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Signature: Section 40

Name: Section 40 (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: HEO Date: 22/11/99
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Branch Title and Full Address:

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HEO (AS) 2
ROOM Section 40
[illegible]DING
WHITEHALL
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Tel No: Section 40

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
7 April 1993

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Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
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Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

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Our reference
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Yours Sincerely

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

2nd April 1993

Dear Section 40

No reply is neccecary on this occasion, but I thought I'd drop a line to say thanks for checking out the NASA address and forwarding to me. It arrived here on April 1st and I got a letter off to them the same morning, but not surprisingly, given the subject matter, I dated it 31st of March! I didn't see the point in adding to problems by leaving them to assume it was a wind-up!

What I'll end up with at the end of all this I really don't know, but if the result is anything publishable I'd be glad to send it on to you, though of course I've no idea when that is likely to be. Anyway, thanks again for your letter of March 30th and the address I was chasing. All the best.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

~~***Please respond within 21 days***~~

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 April 1993

Dear Lt Cdr Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March.

From the description that you give in your letter, it does seem unlikely that aircraft lights were responsible.

I have made some enquiries about military activity at the time of your sighting, but have been unable to find anything that might have accounted for what you saw.

I am afraid that, as sometimes happens, we will simply have to describe what you saw as "unknown". If you contact the UFO groups whose addresses I gave you in my previous letter, they may have other ideas!

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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[redacted]

Air Staff 2a Room
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

30 March 1993

Dear [redacted]

Ref: D/Sec (AS)12/3 of 24 March 1993

Thank you for your letter regarding the lights which I saw in the sky. They were reported because they were so different to those of aircraft with which I am very familiar.

As an ex-naval pilot, of both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft, I know how aircraft lights normally appear. I am also used to looking at the sky and to determining the oddities which occur fairly frequently, usually whilst walking our dog.

Naturally being out of touch with current military operations the lights could have been to do with an operation taking place. The lights were reported to enable such normal event to be excluded.

The lights seen were very different to both aircraft strobe lights or navigation lights both in intensity and colour. The group flashing nature of the lights could have been caused by an aircraft rocking its wings and thus obscuring the light from my vision; such would have had to have ocurred three times regularly to achieve the effect seen by me.

I saw, in the constellation of Cassiopeia, three separate group flashing lights of very high intensity (similar to photo flood lights) and small size. The lights were Group Flashing (2) with a period of about 15 seconds and appeared to move from a position abeam Schedar and one finger to the left towards the north. Cassiopeia was bright and clear and the lights were considerably brighter than Schedar. There were no aircraft lights visible in the area at the time and no aircraft sounds. The gap between the lights was approximately one and a half finger's widths and about 15 seconds in time. The initial sighting was much brighter than the third and last.

Whilst I would not wish to associate the lights seen with anything untoward they were very unlike any other lights I have seen in the sky.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy

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

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 April 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March concerning the strange red light that you saw in the sky on Friday 26 March. The letter has been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate reports of UFOs.

It is very unlikely that what you saw was a military aircraft, as it would be unusual for one to be operating at the time in question. We believe that most UFO sightings can be attributed to known objects or phenomena, and another possibility is that the object you saw was a meteorite or fireball.

If you are interested in obtaining further information on this subject, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. They may be able to offer some ideas, or tie in your sighting with others they may have received. I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE 1 Apr 93

ROYAL AIR FORCE FINNINGLEY

Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN9 3LQ

Tel. Doncaster Section 40

Similarity to the sighting report from Bradway Post to you yesterday!

Section 40

29-3-93

Dear Sir/Madam.

I write enclosing an S.A.E. enquiring if any aircraft were low level flying in Derbyshire on Friday 26th March We travelled between Edale & Castleton, at approx 11.15 pm to Midnight that evening & witnessed a bright Red light (not flashing) dart across the sky at great speed, As we heard no sound an argument about low level flying, muffled sound by surrounding hills, & UFO's has arisen, therefore I write hoping

you can settle this argument for us, with any information you may have

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter & apologie for any inconvenience I may have caused you

yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
30 March 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 March.

If you wish to write to NASA, you should use the following address:

HQ Information
NASA
Washington DC
20546
USA

It is my understanding that all SETI data will be available to the public.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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TEL : [redacted]

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Secretariat (air Staff) 2a
Room [redacted]
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

26th March 1993

Dear [redacted]

Firstly thanks for your two letters dated 17th February and 11th of March, both of which were usefull. Given that I'm chasing up so much at present it's probably not surprising that a few things manage to go awry and that's the case with an address I was going to chase up with regard to NASA. I'm interested in the SETI Project, which in fact you may recall you touched upon in your letter of 11th March, but I've now mislaid the address I had for NASA. Any chance you could supply this? Sorry to come back at you again, but I'd be gratefull if you could supply a contact.

Many thanks for previous responses, and indeed I've had replies from a number of sources from Number 10 to The Vatican, Generals to the Civil and Military Aviation Authority in Canberra, but getting anything from the White House or U.S. Counter Intelligence is an uphill struggle! For an open society the U.S. goes about its openess by throwing a bag on its head! I think I may actually have found people who are more paranoid than I am! Pleased to know they exist! Anyway, thanks again for your trouble.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

PS: You'll note that on this occasion I've done the decent thing, and NOT forwarded an SAE! I am well rebuked! Thanks again.

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

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

N. Pope

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Date
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British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
26 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange green light that you saw in the sky on Wednesday night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
25 March 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Tuesday night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
24 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky on Monday night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
24 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights that you have seen in the sky recently have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
24 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your husband saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
23 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 March.

The Ministry of Defence has never denied that UFO reports are passed to other branches in the Ministry; specialist staffs do look at reports to make sure that what has been reported is not of any defence significance. This examination of UFO reports is quite routine, and in no way substantiates any of the more exotic stories that circulate about secret government work on the subject. Given that Section 40 has said that he is not prepared to reveal his sources, I suspect there is no way that you will be able to resolve the matter. As I said in my previous letter to you, the Ministry of Defence is not prepared to enter into debates about such stories.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

UFOIB

UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Section 40 [redacted]

Tel Section 40 [redacted]

21 March 1993

Dear Section 40

I enclose a copy of a letter I recieved off Section 40 [redacted], I have also Section 40 included a copy of part of the Official Secrets Act. As you can see [redacted] tells me the name of his informat Section 40 [redacted] of MI2, who informed him that work is going on behind the scenes on UFOs and that the Defence Itelligence Staff is involved in secret UFO investigations. When I recieved this letter I obtained a copy of the Official Secrets Act to see if Section 40 was in breach of that act, it turns out that I am almost correct. Under the act it states 'Doing an act as a result of which the communication of Section 40 official secrets is possible, even if not possible is an offence' [redacted] claimed that Section 40 told him that work is going on behind the scenes and that the Defence Intelligence Staff is involved in secret UFO investigations, as you can see this statment breaks the act for it contains information wich is useful to the press and investigaters like me. However as I stated earlier I am almost correct, if Section 40 was authorised to make that statment by the MoD then he has commited no crime, the MoD however has to be able to produce a document signed by the persons involved who authorised that statment and Section 40 stating the information above and the reasons behind the statment. Also they must give a reson why they did not reveal their information to the press, before Section 40

If the Ministry of Defence cannot release the information required then action will be either with the backing of a national newspaper or through the courts.

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of my intensions but since this case began the MoD has been reluctant to give me answers to key questions that I have asked them and have also rejected a repeated request of a meeting.

I conclude that if the MoD and Section 40 [redacted] cannot come up with evidence to support the above theories then the evidence that I have come accross in this case, then it surley points to a conspiricy.

I suggest you study the evidence that you see before you and get back to me a.s.a.p.

sincerely yours

Section 40 [redacted]

CETI

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

16 March 1993

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter (undated).

With regard to your queries, most of what I know is published in my books *Above Top Secret* and *Alien Liaison*, including my findings on secret work done 'behind the scenes'. I was indeed informed by an MoD spokesman Section 40 [redacted] of AS2) in 1986 that some UFO reports are passed to a branch of the Defence Intelligence Staff, namely DI55 in at least one case (see *Above Top Secret*). Should it ever be necessary, I could prove this very easily. In the meantime, I am enclosing an MoD document, one of several in my possession, which prove that DI55 is (or was) on the distribution list for UFO sighting reports given to the MoD (probably as a matter of routine procedure). Naturally, any research done by the Defence Intelligence Staff is classified, so it is pointless hammering away at the Ministry.

I don't know where you got the notion that 'one of Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 staff' told me about secret UFO files in Room 801. That information was published in *Reynolds News*, and additional information was supplied to me by Gordon Creighton, a former intelligence officer, who never dealt with the subject in his work. (For further details, read both my books.)

The additional information you cite about RAF intelligence research was given to me as described in both books, and I stand by it. I have no intention of betraying my sources. I very much doubt that Section 40 is lying: he may well be unaware of the extent of involvement. Further, I know of no incidents where the MoD has threatened witnesses with violence, nor do I believe that they would do so.

With best wishes,

Section 40 [redacted]

Encl. DI55 document/*Alien Update* details

SECRAS12
7 AUG 1987
FILE 12/2

AIS/PF5

Section 40 [redacted] 7/8

E93/2

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING 4.8.87 22.30 A ? MRS
(Local times to be used)

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Number 2
Size ?
Shape TRIANGULAR
Colours MULTI
Brightness VERY BRIGHT
Sound NIL
Smell NIL

Sec (AS)2 Distribution:
1. DI 55
2. AE/AEW

Section 40 [redacted]

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER ST. DAVIDS POST OFFICE EXETER
Geographical location
Indoors/Outdoors OUTDOORS
Stationary/Moving STATIONARY

D. HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye NAKED EYE INITIALLY THEN BINOCULARS
Binoculars
Other optical device
Still or cine camera NONE

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN LOOKING FROM EXETER TOWARDS THE PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION NOT PUB)
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable) ?

G. DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible) ?

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady STEADY MOVEMENT TOWARDS PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION)
Changing THEN RETURNED TO OVERHEAD TIVERTON.
Erratic

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION
Moving clouds
Haze CLEAR SKY.
Mist

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC ?

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

L. TO WHOM REPORTED [redacted]
Police [redacted] ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS,
Military Organisation [redacted] EXETER. TEL [redacted]
The Press OR [redacted]

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OR INFORMAT [redacted]

N. ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED POSTMAN

O. OTHER WITNESSES SEVERAL

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT 12 [illegible] 5.8.87 RAF CHIVENOR

Britain, Northern Ireland or the United Kingdom, if he is satisfied that the person is or has been concerned 'in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism'. The order expires three years after the day on which it was made: Sch. 2, s. 3(1)(2).
(e) Under s. 14 a constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he reasonably suspects to be guilty of certain offences under the Act, or of being concerned in acts of terrorism (including international terrorism) or of being subject to an exclusion order. The person arrested may not be detained for more than forty-eight hours in right of the arrest, but the Home Secretary may extend this for further periods of up to five days. *See R.* v. *Governor of Durham Prison, ex p. Carlisle* (1979).
(f) Note that under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, s. 116 (5), as amended, an offence, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any such offence, under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989, is a 'serious arrestable offence'.

14. Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978

Under this Act, certain types of offence are not to be regarded as of a political character, but extradition (with which the Act is concerned) may be refused where it is requested so as to punish an offender on grounds of race, religion, political opinions, etc. The offences include, for example, murder, manslaughter or culpable homicide, rape, kidnapping, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, offences under the Explosive Substances Act 1833, ss. 2, 3, offences under the Offences against the Person Act 1861, ss. 18, 20–24, 28–30, 48, 55, or attempts to commit any of these offences, and torture (added by the Criminal Justice Act 1988, s. 22).

15. Internationally Protected Persons Act 1978

Sections 1–4 concern offences relating to attacks and threats of attacks involving 'protected persons' and make some offences under s. 1 extradition crimes. 'Protected persons' include Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is outside the territory of the state in which he holds office, persons representing a state or international organisation of an inter-governmental character, members of the family of those mentioned above.

Official secrets

16. General purpose of the legislation

The general purpose of the legislation discussed under **17–22** is to guard the safety and interests of the State against enemies; the term 'enemy' includes a potential enemy: *see R.* v. *Parrott* (1913).

17. Official Secrets Act 1911, s. 1(1)

It is an offence if any person, for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State:

(a) approaches, inspects, passes over or is in the neighbourhood of, or enters, any prohibited place within the Act, or
(b) makes any sketch, plan, model or note calculated or intended to be useful to an enemy, *or*
(c) obtains, collects, records, publishes or communicates to any other person any secret official code word or pass word or any sketch, etc. or other information calculated or intended to be useful to an enemy.

18. The mischief aimed at by s. 1

In *Chandler* v. *DPP* (1964), the accused persons, members of an organisation committed to nuclear disarmament, entered a prohibited place (an airfield), and admitted that, in doing so, they had intended to impede its functioning. They contended that they had not the necessary intention under s. 1, since their ultimate object was to benefit the State. They were convicted under s. 1, and their appeal dismissed. It was held by the House of Lords that:

(a) the mischief aimed at by s. 1 is not limited to espionage, but includes sabotage. 'The saboteur just as much as the spy in the ordinary sense is contemplated as an offender under the Act': *per* Lord Radcliffe;
(b) if a person enters a prohibited place in order to cause obstruction and interference which is prejudicial to the defence dispositions of the country, an offence under s. 1 is committed, and the ultimate objects of that person are of no relevance; *and*
(c) the Crown's defence policy cannot be challenged in the courts.

19. Communication with foreign agents

In proceedings against a person for an offence under s. 1 of the 1911 Act, the fact that he has been in communication with a foreign agent, or attempted to communicate, within or without the UK, is evidence that he has obtained or attempted to obtain information calculated or intended to be useful to any enemy to a purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State. The term 'foreign agent' includes a person who is or has been or is reasonably suspected of being or having been employed by a foreign power either directly or indirectly for the purpose of committing an act prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State: *see* the 1920 Act, s. 2(2)(*b*).

NOTE: Doing an act as a result of which the communication of official secrets is possible, even if not probable, is an offence: *see R.* v. *Bingham* (1973). *See* also *R.* v. *Schulze and Schulze* (1988).

20. Official Secrets Act 1920, ss. 1, 3, 7

It is an offence to make an unauthorised use of uniform or to make a false statement to gain admission to a prohibited place. It is an offence for any person who, in the vicinity of a prohibited place, interferes with the police or members of the Forces who are on guard. By s. 7, any attempt to commit an offence under the Acts of 1911 and 1920, or to solicit or incite or endeavour to persuade another to commit such an offence, is an offence, punishable as if the offence had been committed.

21. Official Secrets Act 1989: the background

The 1989 Act repeals and replaces the 1911 Act, s. 2, which had been criticised for its ambiguous and 'catch-all' nature. (*See* e.g. the Franks Report (Cmnd 5104 (1972).) For cases under s. 2, *see* e.g. *R.* v. *Ponting* (1985); *R.* v. *Galvin* (1987). The 1989 Act arose from Cm. 408 (1978) which, included, significantly, a rejection of suggestions for a general defence that a disclosure of information was in the public interest. The 1989 Act introduces defined categories of official information, the unauthorised disclosure of which will be an offence. (*See* also the Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) Order 1990 (SI 1990/200).)

22. The 1989 Act

The following matters should be noted.

(a) *Security and intelligence.* It is an offence for a member and former member of the security services to disclose, without lawful authority, any information, document or other article relating to security and intelligence which is or has been in his possession by virtue of his position as a member of those services: s. 1(1). 'Disclose' includes parting with possession of a document: s. 13(1). (For the statutory basis of the security service, *see* Security Service Act 1989, s. 1.) It is an offence for a person who is or has been a Crown Servant or government contractor to disclose without lawful authority, information which might cause damage to the security and intelligence services: s. 1(3).

(b) *Defence.* It is an offence for one who is or has been a Crown servant or government contractor, to make a damaging disclosure of any information, document or other article relating to defence: s. 2(1).

(c) *International relations.* It is an offence for an existing or former Crown servant or government contractor to make a damaging disclosure of information relating to international relations: s. 3(1).

(d) *Crime and special investigation.* It is an offence for an existing or former Crown servant or government contractor to disclose information which results in the commission of an offence, or facilitates an escape from legal custody or impedes the prevention or detection of an offence: s. 4.

(e) *Information resulting from unauthorised disclosures.* It is an offence to disclose unlawfully information of this nature: s. 5. (For definition of 'unauthorised disclosure', *see* s. 7.)

(f) *Information entrusted in confidence to other States or international organisations.* It is an offence to disclose unlawfully information of this nature: s. 6(1)(2). No offence is committed if the State or organisation has previously published the information: s. 6(3).

(g) *Safeguarding of information.* It is an offence for a Crown servant or government contractor to retain any document or article contrary to his official duty, or to fail to comply with an official direction for its return or to fail to take care to prevent unauthorised disclosure: s. 8(1).

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
19 March 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter.

In answer to your first question, we have no intention of taking any action against Section 40 because he has not divulged any classified information; he has simply made statements about his own beliefs, and repeated stories that he has been told about UFOs. No Ministry of Defence spokesperson has passed any classified information to Section 40 or any other ufologist.

In answer to your second question, I am saying that none of the allegations made about secret government studies into UFOs are correct. As I have said before, we are not aware of any evidence that would support the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

As far as your final point is concerned, I am afraid that we are not prepared to get involved in debates to determine whether UFO information is genuine or has been hoaxed; given our very limited role in the subject this is something that ufologists will have to sort out for themselves. As far as we are concerned, we have no objections to Section 40 or anyone else saying whatever they like about UFOs - even if we do not agree with what is said!

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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UFOIB

UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Section 40 [redacted]

Tel Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for returning my tapes I sent you, sorry that I have not got back to you sooner but the Bureau has had to shut down for a short time while we move address. I would also like to thank you for your help in my investigation, but there are a few thing that I would like to ask you before I wrap this case up.

The first thing I would like to go over with you is a question I asked you in one of my letters which you failed to answer, and that is 'if Section 40 [redacted] knows so much about what the MoD are doing about the Ufo situation, and is willing to state this on television then is he subject to questioning under the Official Secrets Act?'.

The second thing I would like to quote you on is the statement you gave in your last letter in which you state 'ufoligists are often plagued by a digree of hoaxing and disinformation, and as far as I am concerned allegations of top secret work on UFOs carried out by the Government fall into this category'. Are you saying that the information on those tapes is fake, because you have got me a bit confused about what you mean.

Another point I would like to put to you and that is you dont seem to mention Section 40 [redacted] name in any of your letters, Ifhe is lying then sureley you would be able to prove it. I know that you cannot mention his name for legal resons but if he is lying then he has'nt got a leg to stand on I thought that was what this case was all about, trying to find out just who is lying. I'm not trying to ruin Section 40 [redacted] its just that he has bitten off more than he can chew here, he must have know'n what he was letting himself in for when he made that statement. Its time to lay all the cards on the table now Section 40 how far is the Ministry of Defence willing to go, are you willing to help me prove that what [redacted] stated is fake or are you willing to watch the ministry's reputation crumble just because they cannot Section 40 give me the answers I require I am not trying to back you into a corner, but you have to see it from my point of veiw you say that the information that I have presented to you is fake but you have not been able to show me any solid evidence that it, Section 40 [redacted] has stated that a MoD spokesperson informed him that they were carrying secret ufo investigations but he has not been able to prove this so far, and I have written to him. Now you tell me Section 40 just who is lying and who is telling the truth. I hope you will get in-touch with me soon so I can wrap this case up.

Thankyou

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Section 40
The Aetherius Society
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
18 March 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

When we spoke yesterday I promised to let you have a note setting out the position with regard to the release of UFO material from the early Sixties.

As I explained, a file can only be released when its most recent enclosure is 30 years old. Although records for 1962 have been kept, they are not available for release because they are in files which also contain material from later years. I suspect that in the early Sixties there were simply not enough reports or enquiries to justify a separate file being opened each year, and that files were kept open until they became too bulky.

It is not our practice to comment on material that has not yet been released, but I understand that two files are likely to be released next year. I suggest that you contact the Public Record Office early next year.

Good luck with your research, and I hope that the seven files I have already referred you to contain enough interesting material to keep you going!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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The Aetherius Society

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THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY
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AETHERIUS LONDON SW6

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Metropolitan Archbishop of The Aetherius Churches.

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THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY
Section 40

Telegraphic Address:
AETHERIUS LOS ANGELES

13th March, 1993

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

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for your most helpful letter of 8th March, 1993.

I have had a preliminary discussion with our UFO Research team and we will be examining all the files you refer to in your letter.

I agree that some sightings are generated by known objects or phenomena, but was heartened by your acceptance that other sightings appear to defy explanation. Ministry officials have been reluctant to admit even this in the past and we welcome your letter as a definite step in the right direction.

With thanks for your helpful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

European Secretary

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
11 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter on the subject of UFOs.

During 1992 the Ministry of Defence received 147 UFO reports. I have attached some figures that you may find interesting, which show how this figure compares to previous years.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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NUMBERS OF UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO THE MOD

1959 - 22	1976 - 200
1960 - 31	1977 - 435
1961 - 71	1978 - 750
1962 - 46	1979 - 550
1963 - 51	1980 - 350
1964 - 74	1981 - 600
1965 - 56	1982 - 250
1966 - 95	1983 - 390
1967 - 362	1984 - 214
1968 - 280	1985 - 177
1969 - 228	1986 - 120
1970 - 181	1987 - 150
1971 - 379	1988 - 397
1972 - 201	1989 - 258
1973 - 233	1990 - 209
1974 - 177	1991 - 117
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Dear sir

I am writing to you regarding unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

I have been interested ing UFO's for a while now I go to Quest meetings I am starting to make my own file on UFO's the reason I am writing to you is to ask if you can tell me how many UFO sighting over the uk, in 1992, I hope to hear from you, To help me with my beleaf in UFO's,

Yours Faithfully

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 March to the Chief of the Air Staff. I have been asked to reply as this office is the sole point of contact within the Ministry of Defence for any questions about UFOs or related topics.

You should already have received my reply to your earlier letter to the Secretary of State for Defence, and there is little that I can add to this. If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact NASA and ask for some information about their ongoing Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project.

I hope this is helpful, and that your article is progressing well. Once again, I am returning your SAE!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Office of the

CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

Sec (AS) 2

Could you please response to the attached

PSO / CAS

11 Mar 93

[redacted]
TEL : [redacted]

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Air Chief Marshal
Sir Peter Harding GCB ADC DSc FRAeS CBIM
Chief of Air Staff
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SW1A 2HB

9th March 1993

Dear Sir Peter,

Though assuming that were there anything positive to report it is unlikely that it would be passed to me, you'll appreciate that I can at least pose the question. I'm presently getting together a few things to write-up an extensive feature, so the more direct and honest your answers the better, and even something open-ended would of course be better than flat denials (unless of course such denials would be accurate). The three questions, then, follow.

(1) Are you personally aware via access to facts that so-called UFOs do indeed exist?

(2) Is it correct that the United States, and possibly others, have in fact retrieved parts of UFO craft and/or occupants of such craft?

(3) Has there ever been direct 'communication' of any nature, which specifically implies direct two-way communication, no less than alien communication which may not have been responded to?

Many thanks for your time in this, and your serious consideration of the queries.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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*** Please respond within 21 days ***

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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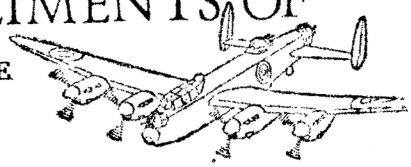

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We can't help, sorry!

Section 40 [redacted]

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Tel. Doncaster Section 40 [redacted]

[redacted]

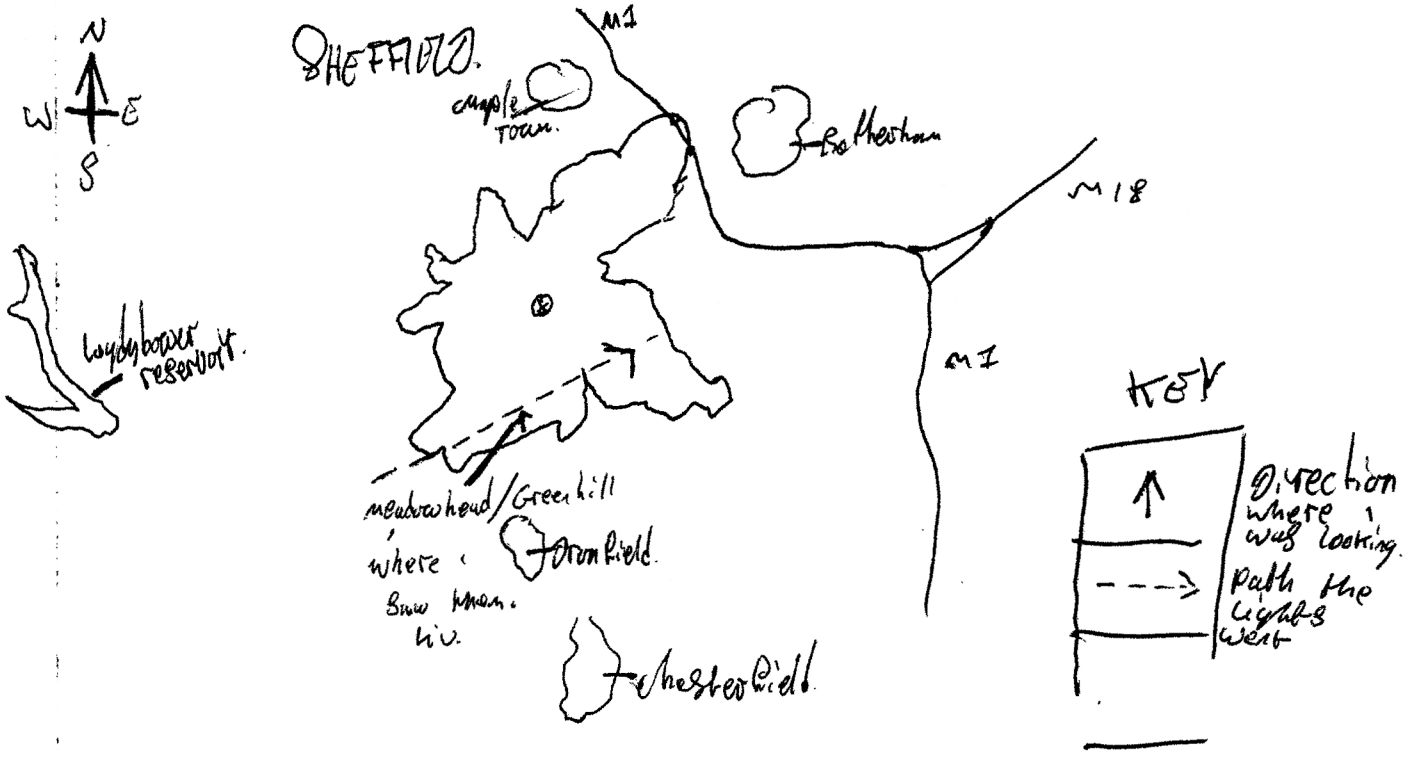
5th March 93.

Dear Sir/Madame

Yesterday night (4th March 93) I saw Something What I thought Was very Strange! At about 9:00 pm I heard a Strange noise Coming from outside my window. As I opened My Window the noise Sounded Just like a rather fast jet aircraft in the distance. The Sound Was very faint. Still puzzled by this I looked up into the Sky and believe me but I saw two sets of lights which looked like this - :: :: This Was not really Strange but I Suddenly relized that they Were traveling increadably fast. They Seemed to be very low but also very quite which I thought Was very Strange. If they where traveling this fast and this low and Sounded very loud - ~~[redacted]~~ I would of understood, but because the lights Seemed to Zoom across the Sky very quitely It Was a bit unnerving?

So Could you please (if possible) try and Inquire about this as although you may think this is not very important, I believe that it was very strange indeed.

I have kindly drawn you a map to help.



4.00 pm.
Thursday March 4th 1993.

I do hope you can help us. If you can't I do understand, as you are probably busy.

Yours thankfully.

Thankyou very much.

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked for some information about UFOs, to assist you with the project that you are doing. I am not sure how widely you intend to cover this subject, so I will set out as much information as I can on the policy and views of the Ministry of Defence, and include other material that may be of use to you.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was seen, are passed to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, 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 in-depth investigations. Defence funds are fully committed to maintaining the security of the UK and meeting our responsibilities to allies and dependents. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possibile explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that appear to defy explanation, and we hold no definitive view on these.

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The Ministry of Defence does not release material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the public records act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Prior to 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed, although a small number of files survived, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office. The files we hold in this office go back to about 1985, so we are able to answer specific queries that people have about particular sightings which have occurred in recent years, and can let them know whether we have a report on the incident, and if so, what it contains. Most of the reports that we have are relatively unexciting, and refer to little more than a vague shape or light in the sky, as opposed to the more exotic "close encounter" reports that are sometimes written about. I have attached for your information a copy of the form that we use to record UFO reports.

You may be interested to know the numbers of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years, so I have attached some figures that you may find useful.

A number of last year's reports were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside - which was flying over London a lot during February and March. I saw this myself, and can understand how, from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO travelling slowly over London. I mention this as a useful example of how an explanation can often be found for an apparently quite exotic UFO report. Other reports were caused by lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds; such equipment is used increasingly in advertising and entertainment, especially at outdoor music festivals.

I do not know if you intend to mention crop circles, but if so, you will wish to know that the Ministry of Defence is not involved in any research or investigation into this phenomenon. If you are interested in this subject, then you may wish to contact the following organisation:

Centre for Crop Circle Studies
Section 40

If you have not already done so, you may like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. You will find that ufology is a very controversial subject, and that there are many differing opinions on the phenomenon! I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

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I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your project. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

NUMBERS OF UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO THE MOD

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1960 - 31	1977 - 435
1961 - 71	1978 - 750
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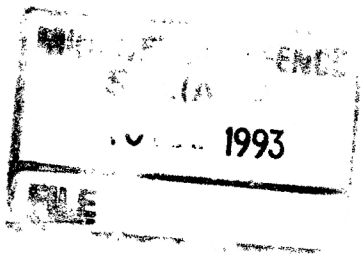
Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am at present attending Bede College on a Access Course. I, along with my group, have been given a project to do. I chose U.F.O.s. Although I have access to libraries, I would find it most helpful if you could provide me with more up to date and factual data. I look forward to reading your reply.

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]



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The Aetherius Society
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
8 March 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 March, in which you asked about access to our UFO files.

It was certainly the case that before 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years. It is unfortunate if this caused any suspicion, because there was nothing unusual about this; it is standard policy with any MOD file not judged to be of public interest, because of the pressure on storage space. In 1967 there was a dramatic increase in the number of UFO sightings reported to the MOD (I have attached some figures that you may find interesting) and at this point it was felt that there was sufficient public interest in the subject to justify the permanent retention of UFO files. As you say, this should mean that the files from 1962 onwards have survived, and that they will be made available for public viewing, applying the "30 year rule". I suggest that you check with the Public Record Office, who will be able to tell you the definitive position on this. Their address is as follows: Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV.

You will be interested to hear that it is now known that a few UFO files from the Fifties did survive the standard destruction procedures. The references, dates and titles of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199. 1952. Flying Saucer Occurrences. Reports by Service personnel at Topcliffe Station, Thirsk and local public sector.

AIR 20/20/7390. 1950-54. Unidentified Aircraft (Flying Objects) Reports.

AIR 20/9320. 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9321. 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9322. 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9994. 1950-54. Reports on Aerial Phenomena.

PREM 11/855. 1952. File from the Prime Minister's Office.

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I think that all the titles, except the last, are self-explanatory; PREM 11/855 contains the famous memo from Winston Churchill, asking about UFOs, together with the response from the Air Ministry. All these files can be viewed at the Public Record Office. I wish you luck with your research into all our old files, although I suspect that their contents will be fairly mundane; if the sightings are like those reports made to us at present, they will consist almost exclusively of "lights in the sky" reports, rather than "close encounters".

You asked about current MOD policy on the UFO issue. Our only concern in looking at sightings is to judge whether there is any threat to the security and defence of the UK. Unless we judge that there is - and this has not been the case with any sighting reported to us so far - we do not investigate further, or make any attempt to investigate what was seen. We remain convinced that most sightings are generated by known objects or phenomena, although we accept that there will always be some sightings that appear to defy explanation.

We will always try to be as helpful as we can when dealing with enquiries about UFOs. We can answer queries about specific UFO sightings that have occurred recently, and can let you have a copy of any report we may have received (deleting details of the witness's name and address in the usual way). We will also do our best to answer any more general questions you may have on the UFO phenomenon.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions. Please let me know if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY
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Telegraphic Address:
AETHERIUS LOS ANGELES

2nd March, 1993

Section 40
Air Staff Secretariat,
Ministry of Defence,
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Dear Section 40

I have been in contact with two of your predecessors in the past, namely Section 40 and Section 40 on the subject of U.F.O.'s. They were both very helpful and forthcoming with the limited information they were allowed to give, but were not able to help me with my specific request, which is as follows.

I was informed that all the files in the Ministry of Defence relating to U.F.O.'s, up to the year 1962, were destroyed in order to relieve filing space. This has caused a considerable degree of suspicion over the years among those who believe there has been a cover-up on U.F.O. information by the Ministry. As you may know, this suspicion is shared by certain Members of Parliament.

I was, therefore, very pleased to learn that a decision was made in 1967 not to destroy any U.F.O. files after 1962. Section 40 Section 40 pointed out that these would be subject to the Public Records Act, which means that they will remain closed for 30 years. As 31 years has now elapsed since these files were first kept, I assume the release of this important information must have been started and I will be most grateful if you can inform me how I can gain access to studying these very interesting documents.

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Section 40 [redacted] did inform me, in writing, that these U.F.O. reports are not classified but there is a certain confidentiality regarding the people who made the sightings. Obviously, I would not expect personal names and addresses to be released by the Ministry but only the contents of the sightings themselves.

As well as informing me how to obtain this information, please let me know the general Ministry of Defence policy on the U.F.O. issue at present. Many of us feel that this data should not be withheld, even for 30 years, and should be readily accessible to the public. This would seem to be in keeping with the current government policy of making as much information as possible available to citizens. Judging by recent speeches by both John Major and John Smith, we should be able to look forward to a new and sustained openness from the Ministry on the question of U.F.O.'s.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that, according to opinion polls, a majority of British citizens believe in life on other planets and visitations by extra-terrestrial spacecraft. I am sure you will agree that U.F.O.'s were not sighted around the Earth purely for the purpose of being kept in files by government bodies.

Perhaps you can answer one other question of government policy for me on this subject also. Since Ministry of Defence spokesmen have often stated to the media that U.F.O.'s pose no threat to our national defence, why is it that U.F.O. reports are kept by the Ministry of Defence at all?

We are long-standing campaigners on the subject of U.F.O.'s and it is only fair to advise you that we will regard your reply to this letter as a statement of current government policy on the U.F.O. issue, which we may then choose to quote freely.

With thanks for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

European Secretary

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Date
4 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 February. The answers to your nine specific questions are as follows:

1. Yes.

2. We actually co-ordinate UFO reports. Radar returns may or may not be a feature of this, although in my time in this job (over a year now) they have not been.

3. Yes.

4. Yes, although you will wish to bear in mind the factors that I listed in the third paragraph of my letter dated 18 February.

5. Yes, although the only security angle to this question is the fact that we do not want to give out any information relating to the range and effectiveness of UK radar systems.

6. Yes.

7. No UFO sighting to date has been judged to present a threat to national security. We look at sightings on a case by case basis, and the situation is therefore kept under constant review.

8. Yes, with the exception of the files that I told you about in my last letter. The Public Records Act does not require files to be kept; it lays down the rules relating to public access to files that are kept. There was a wave of UFO sightings in 1967, and this led to increased public interest in the subject. I suspect that prior to 1967, due to the low level of interest in UFOs, it was felt that retaining these files was not justified.

9. Yes.

Finally, you mentioned Viscount Long's decision about releasing UFO reports. I have managed to track down the Hansard extract relating to the comments that Viscount Long made about UFO reports during questions raised in the House of Lords in 1982 - I apologise for the poor quality of the photocopy. The position

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with regard to the files is as I described in my previous letter. We are able to respond to specific requests from individuals or UFO societies about particular UFO incidents (if we have the files in this office - ie files from approximately 1985 onwards) and to offer them such information as we have on these incidents.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

House of Lords

...have indeed ...and as ...at ...at ...on

Thursday, 4th March, 1982.

The House met at three of the clock (*Prayers having been read earlier at the Judicial Sitting by the Lord Bishop of Derby*): The LORD CHANCELLOR on the Woolsack.

Unidentified Flying Objects: Sightings

3.4 p.m.

The Earl of Clancarty: My Lords, I beg leave to ask the Question which stands in my name on the Order Paper.

The Question was as follows:

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many reports have been received by the Ministry of Defence on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in each of the last four years, and what action has been taken in each case.

Viscount Long: My Lords, in 1978 there were 750 sightings; in 1979 there were 550 sightings; in 1980, 350 sightings; and in 1981, 600 sightings. All UFO reports are passed to operations staff who examine them solely for possible Defence implications.

The Earl of Clancarty: My Lords, while thanking the noble Viscount for that Answer, may I ask him whether or not it is a fact that over 2,000 authenticated UFO reports were published last year in the national press? If so, were they accepted or passed on to the Ministry of Defence? And what happened to them?

Viscount Long: My Lords, they did not all get to the Ministry of Defence. I have just informed your Lordships of the numbers sighted. If the noble Earl is suspicious that the Ministry of Defence is covering up in any way, I can assure him that there is no reason why we should cover up the figures which he has mentioned if they are true. The sole interest of the Ministry of Defence in UFO reports is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest—for example, a Russian aircraft or an unidentified aircraft—which might have breached our security systems. That is the sole reason why we are interested in the reports.

Lord Wynne-Jones: My Lords, does the Answer given mean that since there has been a Conservative Government the UFOs have done a U-turn and departed?

Viscount Long: Not according to my reading, my Lords.

The Earl of Kimberley: My Lords, as my noble friend said that 600 UFOs had been officially reported or acknowledged by the Ministry of Defence in 1981, may I ask him how many of those sightings still remain unidentified and were not subject to security, or were Russian aeroplanes, or anything like that?

Viscount Long: My Lords, I do not have those figures. They disappeared into the unknown before we got them.

Lord Strabolgi: My Lords, may I ask the noble Viscount whether the present Government adhere to the view of the previous Government which I put forward when I replied to the debate three years ago in your Lordships' House, that most of these so-called sightings can be accounted for as natural phenomena?

Viscount Long: Yes, my Lords, they can be. Many of them are accounted for in one way or another, but nobody has got a really constructive answer for all of them.

Lord Hill-Norton: My Lords, may I ask the noble Viscount whether or not it is true that all the sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence before 1962 were destroyed because they were deemed "to be of no interest"? And if it is true, who was it who decided that they were of no interest?

Viscount Long: My Lords, my reply to the noble and gallant Lord—I was wondering whether he was going to say that the Royal Navy had many times seen the Loch Ness monster—is that since 1967 all UFO reports have been preserved. Before that time, they were generally destroyed after five years.

Lord Paget of Northampton: My Lords, can the noble Viscount tell us whether, out of these thousands of sightings which he has mentioned, there has been a single one which suggested any menace to our defences? In the circumstances, is not an awful lot of time being wasted on this nonsense?

Viscount Long: My Lords, I think Her Majesty's Government are waiting for an invitation from them to discuss these problems.

Mr. Anatoly Shc'

3.9 p.m.

Lord Renton: My ... Question which sta... Paper.

The Question was ...

To ask Her Ma... are aware that An... 15 months been ... frequently placed i... 1981 had his pris... for his refusal to ... he has always mair... they will request ... whether they intend ... conditions until h...

Lord Trefgarne: M... ment remain gravely ... Anatoly Shcharansky ... reports of his ill-treatme... with the Soviet authoritie...

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES (HANSARD)
Vol. 427 No. 51
Thursday 4 March 198

Section 40 [redacted]

28th February 1993.

Your reference D/Sec(AS)12/3 dated 24th February 1993.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your explanatory letter of the above date and the helpful information contained therein.

It would be of great assistance to me to summarising your previous correspondence, and I would ask for your confirmation of the following facts:-

1) That the Ministry of Defence does recieve and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings; there were 147 such reports in 1992 of which there were a small percentage that would seem to defy explanation.

2) Although you co-ordinate unidentified radar returns, you do not have any figures on these.

3) There have been instances of ghost returns where blips have appeared on screens for short periods of time but it is easy for a skilled radar operator to distinguish between these and true readings.

4) That radar, as a general rule, behaves as a wavelength of light and will only provide a return from an object of some opacity.

5) You are not able to state, because of the time factor and for security reasons, whether the spate of UFO sightings over Northern Belgium in 1989/90 were detected by British radar.

6) On the subject of national security, the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sighting cannot be positively identified.

7) As Unidentified radar blips, unidentified objects, unidentified lights in the sky, cannot be classed as evidence, then there cannot possibly be a threat to national security.

8) Despite the Public Records Act which ensures that public records are protected for 30 years after their last use, all UFO files prior to 1967 were apparently destroyed.

9) Some files from the fifties apparently were not destroyed and seven of these are held at the Public Record Office at Kew.

As these above factors now confirm that these phenomina are NOT a matter of national security and are consequently NOT classified, could you please answer and comment on my enquiry, that a decision to release MOD files on UFO reports was made by Lord Long in 1982, but implemation of this was delayed by the Falklands war. This war has now been over for some years and I would enquire if it would now be possible for me to have access to any files that I would require from 1967 onwards?

Thank you for your help,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 February.

You said that you were trying to find out whether there were any aircraft in the area around Evesham at the same time as the UFO sighting that you are investigating. I am afraid that this long after the event, it is simply not possible to be certain. Writing to nearby military bases would not help, because military aircraft do not confine their training to areas in the vicinity of their own base. If military aircraft were in the area at the time, they could have come from a number of bases all over the country. All I can tell you is that Evesham is certainly in an area where military aircraft do train on a fairly regular basis.

From looking at the details of the sighting I wonder whether the witness might have seen the glow from an aircraft's engine; this, as opposed to an aircraft light, might well appear orange. Furthermore, if the aircraft was some distance away, but travelling in a straight line, away from the witness, the effect may well have been as described in the newspaper. If the aircraft altered its position, however slightly, the glow would suddenly disappear.

The article also mentioned a blue light that had also been seen in the Evesham area. You may be interested to know that on 16 August last year a blue light was seen in the sky over a number of regions of the UK. It is believed that a fireball of some sort was involved.

I hope this is helpful. I am returning your SAE as we have our own mailing arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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DEAR SIR, 28/2/93

Section 40

I AM WRITING TO YOU, FOR HELP TO SOLVE A REPORT OF AN OBJECT SEEN OVER EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE ON SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 1992 AT ABOUT 4.30 P.M. No reports

ENCLOSED IS A PHOTOCOPY OF A NEWSPAPER CUTTING TAKEN FROM THE COTSWOLD JOURNAL, THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 1992. I WROTE TO THE EDITOR, WHO GAVE ME THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THREE WITNESSES, I'VE ONLY RECEIVED ONE REPLY, IT WAS NO GOOD, AS SHE DID NOT FILL IN THE FORMS OR QUESTIONS. THIS IS WHY I DID NOT WRITE TO YOU SOONER. ALL I NEED TO KNOW IS, IF THERE WERE ANY AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER EVESHAM AT ABOUT 4.30 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON.

IF IT IS POSSIBLE COULD YOU SEND ME THE FULL ADDRESSES OF THE AIR FORCE

P.T.O.

Strange encounter of the orange kind in Evesham night

A MYSTERIOUS bright orange light flashed across the sky above Evesham on Sunday.

The UFO was spotted by Mr Victor Boynton, a technical operator from the BBC training centre at Wood Norton, at about 4.30pm.

"It was like a huge studio floodlight. There was a powerful orange glow in the sky for about 45 seconds and then it just disappeared as though it had been switched off," he said.

Mr Boynton saw the light about a mile and a half outside Evesham as he drove towards the town on the main road from Broadway.

"At first I thought it could be a plane or a helicopter but then I realised it couldn't be as they don't use orange lights.

"There might be a simple explanation for it but it was certainly very strange and I'd love to find out what it was," he said.

Mr Boynton's sighting follows a similar incident over Evesham in August when a mysterious blue light flashed across the sky.

BASES LOCATED IN AND AROUND OXFORD / BUCKSHIRE – UPPER HEYFORD, FAIRFORD, (GLOS) BRIZE NORTON ETC. THIS WILL ENABLE ME TO WRITE DIRECT TO THEM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. ENCLOSED IS A S.A.E.

YOURS SINCERELY

Section 40

Section 40

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

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
1 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange blue light that you saw in the sky last weekend have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
1 March 1993

Dear Section 40,

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It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Examples that spring to mind include aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or meteorites. If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A
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Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Tel. Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 24th February 1993

Dear Section 40

I am writing to ask if you can help with some background information relating to a UFO case I am currently working on.

According to the witness he was on hills just outside of Hitchin (Bedfordshire) around about half past ten on the evening of Sunday 18th October 1992. He saw a huge orange light in the sky and then apparently a spotlight turned up to it from the ground.

I would be grateful if you have any reports you are able to discuss or pass on to me from local RAF bases if this description fits anything that they were doing at the time.

I hope you can help and that this will not be too much trouble for you.

It has been a while since we were together and perhaps soon we could get together and have another lunch. Perhaps you could give me a ring and we can sort something out.

Very best wishes and look forward to speaking to you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Discussed case on phone with Section 40 - no reports made to us, but sounds like lasers/searchlights, perhaps from pop concert (Knebworth ?). No reply necessary.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 February.

In answer to your question about national security, the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sighting cannot be positively identified. It is not our practice to name or give details of those individuals or departments involved in looking at UFO reports.

You mentioned sightings that took place at RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters in 1956. I am unable to comment on the point you make because, while I recall reading about this in Timothy Good's book, "Above Top Secret" I am not aware of any official papers concerning this alleged incident. This ties in with your point about access to our UFO files; it was generally the case that before 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed. After this date, files were kept, but - like all government files - they are covered by the terms of the Public Records Act, and remain closed for 30 years after the last action. A few files from the Fifties did escape the destruction process, and are available for viewing at the following address: Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV. The references of these surviving UFO files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199	AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/7390	AIR 20/9994
AIR 20/9320	PREM 11/855
AIR 20/9321	

I think we will have to agree to disagree about detecting the Belgian sightings on radar; from what I recall reading about this in Timothy Good's book, "Alien Liaison", there were many visual sightings, but only one reference to radar. The definitive position on this will have to come from the Belgian government.

With regard to any questions about civil aircraft's radar returns, I suggest you write to the Civil Aviation Authority, at the following address: CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

21st February 1993.

Ref: Your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 18th Feb.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your informative letter and various enclosures.

I appreciate and agree with your comments that the vast majority of UFO reports may be attributed to natural phenomina. I am however, interested in those that are not. I am pleased to note that you do have on record instances that appear to defy explanation.

I would appreciate a reply to my question(e) in my letter of the 7th. I would repeat this question; 'I am most interested in your comments on national security. As to date it would appear that there is a general admittance that although a phenomenon of some kind exists, nobody knows what it is(Your letter 1/2/93 'Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that seem to defy explanation') This being so, how can this phenomenon be assessed as to national security, when it is not known what it is?

I would like to add a further question on this point. Who and what department is it that-on this matter-would presume to issues dictates on matters of national security?

Your comment that 'There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified' I would draw your attention to the RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters incident on the 13th and 14th of August 1956 which would seem to contradict your statement.

I would query your observation on whether the Belgian sightings were detected on UK radar. You say that it is not possible to say, this long after the sightings! These occurred less than three years ago and continued for a period of six months! ! They were witnessed by thousands, were recorded on Belgian radar, were shown by the media and were discussed in the Belgian parliament. I find it difficult to relate your comments to sightings of this magnitude.

Would you please give me your comments on the above queries and advise me if records of on-board radar returns on civil aircraft are recorded by any civil authority?

I have been advised that a decision to release MOD files on UFO reports was made by Viscount Long in 1982, but implementation of this was delayed by the Falklands war. This war has now been over for some years and I would enquire if it would now be possible for me to have access to any files that I would require?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 February.

Although the address in the report I sent is listed as Poulton, this should in fact read Poulton-le-Fylde. I assume, therefore, that the witness was facing (very approximately) South West, and not South East.

The form that I sent you is merely a photocopy of the form that Manchester ATC sent us.

I remain of the the most likely cause of what was seen was lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds.

Good luck with your investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Fylde U.F.O. Investigation Group

Section 40
[redacted]

19th February, 1993

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

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Many thanks for your letter dated 10th February, and for the report you sent us. It is, in fact, a separate sighting to the one we have for 21st November, though clearly of the same phenomenon. We are looking at your suggestion that it could be a laser effect, though we feel it is unlikely to be connected with Blackpool Illuminations.

Would you be kind enough to clarify one point? The location of the sighting was (e) GARDEN OF HOUSE IN BLACKPOOL, presumably someone else's garden since the witness lives in POULTON (1). That's clear enough. Yet the object was said to be WEST OF BLACKPOOL TOWER BY 7 MILES. This would take us right out into the Irish sea. So we have a discrepancy here which you may not have noticed.

I'm not entirely clear whether the report form you sent me (with the information about the sighting on it) was that used by Air Staff 2a or by A.T.C. Manchester, since there is no heading and no one has signed it. In other words, is what you sent me simply a photocopy of the original A.T.C. report to you?

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
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Your reference

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Date
24 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister, on the subject of UFOs. I have been asked to reply.

I am aware of the points made in Timothy Good's book "Above Top Secret", but have to say that stories about aliens and government cover-ups are not supported by any hard evidence. I am afraid that there is a large amount of hoaxing associated with the subject of UFOs, and a substantial mythology has evolved. As an example, the so-called Majestic-12 documents are now widely believed to have been faked.

Clearly many people have seen strange things in the sky, but we have yet to see any real evidence that would support the more exotic UFO stories currently in circulation.

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.

22/2/93

Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

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MOD.
Misc
UFO evidence

February 2nd '93

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Mr Major,

I hope you are well and that most things are going well for you I am writing because recently I acquired a copy of Timothy Good's book 'Above Top Secret'. It deals with evidence that proves beyond reasonable doubt that a cover-up on U.F.O. evidence and material is active among the governments of this earth, the U.K. being one of the main countries mentioned. I think that it is a disgrace that such proof is being kept from the general public, and cases that do leak are debunked with ludicrous theories. I would like to hear your defence against what Section 40 [redacted] has stated. Please reply and I hope some day everyone shall know the truth about U.F.O.S. If possible could I also have an autograph as I collect them Good Luck and best wishes for the future,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Date
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A Fax transmission from

WELSH OFFICE

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this plus 1 pages

Date 23/2/1993

Time 12.15pm

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Telephone: Section 40

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Please ring me on Section 40
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give me a confirmation

Thank you

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Dear Mr. Major,

I am writing concerning the very touchy subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. To most people this subject is seen as some sort of joke but obviously it is far from it. In recent years the phenomenon has become more intense with a large amount of footage being taken and made available. Will any information previously withheld on the subject be made available for the public in the future? Or is the truth far too disturbing to be made public? It is becoming a common belief that the subject has alot to do with religion and its also belived that there may be some sort of genetic link. Is there ~~a public indoctrination~~ going on? I belive this may be so and not only on behalf of the human race as events in Gulf Br[illegible]e, Florida may show.

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I look foreward to a reply.

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Yours Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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20 FEB 1993
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Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you P Mulraney
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Section 40 [redacted]

Y Swyddfa Gymreig

Welsh Office

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With Compliments

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 23 February 1993

Dear Section 40

When we spoke last week you asked me about old Ministry of Defence files, with particular reference to a 1957 sighting that you are investigating. As I explained, before 1967 our UFO files were routinely destroyed, so very little pre-1967 material has has survived. I believe you already know about those files that did survive, but in case you do not, the references, dates and titles of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199 - 1952. Flying Saucer Occurrences. Reports by Service personnel at Topcliffe Station, Thirsk and local public sector.

AIR 20/7390 - 1950-54. Unidentified Aircraft (Flying Objects) Reports.

AIR 20/9320 - 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9321 - 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9322 - 1957. Parliamentary Questions on UFOs.

AIR 20/9994 - 1950-54. Reports on Aerial Phenomena.

PREM 11/855 - File from the Prime Minister's Office.

I think that all the titles, except the last, are self-explanatory; PREM 11/855 contains the famous memo from Winston Churchill, together with the response from the Air Ministry. All these files can be viewed by the public at the Public Record Office in Kew. I do not know what the 1957 Parliamentary Questions refer to, but if you have not already done so, you may wish to check whether they contain any reference to the case you are looking into.

You also asked whether we have have some sort of booklet setting out the role and structure of the Ministry of Defence. As I said, we used to have one, but do not at present. If one is produced in the future I will let you have a copy. In the meantime, it is worth your while paying a visit to your nearest HMSO bookshop, and asking if they have any relevant publications. It is certainly worth having a look at the latest Statement on the Defence Estimates.

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In response to your final query, I have found out that a Major General H R S Massey retired from the Army in 1942. No other Generals with the name Massey or Macey were found. I have no further information, but a bookshop with a good military section may be able to help.

I hope this helps!

Yours,

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Date
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Dear Section 40,

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Date
22 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light in the sky that you saw recently have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
18 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February in which you asked some further questions about UFOs and unidentified radar returns.

Firstly, you asked if I could let you have details of some UFO reports that do not appear to be easily explainable. I have attached a few examples from our files, which should give you an indication of the sort of reports we get. Most of the reports we get do relate to little more than a light in the sky. Many of these reports would appear to have fairly simple explanations: sightings involving green and red flashing lights, for example, will almost certainly be attributable to aircraft lights. Even when a report would appear to defy explanation, it does not of course follow that what was seen was anything other than an ordinary object or phenomenon, perhaps seen from an unusual angle. It is simply that it is not possible to be certain what was seen. While all UFO reports are looked at, we do not attempt to investigate sightings in the absence of any evidence of a threat to the defence of the UK.

With regard to your second question in which you asked for examples of unidentified radar returns, I am not able to provide any data. There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified, although there have been instances of "ghost returns" where blips have appeared on screens for short periods of time. This phenomenon is known as Anomalous Propagation (ANAPROP). These blips can be caused by a number of factors: some result from changes in air density which can result in an object outside the usual range of the radar being seen. An aircraft, or even a natural feature such as a piece of coastline, can therefore produce a situation where a blip is seen which does not correlate with the position of an object. Clouds, under some circumstances, can also give a return, and on some occasions a return can be caused when two or more radar systems interfere with each other. Having said this, and in answer to your third question, it is easy for skilled operators to distinguish between these sort of returns, and the track made by a solid object such as an aircraft.

You asked whether the Belgian UFO sightings were detected on UK radar. It is not possible to say, this long after the sightings, whether or not anything was detected. Radar tapes are routinely wiped and re-used, and any tapes dating from the same time as the Belgian sightings will not have survived.

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In response to your final question, the only point that I had made about security is that I did not want to get into any discussion about the range and capability of the UK's radar systems. There is certainly no national security angle to the UFO controversy, and I apologise if I have given this impression.

I hope this has clarified our position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	Monday 11th Jan, approx 9·50 pm, 3-5 seconds
B.	Desciption of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	One pale green light, which then split into three. He'd first thought it was a meteorite or flare.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	Outdoors. Stationary.
D.	How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked eye
E.	Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Witness looking ESE, saw object heading west. Ultimately disappeared into clouds, heading out to sea.
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	15/20°. No idea of height.
G	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	N/k
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Speed seemed constant, but impossible to judge. After splitting, 3 lights twirled around - definitely 3 distinct objects.
I.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Some cloud, height N/k. Force 3 wind - objects heading into direction of wind.
J.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high Voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	Not stated. Witness was by the sea.

K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS) 2a
L.	Name & Address of Informant	[redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Nmc
N.	Other Witnesses	Nmc
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	121313Z Jan 93
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	Nmc
Q.	Remarks	Gave [redacted] details of UFO groups, and undertook to write to him if we received any reports that might tie in.

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Sec (AS) 2a

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FEED DIRECTION

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

CBJ051 26/1222 02C0686

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 260810Z JAN 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
27 JAN 1993
FILE

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 251900Z JAN 93 ONGOING
B. SINGLE VERY BRIGHT LIGHT ABOVE GATWICK AIRPORT, NOT A STAR
C. INDOORS AND OUTDOORS STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
E. TO THE SOUTH WEST
F. APPROX 10000 FEET (HEIGHT)
G. SEVEN MILES
H. STILL
J. CLEAR
K. NOT KNOWN
L. GATWICK AIRPORT
M. [redacted]

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PAGE 2 RBDAID 0001 UNCLAS
N. WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION
O. DAUGHTER
P. 251905Z JAN 93
BT

FEED DIRECTION

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

CWD088 09/1225 040C0995

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 090835Z FEB 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 312130Z JAN 93, 20-30 MINUTES
B. 1, HALF EGG SHAPED, BLUE AND DULL
C. OUTDOORS, STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. N/K
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. N/K
L. POLICE
M. [redacted]
N. NIL

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O. NIL
P. 081955Z FEB 93
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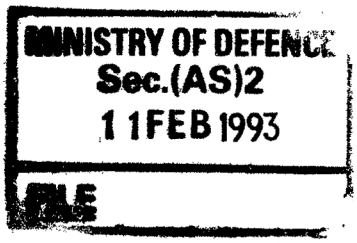

Section 40

7th February 1993.

Your Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your interesting reply to the four parts of my previous letter.

Whilst in the first instance I am particularly interested in actual unidentified Radar returns, your observation that you have some UFO reports that would seem to defy explanation are of great interest to me.

a) Would it be possible for me to obtain details of these?

As you apparently take appropriate action on any unidentified Radar return of potential significance,

b) would it be possible for you to quote/send me an example, of where an actual Radar return has not been identified and defies explanation?

We must agree to differ on my observation that Radar will only detect something of substance. As Radar is purely an ultra short radio wavelength of either an orbital or linear origination, it will behave in much the same way as any wavelength of light and will not reflect back from any object that is transparent-glass being an example. Other anomalities that could be construed as false signals is the scatter induced from inclined surfaces as with the stealth aircraft and false returns from other extraneous sources.

. c) Would you agree that any normally proficient Radar operator could easily distinguish between a true return and a spurious one?

I feel that my question as to whether the Belgian phenomina were detected on our Radar is not really a matter of national security and purely a simple 'yes' or 'no' would suffice, particularly as Radar returns could have been registered by any civil aircraft in the near vicinity.

d) Do you have any further observation to add to this?

I am most interested in your comments on national security. As to date it would appear that there is a general admittance that although a phenomina of some kind exists, nobody knows what it is(Your letter 1/2/93 'Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that seem to defy explanation'.

e) This being so, how can this phenomenon be assessed as to national security, when it is not know what it is?

As it is important that I have true and accurate information for my book, whilst I am most appreciative for your kind consideration and prompt replies, I trust that you will not take offence if I feel that in order to attain these ends I must persue these points through the Minister and my local member of parliament.

Thank you for your help,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
17 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary of State for Defence. I have been asked to reply. The answers to your questions are as follows:

With regard to the existence of UFOs, there are clearly many strange things to be seen in the sky, and some do remain unidentified. Having said this, we are not aware of any evidence that would support the existence of extraterrestrial life, or suggest that alien spacecraft have visited the earth. Most UFO sightings can be attributed to the mis-identification of known objects and phenomena, such as satellites, aircraft lights and meteorites.

We are not aware of any evidence supporting the stories about aliens and crashed spacecraft. As you may be aware, a mythology has grown up around the UFO phenomenon, and there are a number of strange stories in circulation, unsupported by any hard evidence.

There has never been any form of communication from extraterrestrials.

With regard to story about the "Secret of Fatima", I am not aware of any interest or knowledge at official level. This is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence, and I suspect that any questions about this should be put to the Church.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your article. I am returning your SAE as we have our own mailing arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40

F CRETARY OF STATE

~~Head of~~ See (AS)2

I attach letter(s) which the Secretary of State has received from members of the public, and which ~~have~~/have not been acknowledged by this office.

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.

Section 40

16/2/93

For APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

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Section 40

Contributor of Articles, Features & Fiction
Occasional Commissions Undertaken

Mr Malcolm Rifkind MP
Defence Secretary
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

15th February 1993

Dear Secretary of State,

Though assuming that if there were anything positive to report it is unlikely that it would be reported to me, you will appreciate that by contacting you at least I will know that I've asked. I am presently getting a few things together to write-up an article (which I've changed the ribbon!) and would like to ask four questions. Obviously the more direct the answer the best it would be, but even something open-ended may be better than denials (unless of course a denial would be the only correct answer). The questions then, which are put in all seriousness.

(1) Are you personally aware via access to facts that so-called UFOs do indeed exist?

(2) Is it correct that the United States, and possibly others, have in actual fact retrieved parts of UFO craft and/or 'occupants' of such craft?

(3) Has there ever been 'direct' communication of any nature?

(4) Is the knowledge of the contents of the so-called Secret of Fatima known to any Government, Agency or world leader to your knowledge? If so, are you able to say what it is? If so, but there's no comment, then the agreement simply that you know of its existence and/or contents would suffice.

Only four questions then, but perhaps delicate ones. I'd be gratefull to have a reply of sorts, however, so that I can progress. Many thanks for your time in this, and for giving these questions your genuine consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

SAE
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[redacted]
Section 40

****** Please respond within 21 days ******

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HQ P&SS (UK) - OC FCF
RAF P&SS (NR) - OC SOP Flt
RAF P&SS (SR)
RAF Cranwell - SSyO

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 15 February 1993

FRAGMENTS OF IONS ARE FLOATING

1. The correspondence on the above subject has been forwarded to this section, as we deal with reports of UFOs.

2. It seems quite incredible to me that addressees believed the objects seen were floating fragments of ions. As you should all have realised, the objects were alien spacecraft - Martian space cruisers, to be precise.

3. Quite how these unwelcome visitors penetrated UK airspace - apparently undetected - is clearly a matter for yourselves. The fact that these alien interlopers were flying around unchallenged, free to harass an innocent member of the public, is quite simply outrageous.

4. Clearly an Inquiry will need to be set up, and addressees can expect to be called to appear in due course.

Section 40
Chief UFO Investigator

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ROYAL AIR FORCE
PROVOST AND SECURITY SERVICES
(SOUTHERN REGION)
Royal Air Force Rudloe Manor
Hawthorn Wiltshire SN13 OPQ
Telephone Hawthorn Section 40

Please reply to the Officer Commanding
Your Reference

Our reference

Date 31 Jan 93

HQ P&SS (UK)
(for OC FCF)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
1 FEB 1993
FILE

FRAGMENTS OF IONS ARE FLOATING

References:

A. 93.1.22(Northern Region) dated 29 Jan 93
B. CRAN/44755/1/1/P4 dated 15 Jan 93.

1. At Reference A, the slightly confused Officer Section 40 forwarded Reference B to this Unit. I believe we concur with his concerns however, it is difficult to decipher exactly what his gibberish means. However, as the floating ions referrred to in the original communication are clearly airborne we believe any further enquiries fall within the remit of FCF in light of the equipment and skills at your disposal.

2. Please inform this Unit of the result of your enquiries as we have had a very attractive offer for the serialisation from the Sunday Sport.

Section 40
Flt Lt
for OC

Copies to:

RAF P&SS (NR) (OC SOP Flt)
RAF Cranwell (SSyO)

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Provost and Security Services (Northern Region)

RAF Newton Nottingham NG13 8HL

Telephone East Bridgford [redacted]

Please reply to The Officer Commanding

Your reference

Our reference 93.1.22

RAF P&SS(Western Region)
(OC CI Flt)

Date 29 Jan 93

FRAGMENTS OF IONS ARE FLOATING

References:

A. CRAN/44755/1/1/P4 dated 15 Jan 93.
B. Letter dated 11 Jan 93.

1. At Reference A, Agent [redacted] forwarded Reference B to this Unit. We agree that the author's astrofarcicalogical mumbo jumbology requires your urgent consideration. Furthermore, the subject's chiaroscurial submission, which is enclosed, is forwarded for spectographical inter-terrestrial analysis of its ionospherical origination.

2. Please advise us of the outcome of your galactic enquiries into whether the fragments of ions really are floating.

[redacted]
Flt Lt
for OC

Copy to:

RAF Cranwell (SSyO)

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ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
ROYAL AIR FORCE CRANWELL

Sleaford, Lincolnshire. NG34 8HB
Tel: Section 40 [redacted]

Ext Section 40 [redacted]

Your ref:

OC Sy Supp

Our ref:
CRAN/44755/1/1/P4

Date:
15 Jan 93

EXTRA TERRESTRIAL PHENOM'ENA

Reference:

A. Letter dated 11 Jan 93.

1. We spoke on the telephone on 13 Jan 93 about Reference A, and in particular that the concern of the author as to the "Fragments of ions are floating". I feel the matter needs urgent attention. Possibly the safety of mankind and especially the threat to the security of the Nation cannot be discounted.

2. You intimated that the matter would be given your individual attention, and that the relevant agencies would be alerted, so that action can be taken to investigate the validity of the claims.

Section 40 [redacted]
Flt Lt
for OC

Section 40

[redacted]

FROM

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KINGDOM
UNITED

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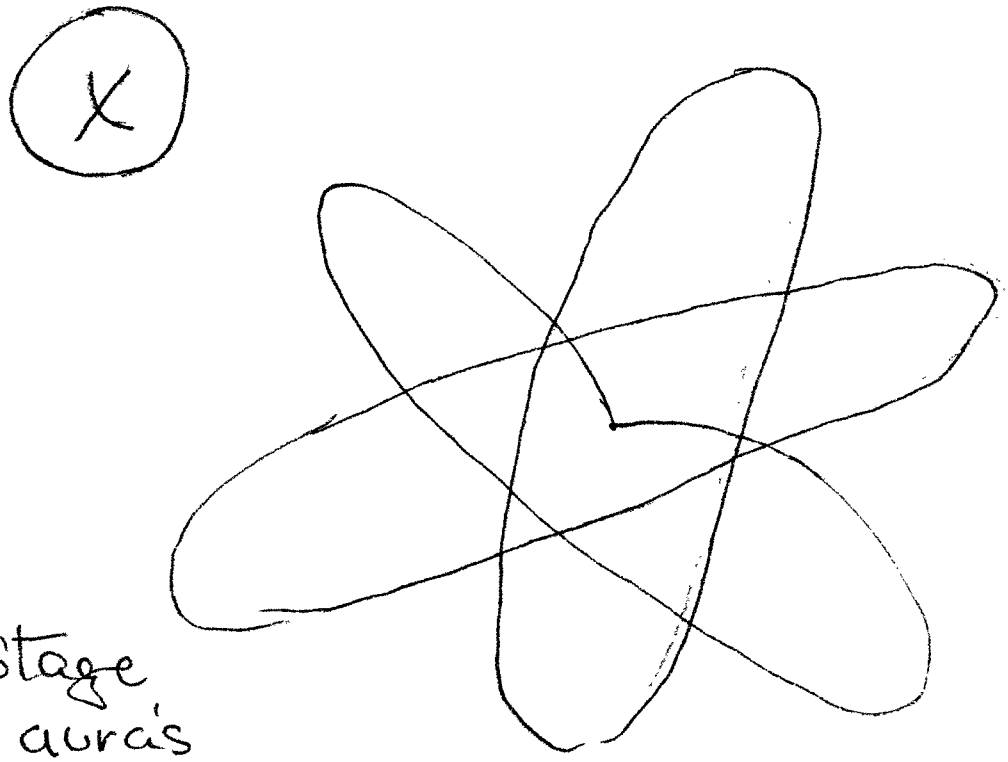

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3rd Stage
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Dear Sir's,

There seems to be lack of attention in this event in regards to the affects in the cosmos at present. Fragments of ions are floating. Personally nobody seems to regard my life or indeed to children's life's important enough to stop this stupid (star attack weapon perhaps?). Yours my heads and body. [redacted] Section 40

FROM

[redacted] Section 40

POST CARD

The Royal Air Force
Cranwell
Sleaford.
Lincolnshire.
NG34 8HB.

PS. Do call should you come to discuss this matter reason to reason.

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)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 February in which you asked about two UFO sightings near Blackpool.

You will doubtless be pleased to hear that we have received a report that would seem to tie in with the sightings that you mention. It may be that this is actually the same report that you have for 21 November, but the witness in this case is female, and the time was given as 2.30 am, not 2.45 am. The report was forwarded to us by Air Traffic Control at Manchester Airport, to whom the witness had made her report. I have attached a copy of this report, although I have deleted the details of the witness's name and address.

We believe that explanations can be found for most UFO sightings; one thought that springs to mind in this instance is the possibility that what was seen was lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds. As you may be aware, such equipment is used increasingly in the entertainment industry. It might be that the sightings were caused by such equipment being tested at night, and given the location I wonder whether it might not be in some way connected with the illuminations at Blackpool.

You asked about the procedure with regard to sightings of an unknown nature. As you may be aware, our only role in looking at UFO sightings is to judge whether there is any threat to the defence of the UK. Unless there is any evidence of this - and none has been found to date - we do not attempt to investigate further or attempt to determine what was seen. We do accept that there is a small percentage of sightings that would appear to defy explanation, but we have no fixed view on these.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. **DATE TIME AND DURATION OF SIGHTING** (Local times to be quoted)

21/11/92 0230 AM

3 & 5 MINS

b. **DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT** (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc).

OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE STAR SHAPED MOVING ERRATICALLY THEN OTHER OBJECTS OF THE SAME SHAPE APPEARED TO MOVE TOWARDS THE MAIN ONE

c. **EXACT POSITION OBSERVED** (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving).

OUTSIDE

d. **HOW OBSERVED** (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

NAKED EYE

e. **DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN** (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

GARDEN OF HOME IN BLACKPOOL FACING SOUTH EAST

f. **ANGLE OF SIGHT** (Estimated heights are unreliable).

OVERHEAD

g. **DISTANCE** (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

WEST OF BLACKPOOL TOWER BY 7 MLS

h. **MOVEMENTS** (Changes in E, F, G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

SEE B

/PTO

i. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc.)

Light Cloud Cover

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

k. TO WHOM REPORTED (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

A.F.C Manchester

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l. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[redacted]

Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs

[redacted] Poulton [redacted]

m. ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

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n. OTHER WITNESSES

None

o. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT

23/11/92

2330

Fylde U.F.O. Investigation Group

Section 40

Tel: Section 40

6th February, 1993

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Room Section 40
Ministry of Defense
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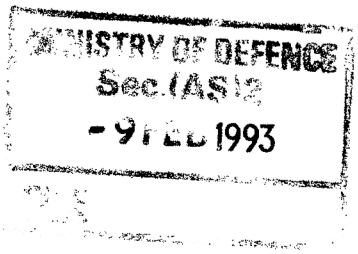

Dear Sirs,

Recently we received a report of a sighting of three bright lights travelling south and moving in 'an intertwining type formation'. They were visible for only 5 seconds. The odd thing about these objects was that they made no sound at all, despite a lack of background noise. The time was 2.50 a.m. The date, 28th November, 1992.

By rare good fortune, we received an independent report of three white lights travelling in a southerly direction and moving in some sort of relation to each other. Again, the witness says he heard no sound whatever. The time was 2.45 a.m. The date, 21st November, 1992.

We have, then, two virtually identical sightings, by independent witnesses, at locations within just a few miles of each other (the former at Marton, Blackpool; the latter just outside Poulton) occurring at exactly the same time of day (or of early morning), and on the same day of the week, but separated by just one week. Clearly the two events are connected.

I think you will agree with me that since natural phenomena such as ball lightning and other atmospheric lightforms do not observe Greenwich Mean Time, the object or objects must have been non-natural

i.e. artificial and man-made. I would therefore be grateful if you would let me know if these sightings are consistent with any known aircraft; and whether you received any reports of similar sightings on or near these dates.

Would you also kindly let me know what the procedure is when an object which is clearly of non-natural but unknown origin is found to have been occupying our airspace.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 February, in which you asked whether we have any information about recent UFO sightings in Hampshire and Derbyshire.

So far this year a total of nine UFO reports have been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence, and none of these sightings took place in Hampshire or Derbyshire. As is often the case, I suspect that the national UFO groups may be your best source of information; I am aware, for example, that Quest International have had some interesting reports in the Derbyshire area.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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4TH FEB/1993/ Section 40 [redacted]

DEAR SIR OR MADAM.

I AM A UFO. RESEARCHER. AND I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION. ON THE RECENT SIGHTINGS. OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IN HAMPSHIRE. AND DARBYSHIRE. CAN THE (MOD) BE OF HELP IF YOU CAN I THANK YOU.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light in the sky that you saw recently have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or aircraft lights seen from unusual angles.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the strange noise that you have been hearing.

From what you say, this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence, and we are not, therefore, able to investigate. I suggest that you contact the Environmental Health Department of your local council, and ask them to look into the matter. They are the appropriate people to deal with problems associated with noise.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

[redacted]

4th Feb 1993.

Dear Sirs and Madams,

do You think You Could possibly Investigate very soon, about a very worrying problem, I have noticed over the period of between approximately 5 to 10 years now, I shrilling whine which seems to come right across the small Village here, and goes right around my kitchen ceiling, and then walls and then, fades away. I have noticed it at all parts of the day, & night out here, so it is not

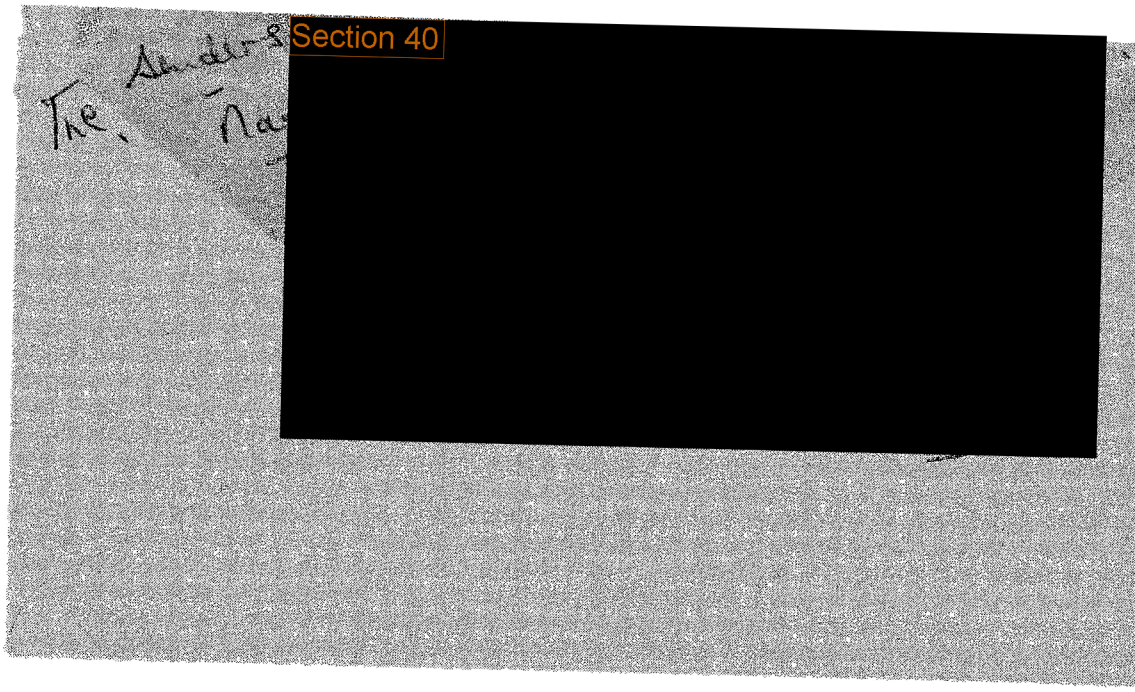
at any Specific Time.
That it occurs, it is
very worrying indeed, as it
interferes with My private life.
I live alone, and often read
and write, in the evenings.
I attend my local church, as
a regular Member of the
Faith. I have no family or
relatives locally, so I
cannot get any backing. "So
to speak", but please do
take my word for it: As
it is a frightening thing.
I await your reply
about this matter.
Yours Sincerely Section 40

P.S. The Neighbors in No 7
keep a Camera in their Garden
Shed. - Could this be Traced
in any way? - There are VERY
large Size Juggernauts all day long
on the bottom of our Gardens Section 40

The first class Mail please

1st class

To: The Head Secretary of State
The Ministry of Defence
(for Environmental Investigations
for U.F.N. UFO Disturbances
and Sightings.
The War office, The Houses of Parliament
The Westminster City, London,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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
9 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

I am now able to let you have my comments on the micro cassette and video that you sent me, and to respond to the points made in your previous letters. While the tape and the video were both very interesting, I have to say that I disagree with a lot of what was said. As you may be aware, ufologists are often plagued by a degree of hoaxing and disinformation, and as far as I am concerned, allegations of top secret work on UFOs carried out by the Government fall into this category.

Stories about top secret information on UFOs being leaked are not new, but this "information" invariably turns out to have been faked. The same is true with regard to stories of UFO witnesses or researchers being intimidated and told to stay silent.

I do not dispute that many people have seen strange things in the sky, or that some interesting photos and videos have been taken of lights or shapes moving in peculiar ways. However, while such objects may be unidentified, it does not follow that they are extraterrestrial in origin. What we have not yet seen, is any solid evidence that would support the existence of alien life.

With regard to what you have said about NASA's SETI project, I do not subscribe to the view that any information would or could be covered up. While any positive results would clearly provoke huge public interest, I do not believe that it would lead to panic. It is my understanding that all SETI data will be available to the public, although clearly this is something that you may wish to check with NASA.

I note what you have to say about the "joint Star Wars project" and the European Fighter Aircraft, and suspect that on this, as with a number of other points, we will simply have to agree to disagree.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions. I am returning your video and micro cassette.

Yours sincerely,

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UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your recent reply to my letter, I must apolgise for any inconvenience I have probbably caused you, I have decided to slow down my investigation concerning the alledged leakage of information from the Ministry to a top Ufo Author, I am very sorry if I been a little persistant in my investigation but you must understand I have uncovered a very serious matter here, I have decide to slow down my investgation because of the present situation in the Gulf I understand that the Ministry must be under alot of preassure at this moment, Before I sign off I thought I'd tell you that I plan to contact the American Government over this matter, I hope the situation in the gulf blows over soon so we can get back to normal, However I would like to point out that when the situation in the Gulf does blow over I will recontinue my attack on the Ministry at full pace, you need not reply to this letter but I would be very greatful if you would write to me at least by the middle of Febuary just to let me know that you have not forgot you duty to assist me in my investigation, as you can see I have moved back to my home address sorry to see you about.

thankyou

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40

Its been some time since you last contacted me, I did recieve your last letter dated 22/12/92 in which you said you would write back. I hope you were not hoping that I might have forgoten about you because I havent. have you had time to study the tapes I sent you and Have had time to think about the situation you have put yourselves in. Latley I have looked over all the evidence that I have put together and have tried to build up a phsycological profile on the whole situation that I have created which is as follows When I first wrote to the ministry I never expected to get a reply, but I did, which was your first mistake for If you would have thrown my letter away then I would have never got back to you because you would have made me think that you have no intrest in the subject. But you did write back to me, when I read your letter I agreed with the part in which you state that you do handle some reports on UFO's which is logical because there are indeed many strange things to be seen in the sky's above us and a great many of them can be explained which I also agree with. you also state that you accept that some sightings will defy explanation and you keep an open mind to this, it is when you stated this, is where you made you second mistske, by stateing that you actually made it clear that the Ministry of Defence has certain belief in ufo's.
When I taped the documentry on Sky Television about UFO'S I could not believe my luck, for I had at last come accross a convincing piece of evidence which either points to a cover up or tells me that Section 40 [redacted] could be lying, but if he were lying then I'm sure when I wrote to the Ministry about his statement that a Ministry spokesman infomed him that they were carrying out top secret work, the Ministry would have written back defending themselves by denying this, but you never. It is then where you made your third mistake, for you contacted me expressing intrest in the tape and said you would listen to the tape and get back to me, which meant that you are witholding information from the public and the statement that [redacted] made could be very damaging to the Ministrys reputation, also to add to you problem you have got me rocking the boat as they say.
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However to ease the pressure off yourselves I would like to draw my attention to [redacted] he has also put himself in an akward situation by boasting that a sertain individual has told him that you were covering up the truth. this leaves him open to heavy attack off me I could have done the same to him as I have to you which is by sending him a tape asking him how he has recieved information and what makes him so special for the Ministry to hand out information to him and no body else, (I CANNOT HELP THINKING NOW THAT Section 40
Section 40 MAY BE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY)
I must admit now though that I to have put myself in a akward predicoment by attacking the Ministry on this issue You have the right to make me subject to the Official Secrets Act by doing this it would avoid a embaressing situation BUT before doing this you would have to meet me and talk about a solution to this, I have already stated that I have no intrest in money for there is something here which holds alot more value than money and i dont think it takes alot to figure what it is. I hope you are not waiting for me to offer you an ultermatum because I know if I were to do this then you would have something to use agaist me then, because I know that this word is just another word for BLACKMAIL. I hope this letter has taught you certain things, and I will leave it to your jugement wheather you accept my offer of a meeting soon

thankyou

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Dear sir,

I am writing in conection with letter and micro tape I posted a short time ago. I hope you have studied the tape and had time to look over the letter. the evidence I have presented before you clearly point to the evidence that the ministry of defence is covering up information concerning U.F.O's. I have now obtained film evidence of such cover ups which I am sending you a copy, again I ask you ARE YOU WITH HOLDING ANY INFORMATION WHICH POINTS TO THE EXISTANCE OF U.F.O's ?. If not then I would like you to explain to me why a well known Author has admited a Ministry of Defence spokesman has informed him that you are carrying out top secret work concerning the U.F.O. phenomenon, and then you blatantly turn to me a inform me that you are not covering up any information about U.F.O's.
I dont have to remind you sir the embarrassing situation you have clearly put youselves in. However I ensure you that I will not do anything to embarrass the ministry's reputation. In my last letter I wrote to you I also informed you of aledged leakage of top security information by one of your staff to Section 40 about secret U.F.O files which were kept at a building which is formaly know as the metropolitan hotel in London, in a room marked Room 801, may I remind you also this could undermine the Ministry's reputation as well.

I have studied the evidence on the video, including the witnesses reports and the film footage. I have looked at the four reels of film shown and have disscused this with several people who are experts in the field of aircraft and was informed that no known craft could perform the moves that the craft from one of the films shown on the tape, and that the US Goverment may have certain types of alien crat hidden in different hangers. If this is true then the posibilities are endless, the thaught of an aircraft or space craft which can produce an energy field which can protect it's piolot from the tremendous G forces of our gravity is truly just as frightning as it is exiting. I have also come to believe that some of our scientific marvels that we have today come from the tecnolagy of thease craft one such example may-be virtual reality that has sprung up in the last few years.

Also on the video is a statement from a gentleman who claims that anyone who tries to expose any such cover up's is in danger of being threatend with violence, I would like to know if this is true.

It is clear from the evidence I have presented that there is something going on out of view from the public eye. Also the American and Soviet government's have recently sighned an agreement for a joint STAR WARS PROJECT which raises another aurgument as to who they are defending themselves against sureley no country in the world would try a direct assault on the united states or the soviet union the act would be complete maddness so the question here is not who we are defending ourselves against but WHAT. if the american goverment has in its possesion alien craft then what's to stop an army of alien craft turning up on our doorstep demanding to know why we have attacked a number of their craft. this point may sound a little far-feched but it could happen.

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U.F.O INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Another issue which has been of intrest to the U.F.O Investigation Bureau is the recent agreement reached with Germany over the new EURO FIGHTER JET AIRCRAFT which has created a considrable number of jobs for the british workforce, this again raises the question of not who we are defending ourselves against but what. Another point I must bring up is concerned with the American space agency NASA, who nave launched a multi million project to try and scan deep space for any intelligent radio signals. If NASA were to make contact with anyone or any thing then they would be unable to inform the public, because of the panic it would cause among the population on this planet, as well of the devastating effect it would have on the religious population of the world. In your letter you did say that the religious faction of this aurgument was not the concern of the ministry, but may I remind you sir that religion has a very powerful grip over this world, a demostration of this power would be the recent riots in India, so therefore it does have a very important place in the world of power.

It seem's that you have your backs to the wall on this subject, the evidence is overwhelming at it is clear that you have not got the answers for my questions. It would be good advise if you were to contact your superiors over this matter, it is quite clear that you have put yourselves in an awkward situation the proof that I have got that you are covering up and silencing witnesses could almost destroy the reputation of the ministry of defence. I do realise though that to try and do this would be a very foolish act, for I know that the ministry has a job to do and I know that there is certain information that you cannot give out. I dont want to cause the Ministry of Defence any trouble BUT you must also understand that I have a job to do, I hope to gain an international reputation in the field of U.F.O's and the information that I have obtained will do this for me.

I very much regret all this trouble I may cause you in the future but as a dedicated investigater I have a duty to perform HOWEVER .since we are all men of credibility here may I be as bold to make a suggestion here, I am not in this for the money as are many other people my goal here is to find out wheather U.F.O's do or dont exist wheather I keep that to myself is a-nother matter and I am sure the ministry would rather have someone like me on their side instead of having to try and make up excuses to the press because someone has been leaking top secret information to an author I realise that I may have put my-self in an awkward situation here and I know the minuet you recieve this letter there is no turning back, but I am willing to risk my life on this one, for the past 12 years I had the ambition to be the man who crack's the U.F.O riddle. I am willing to nand over all my information to the ministry and am willing to go to any lenghth to achieve my goal. What I am suggesting is a meeting between myself and Ministry of Defence to discuss the U.f.O Riddle and solve it once and for all I look faward to hearing from you soon.

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have changed my adress to, Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Following the recent information which I have sent, I think it would be a good Suggestion to organise a meeting in the not to distant future I hope this dosent cause too much trouble or will not take to much of your time but may I remind you of the situation that you have put yourselves in do not forget that I have on tape a statement from an author who claims that he has recieved information which states that the Ministry is carry out secret operations out of the public eye concerning U.F.O's, I also have a letter from you saying that you have no information concerning U.F.O's or are you carrying out any work. It seems that one of you is lying and I will certainly find out. I certainly dont have the power to take on the ministry but if I have to I will find that powers soon. I am planning to contact Section 40 [redacted] this week and ask him how he has a sourse from the Ministry lacking Information of a top level him, of course I cannot ask him out right I will have to work my way round this, if I do recieve some useful information from him then I will pass it on to you, but I will only hand it over personaly which will have to involve a meeting between myself and Ministry

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staff. I trust you have studied the evidence that I have sent you. I will leave it in your exelent powers to take what actions you have to do to resolve this situation, as you can see I have changed my address, do not worry if you have sent any mail to my last adress as it is my perents. I will be in contact very soon.

Thank you.

Section 40 [redacted]

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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)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

The police have passed me your recent letter about the handling of UFO reports.

By now you should have received my letter setting out the Ministry of Defence's procedures and views on UFOs. While reports are often made to the police, civil airports and RAF stations, these reports are generally forwarded to us. If you have written to other organisations you may well find that the letters are forwarded to me!

With regard to a UFO sighting over Stratford in February 1992, a number of reports were forwarded to us. These reports described a large cigar-shaped object moving very slowly across the sky. From the information received it seems virtually certain that these UFO sightings were caused by the airship that I mentioned in my letter.

I hope this is helpful, and I hope your project is progressing well.

Yours sincerely,

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Memorandum

MOD Form 4A
(Revised 4/89)

To : SECRETARIAT AIR STAFF
Section 2a
Room Section 40
MOD Main Building

From : MOD Policy
Research and Planning
Room Section 40
ESB

Date

Telephone Number Section 40

Your Reference

Our Reference

Subject : MEMORANDUM FROM METROPOLITAN POLICE

1. We have been advised by Public Relations office that yours is the department that deal with UFO's.

2. Please find enclosed memo we have received from Met Police I hope this falls in your remit.

Name (In Block Letters Please) : Section 40

Signature : Section 40

Rank : Const Rep

METROPOLITAN POLICE

No. 142

MEMORANDUM

19/1 1993

To Ministry of Defence

C.C. M.O.D.
22 JAN 1993
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From ADMINSTRATION SECTION
FOREST GATE POLICE STATION
350-360 ROMFORD ROAD
LONDON E7

Telephone Extn. No. (Police Network)

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Please could you deal with the attached letter as I understand that all information relating to UFO's is dealt with by you

Thanks.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

9/1/93

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a student at the London Guildhall University (Formerly the City of London Polytechnic) doing a project on U.F.O. reports.

I would be most grateful if you could send me details of your procedures for dealing with such reports.

In particular I would appreciate details on the reports and follow up of the alleged sighting of a UFO in Stratford in February 1992. Was it found to be a hoax or was it passed on to the Ministry of Defence?

I enclose a self adressed envelope.

Hoping for a prompt reply and thanking you in advance for your trouble,

Yours Faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference
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Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 February 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights in the sky that you saw last night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or aircraft lights seen from unusual angles.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some thoughts on what you saw, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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
Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40
USA

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
2 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 January in which you asked for any information that we have concerning the UFO sighting near RAF Woodbridge in December 1980.

I am afraid there is little that I can offer; the only official report that we have is the letter from Lt Col Charles Halt, which you already have. As far as I am aware, this report was looked at when it was received, and it was subsequently concluded that the events described were of no defence significance. The Ministry of Defence receives many UFO reports each year, and while we believe that explanations could be found for most, we accept that some will remain unexplained. It would seem that the RAF Woodbridge sightings fall into this category.

As I am sure you will already know, much has been written about the RAF Woodbridge sightings; Timothy Good devotes a chapter of his book "Above Top Secret" to this, and Jenny Randles wrote a book on the mystery, entitled "Skycrash".

I do not know if you are in touch with any UFO groups in the UK, but if you are not, I suggest that you write to them and ask for their views, together with any material they have. I suggest the following organisations:

British UFO Research Association
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Quest International
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Contact International (UK)
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I am aware that Quest International have copies of the tape recording that was allegedly made at the time of the sighting.

I am sorry that I have not been able to provide you with any material myself, but I hope you have found this letter useful. Please let me know if you have any further queries.

Finally, I wish you the best of luck with your book.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

[redacted]

U.S.A.

24 January 1993

[redacted], Sec (AS)
MOD Main Building
Room [redacted]
Whitehall, London
SW1A 2HB

Dear [redacted]

I am an American writer who was refered to you by [redacted] of Air Historical Branch (letter attached) and very much hope you can assist me in some research for a book I am co-writing.

The UFO sighting refered to in [redacted] letter specificly refers to the events of late December 1980 which ocurred in East Anglia, Suffolk, near RAF Woodbridge, and involving USAF personnel stationed at nearby RAF Bentwaters. I am attaching copies of some of the original press coverage and Deputy Base Commander Charles Halt's report on the part of the incident he witnessed. The document was released through a 1984 Freedom of Information Act action.

My query is this: can you help me in locating any report, letters, notes, memos, historical monograph, security review or investigation on this matter? Surely there must have been some interest in the events depicted by LtCol Halt at some level of the Ministry of Defense, at the time, or in the intervening years, and that such interest may have left some record.

Please understand we do not approach this material in any flip spirit nor as mystics or cultists, our only interest is in documenting these incidents with as much historical accuracy as possible and we thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

AIR HISTORICAL BRANCH 3 (RAF)
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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
(Switchboard)
ext Section 40

Section 40
USA

Your reference

Our reference
D/AHB(RAF)8/5
Date
15 January 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 1992 concerning US presence at Brentwaters and Woodbridge.

I have enclosed a copy of the history of each airfield, taken from "Action Stations - East Anglia" by Michael Bowyer and published by PSL.

As far as the sighting of the UFO is concerned you should direct your enquiries to Section 40 Sec (AS), Room [redacted] MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.
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In respect of future use of both airfields, no formal decision has yet been arrived at, as far as I am aware.

I hope that the above will be of some use.

Yours sincerely

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAFE)
APO NEW YORK 09755

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CD

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metalic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10^{0} off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

MP demands facts over UFO reports

DEFENCE Minister Mr. Michael Heseltine faces questions about an alleged UFO landing in Suffolk.

A Tory MP says he is going to challenge an official cover-up surrounding the reported sighting of a spacecraft at Tangham Wood near RAF Woodbridge.

"I want the full facts to come to light," said Sir Patrick Wall, Member for Beverley, East Yorkshire.

"I do not expect that we will be told everything that happened but it should highlight the issue."

He has tabled five written Parliamentary questions on the incident which was witnessed by several persons.

Two of the witnesses say they have been campaigning against a wall of silence which has suddenly shown signs of cracking after they uncovered a detailed report by the deputy commander of the base at the time of the landing on December 27, 1980.

Dot Street, who revealed the report by Lt. Col. Charles Halt, said she was pleased that the MP had taken up the case.

Sir Patrick said it was important to have concrete examples with which to tackle the Minister and the report offered one of the most authenticated incidents.

The answers would be given next Tuesday.

Dot, of Blackberry Way, Oulton Broad, said the Government was obviously becoming worried as more informa came to light and the pressure for facts mounted.

cr: B Greenwood

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Suffolk 'UFO sighting' raised in Commons

THE MINISTRY of Defence has had reports of 1,400 sightings of unidentified flying objects since 1980, Armed Forces Minister of State Mr. John Bradley said in a Commons written reply last night.

He had been asked about the release of information over a claim that a UFO had been seen by an American serviceman in woods near RAF Woodbridge.

Sir Patrick Wall (C. Beverley) asked Mr. Stanley if he had seen the USAF memo dated January 13, 1981 "concerning unexplained lights near RAF Woodbridge" and if the Government "will now release reports . . and documents concerning unexplained incidents in the UK."

Mr. Stanley said: "Subject to normal security constraints, I am ready to give information about any such reported sightings that are found to be a matter of concern from a defence standpoint, but there has been none to date."

The MoD had received reports of 1,400 sightings of flying objects which the observers have been unable to identify, but there were no corresponding unexplained radar contacts.

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cr: B.Greenwood

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Bentwaters 'UFO' simply a lighthouse, paper says

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper's claim that a UFO landed in Britain in a ball of red light was dismissed by a rival publication Sunday, saying that the light was from a lighthouse.

The mass-circulation News of the World claimed a week ago that the UFO had three beings inside it in silver suits when it came down in a forest near RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk in eastern England, at the end of 1980.

The tabloid Sunday People sent a reporter to the site and quoted Vince Thurkettee, an officer for the state-run Forestry Commission, as saying: "The light from the Orford Ness lighthouse, on the coast, can be seen through the trees. From the hill where the site is, it appears to be practically at ground level and, of course, it flashes.

"As you walk toward it, because of the lie of the land, it disappears."

The News of the World said a report by USAF Lt. Col. Charles Halt on the UFO landing supported what some patrolmen had seen and that his report was suppressed in a coverup.

The Sunday People quoted a USAF spokesman as saying that Halt's report was based solely on what the patrolmen had reported they saw on Dec. 27, 1980, and it was never classified as secret.

The News of the World returned to the story in its latest issue Sunday and said that, since it published the first report, people from all over Britain have reported UFO sightings.

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THE REAL MYSTERY

"It was looked into," said the man from the Defence Ministry, "and there being no military explanation, we lost interest." He was talking about the descent of an unidentified and apparently flying object said to have been seen by U.S. personnel near an important USAF base.

It sounds like a very odd sort of investigation — apparently able to show that whatever had happened was definitely non-military, but unable to find out exactly what it was. It also sounds like a very odd sort of investigator to suddenly lose interest at that point.

He is not entirely alone. It will be recalled that the Americans said at the time that since whatever it was was outside their base perimeter, it was of no interest at all to them. It seemed a rather casual attitude to an intrusion into a sensitive area.

There may be, and probably are, good reasons why we should not be told the truth about what was going on, but we are surely entitled to be given a story that it is possible to believe. Even the suggestion that it was a localised hallucination would be more credible than this collective loss of official interest.

Plainly, if it were possible for anything to fly that close to a major defence establishment without being tracked or traced it would be a serious matter whether it was military or civilian. The suggestion by the Ministry that its inquiry was less than thorough is unwelcome.

cr: B. Greenwood

cc: B. Greenwood

EVENING STAR, Friday, October 28, 1984

'THIS IS WEIRD . . . UNREAL'

Dramatic tape of UFO incident played at Press conference

By JOHN GRANT

SPELLBOUND American servicemen watched a spectacular display by an alleged alien space craft and an amazing array of accompanying lights in the night skies . . . according to their taped commentary during Suffolk's "Sky Crash" incident near Woodbridge airbase.

As they stood in awilderment between 200 and 300 yards from what is alleged to be a space craft on its second visit to Rendlesham Forest in three days at the end of December, 1980, commentator Lt. Col. Charles Halt gasps, "It is like an eye winking at you."

The men watch the object with night-sight devices called starscopes and one says, "As you look at it through the starscope it appears to have a dark centre to it."

They refer to several lights in the sky and are heard to remark "There is no doubt about it, this is weird," and "This is unreal."

The object was hovering about four feet off the ground and the drama intensifies as, with a faltering voice, Halt says, "It is coming towards us . . . there appears to be a beam of light coming down to the ground."

Halt and his men decide to return to the airbase and the tape ends.

Evidence

The recording has emerged as a new and important part of the evidence in the investigations into the alleged double sighting which forms the basis of the book "Sky Crash — A Cosmic Conspiracy" which was published yesterday.

The tape has been said to be authentic by former Woodbridge airbase commander Col. Sam Morgan, who released it to UFO investigators Dot Street, Brenda Butler and Jenny Randles.

It was played at a London Press conference yesterday, when a strong demand for a full public inquiry into the incidents was made by the book's authors.

The men in the forest at the time of the alleged second sighting had been taking radiation readings and measurements in the wake of the first claimed sighting when contact was allegedly made with three silver-suited "entities" who hovered in a beam of light from their craft as they repaired it.

The tape records the men's discovery of damage to trees and imprints on the ground where the craft is alleged to have landed.

Halt, who was acting base commander at the time and has since become a colonel and returned to America where he is said be be at a classified location and unavailable for comment, later made a report on both alleged sightings which was sent to the Ministry of Defence.

When it was later leaked it gave the investigation a major boost.

Jenny Randles told the Press conference, "The MoD seriously ask us to believe that following the receipt of the report from the acting U.S. commander, endorsed by the British base commander, involving all these trained witnesses and the alleged interception into British airspace of a craft, leaving damage and radiation right outside two NATO bases — they do absolutely nothing about it.

"There is sufficient evidence to give the lie to this," she claimed.

"Twelve days before the Halt report the only thing the MoD admit to having was ever written, two officials interviewed civilians around the forest.

"Plaster casts were seen to be taken of the traces by Col. Halt on base, although he was not approached by the British people who took them, and radar tapes were taken from RAF Watton, Norfolk, by USAF intelligence officers which could only have happened, as the MoD admit, with MoD permission."

The investigators had no vested interest in proving an alien space craft involved, but, Jenny said were concerned authorities had lied and ceived the British public.

"We are positive we sufficient evidence here make a strong case that incident happened, the evi have been withheld and t the public has a right know."

"Either the authori should say they know wh happened and they have under control or they sh say they do not know and it all be openly investigated," she said.

"We cannot keep fobbed off, the truth s come out because we know are right," Jenny added.

'Three silver-suited entities hovered

UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE

● Colonel's top secret report tells the facts

● Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour

● Animals flee from strange glowing object

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

A UFO has landed in Britain—and that staggering fact has been officially confirmed.

Despite a massive cover-up, News of the World investigators have proof that the mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

It happened in a pine forest called Tangham Wood just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

An American airman who was there told us there were three beings in silver space suits aboard the craft.

Farm cattle and forest animals ran berserk as the spacecraft, a sloping silver dish about 20ft across its base, silently glided to land in a blinding explosion of lights.

About 200 military and civilian personnel, British and American, witnessed the astonishing event. The airmen said the visitors appeared to be expected.

Two nights later a series of fast-moving objects beaming powerful lights earthward were spotted over the base by a number of airmen.

It sounds like aliens coming to earth in the Jim Close Encounters, but the PROOF that an Unidentified Flying Object landed in Britain is irrefutable.

The key witness is Lt. Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed alongside the RAF at Woodbridge.

With the help of UFO experts in Britain and the US we have obtained a copy of his official report on the incident, part of which is reproduced on the right.

On official USAF notepaper and headed "Unexplained Lights," Colonel Halt wrote:

"Early in the morning two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge.

PULSING

Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate.

The on duty flight chief allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot.

The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and approximately two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering on or legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.

The object was sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground.

The following night, the colonel reported, the area was checked for radiation and readings were found in the depressions and on a tree.

His report goes on:

"Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and disappeared.

"Immediately thereafter three star-like objects were noted in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degrees off the horizon.

"The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared elliptical through an 8-12 power lens.

They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of lights from time to time.

Numerous people, including himself, witnessed these events, Colonel Halt concluded.

Last week he declined to say anything further when we called on him at the base.

"This is a very delicate situation," he said.

"I have been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it."

But before filing his report Colonel Halt sought advice from the RAF base commander, Squadron Leader Donald Moriand, who told me:

"The Colonel sat in my office and was a very worried man.

TRUTH

"The first I knew of these events was when he came to me and related what he had seen. I know Col. Halt well and respect him and I fully believe he was telling me the truth.

"Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air which no known aircraft is capable of doing. I put the events the Colonel related to me down to inexplicable phenomena."

The Colonel's report confirms the strange events in the forest that night, but lacks the eyewitness detail given to us by Art Wallace, a USAF Security Policeman, now back in America as a civilian.

He was sent to the site in a convoy of military vehicles from nearby Bentwaters that night and describes what he saw:

"We looked up in the sky and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees.

There was no noise, no sound at all. We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of colours, all kinds of colours.

We were momentarily blinded and when the colours died down there was a machine.

Art said there were beams on the craft, but he could not see them as he was on the wrong side.

SILVER

"But others did. They said there were three, wearing silver suits."

Art Wallace — we have changed his name for security reasons—tells his story on Page 3 today.

One theory is that the craft was a military space vehicle returning to earth from a top secret mission, but that would hardly explain why Colonel Halt knew nothing of it.

Last word goes to gamekeeper Roger Boast, who lives in his cottage near the airbase.

"Something happened that night. The cattle in a nearby field ran amok. And deer and rabbits ran from the woods.

"It is all very strange."

And that's OFFICIAL

NEWS of the WORLD INVESTIGATES

By KEITH BEABEY

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CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

EVIDENCE DETAIL from Lt. Col. Charles Halt's confidential report about the sighting of "unexplained lights" and a strange glowing object that lit up the forest

NO HOAX: Brig. Gen. Williams

NO HOAX SAYS THE AIR CHIEF

THERE has been no hoax, says the man who was in charge of the USAF base at Woodbridge when the UFO came down.

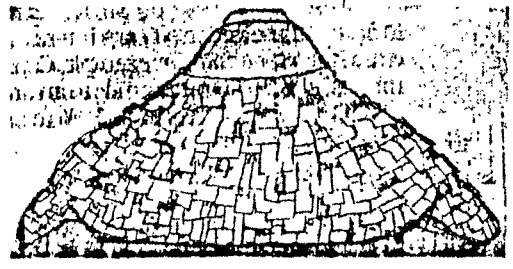
The Wing Commander, now Brigadier-General Gordon Williams, said back home in America: "I recall Lt Colonel Halt's report.

"I don't know exactly what happened. It is all there. He is not a man who would mess the British Ministry of Defence or the American Air Force Department." Despite official silence, News of the World reporters discovered that the UFO was tracked on radar by RAF Watton, 50 miles from where it landed.

Radar technicians reported: "Tracking unidentified object."

They followed its progress across the east coast until it disappeared off the screen.

U S A F intelligence officers later checked the tapes of all radar installations in the area.



VEHICLE LOOKING like a giant tortoise, this is airman Art Wallace's drawing of what he saw when the pulsating craft came to earth in the Suffolk countryside

NEWS OF THE WORLD, London, England - Oct. 2, 1983 CR: N. Oliver

UFO lands in Suffolk—the airman's story

THE FOREST EXPLODED WITH BLINDING LIGHT

THE FIRST terrified thought to penetrate U.S. airman Art Wallace's brain as he saw Britain's first authenticated UFO landing was that he was seeing something from Star Wars.

To Art, the mystery machine that landed silently in a forest in an explosion of red light looked like "the spaceship from the movie."

He told me: "It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves and things.

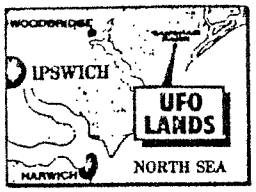
"It was about 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top 12ft to 15ft high . . . certainly big enough to handle people."

Art's rendezvous with the unbelievable came in the early hours of December 27, 1980, after he was ordered into a jeep at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk, where he was a security guard.

The jeep drove in convoy towards nearby RAF Woodbridge, then pulled up on the edge of lonely Tangham Wood Said Art:

"We were all told to hand in our weapons. I had an M16 rifle. Then we took lights into the woods.

Amazing things seemed to happen even then. I noticed animals running in panic from the forest.



MAP showing where it happened

From BOB SMITH in New York

Fuel guages on the vehicles registered empty when we knew they were full.

As we approached a clearing we could see some very bright lights.

We were a bit shook up to come across a U.S. medic treating one of our security police who appeared to have broken down and was crying.

The clearing was full of RAF and USAF security people—about 200 of them. Several movie cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object. It appeared to be resting on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent.

We were in awe, never having seen anything remotely like this. Nearby, there was an airman carrying a radio. Suddenly, we heard a chopper pilot telling him: "Here it comes."

We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees. In the distance, it looked about 100ft high and appeared to be coming in to land.

It came down right over the transparent aspirin on the ground. There was no sound at all.

We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of all kinds of colours.

We were blinded. When the colours died down, we looked again, and there was a machine there.

A captain motioned us to approach the ship. We walked up close enough to touch it. It was giving off a metallic bluish light.

There were three groups of about four security men each circling the thing. I could see our shadows on the craft. As we walked, they moved.

But when we stopped, the shadows seemed to take another pace. It was weird.

Suddenly, a green light came on at the top of the spaceship.

It moved down the sides of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the sides. Just like the ball bounces in a video game.

SHADOWS

Then I realised the spaceship was inhabited. There were beings aboard.

I didn't see them because I was on the wrong side of the craft. But others did.

They said there were three, and they were wearing silver suits. I had a strange feeling and seemed to black out.

The next thing I knew, it was about 8 a.m. and I was waking up, lying half across my bunk. I still had my uniform on and was up to my knees in mud.

To this day, I don't know how I got back to the barracks, or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows.

My roommate said I'd been brought into the room by some people—he didn't know who — and just dumped on the bed.

Later that day, myself and several of the guys who had been at the field were given the once-over with a zapper counter but we were never told why or what the results were.

We were all called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told what we'd seen had been classified top secret.

Several civilians were doing all the talking. We took them for CIA.

They told us we were told the story, no one would believe us. *One guy* added that if we did talk, then bullets were cheap.

I thought, "This guy is actually threatening our lives. He obviously meant it."

Looking back, the one thing that bothers me is that the officers and civilians present seemed to know all about it —they weren't all Base surprised.

Art Wallace — that isn't his real name — was honourably discharged from the USAF in June, 1981. He is now aged 21.

If named, he could be jailed for saying what he saw.

Attempts to penetrate the mystery have been made by two Suffolk UFO spotters, Mrs Brenda Cutler, 38, of Leiston, and Mrs Dorothy Street, of Ouston Broad.

Said Brenda: "We met a wall of secrecy."

But they linked up with American UFO expert Larry Fawcett, who questioned Art Wallace and obtained a copy of the report on the incident by Lieutenant Colonel Hall, USAF deputy commander at RAF Woodbridge.

The colonel later saw us in his office," said Brenda.

"He was upset because the report had leaked out, but then became helpful.

"He even pointed out on our map the place he said the craft had landed."

At the Defence Ministry in London, a spokesman would only say: "We are aware of the report, but this is a matter for the USAF, not us."

But a USAF spokesman at Mildenhall, Suffolk, said: "All reports of this incident are now with your Defence Ministry."

LANDING SITE: UFO hunters Brenda (left) and Dorothy at Tangham Wood, where the craft landed

I saw UFO land —American officer

Oct. 2, 1983 CR: N. Oliver

A SENIOR American Air Force officer reported sighting a UFO landing in Suffolk during Christmas 1980, the Ministry of Defence confirmed last night.

Lieut-Colonel Charles L. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Wing at RAF Woodbridge, told of seeing a "red, sun-like light" near the air base in the early hours of December 27.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said: "There was a 'sighting' by an officer in the USAF. He was off-duty and off the base. He made a report and submitted it via the RAF commander at Woodbridge to the Ministry of Defence."

Sir John Nott, who became Minister of Defence within a fortnight of the reported sighting, said last night: "I know nothing about it. Certainly I never saw any reports about a UFO landing. I don't believe in UFO's, anyway."

Another former Minister of Defence, Sir Ian Gilmour, said: "I should think this is absolute rubbish."

Yes, it is true

UFO expert Larry Fawcett (right), a police lieutenant in Connecticut, says: "I am sure an alien flying craft did land in that forest.

"Despite intensive questioning, Airman Wallace has never been caught out in a lie.

"We also have corroboration of his account. It is doubtful if any person, never mind several, could make up such a story."

Lieut. Fawcett, 44, a chief of the American organisation Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, added: "Both the British and American military know an awful lot more about this than they have ever told."

THE OBSERVER, London, England - Sept. 25, 1983 CR: L. Beer

Silver suits, flying saucers and ET

HUGO DAVENPORT explains why the UFOria about mystery objects in the sky is waning

NOT a single silver-suited alien dropped in to join the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association in London yesterday as it celebrated 21 years of sky watching.

And if an extra-terrestrial had turned up and parked his spaceship outside Kensington Central Library, the UFOlogists would, on the whole, have been more surprised than the crowds of Saturday shoppers.

According to research by Shirley McIver, a postgraduate sociology student at York University, only 44 per cent of the research association's members believe that 'physical extra-terrestrials travelling in vehicles' are the most probable UFO cause.

Although no full public survey has been conducted in Britain, she points to a US poll which indicated that about half the population believe in flying saucers.

Her survey, carried out two years ago, still places extra-terrestrials at the top of the possible explanations league, while 19 per cent of her respondents favoured 'unknown natural causes'; 12 per cent 'psychic events'; and 8 per cent hadn't the faintest idea.

The decline in the standing of aliens seems also to have coincided with rapid shrinkage in the association's membership, down from 550 two years ago to about 350. The association says numbers rise and fall in concert with 'flaps' —waves of UFO activity—and British skies have been fairly empty during the past year. There are, however, more mundane reasons.

Mr Lionel Beer, a founder member and organiser of yesterday's conference, blames the earthly recession. 'When we had our inaugural meeting in 1962, people were spilling out of the doors . . . you might say the UFOria has somewhat waned.

'We did a survey to find out why we had lost so many members, and a lot of people said they had been made redundant and could no longer afford the subscription.'

The present eclipse seems light years from the first flush of cosmic rapture which brought together eight small independent bodies to form BUFORA.

In the 1970s, it drew up a list of 147 different phenomena which had been misidentified as UFOs. The current estimate of reports worth following up is between two and 10 per cent.

Jenny Randles, Liverpool investigator, found what could be number 148 after she received a promising UFO report. On closer inspection, the 'UFO' turned out to be a luminous stuffed owl abandoned in a bush.

Alternative explanations have proliferated. The arcane science of socioUFOlgy, for example, has attracted a growing number of adherents, including Miss Randles. She distinguishes firmly between what she calls UAPs—unidentified atmospheric effects—and 'close encounters,' in which people claim to have met aliens.

'The more closely you look at these experiences,' she says, 'the more closely they become aligned with dreams, visions and hallucinations. It's not as simple as that because they have a sort of quasi-reality—they are on the threshold between dreams and reality.'

Another school is the ball lightning theory. Its main, indeed only, proponent is Steuart Campbell, an Edinburgh architect.

He said: 'Ball lightning isn't properly understood, so I'm accused of substituting one unknown for another. It's very unfair. Ball lightning is a natural atmospheric phenomenon, thought to be electro-magnetic, consisting of an ionised plasma.

'UFOs don't exist—they are all ball lightning. Aliens don't exist either—they are only tricks of the light, or wishful thinking, or hallucination.'

An interesting theory has been proposed by Paul Devereux, a writer in Wales, who claims a 'remarkable correlation' between UFO activity and geological faultlines.

He says some so-called UFOs may be produced by rocks rubbing together under pressure which can emit light and has succeeeded in producing coloured lights from a small granite core in a rock-crusher.

Traditionalists have not been totally routed. Founder member Graham Knewstub, now in his mid-seventies, states confidently: 'The most likely hypothesis is that technological civilisations have risen elsewhere in the universe and that contact has been going on for a long time, probably on a very small scale because of the vast distances involved.'

IPSWICH EVENING STAR, Suffolk, England - Oct. 3, 1983

'It was a UFO'

AN official report spelling out how a spaceship landed in Suffolk IS genuine, the Americans confirmed today.

But they poured scorn on another, even more astonishing claim . . . that the craft was manned by little silvery creatures. That part of the Great Suffolk UFO mystery was Unlikely, Fanciful and Outlandish, they said.

By PAUL DURRANT

Even so, admission by USAF authorities that the previously secret report is *genuine adds weight to a story* the Star ran as long ago as May about the out-of-this-world allegations . . . but still left some people unconvinced today.

The report was written by deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge, Lt. Col. Charles Halt, about how a "strange glowing object" came to earth in a remote part of Rendlesham Forest near the airbase in December, 1980.

The document was released when an American citizen requested it under their Freedom of Information Act.

It gives the official stamp of approval to claims first made by two Suffolk women UFO investigators over two years ago.

Lt. Col. Halt's report tells how USAF security patrols from the base were sent out to check on unusual lights in the forest and discovered a "strange glowing object" which "illuminated the entire forest with a white light".

Wrote Lt. Col. Halt, "The object was hovering on legs. As patrolmen approached it it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

"At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sited on the ground."

Lt. Col. Halt refused to talk to the Star today. "He would rather our public affairs department handle this one," said a spokesman for his office at Woodbridge.

At the public affairs department, Capt. Kathy McCollom told the Star, "Yes, it is a genuine report. But it doesn't explain what these lights were.

"All we did was a memo as a courtesy for the Ministry of Defence. We have never investigated it, and we aren't interested in things that happen off base."

But Capt. McCollom described as "fanciful" other reports said to come from an anonymous airman on the patrol that night.

He claims other members of the patrol saw "little silver men" inside the spaceship and ever since had been sworn to secrecy by the Americans.

One of the Suffolk women who have been probing the strange case for two years, Mrs. Dot Street, of Oulton Broad, welcomed the publication of the Lt. Col. Halt report.

"It's what we wanted because I am sick to death of cover-up," she said.

She hoped the report would "make people realise what is going on and that these things do exist."

Now she hopes more witnesses will come forward to her or colleague Brenda Butler, from Leiston, both members of the British UFO Research Association, as they did in May following news of the women's investigation in the Star.

Promising to treat information and names confidentially Dot says that "this is not the first time it has happened in that area".

Other witnesses have talked of sightings in November, 1980, and she now believes that there were two incidents spread over three days in that December.

Suffolk's official UFO investigator is "keeping an open mind" on the reports.

"I feel that if there were a number of people around who saw this someone would have come forward and said something by now," said Mr. Paul Hermon, of Felixstowe, who is area investigator for the British UFO Society.

"I would very much like to meet Lt. Col. Halt and to read the full version of his report," he said today.

But forester Vince Thurkettle, 27, who lives a few hundred yards from the supposed landing site, told the Star, "I saw nothing at the time, but the next day a chap came round asking questions about a UFO, but wouldn't say who he was.

"A few weeks later I discovered three oval depressions in the ground making an equilateral triangle as though something had landed. But they could just as easily have been rabbit scrapes.

"There's hundreds of rumours about this, but I have never met anyone who actually saw it. It's all a bit odd."

Last night Suffolk Police said their records revealed that in the early hours of December 26 the law enforcement desk at Bentwaters reported seeing unusual lights in the sky and said they had sent troops to investigate.

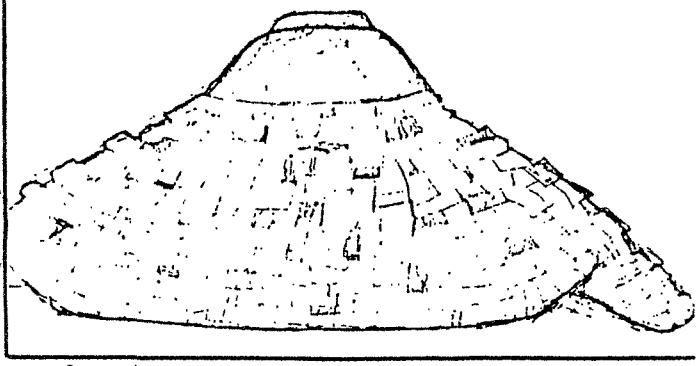
A routine check with Air Traffic Control to see if their radar had picked anything up revealed they had received reports of aerial phenomena over southern England that night.

A traffic car and local beat car were sent to investigate but found nothing untoward, said the policeman and the only lights were those of the Orford light house.

The next day the Americans asked them to examine the indentations in the forest and the officers concluded they were probably made by an animal.

A USAF spokeswoman confirmed that Col. Halt was still deputy base commander.

She said the base had not investigated UFO sightings for years and the report was not something that was required but was probably done out of courtesy for the Ministry of Defence.



● The airman's sketch of the craft which he said was carrying "little silver men". — *NoW picture*

● Brenda Butler, left and Dot Street on the site of the alleged landing of the spaceship.

Two more in UFO sighting

LAST week's story on page 3 about Mrs Doris Galinaitis seeing a brightly-lit object in the sky between Bristol Airport and Weston has prompted two more UFO-spotters to write:

RE the strange object seen by the lady from Yatton in your last week's Mercury. I would like to say I too saw this so-called UFO.

I live in a top flat directly facing Highdale Avenue.

Like this lady I could not sleep, got up at 4am and looked out of the window and couldn't believe my eyes.

It was bright red and looking like a very big star, but it was definitely round. I watched for about 15 minutes and as it didn't appear to move I went back to bed.

I wish now I had gone back for my binoculars which were in my lounge. I would say the position was near enough over Hales Bakery.

Mrs M. Green,
10 Western Court,
Chapel Hill,
Clevedon

I WAS very interested to read in this week's Mercury the description given by Mrs Doris Galinaitis of what she believes may have been a UFO.

I too saw this object from my bedroom window at about 4.30 am early Monday morning. I was unable to sleep and, looking out of the window saw this extremely bright object which seemed to be skimming the top of the Mendips. At first it appeared to be stationary and then it gradually moved in a south westerly direction, disappearing behind the roofs of houses in Thackeray Road and then reappearing.

Looking at the position in daylight, and judging from the position at which it disappeared behind the roofs, it was certainly just skimming the top of Mendip.

Mrs Eileen Mills
16 Thackeray Avenue
Clevedon

MERCURY, Clevedon, England - Oct. 28, 1983

August camping shock

I WAS very interested to see the letter about a UFO in the Mercury from Mrs Galinaitis.

On the night of the 19th of August my friend and I were sleeping in a tent in my garden.

We saw a similar object to Mrs Galinaitis. It flew from east to west, then flew to Weston-super-Mare and was visible for about 10 minutes.

It was a large, oval shaped, orange coloured object which suddenly disappeared from view.

Matthew Shaw aged 9
Dial Hill Road
Clevedon

SUNDAY MIRROR, London, England - Oct. 16, 1983

DJ DAVID STIRS UP UFO FEVER

UFO fever hit Britain yesterday, after a close encounter by radio star David Jacobs.

Callers jammed BBC switch boards after Jacobs mentioned briefly on his Radio Two show that he had seen a mysterious ball of light as he travelled to London on the M1.

By STEVE BAILEY

The callers reported similar sightings and pieced together, they gave the path of the UFO as a great swathe from Yorkshire, through the Midlands to the West Country.

Jacobs was returning from the 35th Any Questions anniversary programme in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, with panellist, politician Shirley Williams.

He said: "It was extraordinary. I've never seen anything move so quickly.

"Suddenly, a brilliant white light with a 'tail' shot from left to right in front of us, at a height of about 250 to 300 feet—then disappeared."

The spot where 57-year-old Jacobs saw the light was between M1 junctions 21 and 22 in Leicestershire, at 10.30 pm on Friday night. His driver saw the phenomenon, too, and thought it might have been a shooting star.

Jacobs said: "It was travelling too low and too fast for that to be a possibility." Shirley Williams and fellow panellist Jonathan Porritt missed the light from their rear seats.

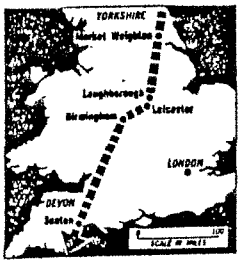
Shirley said: "David was clearly taken aback. He gave a sharp intake of breath, and his first words were 'My goodness. That's impossible'."

Listeners' calls confirming or adding to Jacobs' sighting came from as far away as Seaton in Devon and Market Weighton in Yorkshire.

There were so many that the popular broadcaster had to appeal to people to stop telephoning Broadcasting House because the switchboard could not cope.

Air Traffic Control at nearby East Midlands International airport recorded nothing on their radar.

Did Jacobs believe in UFOs? He said later: "There's no way I would close my mind to anything like that—and this is the first time anything like this has happened to me."



Trail of the UFO

The UFO *path plotted* by spotters along the length of Britain from Yorkshire to Devon

In defence of UFOs

With reference to the letter from S. T. E. Bryant (Readers' Club, October 15) — "UFO Sightings 'Highly Suspect'") in which he claimed that recent articles written by myself were "very misleading."

The witnesses who are accused of being "superstitious, unreliable," and whose imaginations are "apt to run riot" I would like to defend. Most are level-headed, rational people who come from all walks of life.

Some are trained observers who know a great deal about astronomy, aircraft and the like.

Some are serving police officers with 20 years' experience who are familiar with their locality where UFO's have been seen, as are farmers and landowners who have come across this phenomenon, albeit in remote pastures.

These men and women did not imagine what they saw, and were it not for our protecting their identities, dozens of reports would not have reached us. As it is, sightings of UFOs continue, and I might add not all of these occur at night, and not all are witnessed by the odd individual, as your reader suggests.

Neither I, nor the Yorkshire UFO Society have suggested that the origin of UFOs must be extra-terrestrial. We have an open-mind on the subject. What we have insisted all along is that the enigma is real enough to warrant serious scientific research, and until that happens it would be *wrong to drop our present* studies.

It is also wrong to label such sightings as "ridiculous" at a time when questions are shortly to be raised in Parliament over the continuing cover-up by this, and previous governments into this mystery.

GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL
(Chairman), Yorkshire UFO Society, Miles Hill Street, Leeds 7.

YORKSHIRE EVENING POST, Leeds, England - Oct. 31, 1983

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
1 February 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked a number of questions about radar and our handling of UFO reports. I will answer your questions in the order in which they were posed.

The Ministry of Defence does receive reports of UFOs; last year, for example, we received 147 reports. Having said this, we believe that nearly all of these sightings can be explained in terms of known objects and phenomena. Examples that spring to mind include aircraft lights, lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, meteorites and satellite debris entering the atmosphere. Clearly there are a small percentage of reports that would seem to defy explanation; we hold no definitive view on these.

I do not have any figures concerning unidentified radar returns, but any return of potential significance is looked at, and the appropriate action taken. I am sure that you are aware that from time to time aircraft have flown towards UK airspace, and have been intercepted by the RAF.

It is not strictly true to say that a radar will only detect something of substance, because there will always be spurious returns.

Any questions that you have about radar systems should be directed to this department. I am sure you will understand, however, that for security reasons we are not able to go into much detail about the range and capability of our equipment.

All UFO reports are examined carefully by us and by departments responsible for the air defence of the UK. Sightings are then assessed on the basis of military expertise and an analysis of the available information. To date, no reports that we are aware of have been judged to present a threat to the defence of the UK.

I hope this has answered your questions, and helped explain our position on the subject. If you require anything further, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

Your Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for prompt and most helpful letter of the 26th instance.

I have already been in contact with the Belgian Embassy and-through them-am in contact with a Belgian press agency to obtain all information on the sightings as discussed.

Your suggestion that I contact SOBEPS(who have produced a lengthy report on the wave of sightings) is particularly helpful and I will be writing to them shortly.

I find your letter intriguing and would request clarification on several points.

a) The fact that your office has been established in the Ministry of Defence to co-ordinate sightings would imply that there are in fact sightings to co-ordinate,would you confirm this?

b) I wonder if you could give me some general indication as to the number of genuine UNIDENTIFIED radar detections over the last five years?

c) Would you confirm that Radar will only detect something of substance?

d) The actual distance to the area of the Belgian sightings is only 130 miles. As our radar would seem able to detect incoming intercontinental missiles,could you please advise me of the appropriate department in the Ministry of Defence who could give me the appropriate information that I require?

e) As the MOD's only interest in unidentified flying objects is to insure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK,I would be interested as to how this is ascertained?

Your kind assistance on the above five points would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 January 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 January.

You asked about photographic evidence of UFOs; in my time in this department I think I have received one photograph of a UFO. It was taken over Belgium during the wave of sightings some years ago, and is in the public domain. While the MOD clearly does have the facilities to analyse photographs, this has certainly not happened in my time here.

The other departments who see UFO reports are departments concerned with the air defence of the UK. They examine reports to see whether there is any evidence of a threat to the defence of the UK. As you know from previous correspondence, the MOD's only concern with UFOs is to determine whether or not there is such a threat.

The MOD is not carrying out any research into the crop circle phenomenon, and I am not aware of any other department that is. Having said this, people do ask us about crop circles from time to time, probably because of a perceived link with UFOs. I have, on occasion, spoken to the Centre for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS), and we refer people who ask about crop circles to them, in the same way as we refer people who ask about UFOs to organisations such as BUFORA. The CCCS will keep us informed of major developments, mirroring the way that some UFO groups and researchers will pass us information.

I hope this is helpful, and has answered your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

TELEPHONE: Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted] 22.1.93.

Thankyou for your letter of 6 January and thankyou very much indeed for sending me copies of the maps showing geographical distribution. I greatly appreciate you sending them as they have proved to be very useful to me in my research.

I am hoping that you may be able to assist me on the following questions:

1. Does your department have the facilities to analyze alleged photographic evidence of UFO's and have you received such evidence since being involved with the subject?

2. Some years ago I received a couple of UFO reports from the MOD which included, at the bottom of the page, a distribution list of departments which received copies of the reports. One was referred to as DI55. Are you able to advise me why this department receives UFO reports and for what purpose?

3. Has your department (or any other) taken an interest in the so-called 'crop-circle' subject either officially or unofficially?

Should you be able to help re. the above questions it would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 January 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light in the sky that you and your daughter saw earlier this week have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or aircraft lights seen from unusual angles. It is worth noting that the planet Venus is prominent in the south west skies at the moment, and is virtually as bright as it can ever appear from earth - many times more brilliant than other stars and planets.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known phenomena, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigation of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 26 January 1993

Dear Section 40

Your letter to RAF West Drayton concerning the wave of UFO sightings over Belgium in 1989/90 has been passed to this department, as we receive and co-ordinate sightings and enquiries about UFOs.

I am afraid that we do not have any relevant information, as we are only concerned with UK sightings - the MOD's only interest in UFOs is to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. I would think that your best course of action in trying to obtain an official view on the sightings would be to approach the Belgian Embassy for advice; their address is as follows: 103 Eaton Square, London, SW1W 9AB.

I am aware that a Belgian UFO group, SOBEPS, has produced a lengthy report on the wave of sightings. Their address is Section 40 Bruxelles, Belgium.

You might also like to contact some of the UFO groups in this country, who may have some information. I suggest the following organisations:

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Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Tel no. Section 40

I am sorry not to have been able to provide you with any material myself, but I hope that the addresses I have given you will prove useful. I wish you the best of luck with your project.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40
[redacted]

17th January 1993.

Dear sirs,

I am an established author and at present am in the process of compiling data with a view to writing an account on the Belgian sightings of unidentified flying objects that took place throughout Eastern Belgium during the period from November 1989 to April 1990.

I am anxious to obtain a complete record, not only of actual newspaper cuttings but of television reports and details of the statement made by the current Belgian Minister of Defence to the Belgian government at that time.

It would appear that these objects were registered on Belgian radar, both onboard and ground based. I would like to enquire whether you had any radar tracings of these sightings (either onboard or ground based), if not I would appreciate details of either the correct government department for me to contact obtain this information, or any agency that could fulfil these requirements.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
25 January 1993

Dear Section 40

The authorities at Glasgow airport have passed me your letter about the strange lights that you have seen in the sky as this department receives some reports of UFOs.

Clearly there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. We accept, however, that some sightings will defy explanation.

Our role in relation to UFOs is very limited, but if you are interested in seeking futher information, you might like to contact some of the groups actively involved in UFO research. They may have some ideas about the things that you saw, or be able to tie your sightings in with other reports they may have received. If you wish to do this, I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

Tel no Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

With Compliments

Section 40 [redacted]

MANAGER ATC
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
GLASGOW AIRPORT

National Air Traffic Services

A joint Civil Aviation Authority – Ministry of Defence Service

30/12/92

Manager 649-0530 (minutes)

excuse writing, I have to use my opposite hand.

Would you be intrested in what I have noted this last 2/3 weeks?

Section 40

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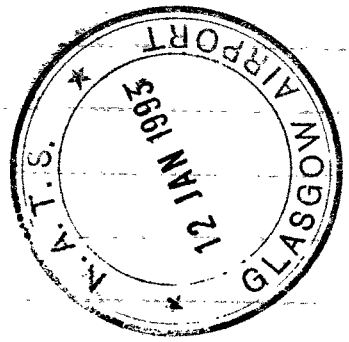


1/12 30/12/92

3/11/92

high in the sky, like a giant roll of cotton wool, coming from

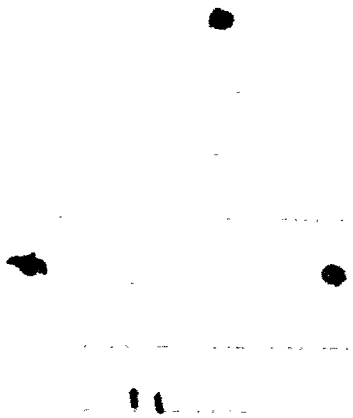
S/SE

Thero,

2' | 12 S/SE

lights where marked,

thus



It looked like a Airbus

Then

3/12 5/5E

suddenly lights were

ablaze.

the lights were going, on - off

repeatedly.

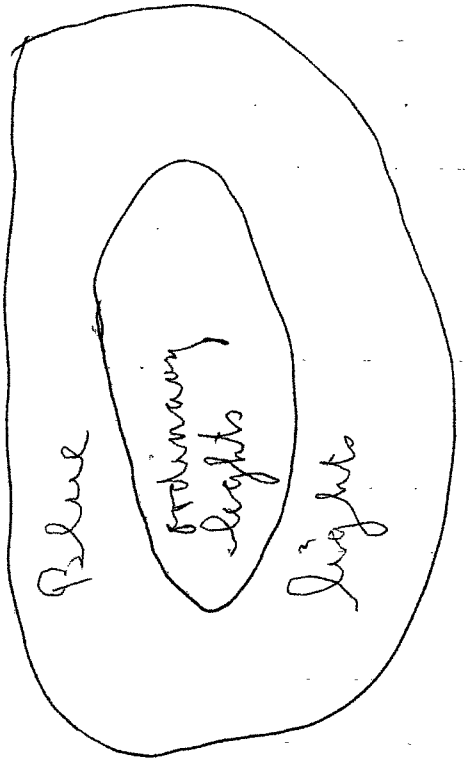
the machine was in

trouble, very much so.

then

4/12 S/SE

coming at great speed (S/E)



The sky was nice and bleak.

then

5 | 12 5

suddenly it was over my way, which is

SOUTH.

and was :—

STATIONARY

it stayed that way for some time

Then

6/12 S.

it moved to the West

very little —

and like that for some time.

Then

7/12 S

suddenly as if electric

motors were ignited,

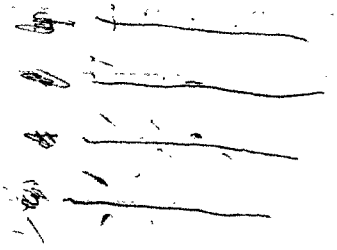
4 of them went ablaze

there was lots of space

between each motor,

they went off

SIMULTANEOUS



Then silence

then

8/12 S

the "vehicle" started to vibrate

then moved twice like this

1 & 2 going West.

silence for some time

then

9 | 12 W

the motors went

again, as on page 7

Silence

Then

10/12 West

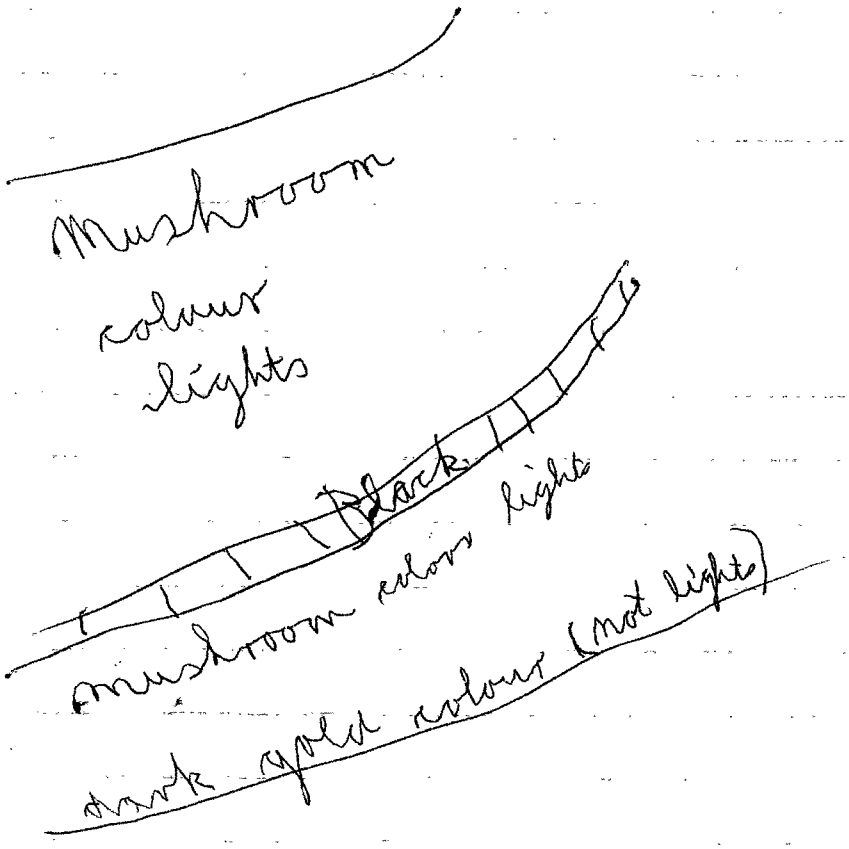
suddenly it took off.

'tutted' as it went.

going West.

then

11/12 West



went off at great speed going

West.

1 Moved

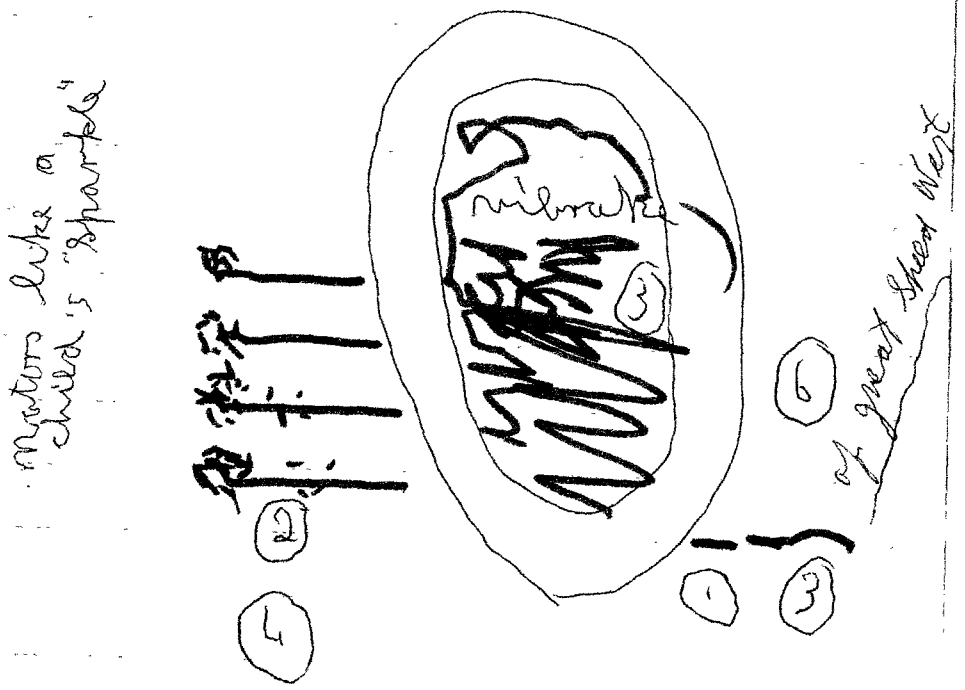
2 Motors

3 move

3 vibrate

4 Motors

6 away



time taken 21·30 – 22·10

3/11/92

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Mr R Noyes
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 January 1993

Dear Mr Noyes,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 January.

In response to your question about how many people I have passed your address to, I think it is no more than two or three since last July. Contrary to the impression I gave in my previous letter, these people had not specifically mentioned crop circles, but had written asking for my help with projects or essays about UFOs. In view of the link that some people see between the two phenomena, I passed out your address together with details of UFO organisations. I can only assume that the people concerned were not planning to write about crop circles.

You asked whether the Army Air Corps might be able to provide the CCCS with some help in obtaining good aerial photographs of crop circles. I spoke to my Army colleagues, but I am afraid that they are not able to provide the sort of assistance you mention, as this would interfere with operational training.

I was interested to hear about Project ARGUS, and am grateful for your kind offer to send me the report when it is published.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

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CENTRE FOR CROP CIRCLE STUDIES

Capt Section 40
Section 40

Patron: The Earl of Haddington

From: Ralph Noyes
Research Liaison, CCCS
Section 40

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

19th January, 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 12th January.

I have in fact received only the one letter about unusual ground markings which we spoke about last July. (It turned out to have nothing about which the CCCS could advise the lady.) You mention that you have continued to pass my address to anybody who writes to you about crop circles; but I have not had any mail in consequence. (It would be interesting to know, if the information is readily available, how many enquiries you have dealt with in this way.)

The Press have certainly dropped the subject for the time being or treat it with derision when they mention it - a not unwelcome development to those of us who have been studying the phenomenon at close hand. Project *ARGUS* was able to get on with its seven-week exercise with little interruption except from local hoaxers or those claiming, not necessarily with truth in every case, that particular events had been man-made. (Some undoubtedly had been.) We and our North American colleagues hope to be publishing the report fairly soon. I will let you have a copy in case you may be interested.

In advance of the report, which will reflect the work of a number of well qualified scientists, I mustn't draw conclusions. But we have been sufficiently encouraged by some of the effects detected to begin drawing up a further research programme for 1993.

There is possibly one matter on which you can help us. My own observations during the seven weeks I spent at Alton Barnes suggest that units of the Army Air Corps take a close interest in the crop circle events - as well they might, given the inherently interesting nature of these occurrences and their proximity to a major training area. I cannot help wondering whether the AAC might be prepared to help us, for example with good aerial photographs. Our own aerial surveys took a substantial part of our funds in 1992 and fell short of the systematic 'reconnaissance' we would have liked. Help with expert photographs (made available to us at minimum cost !) would greatly help scientific enquiry. Perhaps you could refer this suggestion to your colleagues in the Army Department.

I can't imagine who may have suggested to you that there is a 'split' in the CCCS Council. There are, of course, some strong differences of view about the nature of a phenomenon which remains very puzzling and about how we can best continue our studies of it. But research will undoubtedly continue and I remain the right point of contact within CCCS for any further correspondence about the research programme.

Section 40

President Professor Section 40
Chairman: Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 January 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light in the sky that you and other witnesses saw earlier this week have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations - such as lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds - could be found for most of them. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

I understand that you were on a skywatch at the time, so you may already know about the various national UFO groups; if not, you might like to contact some of them, as they may be able to offer some further thoughts, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
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Quest International
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Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
19 January 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange object that you and your husband saw in the early hours of 13 January have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

You might like to contact some of the civilian organisations that investigate UFOs, as they may be able to offer some further thoughts, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. The details of these organisations are as follows:

British UFO Research Association
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Tel no. Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 19 January 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your further letter about our policy with regard to UFOs.

I am sorry that I have not yet responded to your earlier letter, but the handling of questions about UFOs is only a small part of my job, and I have been busy with other duties.

I will write to you as soon as I can with a substantive reply to all the points you have made.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40
Germany

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
18 January 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your postcard asking for some information about UFOs for your school project.

I am afraid that I do not have any photos that I can send you. Most of the UFO reports we receive are not very exciting - just lights in the sky. I have attached the most famous UFO report that we have; you may have read about it in books.

I suggest you write to the following addresses, and ask for their help. These organisations investigate UFOs, and some have photos and magazines about UFOs.

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

I hope this is helpful. Good luck with your school project!

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (USAFE)
APO NEW YORK 09755

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CD 13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metalic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10^{0} off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

Absender

☎ ( )
(Vorwahl) (Rufnummer)

[redacted]
Section 40

Germany

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Main Building
Whitehall D P R
(Straße und Hausnummer oder Postfach)
[redacted]
Section 40

London S.W. 1
(Postleitzahl) (Bestimmungsort)

England

Ladies and gentlemen,

for our school projekt we collect photos and reports about UFO-Sightings and contacts. Now I want to ask you to put some official informations, public documents and pictures at our disposal. We would be very thankful for your help.

Best regards,

[redacted]
Section 40

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Mr R Noyes
Section 40

Your reference -

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 12 January 1993

Dear Mr Noyes,

I have recently written to the national UFO groups to let them know how many sightings were reported to us during 1992 (the figure is 147) so I thought I would let you know what the position was with regard to crop circles.

You will recall that I wrote to you last July about a case where a member of the public had reported a strange circular mark in her garden; since then, we have not had a single report of any crop circle phenomenon.

I have continued to pass your address to anybody who writes to us mentioning crop circles, but we are receiving fewer letters on this subject than in recent years. Following the saga of Section 40 the media seem to have lost interest in crop circles, and I suspect that this has been the main factor in the declining number of letters that we are getting on the subject.

I understand that there has been a split of some sort among the CCCS, but unless I hear to the contrary, I will continue to refer people reporting crop circles, or expressing an interest, to your address.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference -

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 12 January 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 January, in which you asked for some details on our procedure for dealing with UFO reports. I am not sure how widely you intend to cover this subject, so I will set out as much information as I can on the policy and views of the Ministry of Defence, and include other material that may be of use to you.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

Given this limited involvement with the subject, the Ministry of Defence has no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive, which are usually limited to very brief details of what was seen, are passed to staff in departments concerned with the air defence of the United Kingdom, 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 in-depth investigations. Defence funds are fully committed to maintaining the security of the UK and meeting our responsibilities to allies and dependents. This being so, we could not justify the use of defence funds on scientific investigations, unless a threat to the security of the UK had been identified.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Some of the possibile explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, satellites in orbit or satellite debris re-entering the atmosphere, high altitude kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, searchlights or lasers reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. As you are also doubtless aware, some reports turn out to be hoaxes. Having said this, we accept that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation, and we hold no definitive view on these.

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The Ministry of Defence does not release material on the subject "en bloc", because, as is the case with all government departments, all Ministry of Defence files are subject to the public records act, and generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. Prior to 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed, although a small number of files survived, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office. The files we hold in this office go back to about 1985, so we are able to answer specific queries that people have about particular sightings which have occurred in recent years, and can let them know whether we have a report on the incident, and if so, what it contains. Most of the reports that we have are relatively unexciting, and refer to little more than a vague shape or light in the sky. I have attached for your information a copy of the form that we use to record UFO reports.

You may be interested to know the numbers of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years; the figures are as follows:

1978 - 750
1979 - 550
1980 - 350
1981 - 600
1982 - 250
1983 - 390
1984 - 214
1985 - 177
1986 - 120
1987 - 150
1988 - 397
1989 - 258
1990 - 209
1991 - 117
1992 - 147

A number of last year's reports were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside - which was flying over London a lot during February and March. I saw this myself, and can understand how, from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO travelling slowly over London. I mention this as a useful example of how an explanation can often be found for an apparently quite exotic UFO report. Other reports were caused by lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds; such equipment is used increasingly in advertising and entertainment, especially at outdoor music festivals.

If you have not already done so, you may like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. I suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International

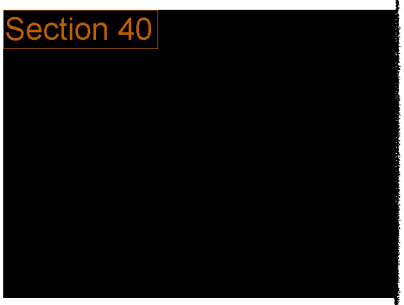
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your project. Please let me know if you have any further questions. I am returning your SAE, as we have our own mailing arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



9/1/93

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a student at the London Guildhall University (Formerly City of London Polytechnic) doing a project on U.F.O Reports.

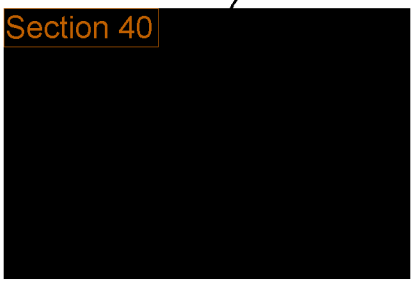
I would be most grateful if you could send me details of your procedures for dealing with such reports.

I enclose a self addressed

envelope.

Hoping for a prompt reply and thanking you in advance for your trouble.

Yours Faithfully.



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Section 40

Your reference –

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 January 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you and your wife saw in the sky on 8 January have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB
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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 6 January 1993

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January, in which you asked how many UFO reports were received by the Ministry of Defence during 1992. The number of reports was 147.

As these reports came in, I plotted the locations on a map, thus enabling me to answer any general questions about the geographical spread of sighting reports. By way of comparison, I plotted out the sightings for 1990 and 1991. I have attached copies of all three maps.

I would stress that this was a fairly imprecise exercise; crosses indicate only the general area of the sighting, and should not be seen as representing a precise position. There are clearly many factors that need to be taken into consideration when drawing any conclusions; population density and proximity to aircraft flightpaths are two of the more obvious ones that spring to mind.

While the value of these maps may be limited in terms of serious research, I hope that they are of some use in giving a very general view of the spread of UFO sightings reported to us.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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LEPHONE: Section 40

Section 40

Dear Section 40

5.1.93.

I have written to you in the past concerning my interest in the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and would be pleased if it would be possible for you to advise me of the number of UFO reports received by the MOD for the year-ending 1992. Thankyou very much.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
4 January 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you and your daughter saw in the sky late on 12 December have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
4 January 1993

Dear Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter on the subject of UFOs. I apologise for the delay in replying; I am having some difficulty in finding anybody who has a suitable machine on which to play your tape, most of ours being of standard - and slightly larger - size. I have now found somebody with a suitable machine, but they are on leave over the Christmas period!

I note what you say about NASA's current Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project, and it will certainly be interesting to see how this progresses. There is certainly a lot of interest in this, and you may have seen the recent programme in Channel 4's "Equinox" series that was devoted to the SETI project.

Given our very limited involvement in the subject, I am afraid that we are not able to organise or participate in a conference on UFOs. We are, however, always able to answer any questions that you may have about specific UFO sightings, or on more general policy questions.

I wish you luck with your investigation, and will write to you again as soon as I have listened to the tape.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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UFOIB

UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Dear Sir,

I recently contacted you concerning the subject of U.F.O's, to which I recieved a letter from the ministry. The letter you sent me (which I enclose a copy) was to assure me that The Ministry Of Defence has no evidence to suggest the existance of any alien life or that spacecraft have been invading our airspace. However in a recent Documentry shown on Sky Television shows that the Defence Department maybe witholding information concerning U.F.O's. I have made a tape recording of an interview with famous Ufoligist and Author Section 40 [redacted] he claims that a member of the Ministry of Defence informed him that the Ministry has carried out top secret work on U.F.O's, if this is so why did you inform me that you have no evidence to support such claims when a member of your staff has been leaking out top secret information to an author. If Section 40 has got possetion of the Ministry's information then surely he is sbject to questioning under The Official Secrets Act, I would also like to you that staff at the Ministry are also suject to it, if this is so then why have you not investigated the leakage of top secret reports or cross examined [redacted] on how he came into contact with such information I have to say I am most dissapointed over your handling of this security breach I'm sure there are alot of people out there who would not sleep soundly if they knew that the Ministry was handing out secrets to any Tom Dick or Harry.

Section 40

The tape that I have enclosed contains information and evidence which points to the existance of alien life, If the Ministry of Defence are so convinced that there is no alien life then why is NASA spending millions in a project to determin that there is. Also on the tape is a statment from a gentlemen who claims that the American Government are supposed to have the wrekage of no less than nine alien spacecraft, I have plans to cross examine them in the future. I am a dedicated investigater and I am very fond of the work I do I would also like to point out that I am not in this for the money.

It seem's that I have got a very intresting piece of evidence here that points to evidence that there maybe a cover up after all, I do not plan to make any of this public my sole concern at this moment is to obtain the truth and to see actual proof that there is or is not such things as U.F.O'S.

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UFOIB

UFO INVESTIGATION BUREAU

I would like to suggest an idea that would make the Ministry of Defence less open to attack from different ufo groups like myself and that is to hold a confrence on the subject, with experts on both sides disscusing the subject in a proper mannor, not only would this be good for the reputation of the Ministry but it would ease the pressure put on you.
I plan to launch a full investigation into what I have discussed in this letter and i plan contact the people that been involved and cross examine them, I will also plan to rexamine the evidence that I also have and file a ful report over this incident I will supply you with a copy as soon as possible, in the mean time I hope you will contact me over this matter and return my tape safley.

thankyou

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 September 1992

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter on the subject of UFOs.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings, our sole concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, ball lightning, fireballs, or satellite debris entering the atmosphere. I accept, however, that some sightings will defy explanation, and we have an open mind on these.

Contrary to some of the strange stories that sometimes circulate among ufologists, the Ministry of Defence does not possess any evidence that would support the existence of alien life, or suggest that alien spacecraft have ever visited the earth. I would also like to assure you that there is no question of our attempting to cover up any incident, silence witnesses, or in any way trying to obscure the truth about UFOs from the general public.

I note what you have to say about religion, although you will appreciate that this is not a matter for the Ministry of Defence.

I wish you luck with setting up your own UFO group; in doing this, you may wish to liaise with some of the existing groups, to exchange ideas and seek advice. If you wish to take up this suggestion, then I would suggest the following societies:

British UFO Research Association
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Section 40
ATC Ops
Room Section 40
Control Tower Building
Heathrow Airport
Middx

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

In accordance with the usual procedure, the authorities at RAF West Drayton have passed us details of the unidentified aerial phenomenon that was witnessed from the Heathrow Control Tower on 17 December.

We receive many such reports from all over the country, and while we believe that most can be explained in terms of everyday objects, we accept that some will defy explanation. No obvious explanation for what was seen in this instance springs to mind.

We have not, to date, received any reports that might tie in with this sighting, although sometimes reports can take a while to filter through the system. If you are interested in finding out whether any further reports are made, then I suggest that you telephone me once you get this letter; by that time I would expect to have received any reports that might still be in the system.

I would be happy to discuss this sighting further if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky over the weekend have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40
H.U.R.G.
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
21 December 1992

Dear Section 40

RAF Hereford have passed me your recent letter concerning a UFO sighting at Evesham that you are currently investigating.

I understand that RAF Hereford have confirmed to you that they were not aware of this sighting. I have already corresponded with another member of H.U.R.G., and confirmed to him that the MOD had no reports that would tie in with these sightings around Evesham.

For future reference you should be aware that all UFO reports made to such places as RAF stations, the police or the CAA should reach this office. We are, therefore, the sole official point of contact for enquiries on UFOs. If you write to us with details of any sighting that you are investigating, we can let you know if we have had any report that might tie in, and let you know what this report contains; we are also happy to answer any more general questions that you have concerning the UFO phenomenon.

I hope this is helpful, and wish you luck with your investigations.

Yours sincerely

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Royal Air Force
Hereford
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HURG

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15 December 1992

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information of a possible UFO sighting on 8 November 1992. We have received no notification of this event, however I have forwarded your letter to the Ministry of Defence who co-ordinate any complaints/questions about air activity in the hope that someone may have contacted them directly. They will reply to you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Flying Officer
for Officer Commanding

MISC/IR

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H.U.R.G.,
Section 40

R.A.F. Hereford,
Credenhill,
Hereford.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Hereford U.F.O. Research Group in conjunction with BUFORA. We have recieved a report regarding a possible sighting in Evesham on the 8th of November, witnessed by three people. The sighting consists of an orange light (or possibly two) which was observed at around 4:30 p.m. for approximately 30-45 seconds.

In order to carry out these investigations, we must have as much information as possible, and we would be very grateful if you could send any reports which you may have of this incident. In addition, if there is any other information which you consider could be relevant to our enquiries, this would also be gratefully recieved.

Yours Sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
18 December 1992

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky on Wednesday evening have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
16 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

The CAA have passed me your letter concerning the Evesham UFO sightings that you are currently investigating. I assume, therefore, that they are not able to help with specific requests into aircraft movements.

You should by now have received my letter in which I stated that the MOD had no reports that would tie in with these sightings around Evesham. There seems to be some confusion over the dates though, because in your letter to me, you mention 12 November, while the one to the CAA states that the sightings took place on 8 November. We have no reports for either date.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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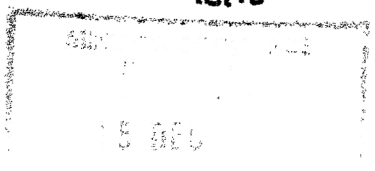
WITH COMPLIMENTS

[redacted] Section 40 yours I believe.

[redacted] Section 40 SO/DPR (RAP) 15/12



PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

CAA
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

CAA House
45–59 Kingsway
London WC2B 6TE

Tele[redacted] Section 40
Fax: [redacted]

H.U.R.G,
Section 40
[redacted]

DATE: 11/DEC/1992

Dear sir/madam,

My name is Section 40 I am a Provisional Accredited Investigator for the British UFO Research Association and the Director of Investigations for the Hereford UFO Research Group based just outside Hereford.

The reason for this letter is to request some information for a case I am investigating. The case is from Evesham on 8th November this year. The report was filed be three different witnesses from three different locations (there were two adults and a child of eight). All three reported seeing a light ing the sky at about 4:30pm over Elmley Castle. The light was reportedly seen for 30-40 seconds long and orange in colour.

I would be very greatfull if you could inform my of any planes or helicopters in the area that might have been responcible for the reported light.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
[redacted]

Section 40 (Director of Investigations H.U.R.G)

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ROOM Section 40 14/12/92
C.A.A. HOUSE,
45-59 KINGSWAY,
LONDON. WC2B 6TE

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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)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 16 December 1992

Dear Section 40

When we spoke last week I promised to write and let you know if anybody else had reported having seen a UFO on Tuesday 8 December at the time that you saw the two strange lights in the sky.

We have received no other reports that would tie in with your sighting, and if we were going to get any, I would expect to have received them by now.

As I said when we spoke, the role of the Ministry of Defence with regard to UFOs is very limited, but if you decided to get in touch with the UFO research groups whose numbers I gave you, I hope you get some answers. I am sure that they will all be very interested to hear about your experience.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

I suppose that the proliferation of TV channels means we can expect more often to get approaches of this sort. We shall keep tabs on how the PR staff handle this.

Head of Sec (AS) - through Section 40 [redacted] 15/12

I have attached a copy of a letter I received from Sky TV. I have given this letter to Section 40 [redacted] in the Press Office. While this is clearly DPO (RAF) business, you will wish to be aware that Section 40 [redacted] intends to discuss this with Section 40 [redacted], with a view to putting up an RAF Officer to represent our view on UFOs. He was thinking along the lines of someone from the RAF Presentation Team. DPO are well versed in giving the standard lines to journalists, but clearly this is higher profile than the usual sort of requests they get from local papers.

I have said we would wish to be kept informed on how they intend to proceed, and that we will do our best to help out with any specific questions not covered by the standard lines.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] 15/12 Thank you

Head of Sec (AS) - through Section 40 [redacted]

Further to my earlier note re Sky TV's UFO documentary, Section 40 [redacted] has now discussed this with Section 40 [redacted]. Section 40 [redacted] is not keen on an RAF Officer being interviewed, so Section 40 [redacted] will be talking to the producer from Sky, using the standard lines to set out our position on UFOs, and faxing some standard paras. I have said that we will stand by to assist with any specific questions Sky have which are not covered by the standard lines.

Section 40 [redacted]

15/12

Received 15/12
Original passed to PPS (RAF) Section 40

10.12.92

Section 40
Secretariat Air Staff 2, Rm. Section 40
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

I have been given your name as a contact within the Ministry by Section 40 who I'm sure you are aware, is a dedicated UFO researcher.

I am at the moment, researching material for a programme to be shown on Sky News about UFO phenomenon and I wondered if you may be able to help me.

I think I have a very clear idea of how the ministry sees the situation. That is, all air encounters within our airspace is due to natural events,such as meteors or aircraft off course. There is no evidence to support a theory that these encounters could be spacecraft.

What I am trying to do, is to make a balanced programme, which can contain two opposing views. I don't want to make out that eye witnesses are deliberately lying, I can find no reason to doubt their stories. Yet I would want to question just what it was that was seen.

What has become apparent to me is that the secrecy of government departments worldwide, possibly for the best of reasons, has given UFO researchers the chance to promote a huge conspiracy theory where knowledge of spacecraft is kept secret.

Would you be able to arrange for me to discuss with someone, the possibility of including the Ministry's point of view into this programme. What I would dearly like to demonstrate is how procedures dealing with a sighting works and if possible obtain some RAF film of an interception, even if it turns out to be a balloon.

I do hope that in this instance the Minisry will be able to help. I can be contacted on Section 40 or fax Section 40

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40
Producer.

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 15 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked whether we have any information about a UFO sighting that occurred over Evesham on 12 November 1992.

I have checked our files, and can confirm that we received no reports that would tie in with what was seen. I wish you luck with your own investigation.

You will wish to be aware that the department AS4(Air) no longer exists; Sec(AS)2a, at the address on this letterhead is the correct point of contact for all UFO enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

H.U.R.G,

Section 40

DATE: 01/NOV/1992

AS4(AIR)
M.o.D
Main Building
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

Dear Section 40

Thankyou for your last letter dated 11th September. In connection with my previous letter dated 05/SEPT/1992 I would like to request some information about a report of a possible Lowflying object over Evesham on the 12th of November this year.

The information I have is that an orange light was seen over Elmley near Evesham for between 30 45 seconds by three witnesses. The information I require is any reports you may have recieved for that date in the Evesham area if possible.
Yours thankfully,

Section 40

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

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
15 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or aircraft lights seen from unusual angles. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

You might like to contact some of the civilian organisations that investigate UFOs, as they may be able to offer some further thoughts, or tie in your sighting with other reports they may have received. The details of these organisations are as follows:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Recycled Paper

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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Yours sincerely,

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BUFORA
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 December 1992

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 5 December, in which you asked about two cases that you are currently investigating - Section 40 UFO sighting and Section 40 strange experience.

I have checked our files, but can confirm that we received no reports that might have tied in with either case. There seems to be some confusion over the date of Section 40 sighting, which is described on the forms as being on 25 May, but in the narrative as being on 4 May. I did check both dates.

The lights that Section 40 saw do sound as if they might be aircraft and helicopter lights, and I doubt that this case will become as high profile as a slightly more famous case in the Woodbridge area!

There is really nothing that I can say about the Section 40 experience, except to say that it sounds like a fascinating case, and does bear a resemblance to some of the "missing time" experiences that have been associated with some close encounters.

Good luck with your investigations.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

[redacted]

BUFORA

[redacted]

5/12/92

[redacted]

Air Staff (2a)
M.O.D
Whitehall.

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed are two reports :—

1) Hockliff (Beds.) case involving missing time — but no UFO !? — and small weather cell.
I'm sorry for the delay in sending this report (for your files) to you, but this was due to both the the vital meteorological records going missing for the day in question and to my PCW breaking down.

If there were any reports sent to your office for the day and area in question then perhaps you would be kind enough to give me a listing.

2) Woodbridge (Suffolk) case with possible defence implications — again report for your file.
As far as I'm aware, there were no other reports at the time and place.

Looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

CASE TITLE: REALITY TILT AT HOCKLIFF

CASE SUMMARY TO BE FILLED IN BY THE INVESTIGATOR ONLY:-

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER:

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: Section 40 .079

INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: y/n/on-going: on-going

INVESTIGATOR(s): Section 40

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]: AN4

LOCATION(S) USING O.S. GRID REFERENCE IF POSSIBLE: HOCKLIFF (BEDS.) - WOBURN SANDS - MILTON KEYES

OBSERVATION DATE(S): 8-8-92

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM: 10.30 bst

EVALUATOR(S):

EVALUATION: VIRTUAL CONTINUOUS ELECTRICAL STORM WITH LITTLE OR NO THUNDER THAT SAME EVENING IN DUNSTABLE, BEDS

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THIS SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO BE FILLED IN BY THE WITNESS:-

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

FULL NAME*: Section 40 + twin daughters [aged 7½] & younger daughter [aged 5]

*** EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PUBLICISED YOUR NAME THIS REPORT WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE BY BUFORA LTD.**

DATE OF BIRTH.: Section 40 Section 40

ADDRESS : Section 40

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Section 40

RECENT OCCUPATION: Section 40 respectively

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY): Section 40

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: Section 40

Section 40

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: (SIGNED), TODAY'S DATE:

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SECTION B: WRITTEN ACCOUNT

PLEASE WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU (USE ADDITION SHEETS IF NECESSARY):

Section 40 [redacted] [We were] travelling along the road after turning left at the traffic lights at Hockliff [with] the three girls singing Beatle songs Section 40 made a comment about Section 40 [daughter] not hitting the notes. we turned to look at each other, then heavy rain started; I said we forgot the macs. My last thought at that point was that I could buy an umbrella at Milton Keynes; I was going to say this but didn't. It seemed in the blinking of an eye we were eight miles further on in the woods just past the golf course entrance. I felt nothing unusual, although we seemed to just be THERE. I was aware that I was not speaking and yet I was thinking about a quiet 'feeling' and that there was no other traffic.

At this point Section 40 said, as he nearly always done, that we're in 'Aslan Country'. At that point, a car appeared around the corner entering Woburn Sands. There was a workman by a manhole in the road on the left which Section 40 said about; I was still silent. Then two cars were manoeuvring on the right; Section 40 again mentioned this. Again it seemed, as if blinking, we were at a roundabout; I had a sense of travelling fast. Looking at Section 40 he didn't seem to be actually controlling the car; I never had any fear of crashing though. At that same instance, Section 40 said, "Do you know I can't remember going over the bump." I immediately leaned towards Section 40 with a feeling of a peculiar sort of excitement and said, "Well, we haven't."

At that point, I was aware of an icy-coldness up my arms and back of my neck and head with a strong pins and needles prickling sensation Section 40 said, "I've got a tingling sensation at the back of my head and neck and cold up the arms." I said, "Yes, so have I." We did not realise at that point that we had also missed Woburn, the railway lines at Woburn Sands and the garden centre. A feeling of unreality set in.

[signed] 10-9-92

We pulled into the Fishermead Petrol Station [at] 10.50; I evidently remembered the children who were there silent in the back. Section 40 got out the car to use the pump. He got in and said his coordination was wrong. We parked the car [and] I tried to shut the door [but] missed the handle by about two inches. The pins and needles in my head was quite uncomfortable; people seemed strange somehow. I had a feeling of of not worrying about anything, although all the time this pins and needles would, I am sure in different circumstances, would have made me probably consider a doctor.

[With] Section 40 still having the same feelings made us realise we had an experience that was beyond belief. The pins and needles continued for about 35 minutes, subsiding, and returning for a while until [they] went altogether.

We were eager to return along the same route to try and understand why we missed the bump where the girls like to go over. We then realised that we had missed much more and that we had seemed to black out on two occasions and to appear on two occasions.

The following day, we travelled the same road and measure the miles we had missed. We were fully aware of everything and the usual non-stop chattering of the girls. On asking the girls, they said we went over the bump, but, they said, we never spoke from the time Robin mentioned the singing until we got to near the petrol station, except for [saying] "Aslan Country" and "the man in the road".

Monday, I still had a strange feeling but was unable to explain; only that time seems to be something [that] could be altered at any moment.

[signed] Section 40 [redacted]

.....

Section 40 [redacted] [We] left Dunstable on Saturday at approx. 10.30 on a visit to Milton Keynes.

We (Cath + 3 children + myself) were quite happy travelling out, singing Beatle songs. [When] we turned right at Hockliff, an elderly man in a car was travelling towards me incorrectly, which I commented on.

Section 40 After turning up the incline, I made a comment about singing (i.e. She's not just hitting the notes, she's murdering them). At the top of the incline, I said to Section 40 about the mist ahead; it then started to rain hard. Just before I commented about the mist, we said about the kids' raincoats being left at home.

My next recollection was singing 'Come back to Aslan Country', just past the sign for Woburn Golf Club. [After that] my next recollection was coming to the double roundabout in

Woburn Sands, seeing a man working the road, then two white

cars were manoeuvring on the right hand side of the road outside the shops.

Next I remember was coming up to the roundabout by the B.P. Garage. I felt strange [and] looked at Section 40 and said, "I don't remember the hill near Woburn." She said, "It's happened." I felt very cold with a strange tingling feeling up the back of my head and hands. She said, "Stop the car", but I kept driving. She asked Section 40 if she was O.K. and did we go over the hill? Section 40 said, "Yes". Section 40

EXCERPTED TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW WITH THE WITNESSES ON FRIDAY, 2nd. OCT. 1992:-

Section 40 According to your own letter in the report you said to me you were all in a pretty good mood, I mean, you were singing along to music in the car...

Section 40 No, we didn't have any music on, it was... the girls singing in the back... and we turned to each other and smiled... and then all of a sudden it started to rain really heavy... really large drops... and Section 40 put the wipers on, going very fast... and that's all I can remember... it just went... I just sort of... skipped... and the next thing I realised we were in the trees Section 40 woods by Woburn Sands], coming towards Woburn Sands... Section 40 just said, "Oh, we're in 'Aslan Country'..."

Section 40 What is the meaning of that, 'Aslan Country'?

Section 40 It's in the line 'Wardrobe Children'... he just said that and I never said any more... but all of a sudden I felt strange... I felt as though... there was no other cars on the Section 40 road at all Section 40 unusual for that road on a Saturday morning], and I felt a sort of a quietness somehow... and I thought, "This is strange, there's no cars", but I never said anything, and we sort of came round a bend... then we came to one of these vans, and... there was a man in a manhole who was doing something in the middle of the road with a bright-yellow thing on the left, and Section 40 said, "Oh, there's a chap in the road here." That's all he said, and I never said anything. Then we went through the town and two cars manoeuvring on the right... and the next thing I can remember is being on the roundabout coming into Milton Keynes by the Fishermead... towards the Fishermead Petrol Station... and that it seemed... to be going very fast, as though we seemed to be aware of going very fast, and I sort of looked at Section 40 and... but he seemed to just be sat there somehow, it was strange... he just sat there and sort of gone... he turned round to me and said, "Do you know, I can't remember going over the bump in the road? Section 40 at Woburn] to where the girls always say, "Go fast Dad so we can go over this big bump", and I said, "You know, nor can I...", I said, "We didn't", and he said, "We'll pull in and get some petrol".... and I suddenly said, "Oh, the girls", and in fact I turned to them and said, "Are you all right?", and they said, "Yes"... I said, "Do you remember going over the bump, and they said, "Yes"... and I said, "Well, mummy and daddy didn't...

Anyway, Section 40 got out of the car to get petrol, and he got back

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

1992 December 4

Dear Section 40

Further to your letter of October 19, I am now able to give you a meteorological report for the Dunstable - Woburn - Milton Keynes area on August 8:

Intermittent light rain occurred throughout the morning, cloud cover was complete (infact, there was no sunshine all day in the specified area), and winds were light (Beaufort force 1 to 2) easterly. The temperature was about 19C at 0930 G.M.T. Thunderstorms had developed by evening, and between 1800 and 2400 (G.M.T.) they were widespread south and east of a line from the Humber to the Bristol Channel.

Conditions were humid, and it is likely that mist did occur. It is also possible that heavy rain fell, but it would have been quite localised. More likely is that there was intermittent moderate rain, as the general public usually over-estimate the intensity of rainfall (and the intensities of most other meteorological phenomena, incidentally). Lightning is liable to be seen for many tens of kilometres during the hours of darkness, compared to usually within 3 km in daylight, so the report of lightning without thunder (within audiable range) is perfertly acceptible.

I hope that you find this information of use; I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you, which was due to your letter just missing me in Wolverhampton, the weather report of the date in question missing from my laboratory, and the need to obtain a replacement copy. I return the questionnaire herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

S'GHTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Standard

Case Title

Case summary to be completed by investigator only

BUFORA reference

Investigator reference: NOT FILED

Investigation complete: YES | NO | ON-GOING

Section 40 [redacted]

Classification
State system used

Observational date(s): 25/5/92

Location(s)
using OS Grid Reference if possible
GRUNDISBURGH
WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK

Observational time
(GMT/BST/LOCAL) using 24 hour system: 01.15 BST.

Evaluator

Evaluation: MILITARY ACTIVITY? — COPY M.O.D

SECTION A Biographical Summary — *To be completed by the witness*

Full name ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms~~ Section 40 [redacted]

Address Section 40 [redacted]

Postcode Section 40 [redacted]

Date of birth Section 40 [redacted]

Telephone number Section 40 [redacted]

Even if you have already publicised your name, anonymity regarding this report is automatically guaranteed by BUFORA Ltd.

Recent occupation Section 40 [redacted]

Professional, technical or academic qualifications (if any) Section 40 [redacted]

Special interests/hobbies Section 40 [redacted]

Witness' signature

Section 40 [redacted]

Date: 25.11.92.

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SECTION B Written Account

Please write an account of what happened to you

Last May I stayed in a relative's bungalow in Suffolk. Grundisburgh is a small village; the nearest small town is Woodbridge - nearest large town - Ipswich.

On 4th May I awoke at approx. 1:15 a.m. I was sleeping in a back room overlooking a large field with woods at the rear of the field. (I'd left the curtains drawn back.)

My attention was immediately attracted by what I at fist assumed to be a very bright star to the right (roughly S/S.E.) of a large tree which divides two fields.

As I looked, the 'star' suddenly moved quite rapidly towards the group of bungalows and then travelled to W/SW position where it stayed suspended.

At this stage I realised, watching from the window, (where I had an excellent view), that to plane, helicopter, weather balloon or star! would be capable of manoevres like these.

(please see continuation sheets)

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if required

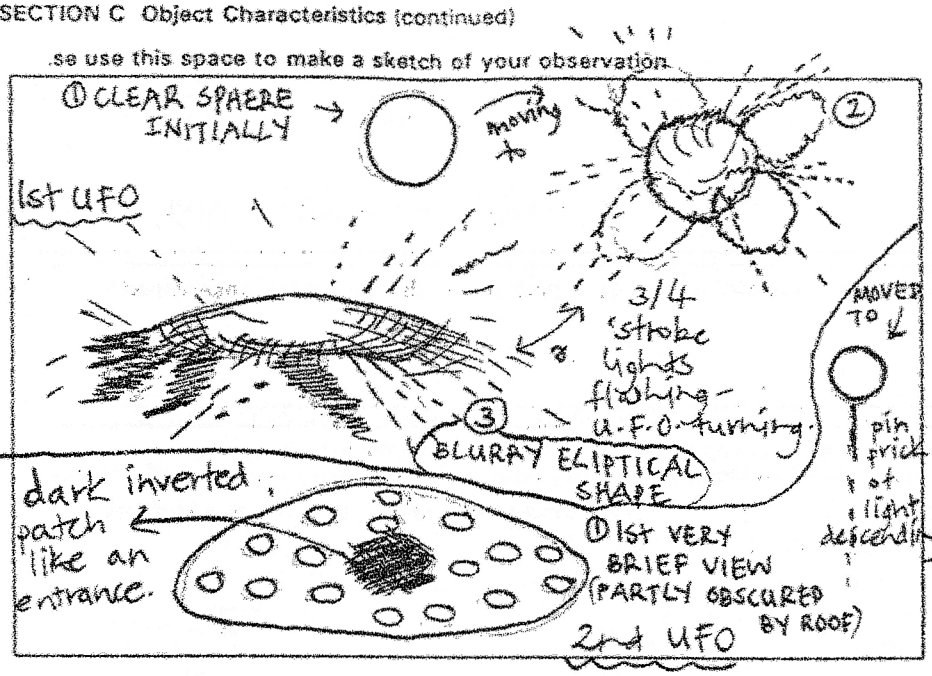
SECTION C Object Characteristics

1) Please complete the following

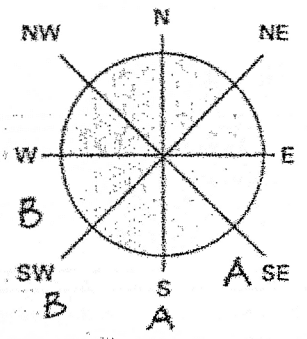
Number of object(s) seen	TWO
Colour(s) of object(s) seen	WHITE
Sound of object(s) seen	NONE
Smell of object(s) seen	I WAS INSIDE - WATCHING FROM A WINDOW.
Shape ($) of object(s) seen	VARIED: SPHERICAL / ELIPTICAL / SAUCER.
Clarity (&) of object(s) seen	INITIALLY CLEAR - FADING TO BLUR.
Brightness (+) of object(s) seen	VARIED - BUT MAINLY V. BRIGHT / HAZY.
$ If other than a point source of light & sharpness of the object's outline + (If any) compared to: star, moon, torch, arc lamp or sun etc.	Please refer written a/c.

SECTION C Object Characteristics (continued)

Please use this space to make a sketch of your observation.



Position of object



Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write an 'A' on the dial where you first saw the object and a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D The Physical Characteristics of the Observation DATE OF SIGHTING: 25-5-92.

2) Time when the object(s) was first seen.
1.15. (AM) PM
circle one option.

3) Duration of observation. 2 HOURS 10 MINS.
estimate if unsure.
Duration more than _____ Mins./Secs.
But less than _____ Mins./Secs.

4) Where were you at the time of the incident?
Nearest street, district and main town.
Section 40 [redacted]

5) What first brought your attention to the object(s) seen and where was it/they located?
I awoke at 1.15. am. & my attention was immediately drawn to the bright sphere outside in the sky (through window.)

6) How did the object(s) disappear from view?
① Horizontally, -flashing & turning. ② VERTICALLY -glowing.

7) If estimates are given in questions 2, 3 and 5 above, how did you guage the time?
(watch, clock tower or radio etc).
The room I was in at the time had a clock!

8) By holding one of these familiar items at arm's length, which one, in your estimation, would just cover the object(s) you saw.

Pin head	Pea	1p Piece	2p Piece	Golf-ball	Tennis-ball	Other _____

Circle one option.
N.B. varied in distance/thus size varied!

9) Was the object(s) photographed, filmed or video recorded?
If yes, give details. No. Even though I had access to a camera, I did not even think of this at the time - I was totally absorbed just watching.

10) Were there any other witnesses to the object(s) you saw?
If yes, give names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible.
Unfortunately no - I wish someone had been with me as a witness.

CTION E Other Characteristics Relating to the Observation

11) Did you, or the surrounding environment, suffer any physical effects which you consider to be attributable to the object(s) seen?
If yes, give details

No.

12) Did you experience any lack of awareness of the passage of time around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.

NO.

13) If you have had any other 'unusual' experiences in your life please describe them
You may feel unable to describe such events here; if so please indicate that there are matters you wish to discuss in a meeting with the investigator.

In the summer of '85 two plane* shaped patches appeared on the lawn in our back garden. They were not caused by anything apparent and lasted for over a week. * A few days previously, a silver object appeared overhead & moved in two different directions (daylight). I assumed this to be a weather balloon; since May '92 I am data logging. I appear sometimes to have 'electrical conflict' with certain artefacts: frequently ~~car~~ car-washes will not function unless someone else places the card for me. Also, laser tills malfunction occasionally.

14) Did anything 'odd' or 'out of place' occur around the time of the observation?
If yes, describe.

NO.

The latter occurred 3 times in one day whilst I was in Suffolk in 1987.

15) Did any other witnesses experience anything in relation to questions 10, 11, 12 and 13?
If yes, describe.

No.

Section F Prevailing Weather During Observation

i) Clarity of Atmosphere	(Clear)	Hazy	Foggy			
ii) Cloud Cover	(None)	Quarter	Three Quarter	Total		
iii) Atmospheric Temperature	Freezing	(Cold)	Cool	Mild	Warm	
iv) Precipitation	(Dry)	Rain	Snow	Lightning	Other	
v) Wind Strength	(Still)	(Breeze)	Strong Wind	Gale-force		
v) Visible Astronomical Objects	(Stars)	(Moon)	Sun	Aurora Borealis	Shooting stars	

Circle all appropriate responses

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator.
If you require guidance in answering any of the questions contained in this questionnaire please contact your investigator.

CONTINUATION SHEET. (2)

THE SUSPENDED OBJECT WAS BLURRED BUT SPHERICAL AND WHITE IN COLOUR.

THE SKY WAS VERY CLEAR AND STARS CLEARLY DEFINED.

I LUCKILY HAD BEEN LEFT A PAIR OF BINOCULARS FOR BIRD-WATCHING PURPOSES, SO USED THESE.

I LOCATED THE LIGHT EASILY AND AS I DID SO, THE OBJECT BEGAN TO MOVE AGAIN. THIS TIME I COULD DISTINGUISH 3 OR 4 FLASHING WHITE LIGHTS OF VERY STRONG INTENSITY ON THE UNDERSIDE (?) OF THE OBJECT. THEY FLASHED CONTINUALLY AND WERE VERY LIKE STROBE LIGHTS. THE U.F.O. MOVED IN VARIOUS WAYS, SEEMINGLY CHANGING IN APPEARANCE. THE 'STROBE LIGHTS' WOULD APPARENTLY VANISH AND THE OBJECT APPEARED AS A BASICALLY ELIPTICAL SHAPE - A HAZY EDGE, BLURRED WITH LIGHT, NO DEFINED EDGES; MOVED CONSTANTLY.

IN ORDER TO GAIN A BETTER BEARING ON IT'S POSITION, I LOOKED AT THE STARS AGAIN, (ALTHOUGH I HAVE ONLY A VERY BASIC KNOWLEDGE.)

IT WAS THEN I SIGHTED ANOTHER U.F.O. ALMOST DIRECTLY ABOVE - QUITE STATIC INITIALLY. ~~(DIFF. TO GIVE COMPASS BEARING.)~~ was (S)

THIS WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO VIEW BECAUSE OF IT'S POSITION. AFTER SOME MINUTES HAD ELAPSED, THIS OBJECT TOO BEGAN TO MOVE. AGAIN, USING THE BINOCULARS, I HAD AN EXTREMELY BRIEF GLIMPSE OF A SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT, SLIGHTLY INVERTED UNDERNEATH - (ie. A DARK CENTRE) WITH MYRIADS OF WHITE LIGHTS AROUND THE REMAINDER OF THE SAUCER LIKE MASSES OF ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS.

THE OBJECT THEN MOVED AWAY TO THE EXTREME RIGHT (WEST) BUT VERY HIGH UP AND STAYED AS JUST A BRIGHT LIGHT - STATIC - EASILY MISTAKEN FOR ANOTHER STAR, HAD I NOT SEEN IT IN MOTION.

CONTINUATION SHEET (3)

IT THEN SEEMED THAT A PIN-PRICK OF LIGHT, LIKE A THIN STRAND DESCENDING, CAME AWAY FROM THE OBJECT ABOVE, AND REMAINED A GOOD DISTANCE BELOW, IT BARELY PERCEPTIBLE.

THE FIRST U.F.O. REMAINED SOMEHOW OPPOSITE THE SECOND, BUT LOWER DOWN, MOVING ABOUT QUITE FREQUENTLY AND FLASHING. IT WAS AT ONE STAGE SEEMINGLY ABOUT TO DEPART. AT TIMES, AGAIN USING BINOCULARS, IT SEEMED TO BE JUST A BLUR OF WHITE LIGHT.

IN FACT, BOTH THESE UFO'S REMAINED FROM 1.15. a.m. UNTIL 3.24. am. approx..

BOTH OBJECTS 'LEFT' TOGETHER - ie. AS IF ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THE SIGNAL TO DEPART.

THE FIRST U.F.O. STARTED TO TRAVEL HORIZONTALLY TOWARDS IPSWICH S./S.W.

IT TOOK QUITE A WHILE TO TOTALLY VANISH FROM VIEW. WITH THE NAKED EYE, JUST FLICKS OF LIGHT WERE APPARENT AT INTERVALS.

THE SECOND U.F.O. APPEARED TO MOVE UPWARDS. (MY VIEW WAS IMPEDED BY THE WINDOW.)

AS IT MOVED, A GLOW DISAPPEARED GRADUALLY LIKE THE SUN SETTING. (VERTICAL 'TAKE-OFF'?)

WITH THESE OBSERVATIONS, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO JUDGE a) SIZE OF OBJECTS
b) SPEED
c) DISTANCE AWAY.

I WOULD HAZARD A GUESS THAT THEY WERE PERHAPS A FAIR DISTANCE OFF OR THAT THEY WERE QUITE SMALL OBJECTS.

CONTINUATION SHEET (4)

HAD THEY BEEN STATIC ALL THE TIME, OBVIOUSLY I WOULD HAVE ASSUMED THEY WERE VERY BRIGHT STARS. WITHOUT BINOCULARS I COULD NOT HAVE OBSERVED THE DETAIL I DID. THIS ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE FIRST U.F.O. - ie. THE VARIETY OF MOVEMENT, MODE OF TRAVEL AND CHANGES IN OPERATION.

POSSIBLY EACH OBJECT WAS OF INDIVIDUAL DESIGN. THERE WAS NO APPARENT SOUND - (ENGINE NOISE WITH HELICOPTERS/AEROPLANES CAN OBVIOUSLY BE HEARD INDOORS!)

AGAIN, I COULD GUESS THAT THE FIRST OBJECT WAS PERHAPS SMALLER THAN THE SECOND.

THERE IS NOTHING LOCALLY TO GIVE AN 'ILLUSION' BY STREET LIGHTING/REFLECTION ETC..

(INCIDENTALLY, THERE IS A LAKE AT THE REAR OF THE WOODS I MENTIONED.)

R.A.F. WOODBRIDGE & R.A.F. BENTWATERS ARE IN THE VICINITY BUT CERTAINLY IN NO WAY CLOSE TO GRUNDISBURGH.

LASTLY, ALTHOUGH I FELT NO FEAR WHATSOEVER WHILE I OBSERVED THESE U.F.O.'S, I FELT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT VENTURING INTO THE GARDEN.

WHEN I AWOKE AT 6.30 am., I EXPERIENCED A FEELING OF GREAT PEACE; UNUSUAL FOR ME!

Section 40 [redacted]

15.11.92.

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

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

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
10 December 1992

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Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, aircraft lights seen from unusual angles, or ball lightning. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

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Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

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Quest International

Section 40

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
7 December 1992

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 2 December in which you asked about our policy with regard to UFO incidents.

You asked about the role of this department with regard to UFOs; essentially, we are the sole point of contact for enquiries about UFOs, both on specific sightings, or on more general enquiries on policy - such as yours.

You asked about investigation of incidents; as our only concern is to determine whether there is any threat to the security of the UK, we do not investigate UFO sightings unless there is evidence of a threat. No sightings received to date have been judged to pose such a threat.

With regard to what information is available to the public, we can release reports that might tie in with specific sightings that people enquire about, exactly as I was able to do with the sighting that we corresponded on during October.

We are not able to release our files or any of their contents "en bloc", because of the provisions of the Public Records Act, which states that files generally remain closed for 30 years after the last action has been taken. With regard to the contents of our files, they consist of a mixture of letters on the MOD's policy, such as yours, and sighting reports such as the one I previously sent you. Before 1967 all UFO files were destroyed after five years, although a few, from the Fifties, survived. These are the only files currently available for public viewing, at the following address: Public Records Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DV. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199
AIR 20/7390
AIR 20/9320
AIR 20/9321
AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/9994
PREM 11/855

I hope this information is useful, and explains our policy on UFO sightings.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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

Section 40

Tel. Section 40

2nd December, 1992

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you on the subject of UFO investigations.

We have corresponded once on this subject, specifically to do with a possible sighting on the M3 in Hampshire. On my enquiry, you were kind enough to let me have a copy of a sighting report sent to the MoD by RAF West Drayton, with your letter of the 14th October last.

On a more general note, I should be glad if you would be able to clarify the MoD's position regarding UFO incidents. In order to assist you in your reply, I give below the specific queries on which I look to you for guidance:-

1. What is the role of your Department within the MoD on the UFO question?

2. Are any UFO sightings investigated by any branch of central government?

3. If any UFO sightings are officially investigated, are investigation reports available to interested individuals such as myself, in any form?

4. If UFO sightings are not officially investigated, what is the basis for the decision not to investigate?

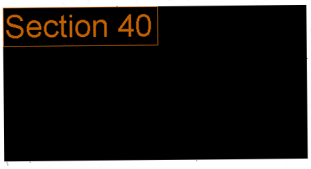
5. I understand that your files might be periodically removed to the Public Record Office. With reference to the documents that you retain, can you supply a list of the same, identifying their nature, and could I lodge a request for a copy of any of these?

I hope that you will be assured of my serious intention in writing to you on these issues, and that you will find the time to provide further information. This would certainly assist me

in my understanding of the implications of UFO sightings nationally, complementing my efforts to investigate individual sightings.

I look forward to receiving your response at your earliest convenience,

Yours sincerely,



(Provisional Investigator, British UFO Research Association)

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Letter returned.
Not known at address.

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Your reference

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4 December 1992

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Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) [redacted]
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 December 1992

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 2 December, in which you raised the case of [redacted] In fact, [redacted] contacted me some time ago about her husband's condition; I am sorry to hear that he is still so ill.

I have explained to [redacted] the - very limited - role of the Ministry of Defence with regard to UFO sightings, and stressed that we are not qualified to give any sort of medical advice. I suggested that if she was having difficulty in getting treatment for her husband, either from a GP or from a radiologist, then she should go to a Citizens Advice Bureau and ask for their assistance.

We take no definitive position on UFOs or abductions, but, irrespective of this, the key requirement seems to be to obtain some medical treatment for [redacted] and this is clearly something that needs to be followed up with the appropriate medical authorities.

I wish you every success in your attempts to help [redacted] and hope that he makes a full recovery.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

2/12/92

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I obtained your address through the B.U.F.O.R.A. network and i am writing to concerning a witness who is going to die if he does not get help,
Now i know that the ministry makes light of The U.F.O. experience and realy that is thier business but i happen to support the claims of many people who have been subjected to abductions,
The man i write about is Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted]

I think someone has already written to you regarding this case, In 1988 Section 40 [redacted] had an encounter with something, We dont know what it was but he managed to photograph it, At a distance and close up, I have seen the photo's, They are not hoexes.
In 1990 Section 40 [redacted] found in her yard a lump of something that appears to be solidified liquid only it is stone shape, It seemed to have been subjected to a high degree of heat containing 1000s of air bubbles giving the indication that at some point it may have been boiling, Again i have seen the stone and it has now gone away to the states for analysis, It was not resin or melted glass although it took on that appearence and its coulor is emerald green.
After this object was found Section 40 [redacted] began to feel ill, Always having the taste of metel in his mouth, He has four lumps on his head and suffers constant pain all the way down to his throat, After intercourse which i believe no longer happens Section 40 [redacted] suffered from terrific nausia, Section 40 [redacted] approached his GP:
Section 40 [redacted] I know that the ministry tries not to believe in such cases but i know these things happen and maybe if the ministry was more willing to work with the witnesses rather than ignore them they may learn more, I would like to send a follow up letter to this regarding what i have mentioned.

I myself have written to Section 40 [redacted] suggesting that he change his doctor but i know this may not help much, I have written and so have my collegues to the doctor and we have had no reply.
Im not saying it is so but this man may be suffering from some form of radiation sickness and we have no way of testing this,
Section 40 [redacted] I think he should be in hospital being force fed or something, I will await your reply and if i do not hear from you with in seven days i will have to write to the medical assosiation and the minister for health, I think it is urgent, If this man is left to suffer for much longer i dont believe he will live into the new year, If this happens 100s of people will take this case to the press, Im sure there is someway you can investigate this mans condition even if you do it under ministry terms.
I look forward to your reply. Section 40 [redacted] (Editor of U.F.O.W.).

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 December 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 December in which you asked about UFO sightings in Scotland.

I am aware that there have been reports in the media about a wave of sightings in Scotland, but we actually receive very few reports from this area; so far this year we have received only about half a dozen.

You may wish to contact the national UFO groups, whose addresses I belive you have already, to see what they know. I am aware that Quest International have received many reports from Scotland, and the other groups may be in a similar position.

I hope this is helpful; good luck with your research.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Recycled Paper

2/ Dec/ 1992.

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear. Section 40 [redacted]

Can you Be of any Help To me Please.
I Have contacted you Befor. on The
subject of UFOs or Unidentified Flying
objects. and you wer most Helpful.
Does The MOD Have any.
Reports or. information on The sightings.
of Unidentified Flying objects. in and
around Scotland as it would Be of
interest To me. and Help me with my
Research. if you can Be of.
Help To. me. I Thank you

Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you.

No reply necessary

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Section 40

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Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2HB

Section 40

3/12/92

Dear Section 40

I enclose a couple more Photocopies to add to your notes on 80 UFOs and counting, I know its not of much interest, Its just that I wish to keep all those issued with the 1991 version up to date with current ongoings.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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7th October 1992 approx. 4.30 pm. 2 little beasties (see page 72) together, punched their way down vertically at a point marked (a) on drawing (page 29).

10th October 1992 at 10.05 and 10.07pm they turned up again, the first little beastie flying 'eye height' (about 5 foot) 50 feet in front of me on line with the west wall of the mill building (south to north) the second little beastie flew in 150 yards further west at 15 feet above the lane (south to north) the lane lowers in height about 8 to 10 feet in its length, so, these two little uns were obviously on a coordinated flight pattern.

And a supplement to pages 82–86 which I will now include, but coudn't when this book was first written, as I do spend a lot of time cross-checking relevant details, especially when there is an official 'clamp down' on information. (Bearing in mind it is the figures and numbers that count, see page 15.)

In Timothy Goods' book 'Above Top Secret' there is reference to the Apollo II sojourn to the moon on the 21st July 1969.

There are a couple of reconfirmed reports on the fact (a U.S. VHF receiver and a Moscow University department) that Armstrong and Aldrin both saw and relayed back from the lunar module 'Eagle' information on two huge space craft, parked on the edge of the 'tranquility base' crater area and that they felt as though they were being 'warned off', hence possibly one reason why there has been no development (either military or Holiday Inn type) to the present date moonwise, although our technology could easily have gone to these lengths.

Personally, I don't think the Powers That Be have got it right in their understanding of what happened on the moon nor for that matter what happens in space travel.

Harking back to pages 82–86 of this booklet, people, places, zones, here's my twopennyworth ... I say that on any mission that leaves the earth's environment, the number of astronauts are accompanied by the same number of Beasties, one for one, see, you had two men on the moon and two beasties overseeing proceedings, you would also have had another beastie looking after the interests of Collins on the Apollo II mother ship. I also say that when the Russians parked their Space labs out there in the dark blue yonder, again, there would have been a one to one ratio.

Why are these beasties there? ... They do not want our bodies alive or dead, and the human spirit away from the earth's environs, ... I told you this book was way out.

Now getting back to my zone map of eighteen beasties covering the earth and two outriders, I say again that our allocation is twenty for the earth's environment, if you had three astronauts pratting about

moonside, that leaves only fifteen zonewise around the earth, if you have eight scientists on a space lab, you have only got ten beasties zonewise covering the earth. That is not enough ...

A while back in this booklet I said that these guys are 'overstretched' and that they need help ... That is why I am here, presumably, to borrow a bit of their know how, to alleviate the pressure on the earth's ecosystem.

Oh, by the way, the 'Warning-off bit' was probably done through the same method as I got clobbered with, mentioned on pages 49, 50 and 94 in 'neon-lit words' and the old 'blast ffrom the past' or 'quiet voice of calm' scenario as they certainly weren't told to 'sod off' through their intercom ... actually I think they were told 'when you leave, take your litter away with you' ... I mean, you can see the beings' point, it's bad enough having to dodge all the many thousands of bits of space junk whistling around the earth (old wellies and empty cans of coke, etc) but leaving flags, smiling golf balls, (broken?) niblits, launching aparatus and the odd four wheel drive scrap merchant type debris about in their back yard, certainly won't endear us to them, I mean what is going to happen when and if mankind starts traversing the universe, you are going to have litter everywhere.

On that note, I think I'd better head for the old air raid shelter, mit tin hat and Vera Lynn records (chapter 5). Don't forget, if you have a 'whinge' you can always write, I gave up taking offence donkeys years ago.

Over the years I have built up, through sheer hard work, a name for creating and providing 'top quality products or services supplied at the right price'; this book is no exception, as ~I have tried to write it on a one-to-one basis, so ...you will find insertions stuck in this book; it is not a 'cock-up' it's just that I like to keep the outgoing books up to date as best I can and can't afford to keep forking out for updated print runs as there aren't enough UFOlogists and other interested parties around to justify the cost, so if you find the odd smudge here and there, at least you know the book is authentic and could well be worth a couple of bob at a second hand stall in years to come.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
3 December 1992

Dear Section 40

Further to our previous correspondence and discussions about the number of UFO reports notified to the Ministry of Defence, I have now tracked down figures for some years in the Seventies, and can now give you a more complete list.

I hope this is useful.

Yours,

Section 40

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1967 - 362	1984 - 214
1968 - 280	1985 - 177
1969 - 228	1986 - 120
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USA

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
1 December 1992

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 November in which you asked whether the Ministry of Defence could help you obtain some photographs for your publication. I have been asked to reply as this office receives some reports of UFOs - I assume this is the sort of thing you are looking for.

We do not possess any sort of photographic archive. Very occasionally somebody will send us a photograph, and ask us what we think, but we do not hold the copyright for any such material.

I think that your best potential source of photographs might be the civilian groups that investigate UFOs. I suggest the following organisations:

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Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

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If you are interested in obtaining photographs of crop circles, then I would suggest the following organisation:

Centre for Crop Circle Studies
Section 40 [redacted]

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your search.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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UNICOSM
PUBLISHING

14 November 1992

U. K. Ministry of Defense
Main Bldg., Whitehall
London SW1A-2HB
ENGLAND, UK

Dear Sir/Madam

I am seeking photograghs to be included in our publication consisting of cosmic wonders, persons, space vehicles, aircraft, etc.

Please notify me of your position in this matter and the process needed to aquire proofs and reprint permission.

In the event this letter has reached the incorrect party, I would greatly appreciate this letter being forwarded or being provided with the address and telephone number of those who can help me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]
ARIZONA
Section 40 [redacted]

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Details of the report that you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office as we receive and co-ordinate some reports of UFO sightings. Our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, although we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, or aircraft lights seen from unusual angles. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

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Date
30 November 1992

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 November in which you asked for the address of the department that holds old UFO files. These files are archived and are ultimately sent to the Public Record Office at Kew. The address is as follows:

Public Record Office
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DV

Because prior to 1967 all UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years, and because of the provisions of the Public Record Act, which states that official files generally remain closed for 30 years, there are actually very few files available for public viewing. These files - which survived the aforementioned disposal policy - date from the Fifties, and the references are as follows:

AIR 16/1199
AIR 20/7390
AIR 20/7320
AIR 20/9321
AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/9994
PREM 11/855

This will probably not help you very much with your research, but will, I hope, be of interest.

Yours Sincerely,

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27/11/92

Dear Section 40

I am writing to you firstly,to thank you for your reply to my letter concerning the case of the cheshire police officer who in 1966 claimed to have had an encounter with a ufo.

I accept that you no longer have the file on this case,but out of interest,as you say that you only have ufo files that go back to 1985,i would be greatful if you could tell me the name of the department which holds the files prior to 1985 purely so that i would not waste your time if i ever require any information prior to that year.

As i understand you have a limited interest in this subject i would like once again to thank you for any time you may take in helping me with this query.

yours sincerely

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