards D'port,not much was said and the neighbour soon went indoors. [redacted] then went into his back garden,which has a better view,but only saw the 2 lights going into the distance.

Section 40 He stayed in the back garden because he"had a feeling that they were going to come back".At about 1.15 when he saw the 2 lights approaching Plympton again.This time however they were on a different flight path and came from the Cornish coast(P'combe Fort area) straight across Plymouth Sound and towards Plympton,travelling along the course of the Plym river.

The 2 lights were heading straight towards him and he felt that he was going to see something special.(His wife since returning home had been indoors feeding and putting to bed their small baby.)

As he watched ,"They came straight towards me and passed overhead some 4 or 5 houses along from me.The lights got brightter and brighter,but then then dimmed as they came near overhead.I was then looking at the underside of the Ufo s and they appeared as illus.10.I'm certain that there was 2 objects but they seemed to be flying too close together for this to be possible.As they passed overhead there was a sound of"rolling thunder"and the very air seemed to be vibrating.This sound only lasted for about 10secs.and only when they were dirctly overhead.

"This lighting formation continued out towards the moors until they again appeared as 2 lights.They turned again and appeared as a distant illus8. thought they were over the Shaugh Prior area".

Section 40 had brought the binocs.off the boat home with him and used these

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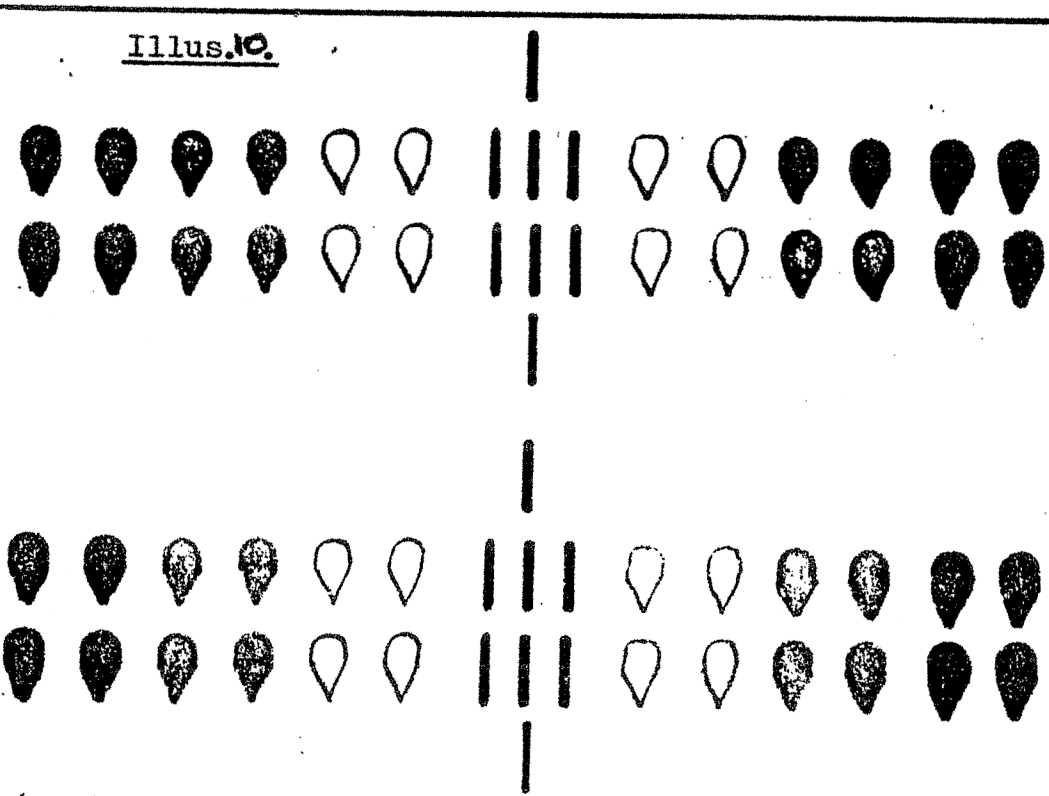

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Lights on underside of Ufos as seen from Section 40 garden.

to watch the Ufos with."When the Ufos made their final flyover,at no time could I see all the lights through the binocs.Only 6 were able to fit in the lens and I had to scan back and forwards to count the lights".

his was the end of Section 40 close "views"but he was'nt going to let them get away as easily as that..... Fifteen or 20mins.later 2 lights appeared slightly to the right of where he had last seen them(over moors)again as illus 8 "as they curved away from me.This happened twice.They seemed to be circling but only visible to me for part of their circular path,that which was nearest me."

"I felt they wouldnt be coming back to Plymouth so I jumped in my car and drove to the moors near Shaugh Prior,arriving there at 2am.I stayed there till 2.30 but there was no other activity and I went home".

Section 40 had never seen a Ufo before,but had accepted that the odds were for them existing.He said that these 2 Ufos were absolutely huge and while most Plymouth witnesses felt the Ufos were near Plymouth Section 40 thought that they we were always some way beyond it,but if this was the case then the Ufos were eve more colossal than even Section 40 thought they were.He also knew he was seeing something special(very)and that was why he remained on watch,also strong feelings that they were"coming back"except after the last flyover when he felt that they had then left Plymouth.Then this intrepid Ufo watcher followed them onto Dartmoor.This is not an insignificant thing to do.Dartmoor at night is not for the nervous!!Especially to go chasing Ufos! He is a successful business man and this is the only reason that he has requested anonymity.

At 9o'clock on the morning following the sighting I went into town and put my film into a"3hr processor"shop(worth bearing in mind if you have a possible Ufo photo,for safety reasons).I then went to the West.Morn.News/Even.Her. offices and told Section 40 [redacted] about the sighting and the poss.photos.He then said,"I saw it myself!!I was driving along the A30 to Plym.from Totnes,bringing my father home and we saw the 2 big lights as we approached Plym.I even said to my father that the Ufos were out tonight!!I thought that the lights were looked big but I was so busy concentrating on driving that I didnt take much notice of them-I wish I had now!!"

After a coffee and chat about the mysterious subject we returned to the film shop,but unfortunately though the photos showed the lights above the bridge and light trails taken from the tele.box they were no good for newspaper printing.I was quite disappointed by the photos cos they only showed light trails but it couldnt be helped,and I was very pleased to have seen the Ufos.

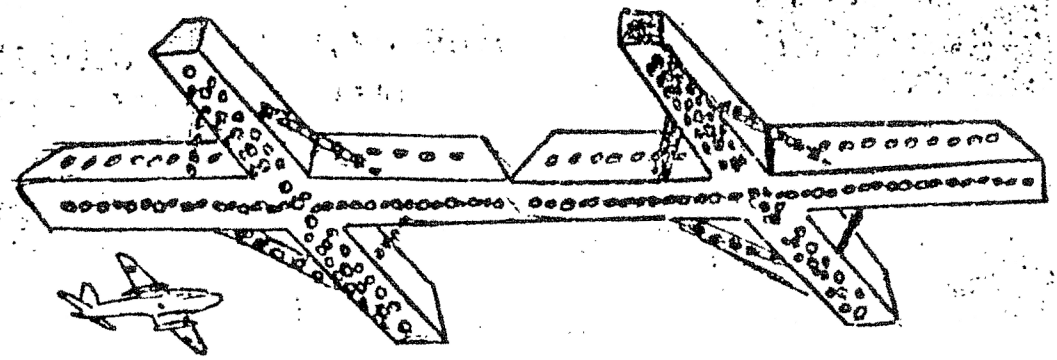
Section 40 said he would do an article on the sighting but couldnt promise that it would be very extensive.The article appeared the following morning(6/8) He checked with the civil and military and was told that there was no aircraft in the area at that time.

This was excellent confirmation that the objects really were unidentified.

Over a week after the event I was contacted by Section 40 [redacted] He had been unable to get his sighting out of his mind and having kept the newspaper report contacted Section 40 [redacted] of Crackington Haven who suggested he get in touch with me. Section 40 had been reluctant to do this because he didnt want"to get too involved".We saw him some days later and got his extra-ordinary report. Section 40

Two days after we had interviewed [redacted] at a PUFORG meeting, Section 40 [redacted] our Devon and C'wall co-ordinator handed me the following newspaper report.

'FLYING FAIRGROUND' IS SEEN OVER TOWN



A mystery object, described as "looking like a flyin irground," was spotte gh in the night sky over Exmouth on Tuesday.

Mr. Gordon Baker spotted it travelling slowly in the sky.

He had gone out into his garden in Blackmore Court, off Dinan Way, armed with a telescope in the hope of catching a glimpse of the planet Jupiter, which should have been visible in the clear sky.

Instead, he said, he saw this object, which he sketched as it tracked over the town from the north-east to the south-west.

After training a pair of binoculars on the two cross-shaped objects travelling close together, Mr. Baker called his wife Gloria and asked a neighbour, Miss Heather Palmer, to look at the brightly-lit object.

While watching it, the three saw an aircraft pass underneath much faster than the mystery object was travelling.

Mr. Baker said: "I was out looking for Jupiter when I saw these two cross-shaped objects lit up like a fairground.

SILENT

"It was definitely not an aircraft. There was no sound whatsoever. I called my wife and my neighbour, Miss Palmer.

"I believe the object was travelling at about 35,000 feet. Then I heard the noise of a jet aircraft. I saw it pass under the lit objects and I even checked with Exeter Airport to see if the pilot had reported seeing it.

"They said they had not received any reports. However, a man in air traffic control said he had had a couple of objects on his radar, but did not know what they were.

"We watched it for about 15 minutes until it disappeared on the horizon.

CONSTANT

"I don't know what it was but it certainly had hundreds of lights on it.

Miss Palmer said: "Mr. Baker knocked on my door and said 'Have a look at this.' I went out on to the pavement and I could see these two lit-up crosses straight away with my naked eye.

"He gave me a pair of binoculars to look at it, but I could see better with my own eyes. As I went out of the house, I looked at my watch and the time was eight minutes past ten.

"There was no noise at all. It was just moving slowly across the sky. Living here, you often see aircraft at night and they have flashing lights. These lights were all constant and white. I just don't know what it was."

Exmouth Herald 7th Aug. 1987 (Trade paper)

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As you can see a truly amazing report. I immediately contacted Section 40 and got his report. Section 40 is also an amateur astronomer and had also been out, with his telescope waiting for Jupiter to rise.

"At 10.10pm.....my eye was caught by the lights of a Tri-Star jet airliner coming over our heads and heading for Exeter airport. Usually if jets are heading in to land at Ex. they are down to 8 or 10,000ft by the time they go over us. Then as the plane was lowering in the skytowards the rooftops, we saw this huge double cross, illuminated like a fairground, coming over the roof tops towards us.

"The jet airliner passed underneath this huge shape. I should imagine it was no more than 2000ft. above the plane. In comparison of size, I est. that although the Ufo was at least 2000ft. above the jet, it would have been as wide as 4 jets wingtip to wingtip, and each cross(+) arm was equal in length and breadth. So as we saw it(the 2 crosses joined together) it was about 8 times the wingspan of the jet in length, and 4 times in breadth. (Illus. 12.)

"It was at about 10,000ft, travelling at no more than 100-150mph., over us from NE to SW(heading for Plymouth. BB) taking a good 15mins from horizon to horizon.

"At 10.30pm I phoned Exet. Airport, to find out if the pilot of the plane had made a report, as he must have seen the Ufo. The control tower said no, the pilot had not reported it but he(cont. tower) had seen something on the radar which he thought at the time must be 2 army planes re-fuelling. However, on later enquiry, it was reported from the MOD that there were no military aircraft in the air at that time.

"I first watched the Ufo through binocs. at 15x mag. then through my teles. at 45x mag. It was very clear and easy to watch and the drawings I have made of it, are exactly what it looked like through the telescope. I was drawing it as I watched it."

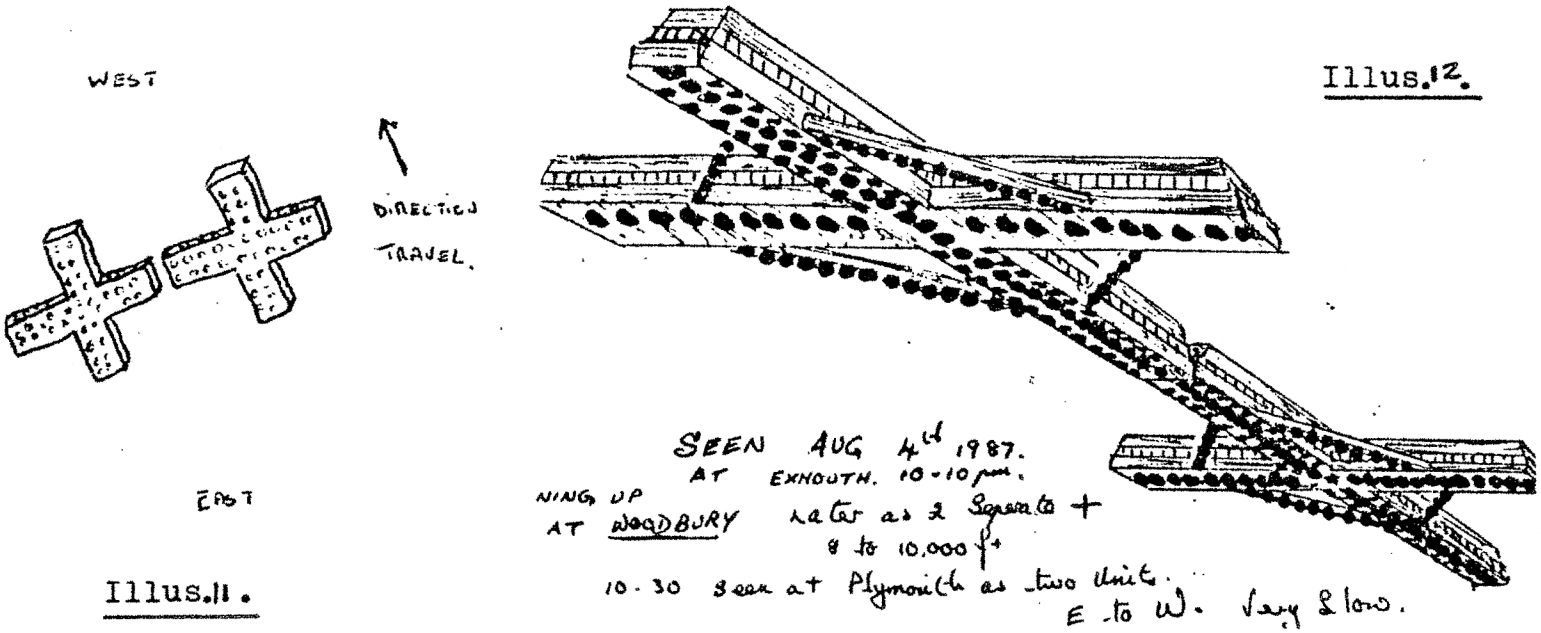
Apart from his neighbour and his wife who were mentioned in the newspaper rep. 13 other people also watched the Ufos with Section 40 He also heard from another astronomer friend of his, living some 4 miles away who also saw them.

Section 40 "I was in my garden with a friend observ. Saturn and the moon with my telesc. I looked to the East.... and saw what looked like 2 planes

flying side by side and very close. As they got closer I could see they were shaped like gigantic crosses and lit up with hundreds of lights. None of the lights were flashing and there was no engine noise. The speed that they were tra as relatively slow compared to a conventional aeroplane. They drifted slightly apart but still trav. together.

"Being an astronomer the thoughts of Ufos were not in my head so I stopped watching them and thought no more about them until I saw Section 40 report in the paper and it was only then that I realised that what I had seen was undoubtedly a Ufo and I was annoyed with myself for not training the teles. onto it and getting a detailed close up look at it". (Illus. 11.)

We would agree with him because Section 40 lists his interests as astron. an astrophotography! What a picture he could have taken!!



Illus. 11.

Illus. 12.

I got in touch with a contact at Roborough (Plym. Airp.) and asked if they had seen anyhting that evening but was told that they close their control tower at 10pm. He gave me the name of the manager at Exeter Air. and I phoned him.

I explained who I was and could he help me with some details concerning the Ufo seen over Exet. and seen on radar by his staff. He replied that he knew what I was talking about, but that the "Uofs" were in fact army planes refuellin ing. I pointed out that the military had said that there wasnt any of their air craft flying at that time and he said that he would put me through to the man who was on duty that evening, which he did.

This man with a rather sarcastic attitiude said that they werent Ufos. I had asked him if he could give me info on height and size of objects and he said that these were milit. planes refuelling. Again I said that the milit. had denied this and he replied that he knew what they were because he had seen the I asked if he had seen them on radar or with the naked eye and at this point another man cut into the conversation and said that HE had actually been on duty that night and could state catergorically that the objects seen were mili. planes refuelling and that every month RAF Brise Norton sent flight times of refuelling aircraft to all civil airports so that they would know when to expect them. Fine, I said could you just give me the details of the time, height and speed etc. for the craft that were seen that night. He replied that he didnt have any details for that night but could give me details for the following Friday. I said I could hardly see the point of that but if he could give me details for the 4th I would be grateful and could see how they tied in with the reports I had. He repeated that he had no info for that evening. I asked why that was if Brise Norton furnished info for all refuelling flights at which point another man cut in and said that HE had actually been on duty that night and could stat state that the objs. were planes without any doubt. I realised that I was not going to get anywhere with this so thanked them for their help and rung off.

Following this I wrote to the station commanders at RAF Mt. Wise, Plymouth, RAF St. Mawgan, Newquay, C'wall; RNAS Culdrose, Helston, C'wall. See enclosed letter.

I received replies from 2 out of the 3. One of which was very "friendly" and said he couldnt help because their radars did not cover the Plym/Ext. area but that he was sending my most interesting letter to the MOD in London and that he was sure that they would contact me "in due course" (To date. 29/9. I have

heard from them).The other commander who replied that"I can confirm that the 2 delta shaped objs.sighted were a pair of RAF VC 10 aircraft carrying out in-flight refuelling practice over the south west of England.With a wing spam of 14 t,they are indeed very similar to the Jumbo jet(195ft)

"There is nothing covert about this activity and I hope that you will be reassured and communicate this explanation to your associates".

This seems to be at some variance with the statement issued to Section 40 the day after the event.I have omitted all names to prevent any possible embarassment or repercussions on the military/civil staff involved.

The truly staggering sighting by Section 40 and his friends must be one of the most impressive on record.As he states"My drawing is exactly what it looked like"He was watching the Ufos through a 45x teles.then drawing it, looking through the teles.again then drawing.He did this until the drawing was complete.He had plenty of time because as also stated the Ufos took 15mins to pass over,and as can be seen he is quite a gifted artist.

By using his est.of sizes maybe some maths people could est.the size size of the individual Ufos.How the obvious tremendous size of the Ufos ties in with the apparent nearness of the Ufos in Plym.again I'll let some one else work out.Maybe if,when I was in the tele.box I had looked up into the sky,instead of concentrating on the lights directly in front of me,I might have seen the colossal darkened bulk of these unimaginable Ufos.

You may say that maybe I was only seeing a couple of small craft tha that had came from the larger ones,but when a little while later I saw the lights low over Saltash,they were the same as the ones that had passed the tel. box and remained the same,except glowing more and more brightly,until nearly overhead when they showed themselves as the"Christmas tree".

The whole question of size and distance is one that I have been unable to clarify,and becasue of the size of the report will leave that to others.At the moment my prime concern is to get the report out within a reasonable time after the event.

Could I also mention a point that has intrigued me for some years.It is illustrated by the statement to the Exmouth Herald by an RAF spokesman that unless Ufos are hovering over a n RAF base,"they are of no interest to us"!!!

I have been led to believe by the Govt.for at least 8yrs.that we are in constant danger of an attack by Russia and that it is essential that we maintain our military defences,especially the RAF,to a high level of alertness and battle readiness.

Yet here we have a case of "foreign" air-craft,repeatedly flying over one of our top nuclear defence installations(and we have many other reports of the same,particularly over Bull Point Armaments Depot)and the people we are paying very well indeed,and investing huge amounts of money,to keep our air space secure,when confronted with"alien"aircraft of possibly hostile intent, are NOT INTERESTED!!!This amazes me.

Will some one,preferably someone with some access to the truth,explain to me the point of a defence system,that is costing billions of pounds every year,yet when it is presented with"aliens"in our air-space,are"not interested."

Unless the RAF investigate air intrusionshow are they so sure that we are not in imminent danger of attack?How will they tell the difference between Ufos playfully gambolling around our skies,and enemy aircraft intent on destruction?HOW DO THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE??

I have asked this question several times to members of the armed forces, of a rank that I felt may be prepared or able to answer the question,and as can be seen in the letter to the Air Bases brought up the topic with several questions.All questions of this nature that I have asked in the past and in the letter have been studiously ignored.

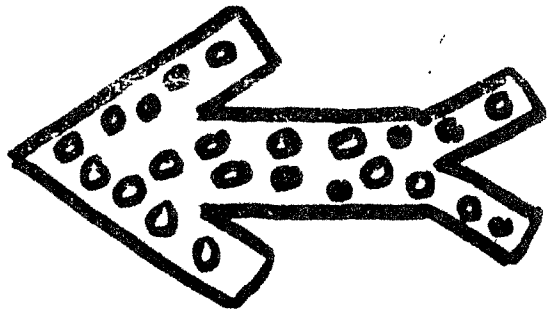
What is going on?What do the authorities know that allows them to accept Ufos as a non-threat?Or on the other side of the coin-what is the point of a very expensive defense system that sits on its hangar when we are being invaded by unknown,possibly hostile air-craft.This is a very significant question and one which sooner or later the Govt.must address,because otherwise what is the point of the RAF???

Any comments would be of interest-particularly Official comments.

This is not in any way an attack or criticism on the RAF,for whom we have the greatest respect.

MORE WITNESSES REPORT UFO SIGHTING

Whitehall silent over flying fairground



How Mrs. Tunmer saw the U.F.O., covered with lights — some red, some white, some constant and some flashing.

Last week's U.F.O. sighting over Exmouth has been confirmed by three more people.

But the Ministry of Defence is not interested. A spokesman said this week: "If U.F.O.'s were hovering over one of our R.A.F. bases, we would look into it. Otherwise the sightings are of no interest to us. In most of these reports, there is a logical explanation."

He did not offer one for the object — described as "looking like a flying fairground — seen over Exmouth on August 4th by at least six people, including Mr. Tony Millington, a former R.A.F. technician.

Mr. Millington and his wife Claire, who run Shear's Place, a Lympstone restaurant, were leaving the Globe public house in the village when they saw brilliant lights towards Starcross.

Mr. Millington, who served in the R.A.F. for 15 years, said: "It certainly was not an aircraft. When we got to the Green, we looked over the water towards Starcross and we saw these two large lights which were a sort of orange colour.

"It is very difficult to say how high they were, but there was no noise at all. That is what seemed so odd to me.

BRILLIANCE

"As we watched, the two objects seemed to get close together and I thought it was very, very odd. We watched the objects for about 15 minutes before they disappeared over the horizon towards Haldon Hill. The lights were uniform in brilliance.

They were also seen by Mrs. Elizabeth Tunmer from her mother-in-law's home in Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton.

Mrs. Tunmer sketched the object before returning to her home in Sussex. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Tunmer, said: "My daughter-in-law saw it quite clearly and watched it for several minutes.

"To her, it appeared to be a lit-up object like an aircraft on its side. There was no noise but the lights on it were so strong and it was moving very slowly.

"She watched it until it was hidden from view by trees at the bottom of our garden. We just don't know what it was."

Another witness was Mrs. Pat Sampson, of Withycombe Village Road, Exmouth, who thought at first the U.F.O. was a Hercules plane refuelling from a tanker.

"But the curious thing was that there was no noise. There were a lot of seperate lights and one of the aircraft sent out an orange flare — which we have never seen before," she said. "Also, the Hercules is smaller than the tanker, but these two aircraft were the same size."

The first report of the object came last week from Mr. Gordon Baker, of Blackmore Court, off Dinan Way, Exmouth, whose sketch of it was published in the Herald. He described it as two cross shapes flying together and said it had so many col[illegible] lights that it re[illegible] fairgroun[illegible]

EXMOUTH HERALD FRI. AUG 14

UFO - or pie in the sky?

SIGHTINGS of mystery objects in the skies over Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have been reported to a new hotline set up by UFO watchers.

The UFO Hotline, established earlier this summer in Batley, West Yorkshire, has received reports from many parts of the country.

A young couple say they were travelling north on the M1 motorway between junctions 22 and 25 when a large circular object decended over the motorway.

A Nottinghamshire couple holidaying near Matlock spotted a large triangle shaped object at very close range on Bonsall Moor covered in small lights.

And a couple from Hasland, Chesterfield told UFO watchers they had seen a bright object at the rear of their house, displaying eight very bright lights.

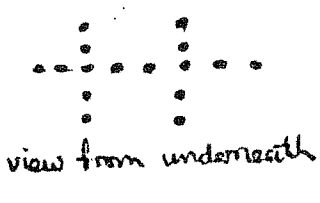
Photographs of the object have now been sent to America for analysis.

Nottingham Evening Post 18-8-87

Late Report-Torpoint,2mls due S of Tamar Br.2witns. saw 2 lights in sky over C'wall,at 11.30pm approx. "There was no engine noise.If they were aircr.lights they would have been low and engine noise would be expected.The 2 lights also moved apart and then closed together to form 1 light and also moved up and down in their flight path,then flew over the Tam.Br. Shortly after I noticed more lights over C'wall which I thought were 2 jumbos one behind the other,but no coloured or flashing lights could be seen.These objs. turned in front of us,moved E took a sharp turn toward wards Plym.....then turned towards the Tam.Br.and disapp."It"looked enormous;moving slower than conventi tional aircraft and silent.It didnt seem to bank in it turning as aircraft do."(Illus 13)

These 2 witnesses were the only ones in the Plym mouth area who reported seeing the Ufos as "crosses in the sky".

Illus. 13.



view from underneath

Note

Several of the witnesses reported seeing a white light come away fromthe rear craft and fall to earth on the 12.15 flight.

And finally.....as students or investigators of the Ufo phenomenon will know,the Ufos over the centuries,have apparently assumed shapes that seem to fit in with the times they are seen.Shapes that the witnesses and socie in general,can accept,assimilate and absorb.They never,though,lose their ..rangeness.Even though,when seen they can be seem"ordinary",that is not out of place"normal"looking,their mystery remains.And often,as in this case,striking,impressive,mind-boggling,their mystery is increased.

While the Ufos have been seen for thousands of years,post-1947(modern Ufo era) sightings must be significantly more common,than any other time in modern history.

Though some cases,out of millions,have been distressing to the recipient,and some Ufo writers would have us believe that we should hide under our beds if we see one,the Ufos without a doubt,if not positively benign,are definitely non-hostile.And they want us to see them!!

Overthousands of years they have appeared as divine symbols;shields; wheels;boats;airships;rockets;sci-fi type "flying saucers".

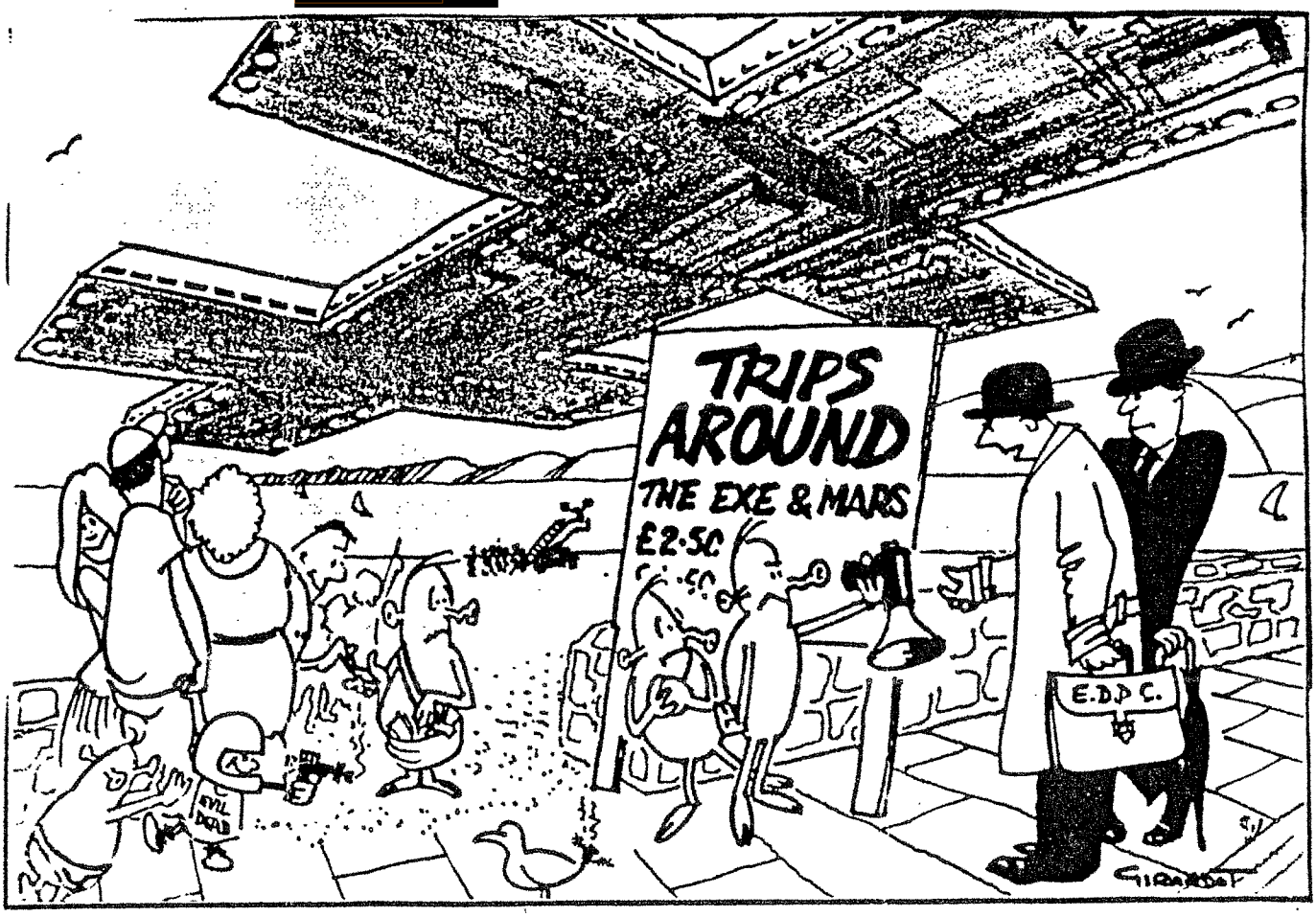
Does this present case reveal a new step in their"shape",their approach to us?Are they unimpressed with the effect that millions of personal sightings has not had on the way we are doing things?Are they entering into a new approach?

That is,the"Star Wars"approach?Or more significantly,the"Close Encounters"approach.

And if this should be the case....what sights we'll see,but what else may happen?.....

Thanks to all the witnesses who helped so much;many thanks to the"Exmouth Herald",for their articles and follow-up,without which we would have missed an amazing report and also to them and"Girardot"for the marvellous(and funny and fitting)cartoon;to Roger Malone and the"Western Morning News";and to all the others that helped much;and finally to Mr.M.,for phoning-it was a sight to see! Thanks very much!!

Section 40



"My council doesn't care if you ARE from outer space. Those loudhailers are banned!"

"Exmouth Herald"Aug.87

From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date
27 October 1987

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 25 August to the Chief of the Air Staff. I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

I was interested to read of your experience whilst serving with the RAF in the Far East during 1952, and have copied your letter to a number of branches within the Ministry of Defence to see if they have any other reports of this incident. I am afraid however, that none had any such records or indeed any papers relating to the sighting you described. We do, as you may already know have papers on the Rendlesham Forest incident which you mentioned and would be happy to provide you with these, should you wish.

I am afraid however that I have to confirm that the Ministry of Defence's interest in UFOs relates only to whether or not they present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do pose such a threat, and this is primarily an air defence matter, no further action is taken, If a sighting is considered worth investigating, and this is not normally the case, steps may be taken to contact local units and see whether anything unusual appeared on radar screens. But, the Ministry of Defence has no other interest in investigating the cause or source of the phenomenon.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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Royal Air Force
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Hawthorn
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Telephone Hawthorn Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

PTO

The excerpt in Sunday Express dated 12.4.87 has caused me problems this being the latest in a line of requests - BEAM ME UP SCOTTIE

Being a Workington resident the author of this letter would be better approaching Dale C-S.

Hopefully you will know what to do with it

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

MY REF/G-WI.

reply sent 14/12/87

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding this lett in order to introduce myself a civilian 'UFO Investigator' in operation for my area. I am associated with the much respected Yorkshire UFO Society. (YUFOS.)

Speaking as an individual, I like to place a request would all possible, for some, if at copies of a UFO report duplicate recieved by 'Rudloe Manor' of which was 87, from a witness in Harrogate, N. Yorkshire, for my own interest. 14-JULY-

I awaite your reply.

Yours Sincerel

Section 40 [redacted]

(E13/1)

17 October 87 /1/

Section 40

To Section 40 2a (Air Staff), Room Section 40

Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB.

reply sent 14/12/87

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
19 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

Dear sir,

Thank you for the information you sent me, the poster of Ranks and Air craft, are just what I was looking for, I also thank you for report written by Lt Col Halt, I have been trying to get hold of this for some time, nearly a year. I will try to get hold of the Official Secrets Act, as soon as possible. Also, is the address you sent me, the same address as I would obtain, Public records Act. Also I am looking for UFO records during WWII, do you have any. This includes any from Scotland and wales. Thank you for letter, which arrived today 16th October.

Now then I wonder weather you have any files, or report on the following incidents, I have had some of these from news paper reports.

(A) incident in News Paper reports 12th March 1986, Evening Echo, southend, Essex about long pencil object in that area, or any sighting in that area

(B) Unidentified object in birmingham, object spotted near Good hope Area of sutton Coldfield, it was spotted on radar, by birmingham airport it was in Birmingham Mail 9th Oct 86. if have report of this please send it me, for I am interested in UFO sighting around Bham ane Telford area, do you have any from telford. Also any from Jan 87, for that is when I had my sighting on motorway at about 8-35 p.m, on M54 , distance about 5 miles not sure though.

(C) Also interested in reports of Unidentified Air Craft, entering UK airspace ,(how for does our air space go out from land). This will be a hard question to answer.

P t o

(D) Western Times & Gazette 8th Aug 86, incident in North devon seen by John Garnsey a local magistrate, thats all I know about this.

(E) Now then Wheatfield cirles that appeared in corn fields any thing on that

(F) any thing on document sent in early 84, a fake document which I have enclosed, Do you have a copy of this fake document, if so please send it me, also document which was sent to Secretary of air force & Lord Cherwell on July 1952 I think that was the date, and also the respone to it.

(G) Now the following is from september 52, Air Minisry report detailing sigh sighting over RAF Topcliffe, which I think is in Yorkshire, I am not sure abu ut that.

Sighting by Lord Mountbatten reported in 1955, which I think Was sigh ted over his estate, or landed on it or in it, or somthing like that.

(H) also instructions to air traffic controllers for reporting sightings of UFOs, I th ink its in manual of air traffic services part I (one) (1984)

There are alot of thing here please try to answar all of them or some of them, I am trying to obtain an y reports the Mod as, for I do not have one. In fact I don't h ave an y. Please try to sent me some of them, do you have any more documents, from Randlesham Forest incident, also do ypu have anu news- paper reports a bout th e in cidents.

Now for something completely different, who is the defence minister, in other words whos is responeable for whitehalls actions. Section 40 [redacted] USAF he was Wing commder, how many ranks up isa B General, also what is operation keystone, which I heard on TV, well my frien ds TV. They are many questions here I hope you will try to answer all of them, please try to send me some of the reports that I h ave mentioned, and if possible any incidents around telford in 87. When was whitehall buildt, (or how long as it been standing)

Please try to responed as soon as possible, I would likr to obtain some of the reports you h ave. Try to respone within two-three weeks if I here nothing from you with in that time I will send another letter to remind you. do you know why Section 40 [redacted] is in the coun try do you kn ow what base he is at back in the USA, also FAF Shawberyis this base(IF it ex sits within shropshire.

TURN TO NEXT PAGE

Now then I am ~~xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxx~~ thinking about joining the Army or RAF how would I go about this, who would I get in touch with. The report I enclose if you h ave ~~xxxxx~~ if you have this so-called fake document please sen t it me Please try to send me some reports, which I have mentioned.

~~plese~~ Please try to respone as ~~xxxx~~ as possible, thank you for reading this.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

p.s. also interested in obtaining an y documents concernind D Day lan ds and anything on SS nazis, I met one of them, I was tempted to go Hi Hiter to see what he does.

PPS. Do you have any more US documents on UFOs - Declassified ones - well you can't send me classified ans call you or can you, I would like to see what's in some of them, but I know that I can't.

U.K. EYES 'B'

NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40

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Dear XXXXXXXXX'

As you know, OSI has completed a report on the landing of a craft of unknown orgin crewed by several entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of december 29/30 1980.

Interestingly, OSI reports that the entities were approximately 1½ meter's tall, wore what appeared to be nylon-coated pressure suits, but no helmets. Conditions on the night were misty, giving the appearance that the entities were hovering above ground level.

Tape recordings were made on which the entities are heard to speak in an electronically synthesized version of English, with a strong American accent. Similar transmissions ~~intercepted~~ intercepted irregularly by NSA since 1975. (See attached-Flag A)

According to OSI, entities had claw-like hands with three digits and a opposable thumb.

Despite original reports (Flags B-G), OSI said the craft was not damaged but landed deliberately as part af a series of visits to SAC bases in USA and Europe. Reports that craft was repaired by US servicemen or was taken on to the base are not confirmed by OSI.

Landing is not consirered a defence issue in view of the overt peaceful nature of the contact, but investigations by DSS are to be continued on xxxxxxxxxxxxx authority. Precautionary plan for counter-information at a local level involing xxxxxxxxxxx and a xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx, is stongly recommended.

Sincerely

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From: Section 40

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Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room Section 40

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Telephone: Section 40 (Direct Dialling)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date

15th October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter which I read with interest.

You asked for any information that the Ministry of Defence might have on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), especially any reports which relate to sightings made in the Birmingham area during 1978. As I mentioned in my last letter, I regret that the release of materials "en bloc" is not possible as all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Also we cannot answer general queries which would require a great deal of searching and coordination as we simply do not have the resources to undertake this sort of service for the public. However, if you have any specific queries about a particular incident which has occurred recently we can let you know if we have a report for it, and if so, what it contains. You also asked several, more varied questions and I will answer these in turn.

For full details of military aircraft performance and their roles, I would suggest that you obtain a copy of a pictorial reference book such as "Jane's: All The World's Aircraft". A copy of this or other similar books should be available in most bookshops or in your local library. Moving on to your next question, we have no objections to the taking of photographs of military aircraft when they are made available for this purpose, such as at air displays and air fairs, etc. MACH one is the term for the speed of sound, which is 762 miles per hour at sea level. Many of our fast jets can fly at MACH one or faster and therefore are capable of breaking the sound barrier.

The Official Secrets Act is a large government document which is published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO). It is still available from them at The HMSO Publications Centre, 51 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, London SW8 5DR or from a few selected bookshops. I should warn you however that it is quite expensive!

The helicopter in the 'AIRWOLF' TV series is not a production aircraft used in 'real life' and as such does not exist outside of that TV programme.

You also asked for a list of service ranks and a copy of the report written by Lt Col Charles Halt USAF describing the "Rendlesham Forest" sighting of December 1982. I attach copies of both for your information.

Your trial question asked whether or not it was legal to have a copy of Peter Wright's book "Spycatcher". Although it is not officially available in the United Kingdom, it is quite legal for you to possess a copy should you be able to obtain one.

Finally, I am sending you a poster of RAF aircraft currently in service which will give you details of their use, performance and roles. I hope that this is of help.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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ROYAL AIR FORCE
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reply sent 17/18/11/87

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Your reference
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Our reference
FYD/1816/1/OPS

Date
14 October 1987

UFO REPORT - 28-29 SEPTEMBER 1987

The enclosed letter has been received at Royal Air Force Fylingdales from the York UFO Society regarding separate incidents in roughly the same area on the night 28-29 September 1987. (See Enclosure 1). No other report was received and a UFO signal report has not been raised. A copy of the reply to [redacted] Section 40 is at Enclosure 2.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
21 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

[redacted] Section 40

Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Enclosures:

1. YUFOs letter dated 10 October 1987
2. FYD/1816/1/Ops dated 14 October 1987.

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Enclosure 1 to (E12/3)
FYO/1816/1/Ops
dated 14 Oct 87

YORKSHIRE UFO SOCIETY

SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

Reply To:

Section 40

Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS):

Section 40

10/10/87

To

STATION COMMANDER
RAF FYLINGDALE
WHITBY
N YORK

Dear Sir

I am writing for your help in the following incidents

REF NO 1

MONDAY 28 SEPT 87, 9.40 pm
A WITNESS WAS FOLLOWED ON A BY PASS YORK BY FOUR OR FIVE COLOURED LIGHTS IN CIRCLE & SHAPE ALONG THE RACE COURSE SHE SAID IT WAS NOT A PLANE OR HELICOPTER, SO DID YORK RADAR PICK UP ANY UNUSUAL AIRCRAFT OR BLEEPS

INCIDENT NO 2
DATE 29/9/87 0710 AM
ALSO AT YORK RACE COURSE THORNTON RD AREA OVER TREES
THE OBJECT SEEN SIMILAR OFF REDISH/ORANGE COLOURED GLOW
THE WITNESS STATES IT WAS NOT PLANE/HELICOPTER
DID YORK RADAR PICK UP ANY UNUSUAL AIRCRAFT/BLEEPS
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY

Enclosure
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Section 40

Enclosure 2 to FYD/1816/1/OPS dated 14 Oct 87

ROYAL AIR FORCE
Fylingdales Pickering North Yorkshire YO18 7NT

Telephone Pickering [redacted]

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Your reference
-
Our reference
FYD/1816/1/OPS
Date
14 October 1987

UFO REPORTS

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October 1987 regarding 2 sightings of unknown objects on the same night near York.

All UFO reports and queries received at Royal Air Force Fylingdales are passed to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we take no further part in that process.

Your letter has been forwarded to the appropriate departmen at the MOD and they will no doubt contact you direct if they can help you further.

[redacted]
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commandin

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14 Oct 87

Sec(AS) (For attention of Section 40

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Ref:
A. Section 40 letter dated 25 Aug 87

1. I can find no record of the incident in the Far East to which Section 40 refers. You may wish to suggest that he consult the relevant Station Operations Record Book which should be available in the Public Records Office. I cannot quote a PRO Piece number as he does not say which Station.

2. Whilst on the subject of UFOs, you may know that S4f(Air) transferred their Incident Report files to us for 1962-76 and these were indexed. Head of AHB suggests that if you hold similar files subsequent to those dates you may wish to send them to us for processing. If you do so, we would prefer them in small batches in order not to overload the system.

Section 40

AHB 4(RAF)
Section 40

OK.

Section 40 — You asked to speak.
This confirms AHB's verbal advice to CN. (Section 40 is the one who wrote to CAS + we are replying on his behalf). Your letter is currently being typed.

Section 40 20/10.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
15 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

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From: Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
13 October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August which gave further information on the "Churchill Documents" which relate to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Although we have been unable to trace these papers within the Ministry of Defence, we have passed the details contained within your letter to the Public Records Office and have asked them to establish whether or not they have any of them within their archives. The Public Records Office will be writing to you shortly to let you know the outcome of their investigations.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

From: Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date
12 October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 1 October which has been forwarded to me for attention.

You asked for any information that the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence might possess on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). It might help if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs, as reported to us, present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by the Department to investigate or identify the objects which have been seen. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the Departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

As far as the release of there reports "en bloc" is concerned all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have reports on the incident and if so what it contains.

To assist you further, please find attached the addresses of five UK organisations which are involved in the study and reporting of UFO sightings and I hope that they can give you the information you are looking for.

I am sorry I can not be of more help.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date
12 October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August to Royal Air Force St Mawgan. It has now been passed to me and I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

In response to your description of a sighting seen in Devon on the evening of the 4/5 August 1987 I have checked through our records and can confirm that we have two reports which correspond to the details you gave. I attach copies of these reports for your information.

Before I try and answer any of your more specific questions, I think you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

As with all other sighting reports, the report relating to this particular sighting and your letter havebeen referred to the staff in the department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and these have been examined as part of their normal duties. Those reports that are considered to warrant further investigation from an air defence view-point, and that of course is our only interest, prompts us to enquire of units in the locality of the sighting whether anything unusual was seen on radar or if they know of any flying activities. In this particular case nothing unusual was seen and no aircraft were sent up to investigate the phenomena. I am sure you will therefore understand that we do not have any details regarding the size, height or speed of the object. However, I can confirm that two VC10 tanker aircraft were involved in a refuelling exercise during the evening of 4/5 August over North Devon and it is therefore quite possible that the objects you mention were these aircraft.

The departments within the MOD which have an interest in air defence activities have considered these sightings and they are satisfied that they did not present a threat to the defence and security of the United Kingdom. Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is of some help.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

UFO REPORT SECTION.

Section 40

1/10

E9/2

Section 40

Phone:947-7887.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wonder if you could kindly help me with an enquiry.I am an investigator for the British UFO Research Association and have carried out investigations into a particularly strange but interesting incident that occured on 4th January,1979, in ROWLEY REGIS in the West Midlands.The local police were called out to Section 40 Section 40 Rowley Regis,which was then the home of one Section 40 .She had reported that an egg-shaped object about eight feet long had flown down and landed in her garden after which she had suffered from severe hallucinations.This object left prominent ground traces which were subsequently photographed and measured etc. Section 40 then found that her eyesight was adversely affected and her general well-being so disturbed that her GP advised her to stay off work for a fortnight.

In fact,two police-stations were involved:

1.Oldbury Police,West Midlands.

2.West Bromich Police,W.Midlands

I have written to them and although they have a record of this incident they have little detail.I would appreciate ANY information that you can furnish on this event and would of course pay for any search fee involved! – yes please!

I thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
14 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)

To Sec(AS)2a

From Gp Capt Section 40

Date 9 Oct 87

Tel Section 40

Your Ref

Our Ref D/D Air DEF/3/6/3

Subject UFOs

1. You sent me copies of 2 letters for comment, 1 from Section 40 and the other from Section 40 On the second you asked whether there were any exercises in the Derby area on 16 & 17 August.

2. It is interesting that I have received no UFO reports covering the dates in the 2 letters; had there been such extensive activity as reported by Section 40 I would have expected to receive something. However, you may wish to refer to Section 40 letter to you of 21 Aug 87 which also refers to the Derby and Burnley areas. You will see that I informed you at the time that I was aware of no Air Defence activity over the period in question.

3. I must point out that my interest in UFOs is from the air defence viewpoint and as such my points of contact tend to be UKADGE radar stations. I regret that I do not have the time, or the staff, to investigate all RAF activities to determine whether there was any flying over a particular point at a particular time. What I can say for certain is that the RAF/NATO do not conduct exercises over major conurbations at weekends (or any other time).

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Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date
9 October 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 4 September which was addressed to Royal Air Force Chivenor and has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for reply.

I was interested to read about your account of an unidentified object which you say was seen in Devon on 3 August 1987. I have looked through our records and can confirm that we received two reports from the West Country for 3/4 August which correspond to the details you gave. I attach copies of these reports for your information, although in keeping with our policy, I have deleted the identity of the informants. I would also like to confirm that two VC10 tanker aircraft were involved in a refuelling exercise in North Devon during the evening of the 4 August. It is therefore quite possible that the objects you mention were these RAF aircraft.

On a more general note you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

We have no department in the Ministry of Defence which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being so we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations or general surveys. The reports we receive are referred to MOD staff in the Deprtments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have no carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. This being so we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is of some help.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Section 40

LANCASHIRE CENTRE FOR UFO STUDIES

Section 40

Dear Section 40

At the present time we are investigating a ufo sighting in the Burnley & Pendle areas, is it possible for you to pass on any relevant information conerming any Military flights,air displays which any aircraft would have to pass the Burnley & Pendle areas between the times 9.30-10.10am. The date would have been on the Thursday September 10th 1987.

All the information you send me shall be received by me and we shall treat it with the utmost confidence.

Hoping for your co-operation in this matter and your co-operation in the future.

Yours

Section 40

(L.C.F.U.F.O.S.)

PS.Could you please send any info to : Section 40

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 7 OCT 1987
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Sec(AS)2a distribution:

GE(AEW) : Any view ? ✓ see attached letter 8/10 12/10

MISS : Information – I don't believe we have received a report. ✓

No Section 40 12/10

Section 40 8/10

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

(E8)

(4)

1st October 1987

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
MAIN BUILDING,
WHITEHALL,
SW1A 2HB.

Dear Sir,

I should like to enquire if it would be possible to give me any information about U.F.O.'s or if possible the address of N.A.S.A.

To explain, I am a student at Monkwearmouth College studying a Social Care Course. Part of my assessment is to complete a project about a subject we particularly like. I have chose U.F.O's.

I would be very grateful for any information you are able to supply.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 5 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

(E7/2)

No, he refers to our letter in his first sentence. CA

altho it seems possible that his letter was written BA the

[redacted] Section 40

[redacted] Section 40 first wrote in July asking for information (any) on UFOs. Our reply dated 5 August was a general one giving details of our involvement / interest in UFOs and stating that we couldn't release information "en-bloc".

Remind him of the 5 Aug reply.

For this letter, I will restate that we cannot release information on general enquiries covering a non-specific period and that we cannot afford the time to look through old files, etc.

E7/1

As for military aircraft – I will point him to the nearest reference book – e.g. Jones. The Official Secrets Act can be obtained from HMSO. The Airwolf helicopter does not exist! We can find a list of ranks from a MOD manual I think. I believe that Spycatcher is still not officially available for the UK.

Lastly, [redacted] Section 40 asks if we can have a copy of Col Halt's "Rendlesham Forest incident" report. This I will attach. (The question is on the envelope!)

[redacted] Section 40

29/9

MACH 1 you did explain!
Possibly ever send him a letter.

E7/1

TO: Section 40 SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF)

2a, Room Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB.

Dear sir,

I acked some time ago, about any UFO files you might have, I recived yourletter on the 7th Aug I have not since recived any thing. Can you please send me any UFO Files you may have, do you have any around Birmingham in 1978, If not could you please send me any files you may get your hands on. Some thing esle, is it legal to take photographs of Military Air craft, for I am interest in the feats a fighter is capable of, including the speed, What does MARK One meam , I don't think that is spell't right it's about the speed of the aircraft.

Do you kow where I can get hold of The offical Secrets Act

Also,is there any Helecopter called AIRWOLF you know the TV series, its american I think. Thank you for reading this letter, Please reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

P.S. RANKS COULD YOU PLEASE SEND ME A LIST OF THEM,AND AMERICAN RANKS COMPAIRED TO OURS,THANK YOU.

THE SPYCATHER BOOK IS IT LEGAL TO HAVE A COPY.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
29 SEP 1987
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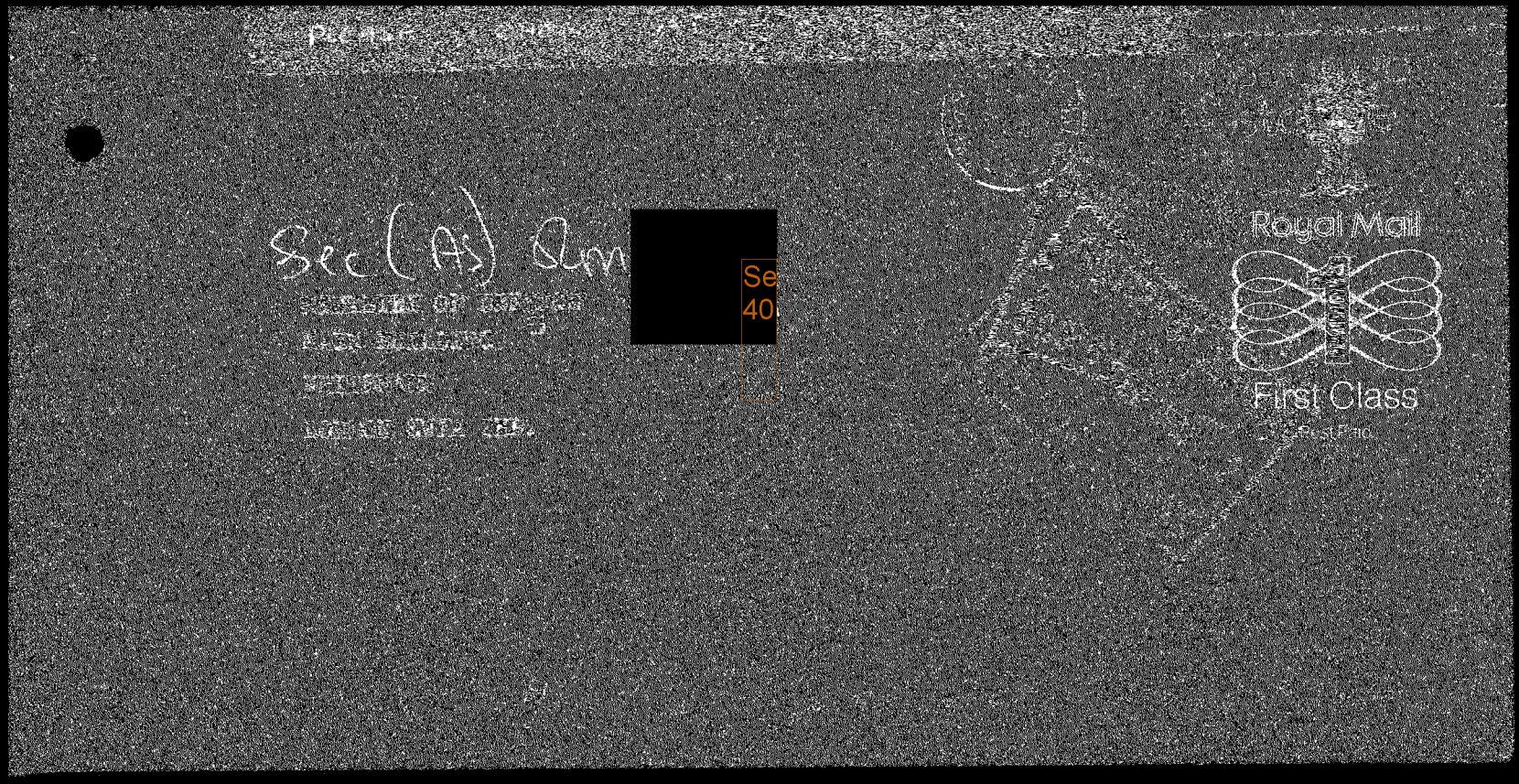
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
29 September 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter which described a sighting a lorry driver made whilst travelling between Skipton and Harrogate on 23 December 1983.

As I mentioned in my letter of 20 August, we only investigate reported sightings to see if they present a threat to the defence and security of the United Kingdom. In this particular case I have found out that we did not receive a sighting report and as we were unaware of the incident no attempt was made to investigate it from here. Nonetheless I can assure you that the department within the Ministry of Defence which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom constantly monitors UK airspace to ensure the continuing defence and security of the United Kingdom.

I hope that this is of some help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

(E6/8)

Sec (AS) distribution : see attached letter [redacted] 12/10

GE(AEW) : Please let me know if there were any exercises etc in the Derby area on 16 & 17/08. (para 3 refer). [redacted]

DISS : You may be interested to read para 5. I will, of course, ask for a photo.

[redacted] 8/10

[redacted] 8/10

September 28, 1987
Tel: [redacted]

Dear Sir,

I am writing as a student at Sheffield University and area representative of the Independant UFO Network, which investigates alleged sightings of "UFOs" in the north of England.

My reason for contacting you is to ask if your Ministry is aware of the numerous sightings of an unidentified delta-volent shaped flying object, carrying a barrage of brilliant lights, over the towns of Derby and Uttoxeter on the nights of Sunday, August 16th and Monday, August 17th, 1987 respectively. I have personally interviewed six witnesses who obtained very good views of this object, including a couple who came within 100 feet of it when returning home to Derby on the night of August 16th.

I would like to ask if you can provide any suggestions or explanations as to what was observed on the above nights, and whether there was any military/RAF/NATO exercise or helicopter manoeuvres taking place in the above areas at the stated times. I realise this information may be confidential, but I must stress that I have no wish to know what may have been going on that night, only if there were military aircraft in the area at the time that the Ministry was aware of.

I would also like to ask if the Ministry has received any other reports relating to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena reported during the month of August 1987, and if so whether details could be provided.

I am preparing a detailed dossier containing the relevant details of the cases I have investigated above (including a sighting in Barnsley in which the witness obtained photographs of an unknown flying object which are are the moment being analysed by computer in the USA), and will provide a copy for your Ministry if you feel these incidents are of defence interest,

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future (SAE enclosed),

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 6 OCT 1987
FILE 12/3

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

E6/5

Section 40 [redacted] – UFOs

Telecon Section 40 [redacted] PSO/CAS of 16/9 refers.

PSO/CAS has acknowledged Section 40 [redacted] letter and he has said that we will provide a more comprehensive reply on behalf of CAS.

NOTE of 21/09

I have tried without success to contact Section 40 [redacted] of S5. Apparently he is in the US and will not be returning until Monday 28/09. He has a stand-in but he does not know how to operate the computer software in order to obtain the details of UFO sightings that I require. I therefore have no option but to wait until 28/09 for an answer from D5 S5.

Section 40 [redacted] 21/9

NOTE of 29/09

Section 40 [redacted] returned to work today and I asked him to determine whether he had any information on the 1952 sightings.

Section 40 [redacted] 29/9

NOTE of 30/9 – Section 40 [redacted] has no knowledge or record of the 1952 sightings. Letter also copied to AMS (RAF).

Section 40 [redacted] 30/9

No joy with AMS(RAF) on 1952 sightings. Section 40 [redacted] 3/10

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4
(Revised 5/84)

(E6/4)

To Sec(AS)da [redacted]

From GE3

Date 18 Sep 87

Tel [redacted]

Your Ref D/Sec(AS)/12/3 dated 17 Sep 87

Our Ref D/D Air Def 3/6/3

Subject UFO – LETTER FROM [redacted]

1. Further to our conversation, I am sure that [redacted] question has been asked before and therefore an answer should be on your files.

2. Notwithstanding, I see no reason why we should not explain that those reports which we consider are worth investigating prompt us to enquire of our units in the vicinity of the sighting whether they saw anything on radar or knew of any flying activities. Quite clearly we are only interested, from the AD viewpoint, any aircraft which have made unauthorised penetrations, flights of the coast and then of UK airspace. Our interest does not extend as far as identifying every aerial phenomenon. As to who decides in the MOD, you might wish to say that those departments which have an interest in air defence activities are consulted and make separate assessments.

NOTE

Although GE were asked for information regarding the [redacted] case the information contained here is relevant to the letter sent in by [redacted] 1/10.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Rank/Appointment WG Cdr/GE3

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MOD Form 4A

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To GE (AEW) GE3
Room [redacted]

From Sec (AS) 2a
Room [redacted]

Date 17 Sep 87

Tel. [redacted]

Your ref.

Our ref. D/Sec (AS)/12/3

Subject UFOs – LETTER FROM [redacted]

Please find attached a copy of a letter to CAS from [redacted] This has been passed to us for action.

I believe that there is one point that you may be interested in – namely his last questions, underlined in red.

My letter to [redacted] will be based on our "standard" paragraphs. However, he has asked a specific question about "how we investigate sightings to see if they have defence implications" and before I answer it, I would like to know what we are allowed to say. Can you please give me a form of words explaining briefly how it is done without giving anything that might be classified away!

Thanks.

Rank/ Appointment EO

Name in Block Letters [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

MEMORANDUM MOD Form 41

To D/S5 Metropole.

From Sec (AS) 2a file copy (E6/2)

Date 16/09/87

Tel. Section 40

Your ref.

Our ref. 12/3

Subject UFO CORRESPONDENCE

1. Please find attached a copy of a letter from Section 40 Section 40 You may recall that I spoke to you about this a few weeks ago.

2. Please would you let me know if you have any record of Section 40 sighting in 1952. I expect that you will need further information; his report is rather vague. Any other comments on "clear intent" and his last question (underlined) would be appreciated.

3. A quick reply would be helpful. Thanks. A telephone call will suffice in the first instance.

~~Rank~~/ Appointment SO

Name in Block Letters Section 40

Signature Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Private and Confidential.

Chief of The Air Staff
Ministry Of Defence
MOD Building
South Entrance
Whitehall
London SW1.

25th August 1987

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir,

In 1952 I was stationed in the Far East with the RAF at a particularly large and important base, and during one fine summers day with not a cloud in sight, nor any aircraft about, or balloons or flares, suddenly and in full view of everyone on the base, we were deliberately buzzed by a large flying disc which glowed red on the trailing edge as it made several passes over our basin which housed our Vampire and Meteor aircraft, and it also glowed silver in the middle, and it made a loud buzzing sound as it shot about. The disc was in the area for about three minutes before it shot straight up to the zenith at a speed our radar chaps estimated to be about 600 knots.

We were told not to write home about it, or to talk about it to outsiders, but we were all aware that we had seen something of great importance, and since then I have been studying intelligent reports, and I am convinced that governments are aware that these things are not coming from outer space, other galaxies either, but somewhere else, another place, and if you read the book "Clear Intent" published be Prentice-Hall, which is total documentary, 250 pages of declassified Top Secret documents from a whole host of US Agencies, about UFO activity, CIA,FBI, NSA, NORAD, SAC, OSI, CIC, DIA, NPIC, ATIC, etc, and with gracious consent from H.M. Goverment MOD and the RAF, the landing of a UFO in Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters which is owned by MOD and leased out to the US Air Force, on December 30th 1980.

I trust you are still not putting out the same old reply to public interest on UFO matters, in that you only investigate UFO reports to establish if there is a threat to National Defence, and if there is no threat, that is the end of the matter. We do not investigate whether UFOs exist, or what causes them.

So let me ask you who decides in the MOD there is no danger to our defences, and how do you investigate it?

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
29 September 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 15 September 1987 which requested information on possible UFO sightings reported in the South East region during the period 1980 to 1987.

As I mentioned in my letter dated 5 August 1987 we are able to answer specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and let you know whether we have any reports, and if so what they contain. However, we can not answer more general queries which would require a great deal of searching and co-ordination as we simply do not have the resources to undertake this sort of service for the public.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
29 September 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the report of an unusual sighting you and your family witnessed from your back garden on 4 September 1987 which has been passed to me by Chesterfield Police Station.

You may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects.

I have referred your report to the staff in the department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and it has been examined as part of their normal duties. The Department is satisfied that the events you described are of no defence significance.

Nonetheless it is clear from the reports we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is of value.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

20 Sep 87

AHB 1(RAF)

CHURCHILL DOCUMENTS - UFOs

Reference:
A. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 17 Jul 87.

1. You may recall that we spoke about this subject in July when we had a request from Section 40 who was enquiring whether we had any knowledge of some so called "Churchill Documents" which apparently related to the subject of UFOs. We, however, were unable to help and asked him to provide further information. He has now replied to this effect and I attach a copy of his latest letter for your information.

2. I would be grateful if you would determine whether you have any papers which correspond to the references given in his letter and let me have your response as soon as possible. I have also passed a copy to the Records Office to see if they can help.

Section 40

Sec(AS)2a

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
29 September 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 3 September which enclosed your notebook recording the details of various strange happenings which you have encountered over the last few years. It made fascinating reading.

As you are already aware, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not unidentified sightings present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. This being the case our knowledge of UFO and alien phenomena is extremely limited and therefore I can't possibly begin to offer you an explanation for your experiences.

Like yourself, the Ministry of Defence has an open mind on the UFO subject but to date we have received no indisputable evidence that aliens have landed on this planet. Nonetheless, we are grateful to you for writing about your experiences and you might be interested to know that we received no other reports which correspond to the details that you gave.

I hope you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

p.s. I am returning your notebook which I am sure you will want to keep for future reference.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
29 September 1987

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter which provided details of a sighting you and your friends made on 13 April 1987. I have looked through our records and I regret that I do not have any further information on this particular sighting; yours is the first report.

You may find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those, such as yourself, who witnessed them. The reports are then referred to MOD staff in the Department which is responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties. Your report will be sent shortly.

Although our interest in UFOs is limited it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I can confirm that we received about 120 reports during the last year and since September 1986 we have had 17 from the Yorkshire, area. However I regret that the release of this material en bloc is not possible as all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. However, we are able to answer any specific queries you may have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

Finally I would like to assure you that there is no question of attempting to cover up any incident, nor are we trying in any way to obscure the truth about UFOs from the general public.

I hope you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted] ok fine Section 40

please see draft reply

Section 40 2/9

reply sent 29/9/87

Dear

Section 40 [redacted]

Let me Introduce myself my name is Section 40 [redacted] and I am 14 years old. I am writing to you about a subject that has probably caused the Ministry of Defense a few problems and maybe even put you under presure at a time.

The Subject is UFO's I dont no wether you believe in UFO's or not but what I do no is that my following qestions should be answered. You must forgive

me for being so frank but in the past people, organisations, papers, books have all in different ways stated and claimed that the Ministry of Defence have kept quiet, covered up and plain egnored UFO Sightings. Wether you have or not is not for me to say but the idear itself I find exstremly distcusting and if true you should hang your heads in shame. But I will see for my "open minded self" by requesting a little information.

Since February 16th 1987 myself and 5 other people have begun a small UFO club named The, British, youth, UFO, research, Association. at first it was a bit of a joke but

arter a time as we gathered UFO sightings we began to take things more and more seriously ewentually we began are own magasine and so on. we have realised that over the last 3½ years strange happenings concerning UFOs have ocured many we have witressed ourselves. we have faced family, school and public Ridicule but after a recent sighting on the 9th July comeing from school on the school bus out of a place called stainton to tickhill all the the kids who had originally Ridiculed us witressed 3 cigar shaped UFOs across the sky witch hoverd flew in formation and vertiacly howerd in hieght.

Since no one has ridiculed

us. But the Information I would like to know is if you knew of the following Sighting -

It started when 4 of are members were sleeping in the backgarden in a tent. We were outside looking out. The Date 13th APRIL / Time = 8.44 to 9.00pm

First I noticed some lights across from us over the road I saw in the Sky far back over a Bungalow. Overall over 20 hights were seen Green, Red, white, and blue to moves at a slow speed across passing each other.

Next a large red light moved across and suddenly in a flash changed into a star like large bright, white Light and shot out - light like sparks.

then it shrunk and changed to a dim white-ball and the finaly green to red and shot off we were a little puzzeled as you will probably expect. I rang The yorkshire UFO society and Spoke to [redacted] I told him that I had rang about the Sighting to R A F Finingly and Spoke to The C.A.O officer he told me that there was no airmanaver on the 13th April (suggested by [redacted] and that the R.A.F get 6 UFO's a month on Average in the yorkshire area. Its not that I dont believe the R.A.F but you never no I request if you could wright back to me giving me the following Information —

1) I F the 6 a month UFO sightings in the Yorkshire area is true

2) I F possible wether there was a UFO ocurence on the 13th of April.

3) I F you have eny - UFO cases or information you can give me please, please, please do!.

And if there ever was eny-cover ups I hope you care clean

hope to be hearing from you Soon

Best, Best wishes

From

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