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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
1 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October, and for sending details of UFO reports made by Section 40 and Section 40 (your references Section 40101 and Section 40103).

I have checked our files, and can confirm that we received no other reports that might tie-in with either of these sightings.

I suspect that what Section 40 saw was the Section 40 airship, travelling directly towards the witness. Section 40 report might have been caused by lasers or searchlights being tested - although the time seems a bit strange.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

30/10/93.

Dear Section 40

I couldn't remember whether I sent you this report or not. If I have already sent it please shred.

Many thanks.

Yours

Section 40

C

Section 40 [redacted]

28/10/93

Dear Section 40 [redacted].

Do you think you could cast your eye over these reports when you have time? Looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

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GROUP /INVEST REF:	BUFORA REF.	YEAR	NUMBER	INVESTIGATOR	CASE SUMMARY	
[redacted] 103				[redacted]	DATE	19/7/9
				EVALUATOR [redacted]	TIME	04.00
					LOCATION	WANDSW LONDON
					EVAL'N	
					UFO CLASS	MAI
					CLOSED	

RETURN FORM TO:- British U F O Research Association Ltd [redacted]

UFO SIGHTING ACCOUNT FORM

SECTION A

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

I HAD COME INTO KITCHEN AFTER WAKING UP FROM MY SLEEP TO GET A GLASS OF WATER. I WENT TO THE FRIDGE AND WHILST THE DOOR WAS OPEN LOOKED AT MY WATCH TO FIND THE TIME WAS 04:00. WHEN I HAD MY GLASS OF WATER I SHUT THE DOOR AND TURNED TO LEAVE THE KITCHEN, CASUALLY I GLANCED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND SAW AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE SKY. I WALKED OVER TO THE WINDOW TO GET A BETTER VIEW AND DISCOVER WHAT IT WAS. WHAT I SAW WAS QUITE AMAZING, THE OBJECT WAS ROUND IN SHAPE AND HAD TWO SMALLER OBJECTS EACH SIDE OF IT AND ALL THREE WERE ILLUMINATED WITH AN EXTREMLY BRIGHT LIGHT. THE TWO SMALLER OBJECTS WERE ~~MOVING~~ MOVING LEFT TO RIGHT AND I REALISED THEY WERE LIGHTS ON THE LARGER OBJECT, (PIC. 1). THEN I SAW TWO SMALLER OBJECTS COME OUT OF THE SIDE OF LARGE OBJECT AND BEGAN GOING CRAZY IN THE SKY, WHEN I SAY CRAZY I

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

DRAWING

(PIC. 1)

(PIC. 2)

(PIC. 3)

*If preferred, use a separate sheet of paper.

Your full name (Mr/~~Mrs~~/~~Miss~~/~~Ms~~) [redacted] Age [redacted]

Address... [redacted]

Telephone [redacted] (STD.....)

Occupation during last two years... [redacted]

Any professional, technical or academic qualifications or special interests

[redacted]

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

Today's Date... 27.07.93

Signature..... [redacted]

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MEAN THEY WERE FLYING AROUND WITH SUCH SPEED AND ALL DIRECTIONS WITHOUT SEEMING TO TURN AROUND, THEY JUST WENT ONE WAY THEN THE OTHER AT THE SAME SPEED, AFTER ABOUT 2 MIN THE TWO SMALLER OBJECTS RETURNED TO THE LARGE ONE WHICH HAD NOT MOVED. AT THIS POINT I RAN INTO THE BEDROOM AND DRAGGED MY GIRLFRIEND OUT OF THE BED AND INTO THE KITCHEN. I AGAIN LOOKED AT MY WATCH AND SAW IT WAS 04:05. WE BOTH WATCHED THE OBJECT AND I EXPLAINED TO [redacted] WHAT I HAD SEEN. THEN AGAIN THE TWO OBJECTS SHOT OUT FROM THE LARGE ONE AND THEN SHOT BACK IN. AFTER THIS THE LARGE LIGHT IN THE CENTRE BEGAN TO GET DIMMER THAN BRIGHTER AS IF IT HAD A PULSE, WE ALSO REALISED THAT IT HAD MOVED UP INTO A HIGHER POSITION DUE TO LOOKING AT ~~OTHER~~ STARS WHICH WERE NOW LOWER. (PIC 3) THIS PULSE OF LIGHT CONTINUED UNTIL

THE CLOUDS PASSED IN FRONT OF OBJ WHICH WAS AT ~~04:22~~ 04:22. THE CLOU TOOK ABOUT 10 MINS TO PASS AND ONCE CLEAR THE OBJECTS WERE GONE. THEN AFTER ~~ANOTHER~~ ANOTHER 2 MINS OR SO T FIRST AIRPLANE CAME IN FROM THE DISTAN

[redacted] AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING TOGE AT THIS ADDRESS FOR 1 YEAR 3 MONTHS. WE ARE ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING W IS 3 FLOORS HIGH. WE CAN SEE AIRPLANES COMING INTO HEATHROW FROM A GREAT DI AWAY UNTIL THEY REACH AND FLY OVER OU FLAT, THIS TAKES BETWEEN 1- 1:30 MINS. W WE SAW ON MON 19TH JULY WAS NOT A PLANE, IT WAS NOT A STAR AS THEY WE VISIBLE, WE BOTH BELIVE WE SAW A & FLY OBJECT NOT OF MAN. I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND SO IF YOU CAN SEND ME INFO OF ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAVE SEEN THIS OBJECT. PLEASE LET ME KNO

THANK YOU FOR READING TH

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GROUP /INVEST REF.		BUFORA REF.	YEAR	NUMBER

SECTION B

1. Where were you when you saw the object(s)? Exact location IN THE KITCHEN, BY THE WINDOW

   Nearest town/village WANDSWORTH County/District LONDON

2. What was the date of your sighting? MONDAY 19TH day of JULY 19 93

3. At what time did you see the object(s)? 04:00 *am/pm/midday/midnight. *Delete which ever does not apply. How did you know the time? I HAD LOOKED AT MY WATCH.

4. For how long did you observe the object(s)? 22 MINS If not certain please state – for not less than ..... and for not more than .....

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

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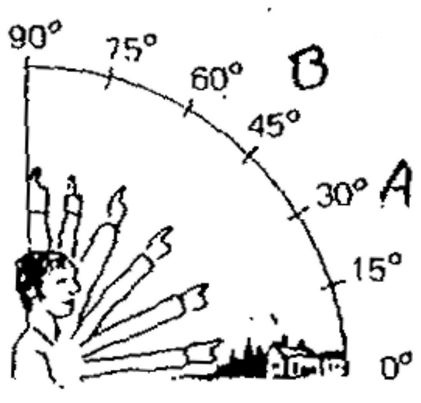

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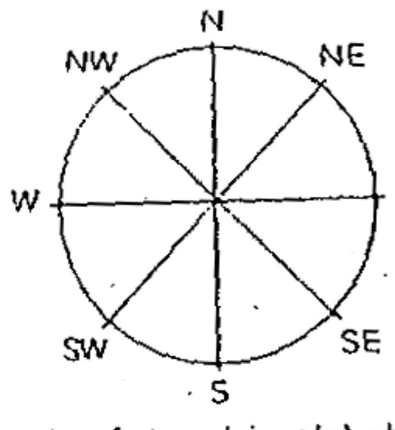

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7. Did you see the object(s) at or near ground level? NO

8. How did the object(s) disappear from view? CLOUDS

9. If you took a photograph or made any measurements, give details N/A

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

11. What was the main feature of the sighting which made you feel that the object(s) was/were not natural or man-made? THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHTS, REMAINING MOTIONLESS (LARGE OBJECT) THE SPEED AND UN-REAL PATTERN OF FLIGHT FROM SMALLER OBJECTS

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

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

    (a) Number of objects 3 (b) Colour WHITE/YELLOW (c) Sound NONE

    (d) Shape ALL ROUND was this sharply defined or hazy? HAZY

    (e) Brightness EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT (compared to star, venus, moon, sun etc.) ← DULL IN COMPARISON.

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

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

Other conditions if any .....

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GROUP /INVEST REF:	[redacted] 101	BUFORA REF	YEAR	NUMBER	INVESTIGATOR [redacted] / EVALUATOR [redacted]	CASE SUMMARY	
						DATE	10/7/9
						TIME	22.45
						LOCATION	EALIN W. LONDO
						EVAL'N	
						UFO CLASS	FB1
						CLOSED	

RETURN FORM TO:- British U F O Research Association Ltd [redacted] M.O.D.

UFO SIGHTING ACCOUNT FORM

SECTION A

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

~~THIS~~ AT THIS SIGHTING TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY JULY 10TH 1993 AT ABOUT 10.45 PM THAT EVENING IT WAS A GOOD KIND OF NIGHT ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE AN AIRSHIP, BUT WHEN I LOOKED UP, IT WAS DEFINATE LIKE THAT AIRSHIP. IT WAS COMPLETELY LIT UP WITH BRIGHT WHITE LOTS OF SMALL WHITE LIGHT AND A LARGER LIGHT IN THE MIDDLE. IT WAS NOT TRAVELLING VERY FAST WHICH SURPRISED ME. I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THESE SIGHTINGS WOULD EXTREMELY QUICK!. I LIVE NEAR HEATHROW, BUT THIS WAS NOTHING LIKE AN AEROPLANE!

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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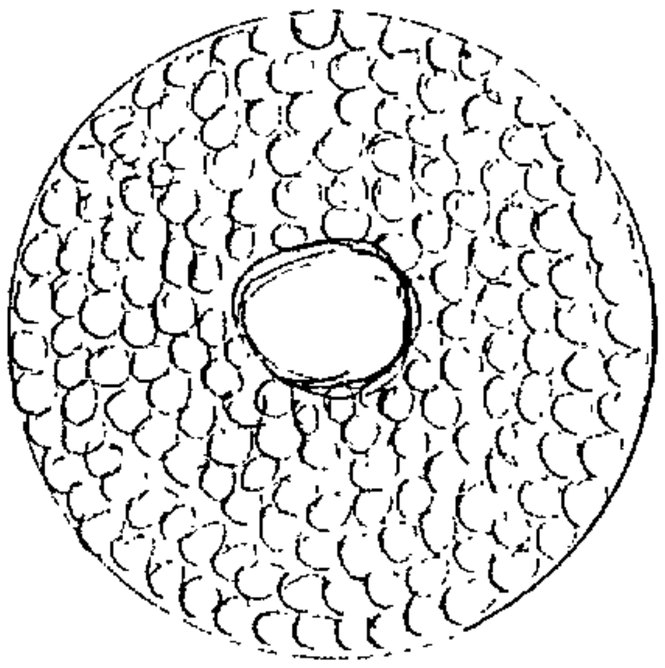

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Address [redacted]

Telephone No [redacted] (STD. .....)

Occupation during last two years..... [redacted]

Any professional, technical or academic qualifications or special interests

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

Today's Date..... 14/8/93

Signature..... [redacted]

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SECTION B

1. Where were you when you saw the object(s)? Exact location.... [redacted]

   Nearest town/village.....DILLING BROADWAY.....County/District.....LONDON, W.5.....

2. What was the date of your sighting?.....10th..... day.....10.....of .....7.....19.....73

3. At what time did you see the object(s)? .....10.45 p.m.....*am/pm/~~midday/midnight~~. *Delete which ever does not apply. How did you know the time? .....T.V PROGRAMME HAD FINISHED.....

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

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

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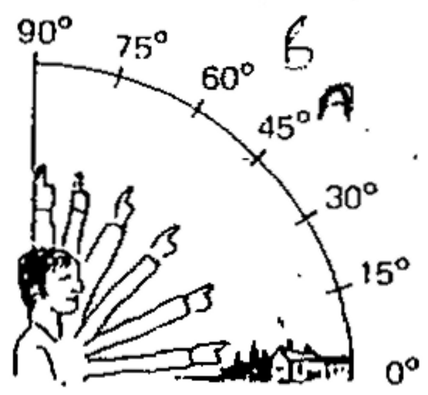

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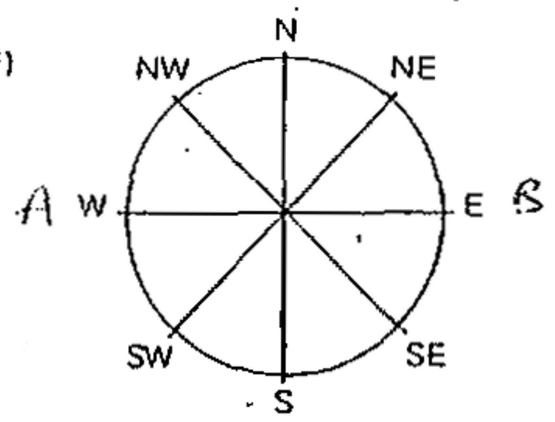

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7. Did you see the object(s) at or near ground level? .....NO.....

8. How did the object(s) disappear from view? .....DISSAPEARED OVER THE HORIZON.....

9. If you took a photograph or made any measurements, give details.....I DID NOT HAVE A TIME AND ALL CAMERA.....

10. If you noticed any unusual effects on people, animals, plants, objects or equipment nearby: Describe these

    .....NONE.....

    .....

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

    .....COMPLETELY CIRCULAR, WITH VERY BRIGHT LIGHTS AND THIS STRANGE NOISE.....

12. How many other people at the same time saw the object(s)? ..... Give the names, addresses, age and relationship to you of other witnesses .....MY MOTHER WHO LIVES WITH ME.....

    ..... [redacted]

    .....

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

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

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

    (e) Brightness.....ABOUT SAME AS MOON.....(compared to star, venus, moon, sun etc.)

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

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Other conditions if any .....

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
1 November 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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

Section 40

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Date
29 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the early hours this morning have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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Dear Section 40

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

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
28 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

As promised, I have looked into the question of what happened to the paperwork detailing the UFO sighting reported to RAF Leeming by Section 40 Unfortunately, I have been unable to find any record that the report ever reached us.

I was contacted by a number of researchers about a wave of sightings that occurred in the Teeside/Cleveland area on the 23, 24 and 25 March this year. I was also asked about a story that two aircraft from RAF Leeming were diverted from a routine training sortie to an area where a UFO had been sighted, and I assume this was the report made by Section 40 I spoke to authorities at RAF Leeming about this at the time, and they confirmed that nothing was picked up on radar either at RAF Leeming or at Teeside airport. With regard to the aircraft, no diversion took place, although it transpired that the flight paths had taken the aircraft through the area where the UFO had been reported, at the time concerned. The crews were subsequently asked if they had seen anything unusual, but they had not.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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IF I WILL GET AN E-PLANATION WHAT YOU SAY.

Unit Ref:

MOD Form 953
(Revised 11/91)

Section 40

Low Flying Military Aircraft - Public Complaint

■ To be completed in CAPITALS
■ Important ■
Forward the completed form to the appropriate authorities listed at Section 1 within 24 hours

MOD use only
✓ as appropriate

First timer ☐
Other ☐

LFA:

Serial No.:

File Ref:

Action Branch:

☐ MOD Sec (AS) 2b
☐ MOD Sec (NS) b
☐ GS Sec
☐ PL (LS) Claims 3

Section 1

From (Unit): Air ops RAF Leeming

To ✓ as appropriate

☑ MOD Sec (AS) 2b,
Room [redacted] Main Building,
Whitehall, London.. SW1A 2HB
For complaints outside MATZ

Section 40

☐ MOD S9a (Air),
Room [redacted] Main Building,
Whitehall, London.. SW1A 2HB
For complaints inside MATZ

Section 40

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Room [redacted] First Avenue House,
High Holborn, London. WC1V 6HE
To be sent a copy if a claim is involved

Section 40

Section 2
Details of Complainant

Name: Section 40 [redacted]

Mr/Mrs/ Miss/Ms/Dr etc.: Section 40 [redacted]

Address: Section 40 [redacted]

Town/City: MIDDLESBROUGH

County: CLEVELAND

Postcode:

Tel No.:

Section 3
Location of Incident

OS Grid Ref:

a Address as at Section 2
or
b

Address:

Town/City:

County:

Postcode:

Section 4
Details of Incident

Date: 23 MARCH 93

How many Aircraft involved: 1

Time(Local): 2110 - 2125

Type of Aircraft

If Known:

or ✓ as appropriate

Jet ☐ Prop ☐ Helo ☐ Light a/c ☐

Other: ✓ UFO ?

Continued overleaf

Markings

✓ as appropriate

Grey ☐ Camouflaged ☐ Red & White ☐

Other

Estimated Height

Direction

Particulars of Complaint

Section 40 OUT WALKING DOG, SAW 2 RED LIGHTS IN SKY SLOWLY APPROACHING HIS POSITION. Section 40 EXPECTING TO HEAR AIRCRAFT / HELICOPTOR NOISE, WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR NOTHING. OBJECT BECAME STATIONARY ABOVE HIM, VERY LARGE, 2 RED LIGHTS FORE AND AFT. OBJECT MOVED VERY SLOWLY BEFORE GAINING SPEED AND MOVED OUT TO SEA. NOTHING SEEN ON TEESSIDE OR LEEMING RADAR.

Continue on an additional sheet if necessary

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Postcode

℡ No.

Section 5
Unit's Response

✓ as appropriate

	Yes	No
Return telephone call	☐	☐
Written acknowledgement (if Yes, attach copy to this form)	☐	☐
Low Flying Leaflet sent	☐	☐
15 Facts Info Sheet sent	☐	☐
Other action taken	☐	☐

Specify any other action taken

CLEVELAND POLICE HQ CONFIRM 1 FURTHER REPORT IN MAIN AREA. 2ND REPORT IN 3 DAYS WITH SIMILAR DETAILS BUT FROM DIFFERENT AREA

Details of individual receiving complaint

Time (local) 1810

Date complaint received 24 MAR 93

Signature Section 40

Name Section 40

Rank

℡ No.

Important Reminder

The completed form is to be forwarded to the appropriate authorities listed at Section 1 **within 24 hours**

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
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
27 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October, and for sending details of a UFO report made by Section 40 (your reference Section 40 100).

I have checked our files, and can confirm that we received no other reports that might tie-in with this sighting.

I can think of no explanation other than an aircraft, with the change in speed being perceived as much greater than was the case due to the angles involved.

Good luck with your investigation!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

23-10-93

Our ref: Section 40 100

Section 40 [redacted]
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
M.O.D.,
Room Section 40
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A-2HB.

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Re: enclosed UFO report, referenced above, and submitted for your inspection and possible evaluation.

I am writing to you in order to ascertain whether your department has received any contemporaneous reports from the area in question which might shed some light on the matter. Any information in this respect, even if in the negative, would be of help to me in the course of my enquiries.

Looking forward to your anticipated response.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
Investigator,
Section 40 [redacted]

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title

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* The British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) is dedicated to the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon. All BUFORA investigators are bound by a strict code of practice which requires them to conduct all investigations in a professional manner and to respect the anonymity of the witnesses.

A copy of the Code of Practice can be obtained on request from BUFORA' office:-

BUFORA Ltd., Section 40 [redacted]

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SECTION B: WRITTEN ACCOUNT

PLEASE WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY): !? STATEMENT; account

I was riding my motorcycle from Framlingham to Oweffling when I noticed a bright blue light followed by an orange light, shining all the time ~~apart~~ but flashing every 2 seconds. When I reached the watertower (about another 500M down the road) The object was almost right on me. I stopped, opened, my visor and saw a long slightly "Shining" or Metalic cigar about 50M+ long glide about 100M away from me as a car appeared around the corner the object "Shot" off (5 miles in 10 seconds) still flashing it's back light.

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SECTION C:OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1) Please complete the following:-

a) NUMBER OF OBJECT(S) SEEN: !?OBJECTMULTIPLES; number 1

b) COLOUR(S) " " " : !?COLOUR; colours Silver/Graphite

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible None

d) SMELL " " " : !?SMELL; odour none

e) SHAPE($) " " " : !?SHAPE; outline cigar Shaped

f) CLARITY(*) " " " : !?CLARITY; sharpness DARK NIGHT

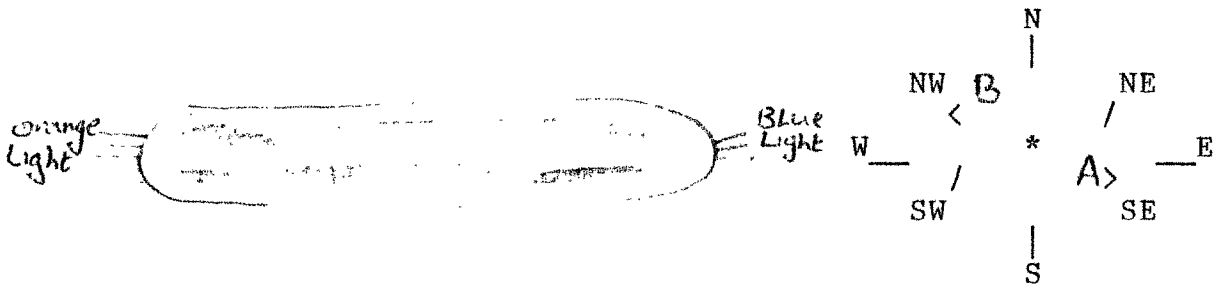
g) BRIGHTNESS(+)" " " : !?BRIGHTNESS; intensity Slightly Shining a dull light all around its surface

$ if other than a point source of light. The light seemed to come from inside the object.

* sharpness of the object's outline. Not very but still noticable on dark night

+(IF ANY) COMPARED TO, STAR, MOON, TORCH, ARC-LAMP OR SUN ETC. AN Illuminus Silve watch hand.

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO MAKE A SKETCH OF THE OBJECT YOU SAW:-



Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write 'A' on the on the dial where you first saw the object, & a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: !?HOUR; firstseen 7.27 PM

3) DURATION OF OBSERVATION (ESTIMATE IF UNSURE):-

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period 20 seconds

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval 30 seconds

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 19/10/93

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area SUFFOLK, 5 MILES FROM SWEATLING ½ MILE FROM FRAMLINGHAM

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus The blue light first caught my eye then the flashing orange then the fact there was no sound of an engine.

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode It excellerated very quickly and I watched until the orange rear light faded over Framlingham

8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): !?TEMPORAL; Looked at my watch when I got home, because I know the road well I took OH eight minutes which is how long it takes me to get home from the Watertower.

9) BY HOLDING ONE OF THESE FAMILIAR ITEMS AT ARM'S LENGTH, WHICH ONE, IN YOUR ESTIMATION, WOULD JUST COVER THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW (CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE): pin-head, pea, 1p piece, 2p piece, golf-ball, tennis-ball, other : !?SIZE; apparent

A Plate (side plate) Plus I have long arms!.

10) WAS THE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED OR VIDEO RECORDED? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): !?FILM; optical record

NO

11) WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW? (IF YES, GIVE NAMES,ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS WHERE POSSIBLE): !?OTHERWITNESS; names & addresses

The car that came round the corner going to Framlingham (didn't stop).

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SECTION E: OTHER CHARACTERISTICS RELATING TO THE OBSERVATION

12) DID YOU, (OR OTHER WITNESSES PRESENT), OR THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT, SUFFER ANY PHYSICAL EFFECTS WHICH YOU CONSIDER TO BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): !?RESIDUE; physicals

NO

13) DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?ALTERED; states

NO

14) IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY OTHER UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM BRIEFLY HERE (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 AN INVESTIGATOR): !?PARANORMAL; life

A couple of long distance sightings possible?

15) DID ANYTHING 'ODD' OR 'OUT OF PLACE' OCCUR AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?ODD; events

NO

16) DID ANY OTHER WITNESSES EXPERIENCE ANYTHING IN RELATION TO QUESTIONS 12, 13, 14 & 15? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?OTHERODD; traits

NOT THAT I know OF.

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SECTION E - PREVAILING WEATHER DURING OBSERVATION:-

CIRCLE ANY APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:-

i) CLARITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE: (clear,) hazy, foggy: !?ATMOSPHERIC; clarity

ii) CLOUD COVER: (none,) quarter, half, three-quarter, total: !?CLOUDCOVER; %

iii) ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE: freezing, (cold,) cool, mild, warm, hot: !?TEMPERATURE; air

iv) PRECIPITATION: (dry,) rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: !?PRECIPITATION; fall

v) WIND STRENGTH: (still,) breeze, strong wind, gale-force: !?WIND; speed

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: (stars,) (moon,) sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: !?ASTRONOMICAL; objects

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: Section 40 [redacted], TODAY'S DATE: !?DAYMONTH; year 22/10/93

-END-

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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
27 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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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Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

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Section 40
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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40
Central Independent Television plc
Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
26 October 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

As promised, the following paragraphs set out our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not there is any threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that there is - and this has not been the case with any sighting to date - 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.

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 possible explanations include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, airships, 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. Additionally, 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 remain open-minded about these.

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 most UFO files were routinely destroyed after about five years, because at the time there was not perceived to be sufficient public interest in the subject to warrant the permanent retention of this material. A small number of earlier files did survive, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office. 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 and PREM 11/855. This final file contains a letter on UFOs from the then Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, together with the response.

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I have had a recent look at the situation, and have discovered that because files were not destroyed immediately, surviving papers generally date from around 1962. The reason these papers have not yet been released is that they are in files where the last enclosures are more recent, and files can only be released when the most recent enclosure is 30 years old. The good news is that, although it is not our practice to comment in detail on material that has not yet been released, I understand that a further two files (Public Record Office references AIR 2/16918 and AIR 2/17318) are due for release in January 1994. From then onwards there should be a steady trickle of UFO files released each year. If you are interested in seeing these files, I suggest that you contact the Public Record Office early next year.

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. For whatever reason, people seem to report these cases to UFO groups or researchers as opposed to us. 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 the past, so I have attached some figures that you may find useful.

A number of recent reports were almost certainly sightings of an airship, with its main body brightly illuminated. I have seen this myself, and can understand how, when seen from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO. Other recent reports have been caused by the use of lasers or searchlights; such equipment is used increasingly in advertising and entertainment, especially at outdoor music festivals.

The Ministry of Defence is not involved in any research or investigation into the crop circle phenomenon, although we occasionally get questions on this subject, because of the perceived link between crop circles and the UFO phenomenon. Although having no responsibility for this subject, we will refer anybody who asks about them to organisations such as CPR International or the CCCS, in the same way as we will refer people who report or enquire about UFOs to groups such as BUFORA or Quest International. As is the case with UFOs, we hold no fixed views on crop circles, and remain open-minded about this intriguing phenomenon.

Any requests for MOD participation in a documentary must be made through the Defence Press Office (RAF), who are in Room [redacted] of Main Building, and may be contacted on Section 40 [redacted] Section 40

I hope this is helpful, and has explained our position. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40
[redacted]

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
10. 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)	

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12. Name & address of informant	
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other witnesses	
15. Date and time of receipt	
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	
17. Remarks	

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
1975 - 208	1992 - 147

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky last Tuesday have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
26 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you, your husband and your daughter saw in the sky on the evening of 14 October have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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 societies:

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
22 October 1993

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you, your son and your neighbours saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. In this case I am aware that an airship, operated by Section 40 and brightly lit, was flying in you area at the time, and I think it is very likely that this is what you saw. If you believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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 societies:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
21 October 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 15 October in which you raised a number of points relating to the UFO sighting at Rendlesham Forest in 1980.

Firstly, you asked about the release of UFO reports, and asked if this would not have breached the "30 Year Rule". I believe that what Section 40 was referring to was the release of specific UFO reports. The release of an entire file would have breached the rules, but releasing some material from a file would not. What we have said is that if people are enquiring about specific sightings that have occurred recently, we will look through our file, to see if we have any reports that might tie-in with what was seen. If we do, we will release a copy, although we delete the names and addresses of the witnesses, together with any personal information, in line with our rules on witness confidentiality. This system works well, and is a good example of how we assist serious UFO groups and researchers.

You asked for copies of material sent to Section 40 I am unsure what, if any, reports we sent her, although any such reports would have been released under the terms of the arrangement described in the previous paragraph. In any case, it would not be proper for me to release details of correspondence between her and us to any third party, without permission, just as I would not pass details of our correspondence to any third party. This approach mirrors our rules on witness confidentiality.

With regard to your point about whether or not the Rendlesham Forest sighting posed a threat to the defence of the UK, the fact is that we have no evidence of any threat. You should bear in mind that although stories persist about structured craft and aliens, Lt Col Halt's report mentions nothing more than lights in the sky, together with some other observations that - as the article in "Focus" suggested - might be very easily explained.

I can make no comment about what was said about UFOs being related to stress; this is clearly one theory, and there may or may not be any truth in it. As I explained in my previous letter, our role is very limited; we do not take sides in the wider debate about the UFO phenomenon, and remain open-minded.

You mentioned the audio recording allegedly made at the time of the UFO sighting. I have heard the tape, and my personal view is that the tape was a hoax (hoaxing is, unfortunately, extremely widespread where UFOs are concerned). Having said this, ufologists are divided on this point. Even if the tape is genuine, it in no way substantiates any of the more exotic stories that are circulating about this sighting. Clearly, however, you will wish to listen to the tape yourselves, and make up your own minds. I believe that Quest International have copies of the tape.

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Although I have not seen a copy of the covering letter you mention, it is not unlikely that one was sent, and I imagine that it amounted to little more than a note drawing our attention to Lt Col Halt's report. As for the other papers, drawings and photographs you mention, I know nothing of these. Many strange stories circulate about this UFO case; our problem is that they are not supported by any hard evidence.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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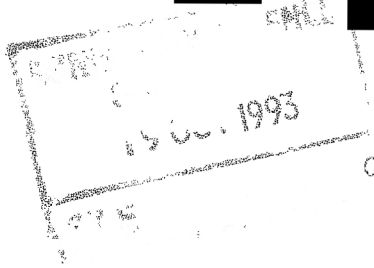

OCTOBER, 15th 1993

Dear [redacted]

regarding your letter to my friend and I(dated 7th October 1993) I would like to thank you personally for your reply to my letter, The second paragraph in particular, and the end addressed at the end were extremely interesting ;how ever the "30 Year Rule" was violated by [redacted], the secretary of DS 8 told Jenny Randles(the author of"Skycrash" and "Out Of The Blue")in 1983 (she was the secretary in 1983) ;and I quote:

"We are currently disscussing the mechanics of printing and distributing the reports and once agreement is reached on those aspects it will, of course, take a little while before we can assemble all the material in a form suitable for printing. However ,once we are in a possition to start releasing these reports you will be informed..."
A position statement was attached to her letter and the ministry added(not in these words exactly) :
1)They would pass all incoming UFO reports "to appropriate staff who examine them as part of normal duties There is no unit within the ministry used only for this purpose, and no permanent full time staff solely for UFO research."
2)They (MoD) did"not deny that there are strange things to see in the sky."But believed that "there are adequate material explanations" for these (citing satellite debris, ball lightning, unusual clouds and other more familiar things such as aircraft lights). They were adamant that the Ministry of Defence "certainly had no evidance that alien spacecraft had landed on this planet..."
3)FINALLY, that "in response to demands for publication of UFO reports "the minister "saw no objection to these reports being made public...We are therefore studying the best means of publishing this material."

So, the "30 year rule" was broken, WHY?, and why did you say that the reports "would not be open to the public yet"even any UFO reports from 1962 would not have been released until last year (1992), and so you could not even release things about this in 1983-so why did you release reports(not you but the MoD), and not only did the MoD release it publicly ,she was allowed to make a public announcement-and she did, so why do you still insist that these files are covered by the "30 year rule?"
I would request that you release all the reports that you did to [redacted] to me, plus the letters you sent to her for reference, if you do not it would simply mean a very strange cover-up, and if there is no threat to the defence of the U.K then WHY, THIS SECRETIVE COVER-UP?...and why would you breech the "30 year rule"and then re-establish it, surly that is not allowed...

How can you say there was no threat to the defence of the U.K when something lands on the edge of a N.A.T.O airbase it could just as easily been a new form of spying machine surly this would pose a threat to the USAF and the United Kingdoms Defense; if information was stolen, well then your guess is as good as mine!...

Then when m/s/rs/ss (ms, mrs, miss) [redacted] asked for the report about R.A.F Bentwater /Woodbridge, the secretary of DS 8, said:
"Turning now to your interest in the sightings at RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. I can confirm that USAF personnel did see unusual lights outside the boundary fence early in the morning of 27 December 1980, but no explanation for the occurrence was ever forthcoming. There is, however, no question of the account being a cover-up for crashed aircraft or testing of secret devices. . .nor was there any contact with alien beings.' "

Continued from over page...

The magazine "focus" ,which I have purchased says that "ufos appear at times of great stress"however ,how many people do you know who have seen ufos,and been "greatly stressed" when they saw a ufo";I would doubt anyone at the I980 Rendlesham forest case was "greatly stressed";more likely amazed and scared ,but stressed I would not think so. just speculate about that for the time being.

I hope you can help me,as I have provided background information;and as a part of dutie,I will thank you greatly if you can provide the reports and letters ,thank you for your time ,

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Master Section 40

P.S Thank you once more for your help with our letter(reference: I2 /3)for taking time to look into it.I hope I can complement you on your work soon. . .

SPECIAL NOTE: As well as a memo ,which you are aware of ,a audio recording was made on a audio cassette,when Section 40 told the MoD about It the secretary of DS 8 (later renamed your section,Air Staff 2a) told her in written form "that the Ministry of defense had no knowledge of this recording" but then how do you explain that the MoD sent that recording and then latter denied it existing,also in the USA ,Cable News Network(CNN) broadcasted that very tape recording on national t.v,to thousands of americans saw that news report and heard the audio recording and I'm sure CNN would no deny that,so for those reasons I ask of you that ,that audio recording is also release to ME...I also Have some startling news a covering letter was sent with the Halt Memo which the MoD denied BUT Section 40 acknowledged to say that she herself had seen it. Also a robber who stole things from somewhere (I do not know where) ,saw a top secret report which they by accident cleared out with the rest of the stuff,it was approximately between 7 to 9—I3 pieces of paper with several hand sketchs and colour photographs',how ever because of the "official Secrets Act"(which he did not even see ,let alone sign) and the fact he had just left prison and did not want to get into any trouble no—one saw it...(I have in no way of any type,any knowledge of what he looks like of what is name is or any connections with him on my own or with some one else, please do not connect him in any way with me or Section 40 I know of through Section 40 this

THANK YOU ONCE MORE,THANK YOU.

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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
21 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Tuesday evening have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
21 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Staff at RAF Finningley have told me about how you - together with other staff and pupils at St Peter's - saw a strange object in the sky on Wednesday 6 October. My job includes dealing with questions about UFO sightings, although our role is very limited, and our only concern is to see if there is any evidence of a threat to the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Aircraft seen from unusual angles, or large airships are two very common explanations. If you do not think that what was seen could be so easily explained, you might like to contact some of the UFO groups, who might have some other ideas. I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
21 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October.

I was interested to see the UFO report that you submitted, although I can tell you that we have not received any other reports from the area in question.

Please feel free to contact me with details of any other sightings you investigate; we are always happy to check our files to see whether we have any reports that might tie in with what was seen.

Good luck with your research!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

MOD.

WHITEHALL

Section 40 [redacted]

17/10/93.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

With reference to our phone conversation, please find enclosed U.F.O. sightings reports from. Many thanks for your help and interesting chat on the phone, at the time you told me you had no other U.F.O. Reports from the Cardiff S. Wales. area, if this has changed since we spoke on the phone, could you please let me know, I would appreciate any copies of U.F.O reports from this area.

Thank you for your help and cooperation each time I have phoned upon.

Regard Section 40 [redacted]

6.

PLEASE TRY AND DESCRIBE ANY COLOURS YOU NOTICED ON THE OBJECT (INCLUDING LIGHT FORMATIONS): THE OBJECT WAS ALL WHITE: NO VISIBLE LIGHTS:

DID THE OUTLINE OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE OBJECT APPEAR: SHARP [✓] FUZZY [ ]

TRANSPARENT [ ] STRUCTURED [ ] DETACHED [ ] IF YES PLEASE GIVE DETAILS

THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A SOLID THING.

DID YOU OBSERVE ANY FIGURES: WITHIN OBJECT [ ] OUTSIDE [ ] ON OBJECT [ ]

NO

DID ANY ANIMAL DISTURBANCE OCCUR: IF YES PLEASE STATE ....NO.....

HAVE YOU OR OTHER WITNESSES ANY UNUSUAL PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS PRIOR, DURING OR AFTER YOUR EXPERIENCE/OBSERVATION? IF YES PLEASE STATE:

NO

HAVE YOU ANY OBJECTION TO YOUR NAME OR OCCUPATION BEING PUBLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR SIGHTING: YES [ ] NO [✓]

SIGNED [Section 40] DATE 25/9/93

INVESTIGATOR [Section 40] DATE 25/9/93

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE UFO PHENOMENON OR QUEST MAGAZINE PLEASE TICK THIS BOX [ ]

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ANY INFORMATION YOU GIVE TO THE ORGANISATION WILL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. WE WELCOME YOUR COOPERATION AND SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPANY OR ITS WIDELY READ MAGAZINE - QUEST INTERNATIONAL [THE JOURNAL OF UFO INVESTIGATION] PLEASE WRITE TO:-

THE SECRETARY, Section 40 [redacted]

FULL NAME (MR ~~MRS MISS MS~~) .. Section 40 [redacted] .....

ADDRESS .. Section 40 [redacted] .....

..... POST CODE .. Section 40 [redacted] .....

AGE .. Section 40 [redacted] ..... OCCUPATION Section 40 [redacted] TEL Section 40 [redacted]

QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY) .....

SIGHTING DETAILS

DATE 25/ 9 / 1993 DAY SATURDAY TIME 12.00PM ~~AM~~/PM TO 12.01 PM.

PLEASE GIVE EXACT LOCATION OF SIGHTING I.E. STREET, VILLAGE, TOWN, COUNTY, AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA (OPEN LAND, POPULATED, MAP REFERENCE ETC)

CARDIFF CITY, SPLOTT AREA, JUST OUT SIDE CITY CENTRE,
POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA,

DID ANYONE ELSE OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON? IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS. INFORMATION SUBMITTED SHALL BE DEALT WITH IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

1) No -

2) .....

3) .....

4) .....

1.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

PLEASE DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR SIGHTING/EXPERIENCE

I was in work at 12:00pm on Saturday 25th September, it was a very nice day, Sunny and clear skies. I was stood outside the back door of the workshop and noticed high in the sky this oval shaped white object. This object was shaped like a rugby ball and was moving very slowly and tilting from end to end in a see-saw motion. It was moving at the speed of a small aircraft, but no wings or tail plane were visable. As I followed it across the sky for about two minutes, the see-saw motion stopped, then the object changed direction, increased in speed and disappeared out of sight gaining height all the time. I watched this for 3-4 minutes.

WEATHER AND LIGHT CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING (TICK APPROPRIATE BOX)

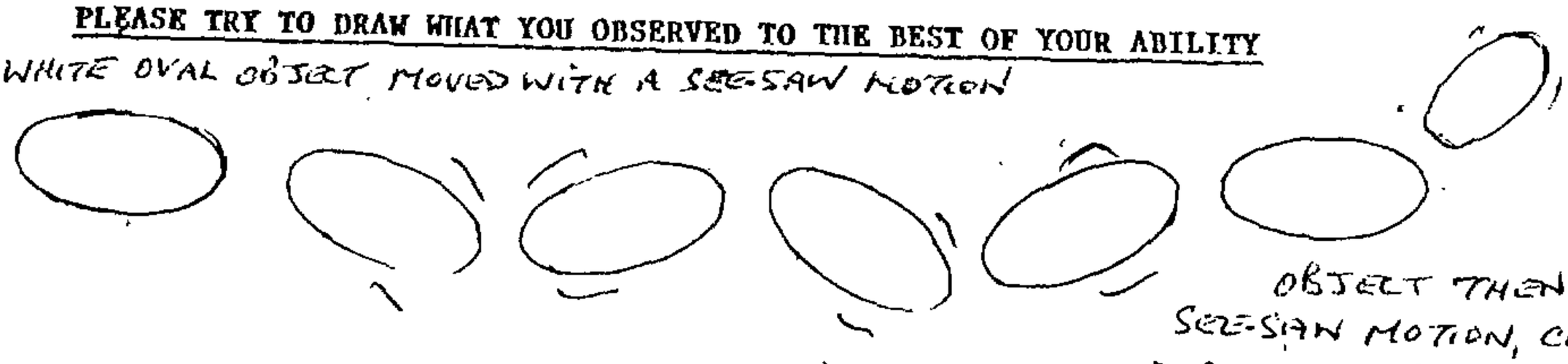
THIN CLOUD	[ ]	HEAVY CLOUD	[ ]	CLEAR	[✓]	MIST	[ ]	DRY	[✓]	HEAVY RAIN	[ ]
DRIZZLE	[ ]	SNOW/ICE	[ ]	WARM	[✓]	COLD	[ ]	CALM	[✓]	WINDY	[ ]
DARKNESS	[ ]	DAYLIGHT	[✓]	DAWN	[ ]	DUSK	[ ]	MOON	[ ]	STARS	[ ]

WAS THE OBJECT/PHENOMENA SEEN IN VICINITY OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

CIVIL AIRFIELD	[ ]	MILITARY AIRFIELD/ESTABLISHMENT	[ ]	AIR ROUTE	[ ]
POWER LINE	[ ]	RADIO OR TELEVISION MAST	[ ]	QUARRY/MINE	[ ]
STREET LIGHTS	[ ]	RESERVOIR/RIVER/CANAL/WATER	[ ]	WOODLAND	[ ]
MOOR/FARMLAND	[ ]	ANCIENT MONUMENT/SITE	[ ]	URBAN AREA	[✓]

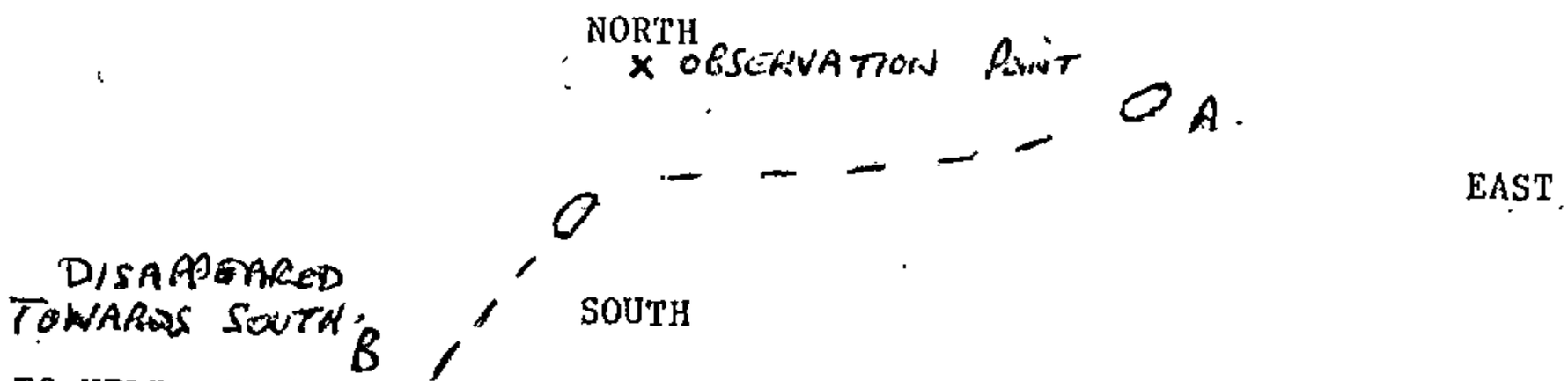
PLEASE TRY TO DRAW WHAT YOU OBSERVED TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

WHITE OVAL OBJECT MOVED WITH A SEE-SAW MOTION



OBJECT THEN STOPPED SEE-SAW MOTION, CHANGED DIRECTION AND DISAPPEAR WITH INCREASING SPEED.

PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN (MARK 'A') AND LAST SEEN (MARK 'B')



PLEASE NOTE: TO HELP YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION; THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST AND RISES IN THE EAST. AN O/S MAP COULD HELP YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION MORE ACCURATELY - DO NOT GUESS.

DID OBJECT MOVE IN FRONT OR BEHIND ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX:

CLOUDS [ ] HILLS [ ] TREES [ ] BUILDINGS [ ] OTHER (PLEASE WRITE) .....

.....NO.....

IF YOU OBSERVED THE OBJECT WHILST TRAVELLING IN A VEHICLE PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF MODEL, SPEED, ROAD SURFACE ETC.

.....NO.....

.....

DID ANY SPECIFIC MALFUNCTION OF THE VEHICLE OCCUR? (E.G.) POWER FAILURE, HEADLIGHT FAILURE, BATTERY FAILURE, ENGINE FAILURE, INSTRUMENT MALFUNCTION, EXCESSIVE HEAT INCREASE WITHIN VEHICLE. DID ANY PHYSICAL DAMAGE OR MARKINGS OR SUBSTANCE APPEAR ON VEHICLE? PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE:

.....NO.....

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HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON VISIBLE FOR: SECONDS ____ MINUTES 3-4 HOURS ____

DID YOU HEAR ANY SOUND ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR SIGHTING YES [ ] NO [✓] (IS YES PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HEARD)

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DID YOU OBSERVE THE OBJECT THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING (TICK APPROPRIATE BOX)

NORMAL EYESIGHT [✓] SPECTACLES [ ] BINOCULARS [ ] TELESCOPE [ ]

NORMAL WINDOW GLASS [ ] DOUBLE GLAZING [ ] CAR WINDOW [ ]

WAS ANY PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD MADE OF THE SIGHTING? YES [ ] NO [✓]

IF YES, STATE WHICH: CAMERA [ ] VIDEO [ ] CINE [ ] OTHER [ ]

PLEASE SUPPLY DETAILS (TYPE OF CAMERA/FILM, MAKE TYPE SHUTTER SPEED, EXPOSURE ETC

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WAS THE OBJECT BRIGHTER THAN THE SKY BACKGROUND: YES [✓] NO [ ]

INDICATE HOW BRIGHT THE OBJECT WAS COMPARED WITH: 1. SUN [ ] 2. MOON [✓]

3. STREET LIGHT [ ] 4. OTHER [ ] (PLEASE STATE) .....

DID THE OBJECT WHILST UNDER OBSERVATION (TICK APPROPRIATE BOX)

HOVER [ ] MOVE ERRACTICALLY [ ] CHANGE SHAPE [ ] CHANGE COLOUR [ ]

ROTATE [ ] EMIT SMOKE/VAPOUR [ ] EXPLODE [ ] MANOEUVRE [✓]

DID OBJECT APPEAR SOLID? SOLID [✓] NOT SOLID [ ]

OBJECT MOVED SLOWLY IN A SEE-SAW MOTION

WAS MORE THAN ONE OBJECT OBSERVED? IF SO HOW MANY, AND WAS ANY PATTERN OBSERVED OR FORMATION:

NO

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PLEASE TRY AND ESTIMATE THE HEIGHT OF THE OBJECT FROM THE GROUND:

ROOFTOP LEVEL [ ] BELOW CLOUD [ ] ABOVE CLOUD [ ] VERY HIGH [✓]

GROUND LEVEL [ ] OTHER (PLEASE STATE) ....2000' - 3000'.....

PLEASE TRY AND ESTIMATE THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT. USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS AN APPROXIMATE GUIDE:

1. HOT AIR BALLOON/HANG GLIDER: 0-50 mph [ ]

2. SMALL AIRPLANE (PROPELLER): 50-250 mph [✓]

3. HIGH - FLYING PASSENGER JET: 250-500 mph [ ]

4. MILITARY JET FIGHTER: 500-2000 mph [ ]

HOW FAR WAS THE OBJECT FROM YOUR OBSERVATION POSITION: (PLEASE TRY AND ESTIMATE)

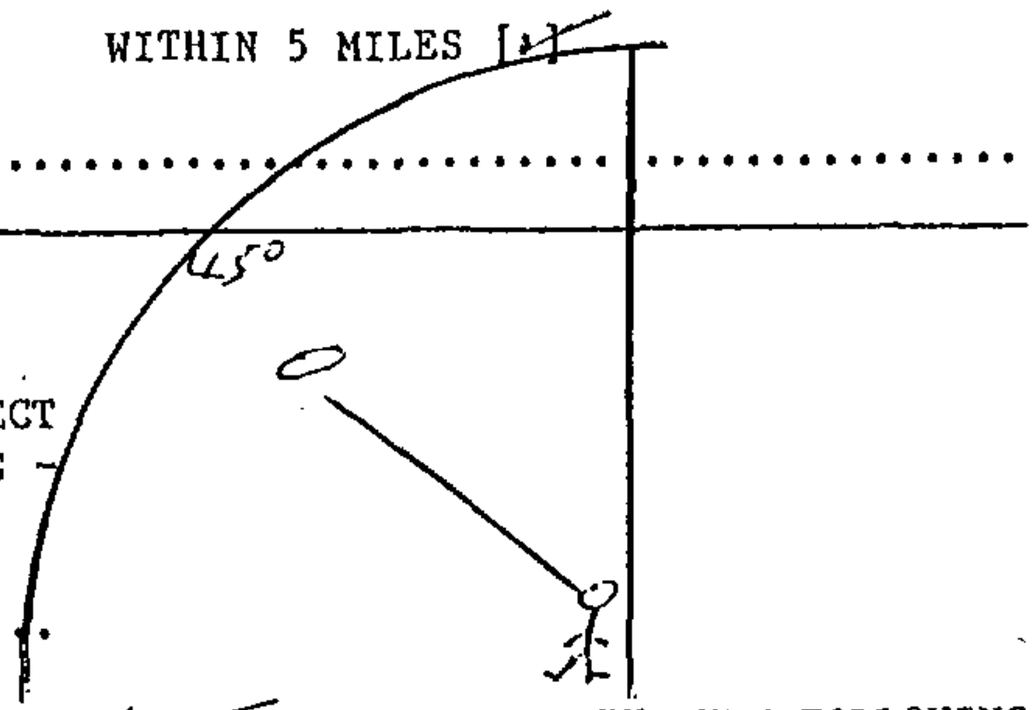
WITHIN 1/4 MILE [ ] WITHIN 1 MILE [ ] WITHIN 5 MILES [✓]

OTHER (PLEASE STATE) .....

ANGLE OF SIGHTING

PLEASE INDICATE APPROXIMATE ANGLE OF OBJECT FROM YOUR POSITION. USE THE DIAGRAM ALONG SIDE TO ASSIST YOU:

ANGLE ....45°.....



HOW LARGE DID THE OBJECT APPEAR IN/~~ON~~ THE SKY/~~GROUND~~, COMPARED WITH THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS HELD AT ARMS LENGTH:

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLDING A PEA AT ARMS LENGTH WOULD IN FACT COVER THE FULL FACE OF THE MOON.

PIN HEAD (STAR SIZE) [ ] MATCH-HEAD [ ] (PLANET SIZE) PEA [ ] (MOON SIZE)

ONE PENCE [✓] FIVE PENCE [ ] TEN PENCE [ ]

OTHER PLEASE STATE [ ] .....

IF YOU HAVE EVER SEEN A SIMILAR OBJECT BEFORE, OR EXPERIENCED THIS PHENOMENON IN THE PAST, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

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From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling)
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(Fax)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
20 October 1993

Dear [redacted],

Details of the report you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky on Monday evening have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
20 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

I am writing to thank you for taking the trouble to report the unusual lights that you and your family saw recently, and for sending me the video.

As I said when you telephoned yesterday, an initial look at the tape has not suggested any obvious explanation for what you saw. I will pass the tape around here to see if anybody else has any suggestions. This may take some time, but I will let you know if we have any ideas.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Room

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Section 40

Dear Sir

after our recent telephone conversation I enclose a copy of the taped Items that I saw; although the tape is in no way as good as the sightings we had with the naked eye you can see roughly

That me Saw; I would say to watch in a dark room as it makes it easier to See. There are Small white lights and I think they the last few frames are the best. Please tell me what you think.

Yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

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
18 October 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and other witnesses saw in the sky on Friday night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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Section 40

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Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and your father saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
18 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange objects that you and Mr Sherburn saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
18 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Wednesday night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country.

From the description you gave it seems likely that what you saw was either a meteorite or a fireball. If you contact the Astronomy Department of any university or college, they will be able to give you more definitive advice on this, and will doubtless be interested to hear what you saw.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
13 October 1993

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Belgian Air Staff

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Copy to Minister of Defence.

Section 40

2nd October 1993.

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As you apparently have no knowledge of the Belgian incidents, I trust that you will not think it patronising if I give you details of one of these.

On the night of the 30/31st March 1990 at 23h.00.(local time) in the vicinity of Wavre(SW of Brussels), many witnesses reported a configuration of lights in the sky.
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When an unknown object of some substance-treated as a threat to national security by the armed forces of a fellow member state-is only six minutes from our national boundary and is being persued at speeds in excess of 1000 kts per hour by two interceptor aircraft, then it is not practicable or possible, in the interests of security, to impose statutary limits involving national boundaries.

I have discussed your observations with a NATO colleague, and find it difficult to accept that-as you say in your letter-even though we are part of NATO Air Defence Ground Environment and are covered to some extent by AWAC aircraft, that there are occasions when we are not advised by the NATO 80 radar station complex, of possible intrusions into our airspace.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
11 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

In my letter dated 5 October I explained that the only reason the MOD looks at UFO sightings at all is to see whether there is any threat to the defence of the UK. When we spoke on Friday you asked me who evaluates the sightings, and how judgements are made about whether there is or is not any threat.

Sightings are evaluated here in Sec(AS)2a, and we are assisted by specialist staffs whose responsibilities cover the Air Defence of the UK. It is not our policy to name other departments involved, but I can tell you that the staffs concerned examine UFO reports routinely, as part of their normal duties. There is no department which is appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFO reports, nor are there any staff employed on the subject full-time.

In order to say that there was a threat, we would have to be presented with firm evidence; to date, we have not been presented with any. Most of the reports we receive are quite vague, and relate to little more than a distant light or shape in the sky; furthermore, we often get to hear of a sighting some time after it has occurred. In these circumstances, there is very little that we can do. If we have something more interesting (such as a sighting with more than one witness, or very precise details of a sighting) then we can make some checks, such as finding out whether there was any military aircraft activity that might explain what was seen.

I should tell you that, for whatever reason, people seem to report alleged "close encounters" to UFO groups as opposed to us.

I can assure you that all UFO sightings - together with any other UFO-related data that is sent to us - are carefully looked at, in an open-minded way.

You also asked me to expand on my comments relating to cooperation between the MOD and UFO groups and researchers.

I believe that cooperation is important, and helps everyone involved with investigation of UFOs. The main form that cooperation takes is the exchange of information; ufologists will often send us cases and ask us for any views we may have. In turn, we will suggest that witnesses get in touch with UFO groups, and are therefore responsible for getting a lot of sightings into the public domain. We also release general information, such as the data I passed you on the number and distribution of UFO sightings reported to the MOD.

Recycled Paper

You also asked if I could give you any further details of sightings in the Bristol area. Recently, we have received the following reports:

"Sometime in August" - Lockleaze area
23 August - Bedminster area
28 August - St Georges area
26 September - area not known
6 October - Frenchay area.

When you called today, you asked me to say something about the term "UFO". In that UFO simply stands for Unidentified Flying Object, we entirely accept that there are such things - clearly people often see something they are unable to identify. The term "UFO" does not imply that what was seen was extraterrestrial, and as I explained, we have no evidence that would support the existence of extraterrestrial life. As I have said before, although we believe that most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, we accept that a small percentage would appear to defy explanation. We remain open-minded about these.

Finally, as promised, please find attached the Civil Aviation Authority report into the airmiss incident that you mentioned.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

	Type	Operator	Alt/FL	Assessed Met Conditions
Date/Time: 151745 Jul				
Reporting Aircraft:	B737	CAT	FL 140↓	VMC 40 km
Reported Aircraft:	Black Lozenge Shaped Object			
Position:	N5042N E0044 (30 NM SE MAY)			
Airspace Type:	CTA			

PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS

THE B737 PILOT reports that he was inbound to Gatwick and in communication with London control on 128.4 while squawking with Mode C. He was heading 308° and descending through FL 140 at 355 kt with visibility in the region of 40 km. His FO saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500 m ahead of the ac and at the same level. Within the space of about 1.5 sec it passed very close, less than 100 yd away, down the port side of the ac and, at the most, 30 ft above the level of the wing. He informed London Control, via the RT, who reported seeing a small primary radar contact astern of the ac. No impact or disturbance was felt on the ac and no damage was observed during a post flight inspection. He assessed the risk of collision as high.

ATC AT LATCC reports that during a moderate traffic loading on the BIG/EAS CCF sector the B737 pilot reported an object passing his ac in the opposite direction at a high closing speed. The B737 was inbound to Gatwick via the Eastwood stack and passing the BEXIL way point. He was descending through 15,000 ft and thought the object may have been a balloon, or part of, describing it as black and about 18 inches wide. The SC reports that a primary return was seen about 10 NM behind the B737 heading SE at about 100 kt. A following ac was given traffic information and avoiding turns to the left to avoid the primary return, which had appeared to change heading towards it, but its pilot reported seeing nothing. The DVR CSC was also advised of the facts in order that inbound traffic could be given vectors to avoid the area.

JAS Notes

1. A Meteorological balloon was released from Crawley at 1719 on this particular day, it was light brown in colour and was trailing a silvery mesh triangle. Twenty six minutes after release (1745) it was at 27,000 ft bearing 085.76° and at a range of 30 km from Crawley. It ascended through 15,000 ft 13 min after release (1732) when it was bearing 097.6° and at a range of 17 km. There was a sharp inversion between 4000-5000 ft where the temperature rose from +8° to +12°. The top of convection was at 4500 ft, above this was a very dry area up to about 15,000 ft. Wind velocity at 14,000 ft - 305/25, 10,000 ft - 295/25.

2. AIS(Mil) undertook very thorough tracing action but could reach no positive conclusion. Their radar replay did show a primary return in the general area but it was seen to move about like a light ac or helicopter at low level. No Met or other balloons could be traced which having been released could have reached this area/time nor which could have appeared black. The only possible exception to this was that some hot-air balloon pilots launch small balloons which can be followed with a device called a "Wind Tracker". One balloon pilot contacted had released balloons on the 6th/7th July but then not again until the 19th. On the 21st he tracked one of his black balloons to 7200 ft before he lost sight of it and he assumed they could go much higher than this. The CAA SRG is well aware of this use of balloons; they and others of similar size (less than 2 m) are exempted from most restrictions of the ANO by Article 109(a). The object seen by the B737 pilot must be considered as untraced.

PART B: SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS

The only information available to the Working Group was the report from the pilot of the B737, photographs from the radar recordings, and reports from the appropriate ATC and operating authorities.

A member commented that the number of sightings of balloons and other unidentified objects seem to have become more prevalent in the S and SE of the country. Members took note of the AIS(M) comment on the primary return seen in the general area of the airmiss as being more akin to the movement of a light ac or helicopter at low level. They were at a loss to identify the reported object since its shape and behaviour did not seem to fit any recognisable piece of aviation equipment, while the temperature inversion made it unlikely that something like a piece of black polythene could have been carried to that level. It was agreed that this airmiss was best described as a confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object. Whilst members were unsure what damage could have occurred had the object struck the B737 the general opinion was that there had been a possible risk of collision.

PART C: ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND CAUSE

Degree of Risk: B

Cause: Confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object.

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Dear Section 40 ,

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Recycled Paper

Tel. Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

6 October 1993

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

I'm writing to you to enquire if you could answer a query I have re. the UFO subject (again!). I frequently file Freedom Of Information requests with various branches of the U.S. Government for access to UFO-related files and have just received a newly-released document from the Defence Intelligence Agency (copy enclosed). As you will see from the distribution list a copy of the document was sent to the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) of the Ministry Of Defence. In view of this would it be possible for you to answer me the following questions:

1. Does DIS routinely receive copies of similar data from the U.S. Government?

2. Did DIS forward a copy of the enclosed document to your department?

3. As DIS were recipients of this document does this mean that DIS conducts its own investigations/evaluations of UFO reports or would they have taken no action ?

Should you be able to assist me re. the above I would be very glad to hear from you. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter. I have also forwarded a copy of the enclosed document to Section 40 [redacted] as he told me that he would be seeing you shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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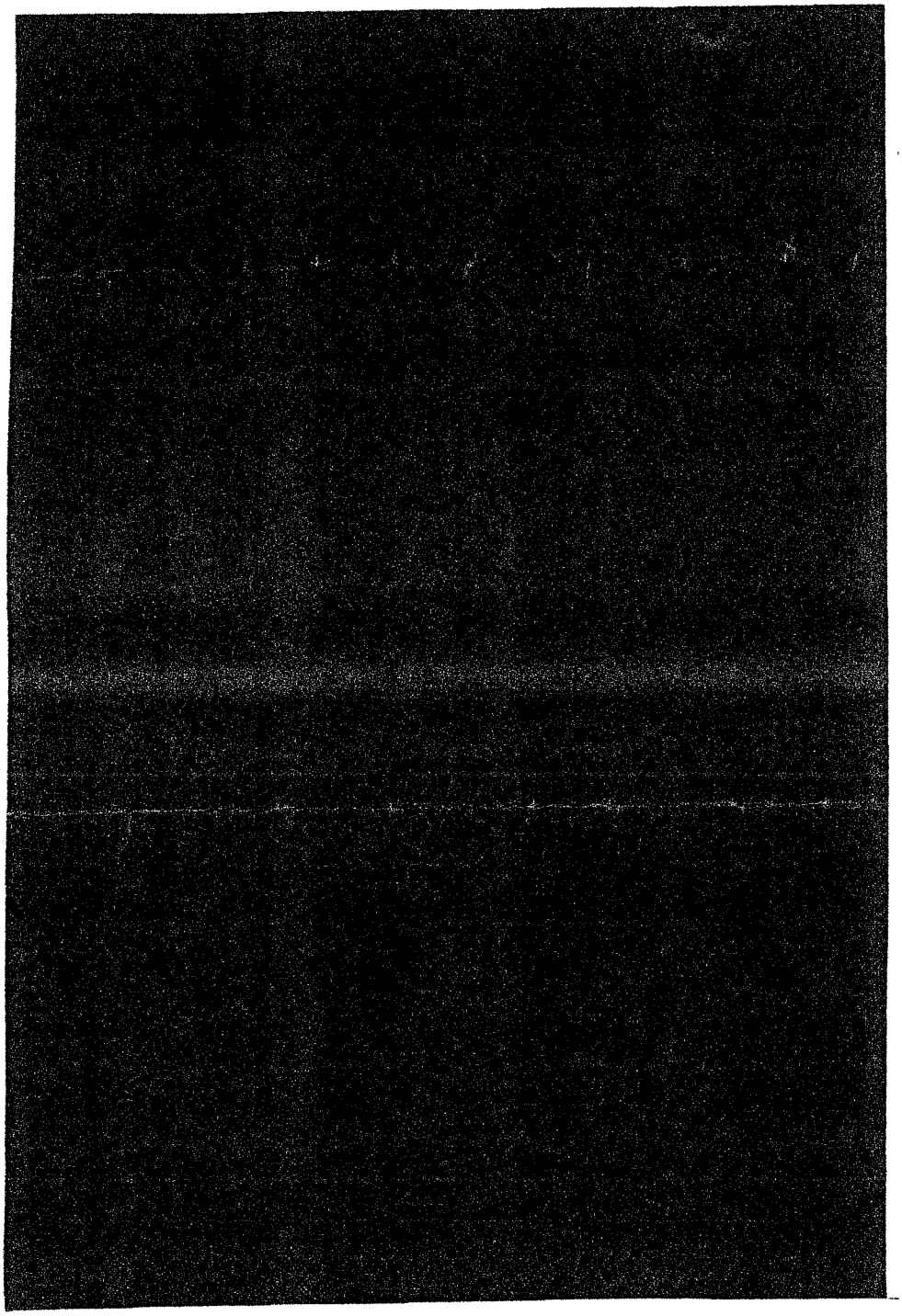

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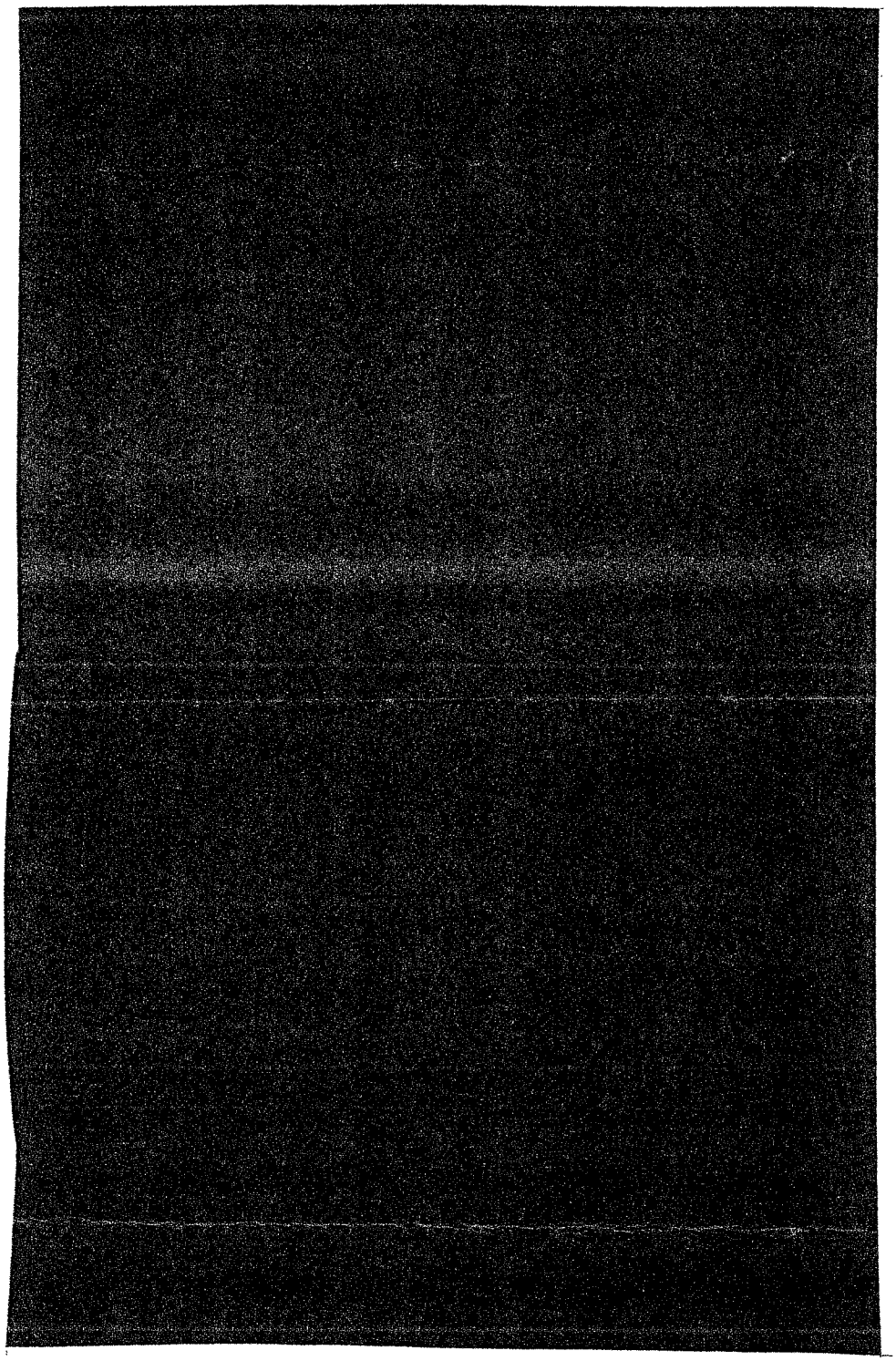

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 October, and for sending me a copy of your paper on declassification of official US documents.

You asked if I could let you know of any UFO-related points of interest; I can tell you that so far this year we have received 176 reports, and I have attached a copy of the map showing the distribution of these sightings. We are aware of quite a few sightings in the Bristol area, but many are thought to have been generated by lasers or searchlights, and sightings of Venus rising.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Notes:

1. Wave of London sightings starting late March due to airship, illuminated from inside. Also June/July
2. Many of these sightings relate to a wave of reports in the early hours of 31st March.

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Section 40

Date: Oct. 4, 1993

Dear Section 40

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of my last report concerning the status of records classification/declassification in US.

This up to date report provides a means of comparison between the number of records released in UK [under current policy of openness by the Government] to that already in place in US.

Please bear in mind, this report EXCLUDES any records released to the researchers under the provisions of the Freedom of Information, and Privacy Act in US, which in itself comprises a substantial number.

Please feel free to share the information therein with any of your fellow colleagues, or albeit, the researchers that you think this information might prove useful.

PLease drop me a few lines in your own time, and update me concerning the recent developments concerning the UFOs in UK. As ever, I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Section 40

Encl: Attached, as stated.

The Campaign for Freedom of Information

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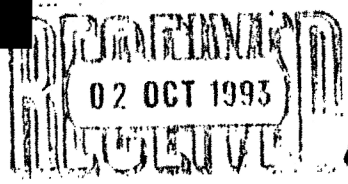

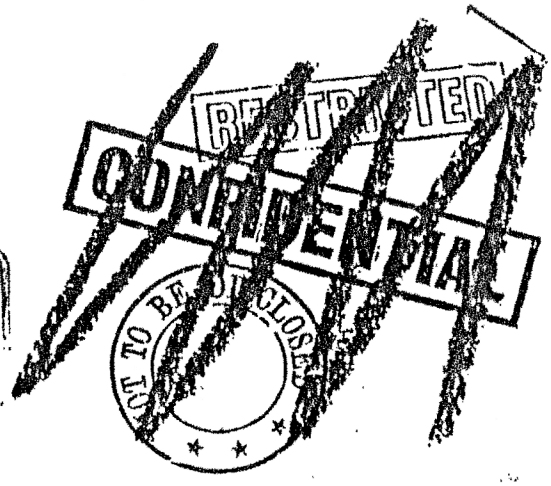

29 September 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of September 18 and various enclosures - and in particular the very interesting paper about the US declassification arrangements. I hadn't seen the statistics you cite there.

I am grateful to you for letting me see these.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Director

Council for Freedom of Information
Hon. President: Section 40
Co-Chairmen:

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AN INFORMATION STATUS UPDATE

In 1972 a programme of "SYSTEMATIC REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION" began. Under this programme classified, permanently valuable [archival] records are reviewed for the purpose of declassification. This programme is applicable to those records which have reached a specific age. Executive Order 12356, authorised National Archives and Records Administration as the sole agency required to conduct a systematic review of its enormous classified holdings. NARA's implementation of this programme is a duplicate of its British counterpart - Public Records Office [PRO], which applies Public records Act. NARA like PRO reviews - with an intention to declassify records - when they are 30 years old. Certain intelligence or cryptologic files series require a longer period of 50 years, before their eligibility for declassification.

While other agencies are not required to conduct a systematic review programme, from now on they are encouraged to do so. They can now, with the approval of the originator, agencies, including NARA, conduct a systematic review of records that are less than 30 years old.

Unfortunately, both the number of pages reviewed and declassified in 1992 decreased significantly. The US agencies reviewed 10.7 million pages, almost 5 million [32%] less than in 1991. Only 9.4 million pages were declassified. Agencies declassified 88% of the pages reviewed. Approximately the same proportion declassified in 1991.

Although the decrease in systematic review is due to the low figures reported by several agencies, NARA's figure critically impacted on the systematic review product. In 1992, NARA's review decreased by 2 million pages to 6 million, a drop of 28% from 1991. NARA's explanation for the deduction in its systematic review were a) the absence of sufficient staff to fulfil the programme; and b) the records reviewed included a smaller percentage of classified documents within the aggregate files.

The Department of Defense [DOD] accounted for the second highest volume of pages reviewed in 1992. Despite this factor, the number of pages reviewed and declassified by DOD decreased significantly. It dropped from 6 million in 1991, to almost 4 million pages in 1992. The reasons provided by DOD were the diminishing resources and the drawdown of special projects. Nevertheless, DOD managed to declassify 84% of the pages it reviewed.

The Air Force, for the third year running accounted for the most of DOD's systematic review activity. The volume of material reviewed and declassified counts for 2/3 of its total product.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ACTIONS BY AGENCY IN 1992

Agency	Number of Records Reviewed	Declassified
NARA	6,202,929	95%
DOD	3,721,802	84%
Agency for I'national Development. [AID]	502,600	36%
State Department	172,653	85%
CIA	77,773	50%
All Others	37,533	32%
TOTAL	10,715,290	88%

The contribution of systematic review by other agencies to the programme was very small. However, it is encouraging to see that after years of minimal declassification, the CIA implemented this programme since 1991. The agency managed to declassify 39,000 pages of information in 1992.

MANDATORY REVIEW

Under the provisions of the Executive Order 12356, the mandatory review process permits the agencies, or the citizens for that matter to require an agency to review specified national security information, seeking its declassification. Mandatory Review is popular with some serious researchers as a less contentious alternative to Freedom of Information Act [FOIA]. It is one of very few vehicles allowing to seek the declassification of presidential papers or records, which are excluded from the FOIA.

Mandatory Review Pages Processed	1991	1992
Granted in Full	66,203	101,814
Granted in Part	64,222	118,6[illegible]
Denied	13,224	8,7[illegible]
Total	139,205	233,693

In 1992, 3867 cases were processed under the mandatory review. Comprising of 57,000 documents, amounting to 233,693 pages. The total number of pages processed showed an increase of 68% to the previous year - 1991. The rate of pages declassified in whole or in part also increased by the same rate - 68%. US Government maintains that Mandatory Review is a highly successful means for the declassification of information.

Executive Order 12356, also enables the public researchers or organisations to appeal mandatory review denials to designated officials of the denying agencies. In 1992, 229 such appeals were filed by public researchers and various organisations. As result, 4605 documents, totalling 15,608 pages were reviewed by the Appellate authorities. Of these, 98% of the pages were declassified

in whole or in part. Which tends to suggest that researchers can anticipate more returns in declassified information if they pursue an appeal. Equally significant is that as declassification decision reaches to a higher level within an agency, the likelihood of declassification expectedly is greater.

MANDATORY REVIEW ACTIONS BY VARIOUS AGENCIES IN 1992

Agency	Total Cases Acted on	%Granted in Full	%Granted in Part	%Denied in Full
State	1132	45	46	9
DOD	811	64	26	10
NSC	711	48	50	2
CIA	453	30	57	13
NARA	418	32	56	12
Justice	56	29	50	21
All Others	286	67	30	3
Total	3867	48	44	8

MANDATORY REVIEW APPEALS: PAGES PROCESSED	1991	1992
Granted in Full	9734	1545
Granted in Part	15670	13703
Denied in Full	1628	360
Total	26672	15608

There seem to be a problem in the declassification process. It appears that most declassifiers are reluctant to declassify information in what they term "iffy" situations. They perceive that the possible disclosure, i.e. declassification, might be held against them. Whilst, an initial denial decision, i.e. withholding, posses no such threat, or personal risk. It is understood that only when difficult declassification decision reach higher ranking officials [through Appeal], litigation or otherwise are they likely to be resolved in favour of disclosure. In order to achieve a more coherent and more efficient declassification process, it is the Government's duty, by providing supportive educational programs, enhance the confidence and knowledge in declassification process system. In return, this would produce more confidence in journeyman level declassifiers. Already exploration of the available options are reviewed by the Executive in order to render more positive results in this area.

A significant development in 1992, is the lowest number of Original Classifiers ever reported. The total number of original classifiers throughout the executive branch of the government decreased by 681, to 5793. From that number, 1416 are designated to classify Top Secret documents; 3320 for Secret; and 1057 for Confidential records. Original Classification Authorities, also

known as Original Classifiers, are those individuals designated in writing, either by the President or selected agency heads, to classify information. According to the terms of Executive Order 12356, only Original Classifiers determine what information, if disclosed without authority, could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security. This deduction in numbers were right across the board of every level of classification. For example, at Top Secret level, agencies reported a decrease of 9%; at Secret level, a decrease of 13%; and at Confidential level, a decrease of 5%. CIA's 38% decrease in its number of classifiers was the highest. NASA reported 48%, and Department of Commerce 35% decrease respectively. In various DOD components, the Army, Defense Mapping Agency [DMA], and the Joint Chiefs of Staffs [JCS] ..made progress in decreasing their respective numbers of classifiers.

ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION

Original Classification is an initial determination made by an authorised classifier that certain types of information require extraordinary protection. Because unauthorised disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security. The process of original classification usually needs, both, the determination of the need to protect the information, as well as the placement of appropriate markings to identify the level of classification. An Original Classification precedes all other aspects of the information security system. Such as Derivative Classification, Safeguarding, and Declassification.

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND ACTIVITIES CLASSIFIED IN 1992

Top Secret	21,198 [4%]
Secret	257,035 [54%]
Confidential	202,610 [42%]
Total	480,843

The above figure [480,843] was the number of original classification decisions reportedly made by the agencies in 1992. It was 6% lower than the corresponding figure for 1991. This drop in classification is attributed to the recent impact of the geopolitical changes around the globe, and in the security communities.

However, four agencies; State, Justice, DOD, and CIA continue to account for over 99% of all the original classifications. All except the DOD reported drop in original decisions. The rest of the agencies and components reported a 41% decrease in original classification decisions.

The agencies reported a 12% decrease in the number of original decisions made at the SECRET level. But, there was an increase of 13% [approximately 2500 decisions] in original TOP SECRET level,

and 1% in CONFIDENTIAL level of classification decisions. The increase in the TOP SECRET level is particularly alarming. In the sense that it is contrary and against the general tide of activity, and should be closely monitored by the Executive watch dog in charge.

The classifier must, as part of the original classification process, determine a time frame for the protection of the information. It is commonly known as "duration" of classification. The Executive Order 12356 does provide the classifiers with two clear guidelines in this regard;

1) The information could be marked for declassification upon a specific date or event. Meaning that a classifier may determine that the information's sensitivity would lapse upon the completion of a particular project or programme. This should be clearly noted on the face of the document. Once the project is completed, the information therein would be automatically declassified.

2) If a specific date or event cannot be determined at the time of classification, the classifier should mark the document with the notation "ORIGINATING AGENCY'S DETERMINATION REQUIRED" (OADR). This indicates that the information must be reviewed by the OADR before any declassification decision or action could be taken.

Unfortunately, like 1991, only 5% of all original decisions made in 1992 fell into the first category - the use of date or event. Ideally the Executive requires an average of 10 to 18%. There are changes in the pipe line to the classification system which should, hopefully, help to make the necessary improvements in order for the classification system to behave in a more responsible and credible manner.

DERIVATIVE CLASSIFICATION

Derivative Classification is the act of incorporating, paraphrasing, resting, or generating in new form classified information. Information in this category could be classified in the following two forms;

1) Through the use of a source document - normally correspondence, or publications generated by an original classification authority.

2) Through the use of Classification Guide. A Classification Guide is a set of instructions issued by an original classification authority. It is usually limited to a specific, or particular subject. By describing the elements of information therein, highlighting the information that must be classified.

Only the Executive branch or government contractor employees with the appropriate security clearance, who are required by their work to restate classified source information, can classify derivatively.

There was a marked decrease of 11% in the reported number of derivative classifications in 1992. Partly, this decrease was attributed to the 21% fewer derivative classification decisions reported by the DOD. The two other agencies, that together with DOD, account for 99% of derivative classification actions - CIA and Justice/FBI reported an increase of 4% and 22% respectively. Nevertheless, the total number of decisions made remains astronomically high - 5,868,689 actions. Although, the Executive maintains that this number represents the lowest in this category, I should criticise this figure, especially due to the large shift in volume of special projects into this category. This, to great extend hampers researchers access to information, and is reflective of a policy of deliberate concealment on the government's part.

The remaining agencies reported 64,711 derivative classification actions. A 23% reduction from the previous year [1991]. The following agencies reported a decrease in the same category in 1992:

Department of Energy [DOE]	10%	Reduction.
Department of Transportation [DOT]	36%	"
Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]	29%	"
Federal Communications Commission [FCC]	47%	"
International Trade Commission [ITC]	42%	"
NASA	91%	"
Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC]	23%	"
National Security Council [NSC]	11%	"
Overseas Private Investment Corp. [OPIC]	50%	"
President's Intelligence Oversight Board [PIOB]	41%	"
Department of Veterans Affairs [VA]	80%	"

From 5,868,689 derivative classification actions taken in 1992, 540,833 [9%] were Top Secret decisions; 4,057,558 [69%] were Secret decisions; and the remaining 1,270,298 [22%] were Confidential. In the same figure [5,868,689], DOD counts for 3,328,949 decisions, the CIA for 1,873,326 decisions, Justice for 601,703, and the rest - 64,711 were taken by all other remaining agencies. It is noteworthy to add that the State Department classifies a significant portion [82%] of its information at the Confidential level. Equally important to note is the ration of the Derivative Actions to Original, which is 12:1.

COMBINED CLASSIFICATION

As its name suggests, the Combined Classification is the combination of Original and Derivative decisions. In 1992, Combined Classification activity had a significant drop in its number. It decreased by 757,458 [11%] to a total of 6,349,532 actions. Still a very high number. The high number of the derivative classification decisions had an enormous impact on the total number of Combined Classification. Despite that factor, the figure of 6,349,532 reportedly is the lowest figure ever in this category.

From the total of Combined Classification actions; 562,031 [9%] were in TOP SECRET level; 4,314,593 [68%] were in SECRET level; and 1,472,908 [23%] were in CONFIDENTIAL level.

The agency breakdown in total figure shows a 3,439,085 [54%] for DOD; 1,924,780 [30%] for CIA; 732,674 [12%] for Justice; 181,445 [3%] for the State Department; and 71,548 [1%] for all other remaining agencies. I should add that the remaining agencies run the gamut, however, in the degree of their involvement with classified information. They vary in range from very large departments that possess very little classified information and generate almost none, to very small entities that exist almost exclusively in a classified environment, e.g. NRO.

INFRACTION (INFRINGEMENTS)

The agencies reported a total of 21,071 detected infractions in 1992. Comparing with the 1991 figure, there were a decrease of 130 cases in 1992. There was also a slight increase in discovered infractions per inspection in 1992. It rose from 0.98 in 1991, to 0.99 in 1992. This rate is not indicative of an efficient self inspection programme in place in agencies. In fact, some of the agencies which have the most problems with their classified product lack a comprehensive, self disciplined self-inspection programme in place. Indeed, the Agency Self Inspections have dropped dramatically to their lowest during past two years. Whilst from 1983 [where there were 22,245 self-inspections], there has been regular increase in the number of self inspections carried out by the agencies, up to 1990 when the figure reached to its peak [24,268], the trend seems to have reversed. There were 21,615 reported self-inspections in 1991, and the figure for 1992 is even lower - 21,233. There are no valid reasons or grounds for this neglect. This decline is more evident in particular in the DOD.

INFRACTIONS	TOTAL 1991	TOTAL 1992
Unauthorised Access	490	461
Mismarking	8730	9051
Unauthorised Transmission	2648	2473
Improper Storage	7331	7359

Unauthorised Reproduction	106	170
Overclassification	847	678
Underclassification	296	224
Classification w/o Authority	35	114
Improper Destruction	234	157
Other	493	384
Total	21210	21071

By: Section 40 [redacted]
August 1993.

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
7 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 September to the Prime Minister, concerning the 1980 UFO sighting at Rendlesham Forest. I have been asked to reply.

While we are aware of Lt Col Halt's memo, I am afraid that we have no other papers to hand. The files for 1980 are - like all government files - covered by the "30 Year Rule", and will not be open to the public yet. I can tell you that Lt Col Halt's report was examined very carefully at the time, and that we were satisfied that there was no threat to the defence of the UK.

As you may be aware, there is a lot of controversy about this UFO sighting. You may have read about it in "Skycrash", by Jenny Randles, or "Above Top Secret", by Timothy Good. There are many, however, who believe that there may be a simple explanation for what was seen. You might like to buy the latest issue of the magazine "Focus", which (as part of an article about UFOs) looks at the Rendlesham Forest case, and concludes that the lights seen were from Orford Ness lighthouse! Potential explanations are also put forward for the other things that Lt Col Halt found, such as the holes in the ground.

Although this is clearly a fascinating mystery, our interest in UFOs is very limited. If you are interested in the subject, you might like to write to the organisations that actively research and investigate UFOs. I suggest the following groups:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Sec(AS)

/ The attached letter which the Prime Minister has received has been acknowledged by 10 Downing Street and has been forwarded to this Department for official action.

a. No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly.

or

b. No 10 have asked that a full reply be sent and you should know that the Prime Minister attaches importance to such replies being sent expeditiously.

2. Unless specifically asked to do so, there is no need for you to copy your replies to this office.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Hd.Sec (AS).
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Section 40

for APS/Secretary of State

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The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street,
London,
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Section 40

19/9/93

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you,to ask if you could please anwser my questions. My questions go back 13 years to 1980,a year before we were born. Over a period of a week between Christmas and New Year, 1980, a series of mysterious events changed the lives of Police and civilians, an UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT was sighted near Rendlesham Forest, England. The case involved the U.S. and U.K. N.A.T.O Forces. A Commanding Officer of the U.S. Forces reportedly made contact with the aliens, photos were taken (photos were taken suggests that more than one roll of film was taken.) films were made (were made, maybe this means recorded on video tape, or photo film was taken.) high radiation levels were obtained (maybe this radiation level of 0.1 milliroentgens were obtained from the U.F.O. landing place (or did it crash.) in the centre of the three depressions [the readings were Beta, Gamma.]) trees were damaged, and the lives of many people shattered...

This remarkable event did occur, believe it or not! and I do not expect the Government or you Sir to deny it because the official report was released by the Department of the Air Force, New York to the R.A.F. on the 13th. of January 1981 under the freedom of information act.

The event took place in East Anglia, Suffolk at Oxford Ness near the towns/villages (which-ever) of Oxford and Sudborne. The U.F.O. came from the east/north east of R.A.F. Bentwaters and it crashed about $1^1/_2$ miles east of the east gate of R.A.F. Woodbridge. It was first sighted by Section 40 over his house in Sudborne and then headed onto the R.A.F.base.

Dear Sir, I request that, if possible, you disclose as much information as possible about this incident and I am sure if you require more information yourself, then you can obtain it from the R.A.F. I hope you will reply to us as soon as possible. Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

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Masters Section 40 and Section 40

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

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

13 Jan 81

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.

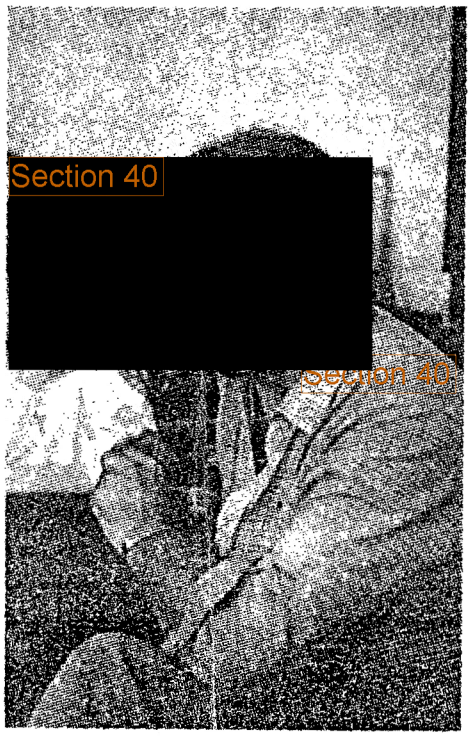
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near 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

Reproduction of the "Halt Memo" released under Freedom of Information Act.

House at Sudbourne where the UFO first appeared, badly affecting a dog before heading for its rendezvous in Rendlesham Forest.



Section 40 who lived in above house and who first saw the object arrive directly above his head, not knowing that it would end up in one of the most controversial Close Encounters of all time.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
6 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Sunday have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange white light that you saw in the sky early yesterday morning have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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I was interested to hear that you took some photos of the object, and would be happy to have a look at them and let you know what I think. If you do send any photos, it would be helpful to have some further details about your sighting, and I have enclosed one of our UFO report forms, showing the sort of information that would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
10. 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)	

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12. Name & address of informant	
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other witnesses	
15. Date and time of receipt	
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	
17. Remarks	

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Date
5 October 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

When we spoke earlier today I promised to let you have photocopies of the maps that we produce showing the approximate location of those UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence in recent years. I have attached these maps, together with a table showing the numbers of reports we received.

You asked for any comments I may have about the recent wave of UFO sightings in the Bristol area; I am aware that some of the sightings are thought to have been caused by people having seen Venus, and that others were probably caused by people having seen lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds; I know that BUFORA and Quest International have received a lot of sightings, and have looked into the situation; you may wish to liaise with them. As I mentioned, Section 40 Section 40 from DUFORO has also done a lot of research into the recent Bristol sightings.

I am not suggesting that all the recent UFO sightings in the Bristol area were caused by Venus or lasers/searchlights; as I mentioned, one lady reported that "sometime in August" she saw "a pen shaped object" which disappeared and reappeared three times before finally moving out of view. She described it a being black in colour with areas of chrome, and said that it was silent. The sighting occurred in the Lockleaze area.

I thought it might be useful if I set out our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon; the following two paragraphs set out our position.

While the Ministry of Defence does receive 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. However, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. Possibilities that spring to mind include aircraft lights or aircraft seen from unusual angles, kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, unusual cloud formations, satellites in orbit or satellite debris entering the atmosphere, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that appear to defy explanation, and we remain open-minded about these.

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I entirely agree with your comments about cooperation between the Ministry of Defence and ufologists; we always try to be as helpful as we can, and will do our best to answer questions about specific sightings, together with more general questions on our policy and views on UFOs.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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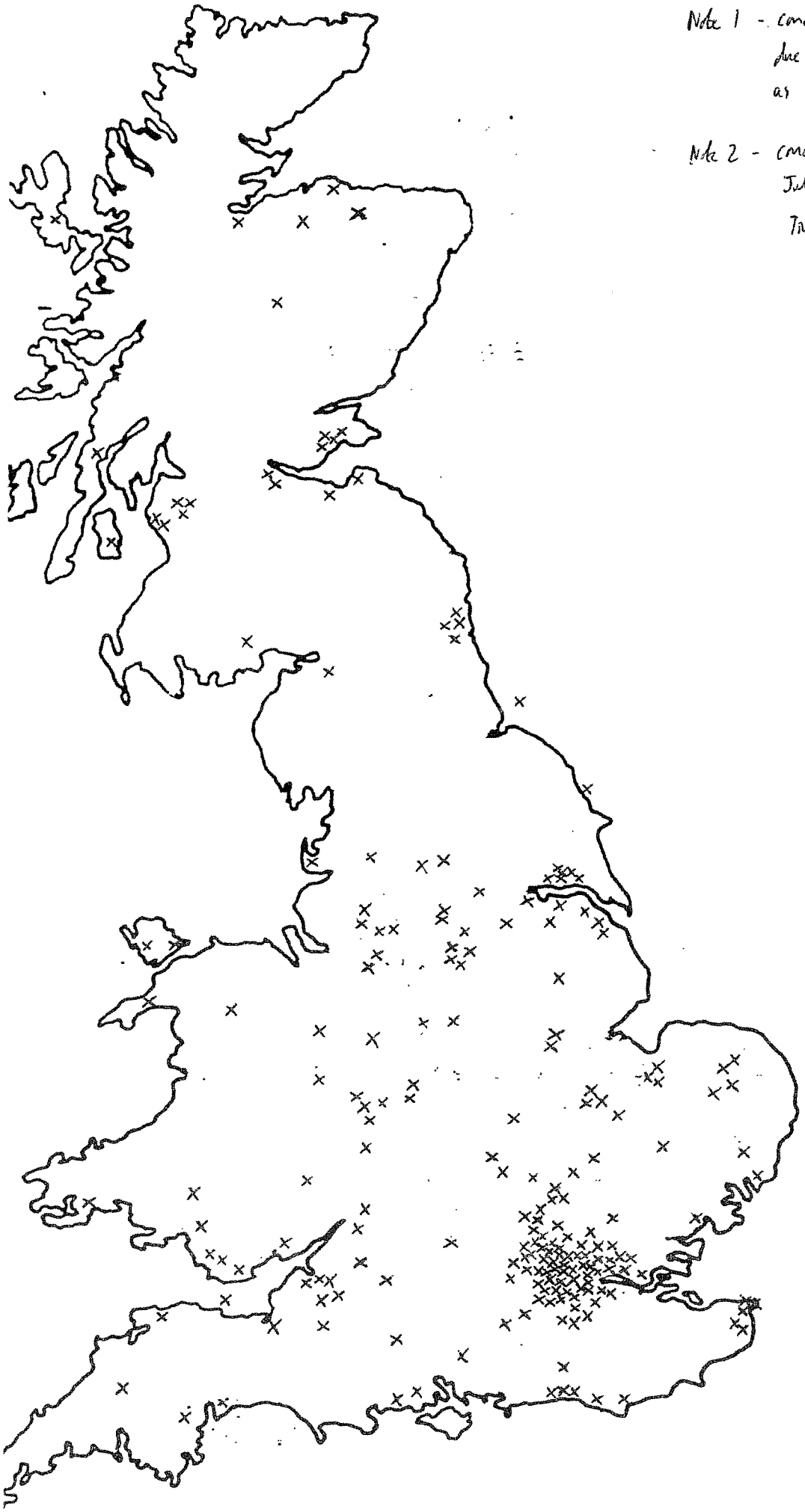
Geographical distribution of [illegible]



Note 1 - concentration of London sightings in Jan could be due to commercial searchlights bouncing off low cloud as could other London sightings.

Note 2 - concentration of sightings to NW of London during July caused by lasers/searchlights associated with a Tina Turner concert

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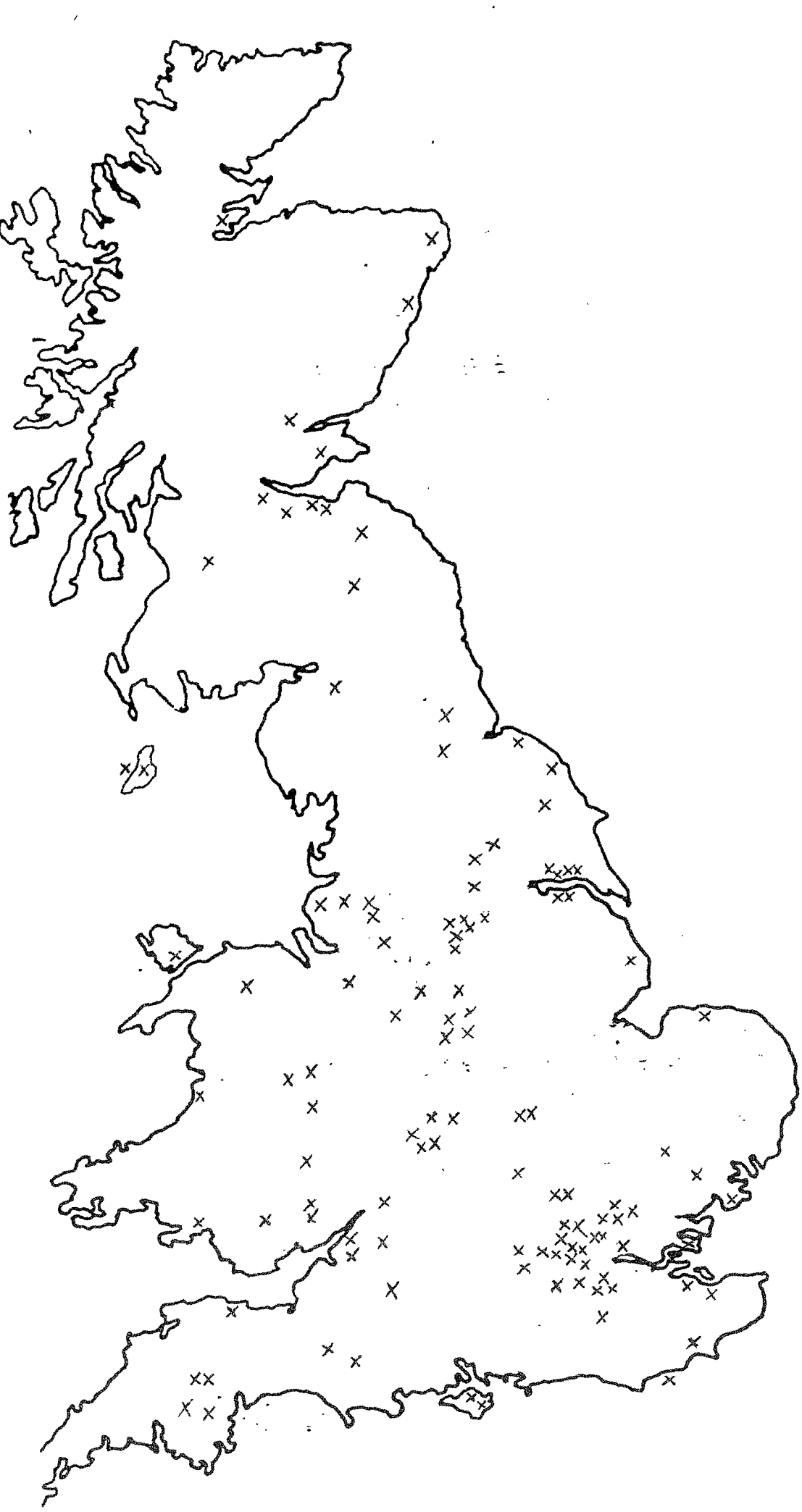
Geographical Distribution of UFO reports - 1991



Geographical Distribution of UFO reports - 1992

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Note 1 : Concentration of London sightings in mid Feb due to illuminated airship.

Note 2 : Concentration of Bristol sightings in mid Aug due to searchlights at music festival.

Note 3 : Many "second hand" reports received about a light in the sky on night of 16 Aug. from areas over Wales, NW Scotland, Merseyside. Almost certainly a fireball.

Notes:

1. Wave of London sightings starting late March due to airship, illuminated from inside. Also June/July
2. Many of these sightings relate to a wave of reports in the early hours of 31st March.

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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
1975 - 208	1992 - 147

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

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Date
5 October 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange objects that you saw in the sky on Sunday evening have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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Date
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Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange cigar-shaped object that you and Section 40 saw recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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NOA.
Sent Hawk UFO form
+ example of signal.

29 Sep 93

Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a

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UFO SIGHTINGS INCLUDING THE RAMSEY AREA REPORT

1. Thank you for your letter regarding my Working Paper 12/93 and the matter of reporting in any UFO reports. In the case of the Ramsey sighting the NCO i/c the PBX saw the UFO phone call as an ideal opportunity to check out his automatic recording facility, designed with bomb and terrorist threats in mind rather than UFOs, and consequently the interesting report was taped.

2. Having spoken to various people on the unit there seems only to be a vague awareness of some reporting procedure. Three days on from raising the query no one has come up with copies of those 'standard forms' you referred to. Disseminating the details of correct procedures to all the places you mentioned would be rather expensive. Perhaps alternative reporting methods should be considered, such as a free phone number to an answer phone with a taped set of instructions for reporting in the salient points required ?

3. The business of JARIC being involved was a misunderstanding. It was thought, that with JARIC on stand down at the time the Ramsey report was phoned in, the Research Branch was asked to help instead of referring it to JARIC. In fact the Research Branch was chosen by PBX staff to look into the report and your concept of JARIC only being involved to comment upon specific photos, film, etc. is almost certainly right.

4. I regret now being quite so specific in quoting only Alconbury when the alternative American bases of Mildenhall and Lakenheath might have been the parent base for some training operations. This would allow Alconbury to disclaim responsibility with a clear conscience ! Your premise of another type of helicopter is questionable since very few helicopters I can think of would have that long term hovering capability, operating with high power settings and consequent high fuel consumption.

5. Amusingly enough the area of the sighting, in the Fenland district, is likely to evoke comments to the effect that the local population (the Fen Tigers) wouldn't really notice a few aliens unless the abnormalities were fairly marked, like having two heads. Derogatory local humour.

6. Hope these further comments have been useful.

Section 40 [redacted]

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

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone (Direct Dialling) (Switchboard) Section 40
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
30 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 September.

You asked about the "close encounter" cases that we released last year. Following a number of enquiries, I wanted to put into the public domain those very few cases that we had which went beyond the sighting of lights or vague shapes in the sky. Following a search of the files held in this office, I identified five such cases, and released them to the national UFO groups, having deleted the names and addresses of witnesses - together with other personal details - because of our rules on witness confidentiality. I sent BUFORA's copies to the Section 40 address, but given that they seem to have gone astray, I have attached copies of these cases.

In line with our rules on witness confidentiality it is not our practice to give details of exchanges of correspondence or meetings with other ufologists. We are happy to meet serious researchers in order to explain our policy and views on UFOs, and have done so on a number of occasions.

I was interested in your views on the Halt tape; clearly you have done a lot of research into this. Given the time that has now passed, and the fact that the personalities involved have moved on, I suspect it will be impossible to resolve the mystery. I have made it clear that my view that the Halt tape is a fake is a personal one. The objections that occurred to me as being ones which cast doubts on the tape's authenticity were points that I thought would be useful to researchers.

I entirely agree with your comments about cooperation between the Ministry of Defence and ufologists; we always try to be as helpful as we can, and will do our best to answer questions about specific sightings, together with more general questions on our policy and views on UFOs.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

Tel: Section 40 [redacted]

22 September 1993

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Although I do not think we have corresponded recently you may have come across my name in association with UFOs. I am, in fact Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] with BUFORA (British UFO Research Association).

I have wanted for some time to thank you for the time and trouble that you have taken in the past two years assisting serious UFO investigators in this country, notably those who are part of the National Investigations Committee at BUFORA. I know they appreciate what you are doing under the limited time and resources on a subject of minor concern to your department. I am equally grateful for the advice you give witnesses to contact BUFORA. We have been able to help several puzzled folk this way.

As I think you know, my approach to UFOs is that there is not (as popularly assumed) a government cover-up to hide knowledge and that you know as well as we do that 95% of all reported sightings have a mundane solution if you apply the effort to find it (eg the recent Bristol sightings which created so much fuss but which were mainly just venus rising). Of the remaining 5% I am satisfied that most, possibly all, but perhaps also not quite all, relate to what I term UAP (unidentified atmospheric phenomena) - these being natural anomalies that science has not yet fully caught up with. There are some intriguing areas left to mull over, notably the alien contact claims, but these appear to be as relevant to psychology and parapsychology as they do to any physical reality they may define.

I was intrigued to read in a Contact UK magazine about 12 months ago (along with bizarre claims about a direct link their team has with the 'aliens' shaped like a dentists drill who are making the crop circles!) that you have supplied them with all of the 'alien contact' cases on file at the MoD. They published them - being, in effect, a series of letters. I recognised most of the cases. A couple were witnesses who had inflicted themselves upon me after reading one of my books. But I was curious that you had distributed these letters to Contact, given their views. They do say that you had also released these to BUFORA ., but as director of investigations I cannot trace them in the files. Nor can I find anyone at BUFORA who saw them at the offices. Can you check on this please?

Rumours have circulated around UFOlogy for a time about luncheon appointments you have had with Section 40 [redacted] (who is not part of BUFORA) and Section 40 [redacted] (who most certainly is, as a key administrator). For a time there were whispers among UFO buffs, who were mystified as to why such a thing was happening. I assured them that this was probably just a consequence of your personal interest in the subject, taking the chance to talk to Section 40 [redacted] - but you know how these stories can get out of hand after a time in circulation. UFOlogy is never short of conspiracy theories.

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 has recently confirmed that the meetings happened, but, so far as he knows, you did not pass on MoD 'alien contact' letters. So this still leaves unresolved what happened to them. Your cover letter which Contact publish clearly refers to copies coming to BUFORA in 1992.

The other point that I wanted to raise was regarding your correspondance with Section 40 over the Rendlesham Forest/Bentwaters saga. As you know, I have had more than a passing interest in this, writing two books (the more recent and, I trust, sober of which was published by Berkley in the USA in April and called 'From out of the blue'). That said, I still do not know what went on - although there was clearly a lot of confabulation involved. One of the witnesses who reputedly saw aliens ('Art Wallace' of the original 1983 News of the World articles) is shortly to publish his own book, which may well open up old wounds. I have to say from the interviews that I did that nobody else told me that they recalled aliens.

Anyhow, I was surprised from Section 40 letters that you had not heard the Halt tape before he gave you a copy. Your letter to him of 14 May 1993 (Ref D/Sec (AS) 12/3) argues that the tape may be a hoax, giving various reasons. Having a little free time for the first in what seems like ages I thought I would fill in a few gaps on this matter for you. It might help you to reappraise your views and to have material to hand to answer future queeries. You doubtless still get them and when Art Wallace (ie Larry Warren's) book appears you may well be inundated from America, where some may believe the MoD have got spaceships and a few little grey aliens locked away. Of that, I will say no more, since I have already been sued personally, as was a British newspaper, for a not inconsiderable sum, when I countered stories about dead aliens and crashed spaceships, thinking it my responsibility to the serious side of UFO research to do so ...

So best that you be prepared. Although I will confine my comments to the Halt tape I would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have about this case, or, indeed, any other current UFO activity in this country. At a focal point of reporting channels over quite a diverse range, I do find that most cases come through my office - so please feel free to contact me, no strings attached, to ask any questions at any time that might be useful to you, eg in framing replies that you may need to give to a correspondant.

I am absolutely delighted to see the cooperation that has thrived in recent years between your offices and BUFORA. We are both working in the same area and with much the same philosophy I think. The more we can do to help one another, the better.

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Sincerely,

Section 40

The Halt tape

The tape is not a hoax. I am as certain of that as I can be. It has been analysed by experts in sound recording in the USA and, aside from the problems of re-recording, it is just what one would expect it to be. Several of the people on the tape have been identified. I have talked to two of them myself. They, and others, all confirm that the tape was made and is accurate.

I do not know how many generations on from the original is the copy that you have, but I have what I believe is at worst a third generation recording. Two were distributed in August 1984 from the USA. They came from Colonel Sam Morgan at an air base in Texas. He was a commander at Bentwaters after the 1980 incidents and decided to release it, he said, as there was no reason for him not to do so. A covering letter was sent - but not with the copy that came to me. At the time I was in hospital having my gall bladder removed, so I never chased it up; although I have seen the letter. It is a private one from Morgan. I suspect this was his personal decision, not a USAF official act. He was under no obligation to withold data and felt the facts would be illuminated by forwarding the tape.

Morgan was not present when the incidents occurred but does say he accepts the credibility of the men who described it.

Morgan made the recording we all have by playing the original on a portable in his quarters and picking up the sound onto a second tape deck, without any direct interface. Thus extraneous room sounds interrupted that way. They are not part of the original , I understand, which was reputedly destroyed by accident. This was made, by Halt, on a dictaphone style tapedeck, keyed on and off - mostly off, as they appear to have had other distractions later on that morning. The main purpose was to record the sample taking and site details as it was dark and difficult to write notes.

As for the 'UFOs' that intrude into the picture, in my view these often match the location of the lighthouse. Whilst none of the witnesses I have talked with buy that solution in aby way, many of the lights refered to on the tape are not totally inconsistent with it in a number of aspects.

I do not know why Halt did not mention the tape on his memo (or indeed the photographs that it records being taken and which I know for sure were taken; even though they have never been released). I can guess (and, I stress, it is purely a guess). I got the impression that Halt may have been in the forest at 1 am with a group of men on a private venture, rather than an official mission; although would equipment (eg geiger counters, lightalls, etc) have to be logged in and out? Of course, there may have been quite proper channels by which the equipment could have been used in an unofficial capacity that night. I do not wish to imply anything underhand took place at all. But it would be odd for an official exercise to take site measurements, geiger counter readings, photographs, samples etc, in the middle of the night. Why not go during the day? Unless you also wanted to watch the sky after work as well, of course - which might have been in the equation.

My feeling is that Halt, like you, was personally interested in the subject and that, after the first nights events, he went out there on his own initiative, perhaps reasonably assuming an investigation would follow and need this data. When the USAF seemed disinterested in what was happening and the MoD also expressed the standard line of 'no defence implications and so no investigation follow up is necessary' he may have simply sent the memo (17 days later note) as a gesture for the files rather than as a definitive account of material that nobody had shown too much interest in analysing.

Just a thought. I may be completely wrong in all of this, of course.

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
29 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 September.

I agree that radar will only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance, although it is important to remember that a radar blip does not necessarily correspond to the location of an object; as I explained in my letter dated 18 February, the phenomenon of Anomalous Propagation can give an indication that an object of some sort is in the air, when in fact there is no such object; the radar will be picking up a natural feature such as a coastline.

I am not aware of instances where radar operators have detected an object, judged it to be solid, and not been able to identify it; if there have been such cases then they probably relate to weather balloons. The point I was trying to make in my 18 February letter was that we have never detected a structured craft flying in UK airspace, that has remained unidentified.

Although, as you point out, there is a chain of radar stations stretching across NATO, it is not the case that they all automatically exchange data, so it is not correct to say that the Ministry of Defence must have been aware of radar detections that occurred during the 1989/90 UFO sightings in Belgium. When I said, in my letter dated 24 February, that I remembered only one reference to radar sightings, I made it quite clear that this was a personal recollection of comments made in Timothy Good's book, "Alien Liaison".

I really must stress again that while the sightings that you are researching are doubtless very interesting, they occurred outside UK airspace, and as such lie outside our remit.

I wish you the best of luck with your continuing attempts to get to the bottom of this mystery.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

27th September 1993

Section 40 Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, RoomSection 40

Ministry of Defence,

Main Building,

Whitehall,

London SW1A 2HB.

Dear Section 40

You may remember that earlier in the year we had some correspondence concerning unidentified radar returns.

Your observations refer; 'There are certainly no instances where solid objects have been detected but not identified' (Ref;D/Sec(AS)12/3) and on the subject of Anomalous Propagation of radar '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.'(Ref; D/Sec(AS)12/3)'

I was recently invited by BBC radio,to discuss an application that I have made to the European Parliament for an enquiry into the Belgian incidents of 1989/90.

A direct result of that broadcast were several letters and telephone calls from airline pilots,who had indeed been alerted by radar stations,of objects that had been detected on converging courses,and who had witnessed

together with other crew members,the detected object/objects passing where indicated. A telephone conversation with a radar operator also confirmed similar incidents.

A conversation with a radar technologist also confirmed that 'radar will act in much the same way as a wavelength of light. It will only detect another radar signal or its own reflection from an object of reflectability in the latter case an object of some substance or opacity'

Note* This must be the case-or there would be no point in radar detection.

I have had considerable correspondence with the Belgian Air Force,the Belgian Minister/and Ministry of Defence,and the Belgian Prime Minister. Their comments are,that because the credibility of the Belgian armed forces and Ministry of Defence are involved,that my report be forwarded to:

Egon Klepsch.

President of the European Parliament,

Belliarstraat 97-117,

1047 Brussels,Belgium.

I have also been informed that detection was made by Belgian-Semmerzeke radar(array type-military), Belgian-Glons radar(multipurpose impulsion type) and German-Vedem-radar. All observations were made by skilled operatives.

These radar stations are part of an 80 station radar complex that extends throughout Europe and are part of the North American Treaty Organisation Air Defence Ground Environment.

All of the detections of these radar stations are coordinated.

We are part of the North American Treaty Organisation Air Defence Ground Environment and of the same radar complex.
The Ministry of Defence must therefore have been aware of the many radar detections by these three radar stations, and of the 13 contacts made by the F-16 interceptor aircraft which were vectored to their targets by the three main radar stations involved.

In view of:- 1) the statement by the radar technologist involved stating that radar will only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance.

2) The statement concerning - on two occasions - prior warning by radar to a civil airliner, of an object that was witnessed by three aircrew members

3) I would be interested in your observations as to whether you agree with statement 1). Whether you will confirm that the MOD have never had an unidentified radar return as advised in statement 2) And how you would qualify your comments in your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 24/2/93) that-concerning the Belgian incidents and the detections by three NATO radar stations that -'*there was only ONE reference to radar*'

Your comments would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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
29 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Your letter concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky earlier this month has been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

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

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Royal Air Force
Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 0RZ

Telephone Section 40

Please reply to
The Officer Commanding
Your reference

Sec(AS)2a
MOD Main Building
Room Section 40

Our reference
UXB/1904/2/Org

Date
24 Sep 93

OBSERVATION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

Section 40

Wg Cdr
for OC

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UXB/1904/2/Org

September 1993

Dear Section 40

REPORT OF OBSERVATION

Thank you for your letter of 5 September in which you reported an observation you had made. I have passed your information to the appropriate department where it will be considered in due course.

Section 40

Wing Commander
for Officer Commanding

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

5.9.93

THE MILITARY,
WEST DRAYTON.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you after being advised by Exeter Air Traffic Control. I was walking home on Saturday night at 11.45 pm, a beautiful clear night with a full Moon. I had walked down a small lane which ajoins Park Rd, Kingsteerswell. Park Road is on Map Ordnance Survey Torbay sheet SX 86/96, 1:25000 Grid ref. 889882 which lays approximately N/S I looked up at the Heavens as I always do and was clear and star studied. And an object caught my eye. "I am used to seeing jets and Satellite going accross" but this was different, it was travelling North bound possibly 10° East of North and my side of the Moon or West of the Moon. It had two white bleeping lights, roughly the height of a Satel.-lite but I think it may have been higher? But it's speed was phenomenal! I was trying to keep sight of it as it went behind the glare of a lamp post then I caught it again. I cannot be sure but it appeared to change course slightly a further 10° making a total of 20° North, North East, I think. Then it vanished with an acceleration Pace I've never seen. Also my head elevation was 45° measured on my compass (not a Protractor)

Awaiting your reply

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
29 September 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Saturday night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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Yours Sincerely,

Section 40

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) (Switchboard) (Fax) Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 September 1993

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September.

I am not able to shed any light on the jets that were seen in the vicinity of a UFO on 4 September. I am aware that a colleague checked to see whether any military aircraft were in the area at the time, and that no record of any such activity was found. There are no further checks that I can make.

You asked again about our views on the UFO sightings on 30/31 March; I can confirm that these sightings remain unexplained (but not necessarily unexplainable - an important distinction). However, our only reason for looking at UFO sightings at all is to look for evidence of any threat to the UK, and as I explained when you telephoned yesterday, we could not say that there was a threat until we had positive evidence. To date, we have received no such evidence, and given that this is the case, I do not believe there are any grounds for us to carry out further research or investigation. I can assure you, however, that all UFO reports are carefully studied, and that we are open-minded in our approach.

I was interested to hear about the spate of UFO sightings in the Taunton area on 3 August, and, as promised, I have attached a copy of the report we have that might tie-in with these sightings. I have deleted personal details of the witnesses (a husband and wife) in the usual way, but have written to them explaining your interest, and inviting them to contact you if they so wish. I have attached a blank copy of the form we use to take details of UFO sightings, to assist you in interpreting the report I have sent.

Finally, when we spoke, I promised to send you an address for NASA, so that you can ask for some information about SETI. The address is as follows:

HQ Information
NASA
Washington DC
20546
USA

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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FOR CAB

PRIORITY 041100Z AUG 93

FROM RAF CHIVENOR
TO MODUK AIR

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SUBJECT. AERIAL PHENOMENA.
A. 032245-2300(L) AUG 93
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C. LANGPORT SOMERSET. OUTDOORS. STATIONARY
D. NAKED EYE
E. NORTH
F. 60 DEGREES-70 DEGREES
G. NOT KNOWN
H. STEADY
J. QUITE CLEAR
K. NIL
L. RAF CHIVENOR
M. [redacted] PITNEY HILL. LANGPORT. SOMERSET

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	
10. 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)	

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	
12. Name & address of informant	
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	
14. Other witnesses	
15. Date and time of receipt	
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	
17. Remarks	

DEVON UFO RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Section 40 [redacted]

Our ref: DC/1/93/NP

Your ref:

20th September 1993

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

Dear Section 40

As you may have heard, during your absence on holiday (which I trust was both enjoyable and restful) there has been yet another mini wave of sightings here in the westcountry.

During August there were two sightings of a pair of 'cigar shaped' objects. The first occurred at 0810hrs on the 7th and was reported by a lady from Taunton, Somerset. The two were seen moving slowly towards the northwest, one behind the other. The second sighting was reported from St Agnes, Cornwall, also by a lady, but in company with her sister. In this case the objects were seen at 13.10hrs on the 10th and were again moving very slowly and in formation one behind the other.
My case reports on these sightings are enclosed for your perusal. (Case Nos 938).

On the 4th September, a man from Bristol reported seeing a single 'cigar shaped' object moving fast towards the east. The sighting occurred at approx 05.30hrs and the object was reported as being very large and in a vertical mode rather than horizontal! A few seconds after the sighting the same man and his next door neighbour observed 7 or 8 fighter jet aircraft approach from different directions and converge east of Bristol, they then appeared to follow or chase the 'unknown'.
I have already made enquiries at your office regarding the presence of these 'jets', but was informed by a gentleman,

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(name unknown) that there is no record of these aircraft over Bristol on the day in question.
Could you please double check this for me, as both my witnesses are adamant that these were 'jet fighters' and were definitely pursuing the 'object'.

Whilst writing, I wonder if I could bother you with another problem. This goes back to the extraordinary events over Cornwall, Devon and Somerset on March 30th / 31st this year. (My case No 933 refers)
Reading back through my correspondence on this case, I particularly note that in your letter to me, dated 28th May '93, you say in your last paragraph, and I quote " personally I agree that while the decay of Cosmos 2238 might explain the high level 1.10am sightings, it would not explain the other sightings on the night in question"
Am I to assume then, that the other objects seen and reported upon, which I definitely believe were ufos - and that does not necessarily mean 'alien spacecraft', are by virtue of the fact that they are unexplainable, considered by yourself to be unidentified flying objects or unidentified aircraft? If they are thought to be one of these, what is the MoD or our Government doing about them?

Secondly, whilst in correspondence with Section 40 Section 40 of Valencia, Spain, he kindly sent me a photo copy of your letter to him dated 25th August '93. Section 40 has for reasons best known to himself, taken a great interest in the events of this night, (March 30th/31st) and is, I believe, pursuing these events most vigorously!
However, I digress. My question is this and again I refer to your letter and in particular paragraph three, in which you say " we are not able to make a positive identification of what was seen and could draw no firm conclusions, and that this fascinating wave of sightings remains unexplainable".
Again this begs a question! If you are unable to make any positive identification of these objects, and I assume that you do believe that my witnesses are telling the truth and that there was something unknown around on this night, what are the authorities doing about them / it?
This does raise some very serious questions. If there are unidentified objects traversing our skies, be they ufo related or otherwise, surely somebody in authority ought to be investigating them - or are they?
Has the Minister of Defence been notified of these events and if so what action is he taking?
I realise the answers to these questions may not be part of your brief, and by saying that I'm not being discourteous, but I really do think that somebody should address them.
If you or your office are unable to answer these questions, could you possible let me know to whom I should write.

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Once again many thanks for your time and patience, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Section 40

P.S. Also enclosed my reports № 935 + 935A concerning two sightings that occurred in May + July this year.

Section 40

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(Devon UFO Research Organisation)

Section 40 [redacted]

INVESTIGATION REPORT Case No: 935 & 935A

Case Name or Reference; **'Axminster & Packsaddle Sightings'**

Introduction

Although the following reports occurred on different dates they are considered to be sufficiently similar in nature to warrant them as a dual event, possible of the same object.

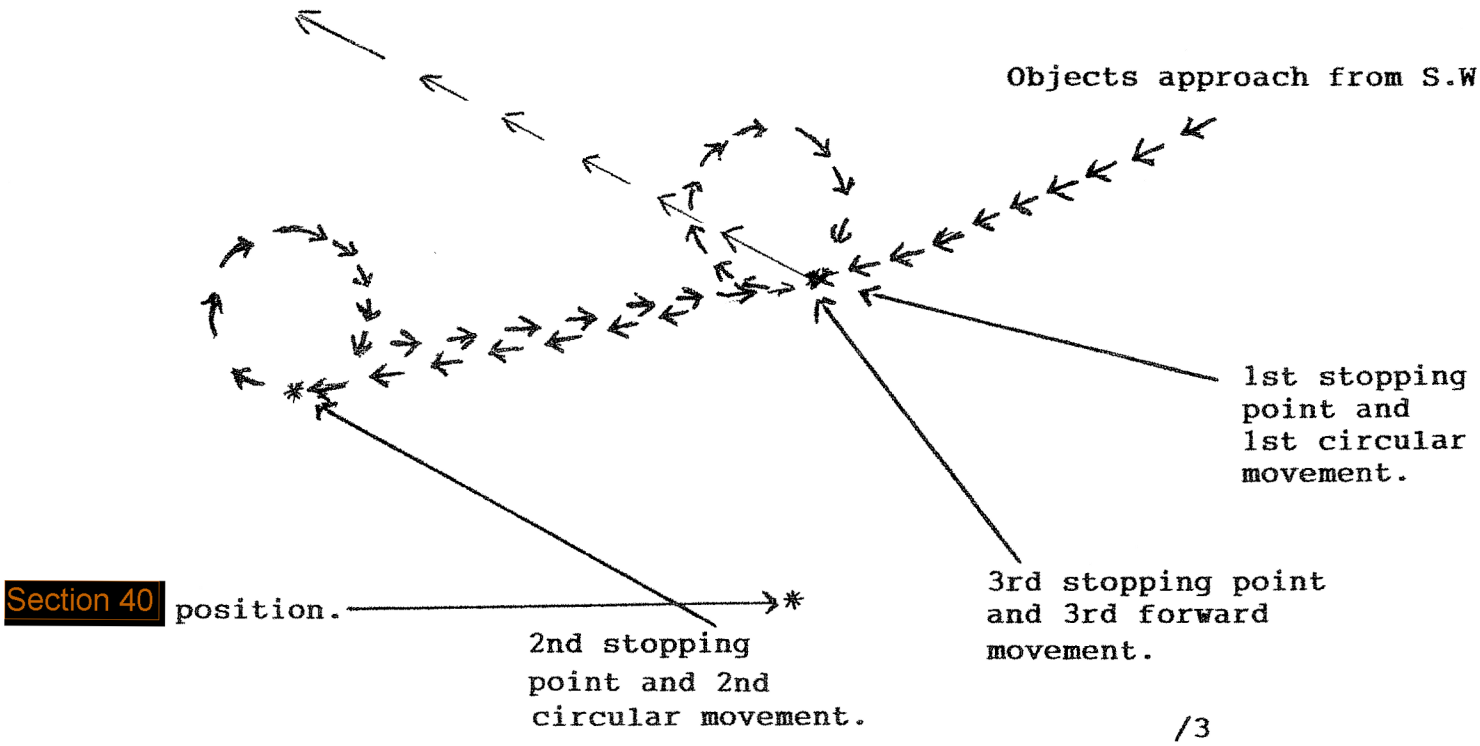
The first event (Case No 935) occurred on the 14th May 1993 and was reported by Section 40 [redacted] lives at Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] Axminster, Devon. This is an older style terraced cottage, virtually in the centre of Axminster. Because of its location; the rear and only garden of the property does not afford its occupants a very good view of the surrounding area. At 10.40pm on the day in question Section 40 had gone out in the garden to smoke a cigarette and upon looking up noticed a bright light approaching from the S.W. He estimated its height to be between 10,000' and 20,000' and at an elevation of about 75 degrees to the horizon. On its approach Section 40 [redacted] describes its speed as faster than a jet aircraft and on a consistent course. As the object reached a position right above his garden - it suddenly stopped. This action rather startled Section 40 as although he was unable to identify the object he really hadn't considered it to be anything other than perhaps a high flying aircraft or even possibly a satellite.
The object remained stationary for for a few seconds, then performed a forward motion going into a anti- clockwise circle and returning to its former position.

After another slight pause, the object then shot forward approx 2 or 3 miles and again stopped abruptly. It then performed another circular motion stopping at its second position and after a short pause returned to its approx first position over the garden. At this point it once again performed another circular motion and again stopped dead. It then moved forward very fast and disappeared towards the S.E.- ascending very fast. During its flight from its first stationary position to its second Section 40 called to his wife Section 40 who came out and witnessed the second and final movements of the object and its departure.

Both witnesses described the object as about the size of a new five pence piece at arms length and agreed that the object appeared oval in shape and although described as a bright self luminous object appeared to be tinged with an orange / reddish colour. Neither Section 40 or Section 40 could identify the object, but they are certain it was not an aircraft or a helicopter.

In all the sighting lasted approx 1½ minutes and needless to say left both witnesses more than a little puzzled.

*Sketch of objects movements.



The second event (Case no 935'A') occurred on the 6th July 1993 and was reported by [redacted] lives at [redacted] Falmouth, Cornwall. Although situated amongst a large number of other properties, [redacted] house is in an elevated position that affords him a good view of the surrounding area. At 11.18pb on the night, [redacted] (just as [redacted] did at Axminster) went out into his garden for a smoke. Suddenly he saw an object appear from over the top of his house and moving at a high speed. It was 'Ice Blue' in colour and again was described as about the size of a new pence piece at arms length. As [redacted] watched the object, it suddenly stopped in mid air and remained stationary for a few seconds. It then moved forward in a zig-zag motion and then shot forward and upwards at a tremendous speed towards the S.E. During its forward movement [redacted] called to his son [redacted] and a friend [redacted] who both witnessed the objects departure. Whilst stationary [redacted] estimated the object to have been 60 degrees to the horizon, but on its departure ascended towards the moon!
As in the Axminster sighting, none of the witnesses were able to identify the object and as with the [redacted] are completely mystified by the event.

Investigation

On the evening of Friday 28th May 1993, I travelled to Axminster to meet and interview [redacted] and [redacted]. I was accompanied by my wife [redacted] who fortunately takes an interest in my chosen hobby and has, as I call it 'a nose for things'! On our arrival at their home [redacted] and [redacted] made us most welcome and very soon we were engaged in some very serious but relaxed conversation [redacted] had spent some time in the army and had served with the Life Guards, so because of my military background we had something in common.

At the present time Section 40 is self employed as a Section 40 Section 40 whilst Section 40 is busy at home looking after their baby son.

Once we had gone through the details of their sightings, Section 40 took me out into the back garden to view his outlook from there. The rear of the property faces south and is virtually unobstructed to the south and south west. His easterly and south easterly view is somewhat restricted by adjacent buildings, but he still has a good view of the sky from approx 20 degrees upwards.

Section 40 explained how he noticed the objects approach and how amazed he was to see it stop in mid air. He described the stopping movement as extraordinary and couldn't see how an aircraft or anything else for that matter could perform this feat. He then described the objects circular aerobatics and its movement between them Section 40 estimate of the objects height (between 10.000' and 20,000') is I believe fairly conservative and having discussed this with him and assessing the sightings, I believe its height was in excess of 20,000' and probably nearer 30,000', but this is pure speculation on my part! Even if the object was at 20,000', then from the size of the object given by Section 40 i.e. a new five pence piece, then the object must have been of considerable size Section 40 who only saw the objects second and third circular movements and its departure, agrees with Section 40 estimates viz - height. size etc and like him is completely baffled by its presence and flying abilities. Section 40 and Section 40 are, I believe, quite truthful in their report and can see no reason why they should report an occurrence of this kind unless it happened! It's my belief that this event did take place, and in the way described, and that their sighting may well have connections with the second report from Packsaddle, Cornwall.

This sighting occurred on the 6th July 1993 and it has many similarities to the Axminster sighting. My investigation into this sighting has been mainly by telephone, but with the added advantage of seeing Section 40 and his family being interviewed on local TV concerning this event.

Section 40 [redacted]

As with Section 40 sighting Section 40 had gone outside into his back garden for a smoke. It was 11.18pm and being a clear night Section 40 was taking in the late evening sky. Suddenly he became aware of a brightly lit object appearing over the top of his house and moving very fast. It was on a S.E. course and at a great height. He estimated the distance of the object from him to be a 'few miles' and at an elevation of 60 degrees to the horizon.

Whilst watching the objects progress, it suddenly came to a stop and remained stationary for a few seconds. It then moved forward in a zig-zag movement, for approx 20 seconds and then descended very fast towards the S.E. almost as if it was heading towards the moon! Section 40

During its forward movement was able to call out to his son Section 40 and his friend who both witnessed the objects departure.

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From my conversations with and the TV report, I see no reason to disbelieve this sighting and do think the report given is accurate. Section 40 estimates that he had the object in view for some two minutes, sufficient time, I think for him to have fully appreciated and noted most if not all of the details. Both Section 40 son and his friend have verified the sighting and all are equally puzzled by what they saw.

Conclusions

From the descriptions of these sightings, it is fairly obvious that what was seen on these two nights was not a conventional aircraft or helicopter. No aircraft to my knowledge, and this includes the Harrier Jump Jet, can suddenly stop in mid air from this sort of speed. In addition, I don't believe that an aircraft could perform the type of aerobatics described by the witnesses. Because of the sudden stopping of these 'crafts' it is also reasonable to assume they were not Satellites. Fireballs, Bolides or any other known natural phenomenon.
This being the case - what were they?
They can of course be simply classified as 'Unidentified Flying Objects' - as this they surely were, but into what category do we place them.
Are they 'alien space ships' piloted by 'alien beings' or some advanced form of air/space craft developed here on earth?
Maybe the answer lies somewhere between the two!
During the last couple of years or so, there has been much speculation about the existence of captured 'Flying Saucers'. this obviously relates to the so called Roswell incident of 1948. If, and I only say if, the USAF is in possession of some alien space craft, then it is quite possible that they have been subjected to some very intensive back engineering and as a result are now being flown by them. It's also possible, I suppose, that these craft could be piloted by their original crews - but I think that's best left well alone for the time being.
The reason for this speculation is of course the stories emanating from America and the now infamous Area 51 scenario. I recently obtained a tape recording, made in the USA from a program called 'For the People'. On this tape some well intended and apparently well informed person, is heard disclosing recent events and some film footage taken of these events over Area 51 (Groomlake) which depicts brightly coloured

objects rising from behind some mountains and traversing the sky at great speed. They are then seen to hover and move forward in a zig-zag motion before moving away at great speed. If these reports are genuine, then this must open up a debate as to whether these objects are being flown outside the US and if so, are they being seen in the skies over Britain.

Both the objects mentioned in this report were seen to approach from the N.W.,which may indicate that they came from across the Atlantic - travelled north of Ireland before crossing the S.W. of England.

As stated earlier this is only speculation, but without further evidence as to the objects origins, make-up or mode of operation, there is little else to go on.

There is no doubt in my mind that the reports given by Section 40 Section 40 and Section 40 are genuine, and that what they witnessed cannot be explained by any known natural phenomenon.

The ariel performance by these objects is to say the least quite remarkable, and if they do turn out to be some form of advance air/space craft made on this earth, then perhaps the billions of dollars being spent on the so called 'Black Budget' may some day be justified!

Section 40

3rd August 1993

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(Devon UFO Research Organisation)

Section 40 [redacted]

INVESTIGATION REPORT - CASE NO: 938

Case Name or Reference ' Taunton / St Agnes Sightings' (August 1993)

Introduction

Although two days apart both these sightings are so similar in nature and description that there is undoubtedly a connection between them.
Both concern the sighting of 'two cigar shaped objects' traversing the skies above Taunton, Somerset and St Agnes, Cornwall, in what appears to be an identical flight pattern.
The first sighting was personally reported to me by Section 40 [redacted], who lives in Taunton. Section 40 [redacted] is an employee in one of the shops, within the shopping centre that Section 40 [redacted].
Knowing of my interest in ufos, she related her sighting to me, appreciating that if nothing else she would not be ridiculed or thought of as a fool etc. I have known Section 40 [redacted] for the best part of three years and have always considered her to be an honest and trustworthy person. because of this, I believe her sighting to be quite genuine, and can actually corroborate part of her report myself - which is as follows:-

At approx 8.15am on Saturday 7th August 1993 Section 40 [redacted] was standing at a bus stop near her home, awaiting her bus to take her to work. She was alone and on looking up at the sky noticed a rather extraordinary number of aircraft vapour trails. Although it is not unusual to see vapour trails, it did seem to her that there was rather a lot of them and more importantly they appeared to be criss-crossing the sky - every which way. Their configuration reminded her of a ball of wool having been undone and

left untidily laying about. Whilst looking at them she noticed an aircraft travelling northwards and heading away from Taunton. As the aircraft disappeared from sight, she then saw two cigar shaped objects, one following the other, moving very slowly across the sky in a northerly direction. Because of their speed she was able to watch them for nearly five minutes. She described them as silver in colour and reflecting the early morning sun. They appeared to be about 30' apart and at a height slightly lower than the aircraft previously seen. She estimated each object to be about 1¼" in length - at arms length. They were at an elevation of about 70° to the horizon, but Section 40 was unable to judge their distance from her. At approx 8.20am Section 40 bus arrived and she then lost sight of the objects.

On this particular morning, I arrived in Taunton at approx 7.55am and whilst parking my car, I happened to look up at the sky and noticed the rather large number of vapour trails. Being in the west,, the sky above Taunton, particularly on saturdays, does get very busy and vapour trails are not uncommon. However, on this morning there was an extraordinary number of them and were as I would expect them to be mainly from east to west (west to east), there were a number that criss-crossed the sky and indeed some seemed to have approached from one direction and joined then followed some others. The impression I got, was that a number of aircraft had converged on one another and then headed away northwards!

The second sighting came from a police officer - Section 40 serves with the Devon & Cornwall Police Force. At 1pm on Tuesday 10th August 1993, Section 40 Fiance)and her sister Section 40 were driving along the B3285 east of Goonhavern, Cornwall, when they noticed to the S.W. two objects flying or moving S.Easterly. They appeared to be about 5 or 6 miles away and in line, one behind the other, moving very slowly and appeared to be on a predetermined course Section 40 described them as silver / white in colour and at arms length about the

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size of a cigarette. She estimated that they were between 45° to 60° to the horizon and that they (Section 40 and her sister) had the objects in sight for for about ten minutes. This obviously indicates a fairly slow speed, and if Section 40 estimate of the objects lengths are correct, then they must have been fairly large!

Investigation and Conclusions

Because of my very heavy work load (Business and UFOs), I have not been able to investigate these sightings in any great depth.
Fortunately, because of my close work association with Section 40 I have been able to interview her firsthand. From her report and from what she has told me of the event, I feel that what she saw on this morning was certainly out of the ordinary. She is, I'm sure, able to identify aircraft when she sees them and other natural aerial objects such as - Hot Air Balloons, Helicopters, Gliders etc. Given the distance of the objects from her, it is conceivable that they may have been some type of aircraft! If they were, they would most probably have been some military type flying in formation and also quite possibly carrying out a re-fueling operation! This is of course merely speculation on my part, but could I believe be one explanation.
What concerns me or rather I should say intrigues me, is the extraordinary number of vapour trails that morning. Only last week, I received a report of the sighting of a single cigar shaped object over Bristol on Saturday 4th September 1993. The object was travelling very fast in an easterly direction and a few seconds after being seen, a number of fighter aircraft (7 or 8) were also seen. The jets arrived from all compass points and converged east of Bristol and appeared to be chasing the Ufo! Inquiries to the MOD (Air) of course produced no results, but this is being followed up by letter. (Case No 9313 to follow, refers).

Both ladies are adamant that there were no 'wings' or other 'appendages' affixed or associated with these objects, which does indicate that they were not any known conventional aircraft. Given the spate of ufo sightings in the west county over the last few months, it is reasonable to assume that these objects may have been ufos of some description or other.

Although all the objects were 'cigar shaped' there is of course the possibility that they were in fact 'disc shaped' and seen from an angle or side view. Again this is speculation, but as the object seen over Bristol on the 4th September was observed in a 'vertical' mode and not 'horizontal', then all things are possible.

In conclusion, although I have to say that there is the possibility that these objects may have been aircraft, and if so, probably military, I do feel that what was seen on these two days and also on the 4th September over Bristol, were definitely unidentifiable by the sighters, and must, for the time being anyway, be classified as 'unknowns'.

Section 40 [redacted]

17th September 1993

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Telephone (Direct Dialling) Section 40
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
24 September 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

You will recall that I wrote to you last month following the report you made of strange lights in the sky.

I have now been contacted by a UFO researcher, a Section 40 who has received a number of reports for the night in question, in and around the Taunton area. The times and descriptions would appear to match your own sighting.

I have given Section 40 details of your report, but I have not given him your names and address, as we never take any action which might result in members of the public receiving unsolicited approaches from UFO researchers. Needless to say, Section 40 is hoping that you will contact him. His address and telephone number are as follows:

Section 40

Tel no. Section 40

If you do decide to get in touch, I hope that Section 40 will be able to shed some light on your own sighting.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Your reference

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Date
23 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at Jersey airport have sent me a copy of your letter to them as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, we believe that explanations could be found for most of them. If you do believe that what happened 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 experience with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following societies:

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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TO: ~~AIS MIL. LONDON~~ SEC (AS) 2 FAO Section 40

FAX NO: Section 40

DATE: 22nd SEPTEMBER 1993

FROM: Section 40
SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER

FAX NO: Section 40

MESSAGE:

RE: UFO REPORT

Sent to you is a letter concerning a UFO?, and a copy of a letter sent to the lady concerned from the Director of Jersey Airport. I would be most grateful if you could forward this to the appropriate deppartment of the M.O.D.

Regards.

Section 40

Senior Air Traffic Control Officer

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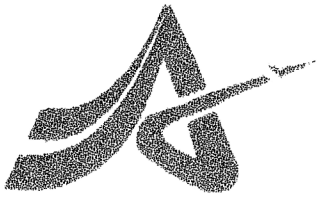

JERSEY AIRPORT

Your ref:

Our ref: Section 40 [redacted] 3/A6

FROM AIS (M)

20 September, 1993

Section 40 [redacted]

F.A.O Section 40 [redacted]

SEC (AS) 2.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 7th September, received here 17th September.

I am unable to throw any light (forgive the pun) on the events which you heard and saw on Friday, 20th August. As a matter of fact there were no aircraft movements recorded as Jersey Airport closes overnight and our radar pictures are transmitted to France

As a matter of conjecture, the only explanation which seems logical is that an animal was near your tent and that the light which shone on your tent might have been somebody else investigating the same noise

There is an organisation in the United Kingdom which deals with reports of U.F.O.s and I shall pass your letter to them an invite them to contact you direct

I hope that your experience has not put you off coming back to Jersey for another holiday!

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

Director

JERSEY AIRPORT
Jersey, JE1 1BY, Channel Islands, Tel Section 40
Fax: Section 40 [redacted]

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7 Sept. 93 AER 3/A6 Section 40 [redacted]

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Dear Sir,

On Friday 20th August I was on holiday at Summer Lodge Campsite Leeville, St Ouen. During the early hours of the morning, about 3.45 am I was woken by a strange noise.

At first I thought it was the gas cylinder bubbling, but that wasn't making any sound. I find it very hard to describe the noise — a sort of glamping, bubbling squelching sound. It was loud outside the tent and then it went away very quickly and became a distant sound. It returned and seemed to be travelling up and down between the tents.

I finally plucked up courage to look outside but I couldn't see anything. Then the sound returned to our tent — I woke my husband who then also heard the noise, I didn't feel sure about controuting

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whatever it was at close quarters.
At about 4am the noise went away
We went back to bed, my husband
fell asleep.

The noise returned and a square of
pink light shone down onto the roof
of the tent, it stayed for a few
moments, perhaps a minute although
it seemed longer. I was unsure,
scared and afraid.
I am convinced it was a UFO.
The strange thing is that no one else
heard, or would admit, to hearing
anything.
What do you think?
Yours faithfully

Section 40

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
22 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and your colleagues saw in the sky today have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
22 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at RAF St Mawgan have passed me details of the report you made concerning the strange white lights that you saw in the sky recently, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

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Memorandum

MOD Form 4A
(Revised 4/89)

To: Section 40
Room Section 40

From: CPL Section 40
INCO IC ATC
RAF St Mawgan

Date 20 Sep 93

Your Reference

Number Section 40

Our Reference

Subject: UFO Report.

1. Enclosed is a report I received on my desk which was taken 18 Sep 93.

Name (in Block Letters Please) Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Rank: CPL.

UFO SIGHTING

RECEIVED 0750Z
18 SEP 93.

FM: Section 40 [redacted]

PERANPORTH.

AT 5:45 am she saw a white light flashing on & off moving up then across the sky with fast & erratic movements. She then sighted another light like the first at 0620. She compared the movements & lights of those she knew were aircraft lights in the sky. And she swears that they were nothing like the aircraft lights. The lights were seen from out of a window at her place of work: Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] at Perrancombe. She says she used to work with the Coastguard & knows all the different flares etc & it wasn't a flare. She was very shaken by these lights & needed someone to talk to.

Taken by. Section 40 [redacted]

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Date
22 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 September, in which you asked about official interest in the crop circle phenomenon.

As you suspected, there is no real interest in crop circles. We do co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country (where our role is to check that there is no evidence of any threat to the UK - no such evidence has emerged to date), so because of the perceived link between these two phenomena, we do get enquiries from the public about crop circles from time to time. Having said this, we have no formal remit on the subject, and have never carried out any research or investigation. We will refer members of the public who ask about crop circles to organisations such as the Centre for Crop Circle Studies and Circles Phenomenon Research International. We have also told these organisations, together with UFO groups such as BUFORA, that we are interested in seeing the results of serious research into the crop circle phenomenon. Our reason for doing this is to enable us to deal with public enquiries in an informed way.

Although I have heard the story about alleged discussions between the Ministry of Defence, the Department of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, I am not aware that any meeting ever took place. It may well be that discussions took place between officials who had received letters from the public, in an attempt to decide who should reply! I am aware that two Parliamentary Questions have been tabled by MPs on the subject, and I have attached copies of the relevant extracts from Hansard.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with the video. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Helicopters

88. **Sir Michael McNair-Wilson:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what low-flying restrictions are imposed on service helicopters.

Mr. Neubert: The general regulations governing the use of the United Kingdom low flying system by fixed-wing aircraft apply also to rotary wing aircraft but with appropriate modifications to take account of their different capabilities.

Railgun

90. **Mr. Wallace:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will report on the progress of the Railgun project.

Mr. Sainsbury: I refer to the replies that I gave to the hon. Member for Clackmannan (Mr. O'Neil) on 28 June, column *456*.

Independent European Programme Group

92. **Mr. Ian Taylor:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what progress is being made through the Independent European Programme Group in achieving a more open defence market among North Atlantic Treaty Organisation allies.

Mr. Sainsbury: Significant progress is being made by the Independent European Programme Group towards the creation of an open European defence equipment market, based on measures set out in the action plan approved by Ministers at the Luxembourg meeting in November 1988. At their subsequent meeting in Lisbon on 28 June this year, Ministers reviewed the steps being taken to achieve the key objectives. The central feature of the open market is the dissemination to potential suppliers of information about bidding opportunities. To this end, Governments have now nominated one or more focal points to which companies in other Independent European Programme Group countries can register interest in bidding for defence contracts. Countries have also agreed to publish contracts bulletins by the turn of the year. The bulletins will be similar to those already issued by the United Kingdom and France. This more open market will bring benefits to all participating states. It will also be of considerable value to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as a whole by enhancing efficient procurement and thereby strengthening the European contribution to the Alliance. With this in mind the Independent European Programme Group will continue to discourage any protectionist tendencies on either side of the Atlantic. Another important initiative which complements the open market is the creation of a European technology plan—to be known as Euclid—which will foster co-operation in research among Independent European Programme Group nations. During its current chairmanship of the Independent European Programme Group, the United Kingdom's aim will be to ensure that the work of the group is taken forward effectively in the best interests of all the allies.

Toxic Waste

Dr. Thomas: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if, pursuant to his reply to the hon. Member for Newport, West (Mr. Flynn), *Official Report*, 19 June, column *60*, on toxic waste at Ministry of Defence premises, he will give the reason why it is not the practice to release details of such materials; and if he will consider revising his policy towards publication in line with the practice adopted by United States military facilities.

Mrs. Wise: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what is the basis for his policy not to disclose details of radioactive and toxic waste stored or disposed of at Ministry of Defence premises.

Mr. Sainsbury: Disclosure of such information could indicate the scale and nature of operations in certain programmes on which detailed revelation would not be in the national interest.

Fuel Containers (Devon)

Mr. Speller: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make a statement on the circumstances in which two 10ft x 2ft fuel containers were dropped at Stowford Cross in North Devon on Thursday 29 June; and what steps he is taking to prevent this happening in the future.

Mr. Neubert: The fuel containers in question were jettisoned by a Royal Navy Sea Harrier operating from the Royal Naval air station at Yeovilton, while the aircraft was on an air combat training exercise. The aircraft unintentionally went into a spin and the pilot, following the correct procedures, released the fuel tanks as part of his spin recovery action. The fuel tanks were empty at the time. A local investigation has established that the pilot was not in breach of any regulations.

To minimise the risk to the public, air combat training is carried out over the least populated areas available and always well away from towns and cities. It is also very rare for a Sea Harrier to enter into a spin in this way. The risk therefore of a repetition of this incident or of any consequent injury to persons on the ground is considered to be remote.

Cereal Fields

Mr. Teddy Taylor: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what progress has been made in the inquiries initiated by Army helicopters based in the south-west in investigating the origin of flattened circular areas of wheat; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Neubert: The Ministry of Defence is not conducting any inquiries into the origins of flattened circular areas of crops. However, we are satisfied that they are not caused by service helicopter activity.

Service Children Education Authority

Mr. Key: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many children currently attend schools run by the service children education authority in *(a)* north-west Europe, *(b)* Gibraltar, *(c)* Hong Kong, *(d)* Cyprus and *(e)* elsewhere.

Mr. Neubert: Figures at summer term 1989:

	Number
North West Europe	23,880
Gibraltar	679
Hong Kong	1,610

The number of persons who appeal against the decision to disqualify unemployment benefit because they were considered to have left their employment voluntarily without just cause are not separately identified from other claimants who appeal against the decision of an adjudication officer.

DEFENCE

Kurt Waldheim

Mr. Andrew Mitchell: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence when he will publish the results of the review of the 1986 investigation into the fate of captive British servicemen and the possible involvement of the then Lieutenant Waldheim.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: My right hon. Friend the Prime Minister announced on 16 February 1988 that a review would be undertaken of the results of the investigation carried out in 1986 by the Ministry of Defence into the fate of British servicemen and the possible involvement of the then Lieutenant Waldheim. This was in the light, of both the report of the Commission set up by the Austrian Government, which had access to a wider range of sources than those available for the 1986 investigation, and of the continued questioning of Lieutenant Waldheim's role. Her Majesty's Government have now conducted most thorough inquiries into the allegations concerning his role in areas of specific British interest. The results of this review have been recorded in a report, which I have placed to-day in the Library of the House, and which is being published by HMSO.

The review has been solely concerned with areas of British interest and has centred on the cases of British servicemen, mostly members of the special forces, captured between October 1943 and October 1944 in Greece and the Greek islands under the control of the German Army Group E, in whose headquarters Lieutenant Waldheim was then serving as a junior staff officer. These cases, covering over 80 British servicemen, include both those brought to the attention of the Ministry of Defence and others identified during the research for this review. The review has not looked at other allegations concerning Lieutenant Waldheim's involvement in areas not related to British interests.

The review has involved long and painstaking research. The historical evidence and the documents gathered have been examined and analysed by the director of Army legal services who is well versed in the laws of war and who retains a residual responsibility for the prosecution of war crimes. His duty is to examine the evidence that has been put before him and advise whether, on that evidence, there is a case for a potential accused to answer. After very careful consideration his conclusion concerning the then Lieutenant Waldheim is that there is no evidence from which guilt of a war crime might be inferred.

The report indicates that Lieutenant Waldheim knew of the capture of the British service men and the possible fate of "Commandos", but no evidence has come to light to indicate that as a junior staff officer he had the power either to order or to prevent that fate or indeed to affect the outcome in any way. Knowledge in such circumstances is not itself a crime. Her Majesty's Government have accepted the findings of the report.

The report also deals with British knowledge of Lieutenant Waldheim's wartime role and the post-war handling of relevant records. Allegations that records were altered, destroyed or withheld to protect President Waldheim are shown to be unfounded. He was not wanted by the United Kingdom either as a "top Nazi" or as a war criminal. In order to clarify these issues virtually all the most relevant papers have been included as annexes to the report. A very few documents have either not been published or not in full, on the ground of security or personal sensitivity. All these documents have been examined by Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, lately the Master of St. John's college, Cambridge, who agreed to scrutinise the results of the review in order to ensure its objectivity and thoroughness. I draw the House's attention to his statement in the report, in which he vouches for the validity of the conclusions drawn from these documents. On the question of President Waldheim's alleged post-war involvement with foreign intelligence services and his election to the United Nations, I do not intend to break the practice of successive Governments by commenting on such matters but I commend detailed consideration of the report.

Research has concentrated on the main archives in this country, in Germany and America, but other archives were consulted, as well as individuals whose wartime service was of relevance or who had some other expertise to offer. Although it can never be said that any historic report is definitively the last word, I am satisfied that the investigation has produced, from the thousands of documents examined, what we believe to be the main relevant records. These have established a pattern showing the events, and the responsibilities of the German headquarters' officers involved in those events. We therefore feel justified in bringing this long exercise to a conclusion now, and publishing the results.

A factor in this decision has been the need to consider the feelings of the relatives of the missing service men. I very much regret that it has not been possible to resolve all the outstanding questions about what finally happened to the missing service men, although I should like to assure the House that any further information that may come to light will be passed on to the families.

Cornfield Circles

Mr. Colvin: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence whether any official assistance has been given by service personnel to civilians investigating the origin of cornfield circles in Hampshire and Wiltshire; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: I am not aware of any official assistance having been given by service personnel to civilians investigating the origin of crop circles.

Defence Technology Enterprises Limited

Mr. Sillars: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many licences have been arranged by Defence Technology Enterprises Ltd.; and how many recipients are companies registered in Scotland.

Mr. Neubert: Defence Technology Enterprises Ltd. has arranged 38 licences. Two are with companies registered in Scotland.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone [redacted]

SECRETARY OF STATE

Head of See(AS)

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.

[redacted]

21/9/93

For APS/Secretary of State

[redacted]

Any UFO interest in this?

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TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MINISTERIAL BUILDINGS

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Section 40

17/9/93

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wonder if you could help us ? I am currently researching the final stages of a video on the subject of cropcircles, and am continually swamped with people telling me that the Goverment and its ministeries have an interest in the subject.

This we do find hard to believe , but I felt it worthwhile asking directly if the ministry for Defence had ever taken any interest in the subject, and perhaps more importantly has the subject ever been discussed at ministerial level as many of the 'experts' in the cropcircle world claim – their date for this alleged discussion between enviroment, defence, and agriculture is 1990.

I would be grateful for any information on this matter as it will help put the record straight in this instance.

Many thanks,

Yours Sincerely

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Date
22 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Working Paper 12/93 which concerns UFO sightings in the Ramsey area.

I received the basic details of Section 40 sighting shortly after the first report was made, and have already written to him, setting out the MOD's policy and views on UFOs. I received one further report from the Ramsey area; although the details were vague, the sighting occurred in the early hours of 4 August.

I agree with your conclusion that helicopter activity seems to be the most likely explanation. We asked RAF Alconbury whether or not they were operating helicopters in the Benwick area at the times concerned, but they have advised that they were not. Of course, it may well be that some other helicopter (such as a police helicopter) was involved.

I thought it might be useful if I explained our role in relation to UFO sightings; essentially, our only reason for being involved at all is to ensure that there is no threat to the defence of the UK. We, together with other specialist staffs, look at all UFO reports carefully, to look for evidence of any such threat. To date we have found no such evidence. Most of the reports we receive are fairly vague, and refer to little more than a vague light or shape in the sky. Clearly there is little we can do with such reports. Where a report is more interesting (either because of the description of the object and its behaviour, or in cases where many witnesses are involved) we will make further enquiries. You stated that you would normally expect JARIC to action such a case; while I know that they could be asked to examine any interesting UFO photographs that we may be sent, I was not aware that they had a day-to-day role in investigating sightings. Perhaps you would let me know what the position is.

Although I do not believe we can take any further action with regard to these specific sightings, your report has highlighted some confusion about how UFO reports should be handled. RAF bases, police stations and civil airports should all have standard forms for the reporting of sightings, but the system does not work as well as it might. This is clearly illustrated by the fact that RAF Wyton assumed the report to be a crank call, and cut Section 40 off. We intend to review the existing system, and promulgate advice on the handling of UFO reports.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

Could you ask the RAF Commander at RAF Alconbury whether they had any helos (MH-53's?) operating in the Ramsey / Benwick area, nr Peterborough, at the following times:

26 July, 0215 Z - 0445 Z
2 Aug, "early hours"
4 Aug, 0215 Z - 0250 Z — U2 a/c landing

SF activity I assume - Sec (AS) 2b have no record of anything being booked in.

Section 40

Note:

Spoke to Section 40 about he done. He is investigating and will get back to me

Section 40

17/8

ONE REPORT ON A UFO SIGHTING
AS REFERRED TO IN TELECON 26/8/93

With the Compliments of

Section 40

RESEARCH BRANCH

HEADQUARTERS ROYAL AIR FORCE
SUPPORT COMMAND
RAF BRAMPTON

EXT Section 40

ANY COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

HQRAFSC

RESEARCH BRANCH

WORKING PAPER 12/93

UFO over Cambridgeshire.

Reported sighting, action & suggestions

Section 40 [redacted]

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UFO OVER BENWICK, CAMBS ON 26 JUL 93

REPORTED SIGHTING, ACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

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UFO OVER BENWICK, CAMBS ON 26 JUL 93
REPORTED SIGHTING, ACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Introduction

1. This note records the reporting of UFO activity in the Ramsey area of Cambridge in Jul and Aug 93. The report was actioned through official channels and formal acknowledgement of the sighting has been made to the principal individual involved. Some possible explanations based on the descriptions of the sighting are made.

Initial Report

2. On the morning of the 26 Jul 93 an attempt was made to report, over the telephone to RAF Wyton, a UFO sighting. The operator took it to be a crank/hoax call and terminated the contact. The caller then phoned RAF Brampton where the operator accepted the call and used the copy facility so that a tape of the conversation was available for analysis.

3. The telephone report was being made, at 08:15 on the morning of 26 Jul 93, by a Section 40 [redacted] of Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, on behalf of his father who was not available to make the call himself. The report can be summarised as follows:

> Section 40 [redacted] senior Section 40 [redacted] so that he often wakes in the night. In the early hours of the morning of 26 Jul 93 he was awake and his attention was drawn to a bright object in the night sky seemingly a few miles to the NNE of his home in Ramsey, in the vicinity of the fen village of Benwick. He then found his 'high powered German' binoculars and focused them on the light. For the next hour or so, accompanied by his wife, he observed the mainship hovering. Initially 2 smaller ships came down. Little lights around the spaceship were seen.'

A full transcript of the telephone report made by Section 40 [redacted] is at Annex A.

4. After hearing the tape of this initial call I rang Section 40 [redacted] junior back to ask if he had anything else to add and volunteered to process the inquiry. (Note that action would probably have been requested of JARIC staff but in their absence, on stand down, the inquiry was picked up by Research Branch, HQRAFSC.) I contacted the radar unit at RAF Wyton to see if they had any record of anything unusual some 12-15 miles N-NNE of their location. Unfortunately the radar was not manned at the time (03:15 to 04:45 on 26 Jul 93) so I was given a West Drayton contact. Eastern Radar of London ATC took details from me and said they would action it through official MOD channels.

5. On the morning of the 27 Jul 93 I spoke by telephone with Section 40 [redacted] senior and explained the action taken. He confirmed the original details except that his version was that "2 things shot out of the side of it" when first seen and described it as "a saucer with lattice work". He then went on to claim that whilst in the local doctors' waiting room on the evening of the 26th he discussed the sighting with an elderly farm worker who was also waiting. Apparently this individual was not surprised since he said that an object had come down to within some 50' of him whilst he was working in Pidley village, back in 1983.

6. The map at Figure 1 shows Ramsey, where the sighting was made, and the village of Benwick, the nearest habitation other than individual farms, in the area that the UFO was thought to be hovering over.

Subsequent Report

7. One week later, 2 Aug 93, Section 40 [redacted] junior phoned me to say that the sighting had been repeated in the early hours of that morning and this time witnesses had confirmed the observation. A possible explanation was discussed but rejected by Section 40 [redacted] junior. Section 40 [redacted] senior had received official acknowledgement of his sighting on the 26th, the letter apparently clearing him to take whatever follow up action he desired.

Possible Explanation

8. The initial description of an illuminated object hovering for an hour plus did seem difficult to match with any man-made flying object especially with the claimed saucer shape as seen through binoculars. However, there is a possible answer, as follows:-

> The American Air Force operate out of RAF Alconbury some 15 to 20 miles south west of the area of the sighting (see Figure 1). A current type operated is the Sikorsky HH-53 helicopter. The range of this large rescue helicopter can be extended by external fuel tanks. Because of its rescue role there are lights carried and hovering over an accident/incident site is a basic requirement.

9. Consider the situation of flight training in the rescue role. The requirement is for long duration in the hover. Given the extra tanks that can be fitted the idea of hovering for an hour plus is probably feasible. Any combination of struts by which external tanks are attached, the nose flight refuelling probe and the main and tail rotors could explain the 'lattice work' comment. At night the combination of navigation and cabin lighting would make it show up. Given the clear but windy weather in the early hours of the 26th the hover would not be stable and rotation, either about the single main rotor axis or tight circling to stay over the planned ground position means that the fuselage would sweep out a shape other than the actual helicopter fuselage shape (see Figure 2). Use of searchlights could have been seen, at some distance, as 'projections' from the craft. The sighting was over an area of low population density possibly to minimise noise complaints and with the windy conditions the noise may well have been attenuated anyway.

10. The implication that the first sighting disappeared and the second involved a rapid vertical ascent to go out of sight are difficult to explain, but not impossible. If, in the first case, the helicopter departed the area heading directly away from the observers the visible lights would be minimal. In the second case the helicopter could have used its not inconsiderable climb rate, 1000 feet per minute plus and if it went up into the cloud base the sudden disappearance might make it seem faster than it was.

11. The helicopter solution to this sighting can be resolved if the forces at Alconbury are prepared to admit to such training. Alternatively, the evidence of people on the ground at some of those isolated fenland farms could probably confirm the noise from a very large hovering helicopter which would be quite noticeable even if it was at a considerable height above the ground.

Conclusions

12. The coincidence of this UFO sighting happening close to a base operating the large helicopters that could produce this impression in the sky really means its interpretation as a UFO is unlikely. Only if the American forces deny any such operation and no one can be found to confirm the noise from such a deployment, should this incident be taken as a truly 'Unidentified' flying object.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Figure 1 to
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No. 12/93

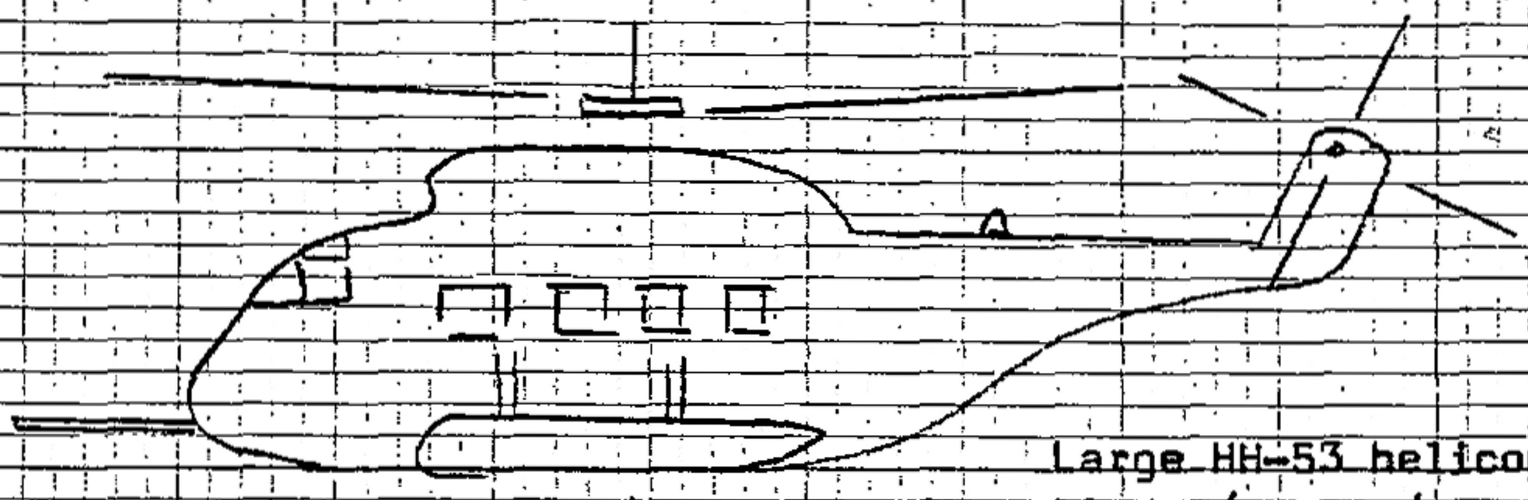
'UFO' thought to be over the Benwick area

Note sparcity of habitation in the Benwick area

Observations by [redacted] made from Ramsey

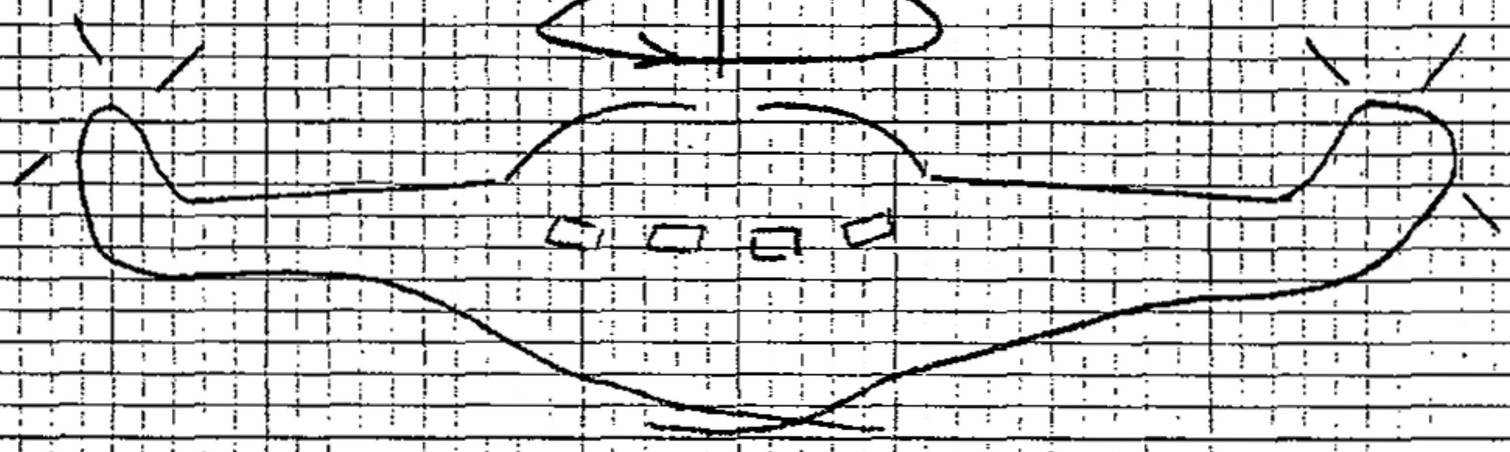
Alconbury airfield operates the large HH-53 helicopters

Figure 2 to
Research Working
Paper No. 12/93



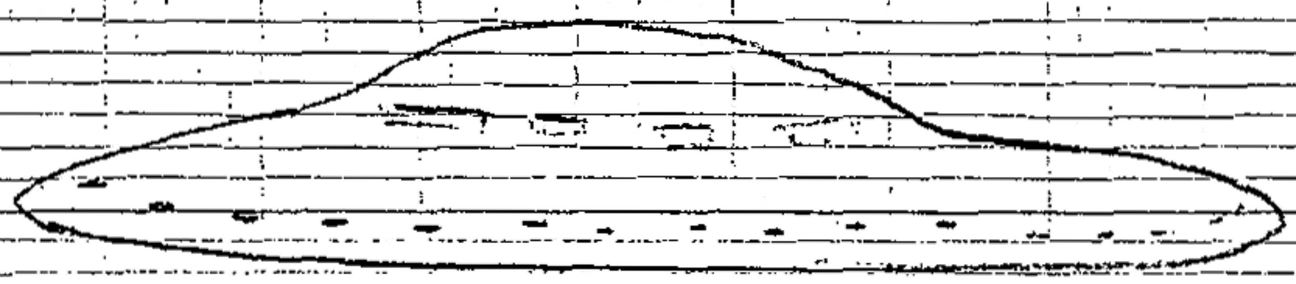
Large HH-53 helicopter has blades/probes/struts & aerials that could look like lattice work

Long duration in hover would include rotation



Seen from a distance shape distorted by rotation

Illumination from cockpit and cabin windows, open ramps, navigation lights and warning lights



UFO reported as a 'saucer with lattice work'

LIST OF THOSE INVOLVED

Original sighting by [redacted]

Telephone report by [redacted] of above

Call taken through RAF Brampton PBX (Sgt [redacted] ext [redacted]

Wyton radar: SNCO i/c Admin on ext [redacted] asked for data to be passed to Eastern Radar, London ATC, West Drayton Tel [redacted] which was done.

ANNEX A TO
WORKING PAPER NO 12/93
DATED AUG 9

TRANSCRIPT FROM CONVERSATION RECEIVED AT RAF BRAMPTON ABOUT UFO SIGHTING OVER BENWICK, CAMBS ON 26 JUL 93

CALLER - They saw 2 or 3 other small little tiny ships come off the top bit, down, you know landed. Came downwards off of this main ship towards, you know, somewhere over Ramsey or in the Fens. He watched it for an hour and his wife did.

SWITCHBOARD - What did it actually look like, the main ship?

CALLER - You'll have to ask him. I only briefly spoke with him. He woke me up this morning all of a, you know.

SWITCHBOARD - The main ship landed?

CALLER - The main ship hovered for an hour in the same position, okay, from 3.00 am to about 3.50 am yesterday, but to see the ship properly you had to have a pair of binoculars, okay. It just looked like a light in the sky at the start, okay. When you look through binoculars you can see all the little lights around the outside and windows all round the outside as well. And he said that 2 or 3 other little small ships came off the main one and down, downwards. He didn't see where they went, he just said downwards. So you know, I wondered if you saw anything. I rang Wyton and they just cut me off. I thought you guys might want to know about this stuff.

SWITCHBOARD - Yes, well it is interesting.

CALLER - He is the sanest man you will ever know, honestly. You are not talking to cranks here. We are business people, sane people.

SWITCHBOARD - So, the main ship hovered for an hour?

CALLER - An hour.

SWITCHBOARD - And then 2 smaller ships?

CALLER - Through the naked eye it just looked like a saucer shape of light in the sky but when you looked through binoculars at it you could see all the detail of the ship. He's got a very powerful pair of binoculars. He lives in Ireland, you see, and he looks out to sea through his big binoculars. He looks through them and can see everything.

SWITCHBOARD - Yes.

CALLER - He watched it from 3.15 am to 4.45 am he said.

SWITCHBOARD - What colour were the lights?

CALLER - You'll have to ask him. I don't know. I haven't really talked to him. But he's all excited. I can't get over it.

SWITCHBOARD - And whereabouts in Ramsey was it?

CALLER - It wasn't actually. We are at Section 40 [redacted] in the middle of Ramsey. He was looking North through his back window, sort of North East, North East direction. It will be somewhere over towards Chatteris, no not Chatteris, probably Benwick or somewhere like that. No maybe a bit further out than that.

SWITCHBOARD - Benwick.

CALLER - Yes, Benwick way. It must have been a good distance for him not to see the detail of the main craft.

SWITCHBOARD - Yes.

CALLER - But, there you go. I'm just telling you 'cause I thought if anyone else might have saw it...but, you know,,,Wyton didn't want to know, they cut me off.

SWITCHBOARD - Perhaps they thought you were messing about?

CALLER - Yes, but I'm saying I'm a business person. I know my father doesn't tell porkies, see. You'd have picked them up on radar, wouldn't you?

SWITCHBOARD - Your probably quite right, yeah.

CALLER - But, there you go.

SWITCHBOARD - Thank you very much for calling anyway.

CALLER - Alright, you know where we are, at Section 40 [redacted]

SWITCHBOARD - Can I take your phone number?

CALLER - Phone number is Section 40 [redacted] And there was definitely 2 or 3 smaller ships or small whatever they were came off the main ship and came down, downwards. And where they went to he doesn't know.

SWITCHBOARD - He doesn't know whether they landed or not?

CALLER - He doesn't know where they landed, they came downwards. So, you know.

SWITCHBOARD - Can I take his name?

CALLER - Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] That's why he's up at that time.

SWITCHBOARD - Yes, well that's why he saw it.

CALLER - Well, there you go. This is genuine.

SWITCHBOARD - Yes, very interesting.

CALLER - I would never have believed it. I don't believe in UFOs but when your father, who you know doesn't tell lies, doesn't exaggerate in any way, tells you, then you thought it's got to be true.

SWITCHBOARD - Right, yes.

CALLER - Alright.

SWITCHBOARD - Thank you very much for calling

CALLER - Okay. Bye, bye.

SWITCHBOARD - Okay. Bye, bye.

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
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Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange red fireball that you saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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Quest International
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Contact International (UK)
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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Section 40 ,

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Date
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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letters dated 9 and 14 September.

Section 40 sighting of a structured craft near the Fosse Way is very interesting, and I must admit that no explanation springs to mind. I agree that the sighting Section 40 describes is less interesting, and I wonder whether what was seen was simply a combination of aircraft landing and navigation lights. We have no reports that tie-in with this sighting. I was interested to see the letter from Section 40 I presume that about the only paper you could send him in relation to his search for "assessment of the situation" reports would be the Air Ministry's 9 August 1952 reply to Winston Churchill's enquiry.

I do not intend to write to any of the above mentioned gentlemen, and with any cases you forward me I will only contact the witness if you give me permission, and advise that the witness is expecting me to get in touch.

Section 40

I had not appreciated that the [redacted] pilot's sighting took place in the Sixties! Several people mentioned to me that they had heard about a pilot reporting a UFO in very recent media reports, and I assumed that they were talking about a sighting that had just occurred. I do not see why an old report should have been resurrected, unless it was being compared to a recent sighting. I would be happy to meet Section 40 at some stage.

You asked whether any papers detailing liaison between RAF and USAF personnel might have survived. The problem is that, as I explained in my letter dated 4 August, most of our old UFO files were destroyed because it was felt that the subject was not important enough to justify their retention. Having said this, a few files did survive (whether this was an accident, or whether a deliberate decision was made by a PRO archivist I do not know) and it may be that other files survived. If they do, I am not aware of them. The only suggestion I have is that any such papers might be on a "non-UFO file". I suspect you have already thought of this, but I can only suggest a bit of lateral thinking, perhaps starting with files (if there are any) covering RAF/USAF liaison.

Finally Section 40 and I were grateful for your kind invitation, and would be delighted to join you and your girlfriend one evening. Most of October is free, so perhaps you would give me a call so we can decide on a date.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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14 September 1993

Dear Section 40

I enclose a copy of a recent letter from Section 40 [redacted] which speaks for itself.

Since RAF Intelligence personnel began liaising with their USAF couterparts in 1952, according to Ruppelt, and that Churchill had expressed an interest in the July sightings (see *Above Top Secret*), I feel sure that there must be a record of exchanges between the British Air Attaché and the Pentagon. Is there a possibility of anything being retained at the PRO?

Kind regards

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

CANADA
4 SEPT '93

Dear Section 40

I have just finished reading Alien Update, which I found to be quite impressive, and should like to contribute an article for your next book in this series. It was a result of reading Above Top Secret that led me to realize that as an eye witness to one of the few really compelling UFO events, I should write a description of what really happened. I am referring to the well-known UFO flap over Washington, D. C. in July 1952. As a native of the capital I was there during this entire period, and can assure you that both the behaviour of the UFOs, probably their numbers, and certainly the response of the U. S. armed forces, have been totally misrepresented.

It is really amazing that Ufologists, who are very adept skeptics, have repeated the Governments propaganda with no thought as to how improbable it sounds. The report that the government sent one airplane from an air base in Delaware 100 miles away as its only response is a lie. The assertion that a plane had to be sent from such a distance because "the" runway at Andrews air force base was being repaired is obviously absurd. There are four air force and navy air bases within 25 miles of D. C. This lie was an obvious attempt to trivialize the event.

During this period I lived on the third floor of an apartment building in a nearby suburb. Its location at the center of a triangle formed by three air bases gave a pretty good impression of the armed forces response: large numbers of fighter planes were frequently overhead; they were often flying in huge formations at roof-top level. They were certainly not chasing UFOs which were in the sky above them.

I intend to research this matter further through Freedom of Information inquiries and interviews with witnesses. In addition, I hope to obtain assess-

ment of the situation" reports from military attaches who were at the various embassies in D. C. To this end, could you tell me how I might go about getting a copy of such a report by the RAF and/or chief military attache ~~at the~~ at the British Embassy?

The enclosed sepia portrait of H.M. should cover airmail post.

Yours truly,

Section 40 [redacted]

P.S. I am MUFON section director for Vancouver Island, B.C.

Section 40 [redacted]

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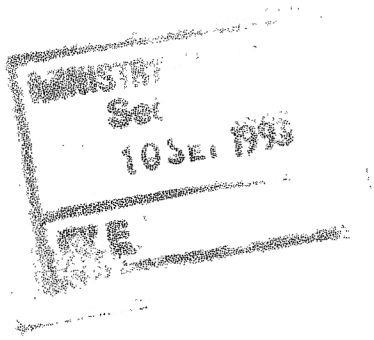

9 September 1993

Dear Section 40

Many thanks for your letter of 19 August.

Section 40
The [redacted] pilot's sighting took place in the 1960's! Section 40
Section 40 [redacted] is a good friend and would be pleased to meet you sometime. As a result of too much media publicity over his sightings, Section 40 [redacted] but the threat has now receded, I'm glad to say.

I enclose a couple of reports for your retention. The Fosse Way report is good, I think. The other one, while indicative of a genuine UFO, is not so interesting, but you may possibly be able to correlate it with others in the same area at the time.

My girlfriend and I would be pleased to have you over one evening, with your girlfriend. Just let me know when it's convenient.

Kind regards

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

[redacted]

18th March 93

Dear Sir,

Some years ago now whilst I lived in Devizes, Wiltshire I wrote to you detailing a number of UFO sightings I have personally experienced and I was delighted you took the trouble to reply (considering you must doubtlessly be very busy). Since that time my sightings have been very few and far between but I would like to now give you details of a particularly exciting UFO which I saw this morning as I drove to work in Leamington Spa, some seven miles away.

It was along the Fosse Way I drove and was about 5.45 AM. There was good clear visibility and it was getting quite light. As I drove along, a bright object out of the corner of my eye caught my attention and I looked towards it, to my left, and was amazed at the object's clear definition, ie. there was absolutely no mistaking what it was I was looking at.

Of all the UFOs I have previously seen, none have been so clear as this. It was, I suppose, a typical shape or design and I could clearly see its details. On its top was a small round thing, and there seemed to be a strong light pulsating at its left side and beneath it – this light

was a bright white colour. The object gave off the impression to me that it was of some considerable size and its distance from me is extremely hard to estimate, although I would hazard two miles or so — even so, it really was very clear and stood out against the darke blue horizon.

I had to pull over into a lay-by for a better view, then after a few moments drove a little further to a rise where I had an excellent view. The object was moving very gently from one side to another and I recall my feelings at that very moment were that it was surveying or somehow gathering information, such was its seemingly meticulous searching or hovering. It moved up, then back down again, left to right then visa versa, and then began tilting from side to side.

The object appeared to be constructed of a very, very highly polished silvery metal. I really have no idea of size, as mention previously. All I kept thinking was that it was searching for something; or waiting for something — its movement was very gentle and constant. I continued watching and noticed it started moving rapidly away, then stopped again, performing the same movements.

At this time it was nearly 6pm — I was due to start work at that time — so very reluctantly I got back into the car (I had been standing by a field for the best possible view) and hurriedly sketched this object's image on the only thing available — a box of tissues — it is a very accurate likeness. Following this I continued to work and noticed that in a moment the object had suddenly vanished from sight.

Whilst I had been regarding the strange object I was also analysing whether or not it could actually be something else and not a 'UFO' at all. I concluded after a while that it was not the sun, a cloud or aeroplane or balloon because none of these would move as this thing was moving and also because my view of it was so vivid. There is no ounce of doubt in my mind that what I saw today was a bona fide UFO although I accept its origin may indeed be earth bound if one considers how advanced the Military are these days. Mind you, having said that, I believe it is more probably a craft from somewhere else — although its movement was slow and deliberate whilst stationary, when it moved away from me (until it was about a quarter of its size) it did so with alarming speed and I don't believe we can manufacture any flying craft yet which can move so fast from a stationary position.

Whatever it was I saw this morning I hope you are as interested as I about it all. It was the most satisfying sighting I've ever seen and I hope that maybe it can be of some use to you, either as a statistic or other way. I also hope you don't mind me writing to you as I've no idea if you still require this kind of information. I am enclosing my original sketch cut from the tissue box.

I wish you every success in your work.

Yours faithfully,

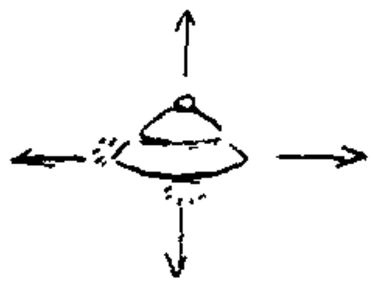
Section 40

[redacted]

P.S. I should like to confirm or reassure you this is a genuine sighting written in total truth. I have not invented any of it.

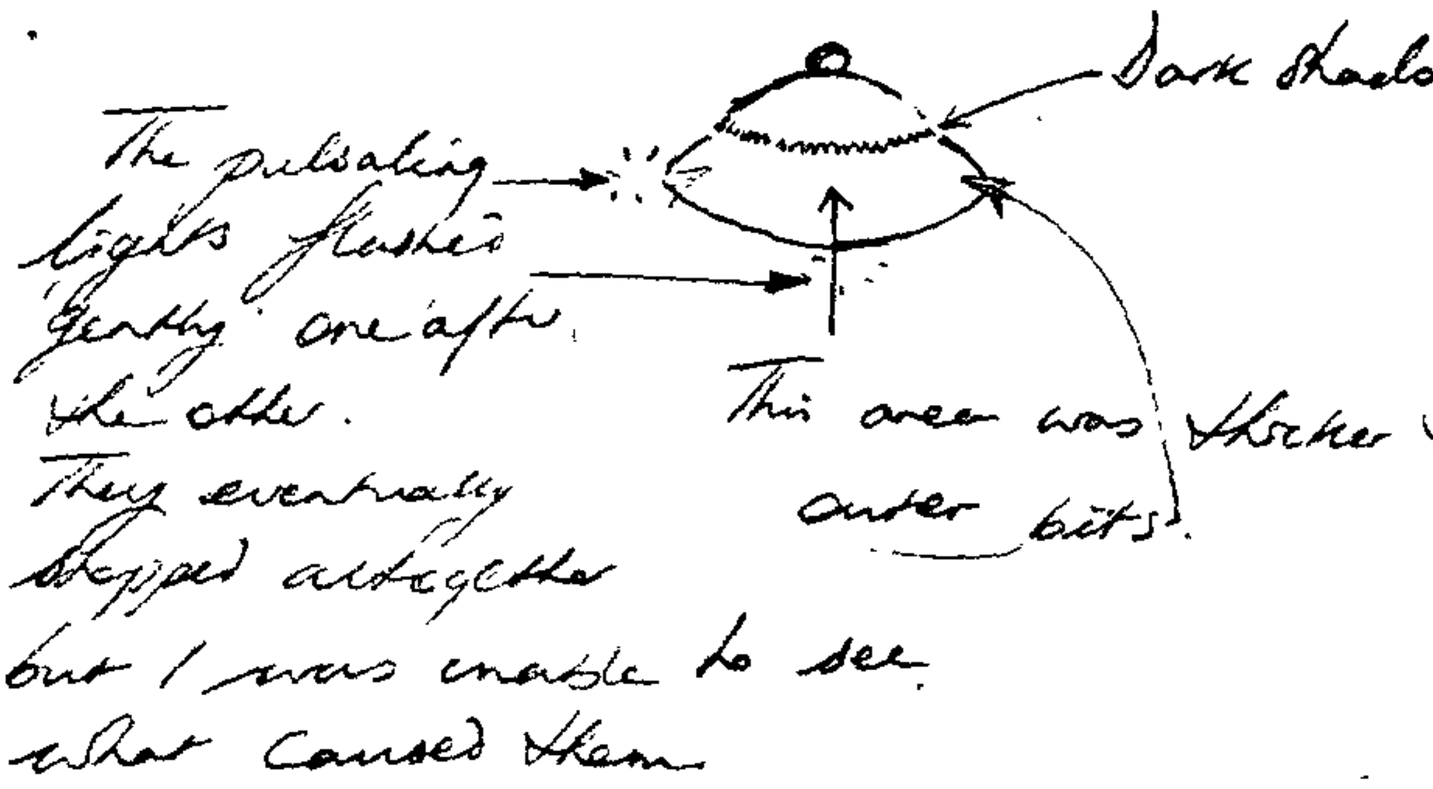
Fields

Trees



It moved to and fro.

Pulsating lights were bright white, at times tinged with yellow.



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Section 40 [redacted]

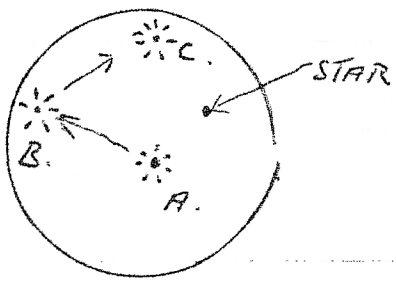
Dear Section 40 [redacted]

I saw the Superchannel programe 'On Th Air' last Wednesday, and it stated that they would pass on any letters to you. I am writing to tell yo of a sighting that my Mother and Father had last Tuesday, in the early hours of the morning. My parents said that it was a fairly clear night, anc that they had a good view of the object, My Dad estimates that it was at least 10-15 miles away, at a 45° angle above the horizon. They said that it was a brilliant Silvery-White light, much brighter that the lights of a plane, helicopter etc.
Here is their description of the object-

It was a Silvery White light, when first seen, it was moving to the left, blinking, then it stopped for a few seconds, and the blinking ended. Then the object started blinking again, and moved rapidly over to the right, then it moved rapidly back over to the left. It then began to move about slowly, with the bright light still blinking, getting a bit fainter eventually, after about 12 minuits, they stopped watching it, they could not make out any shape, onl that it was an extremely bright, flashing light, which performed incredible movements in the Sky.

They think that it was directly North, in the directio of the Campsie Fells. They watched the object throu binoculars, the power of the binoculars was 7X50, and when my Father looked at the object through them he said that it made small 'jumps' about, which wer instant jumps, it would suddenly appear a small distance from where it had been. The flashes were also irregular - Some blinks were once ever 2 seconds, other were multiple blinks in one second

FIELD OF VIEW OF BINOCULARS OBJECT. JUMPED ABOUT FROM A TO B INSTANTLY.



AND THEN AFTER ABOUT 5 SECONDS JUMPED TO C. IT JUMPED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE IT FADED AWAY.

Section 40 [redacted]

I hope that you recieve this letter, and i hope that it is of some use.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

From: [redacted] Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room [redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct Dialling) [redacted]
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

[redacted]

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
20 September 1993

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 16 September, and for sending details of a UFO report made by [redacted] (your reference [redacted] 099).

I have checked our files, and can confirm that we received no other reports that might tie-in with this this sighting.

Given the proximity to Gatwick, and the fact that red and green flashing lights were seen, I have to say that I think an aircraft is the most likely explanation. The "hovering" would occur when the aircraft was heading directly for the car, and other effects might be caused by a combination of the relative motion of the car and aircraft, together with the fact that some distortion might result from the object being viewed through glass. I do not find the lack of sound surprising, and believe the other effects could be explained. The other point that occurs to me is that [redacted] would have been concentrating on driving, so would not have been able to devote his full attention to the object.

I wish you the best of luck with your investigation.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(A)12
20 SEP 1993

16/9/93.

[redacted]

Air Staff 2a
M.O.D
London, WIH-5AG.

Dear [redacted],

I would appreciate your comments on the enclosed report (for your files).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title
GATWICK AIRSPACE INVADED

CASE SUMMARY TO BE FILLED IN BY THE INVESTIGATOR ONLY:-

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number
[redacted] 099

INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: (y)/n/on-going: !?STATUS; completion

INVESTIGATOR(s): !?INVESTIGATOR; names
[redacted]

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]:
!?CLASS; Vallee MA1-302

LOCATION(S) USING O.S. GRID REFERENCE IF POSSIBLE: !?OSMAP;
six fig grid ref M23 - GATWICK AREA SUSSEX

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date
7/11/93

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM:
!?TIME; in 24hr system 19.00 GMT

EVALUATOR(s): !?EVALUATOR; return
[redacted]

EVALUATION: !?EVALUATION; stimulus

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THIS SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED IN BY THE WITNESS:-

START HERE ↓

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

FULL NAME*: !?NAME; full
[redacted]

DATE OF BIRTH: !?BIRTHDAY; date
[redacted]

ADDRESS : !?ADDRESS; residential
[redacted]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: !?PHONE; number
[redacted]

RECENT OCCUPATION: !?OCCUPATION; employment
[redacted]

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY):
!?EDUCATION; qualifications [redacted]

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies
BECAUSE OF MY LIFETIME OF THE PARANORMAL I AM INTERESTED IN THE UNUSUAL, UFO'S + UNEXPLAINED.

DRAG RACING.

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SECTION B: WRITTEN ACCOUNT

PLEASE WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU (USE ADDITION SHEETS IF NECESSARY): !? STATEMENT; account

COMING HOME FROM A FRIENDS HOUSE IN KENT AT APPROX 7 PM ON SAT. 7TH NOVEMBER. I WAS DRIVING ALONG THE M23 HEADING TOWARDS GATWICK. IN THE SKY TO THE RIGHT OF THE MOTORWAY, HIGH UP A BALL OF LIGHT WAS FALLIN FAST TOWARDS THE GROUND. I FIRST THOUGHT A JUMBO JET WAS FALLING OUT OF THE SKY. IT CAME TO AN ABRUPT STOP ABOUT 50' ABOVE MY CAR, BUT TO THE RIGHT SI IT HOVERED FOR A SHORT WHILE, THEN MADE AN ERRATIC SLIDE FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT ACROSS THE MOTORWAY. WE COULD SEE IT WAS NOT A PLANE. IT WAS SILENT. IT WAS SAUCER SHAPE WITH 2 LIGHTS GREEN+RED. IT ROSE A LITTLE AFTER APPR 30 SECONDS. THEN FLEW BACK TO THE RIGHT AGAIN. THE LIGHTS FROM INSIDE THE CRAFT, COME OUT OF SEVERAL WINDOW, CREATED LIKE A HALO AROUND IT SIMILAR TO SATURN. IT STAYED WITH OUR CAR FOR SOME TIME, STILL ON THE RIGH AS WE CONTINUED ONTO THE M25. THE CRAFT STAYED WITH US UNTIL WE REACH CHERTSEY, SURREY. FOR THE LAST ½ HOUR OF THE JOURNEY BEFORE IT DISAPEARED IT COME NEAR + THEN AWAY SEVERAL TIMES. FINALLY IT WENT OFF AT HIGH SPEED.
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SECTION C: OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1) Please complete the following:-

a) NUMBER OF OBJECT(S) SEEN: !?OBJECTMULTIPLES; number 1

b) COLOUR(S) " " " : !?COLOUR; colours GREY (IT WAS A DARKER)

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible NO

d) SMELL " " " : !?SMELL; odour NO

e) SHAPE($) " " " : !?SHAPE; outline SAUCER SHAPE

f) CLARITY(*) " " " : !?CLARITY; sharpness PRETTY GOOD

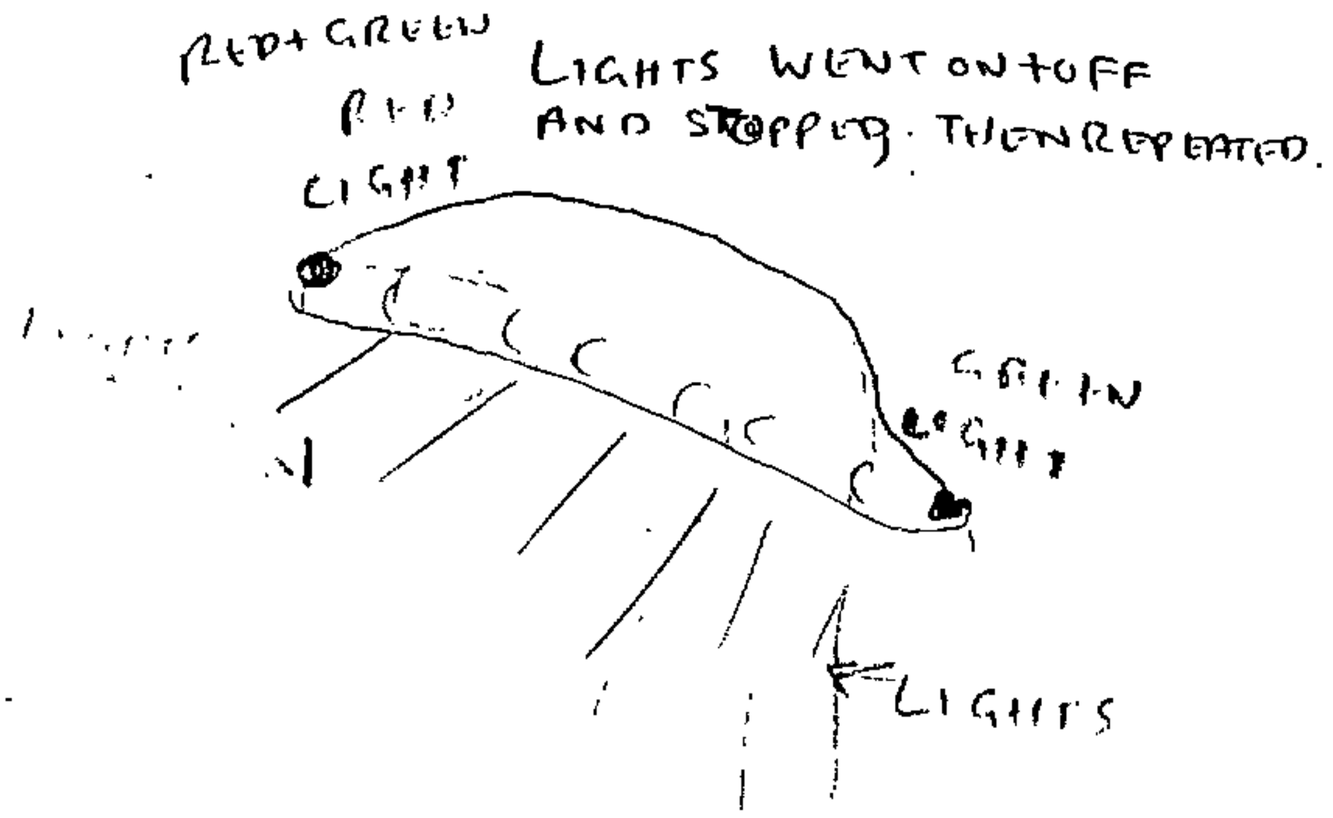
g) BRIGHTNESS(+)" " " : !?BRIGHTNESS; intensity VERY

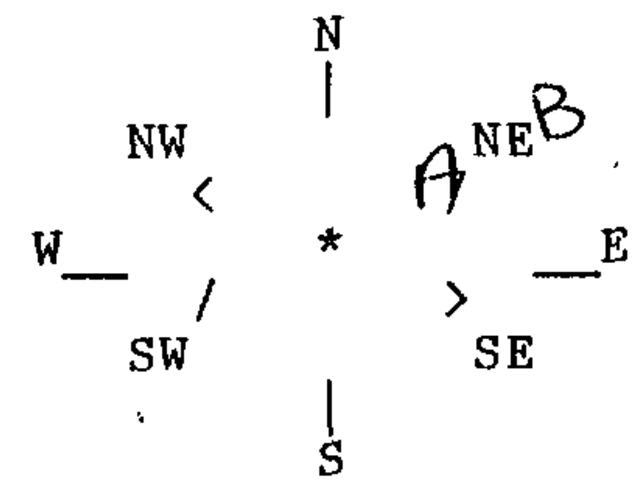
$ if other than a point source of light.

* sharpness of the object's outline.

+(IF ANY) COMPARED TO, STAR, MOON, TORCH, ARC-LAMP OR SUN ETC. None

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO MAKE A SKETCH OF THE OBJECT YOU SAW:-





Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write 'A' on the on the dial where you first saw the object, & a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: !?HOUR; firstseen 7 pm Appx

3) DURATION OF OBSERVATION (ESTIMATE IF UNSURE):- 1 Hour Approx

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 7-11-92

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area M 23 MOTORWAY GATWICK AREA

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus

A BRIGHT LIGHT FALLING FAST.

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode JUST VANISHED.

8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): !?TEMPORAL;

CAR CLOCK

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9) BY HOLDING ONE OF THESE FAMILIAR ITEMS AT ARM'S LENGTH, WHICH ONE, IN YOUR ESTIMATION, WOULD JUST COVER THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW (CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE): pin-head, pea, 1p piece, 2p piece, golf-ball, tennis-ball, other : !?SIZE; apparent

SMALL PLANE

10) WAS THE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED OR VIDEO RECORDED? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): !?FILM; optical record NO

11) WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW? (IF YES, GIVE NAMES,ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS WHERE POSSIBLE): !?OTHERWITNESS; names & addresses

WIFE – SAME ADDRESS

'''''' Section 40 [redacted] ''''''

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SECTION E - <u>PREVAILING WEATHER DURING OBSERVATION</u>:-

CIRCLE ANY APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:-

i) CLARITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE: (clear,) hazy, foggy: !?ATMOSPHERIC; clarity

ii) CLOUD COVER: (none,) quarter, half, three-quarter, total: !?CLOUDCOVER; %

iii) ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE: freezing,(cold,) cool, mild, warm, hot: !?TEMPERATURE; air

iv) PRECIPITATION:(dry,) rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: !?PRECIPITATION; fall

v) WIND STRENGTH:(still,) breeze, strong wind, gale-force: !?WIND; speed

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS:(stars,) (moon,) sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: !?ASTRONOMICAL; objects

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: [redacted], TODAY'S DATE: !?DAYMONTH; year 8th September 1993

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
20 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

I would like to thank you for bringing in the taped account of your 1954 UFO sighting. I must apologise again for the length of time that you were kept waiting in the reception area; our office is the only one that deals with UFOs, and, unfortunately, we were all out at the same time.

I have now listened to the cassette, and found what you had to say very interesting. Unfortunately, it will probably not be possible to tie your sighting in with others we may have received; most of our old UFO files have been destroyed, because until the late Sixties it was not felt that there was sufficient public interest in the subject to justify keeping the files. A few files did survive, and coincidentally two of these cover the period 1950-54. If you are interested in seeing these files, they are available for viewing at the following address: The Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of the files are AIR 20/7390 and AIR 20/9994. They will give an indication of the sorts of reports we were receiving at the time, and might reveal reports similar to yours.

The description of the object that you saw does tie in with some reports received over the years, and the movement - hovering, and then moving off rapidly - is quite a common factor with UFO reports. I will certainly bear your experience in mind when looking at fresh reports.

Once again, thank you for taking the trouble to let us know about your sighting.

Yours sincerely,

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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
20 September 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange yellow lights that you saw in the sky last night have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

Quest International
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

Contact International (UK)
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
20 September 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 September, concerning the strange ball of light you saw.

Your letter was passed to this office as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Having said this, it sounds as if what you saw might be ball lightning - itself very rare, and not regarded as a proven phenomenon by all of the scientific community.

Given the above, you might like to contact the science department of your local university, who may well be very interested in what you saw. If they are not interested themselves, they may well be able to suggest someone else who is.

Thank you for taking the trouble to let us know about your sighting.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

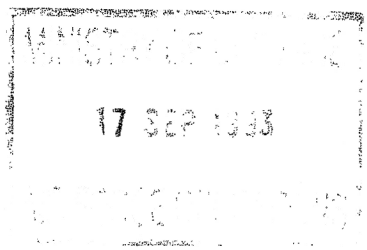
11.9.93

Ministry of Defence,
A.F.O.R.
R. A.F.
Main Road,
Whitehall.
London.
SW1A 2HB

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We have been advised by our local Police Station of your address, as they felt you might be interested in the experience we had this evening between 8.45 and 9.00 PM, in Weston Super Mare at the Bleadon Level, Salt water on the River Axe, a member of our local Sporting Club and myself were walking away from the sea wall towards our vehicles, when a ball of light the size of a football (a dim not a bright light) came straight towards us, with a rush of air traveling at a great speed, not more than 30 yards high, just to our left, it went straight towards the sea wall and without seeming to stop, just came straight back towards us again from the other way, and disappeared across the level with the same rush of speed, another member of our club was following behind and when we said to him, 'you will never believe what we have just seen' he described exactly the same experience.

I hope this will be of some interest,



Yours sincerely,

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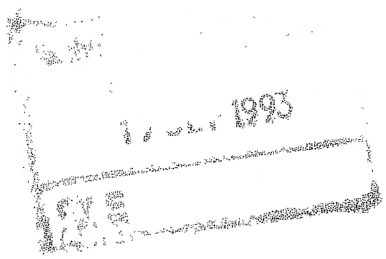

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
15 September 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September.

You asked about a formation of F-111s that were seen over Shipston on 10 September; we have no record of any F-111 aircraft being in the area at the time, although a number of other fast jet aircraft were in the area at the time. The aircraft concerned were carrying out routine training operations.

You also asked about the collision between two Russian Mig-29 aircraft at the International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford. A Board of Inquiry has been called to investigate this accident, and see whether there any lessons to learn for the future, with a view to preventing similar accidents and further minimising the risk to the public at air displays. This is a standard procedure with any such accident.

Finally, you asked whether I could pass your name on to members of the public who write to us about UFOs. I am afraid that the only addresses that we offer to the public are the national UFO groups such as BUFORA.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Recycled Paper

DEAR Section 40 12/9/93

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPLY TO MY LAST LETTER (D/SEC(AS) 12/3) YOU MENTIONED A BLUE LIGHT SEEN OVER EVESHAM. I'VE BEEN INFORM-ED BY Section 40 THAT THE SIGHTING IN AUGUST 1992, WAS A METEORIC EVENT - SPACE DEBRIS.

THE REASON FOR THIS LETTER IS NOT ABOUT UFO'S. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO EXPLAIN WHY THERE WAS A FORMATION OF F1-11'S FLYING OVER SHIPSTON ON FRIDAY 10/9/93 BETWEEN 13.00-17.00 HOURS. ONE WITNESS TOLD ME HE WATCHED THEM FLY OVER HIS HEAD WITH THIER UNDERCARRIAGE DOWN AS IF THEY WERE ABOUT TO LAND.

ALSO COULD YOU GIVE ME ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE CRASH AT FAIRFORD AIRSHOW, WHEN TWO RUSSIAN MIG 29'S CRASHED. I WAS THERE WITH

P.T.O.

MY GIRLFRIEND, AND WATCHED THE CRASH HAPPEN. WE BOTH WERE SHOCKED AND UPSET, AS WERE MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED IT.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, I HAVE NOT ENCLOSED A S.A.E. AS LAST TIME YOU RETURNED IT, EXPLAINING YOU HAVE YOUR OWN MAILING ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL THE BEST

Section 40

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P.S.
IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WRITE TO YOU ABOUT UFO'S PLEASE COULD YOU PASS ON MY NAME & ADDRESS TO THEM. THANK YOU

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

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
14 September 1993

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

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Date
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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 August, and for sending details of a UFO report made by Section 40 (your reference Section 40 097).

I am afraid that we have no reports that might tie-in with this this sighting, and I have no better idea than your own thought that a police helicopter might be involved (one other helicopter that might conceivably be flying at night would be an air ambulance). Although no noise was reported, this could be due to the wind direction. If the french windows were closed, this would also mask any sound.

Good luck with your investigation!

Yours sincerely,

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REF: Section 40 097.

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30/8/93

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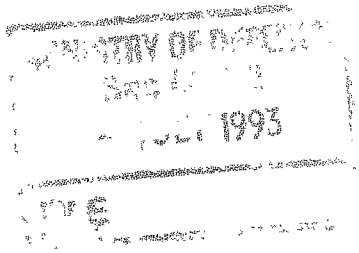
M.O.D.,
Whitehall, S.W.1.



Dear Section 40

Re: above casenumber.

Do you have any reports for the relevant date and time?

The only thing that comes to my mind is possibley a police helicopter, but the absence of sound casts this explanation into doubt.

Looking fowward to your evaluation.

Yours sincerely.

Section 40

P.S. copy of report sent to Section 40 for analysis.

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title SKYWATCHER SEES DISC OVER NORWOOD.

CASE SUMMARY TO BE FILLED IN BY THE INVESTIGATOR ONLY:-

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number Section 40 097

INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: y/n/(on-going); !?STATUS; completion

INVESTIGATOR(s): !?INVESTIGATOR; names Section 40

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]: !?CLASS; Vallee MAI

LOCATION(S) USING O.S. GRID REFERENCE IF POSSIBLE: !?OSMAP; six fig grid ref UPR. NORWOOD. S.E. LONDON.

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date 6/8/93

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM: !?TIME; in 24hr system 02.45.

EVALUATOR(s): !?EVALUATOR; return Section 40

EVALUATION: !?EVALUATION; stimulus

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THIS SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED IN BY THE WITNESS:-

START HERE ↓

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

Section 40

FULL NAME*: !?NAME; full

Section 40

DATE OF BIRTH.: !?BIRTHDAY; date

ADDRESS : !?ADDRESS; residential

TELEPHONE NUMBER: !?PHONE; number

RECENT OCCUPATION: !?OCCUPATION; employment

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY): !?EDUCATION; qualifications Section 40

Section 40

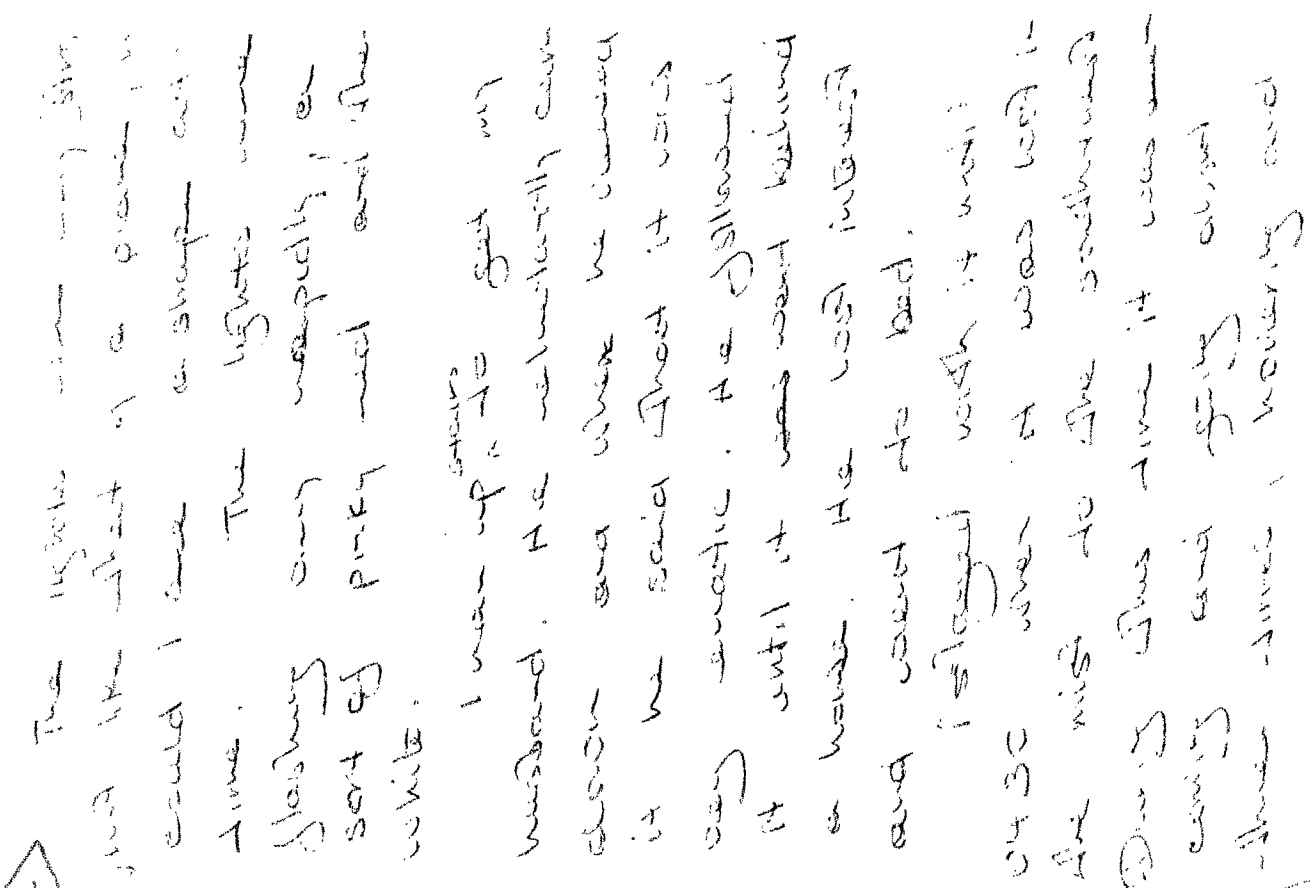
SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies

Astronomy, Reading, Sewing, Gardening

The lights [illegible] very strong, just like that of a plane, I could see a shape at time. The lights were flashing very rapidly, a sort of pinky red and the white.

I was up stairs to get my husband. He reluctantly came down and when he caused it he said that it was very erratic. He followed it until it was went behind a house. He lost interest and went to bed.

I flagged with it until 0430 when it was lost in the mist to the southwest. During this time it was seen coming and going about three times, hovering and



PLEASE WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED [illegible] AL SHEETS IF NECESSARY): !? STATEMENT; account

At approximately [illegible] the [illegible] I came to my [illegible] doors to look out at the stars with my binoculars as it was a [illegible] beautiful night. As I looked up I saw a flashing light moving quickly over my [illegible] as I thought it was a plane I decided to have a [illegible] at it, as is my custom. It appeared to [illegible] over the [illegible] of some [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] Viewing it with the binoculars it seemed to [illegible] and [illegible] in one position in my [illegible] for [illegible] 3 minutes, then moving to the left and then right [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] very slowly.

SECTION C: OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1) Please complete the following:-

a) NUMBER OF OBJECT(S) SEEN: !?OBJECTMULTIPLES; number One

b) COLOUR(S) " " " : !?COLOUR; colours lights - Pinky Red [illegible]

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible none heard

d) SMELL " " " : !?SMELL; odour none.

e) SHAPE($) " " " : !?SHAPE; outline Flat [illegible], Round [illegible]

f) CLARITY(*) " " " : !?CLARITY; sharpness

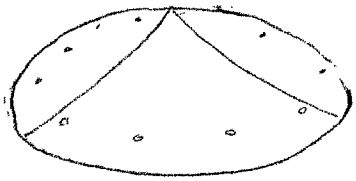
g) BRIGHTNESS(+)" " " : !?BRIGHTNESS; intensity very bright flashing light

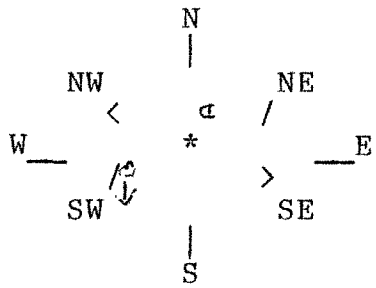
$ if other than a point source of light.

* sharpness of the object's outline. Outline dark in colour

+(IF ANY) COMPARED TO, STAR, MOON, TORCH, ARC-LAMP OR SUN ETC.

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO MAKE A SKETCH OF THE OBJECT YOU SAW:-





Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write 'A' on the on the dial where you first saw the object, & a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: !?HOUR; firstseen 0245 hrs

3) DURATION OF OBSERVATION (ESTIMATE IF UNSURE):- 1 hour and 45 mins
I checked the time when I decided that it was not a plane

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 6th August 1993

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area At home. Looking through back French doors

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus The rapidly flashing lights of the object moving across the house.

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode moving very quickly towards the south.

8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): !?TEMPORAL;

9) BY HOLDING ONE OF THESE FAMILIAR ITEMS AT ARM'S LENGTH, WHICH ONE, IN YOUR ESTIMATION, WOULD JUST COVER THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW (CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE): pin-head, pea, 1p piece, 2p piece, golf-ball, tennis-ball, other : !?SIZE; apparent Football

10) WAS THE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED OR VIDEO RECORDED? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): !?FILM; optical record NO

11) WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW? Yes (IF YES, GIVE NAMES,ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS WHERE POSSIBLE): !?OTHERWITNESS; names & addresses

Section 40 [redacted]

SECTION E: OTHER CHARACTERISTICS RELATING TO THE OBSERVATION

12) DID YOU, (OR OTHER WITNESSES PRESENT), OR THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT, SUFFER ANY PHYSICAL EFFECTS WHICH YOU CONSIDER TO BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): NO !?RESIDUE; physicals

13) DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): NO !?ALTERED; states

14) IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY OTHER UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM BRIEFLY HERE (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 AN INVESTIGATOR): !?PARANORMAL; life NO

15) DID ANYTHING 'ODD' OR 'OUT OF PLACE' OCCUR AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?ODD; events NO

16) DID ANY OTHER WITNESSES EXPERIENCE ANYTHING IN RELATION TO QUESTIONS 12, 13, 14 & 15? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?OTHERODD; traits NO

SECTION E - PREVAILING WEATHER DURING OBSERVATION:-

CIRCLE ANY APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:-

i) CLARITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE: clear, hazy, foggy: !?ATMOSPHERIC; clarity

ii) CLOUD COVER: none, quarter, half, three-quarter, total: !?CLOUDCOVER; %

iii) ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE: freezing, cold, cool, mild, warm, hot: !?TEMPERATURE; air

iv) PRECIPITATION: dry, rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: !?PRECIPITATION; fall

v) WIND STRENGTH: still, breeze, strong wind, gale-force: !?WIND; speed slight

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: stars, moon, sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: !?ASTRONOMICAL; objects

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: Section 40 [redacted] _ _, TODAY'S DATE: 27/8/93 !?DAYMONTH; year

-END-

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Thank you for your recent letter concerning Section 40 UFO video.

You asked for some information about our policy and views on UFOs; the following paragraphs set out our position:

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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.

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 or aircraft seen from unusual angles, kites, helium balloons, weather balloons, unusual cloud formations, satellites in orbit or satellite debris entering the atmosphere, ball lightning, fireballs and meteorites. We accept, however, that there will always be some sightings that defy explanation.

We will always try to be as helpful as we can in dealing with reports of UFOs, and with more general policy questions.

I look forward to seeing Section 40 films in due course, and will let both him and you know if I have any ideas on what they show.

Yours sincerely,

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DEAR SIR, MADAM, I AM ACTING ON BEHALF OF Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted] MANSFIELD, NOTTS, WHOM RECENTLY REPORTED TO YOU, THROUGH R.A.F FINNINGLEY, A U.F.O. CAPTURED ON FILM DURING AN AIR SHOW THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT THE VIDEO HAS BEEN VIEWED BY PEOPLE WITH SOME KIND OF EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS AND IS STILL YET BEING ANNILISED THOUGH UNFORTUNATELY THE U.F.O.S DO UP TO YET LOOK LIKE BEING INDENTIFIED AS NOTHING MORE THAN EITHER "FLYS" OR "BEES" BUT CLEVER ONES AT THAT. THANKYOU FOR TAKING SUCH AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. IT SEEMS THE WHOLE POLICY OF U.F.O.S HAS CERTAINLY CHANGED SINCE I LAST CONTACTED THE M.O.D. ABOUT THE SUBJECT. I WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SEND ME ANY INFORMATION ON U.F.O.S RELATING TO THE M.O.D. IF POSSIBLE. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED FURTHER ON THE VIDEO TAPE.
YOURS TRULY. Section 40 [redacted] CHAIRMAN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR MANSFIELD U.F.O GROUP. Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted]

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	SEPTEMBER 1989 AND 1991 (DON'T KNOW) DURING THE NIGHTS
B. Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	SEVERAL SMALL BLACK DOTS NO PARTICULAR SHAPE DARK IN COLOUR
C. Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	FILMED IN THE OBSERVERS SEATS (OPEN) STANDING UP. OUTDOORS.
D. How Observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	(SONY VIDEO 8) VIDEO MOVIE CAMERA
E. Direction in which Object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	NOT NOTICED UNTIL RECENTLY LOOKING AT THE VIDEO FILMS. OBJECTS APPEARING ABOUT IN AIR.
F. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	UNKNOWN
G Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	UNKNOWN
H. Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	OBJECT OR OBJECTS MOVING IN ALL DIRECTIONS
I. Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	STEADY CLOUD BUT MAINLY CLEAR
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)	AIRFIELDS R/A/F FINNINGLEY OTHERS NOT KNOWN AS YET

K.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	MILITARY A/A/G FINNING AND LOCAL PRESS AND W/C/O GROUP
L.	Name & Address of Informant	Section 40 [redacted]
M.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	Section 40 [redacted]
N.	Other Witnesses	AS YET NOT KNOWN
O.	Date, Time of Receipt	18-8-93
P.	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	NONE
Q.	Remarks THESE FILMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING AUTHORISED BY THE MANAGING BOARD W/C/O GROUP AND OTHERS. WILL INFORM THE W/C/O OF ANY FURTHER NEWS.	

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Date
18 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at RAF Finningley have contacted me about the UFO that appeared on a video you took, as this office acts as the focal point for the reporting of UFOs, and the handling of any related enquiries.

I understand that you wanted somebody to have a look at the video; I would be happy to do this, and circulate it amongst some other experts here, to see if we can come up with any explanations.

To help us reach any conclusions, it would be useful if you could give as much information as possible about the circumstances surrounding the sighting; I have enclosed a copy of the form we use to record details of sightings, to show the sort information that would be useful. It would also help if you could let me know the model of recorder and type of film that was used, together with details of the settings that you were using.

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
13 September 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and your wife saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate reports of UFO sightings in this country. Our only concern is to establish whether or not there is a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we find evidence of such a threat - and this has not been the case so far - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify what was seen.

While it is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things seen in the sky, 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 objects or 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 societies:

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Date 9 September 1993

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky sometime in August have been passed to this office, as we co-ordinate report 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 with any sighting to date - 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
8 September 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 18 August on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects, in which you asked if there were any other reported sightings similar to yours.

I have had a look through our sightings file, but could find no reports similar to yours. I have checked with our Low Flying Department who have confirmed that RAF aircraft were flying in the general area of your sighting, although I would agree with you that what you have reported does not sound like an aircraft.

While we believe that most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, none of the more usual explanations spring to mind in this instance. The only suggestion I have is that you may wish to check with some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in the study and investigations of UFOs. These organisations may be able to offer some further thoughts on what you saw, or tie your sighting in with other reports they may have received. I suggest the following groups:

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Room

18th Aug

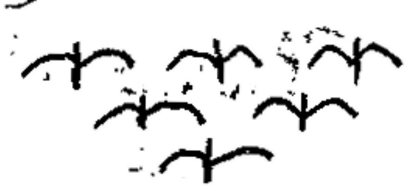
Dear Sir,

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

I write to inform you of the following:-

On Monday last, 16th August, I was taking my dog for a walk in countryside near CREWE. At about 11.05 pm I witnessed a meteor trail of quite unusual brightness; so much so that the path of it remained illuminated for several seconds. Others, I am sure, also saw this.

About 2 minutes afterwards — I was still gazing skywards — I saw a most unusual thing. A triangle of orange lights passed swiftly overhead, travelling in a South to North direction. The lights were not bright, rather dim, and were ~~ba~~ each shaped in a 'gull' form. They were in a precise 1, 3, 5 formation and proceeded point first thus:



The speed at which they travelled, and the fact that they were 'fixed' in relation to each other, led me to believe that they were part of a Delta winged craft — though I could see no

received out of sight led me to believe that they were quite low - say 2,000 feet max. - and would therefore have represented a craft the size of a small airliner. The speed was quite high - perhaps similar to a low flying jet fighter - but there was absolutely no sound. In fact, had I not been already looking up, I should not have seen it.

I am a [redacted] by profession; aged [redacted] years and certainly no U.F.O buff. I have searched mentally for an explanation, considering 'stealth' fighters, natural phenomena, and even auto suggestion! But I can find no satisfactory explanation for what I saw.

Please, could you tell me if there were any other reported sightings similar to mine?

I remain mystified but curious.

Yours faithfully.

[redacted]

Note: There were no other lights - navigation or otherwise - in evidence, and the orange lights themselves were much, much dimmer than would normally be

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Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 8 September 1993

Dear Section 40

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Our reference
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Date
8 September 1993

Dear Section 40

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 August in which you gave further details of the strange object that you and your friend Section 40 saw recently.

I will keep an eye out for any sightings that might tie in with yours, and will let you know if we receive any.

Once again, many thanks for reporting this intriguing sighting.

Yours Sincerely,

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26th August 93.

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your phone call. I and my friend Section 40 are still discussing our experience of the sighting of the brilliant object flying so low. It happened at 9:45 pm as we were walking our dogs. It hovered, was still several times, and then disappeared behind the college so swiftly.

I enclose a map to show the route it took, and I show the place we were standing when it flew into our area. We are very interested and would appreciate to know if more sightings are made near here. I enclose the drawing as promised.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

This is the name and address of my friend

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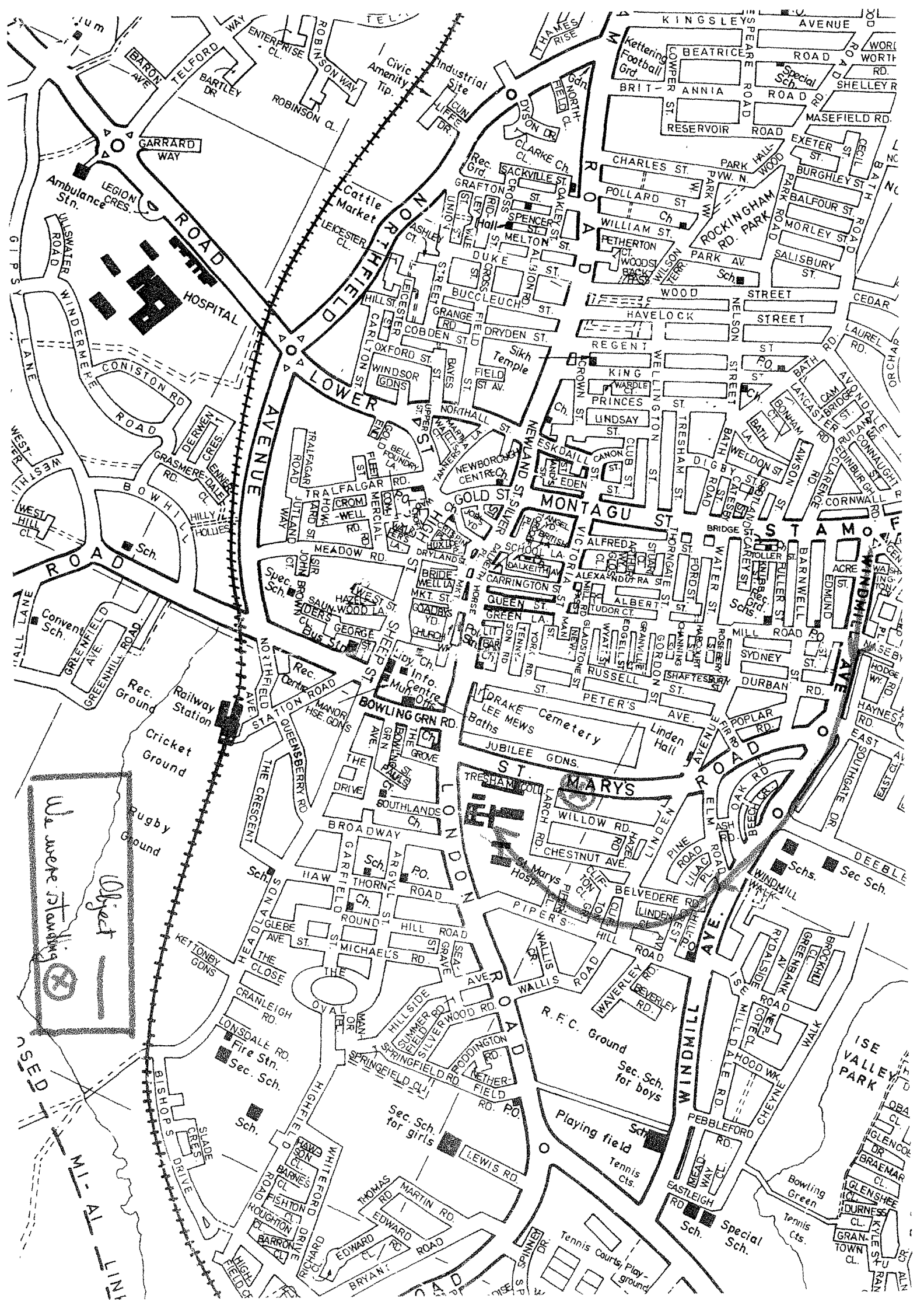
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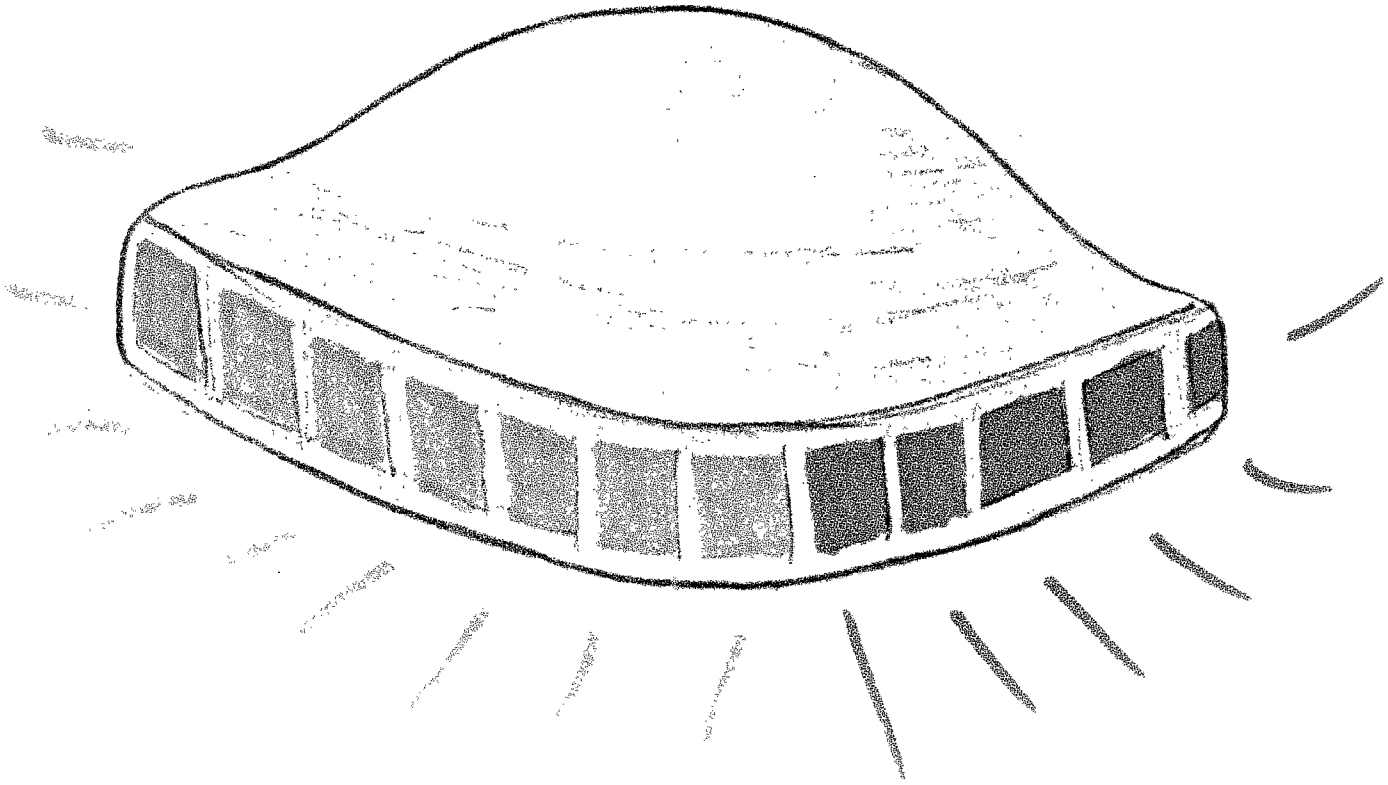

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Section 40

Your reference

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

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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.

You may be interested to know that on the night of 24 August two people in the Kettering area reported having seen a large saucer-shaped object, covered with green and red lights.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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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Section 40 [redacted]

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Spain

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August, concerning the wave of UFO sightings reported in the early hours of March 31 this year.

The sightings in this country occured mainly over the South-West, with most of the reports being from Devon, Cornwall and South Wales. The most common feature of these reports was that people reported having seen two bright white lights. It was not clear whether these were two separate objects flying in close formation, or whether they were lights from one object. There were conflicting reports about the speed, height and heading. I have attached a map that I drew up at the time, plotting the locations of sightings we know about. Where I had the information, I added the time of the sighting (I have used British Summer Time, ie GMT + 1 hour), and the heading of the object. As you can see, it is all pretty confusing!

While we believe that most UFO sightings could be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, there will always be some that appear to defy explanation, and we retain an open mind on these. The sightings on March 31 fall into this category; we were not able to make a positive identification of what was seen, and could draw no firm conclusions. This fascinating wave of sightings remains unexplained.

I do not know whether you liaise with UFO groups in this country, but it may be worth your while getting in touch with them to see if they have any further data. I suggest the following groups:

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Section 40

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Contact International (UK)
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I am also aware that a local researcher, affiliated to the British UFO Research Association, made a very detailed study of these sightings, and you may wish to contact him too. I know that Section 40 believed that many of the sightings might have been caused by the decay of a Russian rocket, and you may wish to follow this up with him. His details are as follows:

Section 40

[redacted]

I hope this information is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with your research into these intriguing sightings.

Yours sincerely,

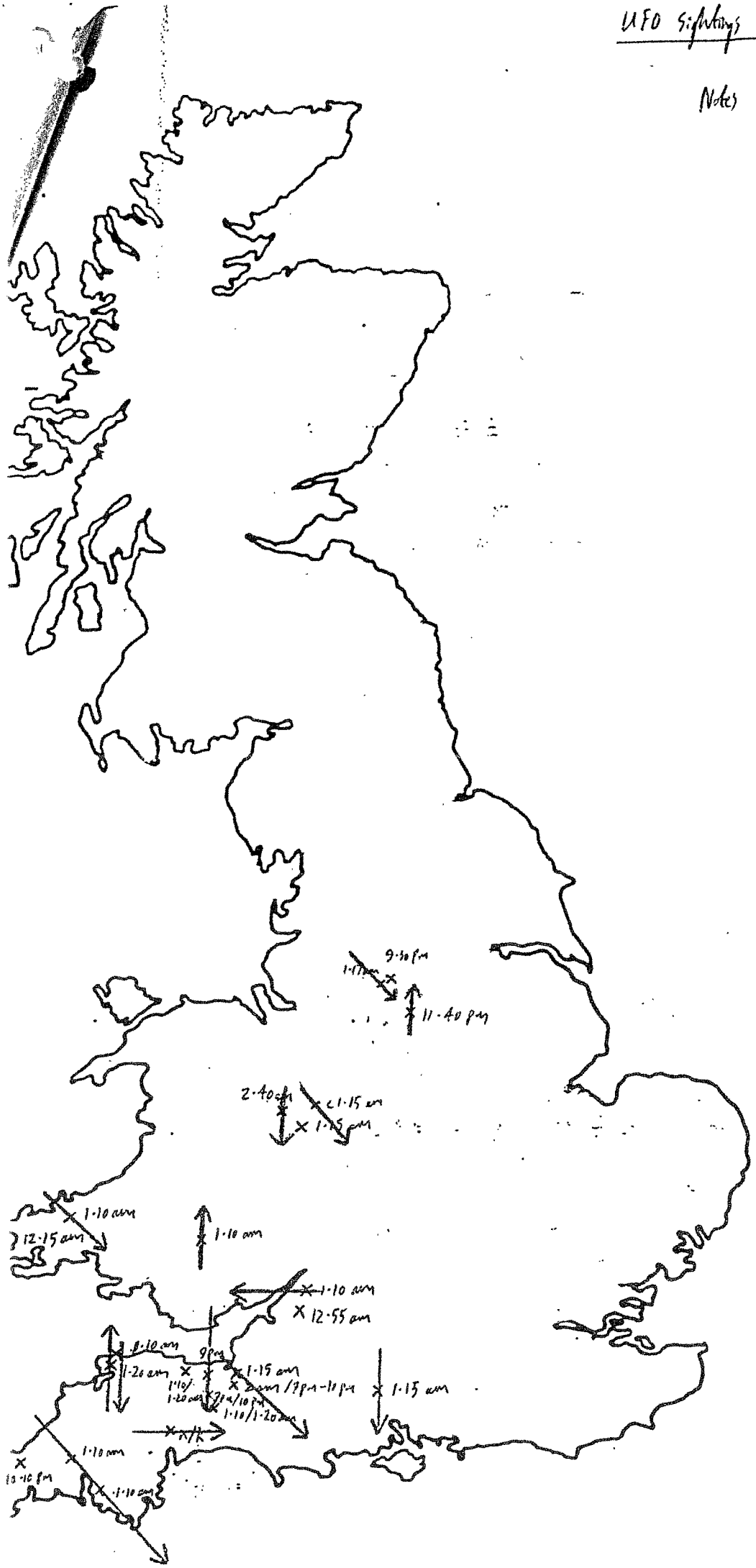
Section 40

[redacted]

UFO Sightings late 30th / early 31st March 93

Notes : All times are local

Pencil arrows show estimated heading of UF



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United Kingdom

Valencia, August 20, 1993.

Sir:

I am writing in my position of Director of Research of CEI, a private organisation, established 1957 for the scientific investigation of aerospatial phenomena. Recently, we have been instrumental in starting the official process of declassification of UFO archives by the Spanish Air Force.

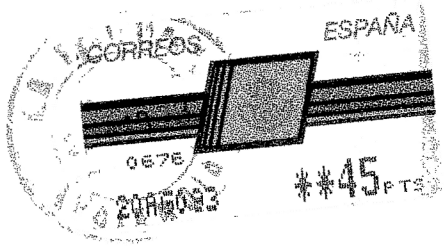
On March 31, 1993, a wave of sightings occurred in Britain, France, and Spain, centered around 00:10 GMT hours (with a few reports before and later).

No doubt, your Department will have reached to a conclusion of the nature and origin of these lights, after consultation to your scientific sources. I will appreciate your information at this regard, as well as any background, supplementary information that you might provide on the phenomenon producing the sightings all over Europe.

I look forward to receive your illuminating information (one which I will also pass on the Air Staff, Spanish Air Force).

Sincerely yours,

Section 40 [redacted]



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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
24 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for giving Section 40 permission to send me a copy of your letter to him concerning your recent UFO sighting.

I have checked our sightings file, but I am afraid that we have received no other reports that tie in with yours. Clearly a lot of people see something strange, but make no report.

I am not sure what to make of this sighting. The only possible explanation that springs to mind would be lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, although not all of the details appear to fit this option. The area concerned is very close to Blackpool though, so the possibility of the lights being caused by some sort of equipment associated with the Illuminations should not be ruled out. Although I understand that the Illuminations are not switched on until September, the testing of the equipment may well have started.

Clearly this may not fit the bill, and I offer it up only as a possibility. Although we believe that most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, we entirely accept that some would appear to defy explanation, and we retain an open mind on these.

Yours sincerely,

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Our reference
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Date
23 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

I have now had a chance to have a more detailed look at the video you sent me, and have had it looked at by some other experts here.

Although none of the more usual explanations for UFOs would seem to explain what appears on the video, I am afraid that we are not able to be sure about precisely what the object is.

I am sorry to have to send what I know will be a disappointing response, but I wish you the best of luck with any future research into this intriguing video. As you recognise, however, the task is complicated by your not being able to contact the person who took the film, to obtain details of the video camera used. I would imagine that tracking down this person is your best way of making any further progress.

Thank you very much for the loan of the video, which I am returning as requested.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
20 August 1993

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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.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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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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
20 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August, in which you asked for any views we might have on a number of UFO sightings you are investigating.

While we believe that most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, none of the more usual explanations spring to mind in this instance.

Normally I would be able to ckeck our sightings file, to see if we had received any similar reports. Unfortunately, the earliest file we hold dates from 1985, as we only have limited storage space, and have to send old files to the Public Record Office, where they are covered by the 30 Year Rule.

The only suggestion I have is that you check with some of the other UFO groups in the country, to see if they have any data. I presume you have various contacts, but if not, I would suggest the following national groups as a starting point:

British UFO Research Association
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Quest International
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Contact International (UK)
Section 40

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with your research

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Tel: Section 40 [redacted]

16.8.93.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with a UFO enquiry.I am an independent investigator and have received reports of UFO sightings during the period from December 1983 to January 1984 in Biddenden,Kent.Some specific details are as follows:

Boxing Day.26.12.83.
Horseshoe-shaped lights moved across the sky from west to east,low against the background of the trees.The objects were lit up,like flying tiaras:they were three in number.They disappeared losing height over the Shorts Wood-Gribble Wood area.

27.12.83.
The flying tiaras appeared again,flying from west to east as before.

25.10.82.
Shorts Woods(to the north-east) were lit up by yellow and pink lights,which appeared to come up through the ground,lighting up the trees;a similar effect to a theatre cyclorama.

15.1.84.
Overall loud humming over whole area and on Cranbrook Road.Spectacular aerial performance;device seen in sky flying under cloud base, its lights flashing on and off.Sound as if from low frequency unit on long continuous note,like some kind of signal.

29.1.84-30.1.84.
Spectacular display of the pink lights which started up at 3.50am, and went on for some considerable time.
Location:Gribble Bridge Lane and Sandpit Wood to the left;Shorts Wood and Gribble Wood to right.
Councillor Section 40 [redacted] of the Ashford Borogh Council stated that

she had seen pink lights on more than one occasion.

The Environmental Health Officer volunteered the information of sightings reported by members of the public of what they called UFOs.

I would appreciate any information that you can supply in terms of an explanation of the UFOs/lights described in this area around the dates specified.Also,any other reports.
I hopefully,thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
19 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me the pack of press cuttings.

I was also interested to see a copy of Section 40 letter to you. I have checked our sightings file, but can confirm that we have received no other reports that tie in with sighting.

Section 40

I am not sure what to make of this sighting. The only possible explanation that springs to mind would be lasers or searchlights reflecting off clouds, although not all of the details appear to fit this option. The area concerned is very close to Blackpool though, so the possibility of the lights being caused by some sort of equipment associated with the Illuminations should not be ruled out. Although I understand that the Illuminations are not switched on until September, the testing of the equipment may well have started.

Section 40

Given that kindly agreed to your sending me a copy of his letter, I intend to drop him a line.

Section 40

With regard to the pilot who sighted a silver disc over Lancashire, I can confirm that I have not received a sighting report.

Please feel free to consult me about any other sightings you are involved with. I will then check to see if we have any similar reports, and will offer an opinion if I have one.

Yours,

Section 40

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Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Further to a stack of clippings I sent you today, I now enclose a report of a recent sighting by Section 40 [redacted] a young Section 40 [redacted] Aerospace engineer who works at Section 40 [redacted].

Best, Section 40 [redacted]

14.VIII.93

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7.8.93

Section 40

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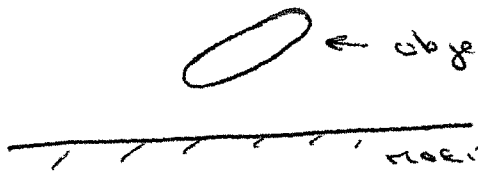
phoned 12.VIII.93
and asked him
to be interviewed
on Possibly Radio
13.VIII.93, & whilst
he agreed Section 40 also
gave permission for a copy
of this to be sent to M.O.D.

Dear Section 40,

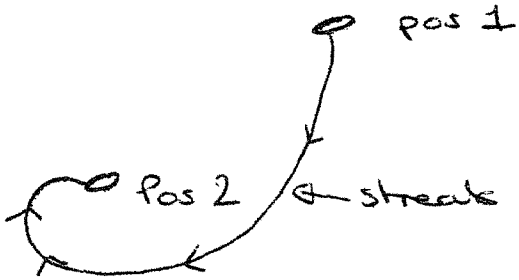
I have been asked to contact you by my friend (and yours), Section 40 after I relayed an incident, which I witnessed, to him. On Thursday 5th August at approximately 10.30pm myself and girlfriend were parked at Lytham St Annes boating lake's carpark when we observed an extremely bright light in the sky. The light was stationary and inclined at approximately 20° to the horizon. The light appeared white, ~~and~~ flickered, and was approximately 3-5 times the diameter ~~and~~ of the brightest star in the sky. As it was a perfectly clear night (and full moon), I had a pair of hi powered binoculars with me (x50 magnification) which I was using to look at the moon. I was attracted to the object by it's sheer brightness and the fact that it appeared out of no-where. It was stationary for several minutes which lead me to conclude that it was NOT an aircraft and unlikely to be a helicopter ~~if~~ At this point I did not rule out the possibility however! Looking through bi-nocculars the object was appeared SPHERICAL

and changed colours many times a second. Colours from red, blue, green, & white could be seen. Suddenly the object became very dim and was barely observable with the naked eye but appeared as an inclined cigar shape as shown:-



The object began to move to the left and descend very slowly. After approximately five to ten minutes it appeared to land or hover in the vicinity of the WINTER HILL radio transmitter. At this point we lost sight of the object but numerous lights could be seen moving around on the hillside for the next 10 minutes or so. I concluded that these were probably cars driving around the hillside track. We saw nothing (as we were looking also) until about 11:30 pm appx. when the brilliant light appeared again in a slightly higher position than it originally was. It changed colour (or pulsated as previously) and remained stationary for several minutes. At this point 2 other sets of lights could be seen which I concluded to be aircraft (because of their behaviour and light configuration). These aircraft circled the object and the Winter Hill area for about several minutes when one departed in one direction.

The object then became dim as before and began to rise vertically and stop at about 30→40° to the horizon. The object ~~jumped~~ from one point to another MANY TIMES INSTANTANEOUSLY, and behaved unlike any aircraft, helicopter, weather balloon or satellite. This jumping was NOT caused by movement of the hill nearby and was witnessed by both myself and my girlfriend. I would estimate the jumps (which were totally random) to have been between 200→800 metres. On occasion the object would leave a spiral-type streak :-



{It behaved like this until it disappeared.}
The object continued to rise but after several minutes we lost track of it. The time was now about 11:50 or so. We departed and left for home. The next morning at 8:30 am I received a phone from a friend who along with with his girlfriend and sister (who I believe was also present) observed the same object (but this time from their apartment on the top floor of the building on Preston dock) at 12:05 appx. He was very excited as he too had observed the object through

binoculars and took photo's with a very expensive zoom lens camera. Unfortunately he later discovered it was de-void of film! The object was very close and was joined by upto five aircraft. The type of which I have not asked about yet. He said the object appeared as a mass of pulsating lights with a powerful red light on top and blue light on the bottom (or vice-versa I cant remember). My friends name is [redacted] Section 40 and can be contacted through me.

He said the object moved left to right and back again a number of times. At one point it was as low as tree top level and JUMPED from one point to another instantly.

Sorry if the details are a bit sketchy but at the time of writing I have only a phone call to go by.

I have never been 100% sure of the UFO subject but now I can say with conviction that this object was neither plane, helicopter, weather-balloon, satellite, atmospheric phenomena or otherwise. I cannot say that it was an extra-terrestrial vehicle for certain but whatever it was it displayed an incredible ability to manouver.

The day after the incident I telephoned WARTON aerodrome (Section 40 [redacted]) and asked them (air traffic control) about any anomalous objects that could have been tracked on radar. They were very unhelpful and said that this information is confidential and all flights in and out of Warton are also. He added that the radar was 'switched OFF' at 9.30 pm that night also. I also telephoned Blackpool airport who told me to ring Manchester airport (which I haven't done yet).

There is no doubt in my mind that this object was witnessed by at least 100 other people due to it's sheer brilliance.

Approximately 3 weeks ago articles in the national news papers (and on the radio) appeared which relayed the sighting of a 'silver disk' UFO by a Section 40 [redacted] pilot over Lancashire. The object was tracked by WARTON and said to be hi-speed opposite direction traffic. The pilot a Section 40 [redacted] has urged other pilots to come forward with their sightings also!

Do you know of this incident Section 40 [redacted]?

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Section 40

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

13 August 1993

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

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 28 July 1993. It is unfortunate but understandable that my letter could not be passed on to the lady in Cheshire.

It was kind of you to take the time to write such a full explanation of the reasons my request could not be satisfied.

Yours sincerely,

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
18 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at RAF Finningley have contacted me about the UFO that appeared on a video you took, as this office acts as the focal point for the reporting of UFOs, and the handling of any related enquiries.

I understand that you wanted somebody to have a look at the video; I would be happy to do this, and circulate it amongst some other experts here, to see if we can come up with any explanations.

To help us reach any conclusions, it would be useful if you could give as much information as possible about the circumstances surrounding the sighting; I have enclosed a copy of the form we use to record details of sightings, to show the sort information that would be useful. It would also help if you could let me know the model of recorder and type of film that was used, together with details of the settings that you were using.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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FIN/2286/016

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting.

B. Description of Object.

C. Exact Position Observer.

D. How Observed.

E. Direction in which Object was first seen.

F. Angle of Sight.

G. Distance.

H. Movements.

I. Meteorological condistions during observation.

J. Nearby Objects.

PERSONAL AIRSHOW VIDEO. UFOs SHOW UP ON FOOTAGE. HE SOUNDED SINCERE! MAYBE WORTH A LOOK TO ESTABLISH USES

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec(AS)2
10 AUG 1993
FILE

K. To whom reported. FLT LT [redacted] (FINNINGLEY CRO)

L. Name and Address of Informant. [redacted] TEL:-

M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered. [redacted] NONE

N. Other Witnesses. NOT KNOWN

O. Date and Time of receipt of Report. 1115 (LOCAL) AUG 93

P. Is a reply requested. REQUESTS EXPERT TO VIEW FOOTAGE.

Signed [redacted]

Name

Date 11 AUG 93

Rank FLT LT Tel No [redacted]

RAF FINNINGLEY CRO

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...ope, Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, Room [redacted]

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
18 August 1993

Dear [redacted],

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on Monday night have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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 objects or 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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Quest International
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Contact International (UK)

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Tel no. [redacted]

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange objects that you, your mother and your girlfriend saw in the sky recently have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange yellow light that you and your mother saw on Thursday night have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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 objects or 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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Quest International
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[redacted]

Tel no. Section 40 [redacted]

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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

[redacted]

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
16 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and other witnesses saw on Friday night have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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 August 1993

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and your friends saw in the sky in the early hours of 12 August have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Your letter to RAF West Drayton concerning a UFO sighting which occurred last year has been passed to this office, as we deal with all queries on this subject.

I have checked through our files, but can confirm that we have received no reports that might tie in with the sighting you are investigating.

It is not possible to say, so long after the sighting, what aircraft may have been in the area at the time; military aircraft do operate in the area concerned, but very little flying would be carried out so late at night.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

Records Office,
Aeronautical Information Service,
RAF Station,
West Drayton,
Middlesex.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Hereford U.F.O. Research Group, in association with BUFORA. We have recieved a report of a possible sighting in the area of Pen-y-bont, near Llandrindod Wells, at the end of August/ beginning of September of 1972.

It consisted of a circular white light with a horizontal black bar across the centre, and was seen in the early hours of the morning. At present we have only one witness, and are hoping that you may have recieved some reports pertaining to the incident (any unusual occurrences could have a bearing on the matter, from about Aug. 28th to Sept.10th). If so, we would be very grateful if you could send us any information that you may have, at the above address.

Also, if you have any information as to whether or not any aeroplanes should have been in the area at that time, this too would be gratefully accepted. (I realise that this is a very obscure possibility.)

Many thanks for any assistance that you can give us,

Yours sincerely, Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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

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Section 40
Germany

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Your letter dated 5 August has been passed to this office, as we deal with questions relating to UFOs.

Our reason for looking at UFO sightings is to check that there is no evidence of a potential threat to the defence of the United Kingdom; we have no remit to investigate sightings in other countries, and I suspect that official comment on these sightings can come only from the Belgian government or Defence Ministry. We have conducted no investigation into the sightings, and have no information on them.

I am aware that a Belgian UFO organisation has carried out a detailed study of the sightings concerned, and you may wish to contact them. The details are as follows:

Societe Belge d'Etude des Phenomenes Spatiaux (SOBEPS)
Section 40
Bruxelles
Belgium

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you the best of luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Memorandum

MOD Form 4A
(Revised 4/89)

To: Sec(AS) 2a

From: Plt Off PR
OPR (RAF)

Date 10 Aug 93

Your Reference

Number Section 40

Our Reference D/OPR/330/1

Subject: UFO SIGHTING - LETTER REQUESTING INFORMATION

I have forwarded the attached letter for your reply. In the meantime I have sent the gentleman a holding letter.

Pig ref Section 40 letter

10 AUG 1993

Name
(in Block Letters Please): Section 40

Signature: Section 40

Rank: A Plt Off

Section 40 [redacted]

Germany

August 05, 1993

Subject: NATO air-territory infringements over Belgium.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in a delicate matter.

With regard to the appearances of unidentified flying objects/UFOs over the Belgian towns Eupen and Wavre on the 30th and 31st March of 1990, and the official attestation of General Wilfried DeBrouwer that these objects were real and not explainable, I want to inquire if the british Ministry of Defence/Whitehall is investigating in these specific events.
I am investigative journalist and, at present, working on a documentation about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence/SETI and need thus the certainty that UFOs are not of an extraterrestrial origin.

I would not know how to thank you if you could help me. I look forward to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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10 AUG 1993
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
10 August 1993

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
9 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and your neighbours saw in the sky yesterday have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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. In this case I suspect that the lights were caused by powerful searchlights, which are being used increasingly at outdoor events such as fairs and concerts. The most common effect is four white lights, circling a small area of the sky.

If you do believe that what you saw cannot be explained in terms of known objects or 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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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
9 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and Mr Wood saw in the sky yesterday have been passed to this office, as we 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 with any sighting to date - 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
9 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

When we spoke on Friday I promised to write to you setting out our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon, and to give you details of the national UFO societies.

Although we receive 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.

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I hope this is helpful, and that you are able to find an explanation for what you saw.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 August.

I have had a look through our sightings file, but could find no reports that might tie in with Section 40 sighting.

I wish you the best of luck with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40

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

Section 40

2nd August, 1993

Dear Section 40

thank you for your recent assistance with regards to the sighting of an unusual red light by Section 40 Section 40 near Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

I have interviewed this lady and she has happily provided details regarding her sighting. I can inform you that an independent witness living in north Warwickshire has come forward, with a description of a very similar event, occurring almost exactly 24 hours later. I have a number of enquiries continuing into these two incidents of such similar appearance, which took place in the same geographical area on consecutive nights. However, I would ask whether you have received any other reports of this general type from the Warwickshire/Leicestershire area during late June or July. If you would please let me know, I should be most grateful.

I also did as you suggested and contacted Section 40 on the wave of sighting reports in the Bristol area. We have compared notes on the sightings we have under investigation, and last weekend I had the opportunity to hear speak of the Bristol sightings and to view the video film taken by one of his witnesses. In terms of colour, duration and behaviour, I am satisfied that the phenomena reported from our two areas are quite different; indeed, it seems most likely that the Bristol residents were in fact watching and filming Venus.

Section 40

Nevertheless, given the initial similarity and coincidental occurrence of these events, it was only proper that I liaise with Section 40 and I thank you for your interest and trouble in highlighting his work to me at this time.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to hearing from you on this matter,

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Section 40, BUFORA

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
5 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky on Tuesday night have been passed to this office, as we 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.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
4 August 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw early this morning have been passed to this office, as we 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.

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 objects or 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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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
4 August 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

I know from previous correspondence and from your books that you are familiar with the MOD's position on UFOs, but I thought it would be useful if I set out, in full, our policy and views on the UFO phenomenon.

Although the Ministry of Defence does receive reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not there is any threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that there is - and this has not been the case with any sighting to date - 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.

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 possible 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 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 remain open-minded about these.

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 most UFO files were routinely destroyed after about five years, because at the time there was not perceived to be sufficient public interest in the subject to warrant the permanent retention of this material. As you know, however, a small number of earlier files did survive, and may be viewed at the Public Record Office. I have had a recent look at the situation and have discovered that because files were not destroyed immediately, surviving papers generally date from around 1962. The reason these papers have not yet been released is that

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they are in files where the last enclosures are more recent, as you know, files can only be released when the most recent enclosure is 30 years old. The good news is that, although it is not our practice to comment in detail on material that has not yet been released, I understand that two files (Public Record Office references AIR 2/16918 and AIR 2/17318) are due for release in January 1994. From then onwards there should be a steady trickle of UFO files released each year. I suggest that you contact the Public Record Office early next year. I have already written to the national UFO groups about this.

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 the past, so I have attached some figures that you may find useful, together with some maps which give the approximate location of recent year's sightings.

A number of recent reports were almost certainly sightings of an airship - illuminated from the inside. I have seen this myself, and can understand how, when seen from a distance, this generated reports of a bright cigar-shaped UFO. Other recent reports have been caused by the use of lasers or searchlights; such equipment is used increasingly in advertising and entertainment, especially at outdoor music festivals.

The Ministry of Defence is not involved in any research or investigation into the crop circle phenomenon, although we occasionally get questions on this subject, because of the perceived link between crop circles and the UFO phenomenon. Although having no responsibility for this subject, we will refer anybody who asks about them to organisations such as CPR International or the CCCS, in the same way as we will refer people who report or enquire about UFOs to groups such as BUFORA or Quest International. As is the case with UFOs, we hold no fixed views on crop circles, and remain open-minded about this intriguing phenomenon.

I hope this is useful, and has helped explain our position.

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

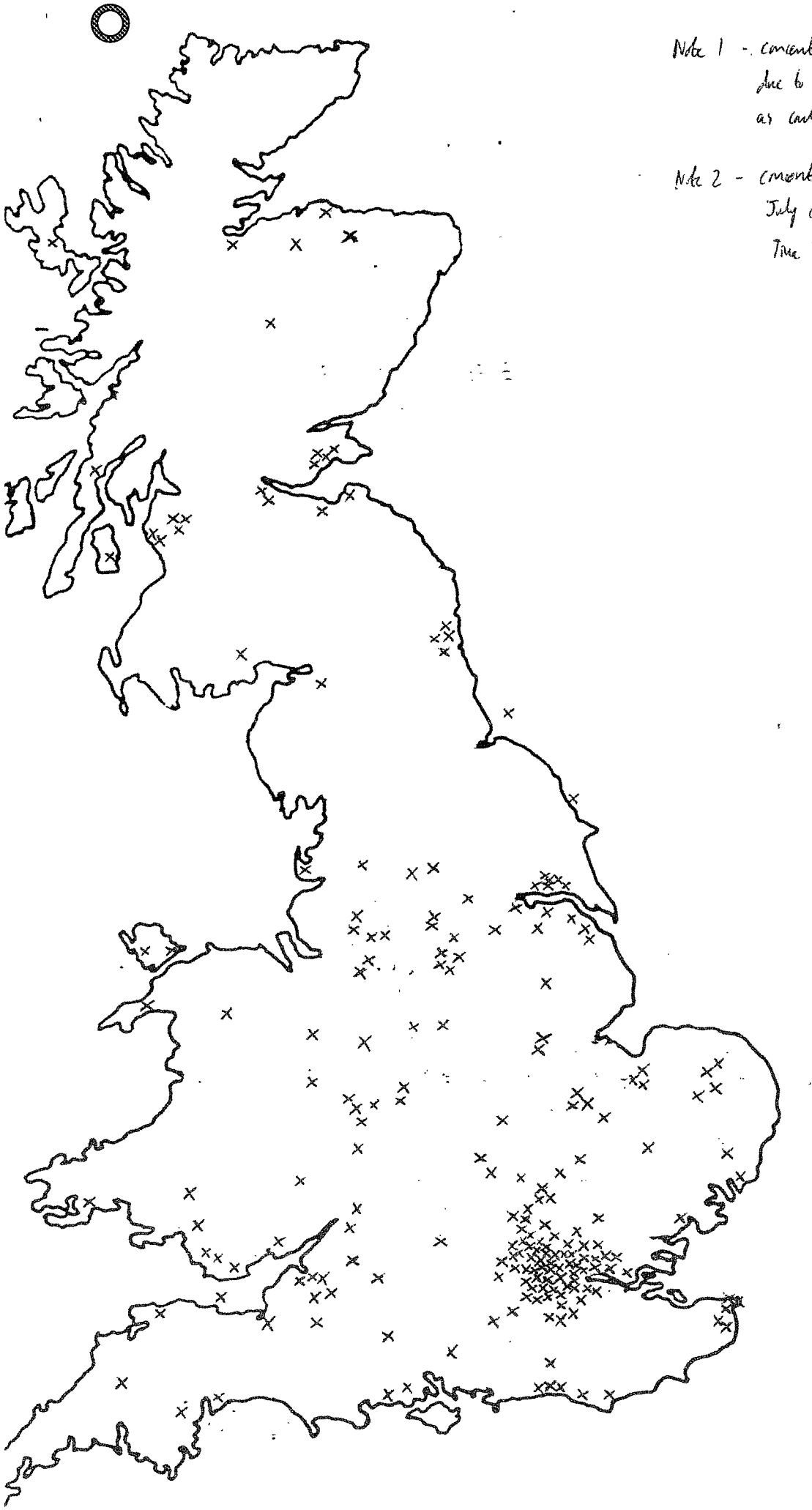
1959 - 22	1976 - 200
1960 - 31	1977 - 435
1961 - 71	1978 - 750
1962 - 46	1979 - 550
1963 - 51	1980 - 350
1964 - 74	1981 - 600
1965 - 56	1982 - 250
1966 - 95	1983 - 390
1967 - 362	1984 - 214
1968 - 280	1985 - 177
1969 - 228	1986 - 120
1970 - 181	1987 - 150
1971 - 379	1988 - 397
1972 - 201	1989 - 258
1973 - 233	1990 - 209
1974 - 177	1991 - 117
1975 - 208	1992 - 147

Figures from before 1959 are not available.

Geographical distribution of UFO reports - 1990

Note 1 - concentration of London sightings in Jan could be due to commercial searchlights bouncing off low cloud as could other London sightings

Note 2 - concentration of sightings to NW of London during July caused by lasers/searchlights associated with a Jean Tanner concert



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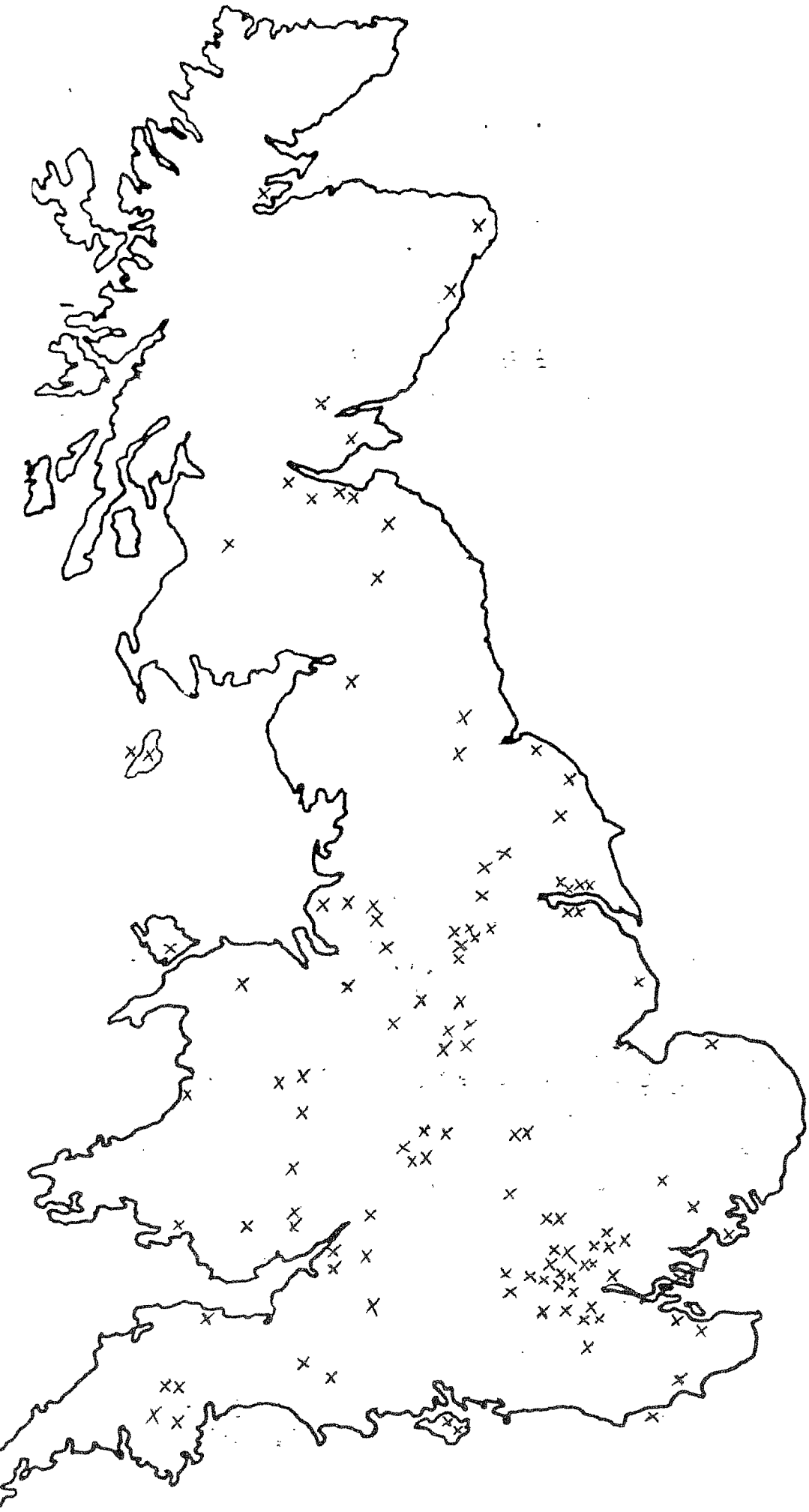

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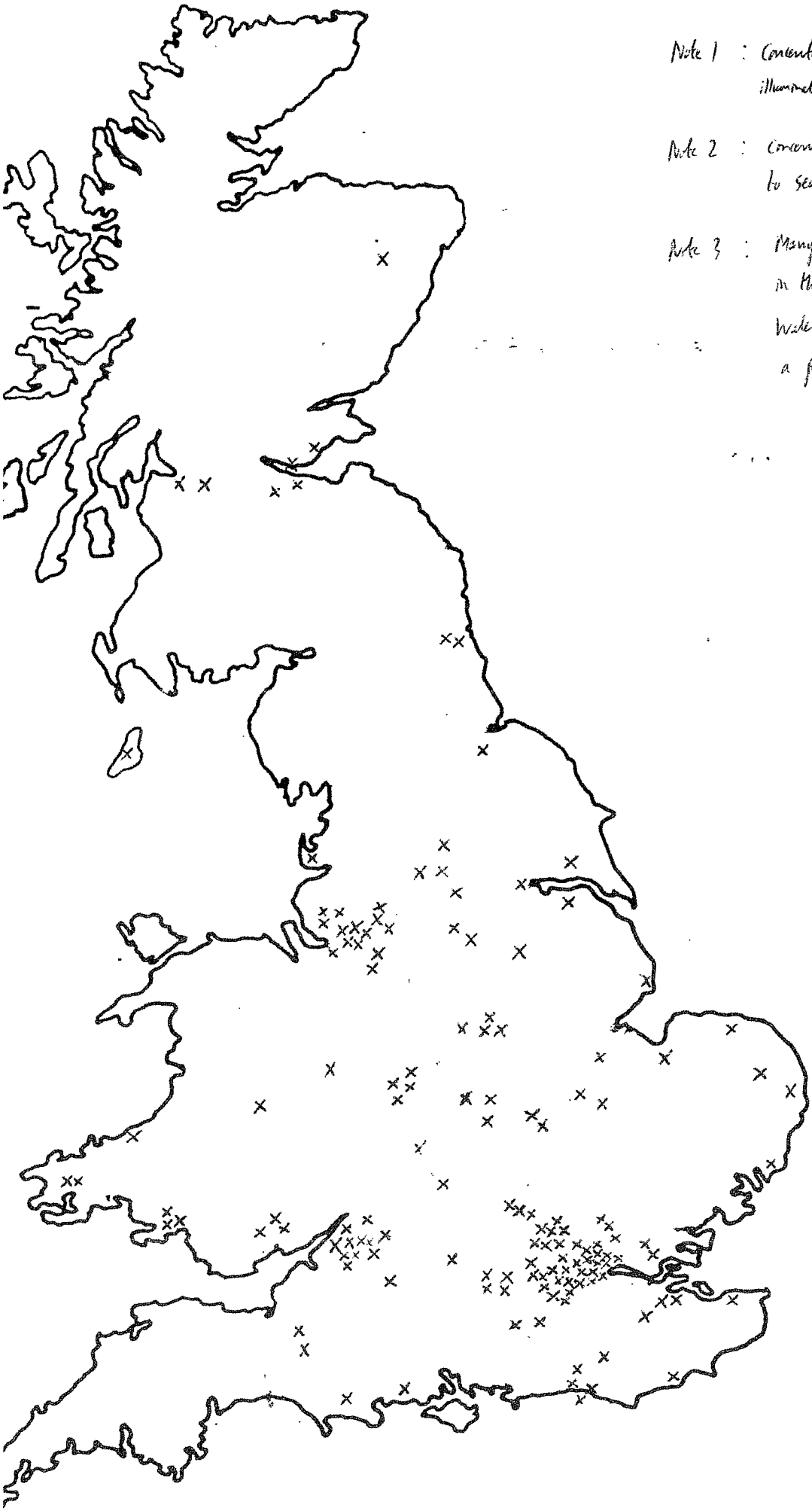

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Note 1 : Concentration of London sightings in mid Feb due to illuminated airship.

Note 2 : Concentration of Bristol sightings in mid Aug due to searchlights at music festival.

Note 3 : Many 'second hand' reports received about a light in the sky on night of 16 Aug. from areas over Wales, NW Scotland, Merseyside. Almost certainly a fireball.