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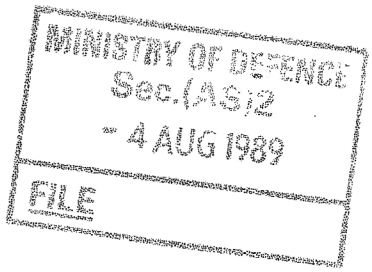

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Section 40 [redacted]

29 July 1989

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

Your Ref: D/Sec(AS)12/3

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of the 21st. July concerning the recent incident I reported.

As you may have gleaned from my report neither I nor my two companions on this occasion have the slightest interest in UFOs in the normally accepted sense, neither do we consider that this 'sighting' would have been in an etherial category. Neither, also, did any of us imagine we were witnessing anything which suggested any sort of threat to the security of the Country.

If we thought there could be a sinister conotation to the incident it would have related to the possibility of it being connected in some way to the unauthorised 'delivery' of prohibited materials into the country. In hindsight, it was thought surprising that the County Police did not take that view and, at least, cause local enquiries to be made - through the local officer. We, ourselves, tended to dismiss the idea as the incident occurred some distance from a road or pathway.

Whatever the incident does not suggest, it certainly does to the apparent ease with which an aircraft can arrive and depart without anyone (in an official capacity) being any the wiser.

As I mentioned in my report, it is not intended to take the matter further from this direction.

Thank you for your advice and interest.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

25 July 1989

DPO(C) - Section 40

Copy to:
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THE WOGAN SHOW - PROPOSED PROGRAMME ON UFOs

1. You will have seen that US of S(AF) has agreed that the MoD should not participate in the proposed programme on UFOs currently being considered by the BBC as a topic for a future Wogan Show.

2. You will wish to go back to Section 40, the BBC researcher who raised this proposal, advising him of the department's decision and offering him a statement of MoD policy on UFOs (attached).

3. We would of course be very interested to hear if the BBC intend to go ahead with the programme without any MoD involvement.

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MOD STATEMENT ON UFOs

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2. The MoD has no section dedicated to the study of UFOs, nor any staff employed on the subject full time. Sighting reports that are received are referred to air defence staffs who check that they do not provide evidence of a threat to the continuing security and defence of the UK or an unauthorised incursion into UK airspace. Unless it is judged that there is a threat, and this has not been the case so far, the MoD does not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

3. Because MoD's interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications the Department does not undertake general surveys or studies into the scientific significance of the phenomenon, nor does the MoD have the resources to do so. Defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, the threat of aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. As such the use of finite resources on scientific investigations could not be justified, unless a clear threat had been identified.

4. Most reputable UFO organisations in the UK are fully aware of the MoD's limited involvement with this subject and, as far as can be ascertained, accept that the MoD in no way attempts to conceal activity from the general public.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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25 JUL 1989
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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE ARMED FORCES

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Copy to:
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UFO'S - WOGAN SHOW

Reference:
A. D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 19 July 1989

US of S(AF) has noted your minute at Reference and is generally content except for the last 2 lines which should read "accept that the MOD in no way attempts to conceal activity from the general public."

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APS/US of S(AF)
Section 40 [redacted]

24 July 1989

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)

ENCL No 61

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
25th July 1989

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) which, as the appropriate Department, has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for reply.

As you will be aware from our previous correspondence, although the MOD does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to determine whether or not they present a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. If we do not feel that this is so, and this has been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate the incident further, or identify what might have been seen. Additionally, the MOD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying the phenomena, nor do we have any staff employed on the subject full time. As you will expect, therefore, we do not carry out investigations into the phenomena, nor do we have the resources to do so.

With regard to your second, as far as we are aware, there has been no further debate on the subject of UFOs in the House of Lords. And, as I have said in the past, I would like to assure you that there is no attempt to conceal the "truth" about the phenomena, or cover up incidents reported to us. Indeed, it would be a nonsense to attach such significance to a simple lack of staff, resources and direct interest in the subject.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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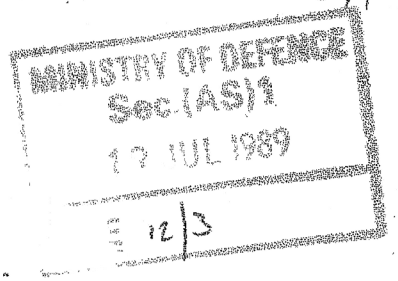

Head of Sec(AS)

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.

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for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40 [redacted]

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am sending this letter to you on my behalf concerning my special interest towards the World Wide problem relating to the complex subject of ' Unidentified Flying Objects', or (U.F.O's) . I am not readily fully aware if you are well versed upon this controversial subject ,or Phenomenon, but if I may, I would like to ask you if I am allowed , a few questions upon this subject ?

Firstly, what is the, or,how rather is the Government and the M.O.D at Whitehall concerned with the U.F.O phenomenon , or subject ? And secondly, Has their been any more uebate in the House of Lords study group on the matter? . And thirdly, And why is important information witheld from the public concern ?

I hope that I have not delayed you from your other vital important duties, by asking these questions, upon the above mentioned subject ? I do thank you for your time . . . .

Yours Sincerely,

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This chap is a regular and already knows MoD policy and involvement with the subject of UFOs. As such there is little we can add to what we have already said. Therefore I would suggest we reply along the lines of :

(a) Reiterate MoD (governmental) policy on UFOs.

(b) As far as we are aware there has been no further debate in the House of Lords

(c) Reiterate that we do not attempt to conceal the "truth" about UFO phenomena or cover up incidents.

As this is a Prime Ministerial card I have it for my signature please.

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling Section 40
(Switchboard) ext

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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

21st July 1989

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for the report of an unusual sighting witnessed by yourself and your wife, to the Chief Constable of Hampshire, which has been passed to the Ministry of Defence for our action and retention.

I hope you will find it useful to know that while the MOD does receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish 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 - we do not attempt to investigate or identify what might have been seen. Additionally, the MOD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor do we have any staff employed on the subject full-time. As you will expect, therefore, we do not carry out studies or investigations into the phenomena, nor do we have the resources to do so. In this context, I am sorry to say that I am unable to offer you any definitive explanation as to what you might have witnessed, though it is possible that the lights you saw were reflections rather than emitted light from an object.

I would like to thank you again for taking the trouble to make a report, and I hope this reply will be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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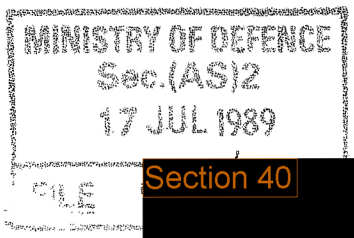

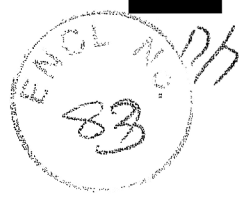

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11 July 1989

The Chief Constable,
Hampshire Constabulary,
Romsey Road,
Winchester.

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Would you please draft a reply in the lines of : a) Thanks for report, b) passed to MoD c) our involvement with paranormal d) can't say what it was but obviously unusual (has it not something with a shiny surface (ie reflects light) rather than emitting it)

Dear Chief Constable,

I am enclosing herewith a Report I have prepared as being directly concerned with the incident described and, in the first instance, should say that its production has only incidental relationship with other reports appearing in the National Press of late concerning unexplained occurrances which have apparently taken place in our own and neighbouring counties.

I am sending the report (only) to you because you may have other interests in what I describe than that of explaining a 'mystery' and because you would be likely to know in which other direction the report might be sent - if at all, and not the least because I and the members of my Family concerned have no wish to be concerned with the media. Perhaps, a more practical aspect of concern would be to 'get the matter off my shoulders' !

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At present, my action in sending the report to you is one of advice only, without any idea that it should be acted upon by the Constabulary and I am fully content to agree in advance with any action decided upon, which would include nil action. On the other hand, if I should be required to enlarge upon the brief details given I would hope to be able to do so with guidance.

Yours faithfully,

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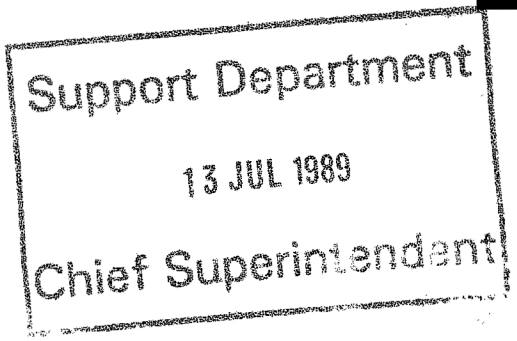

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A REPORT ON A CURRENTLY UNEXPLAINED INCIDENT.

On Saturday, the 6th. May 1989 this reporter and two Lady companions were travelling along the A 32 road in a motor vehicle at about 5.15 p.m. and had reached a point about one kilometre north of the crossroads at West Meon Hut when the attentions of all three occupants were attracted simultaneously and decisively to a bright light coming from the area since identified as Bailey Green - towards the East of their position. The conditions at the time were that of a fine late afternoon with little cloud and with a strong light from the western sun. Upon each person asking the same question 'what is that bright light' the motor car was brought to a standstill on the western side of the roadway and the occupants alighted to see what they could the more easily and went over to the east side of the road where there was a gap in the hedge and from which position the 'object' could be seen without obstruction and at a distance since gauged to be slightly under 1 kilometre. From this position the viewers saw the very bright lights against the backdrop of tall trees bordering a field of growing crops on the far side since sited as being adjacent to O.S. Map Reference 663270 but were unable to identify or describe the object itself other than to agree that it appeared to be the size a large motorcyle seen head-on or such as the frontal view of the fuselage of a small aeroplane. It was further agreed at the time and since that any outline was in the nature of being indistinct - one viewer calling it 'fuzzy'.

The object was seen to descend sharply to a height of about 15/20 feet above the standing young crop where it hovered in one position still facing the viewers and still emitting two or more strong lights which the viewers had at first thought could have been the reflection of the sun (behind them) on a windscreen or similar reflecting material. During the short period of hovering two of the viewers thought they were watching the 'antics' of a small helicopter (in which case it could have been difficult, if not impossible to see its rotor blades - because they would be roughly in the same plane) but this was discounted on account of there being no discernable down-draught effect on to the standing crops - they were quite undisturbed. For the same reason,

the thought was that the object was not supported by a 'James Bond' system of downward-thrusting jets (which would certainly have flattened any sort of crop).

After about a minute or less appearing to slowly gyrate over one spot the object turned sharply through 90 degrees towards the North and a further line of trees bordering that edge of the field and, in spite of it turning the previously thought 'headlights' continued to shine as brightly from the left side of the object. The object gathered speed and, maintaining the same height above ground, appeared to 'charge' the line of trees, which were estimated as being about 60 feet in height, as if to go through them. At the last moment, the object appeared literally to 'jump' the line of trees after which time it was lost to view from the viewers position.

Immediately after seeing the object disappear over the line of trees (roughly coincident with O.S. Grid Line 27) the viewers returned quickly to the motor car and drove to the area beyond (on the North side of) the latter trees - reasonably expecting to see the object and discern what, in fact, it was, but although there was clear country in the area there was no sign of any aircraft - in the air or on the ground. It could be regarded as significant that at no time during the initial observations or the sequel described above, was there any sound at all - let alone such sound as usually relating to small aircraft.

A few days after the incident, the writer and his Wife (two of the viewers) returned to the area to endeavour to locate anyone who had heard or seen of the incident and, although this included making contact with the owner of the field of 'standing crops' referred to earlier in this report, and living adjacent to the secondary field towards which the object 'flew' when it disappeared, no one was contacted who had had any knowledge of the incident. Questioned as to the possibility of crop-spraying having been in progress the owner said that this had not taken place in the vicinty 'for years' - neither had any activity such as described been authorised in the area.

The following factors should be considerd in conjunction with the above Report :-

As to the Viewers.

These are the Writer of this report, a retired Squadron Leader (RAF) and one-time Member of the RAF Central Flying

School and past Member of the Popular Flying Association who has maintained a superficial interest in that latter body which exists to supervise and encourage builders of 'Home-made' aeroplanes and do likewise in the field of experimental light aircraft (but who is not now so directly associated in that field), the writer's Wife who is of a Family known in the field of sporting fly ing prior to WW II, and their sister-in-Law whose background is that of Wartime RAF and WRNS. Each is in the categoryof a retired person but has no knowledge nor interest in such as what is termed Unidentified Fly ing Objects (UFOs). Neither viewer would be likely to ascribe the recent experience to supernatural or other like basis, neither would they in any way be given to aspects of fancy. It is signficant that each viewer - reckoning that there could be a possibility of reportage of the incident - conferred with the others immediately after the incident and were in complete agreement as to what each had witnessed. Notes were taken but little or nor discussion has taken place between viewers since the incident and there is, therefore little if any likilhood of embellishment of report.

As to the Object.

Had the object been a conventional fly ing machine it is most likely that one or more of the viswers would have indentified it as to category of aircraft but it was not of recognisable shape and the brilliance of the lights (which were not confined as to position to the front of the object) precluded any sort of appreciation. For the same reason no marks of indentification could be seen. The craft was evidently extremely manoeuvrable, especially in vertical control. As stated in the report, no sound came from the object as would cetainly have been the case had it been in the category of, say a light helicopter or ultralight aeroplane - at the distance seen.

As to the conditions.

The afternoon was one of excellent visability though this factor would have only marginally assisted seeing the craft from the position described, owing to the comparatively short distance involved. The sun, being behind the viewers, would not have detracted from viewing. Wind conditions were light.

The following are considered by the Writer as being significant :

(a) The apparent abundance and brilliance of the lights.

(b) The ability of the aircraft to hover closely over growing crops without any apparent disturbance of crops due to any downward thrust. (Note, the viewers did not reckon at the time or thereafter to inspect the field concerned, partly because the area was clearly private and partly because such inspection would not (presumably, at the time) have proved anything. The incident occurred before the more recent reporting of 'flattened crops' or similar.)

(c) The ability of the aircraft to stay in one position clear of the ground, if it was not of helicopter category.

(d) The remarkable ability of the craft to 'jump' a 60 ft. screen of trees - always assuming that a pilot would be fool enough to try such otherwise dangerous exercise.

(e) The complete absence of aircraft noise in the relatively calm conditions which pervaded.

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

5 Jul 89

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THE WOGAN SHOW - POSSIBLE FEATURE ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. US of S(AF) will wish to be aware that the Department has been approached by a researcher from the BBC **Wogan** Show regarding a feature they are considering on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

2. If the feature is to go ahead, and this is still far from clear, the programme will focus on the allegations of a Government cover up of the 'true' facts of the UFO phenomenon. The researcher claims to have an expert who has seen classified MoD documents which confirm that the Department has a section dedicated to the study of UFO activity and seeks to ensure that this knowledge is concealed from the public. As the Minister will be aware, although Sec(AS) receives and coordinates information that the MoD receives on reported sightings, the Department does not attempt to carry out scientific investigations or general surveys into the subject.

3. To balance the programme, which we understand would be broadcast either at the end of the month or in the autumn, the BBC have asked whether the appropriate Minister, in this case US of S(AF), would be willing to appear on the programme and answer the "expert".

4. The MoD's line on UFOs, which has been deployed over many years, emphasises that the Department's interest is strictly limited. There is little that can be added to this, and MoD representation is unlikely to affect the outcome of the programme one way or another. Indeed participation might reinforce the misconception that the MoD has a significant interest in the UFO phenomenon. On balance, therefore, we would advise against participation by a Minister, or indeed any other MoD representative, offering to the BBC instead a statement of MoD policy on UFOs along the lines of the attached draft. It is possible that this approach may also cause the programmers to reconsider the value of the feature since without someone to counter the allegations of a "cover up", it will be difficult for the lively debate, which they are seeking to generate, to take place.

5. I should be grateful to know if US of S(AF) is content for the suggestion of MoD participation to be politely declined and for the attached statement of MoD policy, which is in keeping with that adopted in all Parliamentary and public correspondence on this subject, to be forwarded to the BBC via the Defence Press Office.

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MOD STATEMENT ON UFOs

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2. The MoD has no section dedicated to the study of UFOs, nor any staff employed on the subject full time. Sighting reports that are received are referred to air defence staffs who check that they do not provide evidence of a threat to the continuing security and defence of the UK or an unauthorised incursion into UK airspace. Unless it is judged that there is a threat, and this has not been the case so far, the MoD does not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

3. Because MoD's interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications the Department does not undertake general surveys or studies into the scientific significance of the phenomenon, nor does the MoD have the resources to do so. Defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, the threat of aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. As such the use of finite resources on scientific investigations could not be justified, unless a clear threat had been identified.

4. Most reputable UFO organisations in the UK are fully aware of the MoD's limited involvement with this subject and, as far as can be ascertained, accept that the MoD in no way attempts activity from the general public.

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ENCL. NO. 80

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Wogan Show

1. Our esteemed bosses have decided that Wogan will get a statement and naught else. However, to be absolutely sure that we are not offering a hostage to fortune or substantiating the "conspiracy theory" we should clear our statement with Ministers.

2. Please prepare as succint and comprehensive statement on MoD policy as you can. I think we can be quite explicit that UFO's are looked at as just one part of the department's interest in the air defence of the UK. There is no section dedicated to UFO's nor any attempt to conceal the level of reported UFO activity from the public. All reports are looked at from a sigle

point of view — do they provide evidence of a threat to the defence of the UK, beyond this our interceds ends — Most reputable UFO Societies are well aware of this position.

3. Let's talk about this once we have a statement prepared.

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ARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

HOUSE OF COMMONS/LORDS

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Type of Question:- First Order Oral (No .....); Non Priority Written; Supplementary Questions are not required.

Please type Member's name, party, constituency and Question here

Mr Teddy Taylor. Conservative. Southend East. To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made in the enquiries initiated by Army helicopters based in the South West in investigating the origin of flattened circular areas of wheat; and if he will make a statement.

DRAFT ANSWER

The MOD is not conducting any inquiries into the origins of flattened circular areas of crops. However, we are satisfied that they are not caused by Service helicopter activity.

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BACKGROUND NOTE.

It is assumed that this question has been inspired by recent press articles (example attached) on this phenomenon in advance of the forthcoming publication of two books on the subject. The reply is self explanatory.

TODAY Thursday, July 6, 1989

Throughout the summer these circles appear mysteriously at dead of night. Scientists are baffled . . but *today* is on tail of the culprits

by GLENN GALE and RACHEL COHEN

AS NIGHT approached a hush fell over the camp. The 50 scientists and engineers sensed they were close to solving a mystery that had baffled the world for a decade.

Who or what was responsible for the perfectly formed circles which were appearing in the cornfields of southern England?

Everything from hedgehogs to aliens had been blamed. Now, as the team settled down to their long vigil, they felt confident that their sensors and scanners, the best that high-tech could offer, would solve the puzzle.

They were mistaken. Dawn broke to reveal a new circle had appeared *behind* their camp. The riddle of the rings was as perplexingly intact as ever.

In fact, so far this summer 151 new rings have been spotted, leaving farmers and researchers scratching their heads.

Despite their confusion, theories abound as to what causes the circles — some a little easier to accept than others.

HEDGEHOGSY

SOME think the rings may be caused by demented hedgehogs running around in cicles. That claim has been dismissed as hogwash by Les Stocker, who with his wife Sue runs the St Tiggywinkles Hedgehog Hospital in Aylesbury.

"Poor old hedgehogs, they get the blame for everything," says Les. "They are definitely not the guilty party in this case." The nature-loving couple offer their own solution to the mystery. They say giant mushrooms are the culprits.

UFOs

THIS has been a recurring theme ever since a group of UFO watchers in Wiltshire claimed to have seen a circle being laid down. They reported seeing the wheat go down like a lady's fan opening.

"There have been reported sightings of UFOs and circles but never simultaneously," says Dr Richard Lawrence, secretary of the Aetherius Society, a religious organisation that believes in UFOs.

"The formations suggest some kind of aerial machinery because there are no indentations to suggest an approach from the ground.

"Of course, the main problem is UFOs are capable of being invisible."

WIND VORTICES

THIS, according to physicist Dr Terence Meaden, is air that either sucks up or presses down.

Dr Meaden says: "The atmosphere concentrates a quantity of electric charges into a spinning ball.

"If this spinning ball plunges into a field it sweeps out a circle of damage.

"The uniformity of the circles can be attributed to the fact that a spinning ball is symmetrical."

A London Weather Centre forecaster says: "I have seen whole areas of forests flattened in perfect circles by real tornados in the US but the crop circles here are localised and small.

"It is common to get small whirlwinds in hot weather. In Australia they call them dust devils. You can't see them most of the time though, unless dust or smoke is caught up."

HELICOPTERS

THE suggestion that military choppers caused the rings was debunked after a military boffin concluded that to create distinct circular patterns, a helicopter would have to fly upside down.

A spokesman says: "If you tried to fly a helicopter upside down it would make a greater mess of a field than just a circle when it crashed."

HAILSTONES

GIANT hailstones would explain the shape and lack of evidence caused by the hailstones melting into the earth.

The hailstones could be formed by airlines releasing toilet contents at 30,000 feet which then freeze.

But the Met Office says the laws of probability dictate that by now such atmospheric ice bombs should have hit at least one city, causing massive destruction.

OZONE LAYER

SMALL holes in the ozone layer could over the Home Counties may be allowing undiluted ultra violet lightbeams which cause crop stems to collapse.

POACHERS

SNARES may catch wild animals which try to escape, running in ever decreasing circles as the snare wire winds around the fixing post.

RUTTING ROES

DEER playing the mating game and rolling around in the cornfields could be the cause of the mystery.

Pat Lloyd, secretary of the Master Deerhounds Association, says: "People who have spent a long time studying this say they are roe rings.

"I had a friend who is no longer alive who photographed roe rings. He believed the cause was two deer mating."

The debate gains new impetus next week when two books are published on the same day exploring the mystery.

Silbury Hill, in the depths of Wiltshire, is the backdrop chosen by physicist Dr Meaden to unravel the riddle in his book The Circle Effect And Its Mysteries.

"It's actually the wind," he says with a shrug. "Believe me, it can do much more than we give it credit for.

"Vortices of air could either suck up or press down. Yachtsmen know what I'm talking about."

Though the circles have been reported in Britain as far back as 1948, the open season began at the beginning of this decade.

Dr Meaden, physicist in charge of the privately funded Tornado And Storm Research Organisation in Bradford-On-Avon, registered his first sighting in 1980 when two appeared in Westbury.

He was on the look-out again yesterday morning as he took a tour through the Wiltshire countryside where he lives with his French wife Jacquie and their three children.

He pulled over his open top 1958 Austin Healey — "ideal for this kind of thing" — and leapt excitedly over a wooden gate to examine the latest example of cornfield sculpture.

Producing a compass, measuring tape and pad it was soon mapped and charted for posterity.

The latest, like most others, is a plain single shape. They have appeared in varying patterns, among them, double, quadruple and elliptical rings.

But Dr Meaden is not always the first to get to the scene when a circluar sighting is reported, usually by farmers.

Electrical engineer Colin Andrews and radar expert Pat Delgado, a Hampshire duo, have also been dutifully chronicling the phenomenon.

elgado has expertise gath- ed working with NASA and Andrews is a contributor to the Flying Saucer Review.

The re of their book Circular Ev ce coincides with Dr Meaden's own slim volume on July 13.

It is no coincidence that the circles have been spotted predominantly in the region where the ardent trio live.

"We tell each other about new sightings, that way we see more circles," says Dr Meaden. "The important thing is to get down before the public get there and trample all over the place."

But that early spirit of co-operation has soured a little now that their books' publication coincides.

Meaden says: "I started on my book five years ago and told them about it two years ago. Six months later they told me they had started and finished theirs. So I had to get a move on."

"I was originally going to publish it in June but put the date back to July to coincide with their book.

"My whole purpose to go into print is to attract scientific assistance and research funds to solve this genuine modern mystery.

"I provide no answers in my book. But I am sure that I am opening up the debate and pointing the way to finding an answer."

Of Andrews and Delgado's literary effort he is less certain. "It just summarises the available facts with lots of guesswork.

"It has plenty of nice pictures so it will look good on the coffee table."

Meanwhile, as the speculation goes on the rings keep appearing and no one is any the wiser. Except perhaps the hedgehogs.

DAILY EXPRESS

Hainault, Essex

Fighting force

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JOAN PETER stated the case for the retention of the nuclear deterrent while failing to understand it herself.

It is precisely because of the deterrent that the conflicts in Vietnam, Korea and Afghanistan remained localised and did not develop into world wars, as they might have previously.

T. R. Arrowsmith,
Bournemouth

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ENCL NO 78

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)1
- 7 JUL 1989
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Section 40 6/7

You may wish to mention the Puma task. Was this made public?

Section 40 7/7

LOOSE MINUTE

D/GS Sec/41/1

6 July 1989

A Puma from Odiham did fly over and photograph the "Silbury Rings" in July 88, for the reason that the farmer believes low flying helicopters may have caused the damage. Odiham/Sec(AS)2 denied this. No further action taken.

Section 40 10/7

HQ AAC - Maj Section 40

Copy to:

Sec(NS)
Sec(AS)
HQ UKLF
HQ SW District

PQ 6278E

1. Teddy Taylor MO (C, Southend) has tabled the following PQ for written answer:

"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made in the enquiries initiated by Army helicopters based in the South West in investigating the origin of flattened circular areas of wheat; and if he will make a statement."

2. The question is, to say the least, a rather curious one. We in GS Sec are unaware of any current study into the phenomenon described by Mr Taylor although I am aware that there are those who assert that these things are due to UFO landings (Sec (AS) may wish to comment here!). Equally I unaware of any persistent claims that training flights by service helicopters are the cause of crop damage in that part of the country. I would be grateful for any information that you may have that could help shed some light on proceedings. Subject to your views, I will propose a reply along the lines of 'no studies under way or planned'.

3. Time is, as ever, of the essence and I would be grateful for a response by close of business on Mon 10 July at the latest please.

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Confirmed to GS Sec that we were unaware of any study into the circles. Content with proposed draft answer.

Section 40 6/7

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Section 40 [redacted]

5TH JULY 1989

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a student at Longslade college, Birstall, Leicestershire. At the moment for part of my GCSE humanities coursework I am writing a project on UFOs I would appreciate it if you could send me any recent records of UFO sightings that you have. Also if there is a policy on UFOs could you please forward me a copy.

Yours faithfully.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40

would be grateful for a draft letter which explains to this chap our "policy" on UFOs. Obviously, to be consistent it should follow your recent letters — from memory I believe we provided a brief summary how many reports we had received over past 5 years.

[redacted]

Section 40

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ENCL No. 11

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10th July, 1989

Dear Section 40

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British UFO Reasearch Association (Midlands)
C/O 31 Grove Road
Leicester

Who I am sure will be in a position to help you further. I hope that this information will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

4 July 1989

Section 40

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 2 June which enclosed an account of an alleged Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) being studied by the MoD on Foulness Island. You asked for my comments on this particular case.

I think it would be helpful if I explain that the Proof and Experimental Establishment (P&EE) at Shoeburyness is responsible for the firing, and hence testing, of batches of ammunition coming in to service with the United Kingdom Armed Forces. They, like all other MoD establishments, do not involve themselves with the study of unidentifiable 'alien' craft. As such, I can only say that the story you have obtained from your informant is ridiculous in the extreme. Certainly there has never been any form of UFO on Foulness Island and similarly the MoD has not made any contact with alien lifeforms.

As requested I have endeavoured to treat Mr Cain's statement seriously but fear that I have found it to be the best fiction I have read in a long time. Nevertheless I have the following observations to make. Firstly, if the object was such an important find, why was it towed to the UK for investigation? Surely the Americans would wish to examine it in house. Similarly, do you not find it strange that nobody saw the object, which Mr Cain states as having a circumference of nearly a mile, when it was being towed across the Atlantic behind a Battle Cruiser. This is notwithstanding the fact that the Royal Navy does not operate such ships nowadays. In addition there are a number of contradictions in the article, for instance at one stage he says that the object was encased in concrete, at another he mentions that it was taken to Australia. Apparently overnight! There are numerous other incredible statements but I do not feel that I need mention these to prove my point.

Although I doubt that this was the answer you would have wished for, I hope you will find some food for thought in the above.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40 [redacted] 9/6

I agree it is rather too far-fetched but support your views that we had best check with P+EE.

My only knowledge of PE activity at Foulness is on the testing of explosives for artillery ammunition. The former includes research and proving work for AWE at Aldermaston + Burghfield – the latter is primarily for RARDE.

Section 40 11/6.

PS. I suggest you talk to whichever ER division looks after Research Establishment Secretariat matters.

Section 40 [redacted] 26/6

Directorate of P&EE rather than ER.

Spoke PEE1 on 4/7. Agreed that this was "preposterous" and confirmed that P&EE is responsible for the testing of ammunition/bombs, etc. in involvement with UFOs. Agreed that we should respond, apply to him.

Section 40 4/7

Section 40 [redacted]

copied to 14.7.89

East Anglian UFO & Paranormal Research

Section 40 [redacted] — This is all remotely far fetched but before I dismiss it out of hand, I suggest we could make an informal call to PREE Shoeburyness to see what in fact they do do and then reply accordingly. do you agree? 12/6

Section 40 [redacted]

TEL: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] 26/6

2nd June 1989.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

With reference to our telephone conversation of todays date, I have been in touch with the gentleman, who gave me the information re an unidentified flying object, on Foulness Island, he has asked me not to name him, if I do he will deny all knowledge of having spoken to us. There fore I propose we call him Mr Paul Cain (Pseudonym).

I interviewed Mr Cain, with others on Friday the 26th May 1989, this interview lasted for overf five hours, he lives in Southend on Sea, Mr Cain claims that, he has worked on a Flying Saucer/ Unidentified Flying object, which was in the possession of the M.O.D on Foulness Island, he was called in in an advis'ory xxxx capacity. He states that this object is not from Earth. It has been on Foulness Island for many months, being examined. Mr Cain also stated that this object was brought hexr from the U.S.A, and that it is now on its way to Austrialia. Mr Cain has given me far more information than I could put in this letter to you, but! he states that the M.O.D is aware of this information. Also he told us that CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE WITH ALIENS! by the M.O.D at Foulness Island. I am writing to you, for your reactions and comments on this case.

Please treat this letter to you as serious.

I awaitx your comments.

Yours Sincerly

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Chairman & Director of Investigations.

Section 40 [redacted]

copied to [redacted] 16.7.89

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Name of informant deleted, after a telephone call from him stating, He had been told if his own name is used he must deny all knowledge of this information.
We will call him Paul Cain. (Pseudonym)

On Saturday, 27th May, 1989 Section 40 [redacted] did a taped interview with Mr Paul Cain (Pseudonym) at his home in Southend on Sea, Essex. She was part of an investigative team from the 'East Anglian UFO & Paranormal Research Ass' called in following a telephone call by Mr Paul Cain to a local newspaper. He originally ststed he had phoned the paper in response to reading about some of the ' flying multi-coloured balls' sighted by local residents. Three other investigators from the East Anglian UFO went with Sheridan, including the Director of Investigations.

A 'Flying Saucer', supposedly brought down by the 'Military', has been subjected to intensive investigative proceedures at a Hoarding near Foulness Island in Shoeburyness, off Southend.

The craft is reported to have been forced down in 'Arizona' sometime during 1984. It was decided to tow it to the East Coast of England, and a Battle Cruiser was commissioned for the job. Since no method of penetrating the vehicle could be found, attempts to fly it were out of the question.

Investigations involving Scientists, the Military, other government bodies and various technical specialists have been going on secretly ever since. One person involved in all this is Paul Cain. He is one of those people outside the ranks of 'official' employees, the MOD occasionally calls upon.

Paul was first approached by them after he joined the army as a Conscript, at eighteen. At the time he felt it was all fun and games, and thought: "Oh yes, we are going to be the elite group". There were sixteen of them. But he has advised his own family never to join the MOD, "Because once you do, they never leave you alone".

Paul was once part of a team working in Africa with the 'Mau-Mau'. Another job involved travel to the West Indies, where he was an advisor to Tom Adam's government.

His involvement in the 'Flying Saucer' project began last September 1988. "I was asked by certain parties whether I was interested in looking at a machine they had aquired".

He was picked up by a civilian driver, and on arrival near the site he was taken to a changing room to be stripped and Xrayed. A set of white overalls were provided, and he got into a vehicle with about a dozen other people. They travelled about 3 miles.

When they got out they saw a big Hoarding about ten to fifteen feet high, and an estimated mile long. It was slightly curved, and surrounded by tre es. 300/400 yards further on he saw various other smaller hoardings.

Whe aul first saw the vehicle he'd been called in to investigate, he was amazed. He said to a couple of other fellows, "What the hell is this?" Two of them spoke English, and another answered through an interpreter. This particular man Paul later learned was a Russian Psychic, specially flown to Britain as part of a desparate attempt to gain access to the interior of the 'Flying Saucer'. Four years of scientific and technical research had come up with nothing, and the final resort was to encase it permanently in concrete. Paul and his colleagues were officialdom's last attempt to solve the problem. When they asked how to get into it they were told, "That is for you to find out". If anyone can get into it, you are the people. That fellow over there will be able to do it". When Paul asked who he was, he was told, "You'll get to know who he is if the project comes to anything in due course". The'fellow' in question was the Russian Psychic.

The Flying Saucer was neither hot or cold to the touch. In pacing it out Paul discovered it had a circumference of I,538 paces. It's height was only 4ft 3/4inches, but it weighed an estimated 3,000 tonnes. The shape was flat, thin, and round. It shimmered like water when seen from a distance, but the real colour was a light silver, grey. It's texture was smooth, but microscopic inspection showed it to be made from millions of minute, coloured particles which look rough until you touch it.

I asked Paul if it could be made from organic material, and he told me: "Recently a colleague decided it may actually be a vegatable substance."

Five months after they first joined the project, electro-magnetic resonances successfully caused a flap on the underside to open. This proceedure is believed to have been the responsibility of an un-named Science Professor from Edinburgh University. (Paul Cain has refused to disclose the actual names of other colleagues involved in this project.)

The entire vehicle is only 'Egg Shell' thick.

"If you were to get a piece of Plasticine and pull it out, you wouldn't be able to see any joins. That is how these doors and flaps are attached. There are two elastic type contraptions which drop away, and then swing down."

Du[redacted]; the opening of the flap around 200 people were present. Internal investigation of the dark interior was conducted by torchlight. They had entered an oval shaped tube, where Paul [redacted] found numerous round balls. At that stage no-one picked them up.

The Russian psychic entered the vehicle after everyone else had left. Later he emerged with one of the balls in his hand. They are about the size of an orange, and coloured the same as the craft but absorb and give out a multitude of shades in various degrees of light reflection. Incredible, they weigh only a quarter of an ounce. Each ball appears to be very thin, BUT ALL ATTEMPTS TO BRAKE ONE HAVE FAILED. ONE HUNDRED TONNES OF PRESSURE SUBJECTED BY A 'PRESS' FAILS TO AFFECT THEM.

But, the Russian Psychic, nick named [redacted] while holding one of these balls in his hands suddenly said: "I can bend it. I can feel it bending. Its moving, it's bending. It's with me".

Then eleven flaps on the top of the vehicle opened. Too small to enter, they measured 14/15 inches across. These were later determined to be inspection hatches. Probes, with camera's and tubes were inserted, and they discovered that each inspection hatch goes into a tube. The tubes run into each other via linked flaps. The hatches slant diagonally about 30/40 degrees into the next tube.

Apart from thousands of the peculiar balls, nothing has ever been found inside the Flying Saucer. There are no instrument panels, flashing lights, seats, or storage compartments. Only two area's remain uninvestigated, and these are completely sealed. It is estimated they are probable 18 inches deep, and 30 feet across. One at the top, and another at the bottom. They are attached in a half circle running from the centre of the craft. Sonic soundings have established them to be hollow.

Inside one of the tubes is a tank, inside of which can be seen little black hairs. It probable contains a liquid, but the device is totally sealed. It is thought to be the brain child of the craft, storing information.

Paul [redacted] says, "They believe the Saucer sucks in light while flying, which it then spins around a tube."

"What has been learned so far covers such a short period. The opening of this machine, and everything else has all happened in a matter of months. There's a lot more work and knowledge to uncover. More people will come on the scene. People like myself will be a thing of the past. New people, new ideas, new technology, machinary and testing methods will emerge. They may even cut out a piece. From this similar machines may be developed for our own use!"

According to Paul Cain, many contries are involved in this project. Britain, the United States, Russia, France, Germany, India and Israel - to mention a few. International finance is involved. But until now, the only people to have known anything about this originally highly secret project have worked internationally on a 'need to know only basis'. I asked Paul how it was he could now speak to me, and was told of concern for the loss of around 200 of the odd little coloured balls. These, and many others became activated by the investigations. Some flew out of the ship and were lost. Local coastal area's have recently received reports of sightings of the balls. People have seen them in their gardens.

No-one finding one of them should attempt to touch them, and the public are advised to contact their local police, or other official sources.

Paul mentioned to a superior that he was considering writing a book about the project, and was told: "That's all right, do so. No-one will believe you".

The timing of all this is potentially interesting, in that two days after this interview the Flying Saucer was removed from 'Foulness Island', and is now supposed to be on it's way to an undisclosed part of the Continent of Australia.

The craft was removed on Monday, 29th May, The following day Paul went to his pick up point, and waited for the special bus with two other un-named colleagues. It failed to collect them. The next day - wednesday 31st - he received a phone call informing him of the removal of the Flying Saucer to Australia. He believes permission was granted him to speak out, with the departure date in mind.

ked him if the Russian Psychic had gone home.

"I suppose so. A certain party one day made a comment about his presence, and his interpreter said to him. 'This person says, out of all the millions of people in this country, why does it have to be a Russian'? His answer, through his interpreter, was this. 'If they have anyone else better than me, go and get them".

Pressed for a physical description, Section 40 told me:
"He is in his late fourties. He has been tested in the Soviet Union for many years. He is believed to come from Leningrad. He has a picture of two little girls which I suppose are his children".

Paul also mentioned a 16 year old American boy who was a mathematics genius. He could calculate faster than a computer. But it isn't in his self interest to recall this boy's name.

At this point in time it is interesting to speculate about the possibility of those multi-coloured flying balls the size of an orange, turning up in some people's gardens, - down under. It may be worth watching for certain headlines in Australian Newspapers.

To be edited, 600 words, according to requirements

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Free lance journalist.
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East Anglian UFO and
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PS. The 'Hot line number' for anyone reading this article who wishes to report a sighting, or contact, is: Section 40

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From: Section 40 Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
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London, SW1A 2HB.

D/Sec(AS)12/3

4 July 1989

Section 40

Dear Maj Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 14 June which referred to earlier correspondence between myself and Section 40 of Montreal, Canada on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

I think I must stress that the advice given in my earlier letters is entirely consistent with the UK Ministry of Defence's policy on this particular subject, that is we do not feel there is a need to co-operate with any other nation, including the USA, on the subject of UFOs. I hope that this clarifies the matter.

I was surprised to see your mention of your letter of 1 December last. Having had a search through my papers, I regret that we do not appear to have received it.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

LOOSE MINUTE

29 June 1989

Sec (AS) - [redacted]

Copy to: CPR
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DPR (RAF)
CPO
DPO (RAF)

THE WOGAN SHOW: FORTHCOMING FEATURE ON UFOs

1. I have been contacted by a researcher - [redacted] - on the Wogan Show regarding a feature they are considering on UFOs.

2. The gist of their "attack" is that there has been a massive cover-up by the Government over UFO activity. They claim to have an "expert", whose name [redacted] would not reveal, who says he has seen secret MoD documents which reveal that there is a section within the Ministry devoted to UFO activity and to ensuring that the high level of UFO activity is concealed from the public. This, they say, has been confirmed by ex-MoD civil servants.

3. If they go ahead with the programme, it would be broadcast on a Monday evening (the most "serious" of their three weekly shows) either at the end of July or in the autumn. They have asked whether the appropriate Minister would be willing to appear on the programme and answer the "expert".

4. I refuted his suggestion that there was a section such as he described at MoD, although I confirmed that this was the appropriate Government Department. I also indicated that it would be unlikely that a Minister would be willing to appear unless it was on a purely lighthearted basis. In any case, Parliament would be in recess and the availability of Ministers could not be guaranteed.

5. [redacted] repeated that this was to be a serious investigation and I accordingly undertook to seek the views of officials. I would be grateful for your thoughts on this in due course.

[redacted]
DPO (C)
[redacted]

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Our reference

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British UFO Research Association (Midlands)
Section 40

who I am sure will be able to help you.

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter, and hope this information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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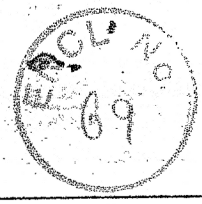

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

Date 29th June, 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your report of an unusual sighting on 14 April 1989, a copy of which has been passed to the Ministry of Defence. I understand from my colleagues that you enquired as to what the object might have been.

It may be useful to you to know that whilst the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object sightings, our sole concern 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, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. In this context, I therefore regret that I am unable to offer you any definitive explanation as to what you might have witnessed. I should add that the MOD does not carry out studies, investigations or surveys into unusual phenomena, as it has neither the staff nor the resources to make such work possible. Nevertheless, we do recognise that many strange things are to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could be found for most of them.

I wish to apologise for the delay in responding to your report, and I hope that you find this reply helpful.

Yours

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

20/5/89.

Dear Sir,

I am a fourth year student at Birstall Longslade College. I am doing a coursework assignment on U.F.O's The question I am asking is 'Do they exsist?' Would you send me any information on this subject?

I would be most grateful if you could send me some information and the address of a U.F.O society.

Thank you,

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Head of Sec(AS)

Section 40

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Section 40

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.

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for APS/Secretary of State

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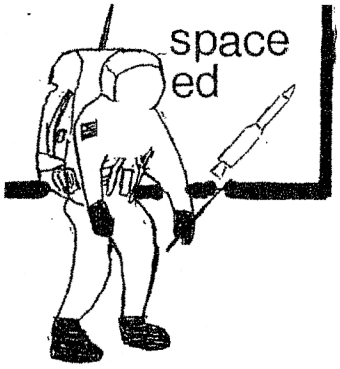

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SPACE EDUCATIONAL

Section 40

Sir,

I am currently collating information, on Space, I will be from September, be lecturing in schools, colleges, institutions on SPACE, could you send me any details on UFO'S, from our project Blue Book, many people see a UFO and it's that sighting that introduces them to SPACE, I will be bound to be asked about UFO'S and if I had some information, it would help, I am a member of the ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS, and I am sure my Chief Observer would vouch for me, I am not asking for state secrets, just info, drawings etc, I have also written to project Blue Book in the states, I hope you can help, I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely Section 40

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INTERCONTINENTAL U. F. O. GALACTIC SPACECRAFT - RESEARCH AND ANALYTIC NETWORK ®

DIR. OF PROJECT: Section 40 , MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (A.I.A.A.)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT

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Section 40

JUN 14 1989

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Main Building Whitehall
London, SW1A 2HB
United Kingdom, Europe

Attn.: Section 40 D/Sec(AS)12/3

Dear Section 40

Section 40 Section 40 transferred to my office your letter dated on May 22,1989, remarking that our 37 years of military research and actions at the nations' government to stop the "Star"-Space War in preparation, might misrepresenting,- re your letter's last paragraph as the official view of Her Majesty's highly respected Air Force.

Dear Sir, on December 1, 1988, we addressed to you a letter, which included grave declassified military evidences on the existing Potential Threat of the alien/galactic forces, and that responsible Military Superpowers(USA and USSR) instituted already the necessary security and defense measures in case of any invasive action. In the expectation of your confirmation over a half of year, should we accept that YOU ARE SILENCED or SILENT?

I am sorry to mention that your information to the above Canadian gentleman is totally inconsistent to the Presidents of United States and the Soviet Union Geneva Agreement and dangerous measures for the global security.

I don't believe that Her Majesty's Chiefs of Staff, which from the W.W.II throughly investigated the problem of the illegally intruding Forces of Extra-terrestrial Powers, would agree your recent letter addressed to Section 40 as "information to the public".

In the expectation of Her Majesty's Air Forces view on the United States and the Soviet Union decision on the UFO Forces global security problem, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Section 40

Major Ret. Section 40

c/c Section 40

1 enclosure.

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

Section 40

CANADA

D/Sec(AS)12/3

23 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 May on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

I fear you have misunderstood the part of my letter of 8 May which mentions co-operation with the US authorities. Whilst I would wholeheartedly agree that we do, of course, liaise closely with our American allies on mutual matters of defence, as you would expect as fellow members of NATO, I must reiterate that the UK Ministry of Defence does not, nor do we feel that there is a need to co-operate with them on the subject of UFOs.

Similarly, we have not yet received any conclusive evidence to suggest that unidentified flying objects present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom or that alien spacecraft or beings have landed on the planet.

I am sorry I can not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Sir D. Craig,
Chief of the Defence Staff,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2HB.

1 x 2 sheets
SO
NFA but send to Air Staff for info

Section 40 [redacted]

11th. June 1989. 13/6

Dear Sir Craig,

Re - irregularities in Radio Communication.

Thank you for the reply written on your behalf by Section 40 [redacted] Secretariat (Air Staff), dated 11th May, 1989.

I received a letter from Section 40 [redacted] of the Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough, a few days before your reply. Is this the letter to which you refer?, see enclosed copy. If so, I believe you to be totally out of order and accuss you and Section 40 [redacted] of "burying your head in the sand" by ignoring a serious complaint. The device that I have tried to describe to you has to be legalised or stopped and you are in a better position to do it than I am. Even the Russians are complaining about malpractices by the British, so surely you realise that there must be some truth in the matter.

It is necessary for me to point out that I have an interest in the sciences but this does not include cheats and dirt. Science cannot

work with these "added extras" and unfortunately I am subjected to both.

Will you please remove the electromagnetic device from my person immediately!

Yours Sincerely,

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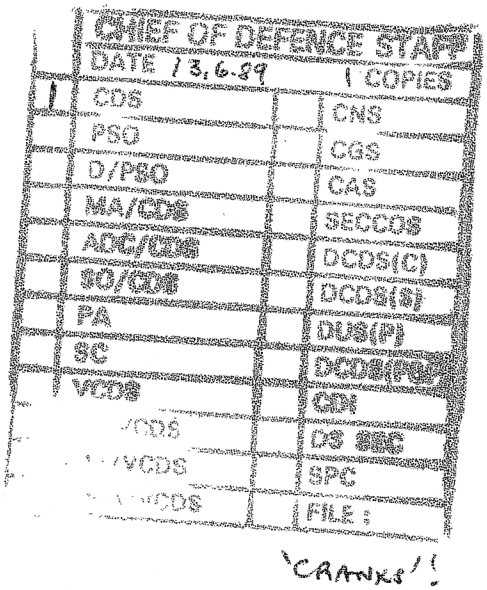

'CRANKS'!

Royal Aerospace Establishment
Procurement Executive, Ministry of Defence
Mission Management Department, R177 Building
Farnborough Hants GU14 6TD
Telex Section 40 Telephone Aldershot Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

Date 10 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 May. In reply I can only reiterate that we are unable to provide the assistance that you request.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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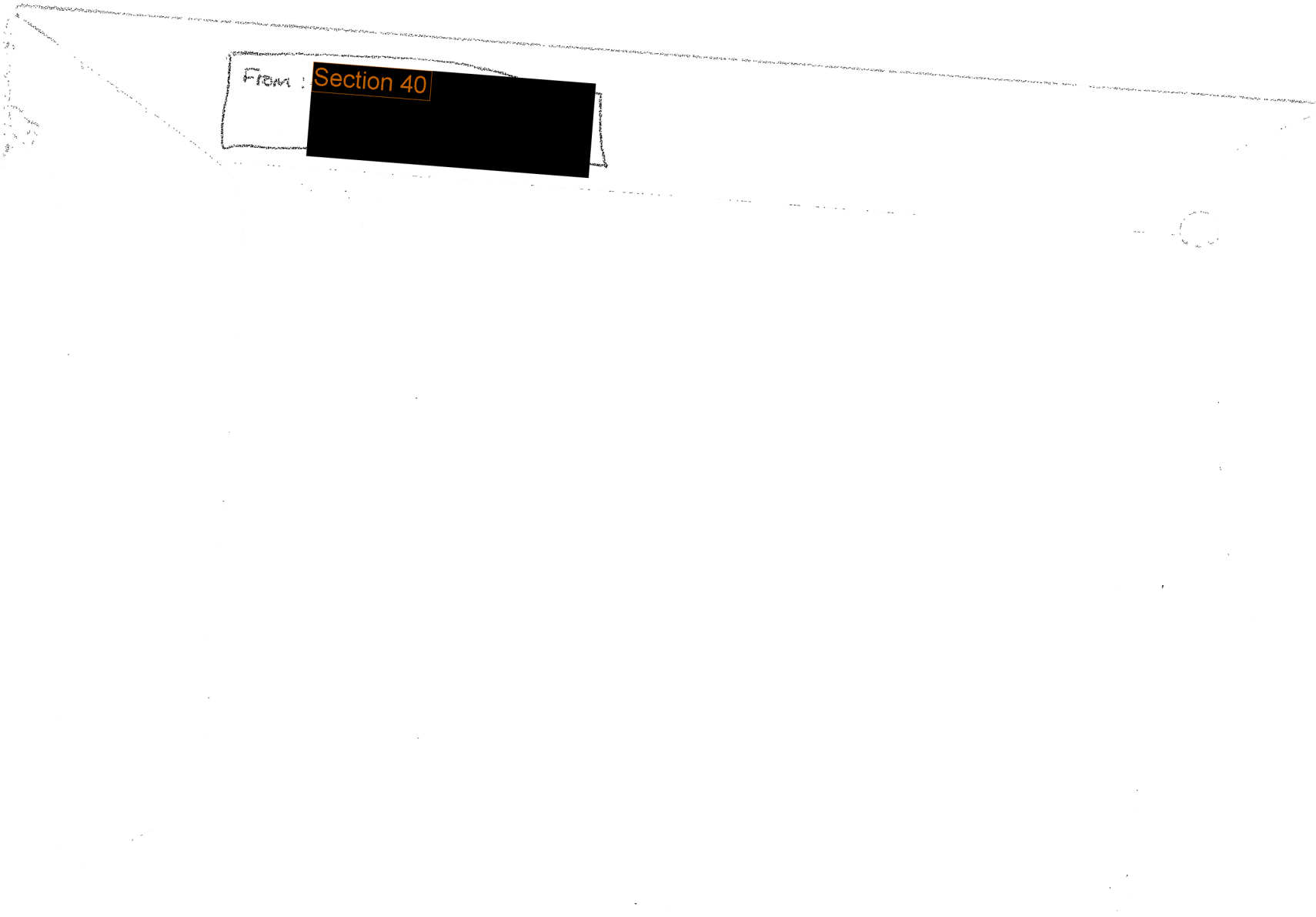
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2 June 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for taking the time to report to the Humberside Police the unusual sighting that you witnessed on the evening of 1 June 1989, a copy of which has been passed to me.

I think you may find it helpful if I first of all explain that whilst the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object sightings, our sole concern 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, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. In this context, I therefore regret that I am unable to offer you any definitive explanation as to what you might have witnessed, although from the description of the lighting pattern, I would suggest that it could have been an aircraft or helicopter.

Given our limited involvement with the subject, the MoD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports nor do we have any staff employed on the susbject full time. As you will expect, therefore, we do not carry out studies, in depth investigations, or surveys into the phenomenon, nor do we possess the resources to do so. Nevertheless, we do, of course, recognise that many strange things are to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, or aircraft lights to mention just a few.

I hope you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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From: Section 40 Secretariat (AirStaff)2a, Room Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall
London, SW1A 2HB

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D/Sec(AS)12/3

7 June 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 17 May, about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs), which asked for information on an unusual sighting witnessed near Hathersage and Ringinglow, Derbyshire on 4 April 1989.

I regret that a search through our file did not reveal any report which corresponded to the details given in your letter, and because we did not investigate the incident I can not give you a definitive explanation as to what might have been seen. Nevertheless, I can confirm that from past experience it is unlikely that any RAF aircraft would have been operating in the area at the time in question.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Section 40

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31 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 10 May on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs).

As you know, we have already spoken at length about the 1957 sighting to which you refer and I regret, therefore, that I have nothing further to add to my letter of 17 April.

I'm sure you will also recall that, because of our limited interest and involvement with the subject of UFOs, we are unable to provide a general answering service on the phenomena and unless we are given full details of when and where a sighting may have been, it is impracticable for us to carry out a time consuming search through our files.

Lastly, as you will know from our previous correspondence, the MoDs sole concern with this particular subject is to ensure that UFOs do not pose a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom and, as such, we are only interested in reported sightings which occur in the airspace of the UK. This being the case, you will understand that we have not had reason to liaise with the Brazilian Government over the incidents that you mention; indeed, before receipt of your letter we had not heard about them.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

FROM: [redacted] Pt.

[redacted]

83 (561) (+1)

20th May 1969

Dear [redacted]

The keys were very helpful & Soy has a lovely new POWER. 715 COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE. Have got a really tough task. Please pass this direct to 715 Combat Reconnaissance. God Speed sincerely

[redacted]

To [redacted]

Secretariat Air Staff 2

Ministry of Defence

Main Building

Whitehall London SW1

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Section 40 Sec (AS) 2a.

Copy of our reply to Section 40 as promised

Section 40

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24 MAY 1989

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ENCL No. 60

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Common Services(Records)1

Room Section 40

St Christopher House Southwark Street London SE1 OTD

Telephone No: Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/CS(R)1/6/1/3

Date
23 May 1989

Dear Section 40

I refer to your letter of 11 May addressed to Sec(AS)2. As this office is responsible for the Department's records we have been asked to reply on their behalf.

Our enquiries indicate that there are no Ministry of Defence records on this subject in the Public Record Office. A House of Lords debate on the topic on 4 March 1982 revealed that all "unexplained sightings" reports prior to 1967 have been destroyed. Those created since that date, in common with all other government records, are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Acts and would not be available for public scrutiny until the expiry of the 30 years retention period.

In the absence of any official papers I can only refer you to commercially available books and publications which may indicate other primary source material and which may enable you to draw your own conclusions on this phenomena.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 40 DPO(RAF).

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Room Section 40
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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not quite what I was looking for — rather a literal interpretation of my letter — but it'a do!

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Your reference

Our reference DPO(RAF)

Date 23 May 1989

Dear Section 40

UFOs in HAMPSHIRE

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter in which you asked a number of questions about the Ministry of Defence's attitude to UFOs.

The answers are as follows:

1. The sole concern of the Ministry of Defence is to ensure that the reports we receive do not present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. The MoD does not attempt to investigate reported sightings unless a threat is identified. No such cases have ever been identified.

2. The MoD has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports. Reports are referred to MoD air defence staffs who examine them as part of their normal duties. Because of our limited involvment with this particular subject we do not, nor do we have any need to, interview individualswho might have witnessed an unusual incident. Indeed, unless we judge that a sighting poses a threat, and this has not been the case so far, the MoD does not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

3. The MoD maintains a policy of keeping all sighting reports we receive. Regrettably, because of a lack of resources we are unable to initiate general surveys or searches through our files. You may be aware that all MoD files are subject to the Public Records Act which means that after closure they remain closed from public viewing for 30 years. 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 contained.

In conclusion, I can say that the very vast majority of sightings have a terrestial explanation (including the UFO kite flying club). The MoD does not possess any positive evidence that "alien spacecraft" have landed on this planet

Yours sincerely,

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CANADA

D/Sec(AS)12/3

23 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 May on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

I fear you have misunderstood the part of my letter of 8 May which mentions co-operation with the US authorities. Whilst I would wholeheartedly agree that we do, of course, liaise closely with our American allies on mutual matters of defence, as you would expect as fellow members of NATO, I must reiterate that the UK Ministry of Defence does not, nor do we feel that there is a need to co-operate with them on the subject of UFOs.

Similarly, we have not yet received any conclusive evidence to suggest that unidentified flying objects present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom or that alien spacecraft or beings have landed on the planet.

I am sorry I can not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/3

22 May 89

DPO(RAF)

UFO LETTER FROM FREELANCE WRITER - Section 40

1. Please find attached a letter I have just received from a freelance journalist concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Although I have the dubious pleasure of answering public correspondence on this subject we agreed that in this instance it would be more appropriate for you to reply. Nevertheless, I think it would be helpful if I were to provide details of our standard paragraphs and suitable answers to his 5 questions:

a. Question 1: Yes, the sole concern of the Ministry of Defence is to ensure that the reports we receive do not present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom.

b. Question 2: Because of our limited involvement with this particular subject we do not, nor do we have any need to, interview individuals who might have witnessed an unusual incident. Indeed, unless we judge that a sighting poses a threat, and this has not been the case so far, the Ministry of Defence does not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

c. Question 3: We maintain a policy of keeping all sighting reports that we receive. Regrettably, because of a lack of resources we are unable to initiate general surveys or searches through our files. (For DPO: Although it is possible to look through our reports going back to the early 70s, this is invariably time consuming and we therefore do not wish to encourage public requests for information on older sightings.)

d. Question 4: Although it is not possible for us to release material "en bloc" due to the provisions of the Public Records Act, which affects all governmental files, we are able to answer any specific queries individuals might have about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let the person know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

e. Question 5: As Question 1.

2. I also attach a fairly recent copy of our standard paragraphs.

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FREELANCE WRITER

Section 40

Tel: Section 40

INCL NO. 56

Section 40

D/S

Dear Sir

Following a recent telephone conversation with your good selves, could you please clarify one or two points for me. I am currently engaged on research for a book about U.F.O's in Hampshire and the publisher is quite keen to include the feelings of the Government on such a controversial subject. Although you advised me verbally about the defence implications only interest, could you provide written confirmation on the following points.

1. Are you only interested in U.F.O reports as a possible guide to unauthorised military aircraft movement?
2. How often do you send government investigators to interview witnesses and does this indicate a more than passing interest in the sighting involved.
3. I understand that every recorded sighting over five years old is filed away in your archives and practically inaccessible. Is this correct?
4. Can you confirm that you are quite willing to release details of sightings on request and if so could you please forward any one, chosen at random, to show what form the report takes?
5. To many of us, U.F.O's are a reality marred by the rantings of the lunatic fringe who ensure the whole subject is treated with amused tolerance. For those of us who believe that solid 'nuts and bolts' machines of an extra-terrestrial nature are flying in our airspace, could you please confirm that no government department is even remotely interested in the fact

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that, should such a craft be forced down and its secrets unlocked, the country holding these secrets would probably gain a massive lead in the arms race!

Thank you for taking the time to read this far and I do appreciate the problems you face. It must be difficult at times, dealing with letters of this nature. Looking forward to your reply.

All the best

INVESTIGATOR

AERIAL PHENOMENA

ENCL. No. 55/1

Section 40
Room Section 40
Main Building
Sceretary Of Air Staff
2 A London.

Section 40 [redacted]

17th.May 1989.

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you could help me regarding a sighting that took place on the 4th.of April this year at approximately 21.15hrs.in the vicinity of the A625 between Hathersage and Ringinglow in Derbyshire.

Have you had any reports of anything that may account for this sighting for instance Air activity,Military Helicopters training in the area or any UFO activity reported around that time in the said area.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully.

Section 40 [redacted]

NONE WHATSOEVER.

Section 40

(a) Please find out if we received any report for the evening of 4/4/89.

(b) Please check if Section 40 has written later

YES, VIA A REPORT.

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Section 40

[redacted] Send reply on lines of :-

Regret cannot locate any reports for 4 April. Also, from past experience it is most unlikely that the sighting could have been caused by mil a/c activity at that time. Section 40

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MEMORANDUM

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MOD Form 4A

To Section 40
Hd CS (Records) 1
Rm Section 40
St. Christopher House

From Section 40
Sec (As) 2a
Room Section 40 Main building

Date 17 May 89

Tel. Section 40

Your ref.

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

Subject Letter from Section 40 re : Official Records

1. You will recall we spoke about this letter earlier today.

2. As agreed, I would be grateful if you would provide a suitable standard line for this chap. You will see that it is fairly "nutty" and as such I would advise that we try and word a reply so that he is not encouraged to write further.

3. Thanks for taking this on. I would not suggest that the questions related more to UFOs are ignored — they are either not worth answering or have been previously answered.

4. I attach copies of previous correspondence between Section 40 and myself.

Rank/ Appointment [redacted] Name in Block Letters Section 40 Signature Section 40

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

Section 40

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12 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 4 May which asked about our policy on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

I think it would be helpful to say that we do not have a "policy statement" as such, indeed, our involvement with the subject is minimal. Nevertheless, we do receive and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings that have been sent in to us by members of the public, although our sole concern is to determine whether or not the sightings present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, the Ministry of Defence does not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been witnessed.

Because of our limited involvement with the phenomenon, 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 to the brief details of the incident passed onto 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. Additionally, we do not carry out full time studies into the phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or general surveys. I hope that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, the threat 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.

Nevertheless 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 that spring to mind 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. Certainly, we have yet to receive any conclusive evidence to suggest that alien spacecraft or beings have landed on the planet.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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copy of letter Ministry of Defence Air Department London

ENCL NO. 54/1

May 15, 1989. Section 40 Canada.

c/o Section 40 Secretariat

your ref. D SEC(AS) 12/3

Dear Sir,

This morning I received your letter of May 8, 1989, as you know American forces are stationed in Britain with the full cooperation of the British government and the R.A.F, and as both the British and American forces are active members of Nato, yet you say - Quote we do not, nor do we feel it necessary to liaise with the United States or any other Nation - un quote. There seems to be a contradiction here? How can both the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.F. stationed on British soil, and serving Nato, yet having no liasion between the two? Apparently you Chaps are not aware of the fact that the late Captain Ruppelt of Project Blue book, said that R.A.F. officers had visited them to discuss the U.F.O question. After reading the book "Sky trash" about the incidents at Rendlesham Forest, I wrote to the British Commander of the R.A.F. base the reply came from the U.S.A.F.? yet you say that there is no liaison between the two? As to the statement that U.F.O's pose no threat to our National Security. U.S. General Benjamin W. Chidlaw in charge of Continental Air Defence Command, We have stacks of reports about Flying Saucers We take them seriously when you consider we have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them — no doubt they have returned the fire from the Earths Air Forces, while the good reports show many cases of non hostility, there are reports where anti Aircraft missile bases were severly damaged by the return fire from space craft, There does exist good evidence that some Spacecraft and their crews have landed on Earth, Sir, there have been, and I believe still are many cases, where the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.F do cooperate, as an ex R.A.F. member Section 40 I hope this will continue.

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22 MAY 1989
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Sincerely.

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Section 40 Do I really need to answer this!?

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11 May 1989

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS) 2
ROOM Section 40
main building
whitehall
LONDON

your ref
D/Sec(AS)12/3
my ref
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SEC. (AS)2
15 MAY 1989
FILE 12/3

Howdy
most cheerfully do I thank you for your reply to my letter about UFOs dated March 1989. And I do thank you for clarifying the MODs attitude to these things,however the purpose of my writing was for confermation of the existence of horrible little monsters wondering the Earth and the reply, that many strange things have been and are being obseved in the sky, does not really tell me anything one way or the other

Would the American intelligence services be more informative than our own,? perhaps you could give me the address of the director general of the CIA and then I could write to him instead or as well.There must be someone who can answer the question with a simple yes or no, and who would that person be or what would be the office of responsibility to direct that question and get the answer .Somebody must know, after all you do HAVE files and so somebody must investigate and classify them but WHO?.

HOw would someone who wanted to investigate something of this nature be able to have a general search through some files instigated, to whom should a request be taken?. would he be an Admiral or an Air Chief Marshall or a General or perhaps a civilian minister
Q. Are all official files closed from public viewing for 30 years or is the time period subject to a sensitivity assesment
Q. Restricted, Confidential, Secret, Top Secret and cosmic Secret are all levels of sensitivity, graded on the amount of damage the information could cause to the nation if it were released, are all ufo reports given the same grade.
Q. Who, or what department, designates which records are given which classification
Q. Who is your boss?. — Ah-ha!
Q. Does ~~anf~~ any info of this nature ever cross the desks of the defence council or the chiefs of staff.
Q. Do any other ministries record or investigate ufos, Think on this for a moment if you could find another ministry which investigated these things then you could get rid of me and I suspect an awfull lot of crackpots

THE NEED TO KNOW
It is the duty of anyone who is in possesion of classified information not to pass it on to any other person unless he is satisfied that that person has a need to know such information to enable him to perform his duties. Who needs to know ? who decides who needs,to know,the man responsible for the security of such records would need to know who needs to know and thus he himself must be aware of the contents otherwise how would he know who needed to know.
I am an aprentice flying saucer maker Do I need to know?

Cheers.

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall
London, SW1A 2HB

Section 40

D/Sec(AS)12/3

11 May 1989

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter of 7 May to the Chief of the Defence Staff, Marshal of Royal Air Force Sir David Craig. I have been asked to reply.

I understand that Section 40 from the Royal Aerospace Establishment Farnborough will be writing to you in the near future and I hope that you will take this as an acknowledgement that your letter has been received.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

ENCL No. 52/1

Mission Management Department, R177 Building

Section 40

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Section 40

10 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 May. In reply I can only reiterate that we are unable to provide the assistance that you request.

Yours sincerely

Section 40
Superintendent MM4 Division

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Section 40

D/Sec(AS)12/3

10 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 3 May regarding any breakdown of statistics we may have on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings that we have received. I regret to say that the only statistical information we have is in the form of yearly totals which I included in my letter of 28 March. However, I think it would be fair to say that, at a rough guess, over 95% of reports we receive are from members of the general public.

You also asked about an unusual incident witnessed by the crew of a Section 40 TriStar over Sardinia on 22 March 1989. Although we were interested to read about the incident I regret we can not offer much advice on it as we are only interested in reported sightings which occur in the airspace of the United Kingdom, and as you know this sighting occurred over Sardinia whilst the aircraft was flying from Malta to Gatwick. We did not see any reports on the incident other than some articles seen in the media. As far as a video film is concerned, we have no knowledge of one being produced, and have certainly not seen one, and would suggest that if you wish further advice you speak to the airline concerned.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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OUR REF:

YOUR REF: NH.SH RECORDED DELIVERY

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CLOSED FOR LUNCH — 1 00 pm to 2 00 pm

Section 40
Ministry of Defence
Room Section 40
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

10 May 1989

Dear Section 40

re: '1957 UFO Sighting'

Thank you for your letter of the 17th ultimo with the information therein contained.

I have passed a copy of your letter on to both the pilots for their response and am also writing to the addresses that you supplied.

What puzzles me is that an order to fire was apparently given in peace time in UK airspace and yet you have no record of it - on the assumption that both pilots are telling the truth, have you any explanation for this?

Referring to our various telephone conversations, I again repeat my request for you to let me have your father's address and/or telephone number as if even if he were not directly involved in the event he may be able to put me in touch with someone who was, or at least he might be able to supply me with a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of possible witnesses.

With regard to an entirely different event, please note that a colleague and myself have been in touch with a former RAF member of Air Crewe who informs me that he and his colleagues had a visual/radar sighting whilst in flight and were apparently subsequently de-briefed and told that they must not breathe a word of the event to anyone on penalty of some sort of disciplinary action - can I have your comments since I feel certain that if I could produce to the former RAF Air Crew concerned a letter on your notepaper confirming that no disciplinary action will be taken against the men concerned they would speak freely about their experience.

Information that my colleagues have gathered concerning this sighting would tend to suggest that in view of the design, appearance and speed and manoeuvres of the object that it was certainly not a Warsaw pact aircraft!

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Again, on another note, I am receiving anecdotal hearsay reports of the photographing of a number of UFO's by the Brazillian Government, of objects which have apparently fired beams of light at Brazillian Indians causing burn marks on the victims skin and also causing one individual to die from a heart attack caused by the stress of the experience - do you have any information concerning this?

I am also hearing anecdotal rumours and gossip concerning an actual 'Alien Base' which is located somewhere in the southern part of the United States or South America - have you heard any of these rumours and if so, what is your opinion of them?

I would not have mentioned these rumours to you but for the fact that I keep hearing them from different quarters.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40
BUFORA (Midlands)
Section 40

D/Sec(AS)12/3

8 May 1989

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter of 21 April, with the enclosed report on the unusual incident witnessed on 4 August 1988 at Little Haywood, Staffordshire. As with other sighting reports we receive, copies have been passed to our staffs who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, although we note that on this occasion, you conclude that the incident appears to have been caused by natural phenomena.

Lastly, I think it would be helpful if I remind you that the MoD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of investigating the UFO sighting reports that we receive.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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Main Building, Whitehall
London, SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

CANADA

D/Sec(AS)12/3

8 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 16 April. Although we appreciate your concerns about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and your comments about JANAP, I regret that I have little further to add to my letter of 4 November.

As you know, our involvement with the UFO phenomenon is minimal in that our sole concern is to determine whether or not reported sightings of UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. We do not carry out scientific investigations into the phenomenon and, given our limited interest in the subject, we do not, nor do we feel it necessary to liaise with the United States or any other nation. It would, of course, not be appropriate for me to comment on the involvement of other countries with the subject.

Nevertheless, we thank you for your views but must reiterate that we have yet to receive any conclusive evidence that unidentified objects present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom or that alien spacecraft or beings have landed on the planet.

I am sorry I can not be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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with the compliments of

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Section 40 — My preference is shown below.

Have discussed this with Section 40 and agree this line. We don't want to get involved — we fear that if we begin to tolerate her she will persist. CDS' Office will not reply. As far as her request for a visit to Gibraltar is concerned, I feel that we should (a) ignore it or (b) say they are too busy. Certainly, I don't think we should allow a visit. What do you think?

MOD FORM 195

Section 40

Enclosed the letter Section 40
Correspondence from Section 40
This Office will not reply to any of her correspondence. Suggest she is put on the nuisance file to warn off other units.

With the compliments of

THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

Section 40

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ADC/CDS

Section 40 [redacted]

ENCL. No. 49/2

Sir D. Craig,
Chief of the Defence Staff,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2HB.

7th. May, 1989.

Dear Sir Craig,

Re - my correspondence complaining about the use of an electromagnetic device on my person by persons unknown to me.

Enclosed you will find a copy of correspondence I have had with Section 40 [redacted] Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough, Hampshire which I consider to be of great importance to my claims and studies. I will be grateful if you could both find the time to discuss and help finalise the problem that I have put before you.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Mission Management Dept.,
R.177 Building,
Royal Aerospace Establishment,
Farnborough,
Hampshire. GU14 6TD.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(A)2
- 9 MAY 1989
FILE

7th. May 1989.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter, dated 26th. April 1989, concerning the existance of an advanced technology. I am sorry that you have refused to discuss the matter with me although I do appreciate that you are busy.

Have you considered that the device I mentioned could be complimentary to your work? In fact, I do believe that you are conducting parallel research which, in my mind, is not only waste of time but also waste of money. If I have my facts right similar technology, to which you are trying to produce, is already in existance but my problem is convincing scientists.

I feel it would be in your interests to know more about my claims, not only to help yourself but also the pilots of advanced aircraft who are the ones to get the brunt of unworthy technology. Details of my studies have been forwarded to Chief of the Defence Staff, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir David Craig, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, London. Pehaps if you were to discuss the matter

with him you might get a better insight into my studies and realise the unnecessary difficulties I am experiencing trying to convince people that an exceptionally advanced technology does exist.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Copy to Sir D. Craig
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Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB.

Royal Aerospace Establishment
Procurement Executive, Ministry of Defence
Mission Management Department, R177 Building
Farnborough Hants GU14 6TD
Telex [redacted] Telephone Aldershot Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Your reference

Our reference

Date 3 May 1989

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 26 April. I was pleased to learn that you found the Royal Aeronautical Society Symposium on 13 April interesting. As you will have gathered from my paper, the field in which we are working is extremely demanding and consumes all our available time and resources. I therefore regret that I am unable to provide you with the assistance you request.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Public Relations Branch,
Ministry of Defence(RAF),
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2HB.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(RAS)2
- 9 MAY 1989
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19th. April 1989.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am conducting private studies into problems which concern pilots handling the "super jets" and other advanced vehicles and I would like to know if there is any possibility of me visiting the Trinational Tornado Training Establishment, RAF Cottesmore, Oakham, Leicestershire. The Royal Aeronautical Society arranged a visit to the T.T.T.E. last year but the numbers were oversubscribed and I was unable to attend. Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Warrant officer Section 40 [redacted] who has advised me to write you to obtain permission for a visit.

I have attended relevant conferences at the RAeS headquarters namely "High G and High G protection - Aeromedical and Operational Aspects" 21st October 1987; "Aviation Emergency Planning and its Management" 2nd & 3rd March, 1989; and "Flight Crew Interface with Aircraft" 13th. April 1989. These conferences have been extremely useful but I feel that practical information at this stage will enhance

my studies considerably. First hand knowledge of the problems involved and how they are overcome is of a particular interest.

These and other aspects of my studies have been forwarded to Chief of the Defence Staff, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir D. Craig and he is fully aware of my reasons for conducting the research. If necessary please contact Flight Lieutenant Section 40 RAF, Aide de Camp to Chief of the Defence Staff.

I hope I have included sufficient information to be granted permission to visit the T.T.T.E. and I look forward to your reply.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

RAeS (Assoc.)

STATION MEDICAL CENTRE
ROYAL AIR FORCE
Cottesmore Oakham Leicestershire LE15 7BL

Telephone Oakham Section 40

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Your reference

Our reference
COT/1501/8/Med
Date
31 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 12 March 1989 addressed to Wing Commander Section 40 which he re-directed back to Cottesmore (he has recently been posted and all mail is obviously being re-directed).

Regretfully I must advise you that your request for a visit to Royal Air Force Cottesmore is outside our sphere of jurisdiction to accept without Ministry of Defence approval. I can, therefore, only recommend that you submit your application, and reasons for a visit to Royal Air Force Cottesmore, to the Ministry of Defence (RAF), Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB for attention, possibly in the first instance, to Public Relations Branch for their assistance with your request.

Please accept apologies for the delay in replying to your letter and I wish you success with your application.

Section 40

Warrant Officer
for Senior Medical Officer

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THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

HIGH G AND HIGH G PROTECTION — AEROMEDICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 1987

The Aviation Medicine and Test Pilots Group of the Royal Aeronautical Society will hold a one day Symposium on High G and High G Protection – Aeromedical and Operational Aspects.

The agility of air combat aircraft has increased to the extent that the limited G tolerance of their crews is now restricting the overall system performance. Of particular relevance are the sustained turn rates achievable – 9G or more – and the rate at which this acceleration level can be applied – within 1 sec or less. This latter factor can lead to a potentially disastrous G-induced loss of consciousness (G-LOC).

The opening papers will address current operational aspects, the physiological mechanisms which determine G tolerance and the reported incidence of G-LOC in the Royal Air Force. Papers in session two will describe equipment for G protection, both current and developmental, including anti-G suits and valves, regulators to give positive pressure breathing related to G and their in-flight evaluation, and the potential for detecting early G-LOC so as to initiate autorecovery. Papers in the final session will be concerned with possible methods for enhancing G tolerance and their influence on future aircraft designs.

PROGRAMME

09.00	**Registration and coffee**
09.30	**Introduction:** Air Cdre J Ernsting, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine
	SESSION 1: Current Status
	CHAIRMAN: Air Cdre J Ernsting, RAF
09.35	**Operational Scenario** – Wg Cdr C J Cruickshanks, RAF, A&AEE
10.00	**Physiology of +G, Acceleration and Tolerance Limits** Gp Capt D H Glaister, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine
10.25	**RAF Experience of G-LOC** – Sqn Ldr A R J Prior, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine
10.50	**Discussion of Session 1 papers**
11.00	**COFFEE**
	SESSION 2: Equipment for G Protection
	CHAIRMAN: Dr A J F Macmillan, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine
11.30	**G Protective Garments: Design and Manufacture** – J Hawkins, Beaufort Air-Sea Equipment Ltd
11.45	**Anti-G Valves for Future Combat Aircraft:** S Lamb, The Hymatic Engineering Co Ltd
12.00	**G Valves and G Sensitive Breathing Regulators** – R Cassidy and B M Brewer, Normalair Garrett Ltd
12.15	**G-LOC Detection and Autorecovery** – Gp Capt D H Glaister, RAF
12.40	**Discussion of Session 2 papers**
12.50	**LUNCH**
	SESSION 3: The Road Ahead
	CHAIRMAN: Gp Capt D Scouller, RAF, D Flying PE
14.00	**Methods for Enhancing G Tolerance** – Sqn Ldr A R J Prior, RAF
14.25	**Flight Trials of Positive Pressure Breathing** – Sqn Ldr R M Harding and Sqn Ldr G Cresswell, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine
14.50	**Centrifuge Training and Selection of Aircrew for High-G Tolerance** Gp Capt D H Glaister, RAF
15.10	**Design Consideration for the Avoidance of G-LOC** C Hansford, British Aerospace plc
15.35	**General discussion**
15.50	**TEA**

N.B. The organisers reserve the right to amend the Programme

Organising Committee

The Programme has been devised and the conference organised by:

Wg Cdr S D Milnes, SMO TTTE RAF Cottesmore, Oakham, Rutland
Dr F S Preston, Consultant
Miss C Parr, Conference Officer, Royal Aeronautical Society

The Secretariat for the conference can be contacted at:
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A selection of the following Proceedings which are available from The Royal Aeronautical Society:

"Passenger Cabin Safety"
One day Symposium held on 29 October 1986

"Aircrew Helmets and Helmet Mounted Devices"
One day Symposium held on 10 February 1987

"The Airports Act - Its Effect on the Air Transport Industry and Users"
One day Symposium held on 2 December 1986

"Changes in Aircraft Safety Legislation"
One day Symposium held on 7 May 1987

For further details please contact The Conference Office, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1V PBQ. Tel: 01 499 3515, Fax: 01 499 6230

AVIATION EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ITS MANAGEMENT

• 2 and 3 March 1989 •

THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

AVIATION EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ITS MANAGEMENT 2 and 3 March 1989

Recent National and International disasters have clearly shown the need for specialised and co-ordinated response at all levels, not only during the immediate post-accident phase, but also for support in many directions over a protracted period which in some instances may cover several years.

The purpose of this two day convention is to draw together experts in many fields who have experience in disaster management. The breadth of experience encompasses many skills and disciplines, not only in the aeronautical environment but also in allied areas.

The first day will cover subjects on the Ramstein Disaster and air displays and their hazards. In the afternoon papers will be presented on airline management and emergency operations. The second day will start with lessons learned from recent major disasters and their investigation. The final session will cover interservice co-operation. The event will be held at the headquarters of The Society at 4 Hamilton Place, London W1.

Programme

Thursday 2 March 1989

09.30	**Registration and coffee**
10.00	SESSION ONE: AIR DISPLAYS Chairman: Wg Cdr S D Milnes, RAF
	Ramstein Air Disaster – August 1988 Col W Pittman, USAFE
11.00	**Discussion**
11.15	**International Air Tattoo (IAT)** IAT Management Team
12.00	**Discussion**
12.15	**Role of BASICS** Mr R Bailey, Administrator of BASICS
12.45	**Lunch**
14.00	SESSION TWO: AIRLINE MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
	Chairman: Wg Cdr S D Milnes, RAF
	Role of the Airline Safety Branch Capt P Hunt, British Airways
14.30	**Setting up an Emergency Command Centre** Mr B McDonald, British Airways
15.00	**Discussion**
15.15	**Tea**
15.45	**The Role of the Police** Chief Superintendant M G Theobald, Metropolitan Police, Heathrow
16.15	**The Beirut TWA Hi-Jack** Dr F Zebouni, Middle East Airlines
16.45	**Discussion**
17.15	**Chairman's Closing Remarks**
17.30	**Cocktail Reception at the Royal Aeronautical Society**

Friday 3 March 1989

09.00	SESSION THREE: LESSONS FROM MAJOR ACCIDENTS Chairman: Dr F S Preston
	Manchester and Zeebrugge Wg Cdr I Hill, Aviation Pathologist RAF IPTM
09.45	**Piper Alpha** Grampian Emergency Services
10.30	**Discussion**
11.00	**Coffee**
11.30	**Recovery and Transit of the Dead** J H Kenyon Ltd Funeral Directors
12.00	**Forensic Aspects** Gp Capt T Balfour, Aviation Pathologist RAF IPTM
12.30	**Discussion**
12.45	**Lunch**
14.00	SESSION FOUR: INTERSERVICE CO-OPERATION Chairman: Dr F S Preston
	Interservice Liaison Mr J Wilby, Director of the Scottish Ambulance Service
14.30	**Hospital Planning** Mr K Little, Consultant in the A & E Dept, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
15.00	**Discussion**
15.15	**Tea**
15.45	**Helicoptors** Sqn Ldr P Nicholson – SMO RAF Sealand
16.15	**First Air Ambulance – Cornwall** Mr D Green, Mr N Selwood & Mr M Sheen, Cornish Ambulance Service
16.45	**Discussion**
17.00	**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

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ONE DAY CONFERENCE–THURSDAY 13 APRIL 1989
FLIGHT CREW INTERFACE WITH AIRCRAFT

It is widely recognised that advances in technology particularly over the last decade have had a significant effect upon the operational and economic efficiency of both civil and military aircraft. Today's cockpits are equipped with electronic flight instrumentation, flight crew implement their commands by electrical or electronic signalling and integrated management and flight control systems provide safe, care-free, handling and optimize the configurations to the prevailing flight regime.

Flight crew have responded to these changes in a flexible and responsive manner, seeking to influence requirements and implementation of such systems to meet their professional needs.

This conference has been arranged to consider the impact of technology on the human operator and vice versa at a time when questions are being raised about the role of flight crew, their skill and training requirements as well as the threshold at which avionic systems may have full control authority.

A wide range of views will be represented by leading pilots with interests in training, flight testing and operations The technical view will be presented by senior scientists and engineers from industry and government establishments. It is planned to explore the relationship between the two groups starting from the existing situation through to perceptions of the future including a review of current research activities addressing this complex man-to-system interface.

This conference has been organised by the Society's Avionics Systems Group and will take place at 4 Hamilton Place, London, W1.

PROGRAMME

08.30 **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

09.15 **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**
P H Morgan, Theta Analysis & Systems Limited

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rt Hon Norman Tebbit CH MP

SESSION I — TODAY'S SCENE

09.35 **1. HUMAN FACTORS**
A E Hay, Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough

10.00 **2. CIVIL EXPERIENCE**
Capt G Hallatt, FTO A320 Operations, British Airways plc

10.25 **COFFEE**

10.55 **3. COCKPIT REQUIREMENTS**
L Skorczewski, British Aerospace Military Aircraft Ltd

11.20 **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

SESSION II — FLIGHT CREW PERCEPTIONS OF THE FUTURE

11.40 **4. ROLE OF THE SINGLE SEAT PILOT**
K P Orme, EAP Project Pilot, British Aerospace Military Aircraft Ltd

12.05 **5. THE CIVIL AIRCREW VIEW**
Capt B S Grieve, Operations Director, Britannia Airways

12.30 **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

12.50 **LUNCH**

SESSION III — FUTURE SYSTEM DESIGN

13.50 **6. DEFINITION OF CONCEPTS FOR SITUATION AWARENESS AS DESIGN DRIVERS**
Capt G Lizza, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, USA

14.15 **7. FUTURE FLIGHT MANAGEMENT**
K Dougan, Operations Adviser Flight Management Systems, Smiths Industries Aerospace & Defence Systems Ltd

14.40 **8. INFORMATION PROCESSING**
Dr B Ellis, Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough

15.05 **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

15.25 **TEA**

SESSION IV — THE WAY FORWARD

15.55 **9. US PILOT ASSOCIATE PROGRAMME**
Major C Lizza, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, USA

16.20 **10. ADVANCED COCKPIT SIMULATION**
Dr D N Jarrett, Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough

16.45 **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

17.10 **CONFERENCE SUMMARY**
B W J Childes, Scientific Adviser (Air), Ministry of Defence

17.25 **CLOSING REMARKS**

17.30 **RECEPTION**
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copy of a standard letter, etc, suitably tailored to fit the needs of this. TY.

Section 40

10/5

4 May 1989

Air Staff 2
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
LONDON

Dear Sirs

Following our enquiries to help clients study "Ufology" it has been suggested I asked you if it was possible for you to let me have a copy of your "POLICY STATEMENT" on the subject of U.F.O's.

I would be most grateful to see this information and thankyou in anticipation for your help and co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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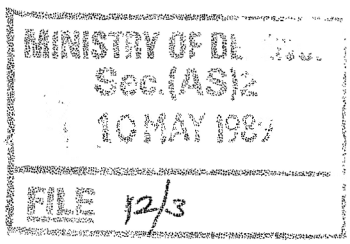
Administrator



Section 40 [redacted]

3 May 1989.

Dear Sirs,

I recently wrote to you regarding the number of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects which had been reported to the Ministry Of Defence between 1978 to the present. You kindly supplied figures for these years, for which I am most grateful. It was also stated in your letter of 28 March that if I had any queries regarding particular recent sightings you would be able to inform me if you had any information on these incidents.

In view of the above I am hoping that you may be able to help me on two points.

1) Regarding the statistics for 1978-1988, is any breakdown available on what per-centage of the sightings were made by the public, by the Police or from Military sources?

2) Did the MOD receive a report of an alleged UFO sighting on 22 March 1989 from the crew of a Section 40 [redacted] Tristar over Sardinia, or was any report made from any other sources. For example, I believe a video film was taken by the Chair-man of Section 40 [redacted] Airways, can you tell me if the MOD has been informed of this or seen the film?

If you are able to help in any way I would be very pleased to hear from you as this is purely for my own interest. Thankyou for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

No, but I would guess that over 95% was from Rc private.

Section 40 [redacted]

I wrote an answer about this recently. would you dig it out, plse,

Section 40 [redacted]
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 4 MAY 1989
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Main Building, Whitehall
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Section 40

D/Sec(AS)12/3

3 May 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 2 March 1989 which asked for the Ministry of Defence's comments on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). As the MoD's point of contact with those who wish to correspond on this particular topic, your letter has been passed to me for a reply.

Before I attempt to answer your questions I feel it would be helpful if I explain that, contrary to the advice given in Section 40 book, the MoD has a very limited interest in the UFO phenomenon. Indeed, our sole concern is to determine whether or not reported sightings of UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom and unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by the MoD to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to the brief details of the incident, passed on to us by those who witnessed them. These are referred to our air defence staffs who examine them as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or surveys. Moreover, we have 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.

Moving now to your particular questions, you will understand that because of our limited involvement with the subject we have little information on it. However, I can categorically confirm that the MoD does not possess any conclusive evidence which suggests that alien spacecraft or beings have either landed in or have communicated with this planet. As far as sightings within this country are concerned, I think it would be useful to say that from the reports that we have received there appears to be no evidence to suggest any connection between military installations and the location of sightings; I would suggest further that we have received more

from areas which are not connected with the military.

On a more general note, we would not disagree that strange things have been (and are being) observed in the sky, certainly the reports we receive bear this out. Nevertheless, we believe that rational explanations can probably be found for many sightings. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights, Meteorological balloons, satellite and meteorite debris and ball lighting to mention but a few.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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Date
24 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 5 April which explained that you would like some information on Unidentified flying Object (UFO) sightings for your school project on "UFOs, Mysteries, Myths and Legends". Although I will do what I can, you will see that our involvement with this fascinating subject is actually quite minimal.

The Ministry of Defence's main concern with UFOs is to determine whether or not they present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom, for instance unwanted intruders such as Russian "BEAR" reconnaissance aircraft coming into UK air space. Unless we judge that they do, and this rarely is the case, I regret that we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to brief details of the incident, passed onto us by those individuals who witnessed them, and who felt strongly enought about it to report it. Once received they are referred to our staff in the sections responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports in the course of their day to day duties.

Although we are generally not able to release sighting reports that we might have received, I am pleased to attach a copy of the sighting report Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt of the United States Air Force submitted following the incident witnessed at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk on 27 December 1980. This is quite a famous sighting on an alleged UFO and was widely reported in the newspapers. However, I regret that this is all we have on the incident and because we did not consider the events to be of any defence significance we did not investigate it further.

Despite our limited interest in the subject, we do not recognise that many strange things have been (and are being) observed in the sky; certainly the reports we receive bear this out. However, we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for many sightings. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights, Meterological balloons, satellite and meteorite debris and ball lighting to mention but a few. Indeed I have witnessed many an aircraft over London which have looked mysterious during the dark hours of night.

I am sorry that I have not been able to shed a light on the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon, I'm sure we would all like to know, but I hope that you will find this helpful nonetheless.

Yours sincerely

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Date
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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 23 March to RAF Cottesmore and Headquarters Strike Command on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). These have been passed to me for reply.

As a member of BUFORA you may already know the Ministry of Defence's involvement with this particular subject, if not I will take the opportunity to briefly explain. Essentially, the MOD's sole concern is to determine whether or not reported sightings of UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom and unless we judge they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by the MOD to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. Nevertheless the sighting reports passed on to us by those who witnessed them are referred to our air defence staffs who examine them as part of their normal duties.

Turning to your letters, you requested any assistance that we may be able to offer in helping you identify three sightings recently witnessed in the Tamworth area. First of all I would like to confirm that we received two reports which appear to coincide with the October 1988 sightings, but not, I'm afraid, the other two. I attach copies of the reports for your information, but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the reports originators, their identifying details have been obscured.

Although it is clear your witnesses saw something unusual, I regret that, because we have not investigated the incidents I cannot give you a definitive answer as to their cause. However, although I am unable to give you a conclusive steer with the 10 March 1989 sighting, you may be interested to know that red and green flashing lights are obligatory navigational fitments on all aircrafts. As such it is likely that the sighting was one of an aircraft.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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British UFO Research Association (Midlands),
Section 40

21 April 1989

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Section 40 Very interesting, but..... what do we do with it! I have explained our policy several times but he still feels that there is a "cover" story dealing with some MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Sec(AS)2 4 MAY 1989 FILE Section 40 4/5

Section 40
AS-2,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall,
London

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your recent letter regarding my various enquiries of UFO reports within the Midlands region and your Department's activities concerning some of these.

First of all, I would like to say how fully aware I am of your Departments's work-load, particularly with regards to various RAF enquiries as well as to Parliamentary Questions and Ministerial matters. On top of that I know that you have to cope with the numerous enquiries from civilian UFO groups, some of them (this one which I hope is not included) which must be cranky and a complete waste of Departmental time.

I also realise that AS-2 is merely a clearing-house for the bulk of low-level UFO reports and that your principle work involved low-flying aircraft matters. It would seem that the bulk of higher level reports, perhaps involving alleged landings, close encounters, physical traces, and reports by military personnel or over sensitive areas, would no doubtbe handled by other agencies that even you may not be aware of (past Under-Secreataries of the Departent have found this to be so), involving RAF Rudloe Manor and DI 55, for example.

I thus understand your difficulties when it comes to effectively responding to the various enquiries that may come your way, and it may prove productive if these bodies could respond to such requests.

It has been noted that the MoD has been increasingly active on the "public relations" front over the last few numbers, notably with regards to the opening up of certain sighting reports (copies of certainreports were gratefully received from you recent ly).

This activity is also evident in other areas of the world where governmental departments that deal with the UFO phenomenon are allowing access to data to either the public or to serious parties. Examples can include the Royal Australian Air Force that some years back allowed Australia's leading ufologist, Section 40 to access to many of their files.

This policy can only be welcomed in open arms and such actions will be greatly respected by serious students of the phenomenon (although allowances will have to be made with respect to very senstive data, the protection of witnesses's privacy, and assurances that enquirers are serious and are backed by a reputable organisation).

To this end I am enclosing a copy of a recently completed case report on one of the cases that I originally brought up with you - the Little Hayward, Staffordshire landing with physical traces case of August 4 1988. Some material is missing from the report due to the cost of copying (such as typed interview transcripts and various documents) but I hope this will suffice. I would appreciate it if you could ensure that a copy of this goes to the other agencies involved in the investigation of UFO reports, such as RAF Rudloe Manor. Hopefully, this will illustrate firstly our degree of seriousness in co-operation with other official bodies (either open or covert), and secondly our high standards of investigation and scientific approach to UFO reports.

It is obvious that the MoD are simply missing some of the most evidential cases that have been occurring and which are being followed up, or at least reported to, civilian bodies (some of them I admit are very amateurish and a discredit to serious ufology). Also, where such reports have been notified to MoD agencies or are known to them, much valuable data is being missed through poor investigation and lack of resources and/or commitment. Considering that the MoD have a far greater number of UFO reports than those reported to BUFORA, and the percentage of BUFORA cases involving landings, abductions, physical traces, etc, this surely is an indictment of the amount of data on the UFO phenomenon that the MoD must possess and , also, the amount of valuable data that is being ignored or poorly recorded.

I do hope that the above will be taken into consideration when official policy is being reassessed and that my proposals will be accepted. I would be grateful if these could perhaps be brought to the attention of other official agencies involved for due consideration

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

LUMINOUS CLOUD WITH PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO HEDGE AT LITTLE HAYWARD

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UFO MATRIX REFERENCE: VL4
BUFORA SHAPE CLASSIFICATION: T3/M1/B3(H2)
DEFINITION: CE 11 (L) TR
CATEGORY: C1b
S-P RATING: 9-7
LEVEL: A

AUTHOR/INVESTIGATOR: Section 40 (LUFOIC-NUFON; SKYSCAN; BUFORA; ASSAP)
PARTICIPATING INVESTIGATORS: Section 40 (SKYSCAN)

LIST OF CIRCULATION: LUFOIC; NUFON; IUN: BUFORA, ASSAP; SKYSCAN; BASE
DATE OF COMPLETION: FEBRUARY 1989

DATE OF SIGHTING: 12 AUGUST 1988
TIME OF SIGHTING: BETWEEN 00.00 AND 00.30 HRS
LOCATION: AT CROSSROAD ON A513 ROAD AND MINOR ROAD TO LITTLE HAYWARD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
(GRID REFERENCE: 003207)
WITNESSES: [redacted]
[redacted] (GIRLFRIEND?)

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

ABSTRACT

THe case involves the sighting by two witnesses in a car of a large luminous cloud with a pulsating red light that disappeared into the distance from its initial sighting point beside a road.

The following day the witnesses noticed that at the same spot where the cloud had been seen a section of the roadside hedge had been partly uprooted and pushed back. The physica-l damage was still apparent when the sighting was investigated by a joint investigation team of LUFOIC,BUFORA and SKYSCAN.after nearly 2 months.

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FILE NUMBER:- LUFOIC

LUMINOUS CLOUD WITH PHYSICAL DEAMAGE TO HEDGE AT LITTLE HAYWARD

12 AUGUST 1988

BRIEF FACTS

1.1 In the early hours of the morning of 12 August 1988 Mr [redacted] and his ? girl-friend, Ms [redacted] were returnig from a Gingerbread meeting at Cannock when they encountered a large luminous cloud by the side of the road.

1.2 Mr [redacted] was able to see the object depart acress the road and disappear as he stopped the car on the hard verge by the bridge which carries a minor road to their home in nearby Little Hayward.

1.3 The following day both witnesses observed that a stretch of hedge had been damaged where [redacted] had seen the cloud at the side of the road.

1.4 Although the police were notified nothing was actioned by them, although Section 40 contacted the local newspaper, the Staffordshire Newsletter, and its editor, Mr Section 40 took the story and photographed the scene for an article.

DISCOVERY

2.1 The RIC of the Midlands, Section 40, was informed by telephone of the case by Section 40 after the story was circulated through BUFORA.

2.2 The case was passed to Section 40 of SKYSCAN as the nearest competent investigator but due to mechanical difficulties with Section 40 car he was prevented from investigating the case.

2.3 Eventually, due to the obvious physical traces at the site the author decided to investigate personally although by then Section 40 had managed to secure his car roadworthy and so a joint investigation was undertaken on 1 October.

THE WITNESSES

3.1 Mr [redacted] is an engineer at the [redacted] nearby and lives with his two children in Little Hayward. His wife died recently and this event has obviously had a depressing effect on him.

3.2 It can be postulated that such a severe traumatic experience has influenced

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Mr [redacted] to misperceive the object that heclaims to have seen, or maybe the event has created sufficient emotional energy for such an object to matrrialise in real space-time, or in his imagination. Howver, Ms [redacted] was also witness and it was her who first saw the object and had a close look at it.

3.3 Ms [redacted] would appear to be Mr [redacted] girlfriend or certainly friend who assists Mr [redacted] in bringing up his children.They were both attending a Ginger-Bread meeting in Cannock at the time of the event.

3.4 Mr [redacted] appears to be quite forthright and fairly self-opinionated, but his general intelligence and awareness, level of conversation and reasoning suggests that Mr [redacted] is a good witness subjectively speaking. He did not appear to elaborate the sighting or claim aspects of the sighting that we ascertained that he could not have seen.

3.5 Ms [redacted] is a quietly-spoken woman who appears honest and conveys an air of almost naivety. Her level of education and intelligence suggests that she has fairly rudimentary knowlwdge of UFOs and a pretty basic level of communication. Although she saw the object quite close-up her levels of observation and communicat ion are such as to reduce the value of her report. It would seem possible that some of her testimony is influenced by Mr [redacted] own personality as this factor did come across at the interview, Mr [redacted] being quite definite and interruptive with his children and Ms [redacted]. Howevern the investigators were able to reasonably conclude that Ms [redacted] did see something unusual and that she described it basically, and that Mr [redacted] saw the object as it was in the air.

3.6 It is the author's opinion that, subject to certain weaknesses in the witnesses, both are honest in their reporting and both back each's story up, but with variation as one would expect with the fact that both saw it at slightly different times.

THE EVENT - SIGHTING

4.1 Mr [redacted] was driving Ms [redacted] back from a Gingerbread meeting at Cannock at about 00.05 hrs on 14 August 1988 when Ms [redacted] noticed a luminous cloud by the side of the A 513 road, just before they reached a minor crossroads and before Wheatman's Bridge that takes a minor road to Little Hayward about a mile to the north(the Staffs Newsletter are incorrect as it states that they saw the object just after they crossed Wheatman's Bridge).

4.2 As Mr [redacted] was turning right to cross the bridge he too saw it as it moved into the air and watched it as it disppeared and then re-appeared before disppearing altogether.

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4.3 Ms [redacted] had the closest view of the object and she was shocked by its sudden appearance by the side of the road, on the left-hand side (south of the road).

4.4 She thought that Mr [redacted] was going to crash into it and her silence at its appearance made Mr [redacted] realise that something was odd. It would appear that deer are common in that area (sighting occurred on northern limits of Cannock Chase), and Ms [redacted] was watching for deer. She was thus looking out at that side and therefore spotted the object.

4.5 She described the object as "a big cloud...all red". That it was "like a ring", and on the floor at the time that she saw it. She also said that it looked hazy underneath and more solid on top.

4.6 Mr [redacted] noticed the quiteness and looked up and at 45-50 degrees angle through t the windscreen as he was preparing to turn right, and saw a gaseous cloud , with a red pulsating semi-saucer shaped light enveloped by a mist. It was then estimated as 30 feet in the air and it sped away , re-appeared and then disappeared northwards.

4.7 It was estimated as 30 feet in diameter and appeared to contain a circular object within a diffused mist. The edges of the cloud touched the ground and the nearby hedge also. Mr [redacted] described the cloud as "fluorescent" and that it contained a an apparent solid structure within it.

4.8 The experience was of short duration, and roughly estimated as no more than a minute, although it is the considered opinion of the investigater that a duration of between 15-30 seconds is perhaps more accurate.

4.9 The light within the cloud was described as very bright had not it been encased within the cloud.

4.10 The gas cloud was described as being "contained" and not spread out like mist.

4.11 The red light was pulsating slowly and did not really change appreciably, perhaps more of an eclipsing movement of the light by the surrounding gas cloud.

4.12 No odours were reported.

4.13 Although the witnesses reported a strange sense of quietness, no elements of "missing time" were apparent, and the sensation of quietness can perhaps be explained as there being no traffic at that time of night and the shock of seeing the object and one's concentration of attention and senses on the one event.

4.14 No sound was heard emanating from the object at any time during the experience.

4.15 There were no other witnesses or potential witnesses to the event.

4.16 Neither witness reported any sore eyes, sickness, headaches, dizziness, sunburn, water problems or any stress-related disorder.

4.17 The gas cloud was sufficiently of substance to obscure not only the hedge but a sign warning motorists of deer.

4.18 The car appeared to function perfectly during and after the event and nothing wrong was reported to the car lights, radio or engine.

THE EVENT- DAMAGE TO HEDGE

5.1 The day after the sighting both witnesses noticed that the hedge at the spot where the object had been seen was damaged.

5.2 Both witnesses reported that the leaves of the hedge were dying but not scorched. and then parts had been pushed back.

5.3 About 5 metres from the minor crossroads (Seven Springs/Little Hayward/A513), south-west, and on the side of a gate was a stretch of damaged hedge.

5.4 The hedgerow had been damaged for a distance of 3.5 metres as measured by the investigation team (and leter confirmed by a visit by Section 40 meteorologist, who studied the site in October 1988.

5.5 The hedge was quite dense and reached a height of some 1.5 m and an estimated height of 0.5 m of more recent growth, characterised by recent twig growth.

5.6 The damaged section was characterised by uprooted sections and with broken and severed branches, some areas of which had been devoid of bark.

5.7 It was evident that the section of the damaged hedge was dead, and the leaves on that section had died. Parts of this section had been pushed into the field, away from the road (Pasture field).

5.8 Apart from sections stripped by the investigation team for analysis, parts of the branches had received mutilation in the form of stripped bark, which was apparent on the roadside of the hedge ("scuff marks"), and some occurred on the field side but only in connection with a wire fence

(presumably as the weight/force if the object pushed the hedge against the wire). Some of the scuff marks were up to 25 cm long.

5.9 Two branches were uprooted, and one was shattered vertically from the root upwards.

5.10 There were no skid marks on the road, and no tyre marks or any other sign of disturbance on the grass verge adjoining the hedge. (however a section of a car's number plate was visible at the site (we declined the suggestion that this belonged to the UFO).

5.11 The scuff marks appeared concentrated in the centre of the damaged section, some 4m from the very extreme edge , and some 3 m to the uprooted branch.

5.12 On the scuff marks of one branch the bark appeared to be pulled back, suggesting that the object had reversed.

5.13 The departire of the object as measured by the angke of the collapsed portion of the hedge and a prismatic compass was found to be 243 degree (SWW).

5.14 No damage was observed on the SW side of the hedge (field side). Howver, Section 40 Section 40 noticed that a tree between the main road (A513) and the minor road (to Seven Springs) was surrounded by substantial branches which had broken off. He adds that one of the branches had been twisted around and pointed in the opp site direction from theroad.

5.15 No evidence of scorching or charring were found, and it was found that the leaves had died due to their parent branches being uprooted and shattered.

THE INVESTIGATION

6.1 Section 40 and Section 40 accompanied the author to interwiew the witnesses, which was taped.

6.2 The site was visited and photographs, soil and bark samples, taken, and measurments taken.

6.3 Correspondence was undertaken with Section 40 in another example of co-operation between BUFORA and TORRO, as the possibility was mooted that a descending vortex may have been responsible. Correspondence was also undertaken with Section 40 Section 40 (BUFORA,IUN) for details on the geology of the region, and with Section 40 Section 40 who analysed the samples.

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6.4 One of [redacted] associates, [redacted] (J.Met observer/TORRO investigator), of [redacted] also visited the site and supplied weather data.

SAMPLING

7.1 8 samples were taken, including 3 control samples.: leaves, bark and soil were taken fromthe damaged hedge, and 3 lots of control samples from outside the affected area.

7.2 These were sent to [redacted] of Sheffield University who analysed them.

7.3 However, there was insuffient material for a proper and rigoureus testing and the length of time and lack of hard data of the object causing the damage made any results limited in value.

RESULTS OF SAMPLES

8.1 [redacted] examined the samples for evidence of heat damage, metallic traces (it was suggested that scraping of the hed ge may have left micro-traces of the object as it passed through/over the hedge - see Socorroco landing and metallic traces). physical damage and any unusual features.

8.2 Sample 1 consisted of 2 twigs and leaves (hawthorn). There was no evidence of any heat damage. It was found thatin comparison with the control sample the affected leaves had been severely dehydrated , probably as a result of being dprived of sustenance when the branch had been uprooted.

8.3 The bark samples did not reveal any unusual marks when examined microscopically. No metallic traces were noted and no sign of charring. [redacted] found that the presence of fungal hyphae and algae ruled out any exposure to heat as it would have destroyed these organisms.

8.4 The soil samples contained plant roots that showed no signs of heating.

8.5 In summary, therefore [redacted] found nothing unusual in any of the samples, and it was therefore possible that a natural occurrence may hace caused the damage (farm machinery/vehicle). Both [redacted] and the auther agree that without a definite lead or more evidence further examination would be unlikeley to produce any further evidence of unusual activity at the site.

WEATHER DETAILS

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From information kindly supplied by Section 40 and by Section 40 it was found that the evening of 3/4 August 1988 was quiet.

9.2 The weather details are summarised below:-
Cloud cover- sky half-covered, becoming clearer.
Cloud type- Strato-cumulus, becoming clear to bring cirrus.
humidity - moist
wind - westerly to south-westerly
speed - 4knots to 1 knot.
weather - slight mist, thinning; drizzle; cloudy becoming sunny in afternoon; cloudy evening; mist/dew developing in course of night and sunny following day.

9.3 In essence, the weather that evening was clearing to bring mist and dew, implying (as well as supported by wet/dry bulb thermometers) that there was suffieicent moisture in the air, and the temperature was decreasing, and the wind was light and westerly to south-westerly.

9.4 It could be deduced that mist was responsible for the sighting, but it can be equally argued that the object was well-defined and glowing, and made off rapidly. The witnesses had observed mist on that stretch of road before and it can be certain that they would not have mistaken mist for the object described, and which was seen at close range and did not appear in the beam of the car headlights.

9.5 If a descending vortex was responsible then the object was moving in direct opposition to that of the wind direction, namely NNE to SSW. It could be feasible however, that upper air turbulence , perhaps aided by the presence of high ground to the SW (150 me within ½ km, and 200m within 2½ km, the Cannock Chase plateau). may have created a descending vortex that gathered its own momentum and acted as an independent entity. Certainly, the topography and wind directions are conduicive for the creation of a vortex, occurring as it may have done so , in the "mystery circle" period of late summer, with a clear and moist night.

GEOLOGY

10.1 Section 40 of BUFORA and the IUN kindly supplied geological details of the area.

10.2 The site is situated on the northern extremity of the Cannock Chase plateau, NW of Rugeley, Staffs.

10.3 The actual sighting location is itself located on the boundary between the sand-

stone escarpment of Cannock Chase and the shales to the north.

10.4 Apart from being on a geological boundary there are numerous faults nearby, one running parallel to the River Trent (which also runs parallel to the site and the A513). It is only 1 km from the nearest fault which intersects a larger one that runs SSE through Rugeley.

10.5 Tee further faults run at right -angles to the A513 approximately ¾ km from the site to the W.

10.6 According to current research and thinking within the Earthlights hypotheses, such a geologically faulted zone is ideal for the possible production of tectonically created electrical discharges: micro-earthquake activity may result in the build-up and possible discharge of such charges when pressure upon the rocks reaches a critical level. Such discharges, so the hypotheses goes, may be seen in the form of glows and balls -of-light.

10.7 It must also be pointed out that not 1 km away, in a S direction, is a place name of "Hell Hole". Such a fortean place name that is associated with strange events (well-documented throughout the world) lends credence to the possibility that the immediate area is prone to "supernatural" manifestations, interpreted as either ghosts, goblins, or indeed, UFOs.

10.8 Since the object observed by the witnesses appeared to all intents and purposes, only semi-solid (despite the fact that the witnesses thought that the centre of the cloud was solid) it can be suggested that the object was a ball-of-light surrounded by gas, and its sighting at that spot being the result of its natural creation by tectonic forces, and manifesting itself as a discharge, disappearing into the distance towards the faults to the NNW about 1 km away.

10.9 The damage to the hedge (if it can be definitely be tied in with the timing of the sighting of the object) is more difficut to explain. It could be mooted that the earthlight, through some physical process unkinown to us at present, created a vortex of turbulent air currents or eddies, and thus damaged the hedge by uprooting parts of it. How this process would occur, if at all possible, is uncertain.

10.10 Whatever, it is the investigator's opinion that the geology is of important consideration in the debate over the nature and origin of the object observed by Mr [redacted] and [redacted]. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

A POSSIBLE VORTEX ORIGIN?

11.1 The earthlights hypotheses in this case, although valid, may not be able to fully

satisfactorily explain this particular sighting.

11.2 A vortex in the region is a distinct possibilty, and would explain the damage to the hedge ina more than adequate manner. Such descending vortices (now being studied and recorded by Section 40 [redacted] of the Journal of Meteorology, and which have been adequately associated with the 'mystery circles' of the summer in southern England which appear in corn-fields) would have the necessary energy, if actually touched the ground, to create the damage inflicted upon the hedge. Indded. it is within the bounds of informed speculation that such a descending vortex could have descended right on top of the hedge.

11.3 It is known that the rates of spin within the contra-rotatating sets of vortices that make up the so-called "fair-weather stationary whirlwind", can produce static build-up. Such vortices have been known to cause burns to humans and to vegetation upon contact.

11.4 It is also conceceivable that the rates of spin may be more than sufficient to cause a charge separation to occur, so that such a descending vortex can literally glow in the dark. This would be more than adequate to account for the glowing red light that appeared to pulsate seen by the witnesses.

11.5 Thus, to the witnesses at night, the weakening and eventual extinction of the vortex may be interpreted as the recession and disappearance into the distance of the object. Again, this is what may have happened at Little Hayward; the object was seen to lift into the air and recede, disappear and then to re-appear and then disappear again.

11.6 Again, although the object was observed to move from a NE to SW direction (as evident also from the angle of the uprooted hedge), the wind direction was conduic-ive to the creation of a vortex as it moved over the Cannock Chase plateau. Certainly, from at least 1km to the SW are suitable topographical barriers that would potentially create eddies in the prevailing wind from the SW and W: Haywood Hill, Satnall Hills, and Oak Hill.

11.7 Eye-witness accounts of the formation of vapour vortices exist in the meteorological literature (eg Avebury; Carron Forest, Scotland). These indicate that where conditions are suitable vortices can form and be partly visible when sufficient water vapour exist in the atmosphere. These have , on at least the Avebury example, to have been noted in conjunction with the appeareance of "mystery circles" in the adjoining fields.

11.8 Thus it would imply that given sufficient moisture in the atmosphere, such vortices can be made visible. The Little Hayward sighting was seen within a cloud of gas

that could represent vapour droplets, "similar to a CO2 extinguisher cloud".

.9 It would seem that saturation levels have to be reached before this phenomenon occurs, and the formation of fog would imply that, as is evident by the night of 4 Augsut, being misty, dewy and clear.

11.10 It can be concluded, therefore, that what the witnesses observed were the lower ends of a spinning vortex made visible by the condensation of water droplets in the core as a result of the reduced air pressure. The actual height of the object would depend upon the depth of the saturated air. Its consequent recession and disappearance would therefore be attributable to the vortex disappearing above the layer of near-saturated air and thus extinguishing the presence of visible water droplets.

11.11 The red glow could be associated with this by the very fact that should high rates of spinning within the column have been achieved (as evident by the damage to the hedge), then charge separation of the static within the colum could make the air within it glow. Its pulsating nature could thus be explained as either differe tial glow within the core(similar to a lighthouse beam), or to the eclipsing affect of the enveloping water droplet cloud.

11.12 As suggested by the work of Section 40 and Section 40 the damage to nearby crops suggests that a stage must be reached where the vortex breakdown leads to the plunging of such damaging winds. The damage to the hedge would thus be attributable to this damaging phase and its consequent disappearance from astride the road and hedge to extinction would imply that the energy of the vortex had been dissipated.

11.13 It is also relevent to note that the River Trent lies only several tens of metres from the sighting location, and would thus qualify as being a source of the satuarted air at that particular spot.

11.14 If the path of the vortex moved SW then it may have also been responsible for the damage to the tree beside the minor road on the opposite end of the field.

SUMMARY

12.1 A luminous cloud with a central red light was observed by two witnesses one night that was later found to have been associated with a damaged hedge. The object w as surrounded by a gaseous cloud and was observed for seconds only.

12.2 It is strongly indicated that the hedge was associated with the light event and that the hedge had been pushed away from the field.

12.3 The conditions under which this occurred were misty with dew forming, and since the circumstances were right for a vortex to form with the SW/W winds that eveining it has been strongly suggested that a descending vortex was observed.

12.4 The saturation of the air would have made the vortex visible, being seen as a gaseous cloud, and if the rates of rotation were powerful enough, then a glow may have been visible. Its recession and disappearance could be accounted for by the dissipation of the vortex, which would rise up into the air.

12.5 Vortex breakdown would result in damaging winds to form which would damage either crops("mystey circles" in corn-fields, eg the Oadby Ring, Leics), destruction to fences (eg the Kidderminster Event), or, as in this case, damage to hedging.

12.6 The vortex hypotheses would account also for the lack of odours (although car was moving and windows up), the lack of sound, and the lack of physiological effects upon the witnesses. It would also account for the ghostly appearance of the object, and the effects upon the hedge which would require some energy to carry out.

12.7 No scorching or charring were found either by visual examination or by analysis carried out in the laboratory. Nether were metallic fragments found within the bark fragments obtained from the "scuff marks" on some of the branches. It was assumed that a solid object would have completely uprooted the hedge and broken branches an and twigs around the site, although the scuff marks would ceratinly indicate the passage of a solid object. If the vortex hypotheses is taken into account the damaging winds would account fo r the damage seen at the site.

RECCOMENDATIONS

13.1 It is the investigator's opinion, based upon examination of the site, interviews with the witnesses, laboratory analysis, topograhical survey, and weather data, that a descending vortex was responsible for the object seen and for the damage to the hedge.

13.2 Howver, it is the investigator's conclusions that some consideration should also be given to the relationship between local geology and topography and meteorology. Are the presences of faults and the geological boundary and the occurrence of the fortean place name of "Heal Hole" coincidental? Can tectonic disturbances create micro-environments that are conduicive to the localsied formation of vertice development? Can ionisation from certain anomalies within the earth give rise to atmospheric disturbance.? Further research within the context of earthlights and earth energies in general is required before we are closer to understanding the mechanics of electrcal effects upon the weather.

13.3 Perhaps the relationship is as follows: areas (such as faults and charged sites perhaps with fortean place names) with a strong ionising potential may become highly charged negatively with the passage of a positively-charged cloud, and the immediate area positively charged. Due to the high density of charge in such highly localised area a stream of charge may be sprayed upwards. Such an electric wind may create a vertical wind and it is possible that throughtthis mechanism that a dexcending vortex may take place.

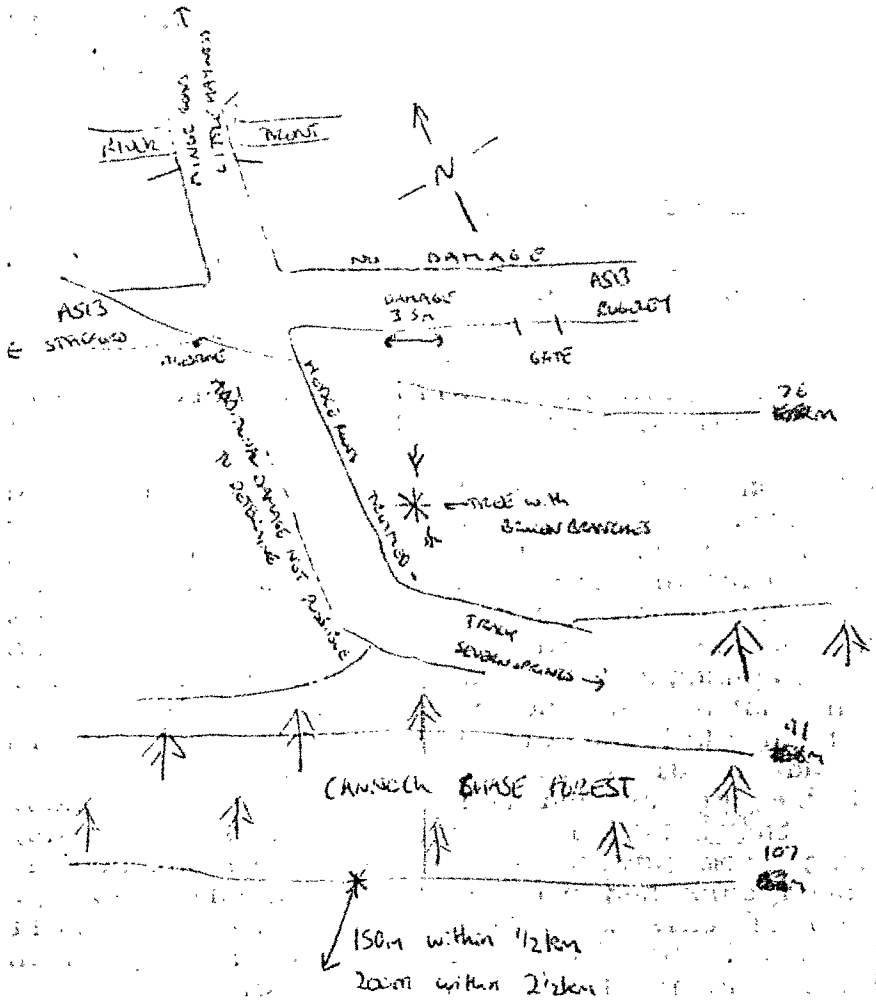
13.4 There is a strong link between UFOs, sacred sites, geology and folklore and abnormal weather (see Section 40 .

13.5 It is the investigator's opinion that a certain portion of unknowns in past UFO data can be adequately explained within the parameters of the descending vortex hypotheses, but to sound a note of caution , only a limited number which fit the general charactersistics of the phnnomenon observed and the local topograpgical and meteorological conditions prevailing at the time of the occuurence. Certainly, glowing/pulsating lights or objects (with humming/screaming sound or not) which recede and disappear quickly, and which may create damage should be scrutinised with careful consideration of the vortex hypotheses. Even daylight sightings may also be subject to this theory as saturation point within the atmosphere may craeate a water droplet cloud and, particularly, if the vortex touches the ground, may pick up dust and other debris to form a variety of shapes in the air, Similarly the possibility must be mooted as to whether the static build-up within a vortex could discharge to a human, possibly resulting in shock/trauma/unconscious and the potential emergence of unconscious abduction scenarios Section 40 case). The static build-up may also affect vehicle electrics and electrical appliances, and certainly result in physical effects and even physiological effects.

POSTSRIPT

After thereport appeared in the local newspaper both witnesses noticed, when driving past the site, a white landrover, unmarked, with two men in overalls examining the site. No further detail was forthcoming due to the brief observation but the possibility must exist that some scientific establishment or the MoD were interested in the damage by a UFO. The investigator did attempt to contact the Universities of Leicester and Birmingham but no response was forthcoming from the Physics Departments. This clearly shows the arrogant attitude of the "Ivory Tower" men who occupy academic institutions and which this vacuum is being filled by innovvative specialilsts as Section 40 who can co-operate with objective and scientifically-orientated organisations as BUFORA.

MAP OF AREA.



DETAILS OF LARGEST DAMAGED BRANCH

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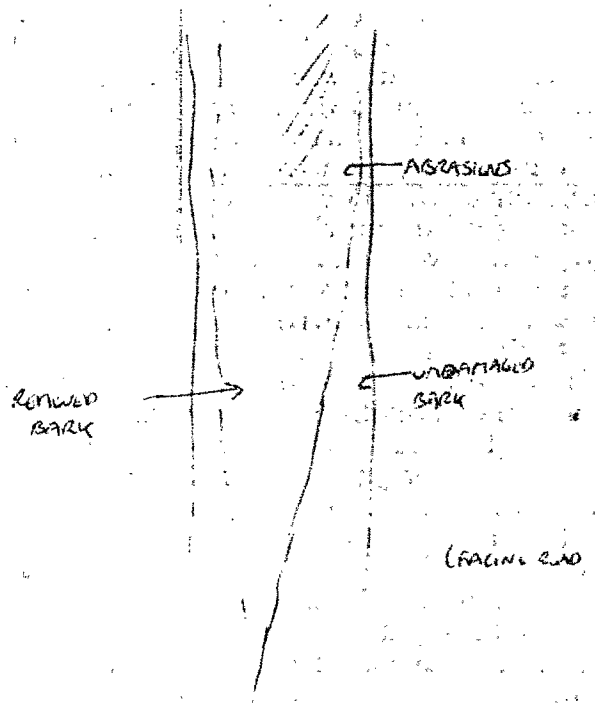

WEATHER DETAILS

at WOLVERHAMPTON approx 15 MILES SSW

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WET (AIR TEMP)	13·5	16·0	15·0	14·0	17·5	13·5
WIND	SW	NW	W	SW	W	W
B'FORCE	2	4	4	1	3	3
RECENT WEATHER	MIST	SHY SHOWERS	SHY SHOWERS	MIST DEW	SHY SHOWERS	SHY SHOWERS

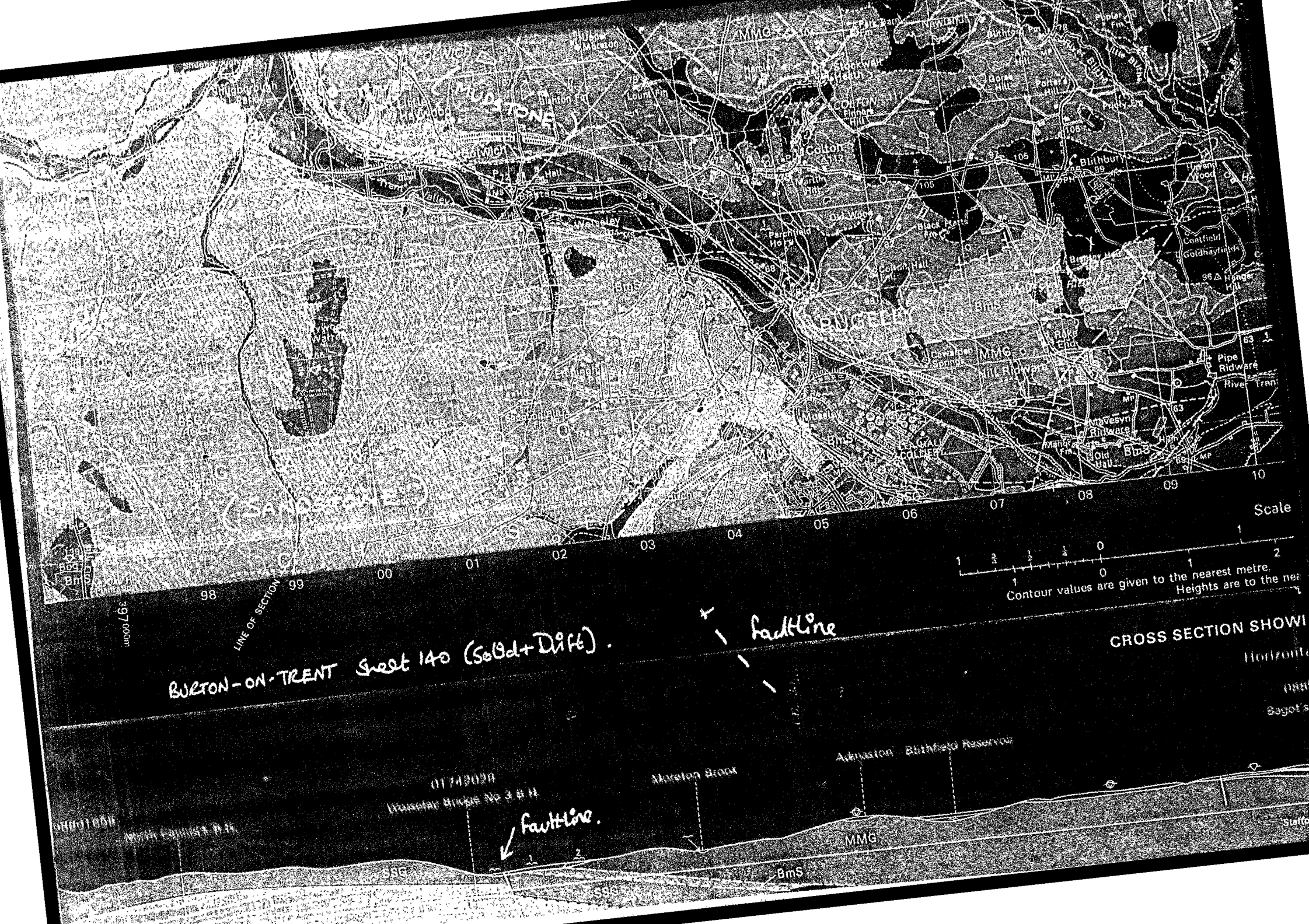
GRASS	8·7	10·3
AIR MIN	10·9	13·6
MAX	15·0	21·0

DIARY: MIST THINNING & DRIZZLING → CLOUDY BECOMING SUNNY IN AFTERNOON → CLOUDY EVENING.

MIST START → SUNNY ALL DAY → CLOUDING OVER IN EVENING.

PS - T.V. Stourbridge, West Mds, 23rd Sept (Sept '88 COL) - I missed that one!

I saw the 'Countryfile' T.V. programme on the whirlwind circles, and I agree that it was sensationalised. I thought they could have given you more coverage given that BUFORA also believed that they were caused by whirlwinds and had little interest in the patterns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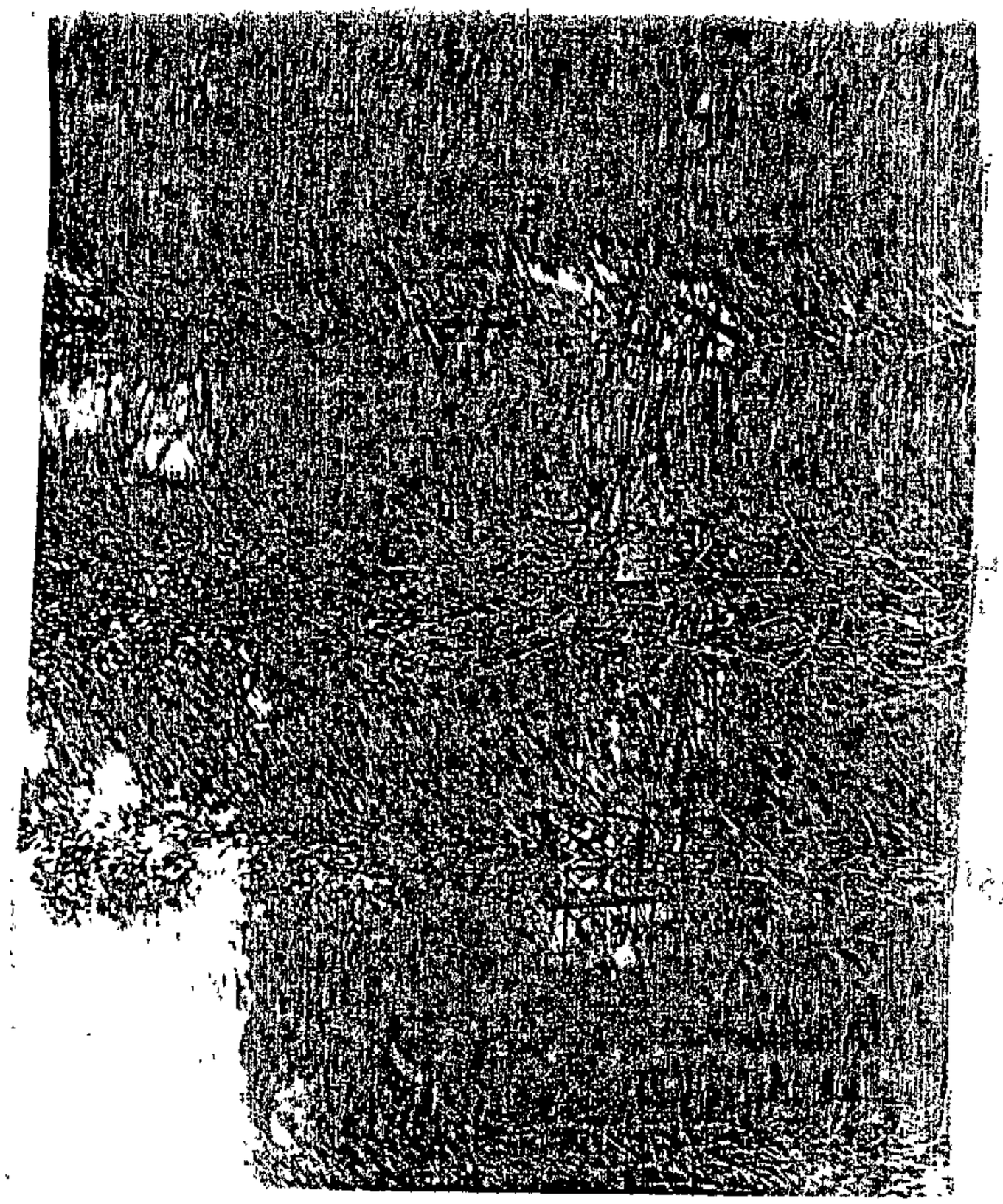

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40 ext
(Switchboard)

ENCL NO. 46
with copy

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
19 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 10 April concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), which asked for information on an unusual sighting witnessed in the Macclesfield area on 28 October last year.

As a member of MUFORA you probably know that the Ministry of Defence's sole concern with the phenomenon 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 whatever might have been seen. In addition, the vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to the sighting reports that we receive from those who witnessed them.

Moving now to the sighting that you are particularly interested in, I regret that a search through our file did not reveal any reports which correspond to the details given in your letter, and because we did not investigate the incident I can not give you a definitive explanation as what may have been seen. Nevertheless, I can confirm that it is highly unlikely that RAF helicopters, or other RAF aircraft for that matter, would have been operating in the area at the time in question. I regret that we do not possess details of British Aerospace flying activity and would suggest, therefore, that you contact them direct. Lastly, as you know the location of the sighting falls within the flight path of aircraft using Manchester airport and I hazard a guess that your witnesses observed an aircraft, or aircraft, associated with this.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

I return your SAE for use on another occasion

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ENCL No. 45

file copy

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
19 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 3 and 4 March to the Ministry of Defence on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). As the MODs point of contact for those who wish to enquire about this particular topic I have been asked to reply.

I think it would be helpful if I first of all explain that the sole concern of the MOD with this subject is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom and, unless we judge that they do, and this is not usually the case, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

Given our limited involvement with the subject, the MOD does not have any department which is solely appointed/studying or collecting data on UFO reports nor do we have any staff employed on the subject fulltime. The vast majority of information that we have are sighting reports, usually limited to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them, which are referred to staff in the departments responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine them during the course of their day to day routine.

Nevertheless it is quite clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been and are being observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lighting, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles to mention just a few.

You also asked about viewing any information on UFO sightings that we might have received. Although I regret that the release of any material on the subject "en bloc" is not possible because of the provisions of 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 specific queries 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, However, due to our limited resources, I regret that I can not instigate general searches through our files.

Lastly, you may be interested toknow that archived Governmental material is held by the Public Records Office at Kew, London and they may be able to help you further.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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ENCL NO. 44

Hitecopy

Your reference

Section 40

Our reference
D/Sec(AS) 12/3

Date
17 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters concerning the unusual incident witnessed over East Anglia during May 1957. I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before now. As you know, we discussed this particular sighting at some length over the telephone a few months ago and although I have nothing further to add, I feel it would be useful to briefly recap the main points we covered.

You asked for any information that we might have on a reported sighting of a UFO seen from a USAF F-86D Sabre aircraft on 20 May 1957 whilst it was flying over East Anglia. Regretably, enquiries with our Air Historical Branch, who archive Air Force Department material, did not reveal any information which supports the accounts of your two witnesses. Nevertheless, we were able to establish that RAF Manston was used by the USAF at the time and that Sabres were, indeed, operating from there. However, because RAF aircraft were not involved with the incident the MOD does not possess any record of the sorties that were alleged to have taken place, although it is possible that given USAF aircraft were involved, the USAF may hold records relating to their operations in the United Kingdom. As such I would suggest that if you wish to pursue this matter further, you contact the USAF direct. I hope you will find the two addresses useful.

Although not related to this particular incident, you may find it helpful to know that the Public Records Office at Kew holds Government Records which are over thirty years old and that they may be able to help you with other enquiries you may have on incidents which occurred during the 1950s.

I am sorry that I can be of no further assistance with this particular case, but nevertheless wish you luck with your endeavours.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

USAF Contacts:

1. Office of Air Force History
   Dept of Air Force
   HQ USAF
   Bolling AFB
   Washington DC
   20332-6098

2. USAF Historical Research Center
   Maxwell AFB
   Alabama
   36112

April 16 - 1989.

Section 40 [redacted] Canada

ENCL No. 43/2

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(A3)2
25 APR 1989
FILE

To Section 40 [redacted] or other Person who may be in the same position of authority.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of your letter of December 4 1988 to me shortly after I received it, I sent you copies of three declassified service orders, The American Joint Army Navy Airforce publication 146 c - and the Joint U.S. Canadian order J.A.N.A.P 146 E, for your interest, you did not reply, so I do not know whether you received it or not, In 1954 the then Air Ministry issued an order which stated, that all reports of Flying Saucers, were restricted information not to be revealed to the general public, now apparently under the Department of Defence orders, details of civilian sighting reports to the D.O.D, can not be released until thirty years have passed, Because of the close cooperation between the British, American and Probably Russian on the U.F.O question and the still in force restrictive orders of the U.S.A and Canada, it would seem unusual as your letter of November 4 states, That the U.K. military are not restricted in their sighting reports of U.F.O's, Is it a fact that all four countries mentioned here are in actual fact in full cooperation on U.F.O's ? or is Britain going it alone. ? Recently on a U.S. T.V Program on U.F.O's there was a direct linkup via Satellite with Russian Scientists, Viewed by several million people in North America, During which the Russian Scientists spoke of the great number of sightings over Russia, and their cooperation with the U.S. on this, Because of the ongoing global activity of extraterrestrial space craft on and near the Earth, the preparation of the general public is of Vital importance, At present they are not being made fully aware as they should be. If there is a grand international Plan to give ALL the facts to the Public, It is conspicuous by its absence, I am sure that ALL genuine Researchers contact D.O.D's only out of a very sincere concern for the World as a Whole, a FULL response to their enquiries would indicate that the D.O.D's are also concerned with the truth,

Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

In July/August, 1988, the U.S.S.R. General Staff Field Marshall SERGET, F. AKHROMEYEV was welcomed in the United States by the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Williams J. Crowe JR - The conference with generals in the Pentagon was followed by demonstration of the New American weapons, then high profile discussion was held on grand military strategy - (credit- The New York Times Magazine August 7. 1988.) - Why would the prominent Military Officers of so called enemys meet at the Pentagon.?, surely not to to disclose their secret weapons to each other.? — While many of the Visitor to this planet are no doubt friendly - Some may be Hostile, thus necessitating a global defence against any hostile intent — giving the reason for the Star Wars program - BUT! the general public have not been prepared for this.

U.S. General Douglas MacArthur, commander, In chief Allied Forces in the Pacific said, Because of the development of Science, all the countries on Earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other Planet - ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some planetary galaxy - (West Point Military Academy, May 12. 1962) — U.S. General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, in charge of Continental Air Defense Command! We have stacks of reports about flying Saucers, We take them seriously when you consider we have lost Many men and planes trying to intercept them (Interview with a [redacted] 1955.) This Planet is facing intelligencies of very advanced technology, of perhaps thousands of years ahead of ours, Even the friendly one's who's visits will no doubt benefit the whole human race, may not turn the other cheek when fired upon and may return the fire with devastating results. WHILE THIS PLANET HAS A RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTACK. ANY POSSIBLY CONFLICT WITH EVEN SUPERIOR PEACEFULL FORCES, DEFENDING THEMSELVES, COULD MEAN THE ANNIHILATION OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL. People like myself are concened with the future of the Human race on Earth, in relation to a populated Universe, some of who's intelligencies, have been and are

Visiting Earth. They are no doubt coming here from many places for many reasons, and even if they are all peaceful, who's knowledge will advance this Planet's population beyond their greatest of dreams. The general public is not being prepared for the final outcome. But, forewarned is forearmed with the fortitude to face up to the coming changes.

If the general public is not advised and prepared beforehand by a gradual system of education, in order to condition them for future events, Then they may very well face a "Mental Catastrophe."

The reporting and recording of Sightings, Landings and Contacts "World Wide" has long become secondary to the more important One of: "WHAT OF THE FUTURE ON PLANET EARTH. are the Earths people to perish, either by Atomic War, or MENTAL ABERRATION. OR are they to advance into TOMorrow along a road, out of the darkness into Light.

"With Truth - None Should fear.
Sincerely.

[redacted]

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Section 40

CANADA

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 November 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for the copy of the letter to you from the Canadian Department of National Defense dated 24 October 1972 which outlined their policy on the phenomenon of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

With regard to the American orders that you mention, I regret that as they appear to be instructions for American and Canadian military personnel rather than for those serving in the Royal Air Force we do not seem to have come into contact with them before. Certainly, my colleagues in the Air Force Department have not heard of the orders that you are interested in and I regret that due to the long gap since they were issued, and because of limited resources, I cannot authorise what may well be a futile search through Ministry of Defence archives to see if we had received copies of them in the past.

As such I regret that we are unable to give a view except to reiterate that there are no restrictions on UK military discussing details of what they might have seen, unless of course it was thought to be a Soviet military aircraft or similar. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Mod(SEC(AS)2A)

FOI/PRCL No. 43/1

With the Compliments

of

Officer Commanding

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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To OC Flying Squadron. RAF

From OC Ops Sqn. RAF CRANWELL

Date 31 MAR 89

Tel. MAIN Section 40

Your ref.

Our ref. CRAN/142042/1/09.

Subject LETTER from Section 40

1. Further to our telecon of today I enclose the letter I mentioned from Section 40 for your perusal and action.

2. Being this close do 1 April I have had the address confirmed and I am assured that it is genuine.

Thanks for your help

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SEC(AS)2
18 APR 1989
FILE

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Signature Section 40

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23 MARCH 1989

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Headquarters Strike Command
Royal Air Force High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP14 4UE
Telephone: High Wycombe Section 40

Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
STC/1830/8/CPRO
Date:
4 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 23 March on the subject of "unidentified flying objects" in the Tamworth area.

I have forwarded your letter to the Air Staff Secretariat in the Ministry of Defence, which is the branch responsible for inquiries from the public on this topic.

No doubt they will write to you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

12/3

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From: Squadron Leader Section 40 RAF
Community Relations Officer

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Cottesmore Oakham Leicestershire LE15 7BL

Telephone Oakham Section 40

Section 40

Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London

Your reference

Our reference Cot/621/3/Org

Date 03 Apr 89

Section 40

pse extension if we have reports for A, B, C or M, Section 40 1814es.

Section 40
5/4

Dear Section 40

Please see the enclosed letter from Tamworth regarding UFO sightings in that area.

Section 40 from the PR staff at Strike Command gave me your address and I hope therefore that I am in contact with the correct office. If this is not so please forward to whoever is coordinating such reports.

From the sighting dates it would appear that we can't blame Richard Branson.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
- 5 APR 1989
FILE 12/3

ROYAL AIR FORCE
Cottesmore Oakham Leicestershire LE15 7BL

Telephone Oakham Section 40

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference Cot/621/3/Org

Date 03 Apr 89

UFO SIGHTINGS IN THE TAMWORTH AREA

1. Your letter of 23 Mar 89 came to my attention this morning and was the first I have seen regarding sightings on the occasions mentioned.

2. I can offer no explanation and have forwarded your letter to the Ministry of Defence for their comments.

Section 40

Sqn Ldr
CRO

Section 40 [redacted]

CPRO
Shirley
MB STC/UKAR

183-/3

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The second sighting was on thursday 27 October 1988 and were seen over the Belgrave area of Tamworth between the hours of 8.30 and 9.00 pm. TheZobjects were described as a white light which seemed to spin around with two main red lights in the centre. Around these lights were smaller blue and orange/yellow lights. It was rounded off at the bottom but seemed to taper into two points towards the top. the objects seemed to be 45-50 degrees in the sky and were close together. they made no noise and moved slowly until disappearing over some houses.

The third sighting occured on friday 10 March 1989 between the

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hours of 8.50 and 9.05 pm. One object was sighted over the the Amington area of Tamworth. It was described as three bright white lights in a triangle formation witha dim red light in the centre. On one side of the twiangle was a small green flashing light and on the other side a small red flashing light. The object appeared to be approx 45 degrees in the night sky and moved very slowly with no sound towards Tamworth town centre where it finally disappeared.

I would be most gratefull for any information that you may be ablw to give me concerming these cases such as RAF training exercises or whether the descriptions that i have given you match up to any of your RAF air craft.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that the above requested will not take up to much of your time.

YOURS

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40
BUFORA (Midlands)
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 23 March and indeed your previous of the Autumn of last year. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

Before looking at your latest letter in detail I think it would be helpful if I explain our involvement with the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), as it appears that there might be some misunderstanding. Whilst I regret that there is some delay in replying to individuals corresponding on the subject, I should say that this is caused, primarily, by our Ministerial and Parliamentary work which we carry out on behalf of the Air Force Department. I hope you will understand, therefore, that this work, which is not insubstantial, must take priority over requests for information such as yours, however regrettable that may be. Additionally because of our heavy workload on RAF operational matters we do not have the resources to spend a large amount of time on each UFO enquiry that we receive.

As you may already know, the only information that we have on UFOs are the sighting reports passed on to us by those who witnessed them. These are usually limited to the brief details of the incident and are referred to our staff in the departments responsible for the air defence of the United kingdom who examine them during the course of their normal duties. But unless we judge that a sighting report presents a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom, and let me assure you that this is not normally the case, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. From this background I hope you will understand that for the most part we do not possess any information, other than any reports that we might have received, on incidents which involve unusual aerial activity. Moreover, I would expect that more often than not, because of your specific interest in the subject, UFO societies would have more information than we do.

Moving to the detail in your letters I would, first of all, like to say that for the reasons above it is extremely unlikely that MOD personnel would have been investigating the incident witnessed at Little Hayward, Staffordshire, and would therefore like to rule out this possibility. Nevertheless, we did receive a report which is similar to the one that you describe and I attach a copy of the report for your information but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originator, the identifying details have been obscured.

I can also confirm that we did receive a number of reports from members of the public which relate to sightings seen in the West Midlands on 16 May 1988 and again I enclose copies of these. Although we did not investigate these sightings we believe that they could have been connected with civil air traffic going into Birmingham Airport, which was exceptionally busy at the time. Certainly the times and descriptions could be of modern jet aircraft following a holding pattern around the airport.

You also mentioned a variety of other sightings but regret that we did not receive any reports which correspond to the details that you gave. Similarly, although we were sorry to read about the effect that the May 1988 sighting in East Anglia had on the girl who witnessed it, we do not have any reports on this particular incident and because we have not investigated it we cannot offer a definitive explanation of what might have been seen. However, I can confirm that we do not possess any unpiloted vehicles which match the description of the object, nor is it likely that the USAF would have been testing an experimental RPV in the United Kingdom.

Lastly, whilst we appreciate your kind offer of indepth information on UFOs, I do not feel that, because of the reasons outlined earlier, we would be able to give them our full attention and would certainly not be able to comment on all of them. Similarly, because of our lack of resources, I regret that we cannot provide a general answering service on the subject.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
10 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 February to the Prime Minister's Private Secretary on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). I have been asked to reply.

I hope you will have received by now my letter of 28 March in response to your similar letter to the Secretary of State for Defence. I regret that there is nothing more I can add to my earlier letter and hope you will accept this as an acknowledgement that your letter to the Prime Minister's Office has been received.

Yours sincerely

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plus copy of Lt Col Hall's report

pse Section 40 12/4

Dear Sir or Madam,

I heard that you keep a record of U.F.O. Sightings Please could you send me some information. I need it for my Project about U.F.O's, Mystries, Myths and Legends

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 (age 10)

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

5 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 20 March which asked for any information we could provide on sightings witnessed in the North of England on 12 September 1988 and 10 February 1989.

You may recall that the sole 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 and, unless we judge that they do and this is not usually the case, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. Any information we may have is therefore limited to brief details of the incident passed on to us by those individuals who witnessed them.

Moving now to your specific requests, I would like to confirm that we received one report which corresponded to the details that you gave for the incident witnessed on 12 September in Knaresborough but regret that we found no others to match the other sighting. Nevertheless, I attach a copy of the 12 September report but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originator, the identifying details have been obscured.

I hope that you will find this helpful. However because we have not investigated the incident I hope you will understand that we cannot offer you an explanation as to what the object might have been.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 April 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 25 March concerning the unusual incident witnessed by the captain and passenger on board a Section 40 Tristar on 21 March 1989. Stand

Although we were interested to read about the incident I don't think we can offer much advice on it for the simple reason that we are only interested in reported sightings which occur in the airspace of the United Kingdom and as you know this particular sighting occurred over Sardinia whilst the aircraft was flying from Malta to Gatwick. You will recall that the MOD's sole concern is to ensure that sightings, as reported to us, do not constitute a threat to the continuing security and defence of the United Kingdom. Moreover, as you might expect, the MOD did not receive a report (other than yours) which related to the event.

Moving now to your request for information on the Tristar itself, I hope you will understand we do not possess information on the movements of aircraft belonging to civil operators and if you wish further advice I would suggest you speak to the airline concerned.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 April 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received a copy of your letter of 8 March to the National Air Traffic Service (NATS) on the reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) on 4 March 1988. I have been asked if the Ministry of Defence can provide any further information.

In corresponding with us, NATS in their covering letter have said that the area covered by your report is regrettably too extensive for them to detail every aircraft movement, and that Heathrow, in any case, would only be in contact with a limited number of aircraft in the area concerned.

Nevertheless, on looking through our files, I am pleased to say that we received two further reports which correspond to the details given in your letter. I attach copies of these for your information but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originators, their identifying details have been obscured.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

I was alien spaceman of the M25

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EVENING STANDARD
FRIDAY 31/3/89

by Oonagh Blackman

DAREDEVIL tycoon Richard Branson has owned up to being the "alien" pilot of a UFO that stunned thousands of people as it hovered over Surrey early today.

Branson and balloon maker Don Cameron wore Martian outfits for the secret test flight of his April Fool's Day flying saucer and even took two dwarfs dressed in ET costumes.

The bizarre spectacle brought M25 motorists to a standstill and had sleepy-eyed residents running into the street as Mr Branson and his silver 100ft space balloon travelled over rooftops and roads at dawn.

But the Virgin chief did not expect an audience for his hour-long test flight that ended with a gentle landing in the sports ground of a Surrey computer factory.

"I assumed there would be no-one around but there were hundreds of people coming out of their homes," said Mr Branson. "There has been so much UFO talk lately that we decided to fly across London for April Fool's Day."

After floods of emergency calls from the public, police across London, Surrey and Sussex began searching for the mysterious UFO and eventually tracked it down outside the Foxboro Yoxall factory in Redhill.

The police were not amused. Branson was given a rocket and drivers found themselves booked for stopping on the motorway.

Still laughing after his trip, Mr Branson described the landing scene: "One plain-clothes policeman took one look at the two ETs emerging from the UFO and ran a mile. Three others came creeping towards us with truncheons poised and seemed terribly relieved when they discovered we were not from outer space."

A night guard at the factory said: "It was a very abnormal balloon. It was mushroom-shaped and made to look like a flying saucer."

Motorist Keith Vaughan-Williams, a 30-year-old casino cashier from Crawley, stopped his car on the hard shoulder as he saw the Branson UFO emerging through the early morning mist.

"I saw this wide saucer-shaped object in the sky, it had flashing lights and was just like something out of Close Encounters," he said.

Angry police said the stunt caused danger by distracting drivers who stared at the saucer and parked illegally on the hard shoulder.

"It was lucky a serious accident did not occur," said Chief Inspector Andrew Neilson at Surrey police

RICHARD BRANSON: Given a rocket

...e Mrs Thatcher a giant pumpkin

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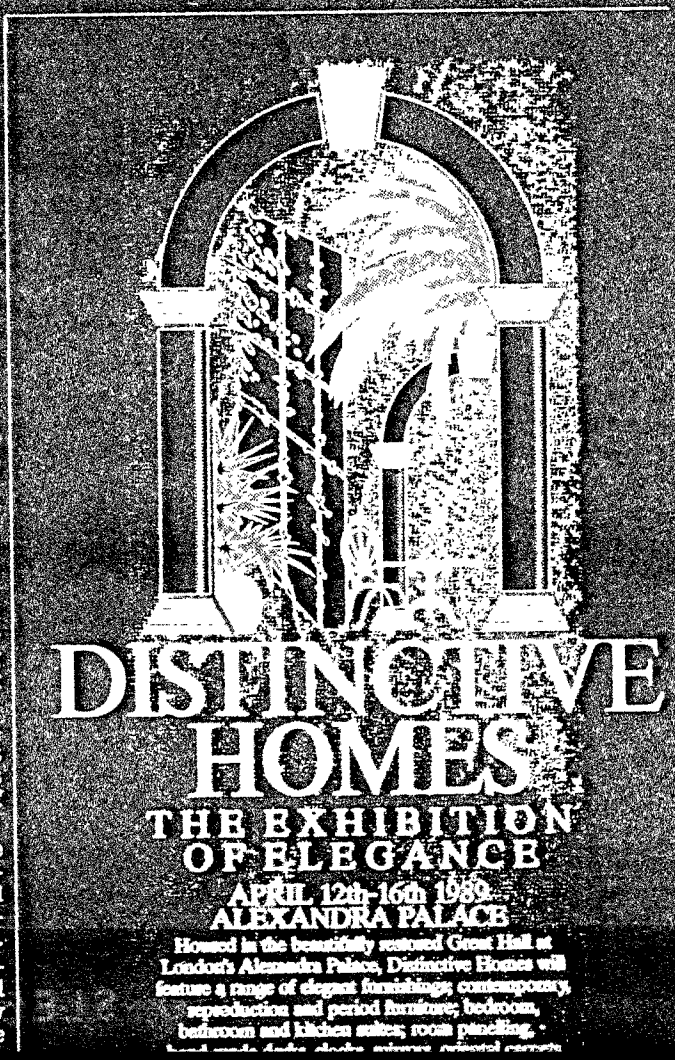
...is waging a guerrilla war. Through an interpreter she questioned a teenage boy who did not know his age.

He told her he had slogged, without food and



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Head of Sec(AS)

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.

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Section 40 [redacted]

for APS/Secretary of State

3/4/89

Section 40 [redacted]

10 DOWNING STREET
WHITEHALL

PRIVATE SECRETARY

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We attach a letter which the Prime Minister has received.

It refers to correspondence sent to you on .....

Please arrange for your Department to acknowledge and deal with 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: 29/3

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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28th Feb 1989

Dear Private Secretary,

Please would you inform the Prime Minister that I would like to talk to someone about a list of events I have regarding aliens and flying saucers in the ground that is several visits.

I have signed the Official Secrets Act and nope has this knowledge other than I at present.

There has been a recent event.

Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Group Captain Section 40
Air Attache
British Embassy
Rome
Italy
BFPO 8

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
30 March 1989

Dear Group Captain Section 40

1. As requested in our phone conversation of 22 March please find below the names and addresses of the main unidentified flying object societies with which we, in the Ministry of Defence, are aware of and have correspondance from.

Skyscan
Section 40

Yorkshire UFO Society
Section 40

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Redhill & Reigate Phenomena Research Group
Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

2. I hope that these will be of some help to the Italian lady enquiring about the subject.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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ENCL No. 36

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
29 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 25 February enquiring about information on unusual sightings in December 1976 and February 1989.

I think it would be fair to say that the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) takes up only a very small percentage of my total workload and as such I am unable to devote a lot of my time on it. This, of course, means that we cannot offer a general enquiry service or carry out general searches through our files for reports that we might have received way back in the past. Nevertheless we are prepared to assist with one off queries so long as we are given full details of when and where the sighting may have been and, in order that we can easily retrieve a report (if we have one), we try to keep enquiries to within 2/3 years of the present date.

With this mind, I am afraid that I can not help with the sighting in 1976 but looking through our recently received reports I can confirm that we did receive a report from Section 40 and attach a copy for your information. No other similar report was received.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Answered similar letter on 4/4
No further action necessary.

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National Air Traffic Services
Control Tower Building
Heathrow Airport – London
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Telephone Section 40

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MOD (~~AFO~~) Sec(AS)2a
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

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28 March 1989

Dear Sir

Attached is an enquiry from Section 40 regarding a reported UFO sighting by a Section 40 Airways aircraft whilst flying over Sardinia.

As the 'incident' took place outside the Heathrow area of operations, I am unable to assist Section 40 and am forwarding his letter to yourselves for reply.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

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enc:

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National Air Traffic Services,
Control Tower Building,
Heathrow Airport - London,
Hounslow,
Middx., TW6-1JJ.
(tel: Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir,

Re: enclosed ufo report, referenced above, and submitted for your inspection and comment.

Having investigated this ufo report without succeeding in determining its stimulus, I am writing to you in order that, by using your records, you might be able to shed some light on the nature of the object allegedly observed. Therefore, by enclosing a copy of the relevant report, it is hoped that the data therein will aid you in identifying the object seen as, possibly, an aircraft in the given area at the time.

As part of an on-going project being operated by a colleague of mine working for Section 40 [redacted], it would be of great help if you could give the exact geographical location by giving the precise readings of latitude and longitude of the airliner when its crew and passengers made their observations. Furthermore, and also of vital importance to the project, is the supply of the exact local time of the incident.

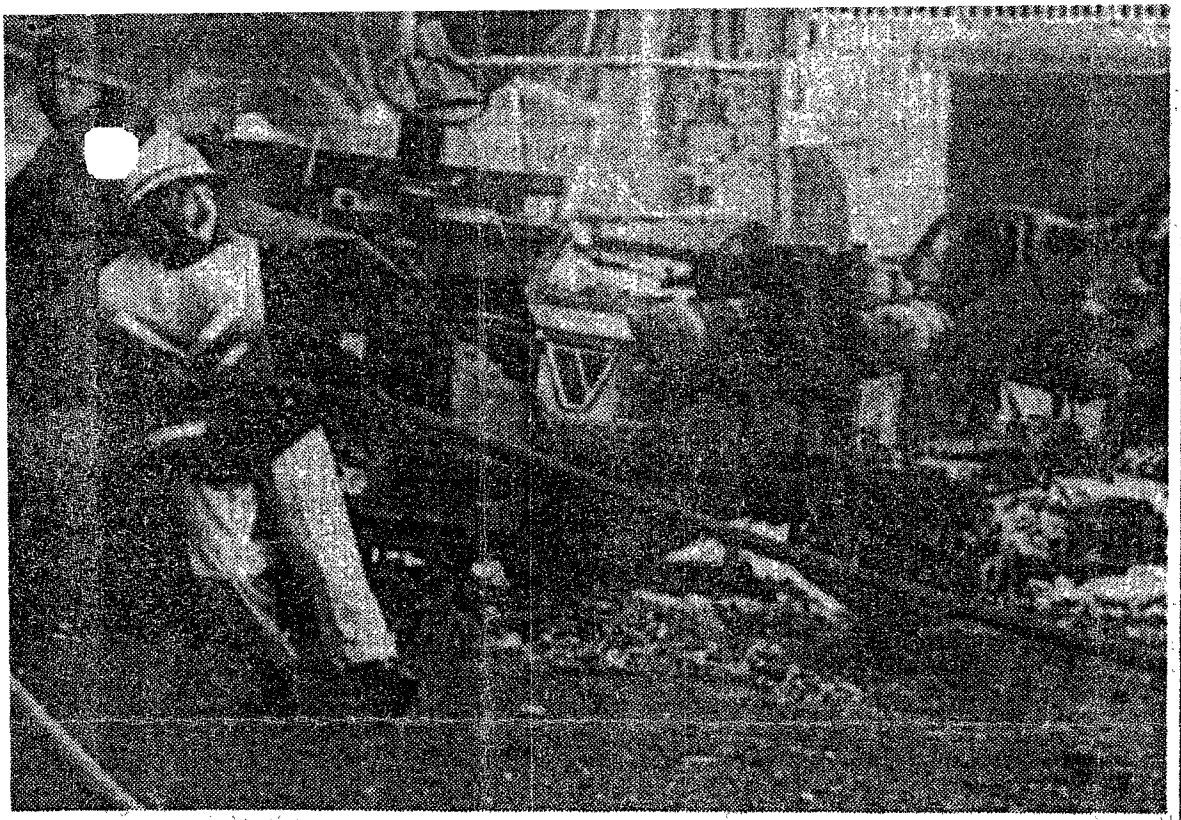
Any information that you could supply us with in respect to this case, even if in the negative, would be of immense help to me in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
Investigator,
Section 40



f the blast firemen complete the work of their dead and injured colleagues, putting out the blaze

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Explosives go up as lorry catches fire

said Mr John Nottingham, 47, a plant fitter for Vibroplant. "It just ripped open my overalls and knocked me backwards. We were all knocked backwards."

When the smoke cleared the lorry had disappeared, he said. "There was just a big crater in the yard about 2 ft deep with a couple of cogs in it.

"The whole side of our main building had caved in. The force moved one of our 14 ton road rollers several yards and there was nothing left of a fork truck.

"All our cars—at least 15—went up at the same time."

Another plant fitter, Mr Mervyn Wells, 40 over to him and said they had to call the fire brigade.

"I said there were some extinguishers in the workshop to be going on with and the driver told me: 'We've got some explosives on board.'

"I alerted my colleagues working in the yard with me and our secretary, Mandy Garth, went running round to evacuate the area."

A Cambridgeshire fire brigade officer said: "As our vehicle arrived it was beginning to denonate. Then there was a major explosion."

No details were immediately available about the second person who was killed.

Five factories were badly damaged by the explosion and one had its roof ripped off. Fires broke out in others and severe damage was reported in a 200 square yard radius after the blast, which was heard eight miles away.

Police, ambulancemen and other firemen already at the scene radioed for help and fleets of ambulances took the injured to

ane as UFO flies in with a TriStar

by Peter Woolrich

PASSENGERS on the inaugural flight of a British TriStar were expecting the airline to lay on something special—but never a UFO.

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Minutes later, the aircraft was plunged into panic as it suddenly dropped—some passengers said thousands of feet—out of the sky.

Passenger Susie Walton, said: "It was terrifying. People were hitting their heads on the ceiling as the plane dropped sharply in two sudden jolts.

Theories

"The lights were really pretty, though. It was like a bright, glistening cloud with lots of colours and left behind a trail of smoke.

"The pilot said there was nothing in the manual about how to deal with a UFO sighting."

The British Island Airways jet was over Sardinia on its way back to Gatwick from Malta when the extraordinary incident happened at 7 o'clock last night.

A number of theories were being discussed today, including the possibility that it was a missile or a satellite being launched.

But Captain Taylor says the plane was nowhere near a launch site and argues that he would, in any case, have been informed of a launch because of the safety implications.

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"We will probably never know what it was. Who knows, we might have seen a UFO."

Several other aircraft in the

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Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date:
28 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 26 February to the Secretary of State for Defence on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). I have been asked to reply.

I think it would be helpful if I first of all explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

Given our limited involvement with the subject, the MOD does not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports nor do we have any staff employed on the subject full time. As you will expect, therefore, we do not carry out studies,in-depth investigations or surveys into the UFO phenomenon, nor do we possess the resources to do so. Nevertheless, we do, of course, recognise that many strange things are to be seen in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, aircraft lights to mention just a few.

Moving to your specific request, I regret that given our very limited involvement with this particular subject, we in the MOD do not possess the necessary information to give you the advice that you require. However, on a more positive note, I believe that one of the many organisations set up by enthusiasts specifically to study the UFO phenomenon are more likely to be in a position to give you the

assistance you seek. One such organisation is the Redhill and Reigate Phenomenon Research Group, Section 40 and I would suggest that if you still wish to discuss your experiences they may prove to be a good start.

I am sorry that we have not been able to help in this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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Section 40

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date:
28 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 March on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

You asked for details of the numbers of sighting reports which we received over the period 1968 to the present. Although details are not readily available for the years prior to 1978 I am pleased to be able to provide figures for the remaining years, which are as below:

1978 - 750
1979 - 550
1980 - 350
1981 - 600
1982 - 250
1983 - 390
1984 - 215
1985 - 180
1986 - 120
1987 - 150
1988 - 400

As far as general release of the sighting reports is concerned, all MOD files are subject to the Public Records Act, which states that official files should generally remain closed from public viewing for thirty years after the last action has been taken. Nevertheless, 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.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

[redacted]

25-3-89

ENCL 1 TO 33/2

Our ref: [redacted] 013

C.R. Neville,
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
M.O.D.,
Room [redacted]
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A-2HB.

Dear Sir,

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As a further point of interest I am currently participating in a project being run by a colleague of mine at [redacted] whose work is based on a global orbital theory, therefore, it would be of great assistance to us if you could supply us with the latitude, longitude and local time of the aircraft concerned during the incident ; I hope this will not be too much bother.

Of course, I do realise that your jurisdiction vis-a-vis the ufo controversy is strictly confined within the parameters of defence, and this condition is taken as read. However any information that you could supply me with in respect to this case, even if in the negative, would be of immense help in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Investigator,
[redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
28 MAR 1989
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BRITISH UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

CASE REPORT

PAGE 1 UFO STORY FROM THE 'LONDON EVENING STANDARD', DATED 22 MARCH 1983.

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THEORIES:-

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Several other aircraft in the vicinity also reported the unusual sighting.

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A REPORT RECEIVED BY Section 40 OF THE DAILY EXPRESS AS REPORTED IN THE 'SUNDAY' NEWSPAPER FROM A PAGE 1 STORY ON SUNDAY 23 1989:-

"TWO-AIR MIRROR PLUNGE AS UFO SCARES PILOT."

The captain and passengers on a VIP flight watched in amazement as a ufo sped towards them.

They sat spellbound as a silvery glow with flashing lights appeared over the Mediterranean.

Seconds later, guests on the maiden flight were thrown forward as the craft disappeared and the plane plunged, spilling coffee and smoked salmon.

The chairman of Section 40 Airways, Section 40, and many executives and journalists who witnessed the drama on the inaugural flight of the firm's restored Douglas DC3.

At first captain Section 40 thought it was another plane and told passengers to look out of the window as they crossed Sardinia.

Section 40 a pursuer with Section 40 Radio, said: "The sky lit up with shimmering lights. It was like a disco. It was very pretty, almost a romantic light.

"After the light disappeared, the captain came back on and said it wasn't an aircraft. He said it could have been a missile or a ufo. But if it was a missile he would have been warned about it in advance. There was no sound, it was silent.

"When the plane suddenly dropped a few minutes later, it was terrifying. I thought that was it. They later said the drop was due to 'wake disturbance' which you get if you fly into the vacuum created by a Jumbo jet. But there were no other planes around."

Capt Section 40 added: "I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like the remains of a condensation trail.

"It came towards us at supersonic faster than normal, in fact it was obviously missing us and climbing tremendously high very above us.

"At first I thought it was an aircraft. It was the way it suddenly disappeared that made me change my mind. I can tell my grandchildren I might have seen a ufo."

No one has identified the object which did not show up on air traffic controls. But Section 40 insisted: "The

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Lights were everything from 500 to 3 000 miles away. I'm certain it was not a UFO."

Tel: Section 40 (24-hr hotline service)

British UFO Research Association (Midlands)

Section 40

23 March 1989

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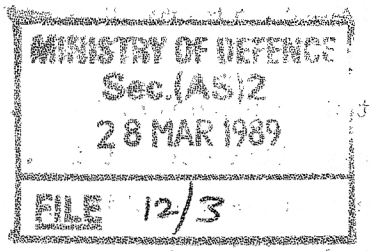
AS-2,
Ministry of Deefence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1.



Dear Sir,

I refer to my previous letters dated 26 August and 10 November 1988 regarding local civilian UFO investigations within the Midlands. Acknowledgement was received from you in December, promising further details.

I do realise the work-load of the Department and , in particular, that of dealing with numerous enquiries from UFO investigaters throughout the UK but I am currently writing up several reports of UFO incidents and would like very much your opinion and comments on the several issues raised.

In particular the sighting at Little Hayward, Staffordshire (4 Aug 1988) when a couple observed a luminous cloud by the side of the road at midnight and which was later found t have damaged the hedge. Apparently, two official -looking investigaters in a white londrover were at the scne several weeks later and I am wondering if they were MoD men. I have written this case and will send you a copy of the case report if you so request.

Secondly, there are the sightings of the triangular-shaped objects displaying unusual lighting configuratiens, very slow and silent(the so-called "Silent Vulcan"), which had been seen and descibed on several occasions, the occasions that I specifically identifie being :- Overseal, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics (November 1986); Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, Leics (27 Sep 1985); Abbots Bromley , Staffs (22 Sep 1987). (please refer to letter dated 26 Aug 1988).

We are also investigating the spate of reports from Stafford of 16-22 May 1988 in which many witnesses observed brightly lit objects. The local MP, William Cash, has been questioning the Department concerning these sightings. I shall be happy, once again, to supply you with copies of our own enquiries into these sightings but would obviously appreciate your informations and comments regarding the reports. Were they Stealth

, a refuelling exercise, or what?

From numerous reports made over the last few years (and see above cases) from the Midlands and Yorkshire /Lancashire we have good reason to believe that a secret airship is being tested. We had previously thought that Stealth had been operating but its slow speed and manoeuvrability preclude this hypotheses. I wonder if perhaps the Department could perhaps offer some insight into thispossibility?

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Finally, We are currently investigating a case from East Anglia where a young girl was literally terrified by the low-flying passage of a square-shaped UFO on 2 March 1988 at Godmanchester, Cambs. The object, shaped like a teabag, was approx 1½ metres long an only millimetres thick. The object possessed aerial devices at each corner and was only just above the chimney tops. The object left behind a very narrowly defined loud rumblin sound and again a very narrowly defined stench, probably hydrogen sulphide. The radio was also affected for several minutes and pets were affetcted. Due to inadvertent publicity the young girl was abused at school so much that she had to leave but fortunat -y the local educational welfare authorities managed to get her to a local animal welfar sanctuary where she is much happier. However, the abuse at school could well have had a severe detrimental effect on her, apart from the terrified encounter withnthe object itself.

Communications regarding the object have, I believe, been addressed to you from the original investigator, Section 40 [redacted] of Clacton, Essex, but nothing appears to have been forthcoming. Enquiries to local police and airfields at the time of the incident revealed that no flying was appearently taking plaae at the time in question.

However, my enquiries have led me to believe that the object may have been a secret experimental RPV (Remotely Piloted Vehicle) from a local USAF or RAF air base. In fact its direction (from East to West) was direct from local RAF Brampton's runway. Other reports of a similar object were recorded elswhere from East Anglia in the months prior to the Godmanchester encounter.

I do think that this particular report should be treated with the greatest of urgency as not only was a young person's life nearly wrecked by the encounter with it, it nearly hit local roof tops and left behind a terrified shoolgirl, accompnained as it were by a screaming rumbling sound (also heard and felt by parents indoors) and a terrible stench.

I shall be happy to provide further information if necessary. In the meantime I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Midlands RIC for BUFORA

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20/3/89

Dear Sir,

I wonder of you could give me any further information on some recent UFO sightings in the north of England.

1. Two witness in Knaresborough N. Yks 12/9/88 at 1515 hrs. Report passed to police and then to you via LATCC (Mil) at RAF West Drayton.

2. 10/2/89 Rawtenstall, Lancashire. Taxi driver saw a 'domed disc' flying low over valley.

I would be very grateful for any further information you can give me on either of these two sightings. For instance, are you aware of what the stimulus was for these sightings, and were there any other reports of the same or other 'UFOs' for the same day in question in the same or adjacent areas? Thankyou very much for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
22 MAR 1989
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Please pass to Sec AS-2
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OFFICE OF CHRIST
13/4/1989

DEAR FRIENDS,

The enclosed photo copy explains the mystery that is no mystery if you read the Bible. Now to tell you what God's prophets have said would happen to Palestine and Israel, for this you have to read Isaiah 14.v.31; and put it with Zephaniah 3.v.12; and this my friends was written over 2500 years ago. What is to happen in the Middle East can be read in Isaiah 13 (it is to be made like Sodom and Gomorrah) and Isaiah 34, the land is to be turned into pitch, very easy to do with a massive earthquake as crude oil which is like liquid pitch lies beneath the surface. What will happen to the price of petrol after that earthquake ? It looks like solving the traffic jam problems in cities and towns. This can be regarded as a tip not to invest in a new car, wait to see how things turn out as you may want to buy an electric car or a bicycle instead. In Revelations it mentions that merchants will weep and wail as they will no longer be able to trade with Babylon after that disaster. It is going to be God's settlement over the controversy of his people the Jews. All people are to know that the Jews are special to God, see Zechariah 8.v.23; I ringed round the small circles in case you find it hard to spot them, if you have a photo copier you should be able to produce your own, perhaps if darkened a little the circles may show up better. I should mention that Ezekiel says that the large one is shaped like a bow, so when people call them FLYING SAUCERS, they are not far from the truth. It takes solid objects to flatten corn like that and as I have said before, they come from another planet across the universe, Isaiah 33 says that it is a very far off land reserved for the righteous when earth comes to an end. Jesus Christ said that you are raised on the last day. I give you the truth that your churchmen have been blind to. Angels came to Abraham before going on to Sodom, they were dressed as ordinary men (no wings), they ate and drank with Abraham. When Jesus Christ came back to earth he came with a body and he too ate and drank, these are pointers to the fact that if you go to that other land, you too will get another body and will eat and drink as you did on earth. I can only liken your spirit to being your senses, you will want them if you are to enjoy life for ever in that far off land, commonsense isnt it. The alternative is also in Isaiah 33, you do have to make a choice, make the right one for your own sake, it has to rest with you.

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Circles in the corn six times the size of a car . . . the answer may be up in the air

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EZEKIEL CHAPTER 1.

A wheel within a wheel and there are 4 small ones, as you can see there is plenty of room in the large one to contain all 4 small ones. Each wheel has its own Seraphim and Revelations mentions that these are the 4 Seraphim that are always with Jehovah. It means quite simply that Jehovah has been visiting earth. Comment from the Sunday Express 19/3/1989 says that there are 7 concentic rings of crops which grew back with a series of perfect spokes going out from the centre. Read Isaiah 60.v.8: they can be likened to doves of peace, the next verse mentions these isles. Read Isaiah 45.v.7; it is God who is bringing peace to nations now.

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Control Tower Building
Heathrow Airport – London
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Hon Sec(AS)

10-3-89

Ministry of Defence (AFoR)
RAF Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB.

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Dear Sir,

The endosed report relating to UFO's was receaved here today. It is impossible to answer the questions posed as the area is far too extensive to allow us to detail every aircraft movement. In addition it must be remembered that Heathrow would only be in contact with a limited number of aircraft in that area.

I trust you will be able to take appropriate action.

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Yours Sincerely

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3-3-89.

National Air Traffic Services,
Control Tower Buildings,
Heathrow Airport - London,
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Middx., TW6-1JJ.
(tel: Section 40

Dear Sir,

Re: enclosed ufo report, referenced above, and submitted for your inspection and comment.

Having investigated this ufo report without succeeding in determining its stimulus, I am writing to you in order that, by using your records, you might be able to shed some light on the nature of the object allegedly observed. Therefore, by enclosing a copy of the relevant report, it is hoped that the data therein will aid you in identifying the object seen as, possibly, an aircraft in the given area at the time.

Any information that you could supply me with in respect to this case, even if in the negative, would be of immense help to me in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

Section 40
Investigator,
Section 40

BRITISH UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

CASE REPORT

The following is a synopsis of the appearance of anomalous lights appearing on a police-operated traffic video situated at junction 6 of the M1 motorway - the North Orbital Road intersection. The video camera was pointing in a westerly direction for the duration and shows the ground scene as far as the horizon with approximately 4Ø° elevation of sky background. Against the sky one can detect two major planetary/stellar bodies setting towards the western horizon plus the traversal of a number of aircraft.

DATE: 4-3-88.

TIME OF APPEARANCE OF FIRST OBJECT: 21.14 [screen right]

" " DISAPPEARANCE " " : 21.15 [upper-right screen]

" " APPEARANCE OF SECOND " : 21.17 [screen right]

" " DISAPPEARANCE " " : 21.22 [upper-right screen]

" " APPEARANCE OF THIRD " : 21.23 [upper-screen right]

" " DISAPPEARANCE " " : 21.23½[upper-right screen]

" " APPEARANCE OF FOURTH " : 21.28 [upper-screen right]

" " DISAPPEARANCE " " : 21.29 [" " "

The object seen on screen has the appearance of a doughnut-shaped light which, when not maintaining a steady course, appears to hover for less than a minute. There were two other reports made by the police at the time (Rickmansworth and Watford) and one of these sources are alleged to have videod the phenomenon using a portable patrol-car camera, but this information is yet to be confirmed.

INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUING.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2a ROOM
MAIN BLDNG, WHITEHALL.
LONDON.
SW1A 2HB.

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13 APR 1989
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10.4.89.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Enclosed statement of Sighting dtd. 28.10.88.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter we received recently; we would be interested to know if you can advise us of any military activity in the Macclesfield area on the above night?

The object appeared to be heading in the general direction of Woodford Airport (British Aerospace), where it was last seen; perhaps you could advise if you know of any activity that may have been invoked in over Macclesfield for that night? We feel that the object might well have been some sort of helicopter.

Your assistance in this case would be greatly appreciated, as we would like to try and clear this case up as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

M.U.F.O.R.A.

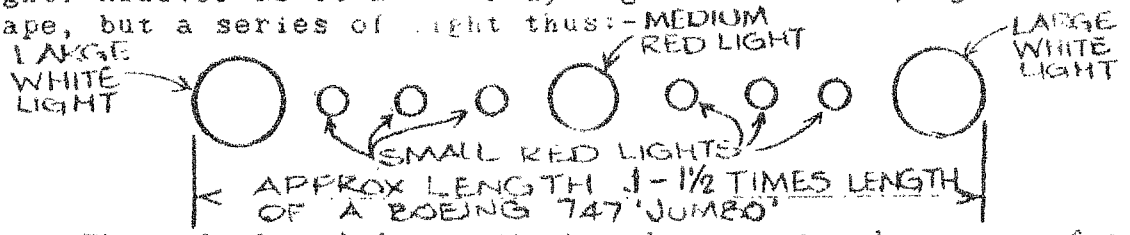
I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your usage.

WOODLAND recycled paper

Date: Fri 28 October 1988
Time: Initial sighting - 11.00pm (± 2 mins)
Duration of sighting - 20/25 mins

Weather Conditions: Sky - Crystal clear, Cloud cover - None
Temperature - Low (heavy overnight ground frost)
Wind - Still
Moon - High and almost full

On returning from an evening visit to Buxton, my wife and I decided to stop off and enjoy what was a beautiful starlit night. We parked up at Tegg's Nose car park, (OS Ref SJ 949 732) turned out the lights and started talking. After 10/15 mins a solitary very bright light suddenly appeared in the sky, due west over Macclesfield Forest (OS Ref SK 96/97 7[illegible]73) at a guesstimated height of 0.5 mile. The intensity of the light was like that of a single spotlight (similar perhaps to one of a bank at a football ground). It did not seem to have a direct beam aimed at any particular object and it shimmered with a starlight quality. The light literally appeared out of nowhere /nothing and there had been no gradual build up of intensity, it just suddenly "switched on".
I was not unduly worried but my wife was very curious and asked where it had come from, and then asked if the light was moving, I said yes, she said no. I lined the light up with 2 car park window stickers and confirmed that it was moving very slightly left to right, as if stationary but hovering. After a few minutes the intensity began to diminish but the distance from us seemed to remain constant. The light seemed to revolve around a vertical axis and it soon regained its full intensity in 10/15 secs. This was repeated a number of times before returning to its original position and intensity. I commented that its lack of movement suggested some form of helicopter/aircraft in hover mode. Having lived in Aberdeen I am very familiar with both helicopter and aircraft sounds so I wound the window down but there was absolutely no sound except for the clucking of some chickens in the valley below. I got out of the car for a better look but could not determine any physical shape beyond the light. After 10 mins it slowly moved to our left until it was directly in front of us before resuming hover mode, again there was no noise or visual contact (except the solitary light). After [illegible]out a further 5 mins it slowly moved away to our left at a constant altitude and speed, again I got out of the car to listen but the only sound was a very faint receding steady hum, similar to that of a train in the far distance on a quiet night. However as it moved away I got a new view, again no discernible shape, but a series of light thus:-



Note. These lights did not flicker like a star but were of a more constant nature and there were no flashing lights visible.

I go in the car and we followed it at speed 50/60 mph back to, and then along, the Macc-Buxton road (A-537), driving wildly to get home and get the binoculars, my wife keeping visual contact all the time as we slowly gained on it. At one time she exclaimed in one breath "look at that watch where you're going". I was concentrating hard on driving as the road outside Macc is a series of hairpin bends and so missed what she described seeing as a stairway of red lights flash down from craft to earth (approx over Kerridge Hill OS ref SK 93/94 76/77). The craft continued over Macc where we lost it, I got our binoculars and raced over to "The Edge" at Alderley Edge but to no avail. Also the orange hazy glow of suburbia had now replaced the crisp black back drop of the night sky over the hills making viewing more difficult.

I phoned the police, about 11.50pm but they had received no other reports, Manchester centre (Radar) at Manchester Airport again no reports, and the M.E.N. on Saturday morning and again no reports.

Despite the lack of independent confirmation from other sources I know what I saw that night and believe this to be an objective and accurate report of the night's events.

Both my wife and self are completely teetotal and do not take any form of drugs, prescribed or otherwise.

In future any visit to the hills at night will not be without binoculars and/or camera . My wife has also promised to buy me a telescope for Christmas (after much disbelief when I first suggested it some months ago).

This report of our unforgetable night was drafted independantly from my wife's report which is also enclosed.

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

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ENCL NO 33

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
9 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 9 February which gave details of an unusual sighting that you witnessed on Tuesday 31 January 1989.

Before looking at this sighting in particular, I think it would be helpful if I explain our involvement with the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) generally. Whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them, such as yourself, and these are referred to our staff in the departments which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine them during the course of their day to day routine.

We have no department or agency which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being the case we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations, general surveys or studies into the UFO phenomenon.

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

Having said all that it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been and are being observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atomsphere, ball lighting, unusual cloud formations, meteorological ballons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles to mention but a few.

Turning to your particular sighting, I would like to confirm that we received two other reports which corresponded to the details that you gave, but regrettably these are not as informative as yours. Nevertheless, I attach copies of the reports but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originators, their identifying details have been observed.

I hope you will find this helpful. However, because we have not investigated the incident I regret that I can not offer you a definitive explanation as to what the object might have been, although it seems to me that it could have been a fireball of some sort.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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ENCL. NO. 32/1

7 March 1989.

Dear Sirs,

Several months ago I wrote to you regarding my interest in the subject of UFO'S. In your letter of 7 October 1988 it was stated that reports on record date back to 1968 and reports from the previous years had been destroyed. My reason for writing is to enquire if you can tell me how many reports are on file for each year from 1968 to the present. Also, can you tell me if you have ever considering releasing these sighting reports. I understand that if this were done the MOD would probably be swamped with requests for the information but I would be interested to hear from you if you have considered releasing copies to persons with a genuine interest. Thankyou for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Please (a) find the Aerials letter MoDefence has sent and our replies to them

(b) Take a copy of ~~send the~~ [redacted] recent letters I have sent out which lists the number of reports we have received over last few years. I will use it as a basis for my reply to this

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- 9 MAR 1989
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Secretariat (Air Staff)2
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
6 March 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 22 January to the Prime Minister which asked about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and I have been asked to reply. Before explaining our limited involvement with this subject, I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Defence does not try in any way whatsoever to obscure the truth about UFOs, nor do we attempt to cover up any incident which might have occurred.

Whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, our sole concern 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, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. 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 in the course of their normal duties. Given our limited interest in UFOs we do not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs nor do we have any staff who are employed on the subject full time. Similarly we do not carry out any studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any in depth investigations or general surveys. I am sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily the threat of 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles amongst many others.

Lastly, I would like to say that we do appreciate the public's concern over this very emotive subject and in this light would again wish to assure you that the Government is not trying to obscure the truth about UFOs. Certainly, we do not possess any positive evidence to suggest that "alien spacecraft" have visited the planet.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

ENCL NO. 31/3

D/MIN(AF)/16/8

Sec(AS)

The attached letter from [redacted]

to MOD

is forwarded for official reply please.

This letter has not been acknowledged.

Could you please send a copy of your reply to this office.

[redacted]

PA/Minister(AF)

[redacted]

10/4/89

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
11 APR 1989
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Section 40
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4. 3. 89.

M.O.D. Whitehall,
London.

Sir,

it is my understanding that within the ministry of defence there is a department which collects data on unide ntified flying objects(of the flying saucer type). I am sure that if these objects are not our own,or a probable enemys,then there are probably no restrictions under the official secrets act for an English Earthling to access these records. I would be most gratefull if you would advise me on how I may go about gaining access to these records.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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Std letter pse outlining our involvement with UFOs (Std paras adapted to fit text of [redacted] letter) pass std para on release of info and that PRO at Kew have records over 30 years old. They may be able to help further. There are several letters on file which you could use as a basis.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
- 4 APR 1989
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B.I.

Section 40
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SCL No. 31/1/1

2:3:89

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writting to you in connection to a book I have just read entitaled " Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good.

You may have heard of this book as it concerns documents that have been leaked by various goverment agencies around the world including your own.

In short the book is about the existance of U.F.O.'s and alien beings. It covers sightings made from the Second World War to the present day, and discuses the fact that the World Goverments areall involved in a cover up of such sightings. Also , the book is full of Top Secret documents from G.B., U.S.A., Japan, France, and Canada.

What I want to know is your coments on this subject and would like you to answer the questions listed below. I am also sending copies of this letter to the C.I.A., U.S.A.F., Canadian Air Force, Japanese Air Force, and French Air Force. Maybe after I have received my replys I may be able to piece together a picture of my ownx about what is happening around the world concerning this subject.

1. Is it true that U.F.O.'s are directly linked to alien life outside our own ? ✓ don't know,

2. If so, have you ever made any type of controlled contact with alien life ? No

3. Has there been any form of communication made and perfected betwean us and the alien life ? No

4. Why are they here ? don't know

5. Why are they always sighted around military instulations (usually conected with nuclear testing and missile silo's) ? they don't....

6. Why is it always kept secret about such sightings and encounters ? I don't

7. Have there ever been any technological advances (military or civil) as a result of direct contact made with people other than us here on earth ? N/A

Could you please answer these questions as fully and truthfully as you possibly can. I look forward very much to a reply fro you on this matter .

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
25 APR 1989
FILE 12/3

SECRETARY OF STATE

ENCL. NO. 31

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)1
- 2 FEB 1989
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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 not 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.

28/2/89

Section 40 [redacted]

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

26th Feb. 1989.

Dear Defence Secretary,

I would like to talk to someone about a list of events I have regarding aliens and flying Saucers which has been plaguing me over a number of years now. There has been a recent event. I have signed the Official Secrets act.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

East Anglian UFO & Paranormal Research

INCL NO. 31/0/1

(E41)

Section 40

TEL:
Section 40

25th February 1989.

To Section 40
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.
AIR STAFF 2a.
Main Building
Whitehall.
London SW1A 2HB.

Dear Section 40

I am enquiring about a case that happened on Monday 6th December 1976. Which was passed to your department.
A Section 40 Basildon, Essex. contacted the Ministry of Defence, re an Unidentified Flying Object, he had seen on the 6th December 1976.
Would you please send me any information you may have on this case, also your comments.

I am also interested to hear from you , with regard to a Section 40 of Section 40
Who reported to your department that he had seen a Unidentified Flying Object, over Southend on Sea, airport, on the 6th February 1989.

Your comments and any information you can give me will help me in my investigations.

I await your reply.

Yours Sincerly,
Section 40

Investigator.
East Anglian U.F.O.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

(+1) (+2) (+1) (+1)

ENCL. No. 31

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)1
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Head of Sec(AS)

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.

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Section 40 [redacted]

for APS/Secretary of State

21/2/89

Section 40 [redacted]

10 DOWNING STREET,
WHITEHALL

PRIVATE SECRETARY

.....Mail.....

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: 14/2/85

MOD.
MUSC 13
- UFO's

Section 40 [redacted]

22/1/88.

Dear Mr Thatcher. I am interested in UFO and one of the books I have read said that the government does a lot more about UFO than they let out and so can you do me a favour can you give me as much on the data and any that is here since last year.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]

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Cleared with [redacted] on 21/2.
Any content re: mention of UFOs.
- not of relevance to MOD.
Spoke [redacted] confirm that we had no objection.

[redacted] 21/2

FAX

TO [redacted] MOD

FROM [redacted]

Any comments Please call regarding attached scripts.

Total No of Pages including this one 3.

Please call [redacted] on [redacted]

on receipt of this.

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RADIO SCRIPT

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THIS COMMERCIAL RE-CONSTRUCTS AS CONVINCINGLY AS POSSIBLE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SCENE FROM THE FILM 'CLOSE ENCOUNTERS'.

SFX: Busy air traffic control room. We hear urgent crackle of radio transmissions in the background.

Music: Uneasy, high pitched notes held on synthesised violins.

Pilot (Alv. Radio): PLEASE ALPHA NINER FIVE AS ANSWER, WE HAVE CONFLICTING TRAFFIC IN OUR ONE O'CLOCK POSITION...PLEASE ADVISE

SFX: Repeated warning bleep from controller's desk.

Air Traffic Controller: ROGER ALPHA NINER FIVE, I NOW HAVE TRAFFIC ON MY SCREEN, PLEASE STATE AIRCRAFT TYPE.

Pilot: ER, CONTROL, THIS IS NO AIRCRAFT TYPE...MORE A FAST MOVING BEAM OF INTENSE BLUE LIGHT...SEEMS TO BE HEADING RIGHT THIS-

SFX: Sudden violent burst of static over radio

Pilot: BOY, THAT WAS CLOSE

Controller: ALPHA NINER FIVE, DO YOU WISH TO REPORT A UFO, OVER?

Slight pause

Pilot: ER, NEGATIVE CONTROL. FIRST OFFICER RECKONS IT'S ANOTHER OF THOSE ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE NUMBERS.

Controller: ALPHA NINER FIVE, ENTERPRISE WHAT?

Music: Fade up E.I theme

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MVO: THE ENTERPRI[redacted] INITIATIVE FROM THE DTI.

SFX: Vrooshing noise

WE'LL PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN TOUCH WITH AN EXPERT IN MARKETING, DESIGN OR QUALITY.

AND PAY UP TO TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONSULTANCY FEE.

THE ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE IS OPEN TO ~~ALMOST~~ ALL TYPES OF BUSINESS.

TAKE IT BEFORE YOUR COMPETITORS DO.

PHONE Section 40 [redacted] FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Music: Ends on climax

SFX: Fade back to air traffic control room

Pilot (over radio): GIVE 'EM A RING, CONTROL. TELL 'EM TO KEEP THAT STUFF OFF OUR FLIGHT PATH.

UFO RIDDLE OF BLUE FIREBALL

A FIREBALL flared in the night sky over the Weald on Tuesday and then disappeared, leaving a UFO mystery.

The first sighting was reported at 6pm by a Charing man who phoned Headcorn aerodrome to see whether one of its aircraft might have come to grief, but none was airborne.

Fifteen minutes later two more separate sightings were reported by a man from Amhurst Bank Lane, Pembury, and by Mrs Penny Cazzola, of Bainden Cottages, Brenchley.

The Pembury resident told police that the fireball flared with a bright turquoise light, then exploded and disappeared.

Mrs Cazzola, who was driving from Horsmonden to Goudhurst, said she suddenly saw a bright light straight ahead of her.

"I wondered if it was a plane but it was just too big and it was also quite rounded. It then dropped quite quickly and disappeared behind the horizon.

"When it fell it left a trail of very light bits, rather like a rocket does when it had just been lanuched" she said.

Asked whether she believed in UFOs — unidentified flying objects — she replied "I have a distinctly open mind. Something definitely fell out of the sky, so where is it now?"

Television South, based in Maidstone, said they had received a number of calls on the subject and telephoned the police at 7.35pm notifying them of the report.

A spokesman at Biggin Hill air traffic control said he had also heard of the report. He said that all local flying clubs had been contacted but there was no suggestion of any aircraft in distress.

ENGINE FAULT

He said: "There was a lot of fog up in this area and so there was not much flying at all. We just can't place where this ball of light came from."

Mr Chris Freeman, owner of Headcorn aerodrome, was also at a loss as to what the fireball, heading in a westerly direction, could have been.

"We had nothing airborne at all. The only thing I can suggest is that it was a light aeroplane which was having trouble with its exhaust system. Quite often when planes have that problem, they emit bright sparks, but if that was the case I don't know where it could have come from," he said.

● Last October two Tenterden policemen encountered wierd lights and "flying saucers" while on duty one October evening. They said the lights, which lasted for about four seconds, lit up the whole sky as if it was daytime.

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Any sightings for 31 Jan 89 pse?

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9 February 1989

Ministry of Defence
SEC (AS) 2a
Room Section 40
Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 2HB

Dear Sir

U.F.O. SIGHTING

As can be seen from the enclosed cutting from the "Courier" Newspaper for Kent and East Sussex, dated 3 February 1989, a U.F.O. was sighted over Kent on Tuesday, 31 January 1989.

I too saw this object but not until speaking about my experience did I know that your Department had a Section interested in such sightings.

The details of my sighting are as follows:-

Date: Tuesday - 31 January 1989
Time: 1820 hours
Place: Staplehurst, Kent.
Angle of Sight: From ground to object - 25° - 30°
Visibility : Ground Level - Good
Ground to Air- Good
Duration of Sight : 3 to 4 seconds
Before object disappeared.
Direction of Travel : Horizontal from North to South.
Altitude : Not able to establish.
Speed : No accurate measure but appeared to be travelling at substantial speed.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

Large forward body like section, coloured brilliant white with turquoise colouration around edges. The nose was rounded whilst the tail section ended abruptly and square cut. The body area did not have clear sharply defined edges, but was a soft looking outline as if the airflow around the object could be seen. The body section to me related in size to a large aircraft at low altitude.

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The section at the rear of the body was made up of what appeared to be the exhaust of the object. Immediately aft of the body section it was bright red in colour changing to a more familiar orange/yellow flame. Small pieces of red material fell from the object. These were of the same colour red and appeared to fall from the area described as the exhaust. This exhaust flame was approximately two thirds of the body length and ended in a tapered point.

I am very interested in what this object may have been and would appreciate any information you may be able to provide.

If I have missed any information which you consider of interest I may be contacted at work on Section 40 or home number Section 40

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Enc

[redacted] 9/2 Jane [redacted], rather me'phoned me, on 8/2. Gave her details & sighting numbers, etc... [redacted]

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I had a nice chat with a [redacted] a student at The Polytechnic of Central London who is preparing a dissertation of UFOs and in particular how the press handle the subject.

She has talked to a [redacted] of BUFORA and wants to have an official line to balance her piece. I gave her the old bole of our very limited interest in UFOs - air defence etc etc. I added that we corresponded with BUFORA and its members from time to time.

She asked whether I could let her have a figure for the number of UFO witness reports we receive. I said I thought this might be possible but suggested that she should talk to you tomorrow. (You were the more experienced in this area - wrote the letter etc) She should call sometime.

Her number is [redacted]

Seemed a genuine, impartial student!

[redacted]

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FROM: Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room Section 40

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling Section 40
(Switchboard) ext

ENCL. NO. 28

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
4 February 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 1988 to the Ministry of Defence about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). As the MODs point of contact for those who wish to enquire about this particular topic I have been asked to reply.

I think it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole concern of the MOD 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, we do not make any attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to the brief details of the incident passed onto us by those who witnessed them and these are referred to our staff in the departments responsible for air defence of the UK and they examine them during the course of their day to day routine.

The MOD has no department or agency which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports and we have no staff who are employed on the subject full time. This being the case we do not have the resources to undertake any further investigations, general surveys or studies into the UFO phenomenon. Furthermore I'm sure that you will appreciate that defence funds are already committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries. As such 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.

Nevertheless it is quite clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been and are being, observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities, that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles to mention just a few.

To answer your question about the MOD withholding information on the UFO subject, I would like to assure you that we do not hold material back nor do we attempt to cover up incidents or obscure the truth about UFOs from the public. However, because of the provisions of the Public Records Act, which applies to all Government Departments and states that official files should remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, we regret that the release of materials "en bloc" is not possible. 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. But, because of limited resources I am sorry that we are not able to provide a general answering service.

Lastly I must assure you that we do not try to "silence" people who have reported sightings of UFOs. Indeed I should add that despite the very limited interest which the MOD has in this subject, we are always very happy to receive reports from eye witnesses and to try to answer any questions they may have.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 February 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 3 January to the Duty Officer at RAF Brize Norton. As the Ministry of Defence's point of contact for those who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) your letter has been passed to me and I have been asked if I can provide you with any further information.

Before doing so, however, I would like to stress that the subject of UFOs takes up only a small part of my total workload and as such I am not able to spend a great deal of time on it. This, of course, means that the Department cannot offer a general enquiry service nor can we begin to investigate sightings or carry out general surveys into the phenomenon on behalf of the public. Indeed, because our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out any studies into the phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations. Obviously, we could not justify the use of defence funds which are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily, aggression from the Warsaw Pact countries on scientific investigations, unless a clear threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

You may also find it helpful if I explain that the information that we have on the subject is limited to the sighting reports that we receive, which usually are limited to the brief details of the incident passed on to us by those who witnessed them. Following receipt they 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.

Moving now to your specific questions, I would like to confirm that we received one report which corresponded to the details that you gave for the incident witnessed on 14 November at 6.00pm. I regret that we found no others to match the other sightings. Nevertheless, I attach a copy of the report but in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originator, the identifying details have been obscured.

I hope that you will find this helpful. However because we have not investigated the incident I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to what the object might have been , although it seems to me that it could have been a fireball of some sort.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

post script
Since writing the above I have received your identical letter to RAF Upper Heyford. Please

ROYAL AIR FORCE
Upper Heyford Oxford OX5 3LN
Bicester (Section 40
Telephone: ~~Upper Heyford~~ (redacted)

Section 40

Please reply to
Royal Air Force Commander
Your reference
Our reference UH/351/PR
Date 31 January 1989

Dear Sir

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your letter on behalf of Contact International (UK) has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence for action. They will no doubt contact you in due course.

Yours faithfully

Section 40

Squadron Leader
RAF Commander

Copy to:

MOD (Sec AS2)

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Section 40

RAF Headquarters
Royal Air Force
Upper Heyford
Oxford OX5 3LN

UH/2/Air

Bicester Section 40

MOD (Sec AS2)

31 January 1989

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Attached is a letter from Contact International (UK) concerning 'objects' seen in the sky.

2. Unfortunately, I have no instructions on dealing with such enquiries and thought you may be able to assist or at least forward it to the correct department.

3. I have sent a holding reply as attached.

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Squadron Leader
RAF Commander

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CONTACT INTERNATIONAL [U.K.]

A Worldwide Association of Objective UFO Researchers

Headquarters:
Section 40

Founder President: Lord Clancarty.

- President: Section 40
- Vice President: Section 40
- Hon. Membership Secretary: Section 40
- Chairman (U.K.): Section 40
- Chief Research Officer: Section 40

AIR TRAFIC CONTROL
HEADQUARTERS 20TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
(USAFE)
RAF UPPER HEYFORD
OXFORDSHIRE
OX5 3LN

Section 40

03/01/89

Dear Sir,

I am investigating several sightings of unidentified flying objects on behalf of Contact International [U.K.]. a data research unit based in Oxford.

The details are attached.

Would you kindley confirm if you have any record of these. Or if you are aware of what the objects were.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely Section 40

Section 40 For Contact International [U.K.]

30/10/88 1.10 am. Two witnesses had driving on the main Oxford / Newbury road. A orange/orange round object crossed the sky in a southerly direction, at an elevation of between 30° and 40°.

13/11/88 9.25 pm. 5 miles north of Newbury, a phosphorus round object with three smaller orbiting bodies, traveled across the sky in a southeasterly direction. It was last seen about 10° above the horizon.

14/11/88 6.05 pm. The witness was in Deddington Oxfordshire. A round object with intense whiteness (with small objects behind) crossed the sky. It had many streaks coming from it like a huge firework. The elevation was between 55° and 60° and it was travelling [illegible].

14/11/88 7.00 pm. Two witnesses were driving just outside Chilling[illegible] on A417 Gloucester. A fireball with a thirty foot tail crossed from the northwest. The elevation was 20° to 15°.

21/11/88 5.10 pm. A green / white ball shaped object crossed the sky in a northwesterly direction, and appeared to decend 2 miles Northwest of Bicester. This was witnessed by eight or more people.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
31 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Your father came to see me the other day and explained that you are currently studying Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) for a school project. As the Ministry of Defence's point of contact for those who wish to correspond about the subject, he asked if I could provide you with any assistance, and although I will do what I can, you will see that our involvement with this fascinating subject is actually quite minimal, let me explain.

Our main concern is to determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom, for instance unwanted intruders such as Russian "BEAR" reconnaissance aircraft coming into UK air space. Unless we judge that they do, and you will understand that this rarely is the case, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to brief details of the incident, passed onto us by those individuals who witnessed them, and who felt strongly enough about it to report it. Once received they are referred to our staff in the sections responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports in the course of their day to day duties.

Although, as I have mentioned, I am responsible for answering public queries about UFOs, this is only a small part of my overall duties, which extend to providing political guidance to our Ministers and the Chief of the Air Staff. Indeed, the MOD has no staff who are employed on the UFO subject full time. You will understand, therefore, that due to our lack of resources and because our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies or investigations into the phenomenon. Im sure you will also appreciate that defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK against, primarily agression from the Warsaw Pact countries. Obviously we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations unless a clear threat to the UK had been identified.

Having said all that, we do recognise that many strange things have been (and are being) observed in the sky; certainly the reports we receive bear this out. However, we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for many sightings. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft light, meteorological balloons, satellite and meteorite debris and ball lightning to mention but a few. Indeed I have witnessed many an aircraft over London which have looked mysterious during the dark hours of night.

I am sorry that I have not been able to shed a light on the mysteries of the UFO phenomena, I'm sure we would all like to know, but I hope that you will find this helpful nonetheless.

Good luck with your project.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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Telephone (Direct Dialling Section 40
(Switchboard) ext

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
31 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 21 January to the Chief of the Air Staff and to Section 40 concerning your study into the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) as part of a course at RAF Rotherham College of Arts and Technology. As the MOD's point of contact for those who wish to enquire about this subject I have been asked to reply on their behalf.

I think you will find it helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and coordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject are sighting reports, usually limited to brief details of the incident, passed on to us by those who witnessed them. Once received they 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 studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations, or surveys. 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 coutries. 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 that instantly spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meterological balloons, aircraft lights, to mention but a few.

I am sorry that I have not been able to shed a light on the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon, if there is one, but I hope that you will find this helpful nonetheless.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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PSO/CAS

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CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

ENCL NO. 23/1

Section 40 [redacted] I agree!

Sec (43)2

I do not believe the attached merits a reply, but you may like to keep it on file in case we receive any more from the same source!

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Section 40 [redacted]

The Editor

copy to

25th January 1989

Sir,

Reference Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, 21st January, and superfluous unequal female pilots.

The introduction of the exotic alien and diverse cultures has changed forever the character, morality, and sexuality of Britain.

Not only does Britain not require women pilots in the Royal Air Force (or elsewhere for that matter) Britain does not need male RAF pilots either. This country will never ever again experience total, mass, or even partial, mobilisation irrespective of the crisis or emergency. The Armed Forces should be wound up in their entirety immediately., they are an unacceptable primeval anachronism.

Britain's future fields of terminal conflict are internal, not external; social, cultural, economic, industrial, sexual, and racial.

The advocacy of women pilots in the RAF is dangerous, sinister social engineering further changing the natural biological function and difference in the role between man and woman.

To give the female in the Malayan emergency, Mau Mau Kenya, Rhodesia, and now South Africa, a pistol or firearm to defend her honour and children cannot be compared, confused with the arming of women in an aggressive, combat role. The foregoing is a defensive survival matter, the latter is pure unadulterated feminist aggression aimed at the male, and indirectly, at her own gender.

The 'liberated' subversive contemporary British female does not place a very high value on her 'honour', judging from her latent predilection for 'taste of honey' miscegenation.

Sex/Ethnic equality and opportunity can only be imposed and sustained by legislation and Librium. Pick-up the average British female, shake her, and she rattles with schizophrenic NHS sedacious medication - tormented by ethnic and cultural loyalty - traumatised by sexual and emotional satisfaction scarifice. What of the RAF woman pilot in a moment of action, stress, her suspect efficacy further ther impaired by regular periodic 'lunar' blood-letting?

Perhaps the Air Marshal would counter this by suggesting the elevated female wait until later life to fulfil her military destiny, crown her vain-glorious career, when totally menopausal vagaried and hormone imbalanced?

To arm a woman and place her in an aggressive combative role means she is prepared to attack and destroy the product of another womb., man, woman, and child, adversary, victim, innocent alike.

What is truly astonishing, disturbing, is that that many of so-called intelligent females, passively supporting the aggressive, liberated, subversive Fabian feminist, are contributing to the destruction of their personal offspring - the MOD 'Emasculating Orgasm Campaign' Biological Mutant Indoctr-in aimed as devastatingly at the ovary as the testicle. Imposed sex equality (is there any other kind?) and access to the exotic have jointly irreparably damaged the psyche, compromised the libido, of the chaste, monogamous Christian male. Mutual trust, respect, confidence has all but disappeared between the Englishman and women, thanks to International Socialism, the MOD, and exotic alien - it is hardly likely to be revived within the multi-ethnic Services.

I have always found the upper echelons of public life, the military being no exception, attracted a particular ethereal vocal type of index-linked inflation-proofed cretin. It is debatable if most caucasian males are now sufficiently stable to control a nuclear submarine, guided missile, atomic and biological weaponry.

Did not a senior 'combat' officer in the Falklands conflict commit public self-immolation when under stress, mentally/emotionally disturbed? Perhaps he anticipated the making of the subversive Falklands film 'Queen and Multi-ethnic Country'!

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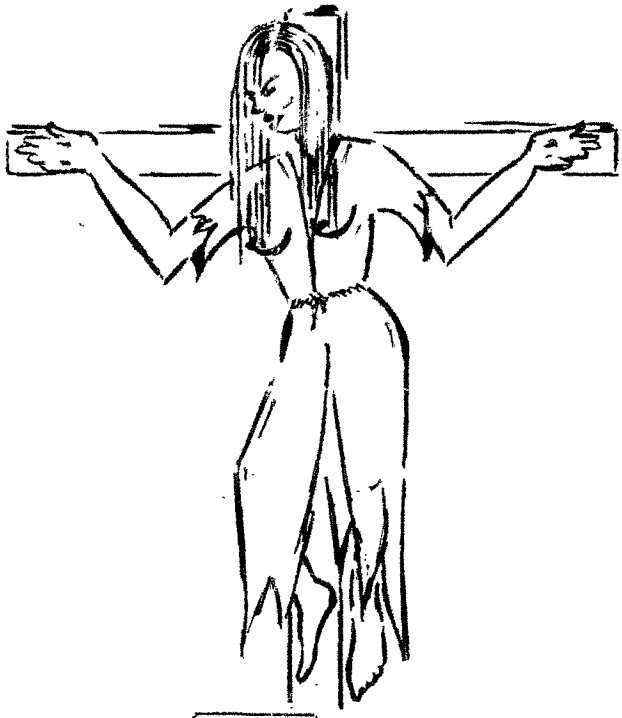
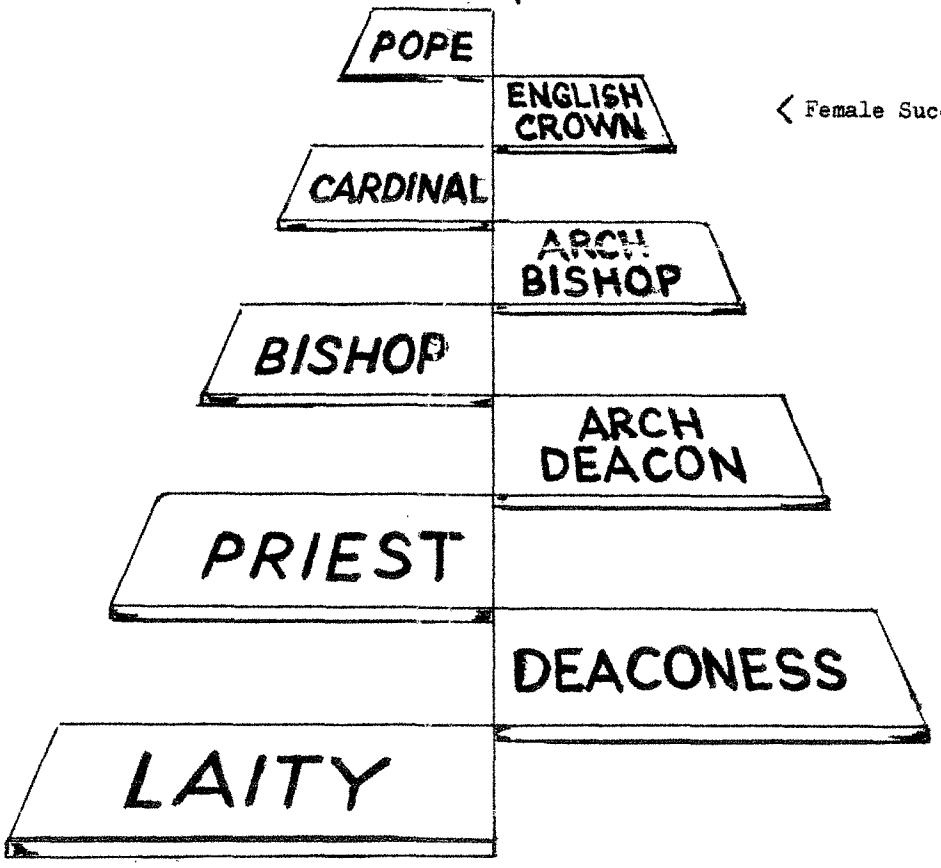
THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE?





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THE IMPOSITION IN THE UNITED STATES OF SUBVERSIVE IRRESPONSIBLE SEX/RACE/EQUALITY 'EQUAL' OPPORTUNITY LAW HAS ELEVATED THE ALIEN URBAN BIOLOGICAL ANARCHIST TO A LEVEL HE CAN NEITHER MERIT, JUSTIFY, NOR SELF-ATTAIN

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EQUALITY? OR PARITY-PLUS?

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4th July 1988

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The Editor

Section 40 [redacted]

6th January 1989

Sir,

Will the successor to God, the Creator, miscellaneous saints, please protect us in this pagan, amoral, corrupt, multi-ethnic pornographic society from yet another myopic, vocal Chief Constable?

Long, long before the incoming Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall can eliminate urban and rural violence he and his peers' must attempt to analyse the cause of present day violence.

Britain throughout the centuries past always been prone and subject to violence for a variety of reasons; some social, class-orientated, others the consequence of poverty coupled with the congenital flawed nature of the British character.

The British Crown and State have for generations harnessed, exploited, and abused that inherently cowardly, violent, and brutal nature in a multitude of conflicts and conquests. Society is governed by fear and intimidation, not by consent, least of all with respect and compassion for the citizenry.

What makes contemporary civil violence so different to the past are the additional elements of sex and race. It should be self-evident to all non-productive, ferquently counter-productive, index-linked inflation-proofed wealth-denying capital-consuming enforcers, personified in this instance by yet another quasi-articulate Chief Constable that Sex Biased/Unequal Opportunity legislation has seriously damaged the psyche of the indigenous male, whilst the introduction of the exotic alien (advocated by some to improve the aforementioned inadequate native stock) has compromised the chaste, monogamous Christian male libido, qv. WPC Section 40 The remorseless rise and rise of the promiscuous, liberated, subversive feminist has undermined the sheet-anchor role of the father-figure patriarch. The police will be obliged to deploy multi-culture enforcers to contain violence which is indisputedly multi-culture in origin. One of Britain's most prominent, most vocal, least intelligent captains of industry in a national newspaper, 21st December, said that the cartel-monopoly social engineering industrial charity he formerly headed had made thousands upon thousands of males redundant in their industrial prime whilst he had been advocating their replacement with single-parent co-habiting females with a taste for miscegenation.

With the orginal concept of Empire Britain exported its problems, now it imports them with the pollution of travel and tourism.

The Chief Constable should cease his empire-building in the moral, political, and spiritual vacuum prevailing under Thatcherism. Thatcherism is not free-market monetarism and responsible capitalism but the poisoned chalice of Judaean economics of materialsim and consumerism, coupled with State endorsed sexual promiscuity to preoccupy the population., Licence substituting, replacing real, true Freedom.

The Chief Constable should not be appealing to the married woman with police experience to return to the Force. The unequal, unskilled, inadequate married ex-policewoman should stay where she is - in the Kirche, Kuche, with the Kinder, with a responsible permanent male in attendance. Every job, position, opportunity offered or reserved for a female is one less job for an available qualified male.

What is needed is a massive reduction in the amount and ~~volume~~ of law statutes and legislation in order to make the threatened male species more responsible; give him more more opportunity to regress or progress at his own volition.

The present menagerie of governing political cretins is waxing lyrical about the booming building construction industry. The 'booming' male construction industry is building multitudinous office blocks to house computer time-oocupying paper-shuffling females. We should not be selling off existing council housing, or making such accomodation market-value rent related, but giving away the 'copulating' council housing stock to the sitting tenant to give him/her a stake in society for the first time ever, and to further burden him with a debilitating liability, instead of the mythical Thatcherite appreciating asset.

The single-digit IQs of government ministers is exposed for all similar Mensa failures to contemplate when they point to their 'success' in increasing the numbers of police officers, and substantially more doctors/nurses. More policemen and more doctors are not indicative of a healthy society, but of a terminally SICK society.

Civil and public servants produce nothing. On the contrary, collectively they all absorb resources and consume vital seed-corn capital.

MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To Sec AS 2a
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MAIN Building

From Science Admin (a2)
Room Section 40
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Date 25.1.89

Your ref.

Tel. Section 40

Our ref.

Subject..... LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC .....

will you please reply to the attached letter which was recieved by ACSA(c). and would you also send a copy of your reply to ACSA(c).

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Sec.(AS)2
25 JAN 1989
FILE 12/3

Rank/ Appointment..... AO ..... Name in Block Letters. Section 40 ..Signature..... Section 40

SH (AF).

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Structural and Research.
M.O.D.

Dear Madam,

I am at present studying on an access course at the Rotherham College of Arts and Technology. As part of that course I have undertaken an investigation into the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects and would be extremely grateful if you could furnish me with any relevant information.

Yours sincerely,

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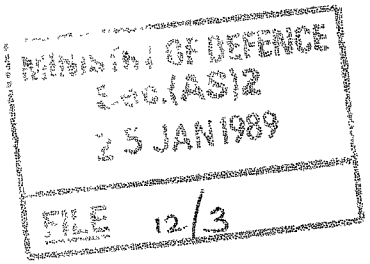

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Section 40

United States of America

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
20 January 1989

Dear Mr Kyriakos,

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1988 to RAF Bawdsey which concerned the unusual sighting witnessed near RAF Woodbridge on 27 December 1980. As the Ministry of Defence's focal point for those individuals who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) I have been asked if I can provide you with any further information. I am sorry that I have not been able to respond before now.

The only information that we possess on this incident is the report by the Deputy Base Commander of RAF Woodbridge, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt USAF, which I see you already have. As far as I am aware we do not hold any radar videotapes or other documentation on the "event".

To explain further, I think it would be helpful to say that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen. 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 in the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or general surveys. I am sure that you will appreciate that as a member of NATO defence funds are already fully committed to the continuing security of the UK and its approaches 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.

Moving back to the Rendlesham Forest sighting, we believe that the fact that Colonel Halt did not report the incident to MOD for almost 2 weeks

after the event, together with the low key manner in which he handled the matter are indicative of the degree of importance in defence terms which should be attached to the incident. Because of this we did not feel that there was a threat to the security of the UK and the sighting was not investigated further. However, as you will see from Colonel Halt's narrative the witnesses described the object as being approximately 3 metres long and 2 metres high. In view of this small size it was and still is, considered highly unlikely to have been a crashed piloted vehicle.

Lastly you asked about our procedures for the release of information that we might have on UFO sightings. I can confirm that although the release of any material on the subject "en bloc" is not possible because of the provision of the Public Records Act, which states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken, we are able to answer specific queries about particular incidents which have occurred recently and can let the corres--pondent know whether we have a report on the incident and if so what it contains.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
19 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 1988.

I was sorry to read that you find my explanations about the Ministry of Defence's involvement with the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) less than satisfactory and that you still feel that the Department is trying to "cover-up" the truth about UFOs.

As I am sure you will understand, regrettably there is little more that I can add to the content of my last letter and would suggest, therefore, that we can't take the matter further.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
18 January 1989

Dear [redacted]

I have recently received from RAF Finningley a copy of the report of the unusual sighting you and your wife witnessed on 26 November 1988. As the MOD's focal point for members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), I have been asked to reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed on to us by those who witnessed them, such as yourself, and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth 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. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigation, 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles, amongst others.

As far as your sighting is concerned, I regret that a search through our file did not reveal any other report which corresponded with the details of your

own report. Additionally, because we have not investigated this particular incident, I am sorry that I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to what you might have seen, although from your description it is possible that you saw three aircraft in formation. We have found that aircraft (of worldly origin) are usually responsible for sightings of this nature.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Arthur C

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
13 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1988, which asked if we could provide any advice on a variety of unusual sightings seen in the Oxfordshire/Warwickshire area since 1966. I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before now.

Taking the matter generally, I think it would be fair to say that the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) takes up only a very small percentage of my total workload and as such I am not able to spend a lot of time on it. This, coupled with the fact that the sighting reports we receive are not put on a computer database, means that it would not be a simple matter to establish whether or not we had received a specific report for over 20 years ago. As a result, although we are prepared to assist with one off queries, we do not undertake general searches through our files. In addition, we require full details of when and where the sighting may have been and in order that we can easily retrieve a report (if we have one) we try to keep enquiries to within 2/3 years of the present date.

I am sure you will appreciate, that because of these limitations your request cannot be met in full and I have therefore concentrated only on those sightings which occurred in 1987. My findings are as follows:

Wantage:	4 April 1987 - No report received
Oxford:	29 May 1987 - No report received
North Oxford:	20 June 1987 - No report received
Uffington:	24 June 1987 - No report received
Stanton Harcourt:	29 July 1987 - No report received

You also asked for the full address of the numerous RAF stations in your area, in order that you can write to them about the same subject. I think it would be helpful to say that I act as the Ministry of Defence's focal point for members of the public who want to enquire about UFOs and as such any letters that you write to these (and other) stations will invariably be sent to me for a reply.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received from the Air Traffic Control Centre, Manchester Airport, a copy of your letter dated 2 October 1988, which describes an unusual sighting witnessed on 12 September 1988 in the Halifax area. As the Ministry of Defence's focal point for members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) I have been asked to reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed on to us by those who witnessed them, such as yourself, and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth 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. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigation, 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles, amongst others.

As far as your particular sighting is concerned, I can confirm that we did receive a couple of reports which share similar descriptions to yours. I attach copies

of these for your information, although in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originator their identifying details have been obscured. However, I regret that because we did not consider the sightings to be a threat to our continuing defence and security, the MOD did not attempt to identify what might have been seen.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister which asked for an opinion on the article on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) published in The People of 23 October 1988. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

Initially, I must assure you that the Ministry of Defence is not trying in any way whatsoever to obscure the truth about UFOs, nor are we attempting to cover up any incident which might have occurred. Moreover, the MOD's involvement with, and interest in, this subject is minimal. As such, we do not have any department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of UFOs, nor do we have any staff who are employed on the subject full time.

I think you may also find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, our sole 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, we do not attempt to investigate or identify whatever might have been seen. 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 in the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or general surveys. 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.

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probably be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles amongst many others.

Finally, I would like to say that we do appreciate the public's concern over this very emotive subject and in this light would again like to assure you that the Government is not trying to obscure the truth about UFOs. Certainly, we do not possess any positive evidence to suggest that "alien spacecraft" have visited the planet.

I hope that you will find this helpful. Sorry for the delay in replying.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 1988 concerning the unusual sightings you and your fellow observers have noticed in the sky during recent months. You asked if the Ministry of Defence could provide any information to help you with your enquiries.

As I am sure you already know, whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed on to us by those who witnessed them and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course of their normal duties.

Although, because we have not investigated the sightings that you witnessed, I am not able to give you a definitive explanation as to what you might have seen, I can confirm that it is highly unlikely that the objects were military aircraft on exercise.

I hope that this proves helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
January 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received from National Air Traffic Services (NATS) a copy of your letter of 8 December which asks for information on aerial traffic activity in the West Midlands area on 17 October 1987 and 13 February 1988. As the MOD's focal point for those members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) I have been asked if I can provide any further information.

However, before going further I think that it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and coordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

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Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations, or general surveys. 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 investigation, 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formation, meteorological ballons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles, amongst others.

As far as your particular sightings are concerned, I regret that a search through our file has not revealed any reports which correspond to the details that you gave.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
6 January 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received from RAF Finningley a copy of the report of the unusual sighting that you witnessed on 5 December 1988. As the MOD's focal point for members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs) I have been asked to reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

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As far as your sighting is concerned, I would like to confirm that we did receive another report which corresponded with that of your own. However, because we

did not feel that the sightings posed a threat to the security of the UK, we have not investigated the incidents and as such I am sorry that I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to what you might have seen.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received from RAF Kinloss a copy of the report concerning the unusual sighting you and your husband witnessed on 7 November 1988. As the MOD's focal point for those members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) I have been asked if I can provide an explanation.

I think that it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen.

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As far as your own sighting is concerned, I regret that because we have not

investigated this particular incident, I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to what you might have seen, although from your description it could well have been 3 aircraft flying in formation.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 5 and 13 November 1988 which described unusual sightings witnessed in the Rossendale and Clayton Le Moors areas on 30 September and Hurncoat on 27 October last year.

As I am sure you will recall, the Ministry of Defence only investigates reported sightings to see if they present a threat to the defence and security of the United Kingdom. Having had the opportunity to check through our file I regret in these particular cases we did not receive any reports which corresponded to the details given in either of your letters, and therefore no attempt was made to investigate the sightings from here. Nevertheless, I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Defence constantly monitors UK airspace to ensure the continuing defence and security of the Nation.

I am sorry that I have no further information to give you. I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 24 October 1988 concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs). I am sorry for the delay in replying.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, I regret that because of the limited resources at my disposal I am unable to prepare a table of UFO sighting reports or indeed, provide general assistance to individuals interested in the subject. I hope you will understand that the receipt and co-ordination of information about UFO sightings is only a small fraction of my total workload and as such I am not able to spend a great deal of time on it.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

From: Section 40

ENCL No. 9

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Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for taking the time to write about the unusual sighting that you witnessed outside your home on 12 September 1988. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen. The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed on to us by those who witnessed them, such as yourself, and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course 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. As far as your sighting is concerned, I am sorry to say that a search through our file did not reveal any other report which corresponded with the details that you gave. Additionally, because we have not investigated this particular incident, I regret that I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to the origin of the object.

Nevertheless it is clear that you witnessed something quite unusual although we believe that a rational explanation could probably be found to account for it. Possibilities that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles, amongst others.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
11 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 16 November 1988 to the Station Commander of RAF Fylingdales concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects(UFOs), which has been passed to me for a reply.

You asked about an unusual sighting witnessed at Middlethorp, Yorkshire in the early hours of 14 November last year. Although RAF Fylingdales have informed me that they did not see anything unusual on their radar during the period in question, I can confirm that we did receive several other reports from members of the public which conform to the details given in your letter. I attach copies of these reports for your information, although in line with our policy to maintain the privacy of the originators of the reports I have obscured their identifying details.

Taking the subject more generally, I think it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen. 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 during the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon or do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or general surveys. 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 that spring to mind include satellite or meteorite debris entering the earth's atmosphere(which could conceivably account for the 14 November sighting), ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles amongst many others.

I hope that you will find this and the reports helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

ROYAL AIR FORCE
Brize Norton Oxford OX8 3LX
Telephone Carterton Section 40

ENCL No. 4/10 Section 40

Your reference

MOD(Sec(A)2a)

Our reference
BZN/390/16/PR
Date
13 Jan 89

UFO SIGHTINGS

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter requesting information regarding 5 UFO sightings from Section 40 of Bicester, Oxon. He has been sent a holding reply.

Section 40

Flt Lt
for OC

Enclosure:

1. Copy of letter requesting information on UFO sightings.

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17 JAN 1989
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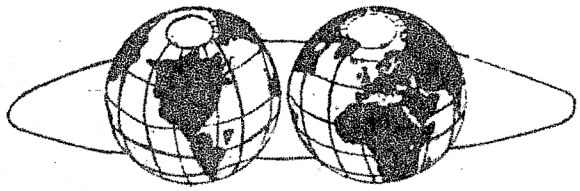
CONTACT INTERNATIONAL [U.K.]



A Worldwide Association of Objective UFO Researchers

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Section 40

Founder President: Lord Clancarty.

- President: Section 40
- Vice President: Section 40
- Hon. Membership Secretary: Section 40
- Chairman (U.K.): Section 40
- Chief Research Officer: Section 40

DUTY OFFICER
R.A.F.BRIZE NORTON
BRIZE NORTON
OXFORDSHIRE

Section 40

03/01/89

Dear Sir,

I am investigating several sightings of unidentified flying objects on behalf of Contact International [U.K.]. a data researoh unit based in Oxford.

The details are attached.

Would you kindley confirm if you have any record of these. Or if you are aware of what the objects were.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely.

Section 40

Section 40 For Contact International [U.K.]

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30/10/88 6.00 am. The witness was driving on the main Oxford / Banbury road. A phosphorus round object crossed the sky in a southerly direction, at an elevation of between 60° and 40°.

13/11/88 5.25 pm. 3 miles north of Newbury, a phosphorus round object with three smaller objects behind, traveled across the sky in a southeasterly direction. It was last seen about 10° above the horizon.

14/11/88 6.00 pm. The witness was in Deddington Oxfordshire. A round object with intense whiteness (with small objects behind) crossed the sky. It had many streaks coming from it like a huge firework. The elevation was between 85° and 60° and it was traveling East to West.

14/11/88 1.00 am. The witnesses were driving just outside Kidlington towards Bicester. A fireball with a thirty foot tail crossed towards the Northwest. The elevation was 20° to 15°.

21/11/88 5.15 pm. A green / white ball shaped object crossed the sky in a Northwesterly direction, and appeared to descend 3 miles Northwest of Bicester. This was witnessed by eight or more people.

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17 JAN 1989
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS) 12/3

Date
7 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 2 January to the Ministry of Defence about the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

You asked for details of the numbers of sighting reports which we received over the period 1970-1988. Although details are not readily to hand for the years prior to 1978 I am able to provide figures for the remaining years, which are as below.

1978 - 750
1979 - 550
1980 - 350
1981 - 600
1982 - 250
1983 - 390
1984 - 215
1985 - 180
1986 - 120
1987 - 150
1988 - 380

As far as reports for Greater Manchester for the period 1980-1988 are concerned, again I regret that I am unable to provide numbers of the sighting reports that we received for the whole period but I hope that the following data is helpful.

Jan 1987 - Jan 1989 - 4 from Manchester

- 16 from Greater Manchester

On a more general note, I think it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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. 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 in the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications, we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations or general surveys. 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 the 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angle amongst many others.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

D1/7

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 January 1988

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letters of 9 December 1988 to the Air Force Operations Room, Ministry of Defence and RAF Rudloe Manor. As the MOD's focal point for those members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), your letters have been passed to me for a reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen. In addition because of our limited involvement with the subject, I would like to confirm that we do not, nor have the need to collaborate with other World Government with the investigation and research of UFOs.

The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed onto us by those who witnessed them and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we do not carry out studies into the UFO phenomenon nor do we have the resources to undertake any indepth investigations, or general surveys. 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 and specific 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 that spring to mind include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles, amongst others.

In your letter to RAF Rudloe Manor you asked for details of sightings reported to the MOD during 1988. Although we are still receiving a few reports from the tail end of last year, it appears that we received very nearly 400 sighting reports, which is slightly more than in recent years. The vast majority of these remain unexplained, because as I mentioned earlier, we do not investigate sightings unless a specific threat to the UK has been identified.

Lastly, in response to your request for further information, 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 should 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; but due to limited resources, I regret that I can not instigate general searches through our files.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

D8/24

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 January 1989

Dear Section 40

I have recently received copies of your letters dated 18 October and 4 December 1988 to Royal Air Force West Drayton and Royal Air Force Rudloe Manor respectively and have been asked to reply on their behalf. As you no doubt know by now, the Air Staff Secretariat acts as the Ministry of Defence's focal point for those members of the public who wish to enquire about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs); certainly I seem to attract a lot of letters originally addressed to RAF stations on this subject!

Taking your letter to RAF West Drayton first you asked about the unusual sighting witnessed in the vicinity of Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge, Suffolk in December 1980; specifically the involvement of RAF Watton, if any. I regret that RAF West Drayton have been unable to find any records which correspond to this; indeed day to day records are rarely kept for such a length of time, and therefore there is little I can add to my letter of 7 October.

Lastly, in your letter to RAF Rudloe Manor, you asked if the station had any involvement with the UFO subject. I think it would be helpful to say that RAF Rudloe Manor is the location of the Headquarters of the RAF Provost and Security Services and although, like other stations, it receives unsolicited sighting reports from members of the public, RAF Rudloe Manor does not undertake research into the subject.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

D1/6

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ENCL No. 4

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 10 January 1989

Dear Section 40

Thank you for taking the time to telephone in the report of an unusual sighting that you witnessed on 14 October last year. I am sorry that it has taken so long to reply.

I think that it would be helpful if I first explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings, the sole 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 whatever might have been seen. The vast majority of information that we have on the subject is limited to brief details of sightings that have been passed onto us by those who witnessed them, such as yourself, and these are referred to our staff in the department which are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and they examine the reports during the course of their normal duties.

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As far as your sighting is concerned, I regret that a search through our file did not reveal any other report which corresponded with the details that you gave. Additionally, because we have not investigated this particular incident, I am sorry that I cannot offer you a definitive explanation as to the origin of the object.

I hope that you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

MEMO

FROM: CHF CLK/CAS

TO: SEC (AS)

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC

ENCL NO 3

The attached letter is forwarded for any action you deem necessary!!

No action necessary

Section 40

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
-9 JAN 1989
FILE 4/3

Section 40

FS
Chf Clk/CAS

Date: 9/1/89

Wing Commander,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

F.R.H.S.

Re: Section 40 [redacted]

OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

He served with me at R.A.F. Butzweilerhoff, Köln. 1955-1958 We had a near homosexual relationship!

This was spontaneous at first until he tired the whole thing. He deported me.

If he is still on God's good Earth, I would like him to perform the following act.-

He is to report to Major, Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] at Kent County Council Offices, Springfield, Maidstone Kent

He is then to pack a load of farm yard manure in a wheelbarrow

from Springfield up to the
top of Bluebell Hill.
He is then required to report to
the English Martyrs Catholic
Church at Gringbourn,
Rochester Kent and go to
confession.
When He has been forgiven, He
~~Can~~ WILL be welcome to visit me!
We were good pals and it was
a pity it was spoiled by this.
We ought to have gone into
Köln and found some nice
girls!

Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

HAS THIS JET BEEN MISTAKEN FOR A UFO

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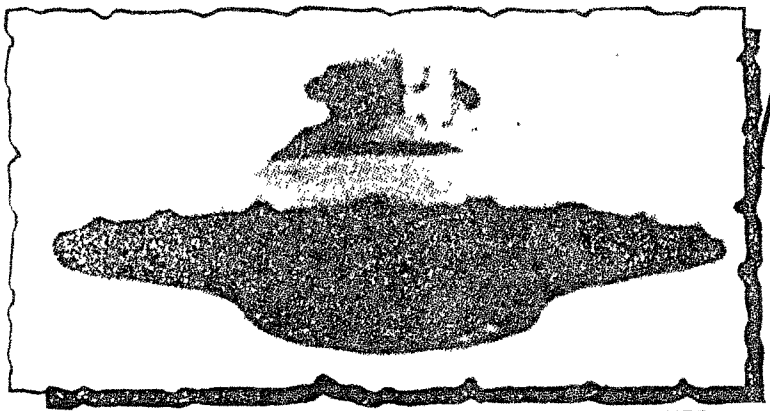

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME ? . . . how some imagine a UFO

New bomber costs £300m

By MICHAEL HELLICAR

THE world's most sinister aircraft flies 10 miles high, cannot be detected by radar, is invisible to heat-seeking missiles—AND could be responsible for hundreds of UFO sightings all over the world.

The top secret American B2 "Stealth Bomber" will not make its official maiden flight until March.

But it has already flown thousands of miles in test flights.

The Yanks will only say, coyly, that it has flown over its base at Palmdale, California.

But even then, the U.S. Air Force were flooded with reports from people convinced they had seen a UFO.

And by the end of this year, the B2 will be "officially" zooming over Britain. The £300 million plane will be stationed at United States Air Force bases in Suffolk and Oxfordshire. And a fleet of 132 has been ordered.

The futuristic craft is a science-fiction dream transformed into awesome reality.

It is made of still-secret materials that absorb radar beams. Even the paint is anti-radar, and the four engines are hidden beneath a serrated trailing edge.

President Reagan's Defence Secretary, Frank Carlucci, describes the B2 as "the most dramatic and effective weapon since the atomic bomb was invented."

He adds: "It is at least 20 years ahead of anything

...It's 20 years ahead

NOW, WE ARE ALL SEEING STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT

THOUSANDS of UFOs have been spotted in Britain since official records began 40 years ago.

But 1988 saw a galaxy of reports that shattered all previous records.

A spokesman for BUFORA, the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association said: "There have been hundreds of sightings. I'm certain Stealth, or some remote-

Two UFO "sightings," one in January, the other last month, were both linked to the new superplane by the British UFO Association.

Other recent British reports include . . .

- January 5, 1988. A schoolgirl in Kensington, West London tracked a UFO through a home telescope. She called police
- February 8, 1988. A policewoman spotted

ing above Eccleasfield, near Sheffield.

- February 18, 1988. Two policemen in Willenhall, West Midlands, reported a "mystery object with loads of lights."
- April 23, 1988. Residents of Beeston, Notts were terrified by a "massive, glowing object."
- October 27, 1988. Hundreds of people in Kent called police after a glowing object lit up the

UFO MAY BE NEW BOMBER

● A UFO spotted by

From the Daily Star

Friday January 6 1989

ENCL 2 ON

FRussia has developed. TThat's good news because it nmakes war a lot less likely, rrather than more."

British defence experts bbelieve that, in the event of ann East-West war, the B2 wwould be sent to penetrate RRussian air space at a hheight of 10 miles.

Its 16 nuclear-tipped mmissiles would be aimed at iimportant Soviet military ttargets, which a conventtional plane could never hope to reach without being shot down.

Says one expert: "The only way that the Russians could hope to strike back at the B2 would be for them to order their pilots to search the skies until they found it."

"It would be like looking for a single seagull in space."

Whenever the revolutionary plane has made test flights over its base in California, the air force has been flooded with reports from people who are convinced they have sighted a UFO.

Stealth's tail-less design and apparent lack of stability makes it look all the more menacing as it swoops through the skies.

Officially, the U.S government is trying to keep its revolutionary looks and performance a secret. They list the B2 simply as "a low observability ship."

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Jan 2ND 1989.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)1
- 6 JAN 1989
FILE

Section 40 [redacted]

ENCL No. 1

Dear Sir,

Could you provide me with the total number of UFO Sightings reported to your Department during the years 1970 to 1980 and Secondly 1980 to 1986.
Could you also provide me with the total number of Reports received from Gtr Manchester from 1980 to 1986.
My deepest thanks for your kind Co operation, I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

President · WAPIT WIGAN.

Section 40 [redacted]

pse look thro. UFO correspondence file for last letter which game breakdown & sighting figures. Pse copy it & I will use as a basis for a reply.

Section 40 [redacted] 5/1

Jan 87 - 89

4 from Manchester

16 from Gtr Manchester

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
- 5 JAN 1989
FILE 12/3

info from this

Section 40 [redacted]