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Sec(AS)2a

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

- CORRESPONDENCE -

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(Revised 10/97)

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Ufos - Correspondence

Reference:
(Prefix and Number): DEFE 1213
Part: N

PROTECTIVE MARKING (including caveats & descriptors): JIC

Date of last enclosure: 23.12.93

Date closed: 23-12-93

PART 1. DISPOSAL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION
(To be completed when the file is closed)

Destroy after _____ years	✔
Forward to CS(RM) after _____ years	
No recommendation	

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DR 1
30 NOV 1999

Date of 1st review	Date of 2nd review	Forward Destruction Date

Reviewer's Signature: SECOND REVIEW

Reviewer's Signature: _____

2018

PART 2. BRANCH REVIEW
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b. (i) To be retained for _____ years (from date of last enclosure) for the following reason(s):

Section 40

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CONTRACTUAL		ORIGINAL COMMITTEE PAPERS		
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PPQ = 100

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(ii) Key enclosures which support the recommendation are:

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Destroyed ☐

Considered by CS(RM) for permanent preservation ☐

c. Of no further administrative value but worthy of consideration by CS(RM) for permanent preservation. ☑

PART 3. BRANCH REVIEWING OFFICER

Signature: Section 40

Name: Section 40 (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: HEO Date: 23/11/99

(Not below HEO/equivalent)

Branch Title and Full Address:

DEFENCE

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ILL

Tel No: Section 40

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PART 4 DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

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Signature: _____

Name: _____ (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (TOP SECRET* and SECRET only)

Signature: _____

Name: _____ (Block Capitals)

Grade/Rank: _____ Date: _____

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No reply necessary.

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Section 40

31/12

Section 40 [redacted]

23rd Dec 1993.

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter I received today, It was very kind of you to answer. In January 1988, the 6th to be exact at 5-20 PM I had an exsperience which was so dramatic I didnt go out only into my garden FOR 6 weeks I didnt know who to contact apart from my family, and a leading member of the local church, This I did a few days after the BY PHONE event. It took 6 months before I could bring myself to draw it, I sent him a drawing and asked when there was a meeting in the Cathedral to please show them it and to tell me what it was. A Reply came at christmas 1988 with a christmas card and letter. It didnt really explain much but I accepted what it said. Had I known all these addresses you have sent me, It would have eased my stress had I contacted one of them. Thank you once again for your communication. Yours Faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

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 30 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December, in which you gave details of a UFO that you saw on Friday 10 December.

There has been a lot of fireball activity over the UK recently, and I have discussed this with staff at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, and the British Astronomical Association. In fact, coloured fireballs are not at all unusual; the colour is due to various elements burning up in the atmosphere, and apparently it is very unusual for a fireball to appear to be white!

The British Fireball Survey would be very interested in hearing from you, and would be grateful if you could call Section 40 on Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Section 40
[redacted]

To The Secretariat (Air Staff)
2A Room Section 40
MOD
Main Building
Whitehall
SW1A 2HB

17th Dec 1993

Unidentified Flying Object 10th Dec 1993

Dear Sirs,

while travelling along the M40 in a westerly direction on Friday evening the 10th Dec, I observed a bright green fireball travelling at a considerable altitude very rapidly westwards. The UFO might well have been taken for a particularly bright meteorite but for the colour which I can only describe as luminescent green.

Quite by coincidence I travelled to Cork in Southern Ireland the following Monday and was astonished to read in the Cork Examiner that a large bright green, glowing object had crashed into Cork Bay the previous Friday evening and that the Irish Aviation Authority had been informed.

I would like to know if you have any information concerning this sighting, I assume that your radar detection systems were in operation at the time. I can offer no further details other than the distinctive green colour.

I was a member of Her Majesty's Royal Airforce thus accustomed to flying machines and have never seen the like of it before.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
[redacted]

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Section 40

COPY

15TH DECEMBER 1993.

Dear Section 40

Section 40 forwarded your letter, dated 9th Dec, to me to confirm the flight plan of our Airship on the night of 8 November '93.

The Airship took-off from White Waltham, west of London, at 1530 hrs for a flight over London city centre. Our route from White Waltham was via Northolt, Perrymale, Ealing to the city centre. Our return flight was via Crystal Palace, Epson, Esher, Bracknell finally landing at White Waltham at 2100 hrs.

Section 40

I cannot give you precise times overhead the locations but I am certain the object Section 40 saw was our Airship with our internal illumination on.

One final note, that night we did encounter some low level fog on our return flight and this may account for Section 40 loosing sight of us.

I hope I have been of some assistance in your investigations

Yours faithfully

Section 40

E85

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 23 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you very much for reporting the UFO you saw. Your report was very interesting.

There are some people who investigate UFOs who would be very pleased if you wrote to them and told them what you saw. These are their addresses:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40

Quest International
Section 40

Contact International (UK)
Section 40

I hope this is helpful. All the best for Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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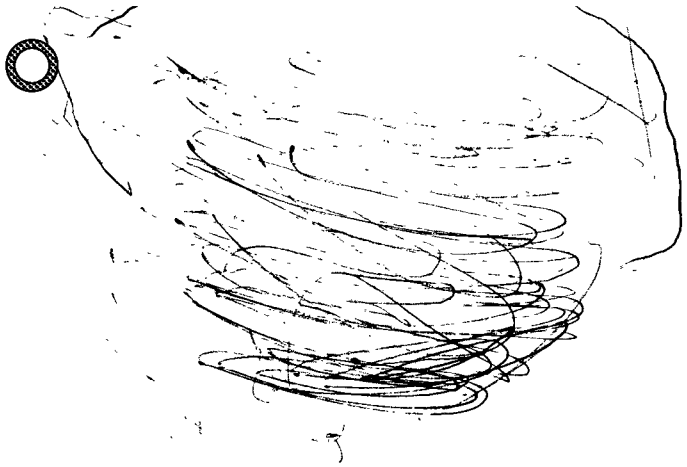
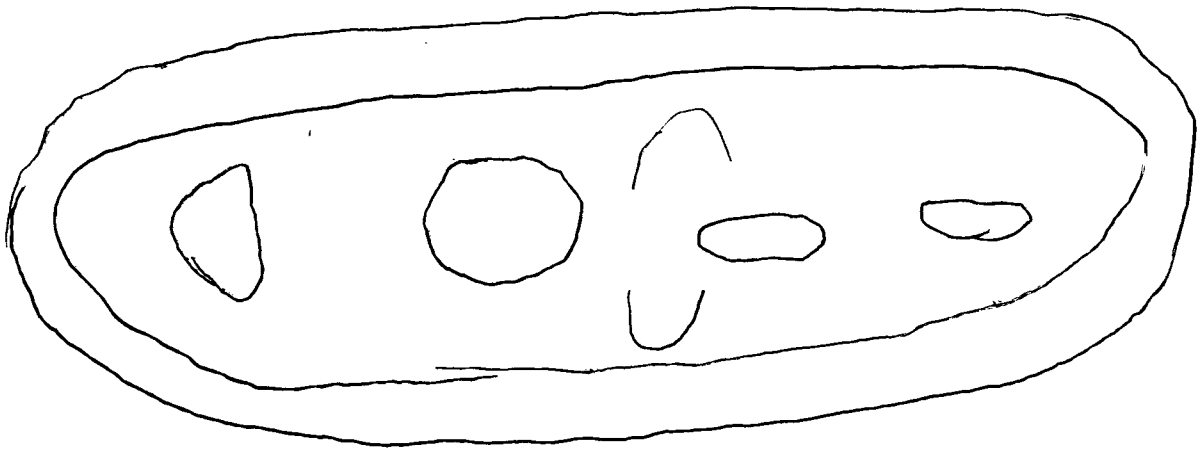


Sketch of ship



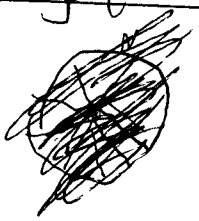
Sketch of person

place Olivers back yard

Date 12th Nov.

Time 2.30

How long was it 30 ft



Shape oval

Sound quick farst like a wooshs

colour red * blue

Not clear sky it was cool geting breezey and fogey

from Section 40 and Section 40

Address Section 40

sorry if spelling are a bit wrong.

Saw a person on it.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

From: FCF, HQ P&SS(UK)
RAF Rudloe Manor
Hawthorn
Wilts

To: MOD(Sec(AS)2)
Room Section 40
Main Building
Whitehall

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 conditions during observations:

J. Nearby objects:

K. To whom reported:

L. Name and address of informant:

M. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered:

N. Other witnesses:

O. Date and time of receipt of report: 20 Dec 93.

Please see attached.

Section 40

E84

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 23 December 1993

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you saw in the sky yesterday 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. In this case, I wonder whether powerful searchlights reflecting off clouds might explain what you saw; such equipment is being used increasingly as an advertising ploy by nightclubs, and in other promotions. 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:

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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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
(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 22 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Your letter to RAF Finningley concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky on 11 December has been passed to this office, as we deal with all questions relating to UFOs. RAF Finningley does not provide an Air Traffic Control service over the weekend and have no records of traffic in the area at the time.

I believe that what you saw was probably an airship, operated by Section 40 Section 40 I spoke to the company, who confirmed that their airship had been in the area at the time.

I have attached a copy of part of a promotional brochure which shows what the airship looks like, and gives other useful details such as its length and speed.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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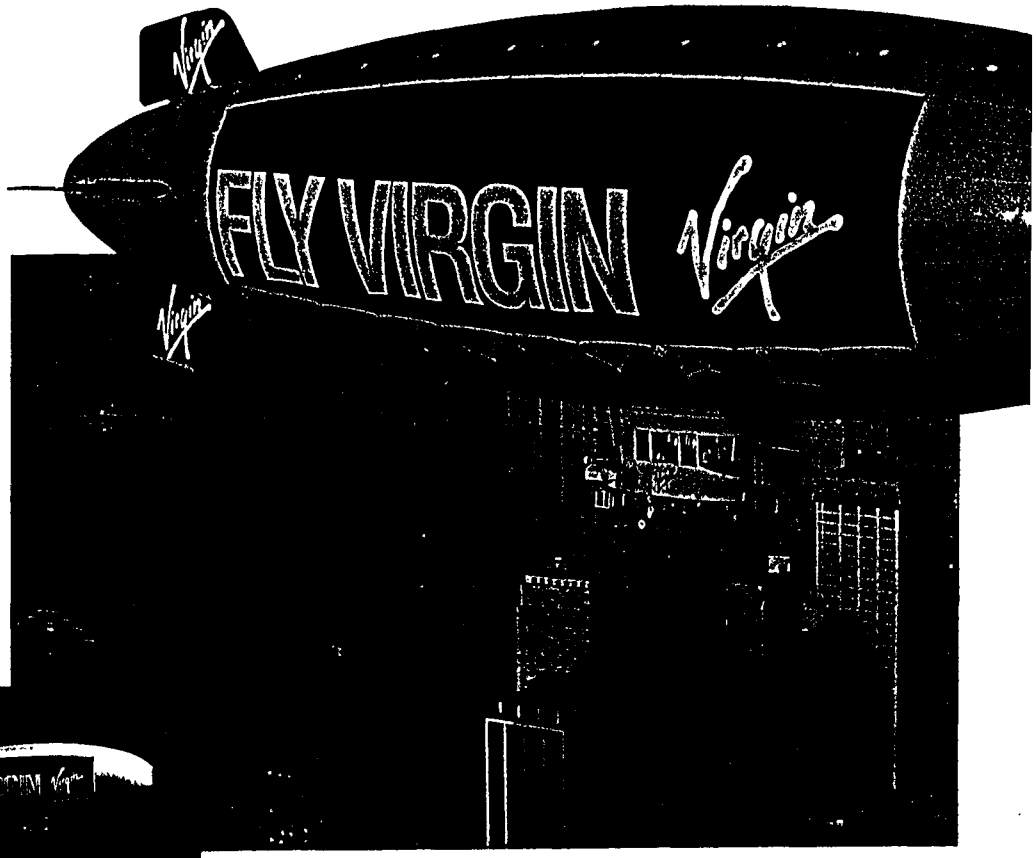
LIGHTSHIP SPECIFICATION

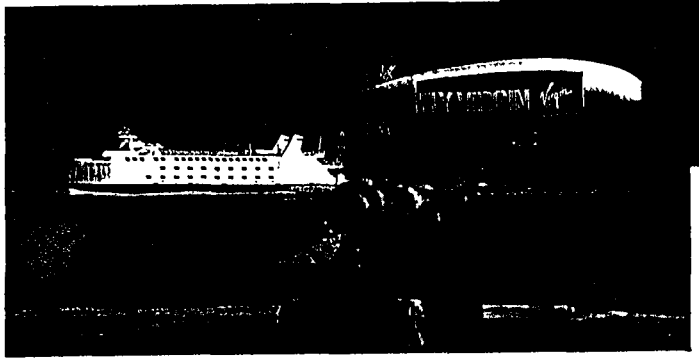
VIRGIN LIGHTSHIP A-60

The Virgin Lightship is a revolutionary airship designed specifically for marketing and aerial observation purposes. Utilisation of the latest materials and manufacturing techniques have enabled the airship to offer a performance and durability that is not available anywhere else in the world.

The unique construction method of the lightship allows for custom hulls to be made which can incorporate up to 32 different colours.

The most striking feature of the Virgin Lightship is that the entire hull (including banner sites) can be internally illuminated, providing a most dramatic advertising platform for night-time use.





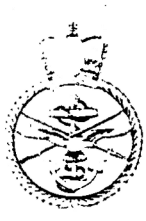
ADVERTISING SITE DIMENSIONS

Banner (x2) 70 feet x 22 feet
And/or Custom Hull constructed from up to 32 different shades of translucent materials.

LIGHTSHIP SPECIFICATION

Hull:	Volume	60,000 cubic feet (Inert Helium gas)
	Length	130 feet
	Height	42 feet
	Width	38 feet
Gondola:	Length	13 feet
	Width	5 feet
	Seating	5 maximum
Engines:	Type	Limbach L-2000 x 2
	Power	68hp x 2
	Fuel Capacity	60 Gallons (270 litres)
Performance:	Speed	70mph (50 knots) max
	Airborne Duration	17 hours (on station)
	Turning Circle	750 feet diameter

LIGHTSHIPS



WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE 14/12

ROYAL AIR FORCE FINNINGLEY

We do not provide a traffic service over weekends. Can you help this gentleman?

Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN9 3LQ

Section 40

AS 2(a)

CRO.

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

The Chief of Air Traffic Control
RAF Finningley
Doncaster

Dear Sir

Yesterday, Saturday, 11 December we were driving along the lane which goes through the village of Thorp Salvin, near Worksop, between 1.15 pm and 1.30 pm when we spotted what we thought at first to be a hot air balloon. However, given the weather conditions, we realised that it was hardly likely to be a balloon and as we travelled towards the village of Shireoaks, we kept a close eye on the object. It seemed to move across the sky with remarkable speed and by the time we arrived at the junction with Shireoaks church it had covered a considerable distance moving towards Worksop. By this time we were able to make out that it was shaped rather like a Zeppelin, grey coloured with fins. It was far too fat to be an aeroplane, Netherthorpe airfield is very close to this spot, so we can only assume it was a UFO of some kind. We drove on to the new Sainsburys supermarket on the Worksop by-pass and just as we were about to get on to the by-pass we spotted the 'thing' over Worksop town itself. Only a minute or two later we were in the supermarket car-park, but although we scanned the sky, there was no sign of it. The weather was showery and there was a considerable amount of cloud, but there was no doubt in our minds that we had seen a definite object and that it moved about the sky with apparently far more speed than a conventional aircraft.

Perhaps you might be able to shed some light on what it might have been by referring to your records for the area at that particular time on Saturday. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

PS It might be useful to add that its movement across the sky was erratic; one moment it was in one spot and the next it was in a completely different part of the sky without either of us actually seeing it travel.

E82

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 December 1993

Dear Section 40

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and your brother saw in the sky on Monday afternoon 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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Quest International
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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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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 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange lights that you and your boyfriend saw in the sky in the early hours of 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.

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 wonder whether what you saw was searchlights reflecting off clouds. In any case, I was interested to hear that you took a photograph, and would be happy to have a look at it, and let you know what I think. 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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Contact International (UK)
Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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E80

14th December 1995

No reply

Dear Sir,

Section 40

20/12

I am surrounded by aliens from Zeta Reticuli II Planet 4, that have control of earth by possessing human bodies of U.F.O Government Authorities, they have technology that interupt our communication lines, and effect the thoughts of parties tryng to prevent their action. The Govt is mis-informed and their Discharge of technology is to keep the govt from discovering the truth, that they disintigrate human spirits completely around the planet and will never permit earth to have high technology on a large scale. They are presently any investigation into my situation, where I have discovered a means to thank with the Creator, who if we wish will free mankind. I seek urgent contact as only a few of my communications are reached, and for investigators to have technology that can identify themselves to myself in the spiritual so they will not be possessed.

Section 40

[redacted]

[redacted]

ADVERTISING SPACE ORDER

ORDER NO: [redacted]

ADVERTISER: [redacted]

CONTACT: TELEPHONE: FAX:

ADDRESS: [redacted] AUSTRALIA

AGENCY:

CONTACT: TELEPHONE: FAX:

ADDRESS:

PUBLICATION: INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE EDITION: WORLDWIDE

DATES TO APPEAR: SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 1993

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MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY: FAX HEREWITH

COST: US$140.00

AGENCY COMMISSION: -

INVOICE TO: [redacted]

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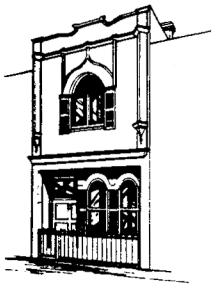

[redacted] AUSTRALIA

Section 40 [redacted]

JOURNALIST AND TELEVISION EXPERIENCE

AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION MEMBER FOR OVER 10 YEARS

PRINT MEDIA

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SPECIAL REPORTS
SPORT
GENERAL NEWS

THE SUN HERALD
TRAVEL
FEATURES
SPORT

N.C.I.S. MAGAZINE
FOLLOW ME
POL MAGAZINE
RACETRACK MAGAZINE

TELEVISION MEDIA

DOCUMENTARIES - PRESENTER - REPORTER

Section 40 [redacted]

REPORTER - PRESENTER - PROGRAMMES INCLUDE SKY TRAVEL, LOCH NESS, GENERAL SPORT INTERVIEWS, LONDON, PENTHOUSE, HAWAII, VOLCANOES, THE BOUNTY. HORSE RACING TREADMILLS, ARCHEOLOGY, UFO'S, FISHING, SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

INTERVIEWS INCLUDE Section 40 [redacted]
Section 40 [redacted] GOVERNMENT MINISTERS INCLUDING HON PRIME MINISTER R.J.HAWKE.

VOICE OVERS COMMERCIALS AND PROGRAMMES

Section 40 [redacted]

VIDEO TAPES & NEWS ITEMS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

DOES GOD EXIST

BY [redacted]

DOES GOD EXIST TO THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A RESOUNDING YES, BUT TO REAL SCIENCE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN REQUIRED AND IS NOW EMERGING IN THE FORM OF NEW DISCOVERIES THAT CONFIRM THE SCIENTIFIC VIEWPOINT THAT THIS UNIVERSE IS NOT IN RANDOM CHAOS, BUT CREATED EXACTLY AS A MASTER PLAN BY GOD, A CREATOR WHOSE CREATION IS THIS UNIVERSE. A CREATION THAT ADDS TO THE THEORIES OF QUANTUM PHYSICS THAT THERE IS AN ORDER IN CHAOS, A UNIFORMITY, A HARMONY THAT EXISTS THROUGHOUT THIS UNIVERSE.

CHAOS SEEMS TO BE ALL AROUND US, FROM THE SWIRLING FORMATIONS OF CLOUDS THE NATURE OF AIR TURBULANCE, THE EDDIES AND SWIRLS OF A MOUNTAIN STREAM TO THE SEEMINGLY UNCONTROLLABLE PATTERNS FORMED WHEN SMOKE RISES. QUANTUM THEORY NOW STATES THAT THESE CHAOTIC SYSTEMS DISPLAY A SENSE OF ORDER THAT IS UNIVERSAL AND QUANTITATIVELY MEASURABLE. FROM THE INTRICATE AND BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE OF THE MANDELBROT TO THE EXAMPLES THAT NATURE PROVIDE OF PHYSICAL SYSTEMS THAT CAN BE DETERMINED BY EQUATIONS OF MOTION, SCIENTISTS NOW BELIEVE THERE IS A QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITAVE APPLICATION TO ALL PHYSICAL SYSTEMS. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THERE MUST BE A LINK THAT APPLIES TO ALL THE UNIVERSE AND CONNECTS IT TO A DEFINEABLE ORDER.

SCHOLARS HAVE ARGUED OVER THE DECADES WHETHER THE UNIVERSE JUST APPEARED OR WAS CREATED AS PART OF A MASTER PLAN OF THOUGHT FROM A CREATOR, NEW OPINION AND EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT BOTH ARE TRUE, IT BEGAN WITH A BIG BANG AND CONFORMS TO A CONTINUOUS PLAN THAT EVOLVED EONS AGO WHEN CREATION FIRST GAVE BIRTH. IMAGINE A CREATOR BEGINNING TO THINK A REALITY, THAT HE HAS PLANNED , IT STARTS AS A BIG BANG AND CONTINUES IN HARMONY AS WE EXIST WITHIN HIS THOUGHTS , ALL PART OF A MASTER PLAN WHERE EVERYONE OF US IS THE PARTICIPANTS.

IF THIS IS THE CASE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND EXAMPLES ON EARTH AND IN THE STARS OF AN ORDER OF THOUGHT THAT EXISTS FROM THE BEGINNING. AND EVIDENCE WE DO FIND, IT IS AS IF A CREATOR MEANT THIS TO BE DISCOVERED NOW, SO WE COULD COMPREND CREATION AS MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN OTHER PARTS OF THIS UNIVERSE, SO THE INHABITANTS OF SOME DISTANT PLANET WOULD UNDERSTAND CREATION WHEN THEIR TIME ARRIVED.

THE MOST FAMILIAR FORMATION IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE IS THE SOUTHERN CROSS, IT IS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SOUTH CELESTIAL POLE AND A DIRECT LINE EXTENSION FROM THE CROSS IS COMMONLY USED AS A GUIDE TO LOCATING THIS POLE. IT COMBINES WITH TWO POINTERS BETA CENTURI AND ALPHA CENTURI , THE CLOSEST VISIBLE STAR OF A REASONABLE MAGNITUDE TO EARTH ,IT'S NEIGHBOUR PROXIMA CENTURI BEING THE CLOSEST KNOWN STAR TO EARTH. THE SOUTHERN CROSS FORMATION HAS GUIDED MANY A NAVIGATOR THROUGH THE AGES.

THE HARMONY OF THE CROSS CAN BE EXAMINED GEOMETRICLY (APPROXIMATIONS OF VISUAL DISTANCES APART OF REASONABLE MAGNITUDE STARS IN FORMATION), AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 1 (FOLLOWING INFORMATION

MAY BE DISPLAYED UNDER FIGURE 1)(MEASUREMENTS TO THE NEAREST .05CM FROM MAP PRODUCED FROM PHOTOGRAPH, COURTESY SYDNEY OBSERVATORY). HERE WE FIND SOME INTERESTING RESULTS, ALPHA CRUCIS TO CENTRE OF GEOMETRIC LINES (CROSS) TO BETA CRUCIS TRIANGLE EQUALS ALPHA CRUCIS TO CENTRE OF GEOMETRIC LINES TO DELTA CRUCIS TRIANGLE, A MEASUREMENT OF 8.2.WHILE BETA CRUCIS TO DELTA CRUCIS EQUALS BETA CRUCIS TO ALPHA CRUCIS A MEASUREMENT OF 3.3. ALPHA CRUCIS TO GAMMA CRUCIS EQUALS BETA CRUCIS TO GAMMA CRUCIS TO DELTA CRUCIS A MEASUREMENT OF 4.8.

THE SOUTHER CROSS NOT ONLY DISPLAYS THESE EQUALITIES OF HARMONY BUT ALL MEASUREMENTS ON THE CROSS ARE ALSO DIVISIBLE BY A RATIO OF THREE, WHILE MEASUREMENTS FROM ALPHA CENTURI TO THE CROSS ARE DIVISIBLE BY A RATIO OF TEN, INCREMENTING BY THAT RATIO IN INCREASING ORDER,ALPHA CRUCIS,GAMMA CRUCIS AND DELTA CRUCIS, THE MEASUREMENTS BEING 12,13 AND 14 RESPECTIVELY. ANOTHER INTERESTING OCCURRANCE IS THAT A DIRECT LINE FROM ALPHA CENTURI TO DELTA CRUCIS PASSES THROUGH THE JEWEL BOX CLUSTER.

THE GEOMETRIC HARMONY OF THIS FORMATION CERTAINLY PRODUCES SOME RARE RESULTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE MOST FAMILIAR FORMATION IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPERE, THE BIG DIPPER IN URSA MAJOR.

THE BIG DIPPER IS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE NORTH CELESTIAL POLE, AND LIKE THE SOUTHERN CROSS, A DIRECT LINE EXTENSION IS USED AS A GUIDE TO THE POLE. THE GEOMETRIC HARMONY OF THE BIG DIPPER, IT TOO PRODUCES THESE EQUALITIES. HERE WE FIND (FIGURE 2) (FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE USED UNDER FIGURE 2) (PHOTO MEASUREMENTS TO NEAREST .05CM R.LITTLE ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY STEP BY STEP P11). ALPHA TO DELTA URSAE MAJORIS EQUALS BETA TO DELTA URSAE MAJORIS A MEASUREMENT OF 3.55. WHILE GAMMA TO GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE EQUALS EPSILON TO ZETA URSAE MAJORIS A MEASUREMENT OF 1.5. ALPHA TO BETA URSAE MAJORIS EQUALS DELTA TO EPSILON URSAE MAJORIS A MEASUREMENT OF 1.9 , AND EPSILON TO ZETA TO ETA URSAE MAJORIS EQUALS ALPHA TO BETA TO GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE TRIANGLE A MEASURMENT OF 5.8. AND ANOTHER TRIANGLE ALPHA TO BETA TO DELTA URSAE MAJORIS EQUALS BETA TO ETA URSAE MAJORIS A MEASUREMENT OF 9.

REMARKABLE EQUALITIES AND STRANGLY ENOUGH NOT ONLY DOES THE BIG DIPPER AND THE SOUTHERN CROSS BOTH DISPLAY THESE GEOMETRIC HARMONIES, BUT THEY BOTH ALSO FORM THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION A CROSS WITHIN A DIAMOND.

ALTHOUGH VARIATION DO OCCUR AT DIFFERENT TIMES, THEY CONTINUE TO DISPLAY EQUALITIES, THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION, ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE POLES AND ARE BOTH THE MOST WELL KNOWN FORMATIONS IN THEIR HEMISPHERE , WHILE THE SOUTHERN CROSS'S POINTER ALPHA CENTURI AND ITS NEIGHBOUR PROXIMA CENTURI ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE CLOSEST KNOWN STARS TO EARTH.

REMARKABLE SIMILARITES WITH THE TWO MOST KNOWN STAR FORMATIONS, EQUALITIES, GEOMETRIC CONFIGURATIONS, BOTH POLES AND THE CLOSEST KNOWN STARS TO EARTH.

URSA MINOR , THE LITTLE DIPPER IS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE AND ALSO DISPLAYS THESE EQUALITIES WITH ALPHA URSAE MINORIS (POLARIS) IS IN CLOSE CONJUNCTION TO THE NORTH CELESTIAL POLE.(FIGURE 3) (FOLLOWING INFORMATION SEE ENCLOSED TABLE)(PHOTO - OBSERVING THE

CONSTELLATIONS JOHN SANFORD).

WE NOW SEARCH FOR OTHER EVIDENCE WHERE A PLAN OF THOUGHT COULD CONTINUE WITH THESE FORMATIONS IN MIND. AN INTERESTING FACT IS THAT AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR THE SOUTHERN CROSS POINTS TOWARDS THE LARGEST SINGLE MONOLITH ON EARTH, AYERS ROCK, THE POINTER BEING ALPHA CENTURI. IT IS THE EMBLEM OF THE NEARBY RESORT AND SEEMS TO BE AN OBVIOUS LOCATION TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR MORE EVIDENCE OF CREATION.

LOCATED NEAR THE PETERMANN RANGES AND BELOW THE JAMES RANGES,LIKE A MODERN MESSIAH AYERS ROCK IS THE LARGEST SINGLE MONOLITH ON EARTH AND A SYMBOL OF THE IMMENSE POWER OF CREATION. FROM IT'S VERY TOP AND IDENTIFIABLE THROUGH SATELLITE IMAGERY CAN BE SEEN TWO OTHER FORMATIONS, THE OLGAS AND MOUNT CONNER, WEST AND EAST OF AYERS ROCK RESPECTIVELY AND IN A STRAIGHT LINE. AN AMAZING SIGHT AS THEY WERE ALL FORMED AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS AND HAVE NO GEOLOGICAL CONNECTION.

WITH THE SOUTHERN CROSS POINTING TOWARDS AYERS ROCK AND THE BIG DIPPER ALL SHOWING THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATIONS, A CROSS WITHIN A DIAMOND AND A POINTER , WE EXAMINE WHETHER THIS GEOMETRIC FORMATION CAN BE SEEN ON A MAP OF THE CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN AREA (FIGURE 4 HEMA MAPS CENTRAL AUSTRALIA ISBN1875610073, COURTESY HEMA MAPS PH (07) 290 0322). THIS MAP IS THE ONLY PUBLISHED MAP FOUND BY THE AUTHOR THAT INCLUDES THE CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN AREA AND MOUNT HARRIET, AN EASILY PASSED OVER MOUNTAIN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEAR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY BORDER.AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH WE ARE ABLE TO CONNECT THREE OTHER LOCATIONS KINGS CANYON AND CAMELS HUMP, NORTH OF AYERS ROCK, AND TO THE SOUTH MOUNT HARRIET TO FORM THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION.

AGAIN WE FIND AMAZING EQUALITIES, THE OLGAS TO AYERS ROCK IS 1/4 THE DISTANCE OF THE OLGAS TO MT CONNER AND MT HARRIET TO THE OLGAS EQUALS THE OLGAS TO KINGS CANYON, A MEASUREMENT OF 7.1 (142KMS), AYERS ROCK TO CAMELS HUMP EQUALS MT CONNER TO CAMELS HUMP A MEASUREMENT OF 9(180KMS), WHILE MT HARRIET TO CENTRE OF GEOGRAPHIC LINES EQUALS MT CONNER TO KINGS CANYON 6.7 (134KMS).

AND INCREDIBLY WE HAVE A POINTER TOO, THE DIRECT LINE EXTENSION OF THE OLGAS, AYERS ROCK AND MT CONNER ACTUALLY POINTS TO THE VERY CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA, THE LAMBERT CENTRE LATITUDE 25° 36' 36.4", LONGITUDE 134°21'17.3". NOT ONLY IS THIS A REVELATION BUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN AYERS ROCK AND THE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA EQUALS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN MT HARRIET TO THE OLGAS TO CAMELS HUMP 330KMS (16.5). AND WE ALSO HAVE A TRIANGULATION, WHERE MT HARRIET TO THE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA EQUALS MT HARRIET TO THE CENTRE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC LINES TO THE OLGAS TRIANGLE, A MEASUREMENT OF 16.8 (336KMS).

ALTHOUGH OTHER MAPS DO DIFFER WITH SLIGHT VARIATIONS ON THE ALIGNMENT OF THE THREE MAJOR FORMATIONS DEPENDING ON THIER QUALITY, SATELLITE IMAGERY CONFIRMS THESE APROXIMATIONS AND UNUSUAL EQUALITIES, THE LARGEST SINGLE MONOLITH ON EARTH, A DIRECT LINE OF THREE ROCK FORMATIONS CONNECTING WEST TO EAST WITH THE DIRECT LINE EXTENSION POINTING TO THE APPROXIMATE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA. ADD TO THIS THE SOUTHERN CROSS POINTING TOWARDS THE

ROCK, THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATIONS, EQUALITIES, THE CLOSEST STARS KNOWN TO EARTH, AND A DIRECT LINE EXTENSION POINTING TOWARDS THE SOUTH CELESTIAL POLE PLUS THE BIG DIPPER, THE MOST FAMOUS STAR FORMATION IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE , EQUALITIES, AGAIN THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION (THE CROSS WITHIN A DIAMOND), A DIRECT LINE EXTENSION THAT POINTS TO THE NORTH CELESTIAL POLE AND WE HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE HARMONIES THAT SOME WOULD CONSIDER BY RANDOM CHANCE TO BE IMPOSSIBLE.

AND TO GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS A PLAN BY GOD HIMSELF, WE ALSO HAVE AN ECHO, AN ALIGNMENT OF THREE FORMATIONS NAMED THE THREE SISTERS, IN A LINE AS ARE THE OLGAS, AYERS ROCK AND MOUNT CONNER, WITH A VIEWING LOCATION CALLED ECHO POINT. ABOVE THE THREE SISTERS WE HAVE THE GRAND CANYON AND BELOW MOUNT SOLITARY AS KINGS CANYON IS ABOVE THE OLGAS, AYERS ROCK AND MOUNT CONNER WITH BELOW MT HARRIET. A PERFECT ECHO AS THE GRAND CANYON, THREE SISTERS AND MOUNT HARRIET ARE ALSO IN AN APPROXIMATE LINE(FIGURE 5) (MAP COURTESY N.R.M.A.BLUE MOUNTAINS 1992).

ONE OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CAN NOW ALSO BE EXPLAINED AS THE DIRECT LINE FROM KINGS CAVE TO JENOLAN CAVES PASSES THROUGH A STONE PYRAMID STRUCTURE NAMED CALEYS REPULSE BY THE EARLY EXPLORERS, WHO WERE UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THIS ABORIGINAL STRUCTURE OR ITS LOCATION, WE CAN NOW IDENTIFY THIS AS A POINTER TO JENOLAN CAVES LOCATION.

THE UNIVERSE, THE MOST KNOWN FORMATIONS IN BOTH HEMISPHERES, BOTH POINTERS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CELESTIAL POLES AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, WITH THE CLOSEST KNOWN STARS POINTING TO THE LARGEST SINGLE MONOLITH ON EARTH, ALL FORMING THE SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION, A DIRECT LINE POINTING TO THE CENTRE OF A CONTINENT, A GEOLOGICAL ECHO AND WE HAVE INCALCULABLE PROBIBILITIES THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT IN A MASTER PLAN OF CREATION.

THE ABORIGINALS OF AUSTRALIA LIKE MANY OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BELIEVE THE WORLD WAS CREATED BY A CREATOR AND THEIR DREAMING LINES EXPRESS THIS BELIEF. THE DREAMING LINES ORIGINATE FROM TALES THAT CONNECT LOCATIONS AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH CAN FORM THIS SAME GEOMETRIC FORMATION THE CROSS WITHIN A DIAMOND.

THE ABORIGINAL LEGEND FOR AYERS ROCK(ORIGINAL ABORIGINAL NAME OOLRA) STATES THAT IT WAS BUILT UP DURING THE CREATION PERIOD BY TWO BOYS WHO PLAYED IN THE MUD AFTER RAINS, NOT DISSIMILAR FROM THE GEOLOGICAL FACTS THAT AYERS ROCK AND THE OLGAS, A ROCK MASS OF 36 ROCK DOMES WAS FORMED ABOUT 600 MILLION YEARS AGO FROM ROCKS AND SAND CARRIED BY TORRENTIAL RIVERS OFF THE RISING PETERMAN RANGES.

SO MAYBE AS THE ABORIGINALS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY BELIEVE, WE DO HAVE A CREATOR OUT THERE AND OUR TIME HAS COME TO BE SAVED AND CHANGE OUR COMPREHENSION AND EXISTING PLANS TO THE TECHNOLOGY OF CREATION AND NOT BE AFRAID TO INVESTIGATE THIS EVENT AND BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE MEANING OF THIS UNIVERSE.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA TO COINCIDE WITH NUMBERS 21, MERCURY (THE MESSENGER), GMT AND CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN TIMES (APPROX TO NEAREST HR) FEBRUARY - JUNE 1993.

FEB 21 0900 MERCURY GREATEST ELONGATION E.18°(6.6.6).MERCURY
CLOSES PLANET TO THE SUN, NO MOON PERIOD.
21 2100 NEW MOON (AYERS ROCK)
MAR 01 2100 PLUTO STATIONARY (AYERS ROCK)
09 1200 9.12 (21) MERCURY CONJUNCTION (AYERS ROCK)
21 2100 MERCURY STATIONARY, NO MOON PERIOD (AYERS ROCK)
36 1800 MERCURY GREATEST ELONGATION W27(9.9.9) - 28°
MOON AT A PERIGEE
APR 21 2400 END OF NO MOON PERIOD
MAY 21 1400-1500 21.15(36) SOLAR ECLIPSE, NEW MOON
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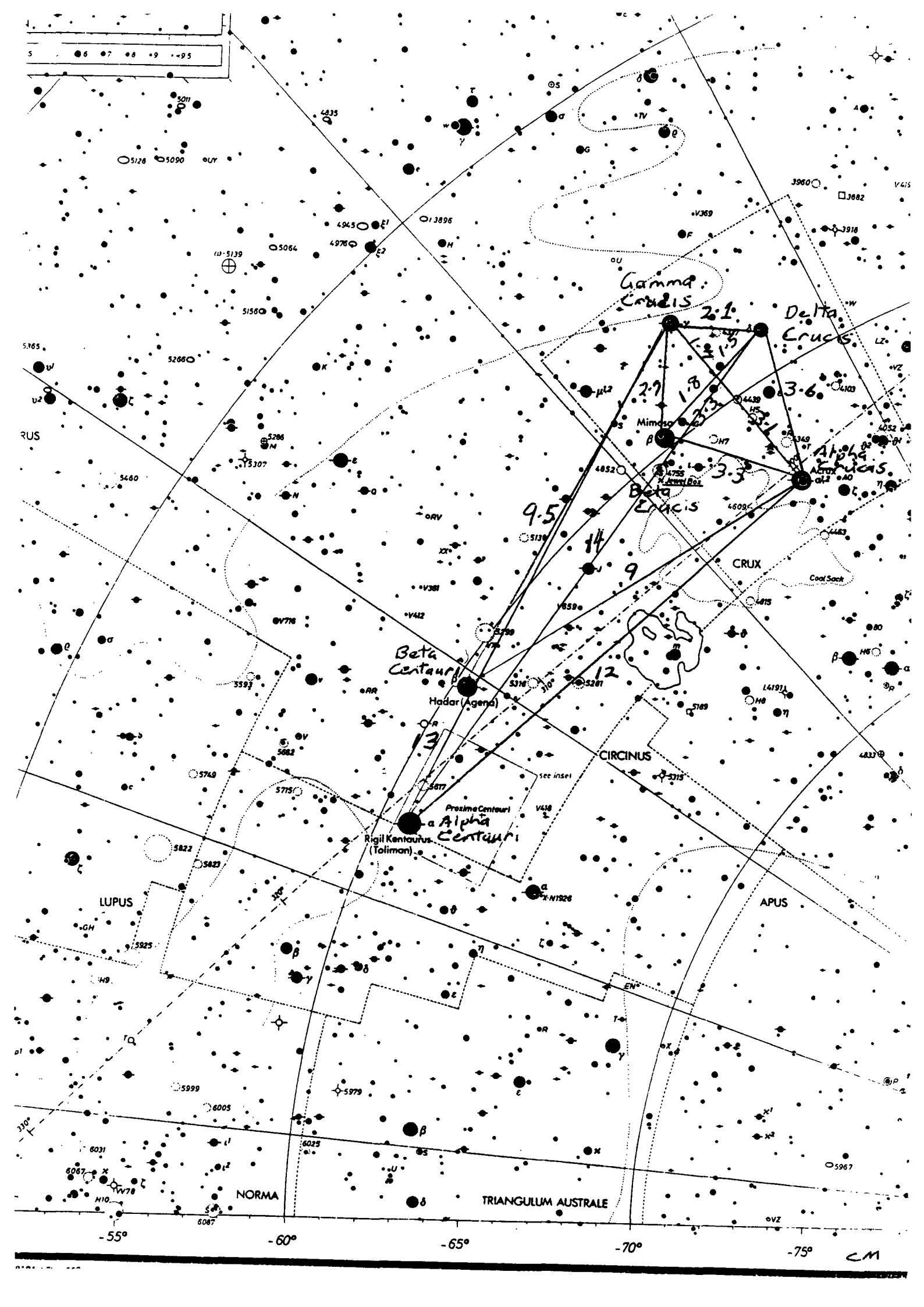

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Proxima Centauri
Alpha Centauri
Rigil Kentaurus (Toliman)
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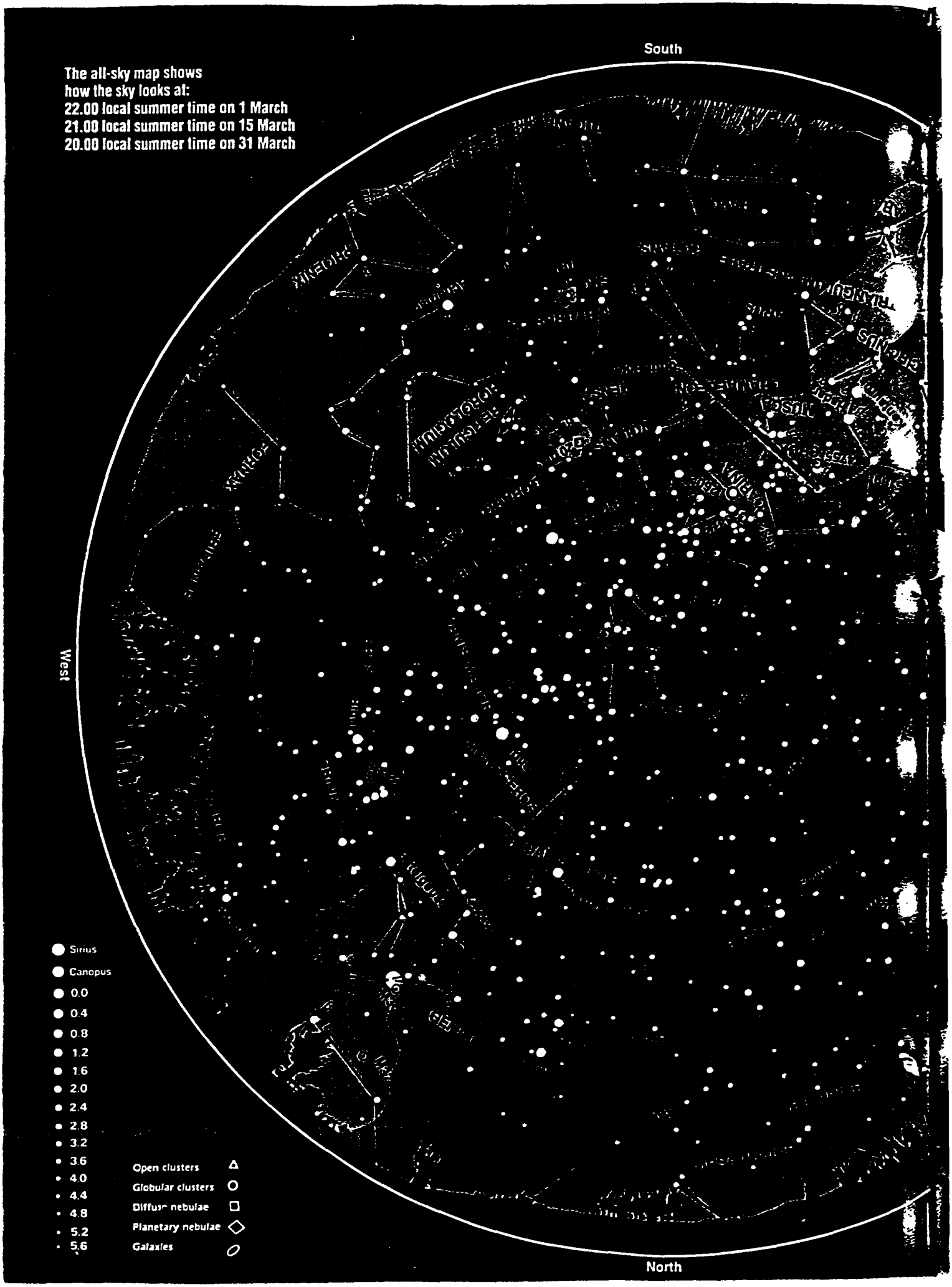
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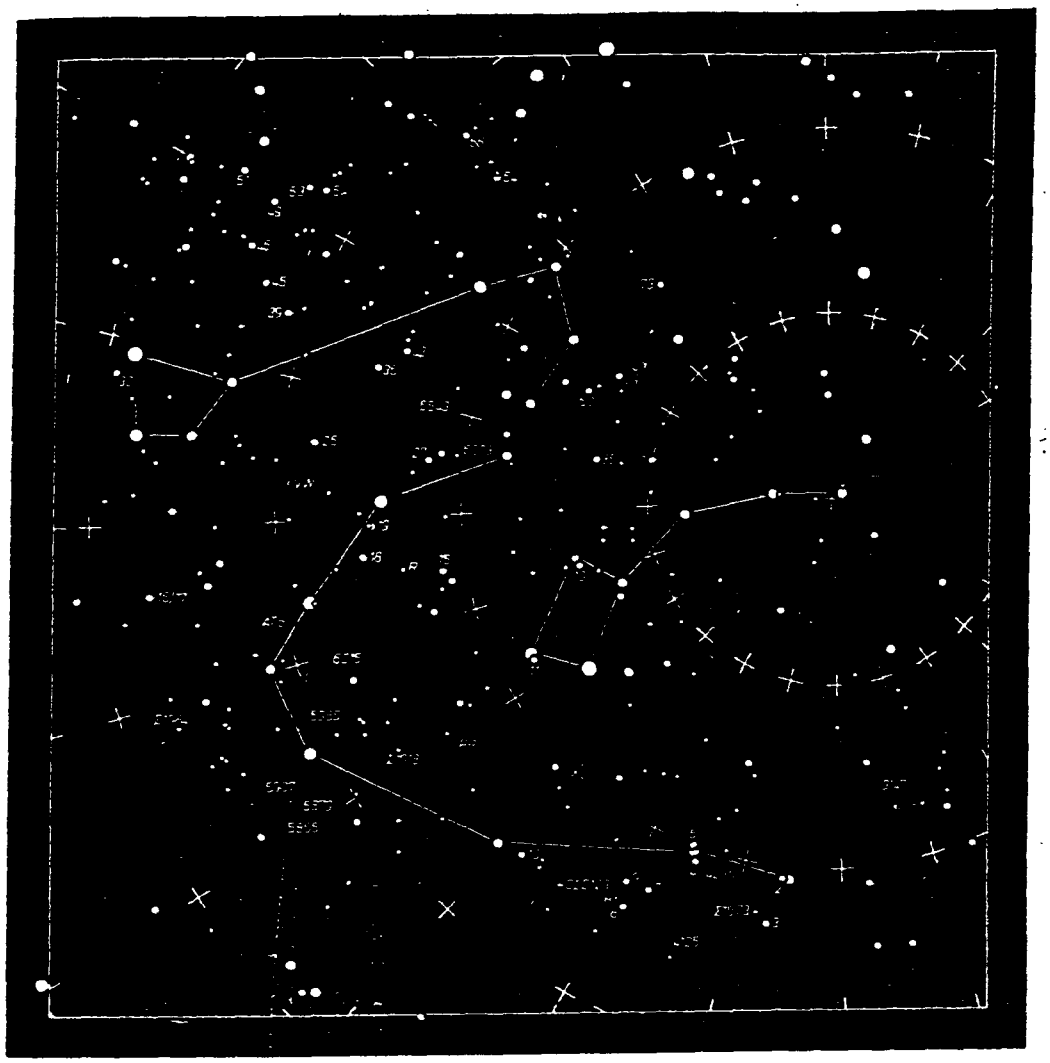

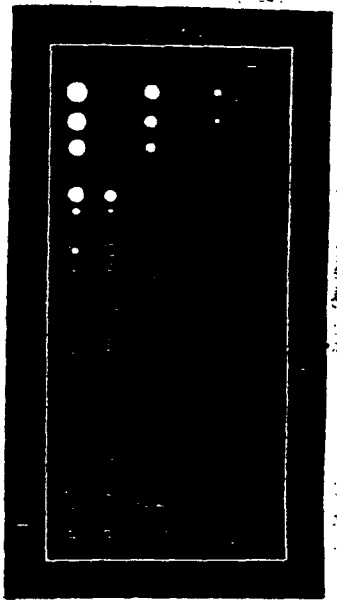

NGC 6543 appears as a vivid blue disk, of about 8th magnitude, and 18 arcseconds in diameter. There is fairly complex, but difficult to discern, internal structure, and a central star which can be seen with averted vision but not as easily directly.

Ursa Minor

Ursa Minor's telescopic interest is limited to the Cepheid-double Polaris. Polaris, the north pole star, is often thought by non-astronomers to be a bright, striking object, whereas in reality it is about 49th in rank of brightness — a fairly common, 2nd-magnitude yellow star. Polaris is within 30 arcminutes of the north celestial pole, and will continue to head towards it. In 2095 it will be at its closest, some 27 arcminutes away. The star is double, with an easily visible 9th-magnitude companion at 18 arcseconds distance. The companion is usually seen as bluish (spectral class F3), while Polaris is a spectroscopic double of F8, and slightly variable with the pulsations attributed to Cepheid variability. The star Kochab (Beta (β) Ursae Minoris) in the bowl of the Little Dipper is often mistaken for Polaris, and was in fact the star closest to the pole for the Greeks 3,000 years ago. It is of almost the same brightness and a little yellower than Polaris, and therefore can be seen a little easier than Polaris as the twilight gathers and telescopes are aligned with the pole.

TELESCOPIC OBJECTS IN DRACO

Double and Multiple Stars

Name	*RA*	*Dec.*	*Separation (arcseconds)*	*Mags.*	*Year*
Σ [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Σ 23	[illegible]	+64° 44′	AB 68.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
			BC 364	[illegible]	[illegible]
Σ [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	AB [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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μ [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	AB 18	[illegible]	[illegible]
			AC 132	[illegible]	[illegible]

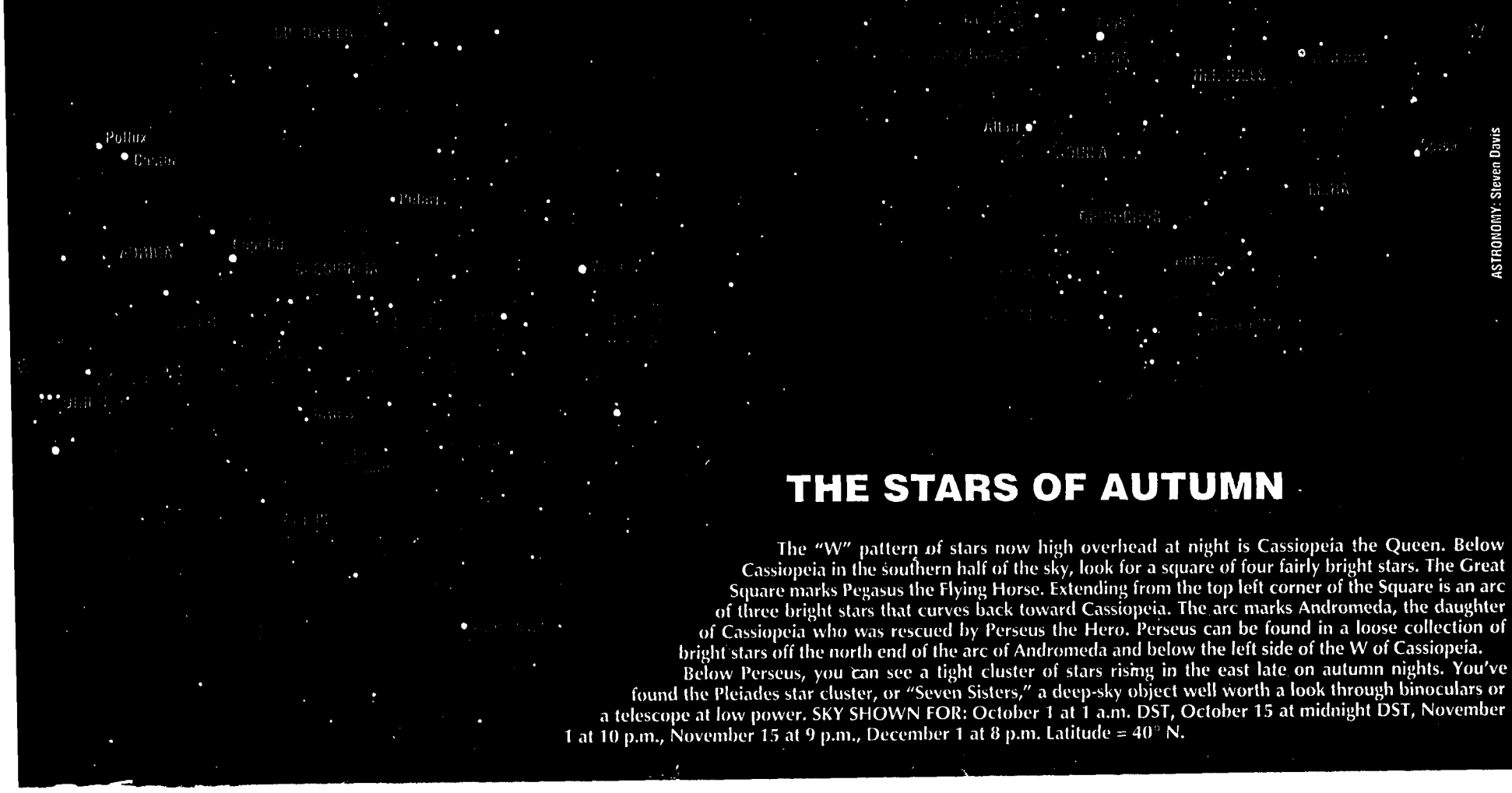
Deep Sky Objects

Name	*RA*	*Dec.*	*Type*	*Size*	*Mag.*
NGC 4125	12h 08.1m	+65° 11′	Gal. E5p	5′ × 3.2′	9.8
NGC 4236	12h 16.7m	+69° 28′	Gal. SB+	18.6′ × 6.9′	9.6
NGC 3907	11h 15.9m	+56° 19′	Gal. So+	12.3′ × 1.8′	10.4
NGC 6543	17h 58.6m	+66° 38′	Plan. Neb.	19″	8.8pg

THE STARS OF SUMMER

High overhead look for a trio of bright stars forming a pattern called the Summer Triangle. Each belongs to a separate constellation. Farthest to the west is blue-white Vega in the constellation Lyra the Harp. To the east is Deneb, the star that forms the tail of Cygnus the Swan, a pattern often called the Northern Cross. The Summer Triangle star down in the south is Altair, the bright eye of Aquila the Eagle.

Along the southern horizon look for a bright reddish star. That's Antares, the heart of Scorpius the Scorpion. Just to the east, try to trace out a pattern of stars that resembles a teapot. Although the pattern is supposed to represent an archer, the teapot shape is what everyone looks for when picking out the constellation Sagittarius. Well to the east of Sagittarius, you'll see a lone bright "star" this summer. Train a telescope at it and you'll discover that it's Saturn, surrounded by its glorious rings. SKY SHOWN FOR: June 1 at 2 a.m., June 15 at 1 a.m., July 1 at midnight, July 15 at 11 p.m., August 1 at 10 p.m., August 15 at 9 p.m. (all times DST). Latitude = 40° N.



THE STARS OF AUTUMN

The "W" pattern of stars now high overhead at night is Cassiopeia the Queen. Below Cassiopeia in the southern half of the sky, look for a square of four fairly bright stars. The Great Square marks Pegasus the Flying Horse. Extending from the top left corner of the Square is an arc of three bright stars that curves back toward Cassiopeia. The arc marks Andromeda, the daughter of Cassiopeia who was rescued by Perseus the Hero. Perseus can be found in a loose collection of bright stars off the north end of the arc of Andromeda and below the left side of the W of Cassiopeia.

Below Perseus, you can see a tight cluster of stars rising in the east late on autumn nights. You've found the Pleiades star cluster, or "Seven Sisters," a deep-sky object well worth a look through binoculars or a telescope at low power. SKY SHOWN FOR: October 1 at 1 a.m. DST, October 15 at midnight DST, November 1 at 10 p.m., November 15 at 9 p.m., December 1 at 8 p.m. Latitude = 40° N.

URSA MAJOR
THE BIG DIPPER

(1) ALPHA - DELTA URSAE MAJORIS (3.55) EQUALS BETA - DELTA URSAE MAJORIS (3.55)

(2) GAMMA URSAE MAJORIS - GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE (1.5) EQUALS EPSILON - ZETA URSAE MAJORIS (1.5)

(3) ALPHA - BETA URSAE MAJORIS (1.9) EQUALS DELTA - EPSILON URSAE MAJORIS (1.9)

(4) EPSILON - ZETA - ETA URSAE MAJORIS 1.9,1.5,2.4 (5.8) EQUALS ALPHA - BETA URSAE MAJORIS - GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE TRIANGLE 1.9,1.7,2.2 (5.8)

(5) BETA - ETA URSAE MAJORIS (9) EQUALS ALPHA - BETA DELTA URSAE MAJORIS TRIANGLE 1.9,3.55,3.55 (9)

(6) ALPHA URSAE MAJORIS DISTANCE 23 P.C EQUALS GAMMA URSAE MAJORIS DISTANCE 23 P.C. (DISTANCE FROM PLANET EARTH)

(7)BETA URSAE MAJORIS DISTANCE 19 P.C EQUALS EPSILON URSAE MAJORIS DISTANCE 19 P.C.

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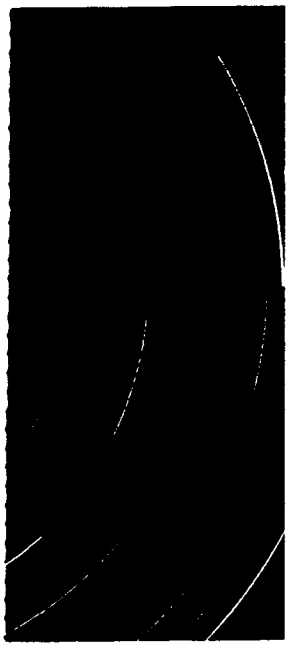

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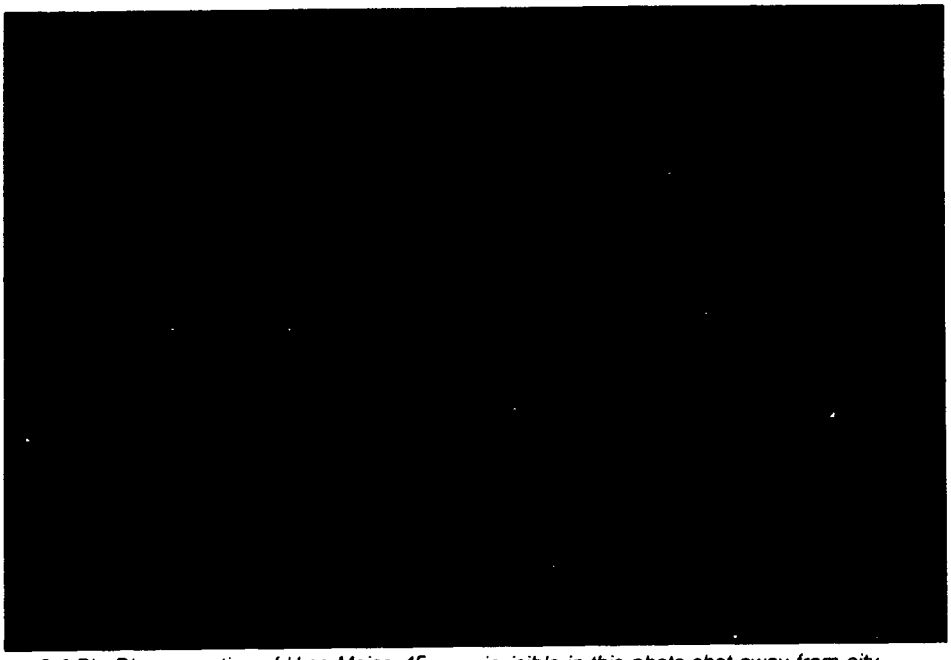
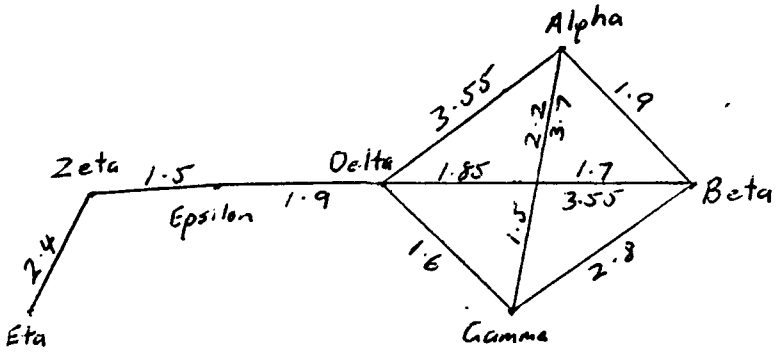


2.4 *Big Dipper section of Ursa Major. 45 seconds, 50mm f/2.8 lens, ISO 160 Ektachrome film. Star trailing is almost invisible in this photo shot away from city lights under a moonless sky. Black-and-white print made from slide.*



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URSA MINOR
THE LITTLE DIPPER

(1)BETA - ETA URSAE MINORIS (1.85) EQUALS GAMMA - ETA URSAE MINORIS (1.85)

(2)EPSILON - DELTA URSAE MINORIS (1.6) EQUALS BETA - ZETA URSAE MINORIS (1.6)

(3)ZETA - ETA URSAE MINORIS (.9) EQUALS ETA - GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE (.9)

(4)GAMMA - EPSILON URSAE MINORIS (3.75) EQUALS ETA - DELTA URSAE MINORIS (3.75)

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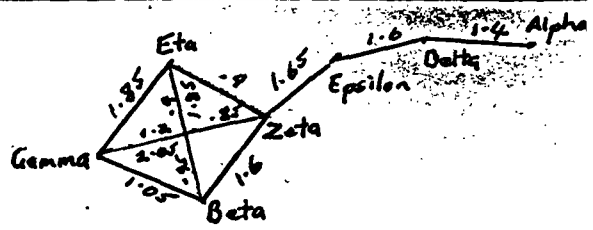

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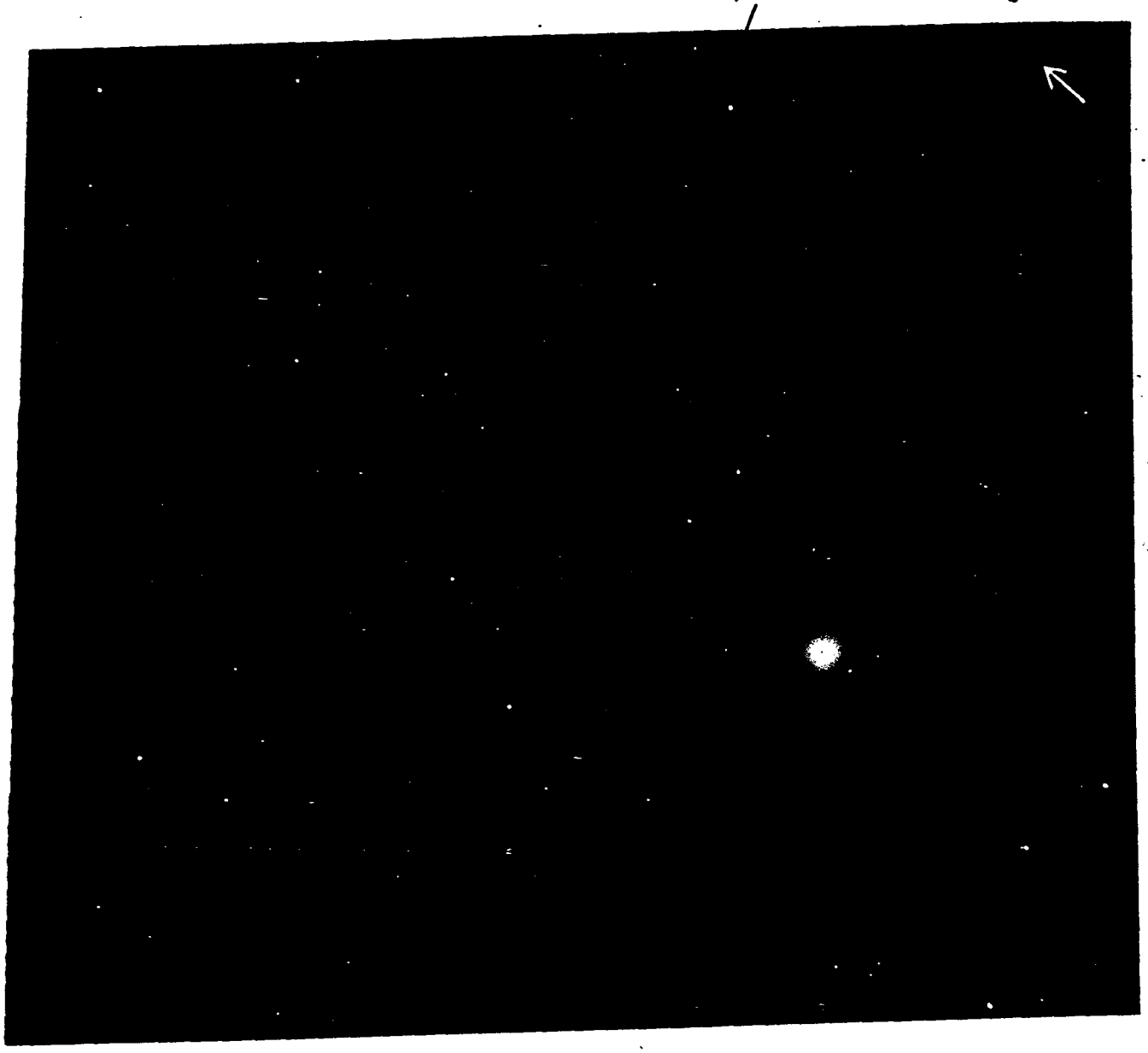

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The Blue Mountains Map

(1) The Echo - Echo Point

(2) The Three Sisters in a line as are Kata Tjuta-Ayers Rock-Mt Conner.

(3) In a line The Grand Canyon-The Three Sisters- Mount Solitary

(4) The Grand Canyon above The Three Sisters and below Mount Solitary as are Kings Canyon above Kata Tjuta-Ayers Rock-Mt Conner and below, Mt Harriet.

(5) In a line KIngs Cave - Blue Mtn-The Grand Canyon.

(6) Jenolan Caves, Kings Cave both face sunset and Cronje Mtn in a line.
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(7)The Three Sisters - Mt Solitary are in the Jamision Valley next to Pitts Amphitheatre.

(8) The Grand Canyon- Mt Solitary (12)

(9) Kings Cave-Centre of Geographic lines 15(6) equals Kings Cave-The G Canyon 15(6)

(10) Kings Cave - Mt Solitary 15.9(6)

(11) Cronje Mtn-KIngs Cave 28.8(18)

(12) Cronje Mtn-Jenolan Caves 9

(13) Kings Cave-Cronje Mtn-Jenolan Caves line passes through Caleys Repulse (Stone Pyramid)

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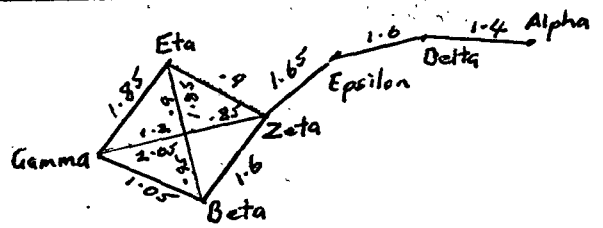
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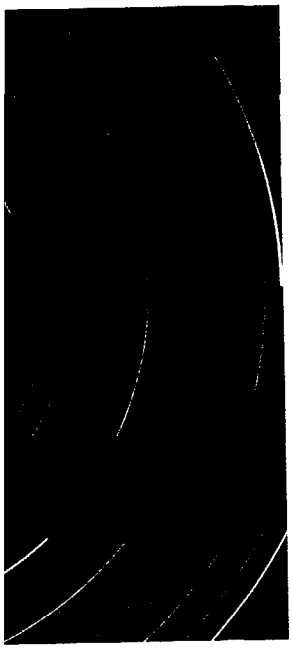

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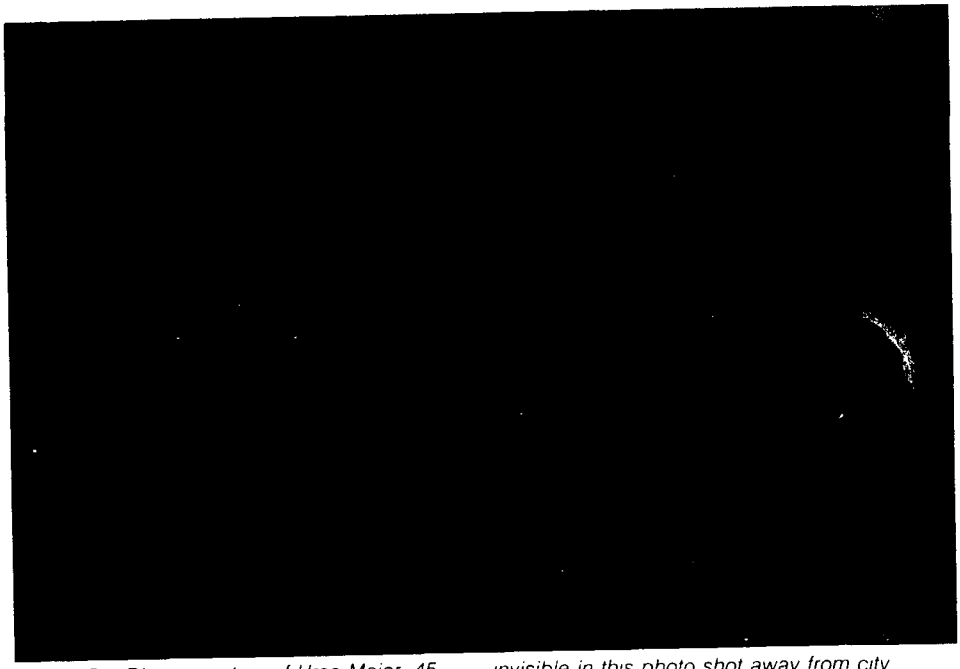
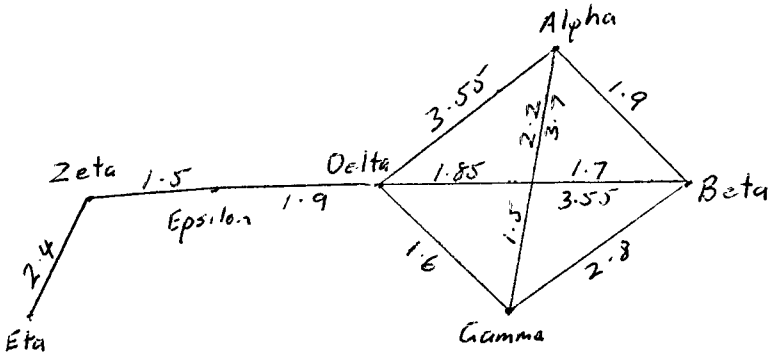


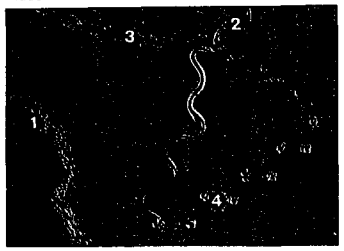
2.4 *Big Dipper section of Ursa Major. 45 seconds, 50mm f/2.8 lens, ISO 160 Ektachrome film. Star trailing is almost invisible in this photo shot away from city lights under a moonless sky. Black-and-white print made from slide.*



R. Little - Astrophotography Step by Step

TRACKS AND TRACES

These are examples of the scores of different tracks and traces you will see on sand dunes, particularly first thing in the morning.
Stop by some of the many sand dunes and look at the tracks and traces of desert animals, the wind and moving vegetation. Four different animals made the tracks below.

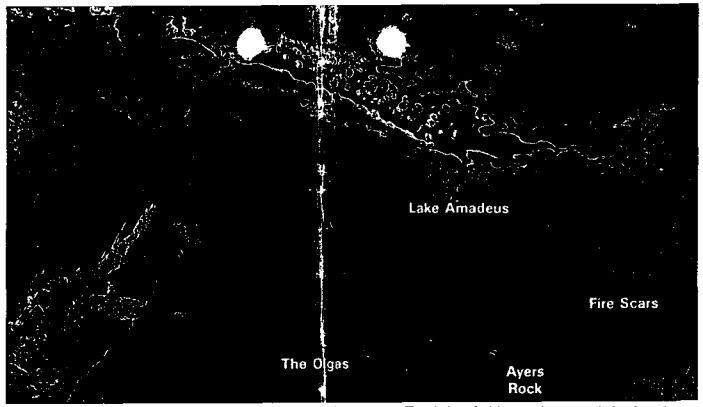


1. Beetle
2. Two-legged burrowing Skink
3. Centipede
4. Small mammal

MT. CONNER MYTHOLOGY

In a waterhole east of Mount Conner (Atila), Tabuda the sand-lizard established a camp and soon made a cherished boomerang. He threw it high into the air towards Atila but it hit a tree, rebounded and became lost. Tabuda became distraught as he frantically searched for it, scratching deep trenches which became the steep-sided gorges in the southern face of Atila. He finally became so hysterical at the loss of his precious boomerang that he died and his body was transformed into the high spectacular cliff on the western side.

Mt. Conner



Satellite image showing Ayers Rock (Uluru) and The Olgas (Kata Tjuta) dwarfed by the immense Lake Amadeus Salt Lake system

ULURU AND KATA TJUTA

Uluru and Kata Tjuta were formed about 600 million years ago from rocks and sand carried by torrential rivers off the rising Peterman Ranges. Uluru stands in the territory of the Yankuntjatjara Aboriginal people. According to these people, Uluru was built up during the creation period by two boys who played in the mud after rains.

Explorers W.C. Gosse named Ayers Rock in 1873, being the first European to climb it, and Ernest Giles named Mount Olga in 1872.

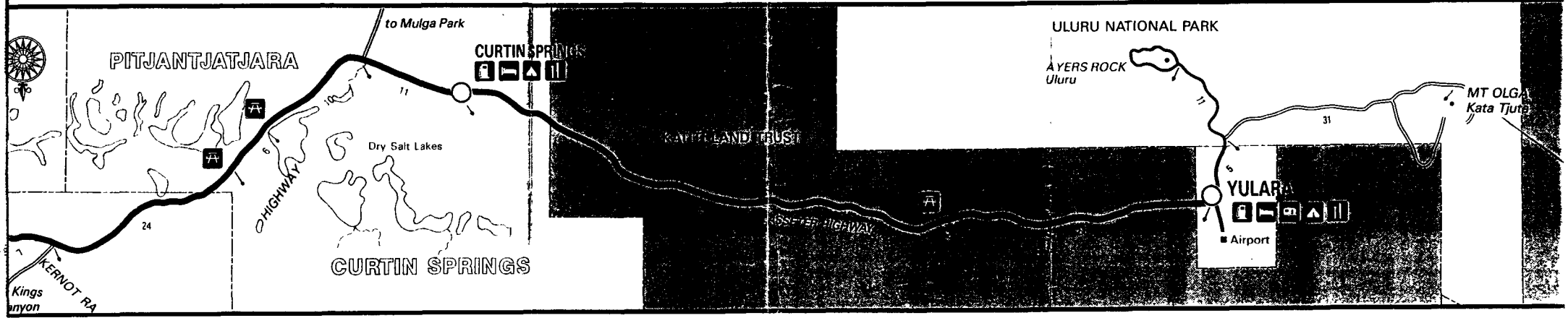
The next recorded party to reach Uluru was the Horn Scientific Expedition in 1894. It included various scientific notables of the day, in particular Sir Baldwin Spencer. In 1920 the area was gazetted as part of the Petermann Aboriginal Reserve.

In 1956 it was re-gazetted this time omitting Uluru and Kata Tjuta which came under the control of the Northern Territory Reserve Board. In 1977 the park came under Commonwealth control and in 1985 it was handed back to the traditional owners.

TOURISM HISTORY

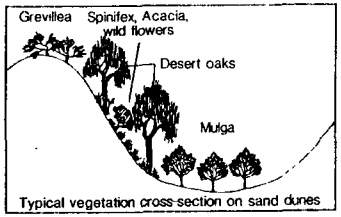
Until well into the 1930's visits to Uluru were rar Donald McKay, during his aerial exploration Central Australia, landed the first plane near Ulu in 1930. Up to the end of World War II the or tourists to the area were escorted on camel by loc pastoralists. In 1948 the track was upgraded ar vehicle tourism steadily increased. To cater f demand, in the 60's, four motels with bas facilities were built only a short walk from the roc These were closed and removed in 1984.

Climbing Ayers Rock

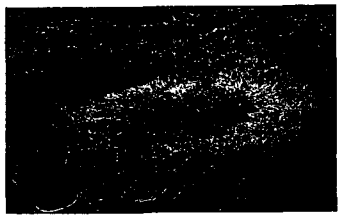


DESERT VEGETATION

The loams have Acacia shrublands growing on them. Where the calcrete exerts a dominant influence different acacias grow as well as pussy-tails and grasses. Sand dunes have spinifex and shrubs as the diagram below shows.



Typical vegetation cross-section on sand dunes



As spinifex matures it grows outward in large rings, the inside of the ring dying off

MT. CONNER GEOLOGY

Mt. Conner (Atila) is made of nearly flat-lying beds of sandstone which was originally dumped by the meltwater of a glacier; much of Australia lay under ice at this time. Mt. Conner is called a mesa, or flat, table topped mountain. However, from the satellite image you can see that it is bowl shaped and slides away to the south in a series of gullies It is in fact the nose of a fold.
From the top of Uluru (Ayers Rock) you can see that Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), Uluru and Atila (Mount Conner) are in a straight line. Because of this, most people assume some sort of connection. There is no connection at all. In fact Mt Conner is some 700 million years old, 100 million years older than Uluru. The only thing they all have in common is that they are all formed by sandy and rocky debris. Mount Conner was deposited by a glacier whereas Uluru and Kata Tjuta were deposited by torrential rivers.

Mt. Conner from a satellite

Stand of Young Desert Oak

DESERT TREES

Desert oaks grow on the banks of fossil river systems. It is not until they find a permanent water supply that the young begin to branch

Grevillea flowers produce a sweet honey-dew which is sucked directly from the flowers or dipped in water for a sweet drink.

PYTHON DREAMING

The Lasseter Highway generally follows the ancestral travels of the python Kuniya who is returning home to Uluru from the vicinity of Erldunda. She is filled with a longing for her home and she is burdened with many eggs (her children) which she carries in a bundle around her head Inching snake like up and down every single sandhill makes her journey exhausting and tedious. But she travels with a purpose because her children must be born in her country. Kuniya's journey, where she rested, and her troubles, is just one of the many ancestral journeys which give spiritual meaning to the landscape.

Dreaming trails criss-cross and connect the land forms of Central Australia. A good example of this is a dreamtime story which connects Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Atila (Mount Conner). Two boys played in the mud after rain and in so doing created Uluru. When they had finished making Uluru they travelled south, killed and cooked a euro, and eventually headed north toward Atila. One boy threw his club which struck the ground and made a fresh water spring. This boy refused to tell the other boy, who was thirsty, where he had found water. Fighting together, the two boys made their way to Atila on top of which their bodies are preserved as boulders

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Kata Tjuta is made up of 36 rock domes of various sizes spread out over an area of 35 square kilometres. Mount Olga, the highest feature, rises to 546 metres above the desert and 1072 metres above sea level It is possible that The Olgas were initially one large lump, bigger than Uluru, rising out of the plains.

Yulara is the oasis-like, $160 million internation tourist resort which, when opened in 198 became the fourth largest town in the Territory. Th resort is designed to meld into the surrounding and is located 20km from Uluru outside th boundary of the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Yulara contains the only tourist accommodatio facilities in the region

Moon over Uluru

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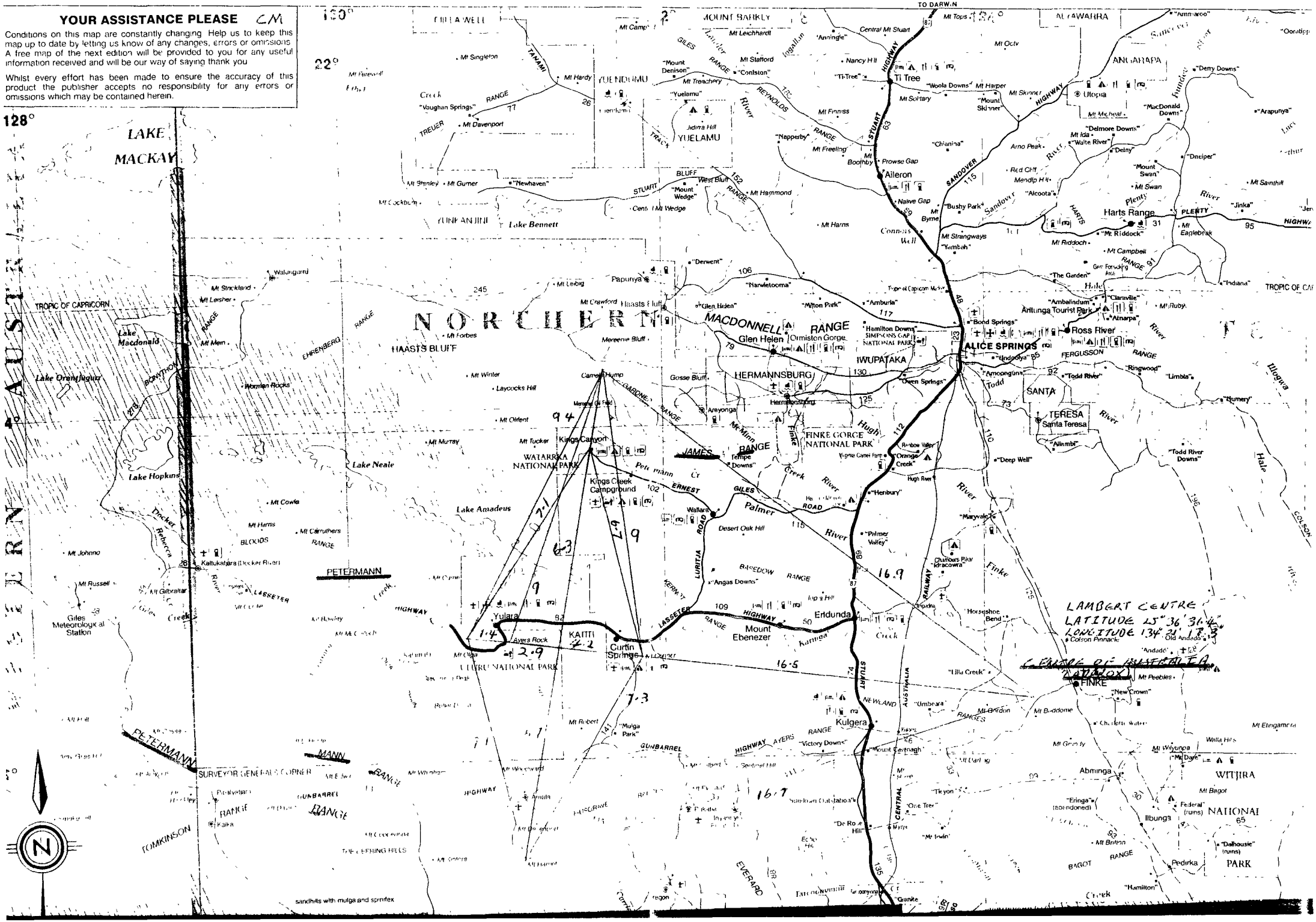
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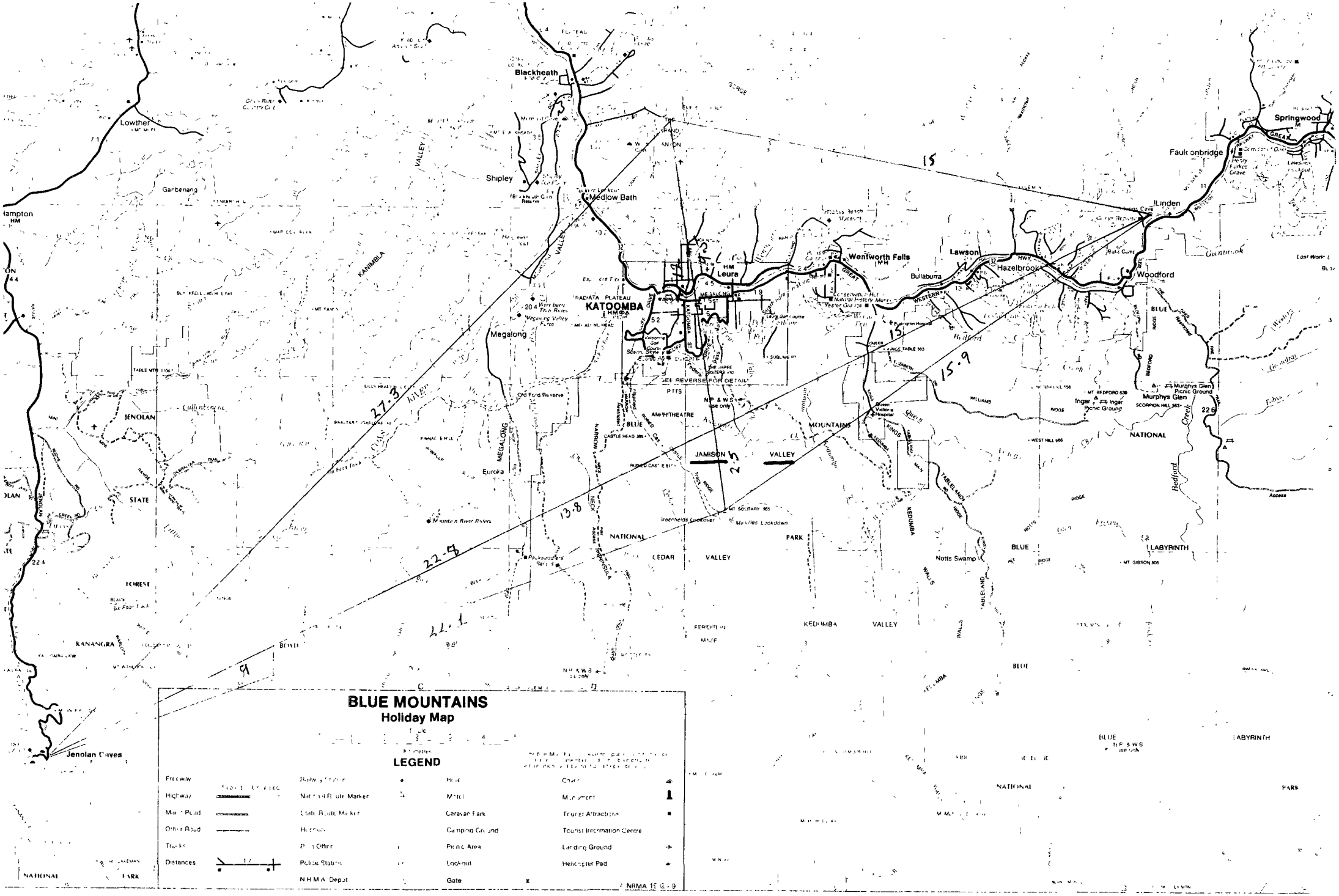
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Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December to the Viscount Cranborne, on the subject of UFOs. I have been asked to reply.

I should say first of all that we are not aware of any evidence that would support the existence of extraterrestrial life, or of any sort of "cover-up". We do look at all sighting reports very carefully, to see whether there is any evidence of a threat to the defence of the United Kingdom. The fact is, however, that to date we have received no evidence of any such threat.

I do not recall having seen the video you mentioned; if you let me know when this was sent, and tell me the date of your other sightings, I will look into the matter.

I was interested in your comments on Japanese views about UFOs and on the Belgian sightings. However, we get very little material sent to us from overseas, and can offer no thoughts on the attitude of other countries. Similarly, although I am aware that the United Nations has been lobbied on this subject, I am not aware of what their response has been.

We remain of the view that most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects and phenomena. We accept that there will always be a few sightings that appear to defy explanation, and we remain open-minded about these.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

OUR REF: RMC/CA/100/591

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The attached letter from [redacted] is forwarded to you for official action. This letter ~~has~~/has not been acknowledged from this office. The Minister attaches great importance in prompt replies to correspondence he receives and would like this letter answered by COP 7/1/94, or alternatively, if a delay is anticipated, an interim reply should be forwarded, preferably within the same timescale.

Would you please let us see a copy of your reply quoting our reference. If this correspondence is transferred, then this office must be notified.

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Dec.12th 1993

Dear Viscount Cranborne,

In March of this year I wrote to Mr David Curry MP regarding the UFO subject. Mr Curry replied and enclosed a letter from yourself, in response to my letter and a paper I had written on the subject. Mr Curry asked for any comments I would care to make on your letter. I would like to make one or two of these directly to you.

I was already aware of the official MOD position on the UFO issue. I have had two or three UFO sightings myself and I have submitted two separate reports to the MOD via RAF Rudloe Manor. One of my sightings was a multiple witness event and was recorded on video tape (a very large orange ball of light observed near Alton Barnes Wiltshire, significant for the regular occurrence of crop circle formations, to which orange balls of light have some observational connection). Neither of my reports was, to my knowledge, followed up or investigated by the MOD.

You state in your letter, the MOD only investigates UFO reports to establish whether or not such reports present a threat to the security and defence of the UK. I would suggest that since my reports were not followed up, the MOD know perfectly well that the UFO issue is not an issue of significance for any one individual nation, but is and always has been an issue of global, one world, significance. Would you agree ?

On October 22nd 1993 a symposium was held at the United Nations Headquarters New York. The question was asked, why had the UN not yet implemented decision GA33/426 of December 18th 1978, which called for, "the establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, coordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena."

Given the level of UFO activity world wide why has this decision not been implemented ?

Among those present at the symposium was Section 40 [redacted], a representative from Japan. Section 40 read a personal message from the Japanese Deputy Prime Minister, informing those present that the Japanese government is intending

to tell the Japanese people (and the world) all they know and understand about the current UFO situation. It is well known that a Japanese TV crew have been travelling the world recording interviews with UFO witnesses and filming UFOs and their effects.

I would like to reiterate the main thrust of my UFO paper. I think the UK governments public position of both apathy and denial of the UFO issue is **very** wrong and may well be dangerous, not just to the security of the UK but to the security of the world. At some point the world **is** going to have to meet this issue head on,and by continuing this global 'cover-up' we are exasperating the problem of public reaction.

Belgium is another country that appears to be prepared to share some measure of responsibility to this issue. The words of Colonel DeBrouwer, chief of the Belgian Air Staff, recorded in an interview on July 11th 1990, in recognition of ongoing UFO activity, by 'structured' objects over Belgian air space.

I realize that in all probability you were well informed on this activity, but I believe his words speak more than just words.

"On the night 30th and 31st March, we had an observation on the radar and in addition a visual observation on the ground confirmed by the Police- - What the pilots detected was well outside the normal flying envelope of an aeroplane. Sometimes they had what we call lock-ons, which gave a parameters varying from speeds between 150 knots to 990 knots, an acceleration which occurred in a few seconds - - The speeds would be impossible to tolerate for a human being, that's the first point. The second point is, the visual observations always describe a system, a machine, which hangs and hovers above the surface at quite a low altitude without making any noise. Now with the current technology that would be impossible."

I too have seen some kind of silent 'machine' much like the Belgian UFO reports, and so have many other people in the UK.

I believe we must address this situation positively, we really have no choice and we must begin publicly to acknowledge that the 'impossible' is already possible. What do you think ?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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(Switchboard)
(Fax)

Section 40
Harlow UFO Group
Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40,

When we spoke earlier today I promised to send you some material on UFOs.

I have attached a copy of the form that we use to record sightings, data on the number of UFO sightings reported to the MOD, together with maps showing the location of sightings that have occurred in recent years.

As I mentioned, although we cannot release material from our files "en bloc", if you are investigating a specific sighting that has occurred recently, we can let you have a copy of any report we received that might tie-in.

I have attached a couple of reports (with personal details deleted in line with our rules on witness confidentiality) that are typical of the sort of material we receive. Contrary to some people's belief, I am afraid that our files do not get much more exciting than this! For whatever reasons, people tend to report "close encounters" to groups such as Quest International and BUFORA, as opposed to us.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions. In the meantime, good luck with your research, and all the best for the festive season!

Yours sincerely,

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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	

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.

NB - Approx 220 sighting reports received so far this year.

[redacted] Section 40

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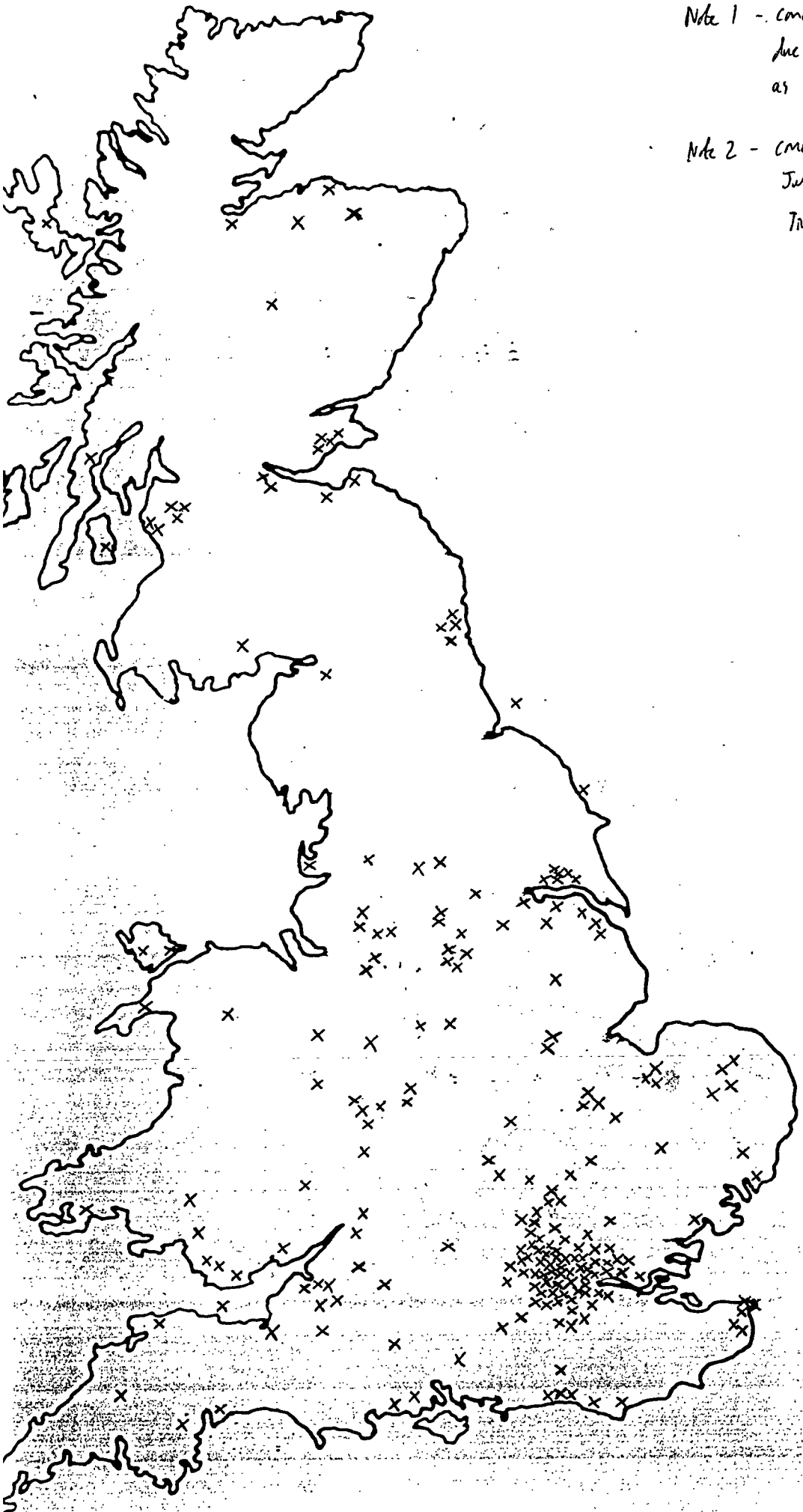
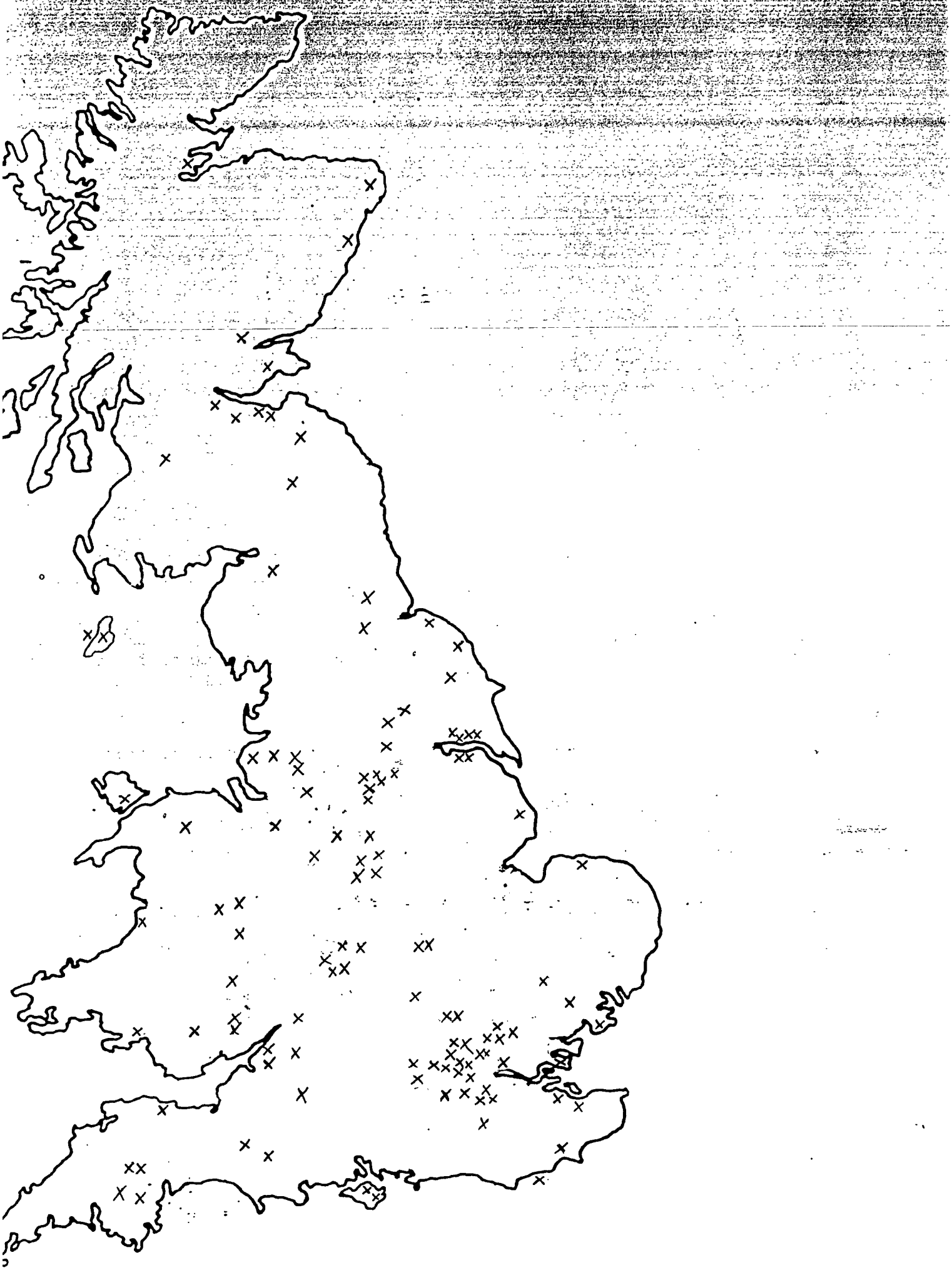
Geographical distribution of UFO reports - 1990

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

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



Geographical Distribution of UFO reports - 1991



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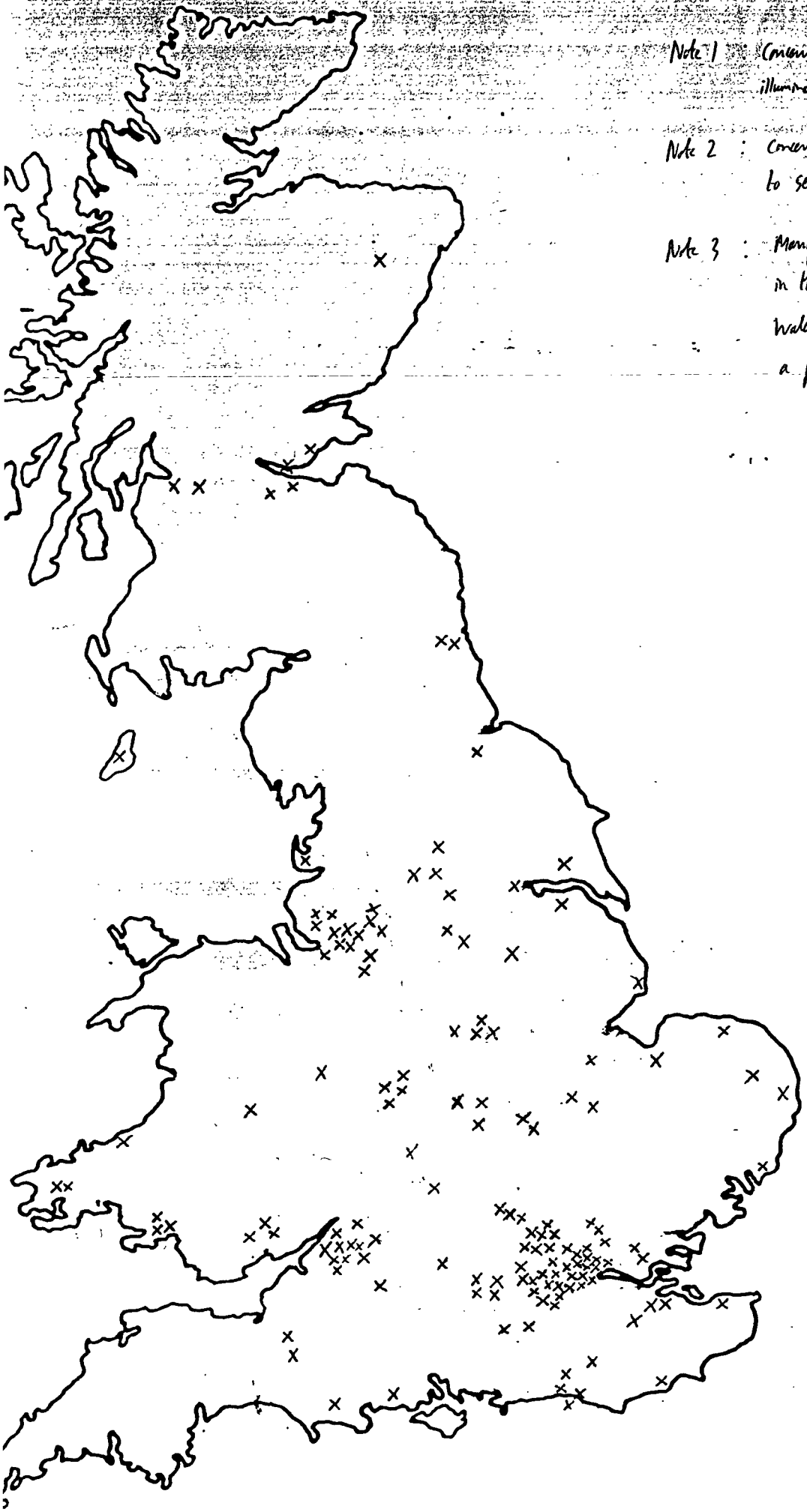

Note 1 : Concentration of London sightings in mid Feb due to illuminated airship.

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/Ju
2. Many of these sightings relate to a wave of reports in the early hours of 31st March..
3. Wave of London sightings in late November attributed to Section 40 airship.
4. Fireball event on 6 Dec, appox 4-30 p.
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
24 1830 NOV 93 2 SECONDS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape TRIANGLE
Colours
Brightness DULL
Sound
Smell NO

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location POPULAR EAST LONDON
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation NIL
The Press

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] Hackney E8

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
25 1800 NOV 93

26 NOV '93 11:07 FROM H I S M

FEED
DIRECTION

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

CWX030 11/1946 315C2341

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 111430Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 082005Z NOV 93. 5 MINS
B. ONE, LARGE, WHITE, SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS ALL ROUND THE SIDE. LARGER THAN AN AIRCRAFT AND NOT AN AIRSHIP
C. OUTDOORS, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. 400 YARDS
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. OFFICE BUILDING
L. ADLESTON POLICE
M. [redacted]. ESHER, SURREY,

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 14 December, and for sending me the last page of Section 40 letter, together with copies of Section 40 088 and 110.

I think Section 40 110 almost certainly relates to a fireball entering the atmosphere and breaking up. I received a number of reports of an object seen between the times of 4.25pm and 4.35pm on Monday 6 December, mainly in the London, Kent and Essex areas. The descriptions were all of a white object or light, moving very quickly. Some reports mentioned the object breaking into pieces. I spoke to Section 40 at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, and Section 40 at the British Fireball Survey; each had received a number of reports themselves, and each said that what had been described did sound like a fireball. Section 40 was keen that anybody with information about this should contact him; his telephone number is Section 40

I was very interested in Section 40 088; I checked our 1990 sightings file, but could find no report that might tie-in. I would be interested in seeing the other material you mentioned, concerning peculiar events that occurred in the area. I would also be interested to hear how this investigation progressed.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best for the festive season.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

14/12/93.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Many thanks for your evaluation of Section 40 [redacted] 109 – most helpful.

The missing page of Section 40 [redacted] letter, to which you referred, concerns Section 40 [redacted] evaluation of the Section 40 [redacted] Case. Consequently, I realised you might not have a copy of this report, so I've printed you out one together with the missing page.

This case might be interesting to you because a military helicopter crash-landed in the adjacent field the day before. The pilot, a woman, was unhurt, but the helicopter had to be towed away on a trucks (a photo. of this incident is on file). Other peculiar events took place around this incident, and if you're interested, I could supply you with further details.

The other case enclosed is yet another of the London genre. Please note Section 40 [redacted]

P.T.O.

referral to the Estapona* incident since BUFORA has a video of this event, or something similar.

Mentioning "cover-ups", as you did in your letter, I'll try and get you a copy of the film if the biggest "cover-up organisation, BUFORA (!?), allows it! I'm assuming it hasn't lost or confiscated the film!

C'est la vie!

Yours,

Section 40

[redacted]

* see index print-out.

Crowhurst	AN4	404	indt.	indt	Berks.	Section 40	009
LittleHoughton	AN2	404	indt.	18.30	Northants.		010
Hadley Wood	FB2	404	Apr'67	21.00	Herts.		011

*indt.= indeterminate

Darley Moor	AN1	433	17-1-74	23.45	Derbs.	Section 40	012
Sardinia	AN1	300	21-3-89	19.00	Italian Med.		013
Holbury	AN24	404	28-11-88	23.20	Hants.$		014

$ class may be altered eventually since only a light was seen initially.

Oyo State	CE25	404	indt.'75	indt.	Nigeria	Section 40	015
Church Stowe	CE24	434	22-11-78	17.15	Northants.		016
Rainham	FB1	302	12-7-89	10.30	Essex		017
Kensington	FB1	301	7-8-89	03.10	London	Section 40	018
Chelmsford	AN1	300	20-10-89	02.10	Essex		019
Stor Rorbaek	AN1	402	1-4-81	23.00	Denmark	Section 40	020
Hanwell	AN1	301	20-6-89	18.15	Middx.		021
Witham	CE35	434	17-9-85	23.30	Essex	Section 40	022
Malia	AN1	301	indt.	indt.	Malta		023
Cambridge	AN5	401	29-5-87	indt.	Mass. USA		024
Chiswick	FB2	400	9-8-89	indt.	London		025
Northolt	FB1	301	indt.	21.15	Middx.		026
Milton Keynes	CE2	404	indt'80	24.00	Bucks.		027
* Estepona	MA2	4?2	10-8-89	21.00	Spain		028
Indt.	CE4	4?4	16-7-81	indt.	Salop.		029
Indt.	FB14	401	Aug.'86	indt.	indt.		030
Eupen	CE1	334	29-11-89	17.24	Belgium		031

* Gendarmes witnesses - for full case details refer to the Belgium group, SOBEPS.

Aylesbury	FB14	401	indt.	indt.	Bucks.	Section 40	032

* Is this the event witnessed by Section 40

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

THE PORTLAND BILL JUGGLER

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

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER:

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: PHILCASE.088

INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: y/n/on-going: on-going

INVESTIGATOR(s): Section 40 & Section 40

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]: MA4-303

LOCATION(S) USING O.S. GRID REFERENCE IF POSSIBLE: Fleet Chickerell

OBSERVATION DATE(S): 6-9-90

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM: 02.55 bst

EVALUATOR(s): Section 40 & Section 40

EVALUATION:

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

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

FULL NAME*: Section 40

*** EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PUBLICISED YOUR NAME THIS REPORT WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE BY BUFORA LTD.**

DATE OF BIRTH.: Section 40

ADDRESS : Section 40

RECENT OCCUPATION: Section 40

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY): none

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: Anthropology, physics (particle) & photography

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, TODAY'S DATE: [signed 6-10-92] Section 40 [redacted]

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I sensed that these golden balls were going in and out of an object which was airborne - this is a sketch of which I sensed the object was like - [it] was jet-black and [had] a matt finish.

TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW 25-10-92:-

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 What it was, we were camping in Dorset... I tend at my age to pop out usually in the middle of the night to go to the toilet...

Section 40 Were there other tent in the field?

Section 40 Yes, there were a few tents in the field - not a lot - because it had been very blowy for a few days and it was just past the peak camping time... I got up, went to the loo and was coming back out... and our tent is over there by the hedge and the sea was at the back of us and Portland was over there... [see map sketch]. I walked probably 30 yards... and as I was walking back - I'd got about 10 yards - and I always look at the sky for reason which I'll probably tell you about later - having said that, while walking back gazing round as I tend to, I thought the farmer was in the field to my left possibly rounding his cattle up for milking or something, because there's this orange-golden glow - like sodium lamps... - to my left, and as I'm walking back I thought, "That's funny, there's no poles in that field, so what he got his sodium lights on?" because they were sort of attracting my attention, possibly by their movement, I don't know, but... something was happening and these things were moving... and I've looked and then I thought, "There's no cattle in that field", and these lights were going up and down - like somebody visibly juggling golden balls up there. So I've stopped, and I've looked and thought of all the possible explanations of what this might be - and all the while it's dawning on me there aren't any explanations to what I'm seeing - so at that stage - which was probably only about two minutes, if that - I've called Section 40 out of the tent to come and have a look, which she did. So we both stood there looking and speculating "What are they", you know, "Don't ask me what they are, I don't know, whatever they are, they're doing something they shouldn't be doing, you know, what we're looking at is quite out of normal things". Anyway... we're both looking and [redacted] said, "I think I'll make a cup of tea" you know, because I obviously, wasn't going to go away... and she first said, "Are you coming back in the tent?" I said, "No, I'm going to watch this", and then she said, "I'll make you a cup of tea", and I said, "Yes, that's a good idea". And then we possibly stood there... I don't know - this is when things get a bit hazy at this point really...

Section 40: At what time was this?

Section 40 Oh yes, in that time we were talking about what was this

thing we were watching... and I said to Section 40 "Now this is the time of night when everybody is fast asleep. We're probably the only people in the South of England, you know, who are standing here looking at these things out above the sea or above the field wherever they are - because you couldn't tell how far away they were - watching this phenomenon", you see. So I checked the time: it was five to three [am]...

Section 40 I checked mine too, you see...

Section 40 So Section 40 confirmed the time... five to three. Anyway, having saw that, I then thought, "Right, now my camera is in the car - I keep it in the boot of my car because it's dry... I'll get my camera out - it's a Praktica - it's semi-automatic - if I take a photo, I'll get something on it", and this is the bit where I hesitated - basically I was thinking, "Would I get a photo of it", but I said to her, "I'll get the camera from the boot of the car because I will get something on the camera", but at the same sort of breath, I'm then back in the tent with her saying, "They've gone now. If we don't get any sleep, we won't get any sleep tonight", and [redacted] said, "Well, do Section 40 you want a cup of tea?" and I've sat down at that stage, because I felt as though I was standing up until that point. I felt as though I was standing just inside the tent talking to Pam saying, "Oh, they're gone now"... And I sat down and said, "Yes, I'll have a cup of tea", and [redacted] was sitting facing me - Section 40 we were both sort of sitting there looking at each other really both wondering who was going to say what next, because we both weren't aware that anything had happened... we just seemed to be sort of... stuck in time somehow... much as though what was to be our next reaction...

Section 40 very unreal... because it was at that point you said about the light...

Section 40 Well, this is it, when you said, "What's that light behind you now?" didn't you?

Section 40 Yes.

Section 40 And when she said that, I thought, "Another light!"... so I mean, hadn't forgotten these orange lights; it wasn't as though I'd forgotten them or wasn't aware that I was going to photograph them. It was just that somehow I was going to photograph them, but next I was saying that they've gone now... but we did 'twig' - you know, we still couldn't make out - because where we were sitting inside the tent, we weren't aware... it seemed like the same breath... one instant I'm saying that I'll get the camera, and the next that they've gone now... if you lose time like that, you can't comprehend what has happened, because you've got no... nothing round you...

Section 40 Well, we checked the time again...

Section 40 It's not like a heap of sand that's down there in front of your eyes and think "What happened there?" you don't have any clues like that; you were just sort of talking to each other, which is quite a normal thing with no time-scale involved, but if it hadn't been for [redacted] saying, "What's that light behind?"

Section 40

and I thought, "Another light!" so I've looked out and saw that

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it was just the glow of the dawn, and I said, "No, it's the sun coming up", you know. Then [redacted] said, "That's early isn't it?" - because, she was probably still referring to five to three - but I was saying, "But the sun does rise early at this time of the year..."

Section 40 I can check that out on my Planishere (Accordingly, on the 6th Sept. the sun rises a little before 06.30 - with fore-sun glow, light would have been detectable at a little after 06.00)

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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: 02.55 bst

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

DURATION MORE THAN: 5 mins

DURATION LESS THAN: 15 mins

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: 6-9-90

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) Fleet Chickerell, Weymouth, Dorset

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: Movement of the lights to the south and my left

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : do not know

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

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 : pea/1-pence piece

10) WAS THE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED OR VIDEO RECORDED? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): no

11) WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW? (IF YES, GIVE NAMES,ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS WHERE POSSIBLE): wife

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13) DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): If it had not been for the dawn and the moon moved further to the right we possibly would not have been aware of the time loss

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): various

15) DID ANYTHING 'ODD' OR 'OUT OF PLACE' OCCUR AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): not given

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

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

CIRCLE ALL APPROPRIATE RESPONSE:-

i) CLARITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE: clear, hazy, foggy: clear

ii) CLOUD COVER: none, quarter, half, three-quarter, total: quarter

iii) ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE: freezing, cold, cool, mild, warm, hot: mild

iv) PRECIPITATION: dry, rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: dry

v) WIND STRENGTH: still, breeze, strong wind, gale-force: breeze

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: stars, moon, sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: moon

-END-

EVALUATION BY Section 40 [redacted].

... The timing seems good and possibly related to a delivery from a 63°, 21.30 hours R.A. orbit. The indications are that retrieval could have occurred 20 minutes later on a 67° sunrise orbit or, if the object had travelled into Wiltshire immediately after the encounter, on a 76°, 21.30 hours R.A. option about an hour after the start of the event. Do either of these lapse periods correspond to the time-loss reported?

QUESTIONNAIRE Standard

Case Title FLY-PAST AT ABBEY WOOD.

Case Summary (to be completed by Investigator only)

BUFORA Reference	Investigator Reference	Investigation Complete
	Section 40 .110	YES (circle) / NO / ON-GOING ✓

Investigator(s) Section 40

Classification state system used: FB1

Primary case date: MON. 6/12/93.

Primary Location using OS grid reference where possible: BOSTALL WOODS ABBEY WOOD. S.E. LONDON.

Primary case time [GMT/BST/LOCAL] using 24 hour clock: 16.25 GMT.

Evaluator Section 40 ✓ Section 40

Evaluation

SECTION A Biographical Summary

START HERE ↓

Full name ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms~~

Address Section 40 **Postcode**

Date of birth Section 40

Telephone number Section 40

Recent occupation Section 40

Professional, technical or academic qualifications

Special interests/hobbies Section 40

Witness' signature Section 40

Date: 10/12/93

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SECTION B Written Account

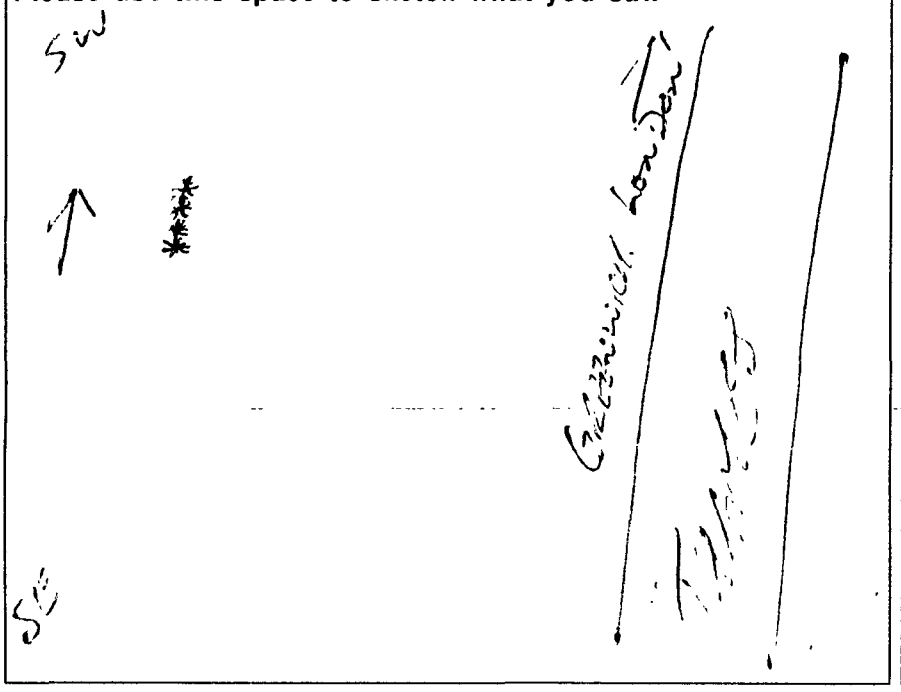
Please write an account of what happened to you

I was walking in Bostall Wood, Abbeywood, London SE2, with my 7 year old daughter and my dog. My daughter suddenly asked me "What's that Dad". Looking up to the sky I saw four to five excedently bright lights traveling at excedently fast speed at low level across the sky. They looked like a straight line of bright stars, there was no sign of any other object. It was traveling SE to SW direction, against to the "Thames". I would put the distance at two to three miles from were I was standing, possibly over Greenwich, Lewisham or even Peckham possibly one to two miles south of the Thames. The lights covered a distance of approximately one inch from front to rear in the sky, from where I was standing. We were watching the lights for around 3-4 seconds and then they just vanished. There was no trace of any object left in the sky where the lights had been. There was no vapour trail or navigational light. I would estimate that it was traveling well below 5,000 ft even though it was hard to judge as there wasn't any other plane in the sky to compare with. It was travelling at great speed but there was no noise where I was standing.

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if required

SECTION C Object Characteristics

Please use this space to sketch what you saw



Please complete the following

Number of objects seen

4 - 5 forming a complete line.

Colour(s) of object(s) seen

white.

Brightness of object(s) seen

Extremely bright. Compared to the brightest stars.

Compared to brightness of full moon

Sound of object(s) seen

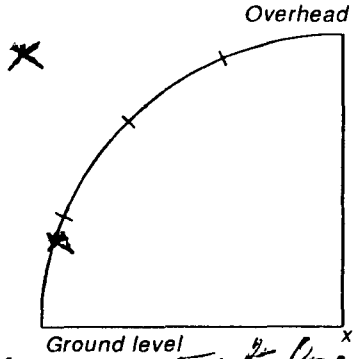
None.

Smell of object(s) seen

None.

SECTION D Object Position

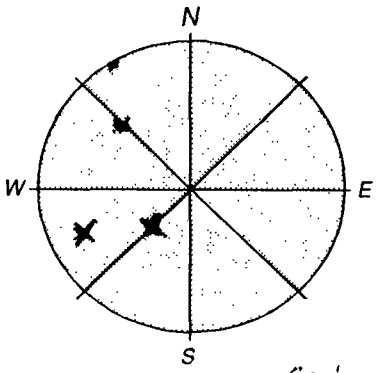
Object altitude



Imagine yourself at point 'x'. Mark the curved line with an A where you first saw the object and a B where the object was last seen.

Travelling in a straight line away from me.

Object direction



Imagine yourself in the middle of the compass dial. Mark the compass with an A where you first saw the object and a B where the object was last seen.

SE - To - SW.

SECTION E The Physical Characteristics of the Observation

1) Date and time of the observation

Day	Date	Month	Year
Monday	6th	December	199?

Time	AM	PM
		16[25]

circle one option

2) Duration of observation

Duration more than 3-4 ~~mins~~./secs.

But less than _____mins./sec.

estimate if unsure

3) Regarding questions 1 and 2. How did you gauge the time and duration?

Guessed it. Duration time as it was short. After, immediately checked my watch.

4) Where were you at the time of the incident?

including nearest street, town or village

In Bostall Woods, Abbeywood, London SE2.

Walking along a footpath on the fringe of the woods.

5) What first brought your attention to the object(s)?

My 7 year old daughter spotted them first and asked me what it was.

6) How did the object(s) disappear from view?

Instantly Vanished.

7) Comparing the size of the object(s) you saw to that of the full moon, was it:-

Smaller *give details*	*circle if appropriate* The same size	Larger *give details*

8) Was the object(s) photographed, filmed or video recorded?

if yes, give details

No.

9) Were there any other witnesses to the object(s) you saw?

if yes, give names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible

Only my 7 year old daughter who was with me. No other to my knowledge.

SECTION F Other Characteristics Relating to the Observation

10) Did you, or the surrounding environment, suffer any physical effects which you consider to be attributable to the object(s) seen?
if yes, give details

No.

11) Were you aware of the passage of time around the time of the observation?
if no, describe

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YES. I BELIEVE THIS EVENT WAS FILMED BUFORA HAS A COPY — SEE BOB DIGBY

12) If you have had any other 'unusual' experiences in your life please describe them
you may feel unable to describe such events; if so, please indicate that there are matters you wish to discuss in a meeting with the investigator

In Early August 1989 (could possibly locate the chit). We (my family) were in Estepona, on the Costa Del Sol. We were walking along the main promenade. Lots of people were staring up to the sky. There was a bright light high in the sky coming closer into view. This developed into a solid cylinder shape which seemed to come to a standstill. We were watching for around 30 minutes. Some other object shot of which speed away from the main object. When the first object slowly disappeared the way it had arrived.

13) Other than the event you have reported, did anything else 'odd' or 'out of place' occur around the time of the observation?
if yes, describe

No

There was a space shuttle in orbit at the time. We are sure this is what we saw docking. Do you think this possible with the naked eye?

14) Did any other witnesses experience anything in relation to questions 10, 11, 12 and 13?
if yes, describe

10, 11, 13.

No.

12. All my family and hundreds of locals and tourists. I am sure this must have been covered in the local papers.

SECTION G Prevailing Weather during your Observation

i) Clarity of atmosphere	Clear	Hazy	Foggy		
ii) Cloud cover	None	Quarter	Half	Three Quarter	Total
iii) Atmospheric temperature	Freezing	Cold	Cool	Mild	Warm
iv) Precipitation	Dry	Rain	Snow	Lightning	Other
v) Wind strength	Still	Breeze	Strong Wind	Gale Force	
vi) Visible astronomical objects None	Stars	Moon	Sun	Aurora Borealis	Shooting Stars

circle all appropriate responses It was just turning to dusk. Were I was standing it was getting dark. The lights were in the lighter area travelling towards the day light.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator at the address provided. If you require guidance in answering any questions included in this questionnaire, please contact your investigator.

investigator's address

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

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Your sighting was one of a number of similar reports made; I spoke to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich about this, and they believe that what was seen may well have been a fireball, breaking up into a number of pieces.

The British Fireball Survey would be very interested in hearing from you, and would be grateful if you could call Section 40 on Section 40.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

8/12/93

Dear Sir or Madam.

My garden faces South.
at Dusk on Monday 6 DEC. '93, I went to take in Washing from our line, as I looked up to remove the first peg, something flashed in the sky which was fairly clear, light or no cloud, as my sight followed the object, my I was astounded at the speed, an elongated patch of dark cloud was across due West, as the object entered this cloud, the setting sunlight just showed it up as (I thought,) a cylindrical silver thing, prior to entry two bursts released 2 silver balls one after the other, I was transfixed with the speed, as fast as I could say one there + then gone Being it the same day as the release of the solar panel, I fully expected to see or hear about it on TV or Radio, surely I could not be the only one to observe it, Why I am slow in writing, I waited till my son came Wed, he is familiar with what goes on space etc. He gave me your address, also he pooh pooed the solar panel + said months before that, if ever comes down, she advised me to do the enc. diagram.

My question is, was this recorded on screens at Heathrow or Northolt, surely something of such speed must have been?

Yours faithfully

Section 40 [redacted]

16 DEC '93 12:19 FROM COMMCEN WEST DRAYTON PAGE.002

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Date
14 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 December, and for sending me details of Reports 9316 and 9317.

No explanation springs to mind with these very interesting sightings, and we have no reports that might tie-in with what was seen. I would be interested in seeing the video that was taken, at some stage.

I wonder whether the Yelverton sighting you mentioned might not be attributable to a searchlight mounted on a fifth helicopter, facing directly towards the witness. As for the helicopters themselves, I suggest that you try to get hold of a copy of Jane's All the World's Aircraft.

No need to apologise for the wording of Report 9303 - I was only offering a correction on what struck me as a matter of factual accuracy. In any case, I would like to assure you that we play no favourites, and would continue to be as helpful as we could to any group or researcher, irrespective of their views on UFOs and their attitude to us.

Finally, I should like to wish you and all at PUFORG all the best for the festive season.

Yours sincerely

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Section 40

CHAIRMAN/INVESTIGATIONS
HON. SECRETARY
HON. TREASURER

reply to:
Section 40

Date 6-12-93

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd of November. Sorry for the delay in replying, but I waited until finishing the enclosed report.

I am sorry that you were unhappy with Rep.9303. We do try to include all that is relevant to a case and any 'official' comments on a sighting must be relevant. We can only accept on good faith the information we are given.

I assure you the report was not meant to be seen as an 'attack', in any way, on the Ministry of Defence, for whom we have every respect. Your work is difficult enough without having to deal with Ufos ! We do appreciate the help you are giving to groups and researchers. Please accept my apologies.

We are still getting a good report a week almost. Last weeks was unusual ! 2 witnesses, in line of traffic near Yelverton, daylight, see 50psized brilliant light, ½mile from road, 100ft in air, around which are flying 4 unmarked red helicopters....can you believe it ?....the light went out and helicopters flew off into Cornwall. Sighting 5 mins. I will be checking of course, but I know there won't be unmarked helicopters. Besides, their flying in such close proximity to each other, would seem hazardous in the extreme, and to what end ? They were described as very long bodied, "sleek" and prop in centre of fuselage. Any info on red unmarked helicopters would be helpful !

I've said it before - there's more to Ufos than meets the eye ! I think you'll agree, that's a strange one !! Oh yes, the witness is an Section 40 !

Best Wishes

Section 40

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PLYMOUTH U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP
SIGHTING REPORT

ocation. vybridge & Bideford, Devon	File Report Nos. 9316 & 9317	24th July 1993

Report No. 9317

On the 3rd of August, Plymouth's 'Evening Herald' printed an excellent report on Ufos, seen locally in the last week of July. On the 12th of August PUFORG interviewed the 4 children involved in a sighting at Ivybridge, 8 miles NE of Plymouth.

At 8.50pm, on the 24th of July, 1993, Section 40 11, Section 40 13, Section 40 12, and Section 40 4, (who has requested anonymity) were playing in an "alley", which runs between houses in their street. The weather was cool and dry with scattered, some heavy, cloud moving E/NW.

Section 40 was the first to spot the object, "I was playing in the alley, when I looked up into the sky and saw something that was too 'visible', if you know what I mean, to be a plane or anything, at the height it was at. It was a cigar shaped object and it was sort of metallic silvery colour.

"I grabbed Section 40 head; he thought I was going to hit him, but I said look up there and he did and said it was a Ufo. I wasn't exactly sure what it was and when he said it was a Ufo, I thought he was joking around."

Section 40 (after realising he wasn't going to be hit), saw the object. He immediately said it was a Ufo, and he and [redacted], after watching for a minute or so, called Section 40 "I called [redacted] over and asked what he thought it was. I said I thought it was a Ufo and he said, yeah, I think it's a Ufo as well."

Section 40 "I saw a cigar shaped object with a black line through the middle. It was half 'metallicy' colour and white, and lights round the edge. It was the colour of the numbers on the video there."

Section 40 "We called [redacted] over and then we went up the alleyway. Then it went behind the clouds and we thought oh no, we've lost it. Then we thought, oh, we might be able to see it round the back, so we run around here into Torr Close but we didn't see it. Then across the road again, [redacted] shouted out, look its up there and we looked up and it was there."

Section 40 "I saw a white cigar shape with a black band around it. I didn't see any lights."

The object was approx. half an inch long at arms length. It was a bluey/silvery white and had a broad, black band around the centre. There were small, yellow lights all around the edge of the object. These lights were steady but opposite each other were a pair of lights, one red and one green, which travelled around the object "like lights at the fairground", always staying the same distance apart. "With the lights moving round, it looked like all the lights were moving but they weren't, it was just the two coloured ones."

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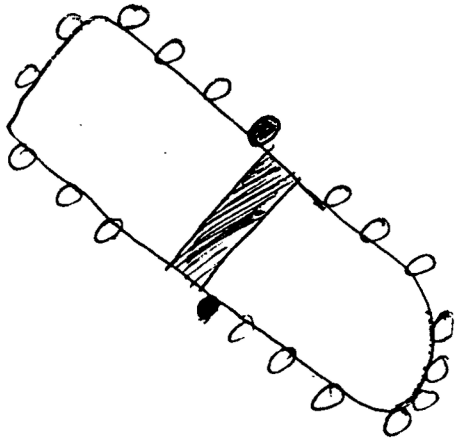
by Section 40



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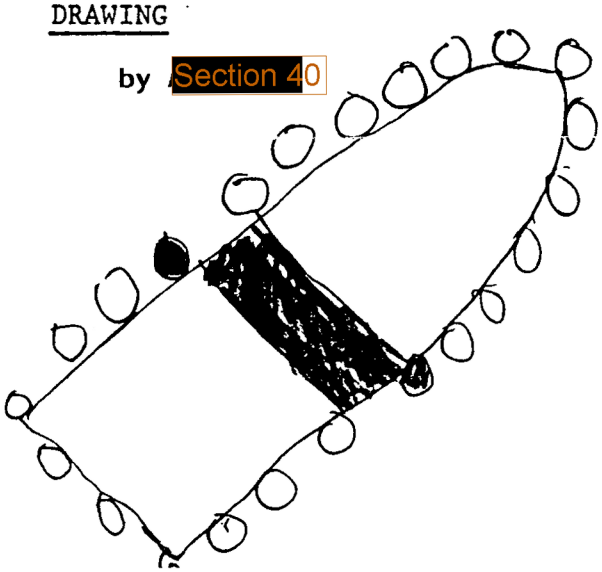

These small lights weren't visible all the time. When [redacted] first saw the Ufo, he didn't see any lights nor did [redacted] but both saw them during the sighting. [redacted] saw the lights when called by [redacted] but said they weren't very clear, "you had to look out for them". [redacted] "All the time the Ufo was visible, I only saw the lights once or twice."

Both the moon and sun "were out" and the children all said that with the Ufo, they formed a triangle; the sun in the W, Ufo NE, and the moon SE. The moving clouds seemed to cover the sun, moon and Ufo alternately, giving the impression of 'the light' moving from one point in the triangle to the next. The children also said it was if the Ufo was "hiding behind the clouds". The clouds were moving towards the Ufo from the right.

The children were at the bottom of the alley when the object was first seen. They then ran to the top of the alley and watched the object for 5 minutes before it went behind the clouds. The object remained hidden for 10 minutes, but at times the "lights" could be seen "shining through the clouds".

After ten minutes (approx.9.10) the object was seen again and watched until just before 9.30. The Ufo was still visible, but was now very small. At 9.30, it again went behind cloud [redacted] went indoors then and 5 minutes later [redacted] went home. There was then a shower of rain, so [redacted] went indoors. The time was 9.45. The sighting had lasted 40 minutes.

Though impossible to be certain, all of the children thought the Ufo was "hovering between Bittaford and Ivybridge", possibly over Western Beacon, a cairn-topped tor, 1 mile NE of Ivybridge. (Ivybridge is on the edge of Dartmoor and the area where the Ufo was seen is particularly rich in prehistoric stone rows, circles and cairns.)

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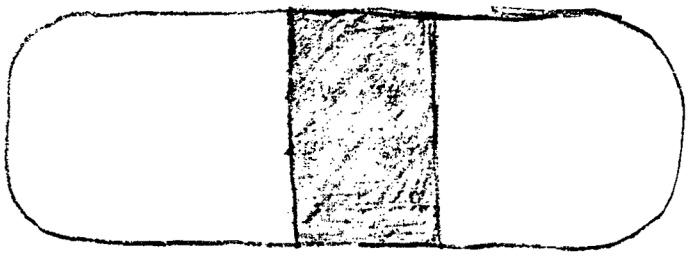
by [redacted]



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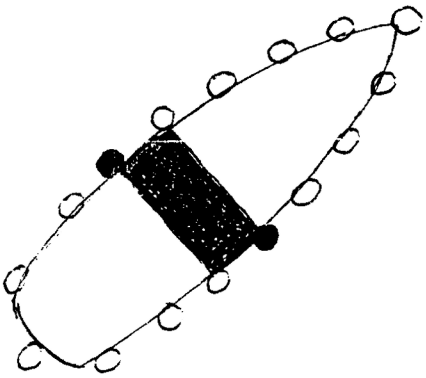

Report No. 9316

We interviewed the children on Thursday the 12th of August. On Saturday the 14th, we received a video from [redacted] who lives in Bideford, N.Devon.

The video is very short, only 8 seconds in total with only 4 seconds showing the object in focus. Thanks to the capabilities of video, these four seconds were enough to clearly show an airborne object, which we were amazed to see, was practically identical to the one described by the children. And further amazed to find that the video had been taken on the 24th of July - one hour before the children's sighting.

Here is [redacted] account of the video.

"It was first seen at 7.27pm. It was travelling straight and slow and making no noise. The weather was dry and sunny. Within a few seconds it disappeared behind a large cloud. At 7.45 there was a hard shower of rain for 10 minutes. I continued watching from indoors.

"The shower stopped and a rainbow emerged. I went back outdoors with my video camera ready. Then a few minutes later, at 7.58, I caught it on film. It then headed further away and too far away to see."

Interestingly, also on the report form [redacted] wrote "It seemed to hide behind the clouds for a long period".

The object was heading E from NE, moving very slowly across the sky. From first being seen, the object took 31 minutes to go out of sight. The objects line of travel would have taken it in the direction of Exeter.

The video opens with a wide angle view, showing a large expanse of sky with garden at bottom of frame. The object is just visible as a very small white object at great distance from the camera, and high in the sky. The camera then begins to zoom erratically into the sky, showing brief glimpses of the object. The camera continues zooming in with the object going in and out of shot until the object is caught centre frame. It takes the camera 3 seconds to focus on the object, which is in view for only a couple of seconds before being lost again. A couple of seconds later, the Ufo again comes into view for half a second. Through camera movement, it is lost again then caught again for 2 seconds (see photo) before the camera loses it for the final time.

The object was very hard to find in the small video viewfinder. Also, when using full telephoto only a very small part of the actual view is seen, making it very difficult for Andrew to see the by now distant object.

On viewing the tape, we immediately thought it was exactly the same object, as seen by the children. On receiving Section 40 report form, we found his description of the object, differed slightly. When first seen by Section 40 the object was considerably closer, than when filmed, (the size of a 1p at arms length). Section 40 said it was a white, cigar shape, with 2 circles on the body, both of which were emitting a very bright, white light. His drawing shows this and also a little crest above the lights. Section 40 does not mention the 'black band' but this does seem to be apparent on the video.

We showed the video to the children and spontaneously, all said it was the same object that they had seen.

All witnesses described a white, cigar-shaped object, with differences only in the 'lights' on the object. It must be said that when watching the video or from stills, either Andrews or the children's description could be accepted as accurate !

Ivybridge is 45 miles south of Bideford and the object was seen travelling on the same path, from both locations. We accept that the witnesses at both locations saw the same object. From this, it may be safe to accept that the Ufo was visible for at least 2 hours as it flew very slowly across Devon. The evidence may also suggest that the object was of great size seen from a considerable distance.

Naturally, we were delighted to receive the tape from Andrew and we would like to thank him and the children for all their help with this excellent case.

Not so many years ago, it was thought a 'strong' Ufo case was witnesses describing the same object, from different locations. To have photographic evidence as well, would be just too much to expect. In this case we have both.

From the detailed witness reports, the length of time the object was seen from 2 locations at different times, and the corroborative film evidence we classify these sightings as being of a genuine Ufo - an Unexplainable Flying Object

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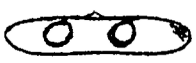
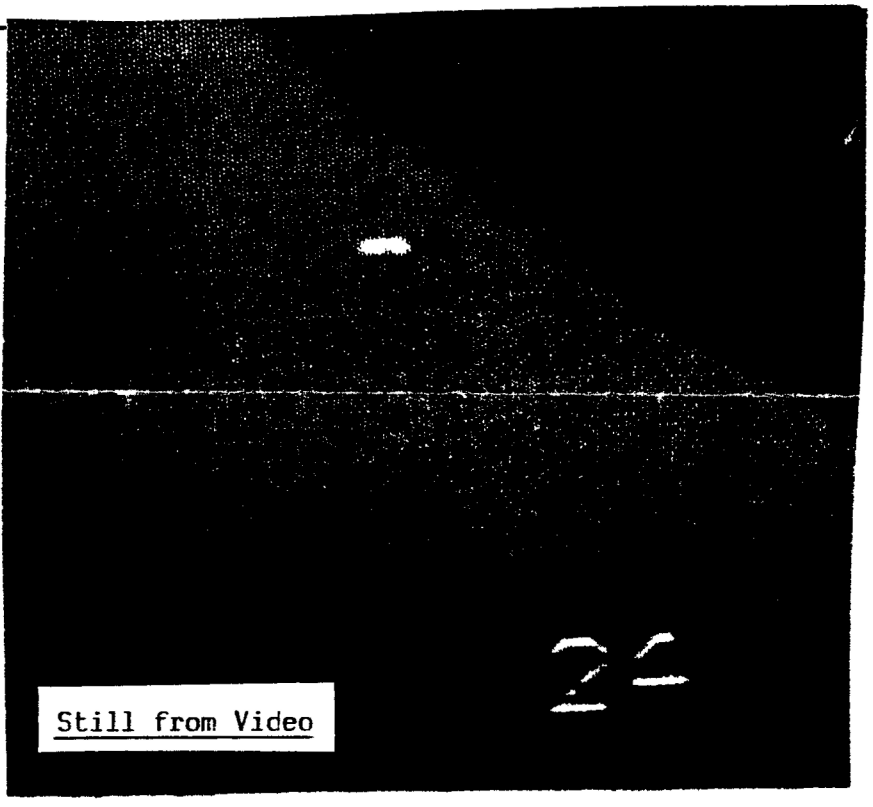


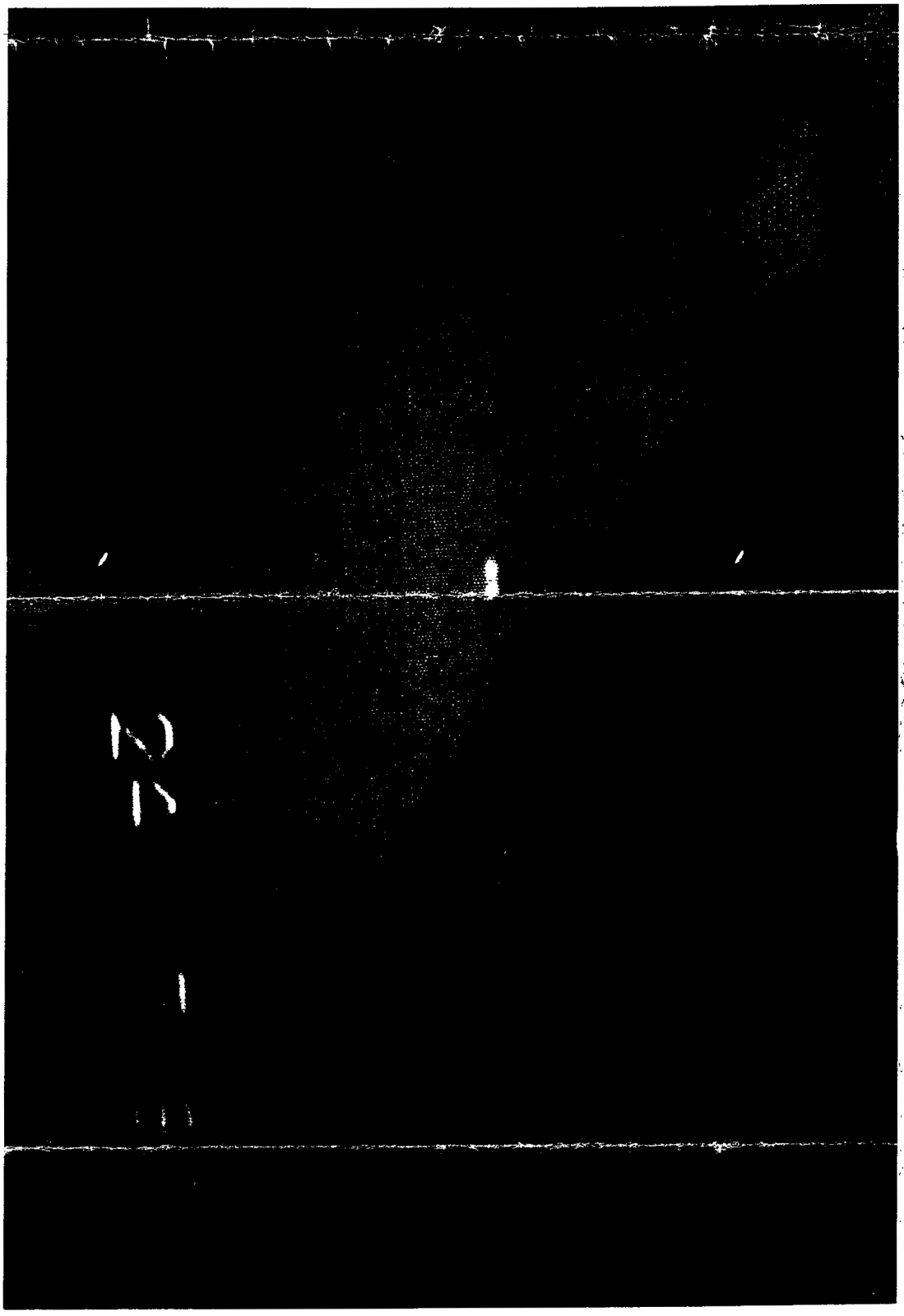


Still from Video

Note. This photocopy is of a photograph taken from the video. Most definition has been lost in the process of re-copying. The actual video image, shows a much sharper, 'cleaner' image of the Ufo.

Though not shown very well here, the 'black band' is more noticeable on the tape, but not as distinct as drawn by the children. Also the 'two lights' seen here are overexposed and not as obvious on the tape. The video object looks more like Section 40 drawing, possibly with pointed ends.

The background is clear, blue sky. The line across the shot is caused by the photo being taken using the wrong shutter speed.



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9 December 1993

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Dear Section 40

Thank you for having lunch with me yesterday. I thought our chat was extremely useful and you gave me some excellent pointers.

As soon as Section 40 gets back, I'll chase up the letter you sent him.

Thank you again

Yours sincerely

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 8 December, and for sending me a copy of Section 40 Section 40 letter detailing his recent sighting. This is clearly a fascinating case, and it is interesting that Section 40 is one of a number of recent witnesses who have seemingly given some thought to the airship explanation before making a UFO report. I wonder whether it might be worth checking whether staff at Birkbeck station (or any other place near the cemetary where people might have been working, such as the sewage works) saw anything unusual.

I am attempting to track down the gun-camera footage that Ralph Noyes recalls having seen, together with any other films or photographs that might not be contained in files. I will let you know if I make any progress on this, although I understand that without suitable treatment films can deteriorate over a period of time. I am not really sure why UFO footage should have been held by the Met. Office, unless it was felt that what was seen was some sort of meteorological phenomenon. I have no contacts in the Met. Office, who are now an Executive Agency, and not part of the MOD.

Section 40

I would be happy to meet Ralph Noyes at some stage, perhaps in the New Year.

Finally, many thanks for sending me a copy of part of the Section 40 brochure together with the latest batch of press cuttings.

Yours sincerely,

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

8 December 1993

Dear Section 40

Many thanks again for an enjoyable evening!

Thank you also for the photostats of articles, received today. I haven't had a chance to read them yet, but look forward to doing so.

I enclose the promised report from Section 40 [redacted] a Section 40 [redacted] whose sighting took place on 8 November at 19.20, viewed from Churchfields Road on the Beckenham/Croydon border. The airship appeared to be over the Beckenham ~~cemetery~~ Crematorium (see enclosed map). Although Section 40 [redacted] had their balloon in the sky in the London/Maidenhead area that evening, I find it hard to believe that this was the object seen. Anyway, Section 40 [redacted] would be pleased to co-operate with you further, should the need arise. I have also sent a letter to the local paper asking if any readers observed an airship that evening.

Section 40 [redacted]

Ralph Noyes suggests that the Met. Office (who were represented during the briefing when RAF gun-camera films were shown at the MoD - see *Above Top Secret*) may have the films, and I asked Section 40 to mention this to you. Ralph would very much like to meet you at his house in Chelsea one day (he's not very mobile at the moment). He'll be away from 12 December for two weeks.

I'll be in touch again shortly.

Kind regards

Section 40 [redacted]

P.S. I hope the cuttings arrived safely.
Also enclosed, 1 page from the 6-page Section 40 [redacted] colour brochure.

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TEL.

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DEAR Section 40

FURTHER TO OUR CONVERSATION I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM WHAT I SAW.

I WAS DRIVING Section 40 ALONG CHURCHFIELDS ROAD IN BECKENHAM. & I NOTICED WHAT LOOKED LIKE AN "AIRSHIP" IT WAS ALL LIT UP I COULD EVEN SEE LITTLE WINDOWS BUT AS I GOT ROUND THE CORNER INSTEAD OF IT BEING THE SIZE OF 3 HOUSES IT WAS SMALLER & DOMED SHAPE I SAID TO THIS WOMEN ABOUT IT. I GOT TO THE END OF BEC LANE & I COULD SEE IT THROUGH THE TREES, I GOT ACROSS THE ROAD PULLED THE BUS UP GOT OUT TO HAVE A BETTER LOOK, I CLIMBED THE SMALL WALL BUT THIER WAS NOTHING AT ALL TO SEE. I CANT UNDERSTAND HOW SOMETHING THAT SIZE CAN ~~BE~~ VANISH.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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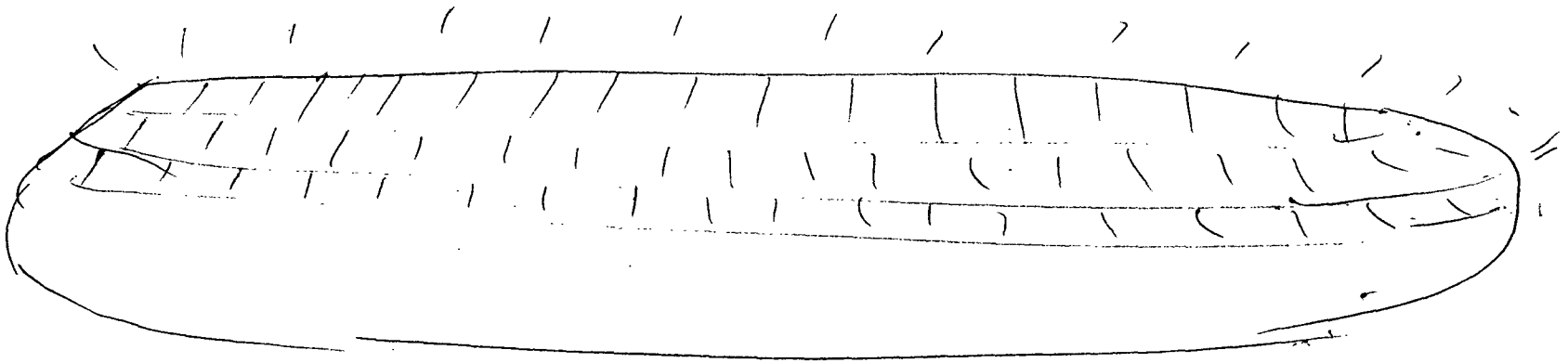

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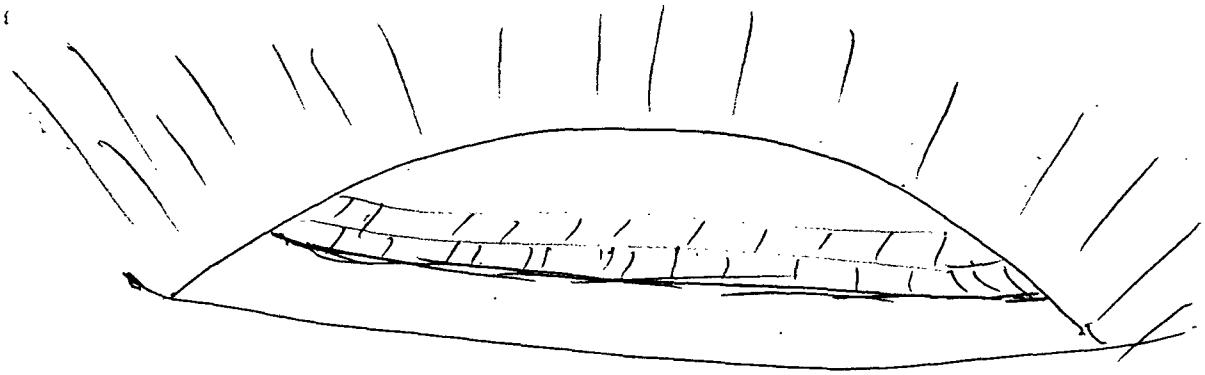

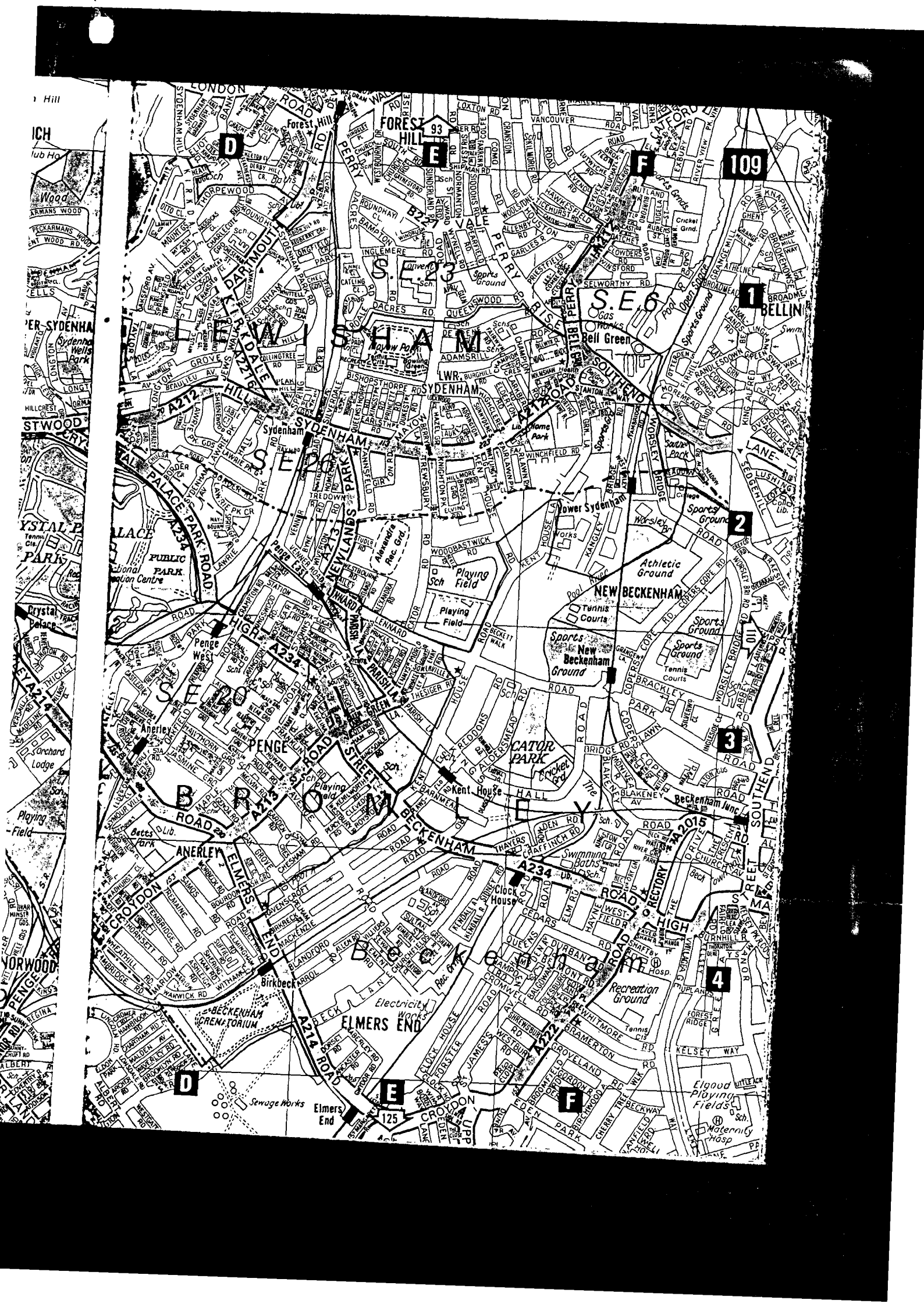
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Crystal Palace
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Playing Field
Sports Ground
Athletic Ground
NEW BECKENHAM
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Tennis Courts
CATOR PARK
Cricket Grd
Kent House
Beckenham Junc.
Clock House
Swimming Baths
Recreation Ground
Electricity Works
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Birkbeck
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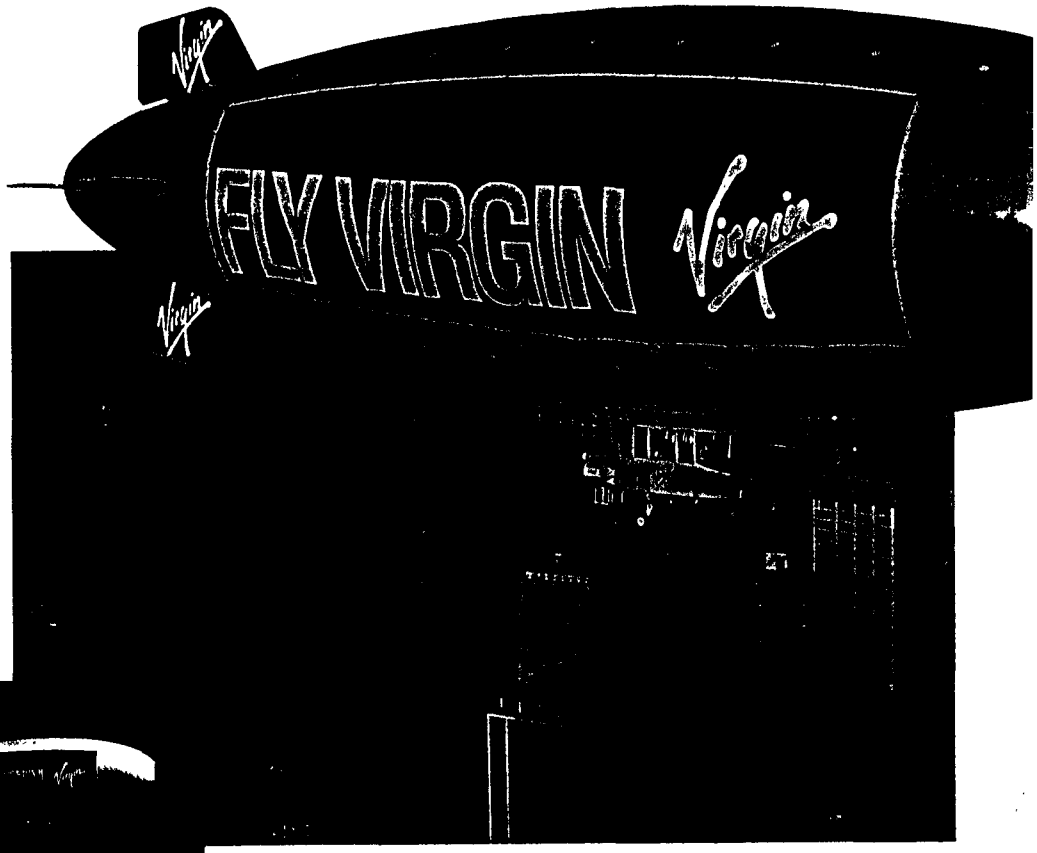

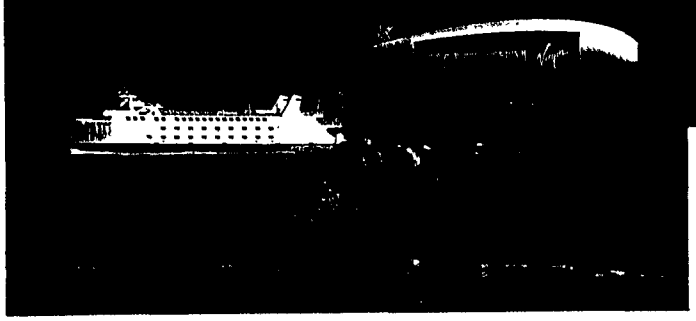

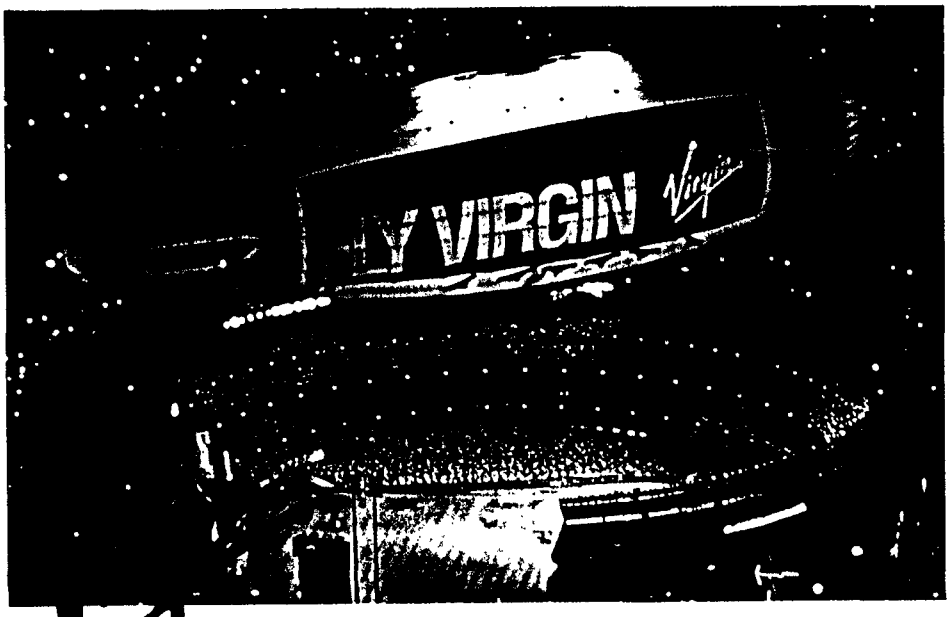

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Height	42 feet
Width	38 feet
Gondola: Length	13 feet
Width	5 feet
Seating	5 maximum
Engines: Type	Limbach L-2000 x 2
Power	68hp x 2
Fuel Capacity	60 Gallons (270 litres)
Performance: Speed	70mph (50 knots) max
Airborne Duration	17 hours (on station)
Turning Circle	750 feet diameter

LIGHTSHIPS

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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
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
13 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw in the sky 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.

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:

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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9 December 1993

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I have spoken to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich about your sighting - which was one of a number of similar reports made - and they believe that what you saw was a fireball entering the atmosphere.

The British Fireball Survey would be very interested in hearing from you, and would be grateful if you could call Section 40 on Section 40

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your recent letters.

With regard to Section 40 109, I believe that the Section 40 airship was in the area at the time, and should probably be seen as the prime suspect, although there are clearly aspects of the sighting which cast some doubt on this.

Thank you for sending me copies of Section 40 evaluations (I only received the first page of his evaluation of "MOD 10", ie his letter dated 4 December).

With regard to Section 40 points in his letter dated 29 November, I thought it might be useful to restate our policy and views; while we believe most UFO sightings can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, we accept that there are a small number that would appear to defy explanation, and we are open-minded about these. Having said this, we have never seen any evidence that would support the existence of extraterrestrial life, despite some of the stories that are in circulation! As you know, we try to be as helpful as we can, and do suggest that witnesses get in touch with groups such as BUFORA. In this way, we are getting into the public domain sightings which would otherwise not have been heard of - hardly the actions of an organisation carrying out a cover-up!

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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6/12/93.

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

Here's another one for you to peruse when you have a moment to spare.

Yours,

Section 40 [redacted]

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title
...SATURN RETURNS TO NORTH LONDON.

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

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number
Section 40 109

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 CANONBURY, N. LONDON

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date
8/11/93

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM:
!?TIME; in 24hr system 18.00 G.M.T.

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

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DATE OF BIRTH.: !?BIRTHDAY; date

ADDRESS : !?ADDRESS; residential

TELEPHONE NUMBER: !?PHONE; number

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RECENT OCCUPATION: !?OCCUPATION; employment

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

Section 40

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies

SINGING, POETRY, WRITING, MUSIC, MYTHOLOGY

* 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

On 8th November @ 6.00pm I entered my flat and on entering the kitchen - noticed outside through my window a large illuminated aircraft. It was stationary at first I think, then guided to the right of my vision and at a decline. It then changed direction and guided to the left (again slowly and at a slight decline). It was hidden behind a chimney for about a minute and then reappeared on the other side, but a very much smaller size, suggesting further distance. It then went further away, seemed to get sucked into a hole in the sky then reappeared (even though it appeared to be very far away at this stage) and then went away again. It was around for about 5 minutes in all. It's description was a large perfect sphere for a central body and a disc like rim around the centre. It had some red and white lights - some of which flashed just like ordinary aircraft lights. It appeared to be glowing a very bright white and looked like an extremely sophisticated aircraft

SECTION C:OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1) Please complete the following:-

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

b) COLOUR(S) " " " : !?COLOUR; colours glowing white (different intensities)

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible not that I can remember

d) SMELL " " " : !?SMELL; odour nil

e) SHAPE($) " " " : !?SHAPE; outline central sphere, adjoining disc like rim

f) CLARITY(*) " " " : !?CLARITY; sharpness very sharp & defined.

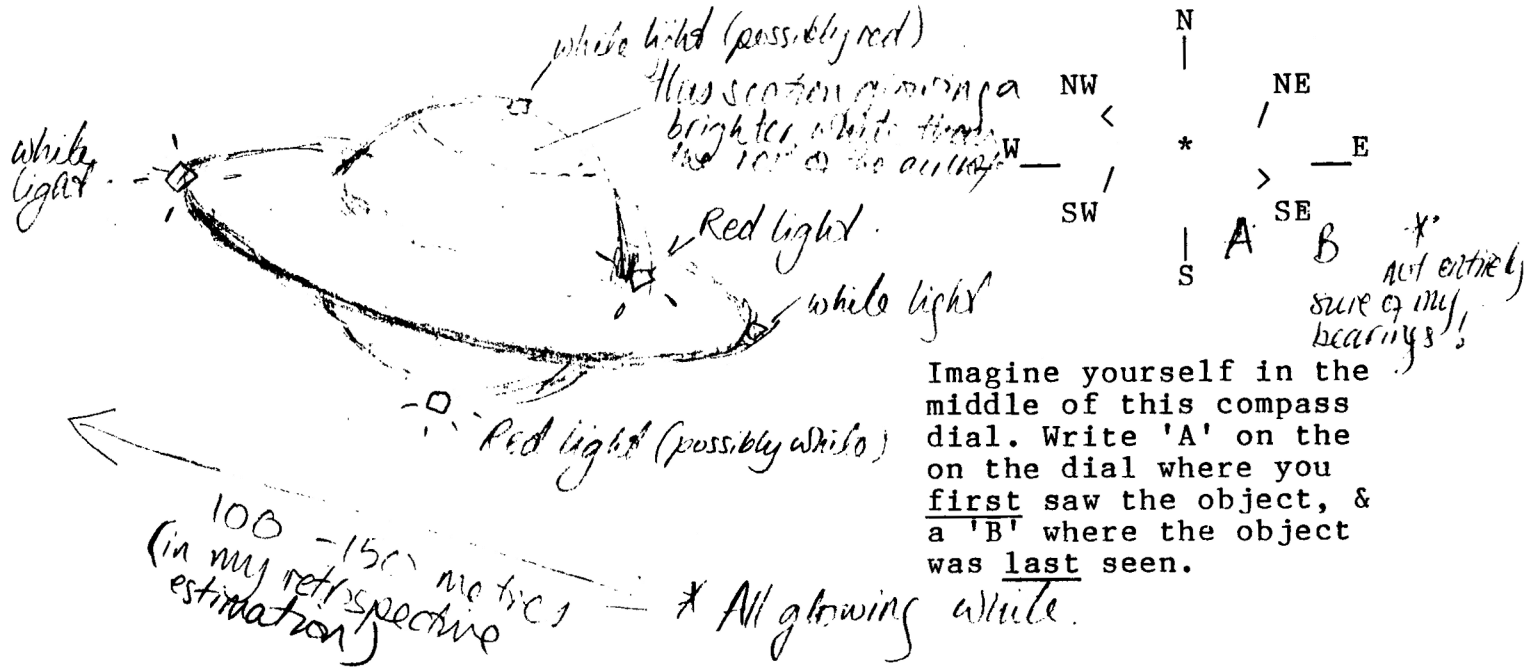
g) BRIGHTNESS(+)" " " : !?BRIGHTNESS; intensity extremely illuminous - more intense in some parts e.g. top of sphere but not blinding - it

$ if other than a point source of light.

* sharpness of the object's outline.

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

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



SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: !?HOUR; firstseen @1800.

3) DURATION OF OBSERVATION (ESTIMATE IF UNSURE):- 5 minutes - 1 minute or so of which - hidden behind chimney

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 8.11.93

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area Section 40 Section 40 ISLINGTON Section 40

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus - I really can't remember - but I heard/put the kitchen light on and it was dark so may be the light shone into the kitchen which made me look out the window.

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode It seemed to get sucked into the sky!

8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): !?TEMPORAL; watch (after the event) - my own sense of time.

mode

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 possibly by 9i

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 NO.

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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 Not that I'm aware of

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 Yes some one relating to this sighting which happened some eight months ago. Will discuss One other minor experience occurred a few days later.

15) DID ANYTHING 'ODD' OR 'OUT OF PLACE' OCCUR AROUND THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION? (IF YES, DESCRIBE): !?ODD; events Yes relating to above and the realisation of this some 1-2 hrs post sighting. Will discuss.

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

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SECTION E - PREVAILING WEATHER DURING OBSERVATION:-

CIRCLE ANY APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:-

i) CLARITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE: (clear), hazy, foggy: !?ATMOSPHERIC; clarity — some cloud I think

ii) CLOUD COVER: (none), quarter, half, three-quarter, total: !?CLOUDCOVER; % — not sure entirely.

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

iv) PRECIPITATION: dry, rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: !?PRECIPITATION; fall — may have been slightly damp from previous earlier rain.

v) WIND STRENGTH: (still), breeze, strong wind, gale-force: !?WIND; speed — not sure but no strong winds.

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: (stars), moon, sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: !?ASTRONOMICAL; objects - I distinctly remember noticing stars in the sky before I entered my car

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: [redacted], TODAY'S DATE: 25/11/93 !?DAYMONTH; year

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Dear Section 40

As this evaluation pertains to an M.O.D. report, I thought I'd pass it on to you for filing.

Section 40

To:
Section 40

From:
Section 40

Tel/FAX:

4. 12. 93

Dear Section 40

And still they keep coming! That event in Poplar on the 24th November (which I have labelled 'MoD 10') was again on the fringe of that 10 miles' diameter circle centred on The Oval road intersection. Very pleasing. A question which arose in my mind about the case was the practical one of how the witness recognised the object to be triangular, since it was witnessed in darkness. Was the device reflecting street lighting, or did it have self-glow, or was only a triangular formation of lights seen? In any case, it was seen for only a couple of seconds.

A fleeting glimpse notwithstanding, the timing of the event was perfect. In fact, it occurred at an intersection of two possible track options --- both having featured several times already in this spate of London sightings. They are the 53-degrees inclined, 2130 hrs RA and the 58-degree, sunset related, options.
One possible explanation is that this was a fleeting visit, the device having been delivered from one track and then retrieved, only minutes later, by an orbiter on the other.
More likely, however, the object had arrived from one of these tracks and would have been leaving the scene either at 1915 hrs GMT, on a 63-degree, sunset track, or, at 1940 hrs or a 58-degree, 2130 hrs RA orbit rendezvous.
Any other reports from these periods?

(By the way, just in case I haven't explained this before, at the rate at which the ET devices seem to be able to travel, Earth's surface to orbit, or vice-versa, could be achieved in probably less than 1 minute. Accelerations are phenomenal and shock waves and frictional heating seem to present them with no difficulties whatsoever. Don't ask me how they do it, but that's why I don't need to take account of the time spent in transit when considering the timing patterns. The 'mothership' orbiters need to be in orbit only for the very short periods of time required to deliver and retrieve on schedule. My guess is that they accelerate out of orbit as soon as each task is executed, to minimise the risk of detection. This is a good reason why two orbiters, following predetermined separate tracks, seem to be used for the delivery and rendezvous activities. There is evidence to suggest that this is a relatively recent ploy, probably necessitated by NORAD and the like. In the days before advanced radar systems they could have orbited for as long as they liked.)

I must apologise for having, until now, overlooked your request for a run-through of the Chesil Beach 'time-loss' case Section 40 088).
Well, the timing seems good and possibly related to a delivery from a 63-degree, 2130 hrs RA orbit. The indications are that retrieval could have occurred 20 minutes later on a 67-degree sunrise orbit or, if the object had travelled into Wiltshire immediately after the encounter, on a 76-degree, 2130 hrs RA option about 1 hour after the start of the event. Do either of these lapse periods correspond to the time-loss reported?

Well, that's about it Section 40

Thank you for sending me a copy of 'UFO Times'. I hope you won't mind if I pass it on to an interested person I know, because, as I have continued my BUFORA membership, I have received a copy through the normal channels. (Surprise, surprise!). It doesn't look, now, as if you are ever likely to publish the paper I sent in over two years ago, what with the restrictions and all. So, if the typescript and diagrams are still in existence and in your possession Section 40 I would appreciate their return. (The diagrams are the most precious items).

Herewith, a couple of copies of my new 'business' card --- one for you and one to pass on if you wish. I continue to maintain that I am available for short-term commissions of the aerospace kind but, frankly, I have no wish (nor the stamina) to get onto the regular professional treadmill again. In any case, I'm too busy dealing with all these interesting cases you keep sending me to bother about making any more money. They're much more fun, as long as the BAe pension fund remains solvent and keeps us adequately supplied.

Best wishes,

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Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked for my views on a document making reference to a landing of a craft of unknown origin, and the sighting of entities.

I have to say I believe the document is a fake; I suspect that a member of the public who received a letter on UFOs made a photocopy of the letterhead, and subsequently typed in their own text, before deleting a few words, and taking a final photocopy. I have seen the document before, but have never come across any evidence to suggest that this is genuine. Unfortunately, hoaxing is widespread where the subject of UFOs is concerned, and I believe this is a good example.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Secretariat,
Air Staff 5a.
Room Section 40

Dear Section 40

I have write to you before on the Subject I am enquiring about which is. the Rendlesham forest Landing of a U.F.O. I thankyou for the copy of the Holt document that you sent me. please could you inform me of the Comments that you have on the document enclosed.

Yours Sincerely

Section 40

Student of
U.F.O and
Paranormal
Investigation

NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

Ref: Bentwaters Incident 1980

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(Switchboard) Section 40

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REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

Dear [redacted],

As you know, OSI has completed a report on the landing of a craft of unknown origin crewed by several entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of December 29/30 1980.

Interestingly, OSI reports that the entities were approximately 1½ metres tall, were what appeared to be nylon-coated pressure suits, but no helmets. Conditions on the night were misty, giving the appearance that the entities were hovering above ground level.

Tape recordings were made on which the entities are heard to speak in an electronically synthesised version of English, with a strong American accent. Similar transmissions intercepted irregularly by NSA since 1975.(See attached - Flag A)

According to OSI, entities had claw-like hands with three digits and an opposable thumb.

Despite original reports (Flags B - G), OSI said the craft was not damaged but landed deliberately as part of a series of visits to SAC bases in USA and Europe. Reports that craft was repaired by US servicemen or was taken on to the base are not confirmed by OSI.

Landing is not considered a defence issue in view of the overt peaceful nature of the contact, but investigations by DSS are to be continued on [redacted] authority. Precautionary plan for counter-information at a local level involving [redacted] and a [redacted], is strongly recommended.

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Sincerely

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 December.

I am afraid that there is nothing that can usefully be added to the replies you have already received on the points that you raised.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

6th December 1993.

Reference: Your ref D/Sec(AS)12/3.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 26th November.

I note your observation that I am being selective with quotes from your letters. On the contrary, I would suggest that in your last letter, the selectivity is yours.

Allow me to refresh your memory. Whilst you have previously stated all the reasons quoted in your letter to illustrate that a radar return does not necessarily indicate the presence of a structured craft, you have omitted to say that you qualified these reasons at the conclusion of the paragraph by stating (your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3, 18/2/93) *'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.'*

As the very first line of your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 29/9/93) states *'I agree that radar will only detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance,'* I can hardly be accused of selectivity, these words are yours and not mine.
The detections made by the NATO Air Defence Ground Environment radars at- not one, BUT THREE!- radar stations at Semmerzeke and Glons CRC in Belgium, and Vedem in Germany, were made by highly skilled operatives well able to distinguish between the anomalies that you quote and true radar reflections. Indeed two F-16 interceptors of the Belgian Air Force would hardly have been scrambled on fifteen seperate occasions if the radar operatives had not been SURE of their detections (these were also confirmed on 13 occasions by radar lock-on by the persuing aircraft.)

The overwhelming evidence of the NADGE detections prove your point *that skilled operators are able to distinguish between false and true returns and must be taken as positive confirmation of the presence of unidentified flying objects of opacity and substance.*

In view of the above, I do not understand your consequent retractions which are not commensurate with the facts.

The fact that these radar detections were confirmed by NATO, the Belgian Minister of Defence and the Belgian Air Force, would prompt me to ask *'IF NADGE CONSIDERED THE RADAR DETECTIONS ABOVE BELGIUM ON MARCH 30/31st 1990 TO BE CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF OBJECTS OF OPACITY AND SUBSTANCE AND A THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE BELGIAN STATE, WHY DID YOUR AIR DEFENCE EXPERTS CONCLUDE THAT THERE WAS NO THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UK?*

Cont;

In view of the conclusive proof now obtained from the NATO and Belgian Agencies, the answer from your Air Defence experts that *'there was no threat to the UK because there was no evidence of any such threat'* simply will not suffice. NATO and the Belgians say that there was a threat, and your Air Defence experts say that there was not.

I would request a detailed answer that takes into account the NATO and Belgian detections and observations.

Your statement in letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 12th November 1993 that *'Although these UFO sightings did indeed occur close to the UK,'* is your comment and not mine.
I would refer you to the whole context of your letter which discusses why your ministry did not know of the Belgian sightings, it quotes *'that they did not occur within UK airspace. Although these UFO sightings did indeed occur close to the UK, we would not have been notified unless the Belgians believed there was a threat.'*

As stated at the beginning of this letter, the question of selectivity does not arise, I am only able to comment on the words that you have written. The wording of your letter could only be interpreted by the world at large as a clear indication that there was a detection of an entity of opacity and substance in the skies above Belgium; if you now choose to amend them, then that is your prerogative, but this now strongly implies evasion on the point at issue.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
9 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

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

I have spoken to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich about your sighting - which was one of a number of similar reports made - and they believe that what you saw was a fireball entering the atmosphere.

The British Fireball Survey would be very interested in hearing from you, and would be grateful if you could call Section 40 on Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
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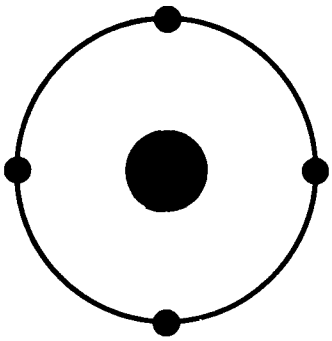

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Section 40

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CPR Ref 821 - File 152
Your Ref D/Sec (HS) 12/3
20th November 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for the reports received from the London area.

It would seem that the 'Thames' reports began with a U.K. researcher named Section 40 She has pursued some strange unfounded material out here on several occasions.

Best wishes

Section 40

Section 40

M.I.I.E.X.E., A.I.L.E. Best Selling Author, Broadcaster, Researcher & [redacted] *CPR.*
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Details of the report you made concerning the strange objects that you saw in the sky in the early hours of Sunday 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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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
6 December 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 November, in which you asked for some information about UFOs. 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. The address of the Public Record Office is Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU; the telephone number is Section 40

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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. So far this year we have received approximately 200 reports.

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. As is the case with UFOs, we hold no fixed views on crop circles, and remain open-minded about this intriguing phenomenon.

You may find it useful to contact the national UFO groups, to seek their views. I suggest the following organisations:

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Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

If you wish to contact NASA about their Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project, then the address is as follows:

HQ Information
NASA
Washington DC
20546
USA

Needless to say, any good bookshop or library should stock a number of books on UFOs which you may find useful.

I hope this is helpful, and is of some use for your GCSE course work. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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.

Section 40
[redacted]

30/11/93

The Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall,
London.

Dear Sir,

I am a year eleven student attending The Matthew Holland School in Selston Nottinghamshire. For the course work I am doing for my G.C.S.E English examination, I have chosen the subject of the U.F.O phenomena.

I have contacted the local police headquaters who informed me that all the information they recieve, on possible U.F.O. sightings, is passed on to you.

If you could supply me with any information, or statistics, on this topic, I would be very grateful as it would be of great assistance to me in my research.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
[redacted]

To:
Section 40 [redacted]

From:
Section 40 [redacted]

Tel/FAX: [redacted]

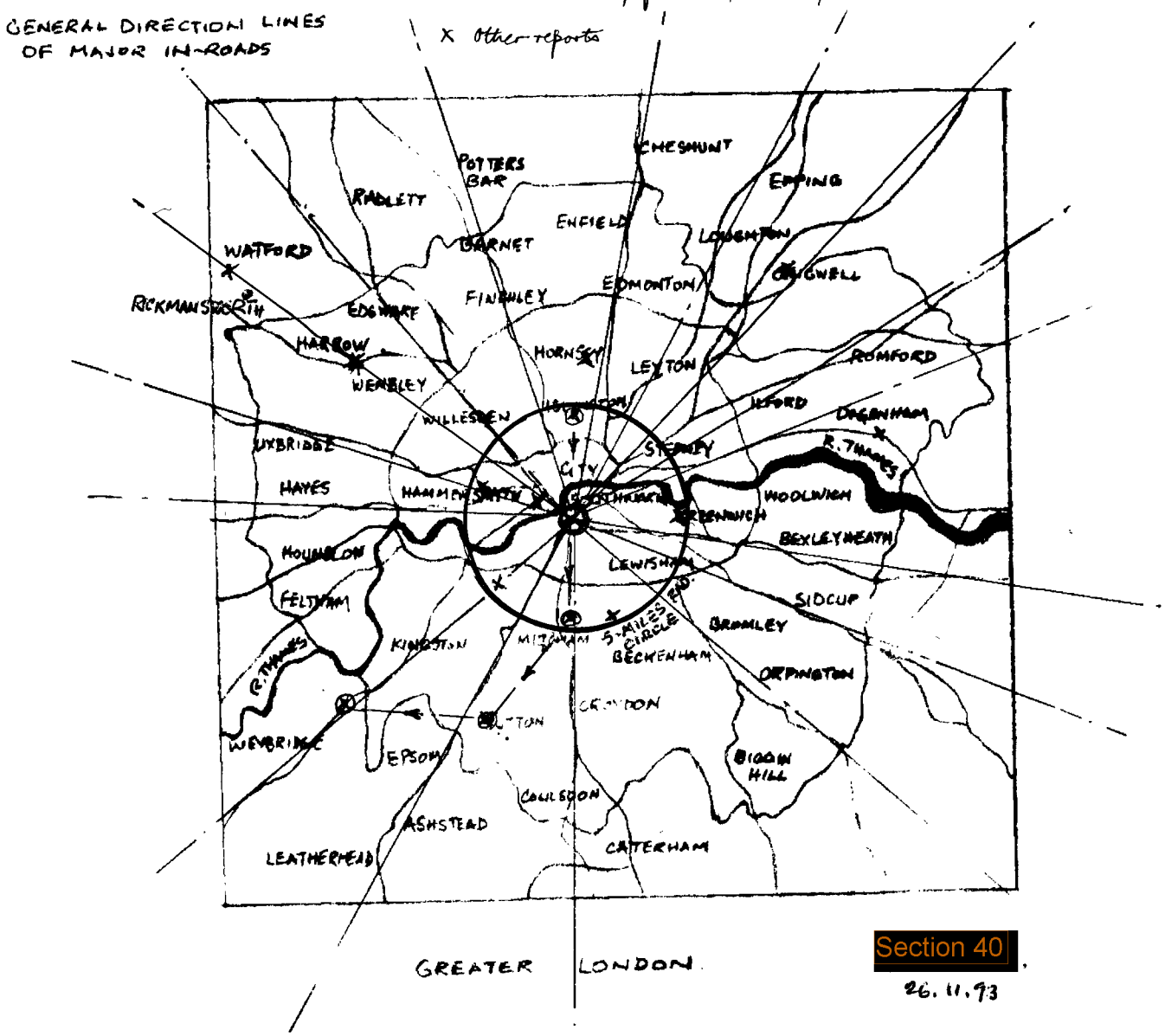
29. 11. 93

Dear Section 40

You are certainly keeping the information flowing! Thanks very much. The MoD cases accompanying your letter of the 22nd had only just been digested when the letter dated 26th arrived with further interesting information and another, really satisfying, case from Section 40 [redacted] (It's satisfying because it's a classic among 'saucer' reports, has all the necessary ingredients and was reported by an out-and-out sceptic who still can't believe what he saw! Wonderful stuff).

The material attached to Section 40 [redacted] letter of the 18th was extremely interesting and supplemented the November Section 40 [redacted] One criticism of it is that 3 of the case sheets don't give witness location at the time of the sighting and I have, therefore, had to assume that they were in their home territory (although that necessary assumption obviously led me astray in the Greenwich case).
The Harrow case witness was located as I had assumed in my initial assessment and the fact that her event occurred 20 minutes before a potential departure time doesn't worry me unduly. The ET devices are assumed to lie low somewhere (in woodlands, quarries, etc) between sorties and between the arrival and departure times. Section 40 [redacted] sighting could have occurred during a low-flying sortie. Where the device hid for the remaining 20 minutes is a matter for some conjecture. The MoD case report from Harrow-on-the-Hill on the same evening could be related, as I will explain later.
With reference to your A-Z extract, and remembering my observation that ancient sites often seen to be used as navigational reference points, Section 40 [redacted]s object could have been linking its path to Bentley Priory (Harrow Weald Common) and to the site labelled 'Headstone' in the recreation ground, which seems to have a moat associated with it.

After re-examination of the Greenwich case, clearly the witnesses were looking south-eastwards, towards Blackheath, not towards Greenwich Park. Blackheath (Common?) appears to be situated about 1.5 miles from Gloucester Circus and this would mean that my size estimate for an object presumed to be hovering over that area is now about 25 feet. Please thank Section 40 [redacted] for the additional information and tell ~~him~~ her that her guess about the nature of my theory is partially true, but that there is a lot more to it than that.



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26.11.93

Now, I'll progress into my evaluation of the MoD cases. In the absence of Section 40 numbers, I have numbered them 1 to 9 in date/time order and grouped them by date. I have also attached a sketch map of Greater London which I will refer to in the evaluation.

Nov 4th, 1993

MoD 1 ----- Dome Over Hyde Park, 1805 GMT, 1 minute.
This object seems to have been located on the Rickmansworth, Harrow-on-the-Hill, to The Oval line (see map). As the location of the witness' car is not given no further comment can be made about the object's location. The timing would be consistent with a delivery from a 53-degree, sunset related, orbit some 15 minutes before the sighting. This orbital link applies also to MoD 6, below.

MoD 2 ----- Caversham, North Reading, Saucer, 2045 GMT, 5 minutes.
The actual location of the witness is not given, but Caversham lies on the general line of the M4/A4 into the Central London (Oval) area. The sighting commenced within 10 minutes of a departure opportunity link with a 58-degree, 2130 hrs RA, orbit.

Nov 5th, 1993

MoD 3 ----- Hazelmere, Bucks., Saucer. 0845 GMT, 10 mins.
Hazelmere is on the Rickmansworth, Harrow to The Oval line. Apart from that, no other comment can be made about the object's location. As this sighting occurred during the morning, it is unique in this set of reports. The timing corresponds to an arrival from a 53-degree, sunrise related, orbit 10 minutes before and can be linked with a departure possibility 20 minutes later, presented by a 53-degree, 1100 hours RA, orbit option.

MoD 4 ----- Spinning Top, near Slough. 2030 to 2050 GMT.
Again, neither the witness' nor the object's actual location can be determined from the information given. The object could have been located on the line of the M4 motorway projected into The Oval intersection (as MoD 2).
The period of the sighting is consistent with a departure at 2050 hrs GMT to link with an orbiter on a 58-degree, 2130 hrs RA orbit. This is the track associated with the MoD 2 event, on the previous night.

MoD 5 ----- Circular Object, Harrow-on-the-Hill. 2045 GMT, 10-15 minutes.

This sighting commenced some 22 minutes after that described in Section 40 108, to which it might be linked. If this happened to be the same object, obviously it didn't depart at 2043 as anticipated. Instead, it delayed its departure for at least another 15 minutes or so. At 2100 hrs GMT, an orbiter in a 76-degree, sunset related, orbit could have been available to retrieve it. The object's mode of departure is not stated in the summary of the report.

Nov 8th, 1993

MoD 6 ----- Saturn-like Object, Islington. 1800 GMT, 5 mins.

Another classic UFO is described. Seems to have moved southwards on departure: ie. towards The Oval and Streatham. Section 40 107 reported a similar object over Streatham at 1915 GMT on the same evening. It is difficult to conceive that the same object could have been concealed somewhere in Central London for 1.25 hours, but the timing of this event indicates a delivery some 15 minutes before the sighting, from a 53-degree, sunset related, orbit. The next retrieval opportunity would have been at 1900 GMT, followed by another at about 1930 GMT. This latter option would link the two events to a retrieval from the much-featured 53-degree, 2130 hrs RA, orbit. However, two other events were reported in the same 2.5 hour period --- and these are considered below.

MoD 7 ----- Circular Object, Sutton, Surrey. 1945 GMT.

A low-flying circular object, flying from East to West is reported. Sutton lies southwest of Streatham and this sighting occurred 0.5 hours after the Section 40 107 event in the latter location. Once again, it's difficult to know whether we are dealing with the same object. If we are, why did it take so long to reach Sutton, only 4 to 5 miles away? So perhaps this was another device which had only just been delivered to the scene? The timing of the event suggests this latter option is a favoured possibility, since the time given corresponds to delivery from a 63-degrees inclined, sunset related, orbit at 1945 GMT. This could link with the MoD 8 report, below.

MoD 8 ----- Saucer, Esher, Surrey. 2005 GMT, 5 minutes.

Another low-flying classical 'saucer' object, seen at close quarters, is reported. Esher is 7-8 miles east of Sutton (MoD 7), yet20 minutes separate the two events. The Sutton object was travelling

MoD 8 (cont.)

towards Esher (east to west), so the implication that we are dealing with the same device is very strong. So, what did it do for twenty minutes? (Incidentally, Esher is on the line of the Portsmouth Road projected into The Oval intersection.)

The next rendezvous opportunity would have been at about 2030 hours on a 58-degree, 2130 RA, option. Where did it go from Esher? How did it spend the following 20 minutes after the witness lost sight of it? The attached map shows the progression of sightings on the evening of Nov 5th, 1993. Did the device return towards The Oval along the Portsmouth road line?

Oct 25th, 1993

MoD 9 ---- Saucer, Henley-Hambledon lock. Approx 2000 GMT, 20 mins.

A classic 'saucer' sighting. Object first witnessed at close quarters, hovering at tree-top height, presumably for most of the 20 minute time period. Then it was seen to flash away into the distance almost as if disappearing and reappearing in the process; a familiar trait. It was last seen at a location estimated to be 10 miles away.

This report is all the more important because the witness, who was accompanied by 4 members of his family, had been a complete sceptic about the UFO reality but could find no explanation other than that a device from another planet had been witnessed.

The timing of this event suggests that the device could have arrived from a 63-degree, sunset, orbit and was awaiting a rendezvous at approximately 2020 GMT with an orbiter on the favoured 53-degree, 2130 hrs RA, track. The implication is that the witnesses stumbled upon its tree-top hiding place, which it had selected at the end of its mission.

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We should be very grateful for Section 40 co-operation in allowing us to have sight of those additional reports, Section 40 It's that kind of follow-through that I've lived in hopes of for many a long year. Only by picking up all the significant reports in a given short period can we hope to understand the minds of the ETs. I believe that I have discovered the overall strategy, but their tactics still confound me at times --- not least because their technology is literally 'out of this world'!

I once had high hopes of BUFORA's help in that respect, but the internal politics and presumptions obviously got in the way. I'm rather sorry to hear that all this work of mine is likely only to gather dust on someone's shelves --- or provide interesting information for someone's next book. Perhaps MoD can make more use of it --- although I can't believe that they don't know all about it already. I doubt if there is anything I know which they don't. It would be rather satisfying to find out, though. Perhaps you could ask Section 40 next time you visit his office? (You could say, "Well --- I only arsked!", as they threw you out on your neck.)

Anyway, thanks again Section 40 for keeping me up to date. Have you had news of the forecast 'Big One' (CE4) yet? It could be any day from 25th November to the end of the year. It could even be YOU -- or ME! (See you on Epsilon Eridani perhaps?)

or, rather, one of its planets!

Best wishes,

Section 40

Section 40 [redacted]

1/12/93.

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Many thanks for sending me the one-off report from E. London, a copy of which I've relayed on to Section 40 [redacted] for his comments.

In the meantime, I'm enclosing a copy of Roy's evaluations of the report synopses you sent me some time ago. As usual, the evaluations are for your files for possible future reference.

Section 40 [redacted] remains convinced of a CE4 event from 25th. Nov. onwards. If I hear of anything I'll let you know, of course.

Thanking you again for your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

E47

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
6 December 1993

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TO: RETURN TO Section 40

FROM: Section 40

Section 40

3/12/93

3.XII.93 Please be good enough to respond. Many thanks

Section 40

My FAX - Section 40

Section 40

25 November 1993

Dear Section 40

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4 Nov	20.45	Caversham, Berks. - AIRSHIP FLYING IN AREA.
5 Nov	08.45	Hazelmere, Bucks. - NO FLYING.
5 Nov	20.30	Nr. Slough - AIRSHIP FLYING IN AREA.
5 Nov	20.45	Harrow-on-the-Hill-AIRSHIP FLYING IN AREA.
8 Nov	18.00	Islington, London
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8 Nov	19.45	Sutton, Surrey
8 Nov	20.05	Esher area

AIRSHIP FLYING IN LONDON, MAIDENHEAD AREA.

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Finally, I would much appreciate some publicity material about Section 40 - in particular some photos of your airships.

UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT FLIGHTS.

With many thanks for your assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Section 40 (NUJ)

copy: MoD

I TRUST THIS IS OF SOME USE TO YOURSELF.

KIND REGARDS Section 40

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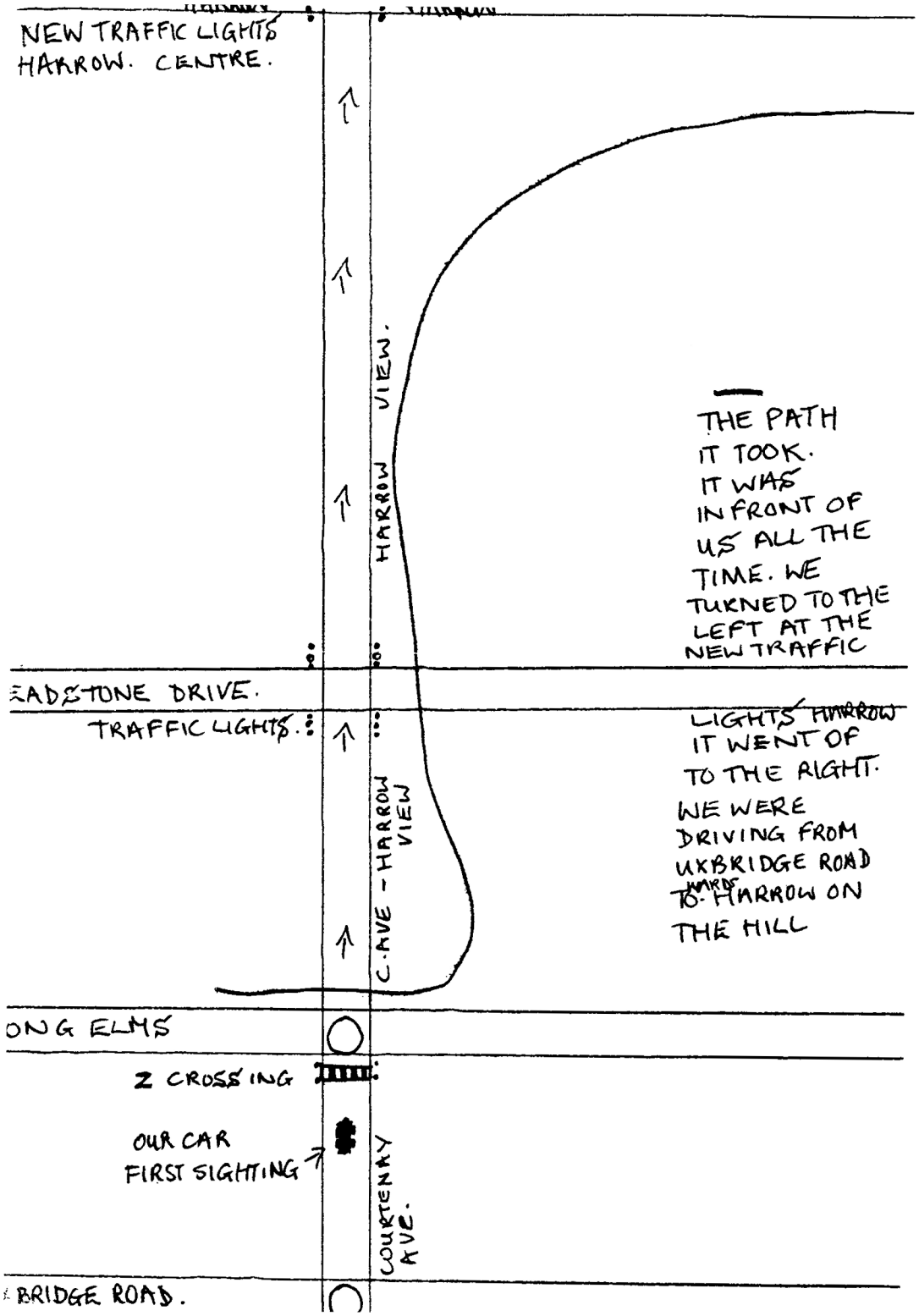

26/11/93.

Dear Section 40

Thanks for all your recent enclosures.

It looks as though Section 40 timing is in trouble over this case since the witness confirms that her car clock was definitely re-set to GMT.

Oh well, good try!

Section 40

E44

Section 40 [redacted]

Dear Section 40 [redacted]

Thank you for your letter. I have drawn another map hoping this will help your enquires.

The answer to you second question - My clock was at the right time, it had been changed in October. The sighting definitely took place at 8.23 pm 5/11/93 and I can assure you it was not an airship. Heathrow had already told me there was one in the sky that night going from Maidenhead to London but it was not the shape, size, coloured red flashing lights allround the bottom and in particular the way it moved. I am 100% certain that was no airship it was a flying saucer, spacecraft. I know what I saw.

If I can help you in any way please contact me

Section 40 [redacted]

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D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
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I have attached one further London report; the details are vague, but I hope it is of some use. As is usual, I wrote to the witness, and suggested that he contact BUFORA and Quest International.

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Section 40

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REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

[redacted], [redacted], [redacted] Hackney E8

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O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
25 1800 NOV 93

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25 November 1993

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks indeed for your letter and enclosures of 22 November.

The reports are most interesting, particularly those of 8 November in the Croydon/Sutton area, since the sighting reported to me by [redacted] (poss. [redacted], the [redacted] who stopped [redacted] to get a better look at the object, occurred on the Croydon border. I have asked him for a more detailed report and drawing, which of course will be forwarded to you in due course.

I enclose a copy of my letter to [redacted] and will forward a copy of their response as soon as I receive it.

I also enclose some recent reports which I received via the BBC World Service, as well as just a very few cuttings from a large batch which I hope to put together at the end of the week.

[redacted] and I very much look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 4 December, at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Most probably we will travel to Elephant & Castle by BR then get the Northern Line to Colliers Wood, but returning home by minicab.

With kind regards,

[redacted]

encl.

Section 40 [redacted]

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Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] (NUJ)

copy: MoD

UNSTABLE GAZETTE
-Beds-

27 OCT 1993

Mystery of UFO sighting

Section 40

ARE flying saucers hovering over Dunstable?

That's the question being asked by a local woman who spotted a strange object on Thursday afternoon.

Margaret Roe, of Ridgeway Avenue, was sitting in her living room when she looked out of her window at about 3.30 pm and saw a UFO in the sky.

She said: "At first I thought it was a balloon, but when I got up to have a closer look it zoomed off."

Mrs Roe described the object as silver or white and round. From the distance it looked a little smaller than a satellite dish, and seemed to be hovering over the Boscombe Road area of town.

By the time Mrs Roe had called her husband over to look at the strange sighting, the object has disappeared.

She said: "I was surprised at its speed."

Bucks. Free Press, High Wycombe

-5 NOV 1993

UFO sighting may have been large airship

Section 40

FINANCE clerk Jennifer Jones swears she saw a UFO hovering above Bourne End, last Thursday night.

The 42-year-old, of Wycombe Lane, Wooburn Green, telephoned the Bucks Free Press to ask if others had seen the saucer-shaped craft flying south over her house.

"It was a flying saucer and I am perfectly sane. It was so low and so big and so bright. I saw it for about ten minutes.

"The whole thing was brightly-lit and was either flying very low or it was flying high and of colossal size."

Marlow police said they had not heard any other reports of visiting aliens. A control tower spokesman at White Waltham Airfield confirmed an airship belonging to Richard Branson's Virgin Lightship Company was flying in the area at the time.

THE POOLE ADVERTISER

4 NOV 1993

No laughing matter

Section 40

THERE'S nothing funny about Ken Johnson – except that he saw a UFO.

But baker Ken of Keeble Road, West Parley is peeved that nobody will take him seriously.

Ken saw the white and green light at either end of a mystery object which hovered in the sky as he cycled to a shop at Parley Cross at around 8 pm on Monday October 18.

Ken 21 said: "It wasn't a plane because it stayed in one position. And it wasn't a helicopter because I got off my bike and listened and there was absolutely no sound."

Suddenly the lights "glided off" and one of two flashing white lights close to the mystery object went out. When Ken came out of the shop he could still see the lights some distance away for two more minutes.

Immediately he returned back home he phoned nearby Hurn Airport but he said: "Nobody was interested. It made me angry." A woman there told him to "put it down to experience".

Then he phoned the police. "They listened but I could hear them laughing," said Ken. "They told me to phone the Echo where someone promised to call me back but never did."

Ken, who three years ago had an all night sighting of three star-like objects, said: "It's a pity people can only laugh when faced with something they don't understand. UFOs may be important. I'd like to hear of anyone else who saw this object."

ASHBOURNE NEWS TELEGRAPH
-Derbyshire-

NOV 1993

UFO evidence lost as film develops blank

Section 40

When Mrs Barbara Phillips of Ednaston spotted a strange flying object, she rushed out with her camera and snapped away.

But uncannily the film when developed was totally blank, even though it also included some of Mrs Phillips' holiday snaps.

Mrs Phillips was in the kitchen looking out of the window when she spotted the strange round craft showing flashing white lights underneath.

"It was still daylight and the thing was flying tree high and making a noise like a wasp. It hovered towards me as I got my camera up, then moved off towards the nursing home. It then came back as if to look at me again and say take another shot.

"It then hovered up the A52 and along towards Ashbourne.

"I had it in my vision for a few minutes and had never seen anything like it before. It wasn't a helicopter or an aeroplane, but was weird and round."

Mrs Phillips was confident of having evidence to prove what she had seen but, strangely, when the film was developed it was totally blank.

"I'd only had the camera a year and had never before had a film failure. Not only did I lose pictures of the craft, but also of my grandson and of a holiday at Mablethorpe."

Nottingham Evening Post

12 NOV 1993

'But did the earth move?

Section 40

A LATE night smooch for two Notts couples in the grounds of a county stately home turned into an out of this world experience.

The young lovers — all in their early 20s — drove to Newstead Abbey for a cuddle under the stars at 3.50am.

Little knowing that only minutes later their passion was to be interrupted by the unexpected landing of a UFO, they claimed.

The startled couples, from Mansfield, watched as the triangular object flew across the grounds at about 30mph before coming to a stop yards from their parked car.

"It hovered 160 yards above us with big white lights and a red, revolving light in the middle and stayed for several minutes," said the driver, who did not want to be named.

"The girls were scared and ran back to the car and we followed them. We watched it as it started to move away and out of the grounds."

But when the couples looked at their watch they realised what they thought was a five-minute experience had lasted an hour.

The bemused lads called on the help of Nottingham hypnoanalyst Rod Piggott to explain their 'missing hour'.

Mr Piggott, based at Porchester Road, Nottingham, hypnotised the men.

Genuine

He said: "One remembered driving to Newstead Abbey and through the gate.

"Under hypnosis, he remembered stopping on the drive and seeing this UFO.

"He said he saw this UFO on his left hand side and a bright light.

"But he couldn't remember any more until he emerged in Mansfield.

"The other lad's story was very similar and I concluded it was genuine."

Mr Piggott, a member of the International Association of Hypno-analysts, said it was rare for two people to hallucinate in the same way.

"I believe they believe what they saw," he said.

Founder of the East Midlands UFO Research Association Anthony James is investigating their case.

For the couples it was an experience they will never forget.

Said the driver: "There's no doubt about what I saw. A lot of people don't believe us, but in my mind I'm convinced.

"We're all shocked by what's happened. We've had many sleepless nights."

UFO WITH CUBAN FLAG'S COLOURS IN HAVANA

Havana, 18 Nov (EFE). Various citizens of Havana saw a UFO today whose red, blue and white colours are the same as those of the Cuban flag and other countries in the area, according to the national radio station, Radio Rebelde. ("Rebel Radio")

A neighbour in the district of Lawton said she had seen a red blue and white, semicircular object around 22:00 hours (03:00 gmt) which was moving sideways and which, little by little, gained height until it disappeared.

Two young residents on the Santa Fé beach, to the west of Havana, also said they had seen the UFO which was brilliant silver and oval shaped and which moved horizontally as before, towards the south.

Another interviewee of the station, this time from the eastern province of Santiago de Cuba, had also observed a flying object, and the details which he gave were similar to those of the two youngsters from Santa Fé.

Section 40 [redacted] astronomy department of the Academy of Sciences, Section 40 [redacted] spoke to EFE about visits to the carribean island by extraterrestrial beings, and said that supposed cases are reported quite frequently but, "there has been no reliable observation that we have made ourselves". EFE

FLYING SAUCER FLIES OVER HUARMEY FOR FIVE HOURS

Lima 29 oct (EFE)
A flying saucer which gave off brilliant lights passed overhead in the northern port of Huarmey and the nearby areas of Malvas, Huayán and Cachapetí for five hours.
The mayor of Malvas, Esteban Cotillo, said that the flying saucer appeared at three o'clock in the morning on Thursday, lighting the sky, and moved around the area for five hours.
Huarmey is 270 kilometres north of Lima, and unidentified flying objects (UFOs) appear frequently in the nearby mountains and the beaches of the port according to the areas inhabitants.

UFO BASE IN HIGHEST MOUNTAINS IN PERU

Lima, 31 Oct (EFE)
Flying saucers have bases in the highest snow-covered peaks of the Cordillera Blanca, a stretch of the Andes in the department of Ancash, north of Lima, claim the inhabitants of its capital, Huaraz.
"El Huascarán", the highest peak in Peru at 7000 metres is found in the Cordillera Blanca and tens of other snowy peaks between 5000 and 6000 metres, along with a series of lagoons from which, according to the inhabitants of the area, emerge the flying saucers.
Witnesses to these phenomena indicate, in statements in today's (Sunday) edition of the Lima newspaper "La República", that after emerging from the lagoon of mount Carhuac, which reaches an altitude of 5000 metres, the unidentified flying objects (UFOs) speed along the mountain range at fantastic velocities.
According to Section 40 [redacted], a UFO was seen to come out of the Carhuac lagoon on Thursday by numerous farmers and shepherds.
Section 40 said that mount Carhuac was lit up with different colours when the UFO rose up from the 5000 metres of the peak.
"For four minutes I watched the UFO rise slowly above the Cordillera Blanca," said Section 40 [redacted] went off to find his camera but when he returned the flying saucer had vanished.
Ten minutes later, what appeared to be the same saucer was seen by another Section 40 [redacted] The UFO gave off brilliant lights and did aseries of acrobatic manouveres said the witness.
The inhabitants of the department of Ancash claim that UFOs have been seen frequently for many years in the area.

NEW THEORIES AND DISCOVERIES WILL BE PRESENTED IN BUDAPEST

Viena, 4 nov (EFE)
About a thousand specialists and researchers of extraterrestrial phenomena will present their new discoveries and theories in this field in the next few days, 5 to 7 of November, in Budapest at the second world conference of UFOs (unidentified flying objescts)
The participants at the congress - the last one was also celebrated in the Hungarian capital - will analyze why it is so difficult to document the visits by the extraterrestrials to our planet, why they don't show themselves more openly to the population, and why UFO hunters have such little success.
The congress will take place in the building of the Tribunal Constitucional.

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Date
26 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 November.

I have to say that the extracts that you quote from my letters are selective; for example, you will recall that I have explained to you on a number of occasions that a radar return does not necessarily indicate the presence of a structured craft; radar returns can be caused by clouds, computer error, interference between two radar systems, Anomalous Propagation, or even by flocks of birds.

In view of the above, your assumption that we have accepted the Belgian UFO sightings as being "unidentified flying objects that are of opacity and substance" is not correct.

In answer to your specific question, Air Defence experts concluded that the Belgian UFO sightings posed no threat to the UK because there was no evidence of any such threat.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

20th November 1993.

Reference: Your letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of 12/11/93.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 12th November.

I note your observation that we have now reached the point where there is little more that you can provide on the questions that I have posed to date.

I suppose that to a degree you are correct. We have come a long way since your original letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 24th February 1993 in which you stated *'the key consideration is evidence, without which a threat to national security cannot be judged to exist. Reports of lights or shapes in the sky cannot be classed as evidence, even if the sightings cannot be positively identified'*

Your admission in letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 29th September 1993 that *'radar will only positively detect a radar wavelength or an object of opacity and substance'* confirms that the NADGE radar detections above Belgium in 1989/90 by Semmerzeke, Glons, and Vedem radars, were indeed confirmation of an unidentified aerial phenomena of opacity and substance. A simple telephone call to NATO would confirm that fact.

Your recent statement in letter D/Sec(AS)12/3 of the 12th November 1993 that *'Although these UFO sightings did indeed occur close to the UK'* finally qualifies the fact that the Ministry of Defence-when these two statements are taken in conjunction-have now accepted (as have the Belgian government), the authenticity of the Belgian phenonena as being unidentified flying objects that are of opacity and substance.

Having, by a slow process of reason, finally reached this conclusion-and as I am quite sure that this is not a question that would contravene national security-I would ask my penultimate question.

It is simply *'By what premise have your specialist Air Defence advisers reached the conclusion that these phenomena are NOT a threat to national security?'*

I would advise that you should inform the Secretary of State for Defence of this correspondence. I have requested Sir Keith Speed MP to table this same question to the Minister in the House of Commons.

For your interest; I have been advised by Egon Klepsch, President of the European Parliament, that my report asking for an enquiry into the Belgian phenonena has now been forwarded to the Petitions Committee for their consideration.

Your reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Section 40 ,

When you telephoned earlier today you asked about a UFO sighting over Palmers Green on 17 November.

Military aircraft would only operate over such an area in exceptional circumstances, such as a flypast, and I am aware of no such activity that might explain what was seen.

There have been a number of recent UFO sightings over the London area. Although I believe that some were generated by people having seen the airship operated by Section 40 a number of people have said that what they saw was not the airship, which they mention that they have seen before. I believe that Section 40 are the sole operator of airships in the UK, but you might like to check this with the CAA, who have to authorise such activity.

If you are interested in obtaining further information on this subject, you might like to contact some of the civilian organisations currently engaged in study of the UFO phenomenon. I am aware that the following groups are looking at the recent London sightings:

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Section 40

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Our position on UFOs is that we believe most could be explained in terms of known objects and phenomena. Having said this, we accept that a small number of sightings appear to defy explanation, and we are open-minded about these.

I would be happy to have a look at the video you mentioned, and to answer any other questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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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:

British UFO Research Association
Section 40
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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,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your report into "The St Austell Sighting", which I found very interesting.

I was interested to hear about the sightings at Probus, and look forward to seeing the details.

Good luck with your research!

Yours sincerely,

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(Devon UFO Research Organisation)

Section 40 - Ufologist

Section 40

M E M O

Our ref: Case No 9316

Your ref:

Date: 22-11-93

To Section 40
MOD (See Civ) 2a.

Dear Section 40

Please find enclosed my report Re: the St Austell Sighting on 29th October 1993. Since this report I have received details of a similar 'event' at Probus Nr Truro. This is a multi witness sighting and photographs were taken - details later.

Kind regards.

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[Devon UFO Research Organisation]

Section 40 [redacted]

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CASE No 9316

'The St Austell Sighting'
29th October 1993

Introduction

The following case details strongly indicate that on Friday 29th October 1993, at approximately 2.20am, a local resident of St Austell, Cornwall, encountered an unidentifiable low flying / hovering object adjacent to his home.

Note. At his request, the name, address and occupation of this person is held in confidence by this organisation. For the benefit of this report he will simple be referred to as 'Charles.

The first details of this report were received by me at 8.15am on the morning of the 29th and came from the Police Control Room at Launceston, Cornwall.

Briefly the details of the encounter were as follows: At 2.27am a young man in his Section 40 [redacted] phoned the police at Launceston and reported seeing an oval shaped object hovering over a sports field at the rear of his home. He described the object as having appeared from the west, at height and then descend towards him in an arc and fly over the roof of a school. Once passed the school the object then came to an abrupt halt and hovered over a sports field. On its approach the object was observed to be a bright silvery light with a greenish hue around it. Once stationary, the bright light diminished completely and the object now took on the form of an oval or disc shaped object with a series of coloured lights situated towards its middle and top

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that were turning in an anti-clockwise direction.
After about five minutes, the object once again 'litup' and then ascended at a fairly fast speed, until lost to sight. Shortly after this the man entered his home, via the back door, and phoned the police.
At 3.01am the police arrived at his home and he was interviewed by two officers (Sgt Section 40 and P.C Section 40 during which time they took a statement and visited the scene of the encounter. He was also tested for the effect of alcohol and found to be sober and in full control of his senses. On departure the police officers took with them some notes prepared by the man and a picture of the object that had been drawn by the young mans sister.

Investigation

Upon receipt of the police report, I telephoned the mans home and firstly spoke to his mother. She was fully aware of the events and explained that Charles was sleeping. After a brief discussion it was agreed that I call back later at which time he would be available to speak to me.
At approximately 8.45am I contacted Charles and he related the following information to me.
On the evening of Thursday 28th October 1993, he had visited an old school friend and they had gone to a local public house for a drink. During the evening he consumed four pints of lager and a single whiskey. With his friend he left the pub at about 11pm and went back to his friends home. For the next three hours or so they sat talking, mostly about old school friends etc. During this time they did not consume any more alcohol of any description. Shortly after 2am (the exact time is not known) Charles left his friends house and walked the short distance to his.
On arrival he found the front door locked and realised that both his mother and two sisters would be in bed. He rang the door bell (once -very quickly) and then proceeded to the rear of the house via a footpath that leads from his road to an adjacent sportsfield and other houses. As he walked around the footpath he was met by the family cat. Charles picked up the cat and on looking up in the sky saw a very bright silvery light approaching from the S.W. The light had a greenish hue around it and moved in an arc towards him,

descending fairly fast. It traversed the roof of a school immediately behind his home and came to an abrupt halt over an adjacent sportsfield. At this point the cat took off and was not seen for some time after the event. Within seconds the bright light went out and he was then observing an oval or disc shaped object. It was completely silent, metallic silver/green in colour and was displaying a series of coloured lights turning in an anti-clockwise direction.

As he stood looking at the object; he felt that he was receiving a telepathic message emanating from the object. The message appears to have been something like "Hello - Greetings - don't be alarmed we are not going to harm you". For the next five minutes, Charles just stood and watched as the object hovered slightly in front of a set of goalposts, approximately 80yds in front of him. During this time he saw a large bird (either a Rook or Crow) approach the object and suddenly fall to the ground. About an hour later, Charles mother and a sister observed from a bedroom window of their house a bird on the ground between the goal posts. However, much later (about 7am) when they visited the area the bird had gone!

After five minutes the bright light suddenly reappeared. Starting at the base of the object it increased in intensity until it became just a very bright light and then ascended at a fairly steady rate into the night sky. At this point Charles entered his home (via the back door) and after a few minutes phoned the police at St Austell. They arrived some thirty minutes later, took a statement from him and visited the site of the encounter. After their departure Charles found that he was unable to settle and felt quite bewildered about the event. During the encounter he had not experienced any fear, in fact quite the opposite, but once the event was over he felt unable to rationalise or fully comprehend what he had seen and this rather disturbed him.

Following my conversation with Charles, I contacted Section 40 of the Plymouth UFO Research Group (PUFORG) and related the mornings events to him. Because of the strangeness of the case, and the effect it appeared to having on Charles, we decided to visit him and the site of the encounter as soon as

possible. Because of work commitments the earliest this could do this was on Sunday 31st

There was little doubt in my mind as to the authenticity of this encounter and felt very strongly that the sighter may need some counselling in order to copewith the experience. Knowing of his present employment status, which broadly is one of a military nature and at a point in his career where he needs as little exposure as possible concerning the event and in many ways protection from not only members of his peer group, but also from the press etc.

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As planned [redacted] and I arrived at St Austell at 11.30am on Sunday 31st and were made very welcome by Charles and his family.

Our plan was to tape record an interview with Charles and follow this with a visit to site of the encounter.

We commenced the interview at approximately 11.45am and Charles related his story to us. With few exceptions this interview was identical to that previously given on the phone on the 29th.

One interesting observation, not previously mentioned, was that as the object approached and indeed on its departure, there appeared to be some defussed light around the craft. Charles described this as seeing rain (it was not raining at the time) through a definite light source i.e. a street light or torch! This I believe could well indicate some kind of electrical/magnetic force field around the craft which may account for the incident with the bird. Did this bird, whilst flying close to the object, receive some kind of electrical discharge that stunned it!

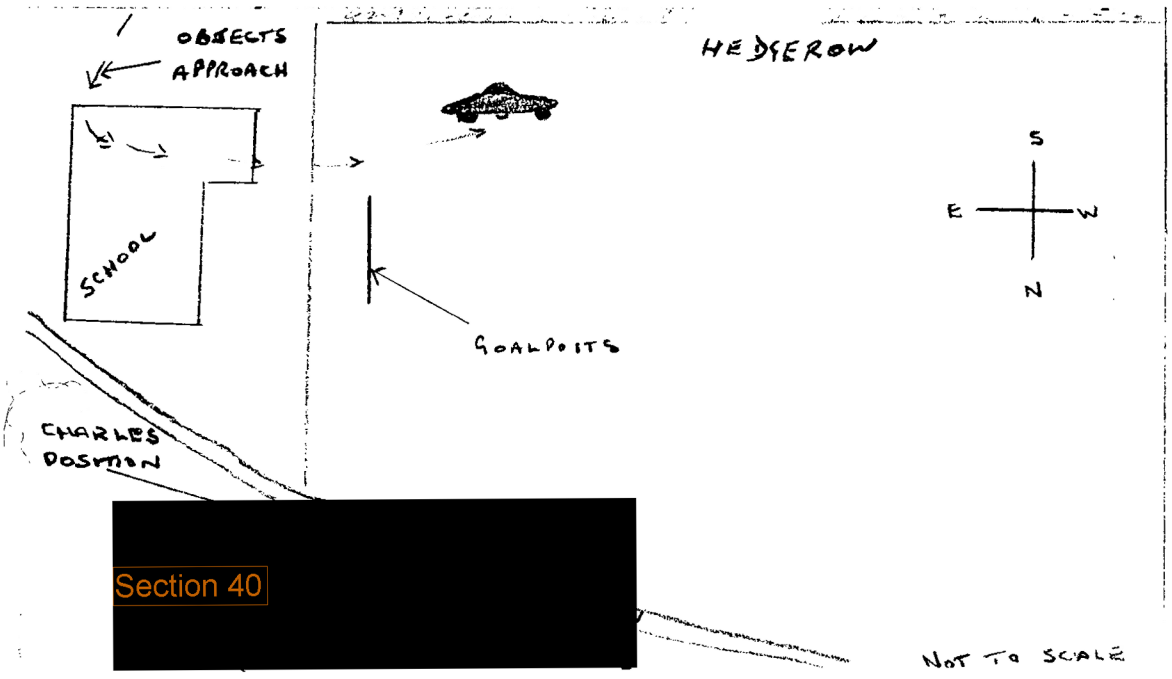
During the interview it was also discovered that whilst in its hovering mode, the object appears to have displayed three protrusions on its base shaped something like 'half rugby balls'. The nearest two were larger than the third, which seemed to be on the far side of the object.

As stated earlier there was no noise associated with the craft, in fact quite the opposite - it was completely silent.

Charles also stated, that prior to the objects departure, the street lights and those of the adjacent school, were clearly visable and definitely on,

but during the encounter they were off.!
His description of the objects arrival and departure were identical to that given earlier, and as an illustration the drawing below depicts the area of the encounter and the objects flight path.
Another interesting point made by Charles, concerns the 'message' received. Although he sensed or felt the message, he does not believe it was meant for him personally. He feels it was a 'general message' for anybody that may have been present or in close proximity.

After our interview we toured the site of the encounter. At the rear of the house is a footpath that runs parallel to the fence on the nearside of the sportsfield. (See drawing) From Charles position at the junction of this footpath and the one that runs along the side of his neighbours house, he had a close view of the school, slightly to his left, and the sportsfield to his front and right. on the opposite side of the field there is a hedgerow which accommodates a number of small fir trees. At the time of the sighting Charles was able to see two fir trees to the right of the object and a lamp standard to its left. On measuring the distance between these two points we were able to estimate the length of the object to that of about 60'. By comparing various other background features, we were able to estimate that the object was probably 20' in height at its central point i.e. the domed section.
A close inspection of the area did not reveal any evidence to suggest the presence of the craft i.e. there were no burn or scorch marks, or broken or damaged trees etc.



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Conclusions

From the outset this sighting had all the indication of a CE11 case. The police report was fairly comprehensive and is I believe being taken as genuine by them.

My first telephone interview with Charles led me to believe that he had definitely encountered something which he had not experienced before and was quite shaken by the event.

He is a young man of above average intelligence, displays a quiet confidence in himself, but outwardly appears to be shy and a little reserved. Like many others that have experienced a very close encounter, he is (as yet) unable to rationalise the event and is experiencing some difficulty with it.

During our interview with him, it was apparent that although he was quite happy to relive the event, what he really wanted was for somebody to explain or at least try to explain, exactly what he had seen. When asked what he thought a ufo was - he replied quite simply that it was a flying object that could not be identified. There were no connotation of 'alien space craft' or visitations by beings - extraterrestrial or otherwise.

The description of the object, both in its approach and hovering mode is indicative of a typical CE11 case. There is no doubt that what was seen was not a conventional aircraft of any description. Its ability to seemingly change shape, all be it by use of a light or energy source, is of course a well documentated phenomenon.

Also the objects ability to stop in mid air is synonymous with many other similar reports and does indicate that it was not any known conventional aircraft.

Given the known facts and assessing the witnesses statement, there is little doubt in my mind that what was seen and experienced on this morning was something out of the ordinary. The description of the objects approach, departure and its ability to silently hover is remarkable enough, and again indicates that this was not a known conventional aircraft.

My assessment of this event, is that, on the night in question a craft of unknown make and origin was seen to approach, hover and then depart from the sportsfield, in such a manner that almost defies belief, yet it undoubtedly

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did so. The witnesses testimony, is in my opinion a true account of the event, which has been relayed by him honestly, and as he perceived it.The events of this night were quite extraordinary and based on the evidence provided indicate the presence of a 'fly object' that cannot be identified. This encounter is a classic CE11 event and should therefore be recorded as such.

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your report into the "King Alfred Sightings", which I found very interesting.

I am happy to provide what assistance I can with any future investigations.

Good luck with your research!

Yours sincerely,

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SOMERSET UFO RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION NETWORK

Section 40 [redacted]

21st November, 1993.

Dear Section 40

When I last spoke to you I mentioned that I would send you a copy of my report on the Stoke St. Gregory/Langport sightings when it was finished. Not one to renege on a promise, the report is enclosed - hope you can make sense of it. I couldn't come to any firm conclusions, and don't like to "best guess" a sighting ("best guesses" are often proven wrong) but I think it is possible that the object may have been a slowly-rotating light-source on, perhaps, a hovering helicopter. This would explain the "object's" movements and shape-distortion. Anyway, it's just a theory. Maybe it was little green men from Alpha Centauri!

Thanks so much for your invaluable assistance. I'm working on two other Taunton sightings at present (the skies of Somerset have been fairly seething this month), so I've no doubt that I'll be harassing you again at some point in the future!

Again, many thanks,

Best wishes,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]
Director of Investigations

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SOMERSET UFO RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION NETWORK

Section 40 [redacted]

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigators: Section 40 [redacted] (for DUFORO/BUFORA) & Section 40 [redacted] (for SUFORIN/BUFORA)

Case Name: King Alfred Sightings

Witness Reports

On the late evening of 3rd August, 1993, a number of independent witnesses in the vicinity of Stoke St. Gregory, nr. Taunton, Somerset, observed a self-luminous aerial object.

The object was apparently first sighted by Section 40 [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] was driving home from work along the A361 Taunton to Glastonbury road. At 22.40, she turned off of the A361 and began to proceed along a narrow but well-surfaced lane (known locally as Cuts Lane) en route to the small hamlet of Curload. Immediately upon entering Cuts Lane, she became aware that a strange "whirring" sound seemed to be emanating from, she believed, her car. The car, however, did not display any signs of engine failure and behaved in an otherwise quite normal manner.

The sky at this time was fairly clear, and to her right she could see the almost-full moon. Almost immediately, however, she also became aware of what she at first believed to be an odd cloud formation through her windscreen and to her left [redacted] then observed that the object was rotating. The object, although she could see no solid form, looked to her like a wheel with light shining from between the spokes. Somewhat alarmed, [redacted] endeavoured to make sense of what she was seeing, and wondered whether or not one of her car wheels was somehow being reflected into the sky; she soon realised that this was definitely not the case.

The lights gave the impression that the object was semi-circular, shaped something like a tortoise (drawing attached), and was rotating in a clockwise direction. She estimated its distance to be between 50-75 yards, and it hovered at an elevation of approximately 35° to 45° to the horizon. The lights had a hazy glow, and were about as bright as car

headlights.

About two minutes later, having passed the King Alfred Memorial, Section 40 reached another road junction and turned right through Athelney towards Curload. At this point she lost sight of the object but sensed that it was behind her. Reaching Stoke St. Gregory some two minutes later, she caught sight of the object again as she turned into Polkes Field. Looking north-easterly, she could see that the object had apparently relocated and was now in the vicinity of Woodhill Terrace, Stoke St. Gregory. Woodhill Terrace is about 1 mile south west of the location of her initial sighting. Reaching her home at approximately 22.45, Section 40 went indoors; frightened by her experience, she did not venture outside again that evening.

At approximately 22.45, Section 40 Stoke St. Gregory, went out of his house to take his dog for a call of nature. Looking up towards the north-east, he saw a "daisy-shaped", self-luminous object which was as bright as the moon (drawing attached). Calling his wife Section 40 and daughter Section 40 14), they watched for about 20 minutes as the object, "as big as a football at arm's length", moved slowly backwards and forwards before becoming stationary at a distance of about 50-100 metres at an elevation of approximately 45° to the horizon. The object was sharply defined and made no noise. At the end of twenty minutes, the object vanished abruptly. At this point, two helicopters were seen and heard in the area by the Section 40

At about 22.50, Section 40 Stoke St. Gregory, hearing the sound of her neighbours talking excitedly in their back garden, went to her bedroom window to see what all the fuss was about. Looking to the north-east, she observed a self-luminous object (drawing attached) about 100 metres away, above some farm buildings. She described what she saw as a circle of white lights, possibly with a further central light, rotating in an anti-clockwise direction. As the lights rotated, they moved slowly a short distance to the right, at first spreading out horizontally then compressing or contracting together again before disappearing (point A). After a few seconds, the lights reappeared at their starting point (point B) in their contracted form and began very slowly repeating a sequence of spreading, contracting, disappearing at point A, reappearing in contracted form at point B, spreading, contracting, disappearing at point A, etc. Like the Section 40 recalls that the object made no sound and was at an elevation of approximately 45° to the horizon. Having watched this display for about 20 minutes Section 40 said that the object, which was the size of a football held at arm's length, suddenly vanished. Section 40 cannot recall whether there was any other aircraft activity in the area at or around the time of the sighting.

An elderly neighbour, Section 40 Stoke St. Gregory, was also alerted to the presence of the object by the sound of his neighbours talking, having left his house to check that his car was locked for the night. Although unwilling to complete a sighting form, Section 40 was kind enough to allow me to interview him informally. He also reported the object as being slow-moving and self-luminous, and at an angle of 45° to the horizon. However, he was of the opinion that the

object could have been up to three or four miles distant. He stated that it reminded him slightly of a World War 2 searchlight reflected upon a cloud base, although he could see no evidence of any searchlight beam, and what clouds there were were few and far between. Again, the object made no sound.

Following the receipt of these reports, Section 40, BUFORA A.I. and DUFORO Chairman, contacted Section 40 at MOD (Air Staff)2a in an attempt to identify the two helicopters seen by the Lawrences. Having promised to do what he could, [redacted] mentioned that there had been another reported sighting that evening. In a signal from RAF Chivenor, under the heading of "Aerial Phenomena", it stated that another couple from Langport, Somerset, had seen a similar object at the time in question. [redacted] as is now normal practice, very helpfully wrote to the couple, informing them of our ongoing investigation, and suggesting that they might like to contact Section 40 [redacted] This they did, and within a few days we received their report to add to our files.

At 10.45 pm, Section 40 [redacted] Langport, Somerset, were in the farmyard attending to their animals when they became aware of a circular series of self-luminous lights, white with a tinge of blue and about as bright as car side-lights, slightly to the north of them at an elevation of 45°-50° to the horizon. Section 40 drawing (attached) bears a remarkable similarity to the drawings of Section 40 and Section 40 [redacted] showing a circular formation of lights with "daisy-petals" radiating from them. For ten minutes, Section 40 Section 40 [redacted] watched as these lights slowly traversed the sky from left to right, widening, then narrowing before disappearing, then reappearing in their compressed form at their starting point again. This sequence was repeated more than once and bears a strong resemblance to the train of events described by Section 40 Again in agreement with the other reports, the object was described by Section 40 [redacted] as being the size of a football held at arm's length. Initially, they had reported a "drumming" sound that they had associated with the object; this, they now believe, was the sound of an extractor fan/s working in a nearby farm building. At the end of the ten minutes, the object suddenly vanished.

Investigation

With all the written reports to hand, Section 40 and I decided that it was time to interview the witnesses in person. The first witness we arranged to meet, Section 40 [redacted], was interviewed on the 17th September at her home. She was quite happy for us to tape our conversation with her, and, as she told us about the events of the evening in question, it soon became apparent that she was good witness material. A young housewife with a lively and intelligent manner, Section 40 description of the sighting did not differ from that which she had entered in her written report; obviously unwilling to lead the witness, we allowed [redacted] to relate her experience with the minimum of interruption, interjecting only when a point needed clarification.

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Although obviously unnerved by her sighting, [redacted] seemed calm and

rational and showed no inclination towards exaggeration. Indeed, she expressed a worry that what she had seen might have been a "flying saucer", wanting to believe that it was a mundane phenomenon with a logical and easily-understood explanation. It is clear to us that, whatever [redacted] saw, she definitely saw something on the night of the 3rd August. Section 40

One area that was discussed was the strange "whirring" sound that had suddenly started within seconds of her seeing the object. She had mentioned this to her husband upon her arrival home; the next morning he examined the car and discovered that there was a broken bracket on the car's exhaust system. In [redacted] own words, the car was "on its last legs", and has since been disposed of for scrap. Unfortunately, this means that we were unable to examine the vehicle - if nothing else, we might have been able to discover whether or not a broken exhaust bracket could have caused the "whirring" noise that [redacted] had reported, for it is conceivable that this noise may have been associated with the aerial object. This, alas, we will never know.

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It is obvious from the reports in hand that the object travelled from the vicinity of Cuts Lane to the higher ground at Woodhill. Our next task was to interview Section 40 [redacted]

Like Section 40 [redacted] is a young housewife and mother. When interviewed, she displayed a phlegmatic and down-to-earth attitude that did much to convince us of her reliability as a witness. Again, we taped our conversation with her and let her relate the events as she remembered them with as little interruption as possible. She appears to have been relatively unaffected by her sighting, merely saying that it was weird and that she'd never seen anything like it before.

One of the most intriguing aspects of this investigation is the series of manoeuvres that the object underwent. Although seeing only a circular series of light sources, [redacted] seemed to be of the opinion that these were attached to a larger, unseen object. This opens up some interesting possibilities (see Conclusions). Section 40

Section 40 [redacted] are a close-knit, working-class family who are utterly bewildered by what they have seen. In the words of Section 40 [redacted] "It's the most strangest thing we have ever seen. And very difficult to explain." Again, I am utterly convinced of their reliability as witnesses. The only "mileage" that they would seem to require from this investigation is an eventual explanation for the phenomenon in question. It is worth pointing out that Section 40 [redacted] did not observe the object for the full twenty minutes: she fled indoors when it appeared to be moving closer towards them, and admits to having been scared at the time.

Section 40 [redacted] is a rather pleasant, elderly gentleman in his Section 40 or thereabouts. Although unwilling to put pen to paper, he gave me a brief verbal resume of events from his point of view. Apart from the discrepancy over distance, his account tallies with those of his neighbours. He had remarked upon a similarity between the object and the effect of a searchlight beam; upon leaving, I asked him if he

believed that this was, after all, what he had witnessed. He seemed rueful, and said that he didn't know what it was that he had seen. Section 40 Section 40 gives the impression that he is really rather embarrassed by it all, and would rather, frankly, that it hadn't happened to him!

One point that, to my mind, adds to the credibility of the case is that Section 40 was unaware of the witnesses at Section 40 and vice versa. Certainly, there is no sign of conspiracy. The eventual arrival of the sighting details from Section 40 at Langport was convincing proof to me that an object of some description was seen on August 3rd.

Section 40 seem a very pleasant couple in their Section 40 They Section 40 outskirts of Langport and list amongst their interests "anything to do with the countryside, wildlife, etc.". They obviously went to a great deal of trouble to make their sighting form as accurate and comprehensive as possible, often clarifying "tick where appropriate" boxes with extra information. They, too, are intrigued by what they saw, even going so far as to contact RAF Chivenor in their quest for an explanation.

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In the wake of these reports, and I began checking various possibilities. One point that we chased up immediately was the helicopters seen by Section 40 after the object had vanished. Unfortunately (and despite Section 40 assistance) we have been unable to ascertain whether or not these were civilian or military.

Soon after the event, I telephoned Air Traffic Control at RNAS Yeovilton, this being the nearest military installation to the scene of the sighting. Although pleasant and helpful, the gentleman I spoke to was unable to provide me with any information that might explain the sightings, their records showing no anomalies or UFO reports on the night in question.

I next contacted various police stations in the area. After consulting my O.S. maps, I made an estimate of the object's position and concluded that it was probably somewhere between Stoke St. Gregory and Street, Somerset. Accordingly, I initially concentrated upon contacting police stations in those particular areas. I received a generally helpful response, but the records for the evening of the 3rd August revealed nothing that could explain the phenomenon we were investigating. It had occurred to me that there may have been a laser-show or similar in the vicinity, but neither I nor the police can find any record of such an event taking place.

Conclusions

The descriptions of the object given by Section 40 and Section 40 are, as stated earlier, intriguingly similar. Having given their accounts some thought, it occurred to me that what they were describing sounded remarkably like the description of a cluster of lights upon the rim of a rotating object, possibly a disc or a sphere. This would both explain the left-to-right movement of the lights and their periodic

disappearance and reappearance. It would also explain why the lights themselves appeared to contract-expand-contract, and why Section 40 stated that he thought the lights were "moving backwards and forwards". This, of course, is pure hypothesis, but poses the interesting question: if the visible lights were part of an unseen object, how big must the entire object have been?

Not having an accurate idea of distance/height, it is impossible to ascertain the size of the object. However, I feel it is safe to say that the sighting involved an object of some considerable size, certainly more than 10 metres in diameter, and possibly much bigger. Having checked through my files, I can find no record of any object with the same "daisy-pattern" of lights. Although the night of 3rd August was generally clear and with good visibility, it is conceivable that the "petal"-effect may have been caused by rays of light from the light-source glowing through mist; it is also possible that the object was generating a mist or vapour that created this visual effect.

It is worth pointing out at this juncture that the initial sighting at Cuts Lane took place on, or very near to, the Michael Line. There has, of course, always been much speculation about the incidence of UFO sightings along this particular ley line. I would personally draw no conclusions from this, but feel that it is a fact that may be worthy of note.

To conclude, it is apparent that on the night of 3rd August, 1993, the area of Stoke St. Gregory was visited by a self-luminous, hovering/slow-moving object of indeterminate origin. Unless or until further information comes to hand, it appears that this object must remain unidentified.

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me the video recording of the UFO that you saw recently.

I have had an initial look, but have to say that no obvious explanation springs to mind. Of course, it is very difficult to be precise about details such as size and height when looking at a light in the night sky. It is possible that it was a light on a helicopter which was hovering; if seen from head on, these can appear very bright, and be seen over long distances. I suppose it is also just possible that the object was Venus, or another planet or star, with its brightness increased by atmospheric conditions. In any case, the magnitude of Venus varies considerably; at its brightest, it is many times brighter than any other star or planet.

I will pass the tape around, and if we have any other ideas, I will let you know. In the meantime, I hope that Quest International come up with some answers.

Once again, thank you for reporting what you saw, and for copying the tape.

Yours sincerely,

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QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY) .....

SIGHTING DETAILS

DATE 13/11 /93 DAY SATURDAY TIME APPROX 0015 HRS AM/~~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)

FIRST SEEN BY MY SON Section 40 FROM .....

OUTSIDE MY HOME. Section 40 ARBORETUM. .....

.....

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

1) FIRST SEE BY MY SON Section 40

2) .....

3) .....

4) .....

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

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

AT APPROX 0015 HRS ON 13/11/93 MY SON REQUESTED ME TO GO INTO THE STREET OUTSIDE MY HOME. ON GOING INTO THE STREET HE TOLD ME TO LOOK AT A VERY SHINNING OBJECT OR LIGHT IN THE SKY. WE ASKED EACH OTHER QUESTIONS BUT COULD NOT REALLY COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS RE THE LIGHT? MY SON RETURN TO HIS HOME. I RETURNED TO WATCH TELEVISION. WHILST WATCHING THE TELEVISION FILM THINGS GOT THE BETTER OF ME. I WENT INTO MY BACK GARDEN TO CHECK IF THE LIGHT WAS STILL ON. IT WAS. ON THE THIRD OCCASSION I TOOK MY VIDEO CAMRA.

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	[ ]

CANAL TWO STREETS AWAY.
RAILWAY LINES AT BOTTOM OF STREET.
I HAVE SEEN HEARD A AREOPLANES FLYING OVER MY HOUSE ON MANY OCCASSIONS.

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

ON VIDEO CASSETTE

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

NORTH

WEST EAST

SOUTH

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.

MY HOME IS WORCESTER CITY CENTRE, THE OBJECT WAS IN THE DIRECTION OF EVESHAM/PERSHORE (SAME HEIGHT AND POSITION FOR THE WHOLE OF MY OBSERVATION. (DIRECTION S.E?).

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

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

REMAINED IN THE SAME POSITION DURING MY OBSERVATION. (I OBSERVED THE OBJECT FOR WELL OVER ONE HOUR.

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

.....N/A.....

.....

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:

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N/A

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HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON VISIBLE FOR: SECONDS ____ MINUTES ____ HOURS ONE +

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

I HEARD A NOISE WHICH SOUNDED LIKE VERY BIG BLADES WHIRLING. (BUT I FELT THE NOISE WAS TO CLOSE FOR THE OBJECT I FELT WAS TO FAR AWAY.

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

HITACHI. E31E x8 200M.

FILM. HITACHI P5-30 SE 8

THE DATE ON MY VIDEO IS CORRECT BUT I FAILED TO MOVE THE TIME BACK ON THE CHANGE OVER RECENTLY.

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) VERY BRIGHT. AT LEAST 4 TIMES BRIGHTER THAN THE NORTH STAR IF NOT BRIGHTER.

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 [ ]

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

ONE OBJECT ONLY.

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) .....

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 [ ]

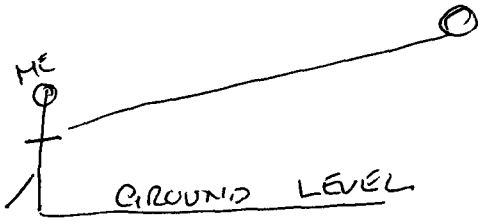
HOW FAR WAS THE OBJECT FROM YOUR OBSERVATION POSITION: (PLEASE TRY AND ESTIMATE)

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

OTHER (PLEASE STATE) THE OBJECT WAS VERY HIGH BUT LOWER THAN ANY OF THE STARS I COULD SEE.

ANGLE OF SIGHTING

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



ANGLE .....

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:

.....

..... N/A .....

.....

6.

PLEASE TRY AND DESCRIBE ANY COLOURS YOU NOTICED ON THE OBJECT (INCLUDING LIGHT FORMATIONS):

AS SEEN ON VIDEO

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

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

N/A

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

DID ANY ANIMAL DISTURBANCE OCCUR: IF YES PLEASE STATE BARKING DOGS

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

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

SIGNED [redacted] DATE 19/11/93

INVESTIGATOR [redacted] DATE / /

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO: THE DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS,

[redacted]

THE ORGANISATION ALSO RUNS A 24 HOUR UFO REPORT/INFORMATION TELEPHONE LINE:

[redacted]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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
24 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Section 40 evaluation of Section 40 107 and 108. I have no real comments other than to suggest that you might get Section 40 a London A to Z map as an early Christmas present!

I have attached a further London report which I forgot to send with the ones that I sent in my previous letter.

I hope this is helpful. Good luck with your investigations!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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3.	Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	Outside, walking by River Thames between Henley and Hambleden Loch
4.	How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Naked eye
5.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	N/k
6.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Treetop height
7.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	See para 8
8.	Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Appeared to hover, "but not like helo", then flash across sky in an instant, almost as if disappearing + reappearing. V close, then 10 miles away.
9.	Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	N/k
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)	River Thames

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS)2a
12. Name & address of informant	REDACTED ON ORIGINAL [redacted]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	See para 17
14. Other witnesses	4 other family members
15. Date and time of receipt	29th October, c 3 pm
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	N/k
17. Remarks	Considered himself to be a complete sceptic, and wasn't interested in details of UFO groups. Told me he'd considered other explanations (searchlights / lasers etc) but has no other explanation aside from believing it was from another planet. Was amazed nobody else had reported it - I understood to ring him in a week or so to let him know if any other reports received. Seemed very rational + intelligent.

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec (AS)2a

Section 40

20/11/93.

Dear Section 40

Thanks you for your recent evaluations and literature on the 'Sun-Energy Balloon'.

I'm forwarding herewith case evaluations on Section 40 107/108. for your files.

I note your request for the Mitcham case file - I'll send this on to you ASAP. (I'm snowed under at the moment!)

Yours. Section 40

To:
Section 40 [redacted]

From:
Section 40 [redacted]

Tel/FAX: [redacted]

18. 11. 93

Dear Section 40

Things are happening in London faster than we can keep track of them all! It certainly looks like being a traditional 'flap'; so perhaps we should alert all skywatch units (like Section 40 [redacted], if you haven't already done that. I'll give you some timing information which might make the skywatches more fruitful, after I've dealt with the recent Streatham and Harrow cases.

In evaluating these (and other) Greater London cases, I have had difficulty in locating the side streets mentioned by the witnesses, because my Greater London map only names the main thoroughfares. The postal codes help but they're not always given. Even when a main road is mentioned, the location of the witnesses on a very long road is extremely important. In your evaluation of the size of the object in the Greenwich case, for example, you have assumed Greenwich Park to be only 500m from the witnesses, whereas scaling from my map places the centre of the park almost 2 miles from the New Cross Tube Station. Since the witnesses live on the road which passes that station, I assumed that 2 miles was reasonable approximation for the location of the park given that the object had been over that area. So this is an appeal for as much detailed information as possible, please.

Evaluations

CASE 107: Domed Disc over Streatham.

Though I haven't been able to locate Pendennis Road on the map, I know from the postal code that the event was observed from the Streatham Common area. The low flying object of large proportions was seen, to the south, moving from East to West. This route, presumably, would have taken it to Wimbledon Common and then to Richmond Park. Any other witnesses? If it had been yet another airship then there would have been many witnesses of it: but, if one of the ET variety, not necessarily. The ET devices are clearly not bound by Newtonian laws of motion, but, believe me Section 40 [redacted] devices they almost certainly are.

There is very little more which can be deduced from this report, except that the shape is 'traditional UFO' and that the timing fits the astronautical model precisely. The event shares the same 53-degree, 2130 hours RA track option with Section 40 [redacted] 97, 99 (Chertsey end) and 103.

CASE 108: Disc over Harrow

Again, the actual location of the witnesses, in their car, is not clear. Presumably, they were driving southwards from Uxbridge Road towards Harrow-on-the-Hill.
If the object left the scene while it was to the witnesses' right and ahead of them, over Harrow, it could have been heading for Northolt, the M4 and Heathrow Airport: but all this depends on where I believe the witnesses were at the time of the sighting. If, for example, they had been heading in a south-easterly direction, the object could just as well have been heading for Central London. Another airship? My comments on Case 107 apply equally-well in this case.
Again, a traditional UFO is described, but the timing would have been better had the event occurred 20 mins later or 1 hour earlier: and this leads me to wonder whether the witnesses' car clock had not been corrected from BST to GMT. (My own car clock remained unaltered for at least a fortnight after the date of the change). This is important because, if the event had occurred at 19.23 GMT instead, the 53-degree track relating to Case 107 (and all those others listed) could have been involved. Indeed, that track is beginning to look like a favoured option within the context of the recent London scenario.

--- End of Evaluation ---

Now I want to share a few observations about the overall pattern which seems to be emerging in this 'flap'.

I have noticed that the South London areas of Wandsworth, Streatham, Upper Norwood and Greenwich lie on the fringes of a 5-miles radius circle which is centred at the major road junction adjacent to The Oval. Kensington, the scene of one of your earlier reports, would also be on the fringe of that circle. Furthermore, if we take a high-altitude view of Greater London and project the lines of the major roads converging onto the city centre, we find that those lines converge into the area surrounding that same junction. At night those major roads would be like rivers of light and very noticeable from high altitude. In other words, the roads could be used to identify a navigational reference point which could be referred to, time and time again, by automated probes equipped with artificial intelligence.
Time and time again we have had reports, from all over the world, of large objects (or lights) hovering for some time while discharging smaller objects (or lights) which have flown out radially from the central object and returned to it some time later. The implication is that the small objects gather information about the surrounding areas.

If the witnesses in Section 40 103 (Wandsworth) had been looking north-east rather than due east (as reported), they could very well have been watching a similar performance taking place over The Oval. Notionally, follow-up activities have since occurred in August (Upper Norwood), October (Greenwich) and November (Streatham).
A further observation was triggered by rememberance of the Rickmansworth case of 1988. The policeman I interviewed over the telephone reported that one of the hovering lights suddenly shot towards him and passed over his head, travelling at very high speed in the direction of Central London. On studying the map again I noticed that that object could have been flying in a straight line towards The Oval, via Harrow-on-the-Hill.
In other words, it could have been following a predetermined path and heading for the navigational reference point from which, perhaps, it would have been retrieved by the next scheduled orbiter. This kind of activity, if real, requires precise timing and that is why it tends to follow my timing lines very closely (in fact, its reality was the reason for my being able to define them in the first place).

Now, all this leads me to speculate that the information gathering already witnessed could lead to at least one CE4 in the very near future. Reference to my timing graph for Greater London indicates that there are several CE4 'opportunity windows' during what remains of this month and in December. The most likely ones are:-

November ---	25th - 30th	19.30 to 20.20 GMT
	around 28th	05.00 to 06.00 GMT
	around 30th	17.50 to 19.00 GMT
December ---	around 20th	17.50 to 19.10 GMT
	around 25th	03.00 to 04.10 GMT
	around 28th	17.00 to 20.30 GMT

} watch out for these dates!

So -- be prepared for a very busy Christmas-time Section 40 There could be more additions to your contactees' club in the very near future.

Hope you find all this stimulating. Please keep the info flowing and --- by the way --- what do you do with all this stuff after you've read it? Bin it? I know full well that your 'UFO world view' is very different from my own; and sometimes I feel quite sorry that so much of my response material is unequivocally in favour of the unthinkable ETH.

By the way -- I didn't understand the request from South London Press, but perhaps the attached copy of my 'Notes for Journalists' might be sufficient, if you would be good enough to pass them on to whoever asked the question.

Best wishes,

Section 40

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

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

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
23 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object 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 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:

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

Recycled Paper

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

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Section 40
CPR International
Section 40
USA

Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 23 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

When we spoke last week you asked me about UFO sightings near the River Thames. I have attached copies of recent sightings in London and the South East, and although one of these occurred by the Thames, I think this was before the period you mentioned. I have deleted personal details of the witnesses, although I suggested that they contact Quest International and BUFORA. My first thought was that these sightings were generated by people having seen the Section 40 Section 40 airship, which has been operating over London recently. As you will see, however, two of the witnesses made the specific point that what they saw was not the airship, which they state they have seen on a previous occasion.

As I mentioned, reports come to us in a number of ways, and if they are sent through the post, they can sometimes arrive some time after the actual sighting, especially if the report was not made straight away. If I do get any further reports associated with the Thames, I will send you copies.

I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your research. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	N/k
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Treetop height
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	See para 8
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Appeared to hover, "but not like helo", then flash across sky in an instant, almost as if disappearing + reappearing. V close, then 10 miles away.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	N/k
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)	River Thames

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13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	see para 17
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16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	N/k
17. Remarks	Considered himself to be a complete sceptic, and wasn't interested in details of UFO groups. Told me he'd considered other explanations (searchlights / lasers etc) but has no other explanation aside from believing it was from another planet. Was amazed nobody else had reported it - I undertook to ring him in a week or so to let him know if any other reports received. Seemed very rational + intelligent.

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	2030 - 2050 5 Nov 93
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Spinning top and cup on top. Lights flashing - windows. Different colours, pink, blue, white and red, green.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside Gradual descent
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Eye
E.	Direction in which object first seen (a landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Moving West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	20 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Reference to house opposite, 2500-3500 ft ht. Distance not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Tilted and turned away toward the west.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Weather good, dry.
K.	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)	House opposite.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Nr Slough [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Family (Husband and 2 sons)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	052050Z Nov 93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. 8 Nov 1993 1945
B. Circular object, white lighting, no sound
C. [redacted] Sutton, Surrey
D. Naked Eye
E. East
F. Very Low behind 10 story block of flats
G. Not Known
H. East to West (Sutton to Croydon)
J. Clear below cloud.
K. 10 story flats
L. NATS/MSU CAA House [redacted] Sutton, Surrey [redacted]
M. [redacted]
N. None but has seen an airship previously.
O. None
P. 1610 9 November 1993

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FOR CAB

ROUTINE 111430Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 082005Z NOV 93. 5 MINS
B. ONE, LARGE, WHITE, SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS ALL ROUND THE SIDE. LARGER THAN AN AIRCRAFT AND NOT AN AIRSHIP
C. OUTDOORS, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. 400 YARDS
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. OFFICE BUILDING
L. ADLESTON POLICE [redacted]. ESHER, SURREY,
M. [redacted]

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O. TWO OTHERS
P. 113002 NOV 93
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING. 8 NOV '93, 6PM, 5 MINS.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
~~Number~~ ONE OBJECT
~~Size~~ LOOKED ALIKE TO SATURN WITH OUTSIDE RING.
~~Shape~~ HAD LIGHTS FLASHING LEFT & RIGHT OF DISC. (WHITE
~~Colours~~ RED LIGHT ON RIGHT SIDE ONLY.
~~Brightness~~ FLASHING WHITE LIGHTS ON TOP OF OBJECT.
~~Sound~~ STILL RED LIGHT ON BOTTOM.
~~Smell~~

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location ISLINGTON.
~~Indoors~~/~~Outdoors~~
~~Stationary~~/~~Moving~~

D. ~~HOW OBSERVED.~~
Naked eye / ~~Binoculars~~ / ~~Other optical device~~ /
~~Still or cine camera~~

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN. S TO SE of ISLINGTON
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT. (Estimated heights are unreliable) LOW MOON.

G. DISTANCE. (By reference to a known landmark if possible)
OVERHEAD HOXTON, ISLINGTON.

H. MOVEMENT. SLOW.
Steady MOVED DIAGONALLY TO RIGHT & DOWNWARDS.
Changing THEN FORWARDS TO LEFT. DISSAPEARED BEHIND A
Erratic CHIMNEY. RE-APPEARED DIFFERENT SHAPE (SMALLER)
DISSAPERED INTO DISTANCE.

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC. TOWN AREA.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police 999, ISLINGTON POLICE STATION,
Military Organisation HEATHROW, HEATHROW CONTROL ROOM,
The Press BRITISH AVIATION AUTHORITY, AMERICAN EXPRESS, CARLTON TV.

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. [redacted] REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
INFORMED HER IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN AIRSHIP BUT SHE JUST WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE IN CASE SHE WAS GOING MAD!

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
NIL

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
8 NOV '93, 1900L,

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 2045Z NOV 10-15 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape CIRCULAR
Colours
Brightness SHIMMERING
Sound NOTHING
Smell

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location HARROW ON THE HILL
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police,
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
[redacted], Harrow
[redacted]

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
08 1130Z NOV 93

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 0845Z NOV 93 10 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size —
Shape DAZZER
Colours BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHTS
Brightness
Sound —
Smell —

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors WALKING
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing SLOW
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
[redacted], HAZELMERE Bucks
[redacted]

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
DAUGHTER

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT
06 0913Z NOV 93

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 1805 NOV 1 MIN

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape DOME
Colours WHITE LIGHT
Brightness V/BRIGHT
Sound
Smell NIL

OVER HYDE PARK

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving DRIVING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady SLOW
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation NIL
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted], [redacted], LONDON NW3

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES. [redacted]

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE,TIME,DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 2045Z NOV 93 5 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number ONE
Size 200' LONG
Shape SAUCER SHAPE
Colours –
Brightness TWO LIGHTS – WHITE - FLASHING
Sound –
Smell –

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location [redacted] CAVERSHAM NORTH READING
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving WALKING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)
1 MILE

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing STATIONARY
Erratic

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION.
Moving clouds
Haze / Mist CLOUDY

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted] CAVERSHAM

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
04 2340Z NOV 93

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
22 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

As promised, please find attached details of recent sightings that have occurred in London and the South East. Although I have deleted the personal details of the witnesses, I suggested that they contact BUFORA and Quest International.

My first thought was that these sightings were generated by people having seen the airship. What is interesting, however, is that two of the witnesses specifically mention that what they saw was not the airship, which they state that they have seen on a previous occasion.

As I mentioned, I believe that Section 40 are the sole operator of airships over the UK. This would be easy to check, as CAA authority is needed to fly an airship of any kind over the UK.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	Monday 25th October ; c 8pm ; c 20 mins
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	One structured craft, covered in white lights. Red flashing light at one end. Shaped like a sci-fi movie flying saucer. No sound.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	Outside, walking by River Thames between Henley and Hambleden Lock
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	Naked eye
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	N/k
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	Treetop height
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	See para 8
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Appeared to hover, but not like helo", then flash across sky in an instant, almost as if disappearing + reappearing. V close, then 10 miles away.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	N/k
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)	River Thames

11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	Sec (AS)2a
12. Name & address of informant	REDACTED ON ORIGINAL [redacted]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	see para 17
14. Other witnesses	4 other family members
15. Date and time of receipt	29th October, c 3 pm
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	N/k
17. Remarks	Considered himself to be a complete sceptic, and wasn't interested in details of UFO groups. Told me he'd considered other explanations (searchlights / lasers etc) but has no other explanation aside from believing it was from another planet. Was amazed nobody else had reported it - I undertook to ring him in a week or so to let him know if any other reports received. Seemed very rational + intelligent.

Section 40 [redacted]

Sec (AS)2a

ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	2030 - 2050 5 Nov 93
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Spinning top and cup on top. Lights flashing - windows. Different colours, pink, blue, white and red, green.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside Gradual descent
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Eye
E.	Direction in which object first seen (a landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Moving West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	20 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Reference to house opposite, 2500-3500 ft ht. Distance not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Tilted and turned away toward the west.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Weather good, dry.
K.	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)	House opposite.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops

REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Nr Slough [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Family (Husband and 2 sons)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	052050Z Nov 93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	

FEED DIRECTION

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ROUTINE 111430Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 082005Z NOV 93. 5 MINS
B. ONE, LARGE, WHITE, SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS ALL ROUND THE SIDE. LARGER THAN AN AIRCRAFT AND NOT AN AIRSHIP
C. OUTDOORS, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. 400 YARDS
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. OFFICE BUILDING
L. ADLESTON POLICE [redacted]. ESHER, SURREY,
M. [redacted]

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N.
O. TWO OTHERS
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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. 8 Nov 1993 1945
B. Circular object, white lighting, no sound
C. [redacted] Sutton, Surrey
D. Naked Eye
E. East
F. Very Low behind 10 story block of flats
G. Not Known
H. East to West (Sutton to Croydon)
J. Clear below cloud.
K. 10 story flats
L. NATS/MSU CAA House [redacted] Sutton, Surrey [redacted]
M. [redacted]
N. None but has seen an airship previously.
O. None
P. 1610 9 November 1993

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING. 8 NOV '93, 6PM, 5 MINS.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
~~Number~~ ONE OBJECT AS LARGE AS LOW-FULL MOON. GLOWED,
~~Size~~ LOOKED ALIKE TO SATURN WITH OUTSIDE RING.
~~Shape~~ HAD LIGHTS FLASHING LEFT & RIGHT OF DISC. (WHITE
~~Colours~~ RED LIGHT ON RIGHT SIDE ONLY.
~~Brightness~~ FLASHING WHITE LIGHTS ON TOP OF OBJECT.
~~Sound~~ STILL RED LIGHT ON BOTTOM.
~~Smell~~

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location ISLINGTON.
~~Indoors~~/~~Outdoors~~
~~Stationary~~/~~Moving~~

D. ~~HOW OBSERVED.~~
Naked eye / ~~Binoculars~~ / ~~Other optical device~~ /
~~Still or cine camera~~

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN. S TO SE OF ISLINGTON
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT. (Estimated heights are unreliable) LOW MOON.

G. DISTANCE. (By reference to a known landmark if possible)
OVERHEAD HOXTON, ISLINGTON.

H. MOVEMENT. SLOW.
Steady MOVED DIAGONALLY TO RIGHT & DOWNWARDS.
Changing THEN FORWARDS TO LEFT. DISSAPEARED BEHIND A
Erratic CHIMNEY. RE-APPEARED DIFFERENT SHAPE (SMALLER)
DISSAPEARED INTO DISTANCE.

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC. TOWN AREA.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police 999, ISLINGTON POLICE STATION,
Military Organisation HEATHROW, HEATHROW CONTROL ROOM,
The Press BRITISH AVIATION AUTHORITY, AMERICAN EXPRESS, CARLTON TV.

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. [redacted]
REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
WAS VOLUNTEERED.

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
INFORMED HER IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN AIRSHIP BUT SHE JUST WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE IN CASE SHE WAS GOING MAD!

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
NIL

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
8 NOV '93, 1900L,

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 2045Z NOV 10-15 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape CIRCULAR
Colours SHIMMERING
Brightness
Sound NOTHING
Smell

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location HARROW ON THE HILL
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police,
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL [redacted], Harlow
[redacted]

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
08 1130Z NOV 95

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 0845Z NOV 93 10 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size —
Shape SAUCER
Colours BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHTS
Brightness
Sound —
Smell —

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors WALKING
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing SLOW
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
[redacted], HAZELMERE Bucks
[redacted]

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
DAUGHTER

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT
06 0913Z NOV 93

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 1605 NOV 1 MIN

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape DOME
Colours WHITE LIGHT
Brightness V/BRIGHT
Sound
Smell NIL

OVER HYDE PARK

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving DRIVING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady SLOW
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation NIL
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted], [redacted], LONDON NW3

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES. [redacted]

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 2045Z NOV 93 5 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number ONE
Size 200' LONG
Shape SAUCER SHAPE
Colours –
Brightness TWO LIGHTS – WHITE - FLASHING
Sound –
Smell –

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location [redacted] CAVERSHAM NORTH READING
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving WALKING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)
1 MILE

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing STATIONARY
Erratic

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION.
Moving clouds
Haze / Mist CLOUDY

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted] [redacted] CAVERSHAM

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
04 2340Z NOV 93

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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
22 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you and Ms Patterson saw in the sky in the early hours of Saturday 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 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:

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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F30

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
19 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

The authorities at RAF Manston have passed me details of the strange signal that you heard recently. I was interested to hear of your experience, and suggest that you contact some of the organisations that are engaged in the study of the UFO phenomenon. I suggest the following groups:

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

Recycled Paper

F29

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
19 November 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange light that you saw in the sky yesterday 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 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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Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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

Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange glowing object that you saw in the sky yesterday 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. In this instance I wonder whether a meteorite or some sort of fireball might have been what was seen. 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:

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

Additionally, there is a local group called the Plymouth UFO Research Group, who can be contacted at Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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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
18 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Section 40 108.

My first thought when looking at any report with this sort of description is that the witnesses saw the Section 40 airship, which has been operating over London in recent weeks, and was certainly over London on 5 November. Although the shape and number of lights do not correspond exactly to the airship, this might (as I suggested for Section 40 107) be due to the object having been seen through the glass windscreen of a moving car, with the driver being unable to concentrate exclusively on the object, as she was driving. Having said this, Section 40 telephoned me after this sighting, and was insistent that it was not the airship; interestingly, she has seen the airship on several occasions, so should have a good idea of what it would look like.

If the object seen was not the Section 40 airship, then I do not know what else it could be; I am not aware that anybody else operates airships of a different type over the UK - my understanding is that CAA approval is needed for this, and that Section 40 are currently the only company operating airships over the UK.

Given the interesting nature of this case, and the large number of current sightings in London, I have attached copies of other reports we have which might help with your investigations; as you will see, one is from Harrow-on-the-Hill on 5 November. I have deleted personal details, in line with our rules on witness confidentiality, but have passed details of BUFORA to each of these witnesses, some of whom may already have contacted you. I remain of the view that the airship remains a potential explanation, but you will note that two of these other reports mention that the witness was insistent that the object was not an airship, which one witness had seen on a previous occasion.

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

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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ANNEX A TO
SOP 502

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of sighting	2030 - 2050 5 Nov 93
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape colour, brightness)	Spinning top and cup on top. Lights flashing - windows. Different colours, pink, blue, white and red, green.
C.	Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary, moving	Outside Gradual descent
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Eye
E.	Direction in which object first seen (a landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	Moving West
F.	Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	20 degrees
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Reference to house opposite, 2500-3500 ft ht. Distance not known.
H.	Movements (Changes in E,F & H may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Tilted and turned away toward the west.
J	Met Conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)-----	Weather good, dry.
K.	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)	House opposite.
L.	To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	AF Ops

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M.	Name and Address of Informant	[redacted] Nr Slough [redacted]
N.	Background of Informant that may be volunteered	
O.	Other Witnesses	Family (Husband and 2 sons)
P.	Date, Time of Receipt (in AFOR)	052050Z Nov 93
Q	Any Unusual Meteorological Conditions	None
R.	Remarks:	

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. 8 Nov 1993 1945
B. Circular object, white lighting, no sound
C. [redacted] Sutton, Surrey
D. Naked Eye
E. East
F. Very Low behind 10 story block of flats
G. Not Known
H. East to West (Sutton to Croydon)
J. Clear below cloud.
K. 10 story flats
L. NATS/MSU CAA House
M. [redacted] Sutton, Surrey [redacted]
[redacted]
N. None but has seen an airship previously.
O. None
P. 1610 9 November 1993

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

CWX030 11/1946 315C2341

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 111430Z NOV 93

FROM RAF WEST DRAYTON
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D
SIC Z6F
SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
A. 082005Z NOV 93. 5 MINS
B. ONE, LARGE, WHITE, SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS ALL ROUND THE SIDE. LARGER THAN AN AIRCRAFT AND NOT AN AIRSHIP
C. OUTDOORS, MOVING
D. NAKED EYE
E. N/K
F. N/K
G. 400 YARDS
H. STEADY
J. CLEAR
K. OFFICE BUILDING
L. ADLESTON POLICE [redacted], ESHER, SURREY,
M. [redacted]

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[redacted]
N.
O. TWO OTHERS
P. 113002 NOV 93
BT

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING. 8 NOV '93, 6PM, 5 MINS.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
~~Number~~ ONE OBJECT AS LARGE AS LOW-FULL MOON. GLOWED,
~~Size~~ LOOKED ALIKE TO SATURN WITH OUTSIDE RING.
~~Shape~~ HAD LIGHTS FLASHING LEFT & RIGHT OF DISC. (WHITE
~~Colours~~ RED LIGHT ON RIGHT SIDE ONLY.
~~Brightness~~ FLASHING WHITE LIGHTS ON TOP OF OBJECT.
~~Sound~~
Smell STILL RED LIGHT ON BOTTOM.

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location ISLINGTON.
Indoors/~~Outdoors~~
Stationary/~~Moving~~

D. ~~HOW OBSERVED.~~
Naked eye / ~~Binoculars~~ / ~~Other optical device /~~
~~Still or cine camera~~

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN. S TO SE OF ISLINGTON
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

F. ANGLE OF SIGHT. (Estimated heights are unreliable) LOW MOON.

G. DISTANCE. (By reference to a known landmark if possible)
OVERHEAD HOXTON, ISLINGTON.

H. MOVEMENT. SLOW.
Steady MOVED DIAGONALLY TO RIGHT & DOWNWARDS.
Changing THEN FORWARDS TO LEFT. DISSAPEARED BEHIND A
Erratic CHIMNEY. RE-APPEARED DIFFERENT SHAPE (SMALLER)

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION. DISSAPEARED INTO DISTANCE.
~~Moving clouds~~
~~Haze / Mist~~ CLEAR NIGHT SKY.

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC. TOWN AREA.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police 999,
Military Organisation ISLINGTON POLICE STATION,
The Press HEATHROW,
HEATHROW CONTROL ROOM,
BRITISH AVIATION AUTHORITY,
AMERICAN EXPRESS,
CARLTON TV.

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. [redacted]
REDACTED ON ORIGINAL

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
INFORMED HER IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN AIRSHIP BUT SHE JUST WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE IN CASE SHE WAS GOING MAD!

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
NIL

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
8 NOV '93, 1900L,

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 2045Z NOV 10-15 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape CIRCULAR
Colours
Brightness SHIMMERING
Sound NOTHING
Smell

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location HARROW ON THE HILL
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police,
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
[redacted], HARROW
[redacted]

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.

08 1130Z NOV 93

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE,TIME,DURATION OF SIGHTING.
05 0845Z NOV 93 10 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size —
Shape DAGGER
Colours BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHTS
Brightness
Sound —
Smell —

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving WALKING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing SLOW
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. REDACTED ON ORIGINAL
[redacted], [redacted], HAZELMERE Bucks

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.
DAUGHTER

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT
06 0913Z NOV 93

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 1605 NOV 1 MIN

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number 1
Size BIG
Shape DOME
Colours WHITE LIGHT
Brightness V/BRIGHT
Sound
Smell NIL

OVER HYDE PARK

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving DRIVING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing SLOW
Erratic

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

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation NIL
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted], [redacted], LONDON NW3

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.
NIL

O. OTHER WITNESSES. [redacted]

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
04 1930 NOV

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AIS/PF5

A. DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING.
04 2045Z NOV 93 5 MINS

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.
Number ONE
Size 200' LONG
Shape SAUCER SHAPE
Colours –
Brightness TWO LIGHTS – WHITE - FLASHING
Sound –
Smell –

C. EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER.
Geographical Location [redacted] CAVERSHAM NORTH READING
Indoors/Outdoors
Stationary/Moving WALKING

D. HOW OBSERVED.
Naked eye / Binoculars / Other optical device /
Still or cine camera

E. DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS 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 if possible)
1 MILE

H. MOVEMENT.
Steady
Changing STATIONARY
Erratic

J. MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION.
Moving clouds
Haze / Mist CLOUDY

K. NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC.

L. TO WHOM REPORTED.
Police
Military Organisation
The Press

M. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT.
[redacted] [redacted] CAVERSHAM

N. ANY INFORMATION OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED.

O. OTHER WITNESSES.

P. DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT.
04 2340Z NOV 93

Section 40

15/11/93

Dear Section 40

Herewith the latest report in the recent London 'flap'.

As usual, I've sent a copy to Section 40 for evaluation.

I'll be in touch again soon when the next report arrives!

Yours

Section 40

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title
LINE CREATING DISC OVER HARROW

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

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number
Section 40 .108

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

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

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]: !?CLASS; Vallee
FB2

LOCATION(S) USING O.S. GRID REFERENCE IF POSSIBLE: !?OSMAP; six fig grid ref
HARROW WIELD, MIDDX.

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date

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

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:-

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

Section 40

FULL NAME*: !?NAME; full

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

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies
COOKING, MAKING CRAFTS, NEEDLEWORK, MAGIC

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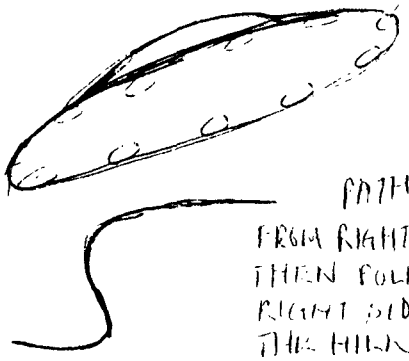
$ if other than a point source of light.

* sharpness of the object's outline.

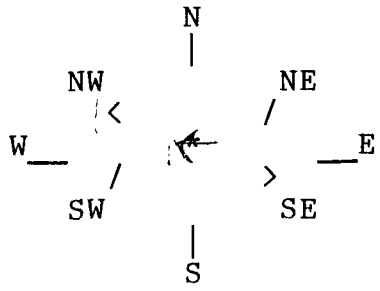
+(IF ANY) COMPARED TO, STAR, MOON, TORCH, ARC-LAMP OR SUN ETC.

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

FLASHING LIGHTS



PATH IT FLOW -
FROM RIGHT ACROSS ROAD
THEN FOLLOW ROAD, ON THE
RIGHT SIDE, TO HARROW ON
THE HILL AND WENT OFF
TO THE RIGHT.



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 8.23pm

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

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period 6 min

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 5-11-'93

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area COURTNEY AVE, HARROW WEALD - DRIVING TOWARDS HARROW, MIDDX.

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus MY DAUGHT SAW IT TO THE LEFT OF OUR CAR AND IT WENT IN FRONT OF US AND THEN I FOLLOWED IT DOWN THE ROAD WHEN IT WAS ON OUR RIGHT-HAND

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode COULDN'T FOLLOW IT ANYMORE BECAUSE IT WENT OF TO THE RIGHT - AND MY DAUGHT DIDN'T WANT TO TRY AND FOLLOW SHE WAS WORRIED

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.

mode

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

MUCH BIGGER THEN ANY OF THESE TO COVER IT.

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

Section 40 [redacted]

13 YRS OLD

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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 I HAD A LOVELY CALM, RELAXED — SUPER FEELING AND REALLY DID WANTED TO FOCUSS IT — (AND I HAVE NEVER WATCHED OR READ ANYTHING ABOUT SPACE AS IT TERRIFFS ME)

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

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

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ON WEDNESDAY 10-11-93 I WOKE UP AND JUST AS I WAS GETTING OUT OF BED I NOTICED A BRIGHT FLASH OUTSIDE MY WINDOW (THE SKY WAS ALREADY LIGHT AS THE SUN WAS JUST RISING) I WALKED OVER TO THE WINDOW AND LOOKED OUT TO SEE WHAT HAD CAUSED THE FLASH. I COULD SEE NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE SKY SO I CAME BACK TO BED.

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

(FUNNY MOON,) HALF MOON LYING ON ITS BACK

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

11·11·'93

-END-

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator: Section 40 [redacted]

If you require guidance in answering any of the questions contained in this questionnaire, please contact your investigator.

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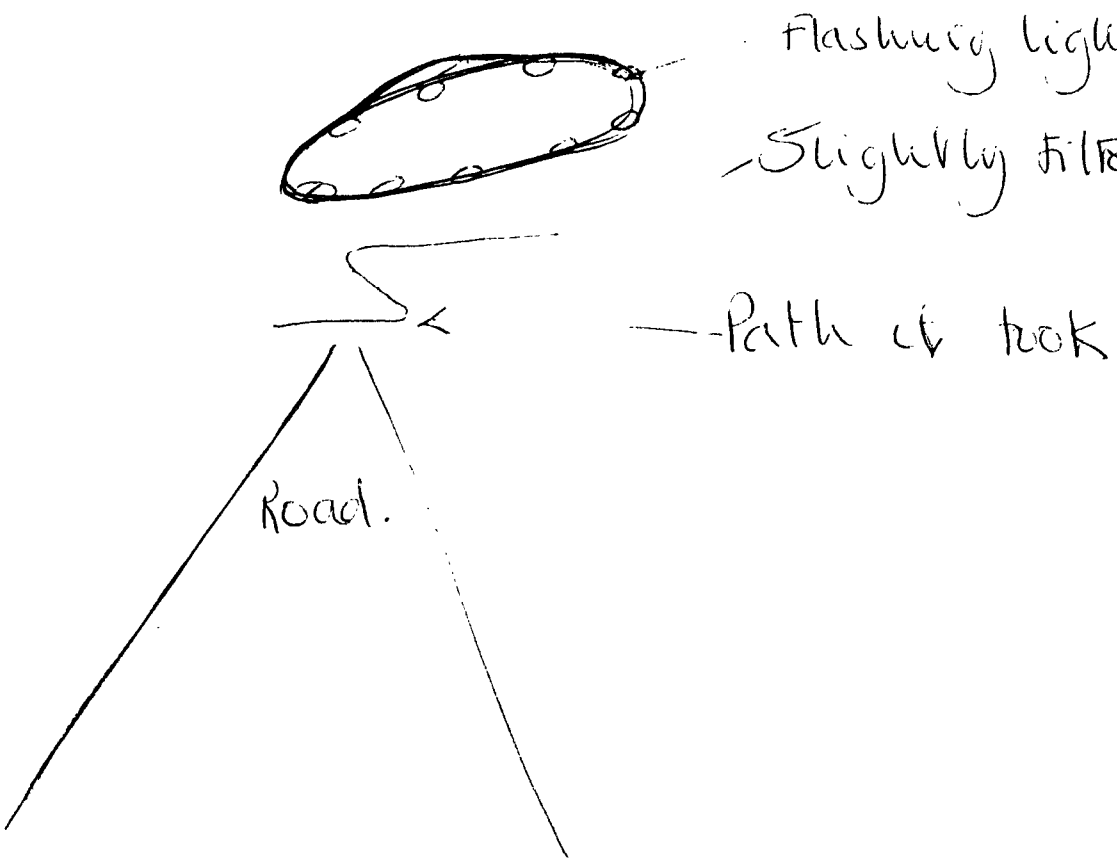
5 11.83 – time 8.23 – Courtney the Hatchend, Middl, driving alone with my 13 yr. old daughter just before we reached the Z crossing, heading towards Harrow, Section 40 [redacted] noticed on her left hand side a bright shape, she said look mum whats that, I replied a plane on its side, no, an airship, no, its a spacecraft!! It can't be. Obviously I was trying to drive and look at the same time, It was lovely. It came from the left across in front of us then gently, when it was on the left of our car (but still in front) it went forward and followed the road

down to Harrow, we had to stop at the traffic lights which was most annoying because it went behind the houses but we soon saw it again as we drove up the road it then looked as if it gently went off to the right over Harrow on the Hill and into the distant Chilterns Hages. It looked as if it was slightly tilted, it moved so smoothly not at all frightening. I felt so calm and lonely I just wanted to follow it. It was a very light glow, the light looked as if it came from inside, no windows, flashing

lights all round the bottom. It looked very large and round but obviously in a clear night sky it's so hard to know how big it was



Written day after sighting.

Couldn't hear any noise, but we did have the windows up - no radio on.

I have found it hard to concentrate writing this. and filling out the form. and my eyes feel very heavy all the time.

Spaceship

The time was 8.23p.m, I noted that after I saw a weird looking object in the sky. It was pitch black and the streetlights were on. I sayed, laughing to Mum "Doesn't that look like a flying saucer". We both looked at it for a few seconds and the grin dissapeared of my face. It was a circular, [redacted] very large object. It had a lit semi-circular dome on top and lights on the bottom. It also had a dim light around it. In the dome at the top weren't any windows. first of all it flew infront of us and then to the right of us then it went in a straight line next to us on the right. It flew at a fast speed but it was smooth.

MY DAUGHTER WROTE THIS THE NEXT DAY

6/11/93

E26

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
18 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you very much for sending me details of your UFO sighting.

Although we believe that most sightings could be explained in terms of known objects and phenomena, there will always be a few that appear to defy explanation, and we remain open-minded about these. Clearly your sighting would appear to fall into this category, and I am afraid that no obvious explanation occurs to me.

I am aware that Section 40 from the British UFO Research Association is investigating your sighting, together with a number of other sightings that have recently occurred in the London area. I hope that this investigation throws up some answers.

Once again, thank you for reporting this sighting.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title

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

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number

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

INVESTIGATOR(s): !?INVESTIGATOR; names

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1969) [IF POSSIBLE]: !?CLASS; Vallee

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

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date

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

EVALUATOR(s): !?EVALUATOR; return

EVALUATION: !?EVALUATION; stimulus

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

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

Section 40 [redacted]

FULL NAME*: !?NAME; full

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 [redacted]

SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies

COOKING, MAKING CRAFTS, NEEDLEWORK, MUSIC.

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SECTION B: WRITTEN ACCOUNT

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

on attached sheet. Written day after sighting 6.11.93

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SECTION C:OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

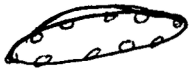
1) Please complete the following:-

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

b) COLOUR(S) " " " : !?COLOUR; colours ELECTRIC LIGHT, LIGHT. BRIGHTER ON THE TOP DOME

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible –

d) SMELL " " " : !?SMELL; odour –

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

f) CLARITY(*) " " " : !?CLARITY; sharpness VERY SHARP PERFECTLY CLEAR.

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

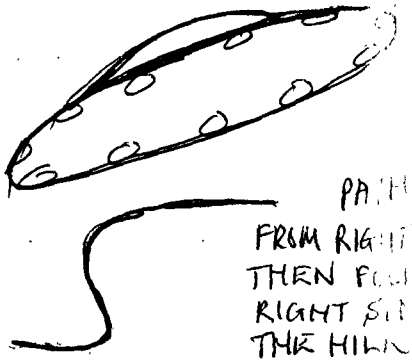
$ if other than a point source of light.

* sharpness of the object's outline.

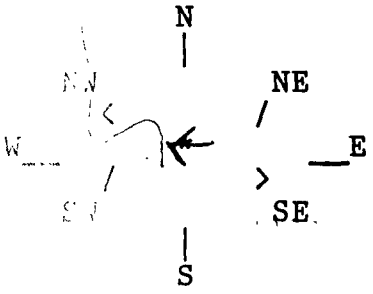
+(IF ANY) COMPARED TO, STAR, MOON, TORCH, ARC-LAMP OR SUN ETC.

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

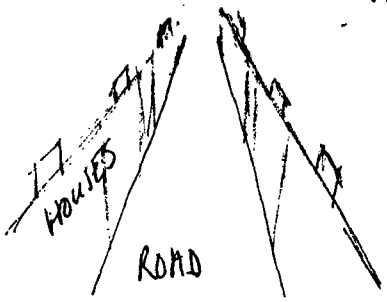
FLASHING LIGHTS.



PATH IT FLOW - FROM RIGHT ACROSS ROAD THEN FOLLOW ROAD, ON THE RIGHT SIDE, TO HARROW ON THE HILL AND WENT OFF TO THE RIGHT.



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 8.23p.m.

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

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period 6 MINS

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 5 - 11 - '93

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area COURTNEY AVE, HARROW WEALD - DRIVING TOWARDS HARROW, MIDDX.

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus MY DAUGHT SAW IT TO THE ~~RIGHT~~ LEFT OF OUR CAR AND IT WENT IN FRONT OF US AND THEN WE FOLLOWED IT DOWN THE ROAD WHEN IT WAS ON OUR RIGHT-INTO HARROW

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN: vanishmode COULDN'T FOLLOW IT ANYMORE BECAUSE IT WENT OF TO THE RIGHT - AND MY DAUGHT DIDNT WANT TO TRY AND FOLLOW. SHE WAS WORRIED.

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.

mode

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

MUCH BIGGER THEN ANY OF THESE TO COVER IT.

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

Section 40 [redacted]

12 YEARS OLD.

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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 I HAD A LOVELY CALM, RELAXED — SUPER FEELING AND REALLY DID WANTED TO FOLLOW IT. (AND I HAVE NEVER WATCHED OR READ ANYTHING ABOUT SPACE AS IT TERRIFIES ME)

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

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

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ON WEDNESDAY 10-11-75 I WAS IN MY CAR AND I NOTICED A UFO AS THE PATH THE SPACECRAFT WAS IN THE SKY AND I DIDN'T KNOW THAT IS THE SAME TIME I HAVE THIS

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

(FUNNY MOON,) HALF MOON LYING ON ITS BACK ☺

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: Section 40 [redacted], TODAY'S DATE: !?DAYMONTH; year 11.11.'93

-END-

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Now please return it to your local investigator: Section 40 [redacted]

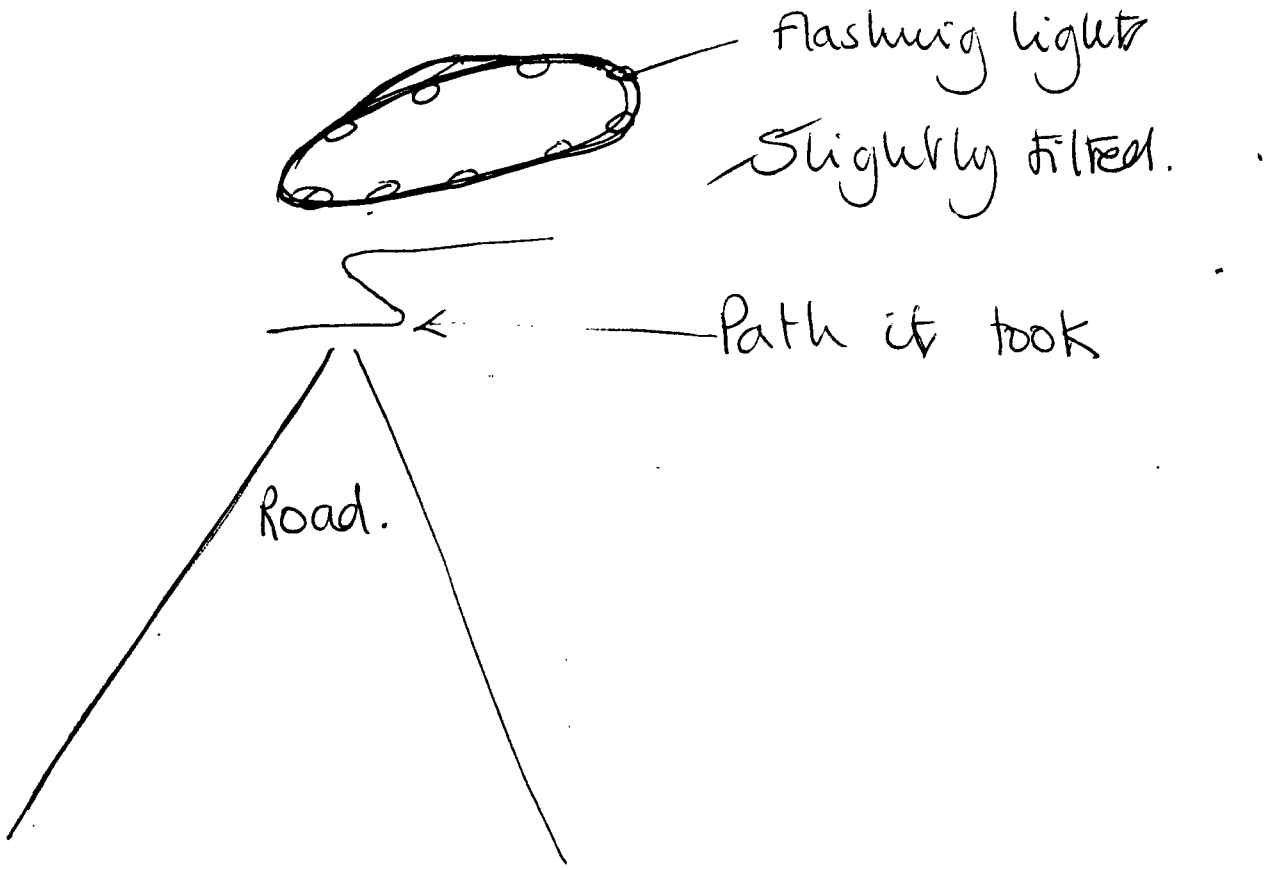
If you require guidance in answering any of the questions contained in this questionnaire, please contact your investigator.

5.11.83 – time 8.23– Courtney Ave Hatchend, Middx, driving alone with my 13 yr old daughter just before we reached the Z crossing, heading towards Harrow, [redacted] noticed on her left hand side a bright shape, she said look mum whats that, I replied a plane on its side, no, an airship, no, its a spacecraft!! It cant be. Obviously I was trying to drive and look at the same time, It was lovely. It came from the left across in front of us then gently when it was on the ~~left~~ right of our car (but still in front) it went forward and followed the road

down to Harrow, We had to stop at the traffic lights which was most annoying because it went behind the houses but we soon saw it again as we drove up the road. It then looked as if it gentle went off to the right over Harrow on the Hill and into the distant towards Hayes.

It looked as if it was slightly tilted, it moved so smoothly not at all frightening. I felt so calm and lovely I just wanted to follow it. It was a very light glow, the light looked as if it came from inside, no windows, flashing

lights all round the bottom. It looked very large and round but obviously in a clear night sky its so hard to know how big it was.



Written day after sighting.

Couldn't hear any noise, but we did have the windows up - no radio on.

I have found it hard to concentrate writing this and filling out the form and my eyes feel very heavy all the time.

Spaceship

The time was 8.23p.m, I noticed that after I saw a weird looking object in the sky. It was pitch black and the streetlights were on. I sayed, laughing to Mum "Doesn't that look like a flying saucer". We both looked at it for a few seconds and the grin dissapeared of my face. It was a circular, [redacted] very large object. It had a lit semi-circular dome on top and lights on the bottom. It also had a dim light around it. In the dome at the top weren't any windows. first of all it flew infront of us and then to the right of us then it went in a straight line next to us on the right. It flew at a fast speed but it was smooth.

MY DAUGHTER WROTE THIS THE NEXT DAY

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

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

Section 40

Your reference

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

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
17 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Section 40 107, the domed disc over Streatham case.

We have two other reports on 8 November, one from Islington and one from Sutton. Both reports sound as if they were generated by a sighting of the airship; at around this time a colleague indicated that she had seen the airship in the centre of London, - as I did myself on a recent occasion.

The description given would appear to support the airship theory, and the "dome" could simply be a result of the angle from which the airship was seen. Some allowance should also be made for the fact that the object was seen through glass, from a moving vehicle. This, together with the fact that the witness will have been concentrating on driving, will inevitably have an effect.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40

14/11/93

Dear Section 40

Here is yet another report from S. London and there is more to come!

As usual, I've sent a copy to Section 40 for checking against his global orbitals.

I'll be in touch again soon.

Yours,

Section 40

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

!?CASETITLE; identifying title
.....DOMED..DISC...OVER..STREATHAM....

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

BUFORA REFERENCE NUMBER: !?BUFORAREF; return

INVESTIGATOR REFERENCE NUMBER: !?INVESTIGATORREF; number
Section 40 [redacted] 107

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

INVESTIGATOR(s): !?INVESTIGATOR; names
Section 40 [redacted]

CLASSIFICATION USING VALLEE SYSTEM (1990) [IF POSSIBLE]: !?CLASS; Vallee FB1

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

OBSERVATION DATE(S): !?OBSERVATION; date

OBSERVATION TIMES [GMT/BST/LOCAL] USING 24-HOUR SYSTEM: !?TIME; in 24hr system 19.15 GMT. MON 8/11/93.

EVALUATOR(s): !?EVALUATOR; return
Section 40 [redacted]

EVALUATION: !?EVALUATION; stimulus

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

SECTION A - BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:-

Section 40 [redacted]

FULL NAME*: !?NAME; full

Section 40 [redacted]

DATE OF BIRTH.: !?BIRTHDAY; date

ADDRESS : !?ADDRESS; residential

TELEPHONE NUMBER: !?PHONE; number

Section 40 [redacted]

RECENT OCCUPATION: !?OCCUPATION; employment

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (IF ANY): !?EDUCATION; qualifications NONE

ART - SPORT READING. SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES: !?INTERESTS; hobbies

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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

It was 7.15 at night on the 31st Nov. A very dark. I was travelling in my car, with my 3 yr old granddaughter up Pentonville Rd towards Baillerstone Rd which runs across the end of Pentonville. Between the two houses in Baillerstone Road I saw a very bright silver object - picture on next page - travelling from left to right - seemingly quite slowly like a plane would. But it was very clear & really like a plain. It was to me - a space ship but I only thought that it was man made & was curious about it. I phoned the police station to ask if they had any ideas about it but they hadn't. The next day I phoned the South London Press & ask if anyone else had reported seeing it as I was still curious about it. It was so bright I thought someone else must have seen it.

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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 Very bright silver

c) SOUND " " " : !?SOUND; audible none - (I was in car)

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

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

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

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

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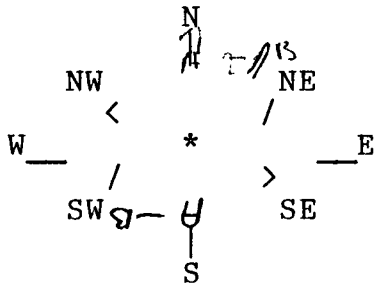

Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write 'A' on the on the dial where you first saw the object, & a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: !?HOUR; firstseen 7.15 p.m.

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

It passed behind a house

DURATION MORE THAN: !?DURATION; period 12 sec.

DURATION LESS THAN: !?LASTING; interval

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: !?DATE; day/month/year 8.11.1993.

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) !?LOCATION; area
Pendennis Rd. Streatham

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: !?EYECATCH; stimulus It was right in front of me between two houses in the sky. Via Eastcote Gdns.

7) HOW DID THE OBJECT(S) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? : !?LASTSEEN; vanishmode Behind the houses.

8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): !?TEMPORAL;
I left home at 7.15p.m. so that I would be at my daughters house for Coronation St at 7.30 p.m. MONDAY 8/11/93

mode

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

It was very long - 5 feet - It was the width between the lines - they were about 14 - 20 ft apart

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

Not as yet. that is tense of.

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SECTION E - PREVAILING WEATHER DURING OBSERVATION:-

CIRCLE ANY APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:-

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vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: (stars), (moon), sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: !?ASTRONOMICAL; objects - [redacted] Section 40 [redacted] Section 40

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: [redacted] Section 40, TODAY'S DATE: !?DAYMONTH; year 10/11/93.

-END-

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(Fax)

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
17 November 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter in which you asked whether we have any objections to the publication of the book that you are planning to write on the subject of UFOs.

I am happy to confirm that we have no objections, and I wish you luck with your writing.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

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WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone Section 40

SECRETARY OF STATE

Head of Sec(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.

Section 40

16/11/93

For APS/Secretary of State

Section 40

Our Ref: MJD/ejt

Section 40

[redacted]

Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
LONDON. S.W.1A 2HB.

1st November 1993

Dear Sirs,

I would like to confirm that I am about to write a book regarding Flying Saucers, their means of propulsion, occupants etc., and I am wondering whether anyone in your Department would have any cause for the book not to be published.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40

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Dear Section 40 ,

When we spoke yesterday about your recent UFO sighting I promised to send you a blank video tape, so that you could copy the footage from your original tape. I have now enclosed a tape, together with a prepaid, addressed envelope.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to report your sighting, and I hope that the telephone numbers I gave you prove useful.

When I have had a look at the video I will let you know what I think.

Yours sincerely,

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Date
16 November 1993

Dear Section 40

Thank you for sending me Section 40 evaluation of Section 40 105, the Greenwich case.

In view of the comments made about kites, I thought you might be interested in the attached papers; I am not sure if the "UFO Solar" is on sale in the UK, but I believe there is a feeling that this might provide an explanation for some sightings.

You mentioned reports from the Pinner area; I am aware that the Section 40 Section 40 airship has been operating over London in recent weeks. Somebody told me that they had heard a story on local radio describing a temporary loss of control - I am afraid I do not recall the exact dates, or any other details. Having said this, I received one call from a lady who had a sighting in the Harrow-on-the Hill area, who insisted that the object she saw was not the airship, which she has seen before; I passed her details of BUFORA, and believe that this may be a case that you are currently investigating.

Finally, I would be especially interested in seeing the report from Mitcham; this is where I live!

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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Retirements

Continued from page 7

John Higgins: head of operations, civil aviation communications centre, Heathrow airport.
Peter Hutton: principal air traffic engineer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.
Alan Keith: air traffic control officer, London Traffic Control Centre.
Peter Lambert: air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.
David Machan: air traffic engineer, Prestwick airport.
Paul Mahoney: professional technician, research and development, CAA House.
Roger Makins: air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.
Margaret Marshall: air traffic services assistant, Belfast airport.
Ann McBride: cleaner, Atlantic House, Prestwick.
Huntly Ness: air traffic services assistant, Prestwick airport.
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Roy Quayle: air traffic control officer, Manchester airport.
Gwen Sacre: secretary, central trade union side, CAA house.
Bill Skaife: air traffic engineer, Manchester airport
James Smart: project support analyst, CAA House.
Roy Staley: air traffic services standards officer, Aviation House, Gatwick.
Edgar Stevens: messenger, Heathrow airport.
James Stewart: air traffic control officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.
Peter Ward: air traffic services assistant, London Air Traffic Control Centre.
Bernard White: higher professional technical officer, London Air Traffic Control Centre.

UFO mystery solved?

Above: What do we do with it now? The UFO Solar, gripped by Airway's *deputy editor Robert Farrugia and Jonathan Nicholson of public relations, caught the wind and filled up in no time — much to the amazement, not to say amusement of passers-by. Right: The lozenge shape shows up quite clearly on the packaging.*

'It is not a toy but a fun physics experiment' says the slogan on the box of the latest device designed to entertain the family at the seaside or in the country. 'Length approx 10ft; diameter approx 2 ft; supplied with a 60ft flying cable; could reach extraordinary altitudes (30,000ft); price 99p.'

So what is it? 'IT' is a UFO Solar — a solar energy 'airship' which, when exposed to the sun, takes off gradually. It is black and lozenge-shaped, thus fitting almost exactly the description of the object seen by Britannia Airways at 29,000 ft on the approach to Gatwick airport one day last summer, which became the subject of an airmiss report and much media speculation.

The instructions for use on the box include 'Tie-up your airship to flying cable because if it is released it could reach extraordinary altitudes (30,000 ft)'. So, for 99p, you can have your own 'unidentified flying object' but take care — you could end up in contravention of Article 75 of the Air Navigation Order. This states:

- **a captive balloon or kite shall not be flown at a height of more than 60 metres above ground level or within 60 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure;**
- **a captive balloon shall not be flown within 5 kms of an aerodrome;**
- **a balloon exceeding 2 metres in any linear dimension at any stage of its flight ... shall not be flown in controlled airspace**

Effective policing

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Another area needing careful policing is that of discretionary powers given to member states under the market access regulation. This provides wide ranging rights of access to carriers holding operating licences. However, member states could limit these rights by using, for example, traffic distribution rules, or measures designed to deal with congestion or environmental problems. The commission itself has substantial rights to oversee and review any restriction imposed by member states — a power which, according to the chairman, should be used effectively.

Ensuring air travellers benefit from the promise of an open and competitive airline industry will depend on the way the rules are policed and enforced and by the laying down of a firm policy for competition and mergers by the Commission, Christopher Chataway concluded.

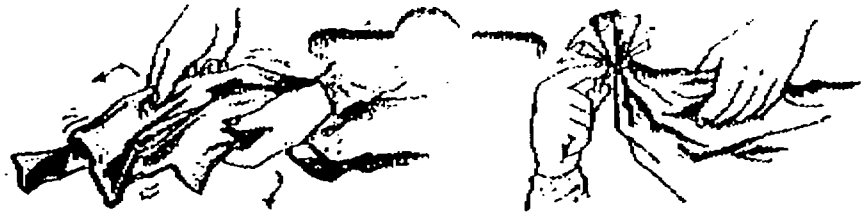
Nimrod project nears completion

UFO SOLAR

...hung - Benutzt Euer Luftschiff nicht bei starkem
...id. Haltet es fern von Hindernissen wie: Bäume,
...lüde, Telegraphenpfähle, elektrische Leitungen usw.
... Falle eines Risses, macht es mit einem Klebeband
...z. Haltet Euer Luftschiff am Seil gebunden und am
...fen befestigt, denn wenn es sich einmal losge-
...cht hat, könnte es eine unglaubliche Höhe erre-
...n (10.000 Meter).

...enzione - Non usate il vostro dirigibile con vento
...e. Mantenetevi lontano da ostacoli come: alberi,
...truzioni, pali telegrafici, linee elettriche etc.
... caso di rotture aggiustare con nastro adesivo.
...ete il vostro « dirigibile » legato al filo ed anco-
...o all'suolo, poiché se liberato potrebbe raggiunge-
...altezze incredibili (10.000 metri).

...PAT - PEND. SOLAR LUCCA srl - Made in Italy



1

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2

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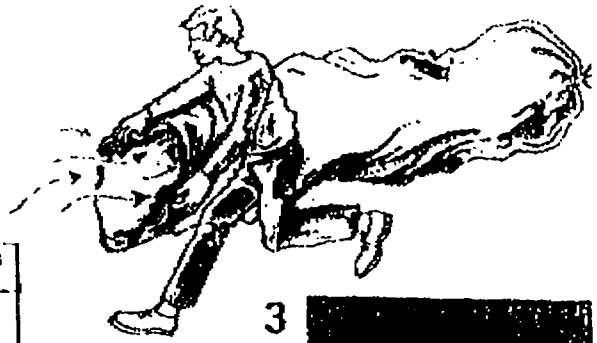
Chiudete una delle estremità con una delle 2 stringhe.



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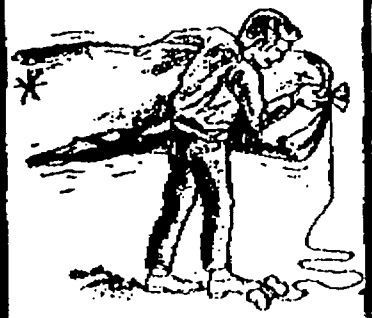

ACHTUNG - WIE ALLE PLASTIKBEUTEL KÖNNTE AUCH UNSER LUFTSCHIFF, WENN ES NICHT GEBRAUCHT WIRD, GEFÄHRLICH FÜR KINDER SEIN. SIE KÖNNTEN ES AUSEINANDERREISSEN UND TEILE DAVON VERSCHLUCKEN, ODER SIE KÖNNTEN SICH DARIN EINSCHLIESSEN UND RISKIEREN ZU ERSTICKEN. WENN ES NICHT BENUTZT WIRD, MUSS ES AUSSER REICHWEITE DER KINDER AUFBEWAHRT WERDEN.

ATTENZIONE - COME TUTTI I SACCHETTI DI PLASTICA ANCHE IL VOSTRO DIRIGIBILE QUANDO NON VIENE USATO PUO' RAPPRESENTARE UN PERICOLO PER I BAMBINI CHE POTREBBERO ROMPERLO ED INGERIRNE UNA PARTE OPPURE CHIUDERSI DENTRO RISCHIANDO IL SOFFOCAMENTO. QUANDO NON VIENE USATO NON DEVE ESSERE LASCIATO ALLA PORTATA DEI BAMBINI.

4

Bindet die andere Ende zu und befestigt gleichzeitig den Ring, an dem ihr das Seil schon festgebunden habt.

Chiudete l'altra estremità assicurando l'anellino, al quale avete già legato il filo.

5

Setzt das Luftschiff den Sonnenstrahlen aus, und ihr werdet es langsam aufsteigen sehen.

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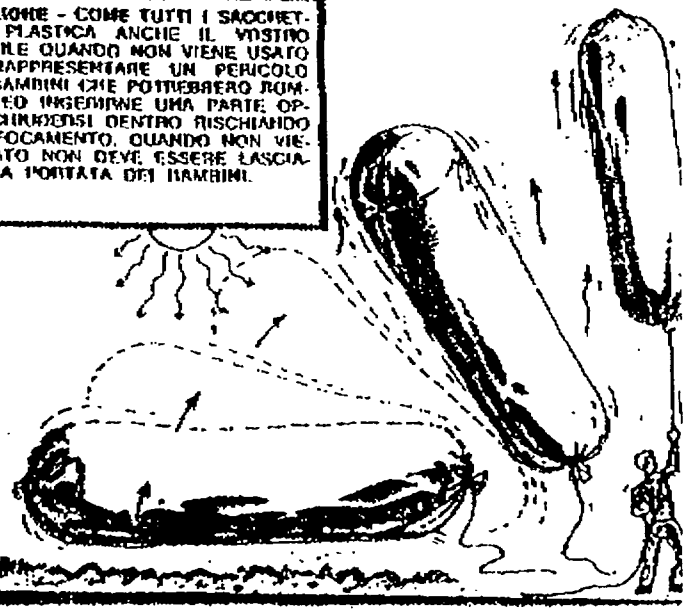

10 MAY '93 10:23 FF H S N

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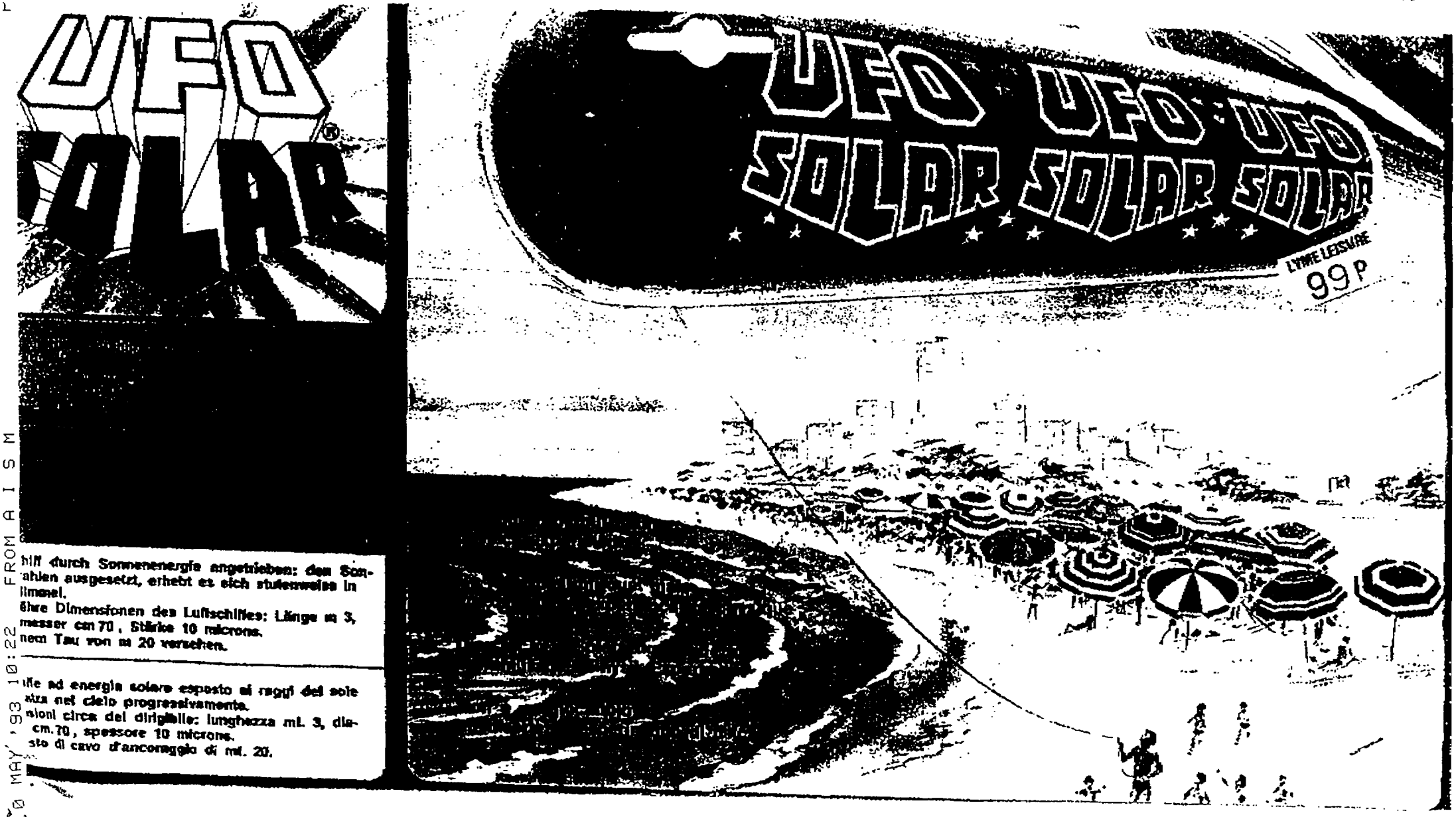

hiff durch Sonnenenergie angetrieben: den Son-
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messer cm 70, Stärke 10 microns.
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FROM AISM
10 MAY '93 10:22

Section 40

13/11/93

Dear Section 40,

Herewith Section 40 evaluation of the Greenwich case and which is for your files.

I'm expecting other reports soon from such diverse places as Pinner and Mitcham.

More anon!

Section 40

To:
Section 40 [redacted]

From:
Section 40 [redacted]

Tel/FAX: [redacted]

9. 11. 93

Dear Section 40

It seems that our last communications crossed in the post. Pity! I could have added (Section 40 105) to your bumper bundle. Never mind --- I'll deal with it now.

I have a map of Greater London and have located New Cross Road, New Cross on it. I'm not too clear where the Greenwich observatory is situated, but I note that the centre of Greenwich Park is about 2 miles to the east of Section 40 [redacted] approximate location. This seems, from my map, about the only place where anyone might fly a kite in that area and, at first glance at the witness' diagram, would seem to be a likely location for the object reported. But, on further consideration, the facts, as given, don't seem to add up to a simple 'kite' explanation.

First of all, the air condition at the time is described as 'a breeze' not a wind, yet the object remained stationary for about 5 minutes and was observed hovering around for 55 minutes. It is described as looking solid, black, round and, possibly, cylindrical. There is no mention of reflections from it, even though there was only half cloud cover. One would have expected the sunlight to have reflected from it occasionally in those conditions.
Then there is the problem of the object's apparent size. Given the witness' recollection of its size at arm's length, as depicted by HER 'dot' drawing, at 2 miles distance the object would have been some 35 feet across. Some kite! Even a huge, say, 6' kite would have been no further away than about 600 yards (or metres). Are there any likely kite flying areas within that distance to the east of the two witnesses' location? They are not obvious on my map.

So, if not a kite, what was seen on 3rd October this year?
A tethered balloon perhaps?

If I knew how far the church in the diagram had been from the witnesses, and its height, then it would be possible to estimate the altitude at which the object hovered, assuming different distances from the observers. The diagram gives me the impression that the witnesses were viewing from an elevated position and looking over the tops of some of the trees. My impression is that from that position the elevation angle would have been about 10 degrees. Over Greenwich Park the altitude of the object would then have been about 1900 feet. To someone beneath it, it would have had the apparent size of less than a new 5p piece at arm's length. Any reports to support that idea? (cont....)

Another possibility is that the object was located well beyond Greenwich Park and was, therefore even bigger than the estimated 35 feet.

But I've left the best piece of evidence until the end. The timings are in excellent agreement with the Astronautical Model's predictions for UFO events. 1655 hours BST corresponds with the pass-over time for an ET orbiter on a 54 degrees inclined, sunset orientated track; and some 55 minutes later a second orbiter could have been overhead, following a 67 degrees inclined 2130 hours RA option, to retrieve whatever had been deposited from the first pass.

Corroborative evidence is required to validate this report, but it seems likely that, whatever the object was, it was not a kite --- though a tethered balloon remains a possibility.

Sorry Section 40 this is yet another report which leads us towards an ET explanation. What changes to the landscape in that area of London might have attracted attention from above?

Best wishes,

Section 40

P.S. Have discovered a typographical error in my write-up on the 'Swaffing Cigar' case.

During my reference to the 1978 car stop investigation I gave 7000 mph a Mach no. equivalent of 5.0

It should have read "--- 7000 mph (9.0M)".

Please correct. Thanks.

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

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

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3
Date
16 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange objects that you 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.

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

Quest International
Section 40 Section 40
Tel no. Section 40

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

Additionally, there is a local group called the Plymouth UFO Research Group, who can be contacted at Section 40

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

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

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Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object that you saw on two occasions last Wednesday 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.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
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Date
15 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange formation of lights that you saw in the sky in the early hours of Friday 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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1040 Brussels
Belgium

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
12 November 1993

Dear Col Section 40,

I understand that during 1989 and 1990 there was a wave of sightings of unusual objects in the sky over Belgium. I have also been told that as a result of a wave of sightings on 30/31 March 1990, F-16 aircraft were scrambled and vectored towards the area concerned. Apparently there were a number of strange radar returns, involving ground-based radar and radar systems on the F-16s.

We have received a number of letters about this, and although our basic position is that this is a matter for the Belgian authorities, we have been drawn into a debate about whether there was a potential threat to the UK, and whether or not the Belgians would have notified UK Air Defenders about what was happening in their airspace.

I would be grateful if you could give me some indication of the official Belgian position on this matter, together with any other background information that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

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
12 November 1993

Dear Section 40 ,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October.

You asked why the Ministry of Defence did not know about the Belgian UFO sightings, and had not seen any official documents relating to them. The simple answer is, as I have explained before, that they did not occur within UK airspace. Although these UFO sightings did indeed occur close to the UK, we would not have been notified unless the Belgians believed there was a threat. For obvious security reasons, I will not enter into any discussions about the range and capabilities of our Air Defences. What I can tell you is that I have sought specialist Air Defence advice when answering your letters, and have been assured that there is nothing that you have described that would be regarded as a threat to the UK.

Although I would be happy to answer any new questions you may have, I think we have now reached the point where there is little more that I can provide on the questions that you have posed to date.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

23rd October 1993.

Reference: Your letter D/Sec (AS) 12/3 of 13th October 1993.

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your reply of the 13th October on behalf of yourself and the Secretary of State for Defence.

I would like to comment on the main paragraph of your letter.

I wonder why the Ministry of Defence did *NOT* know of the Belgian sightings when they were so widely reported in the continental press?

I also wonder *why* the Ministry of Defence have not seen any official documents relating to these incidents? I have obtained an abundance of these withoiut any problems from the Belgian Defence Minister.the Belgian Ministry of Defence,and the Belgian Air Force.

I find the fact that the Ministry of Defence have not been passed any information relating to these detections as extremely odd.
Glons CRC (NADGE) radar was on a major alert involving F-16 interceptor aircraft. *WE ARE PART OF NADGE (NATO Air Defence Ground Environment).*
This object was six minutes from our air space and closing at + 1000 kts.
Not only would I have thought that notification of some kind was obligatory,but I wonder why the Ministry of Defence do not *NOW* query this omission?

Although a NADGE detection was involved in a full alert only six minutes away,by what premise was it that NATO considered that there was *NO* threat

to the UK?.
It would seem that NADGE considered the detection serious enough to involve military persuit aircraft in Belgium, but not serious enough to inform either the RAF or the Ministry of Defence in the United Kingdom.

Your statement that;- 'I can only assume that the appropriate military authorities did not believe that there was any threat to the UK' causes me some apprehension. Do you not KNOW whether this is so?. This would indicate that you are *NOT* advised on all radar detections unless they are considered a threat to the UK by *the military authorities?*

Whilst I have no grounds whatsoever to doubt your honesty, I sincerely trust that you will accept my observation that *your statements simply do not fit the facts.*
It would seem that your position as a Ministry of Defence spokesman on radar matters is seriously compromised by other organisations.

One wonders whether the Nato Air Defence Ground Environment is more involved in this situation that they would care to admit?

Your comments would be appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

E13

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Section 40

Your reference

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

Dear Section 40,

Details of the report you made concerning the strange object 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 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
12 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

Thank you for sending me Section 40 evaluation of Section 40 099, 100, 101, 102, 103 and 104.

I have noted the points made, although, as you know, I have my doubts about any system which attemps to make predictions about UFO sightings by looking at previous data. I see little merit, however, in getting drawn into a debate on this; clearly there are areas where I and others in the field will have to agree to disagree.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40

7/11/93

Dear Section 40,

Enclosed herewith Section 40 evaluations of Section 40 099/100/101/102/103/104. for your files.

If you wish to dispute Section 40 conclusions I'd be glad to accommodate you.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Evaluation of Section 40 099 to 104

by

Section 40 November, 1993

CASE 099 - Gatwick Airspace Invaded 7.11.92

This is a fascinating CE case, especially in view of the longevity of the event.
It would seem that the witnesses drove some 50 miles on the M23 and M25 motorways throughout the duration of the sighting.
Was there any other traffic? Surely there would have been other witnesses of the event in the circumstances described.
If the witnesses drove at near-70 mph motorway speeds during their journey from the Gatwick area to Chertsey, the journey time would have been less than 45 minutes. On the other hand, if there had been hold-ups en route, these would have presumably exposed the UFO to slow-moving witnesses who happened to be queueing in the vicinity of the Walters' car.

Despite some misgivings (for the above-mentioned reasons) about the reality of the situation described, the incident fits the astronautical model superbly.
The object was seen falling from the sky exactly on schedule. The implication is that it had been delivered from a 58-degrees inclined orbit, sunset orientated. The model suggests that the device could have been retrieved in the vicinity of Chertsey about 45 minutes later, by an orbiter travelling in a 54-degree orbit, 2130 hrs RA orientated. This could explain the sudden acceleration and disappearance of the UFO in the vicinity of Chertsey at aproximately 1945 hours GMT (UT), which is some 15 minutes earlier than the witness' approximate recollection but which would be consistent with near-70 mph steady driving.

Corroboration by other witnesses would fully validate this report.

CASE 100 - The Sweffling Cigar 19.10.93

This seems to be a very matter-of-fact-report. Section 40 (MoD) manoeuvring aircraft explanation seems to rather underestimate the young motorcyclist's powers of discernment.
Of the time when Section 40 stopped his machine by the water tank, he wrote, "the object was almost right on [over?] me". Something cylindrical and estimated to be 50+ m long, was believed to have been only some 100 m away from him. His 'motorcycle side-plate at arms length' estimate is broadly consistent with this belief, indicating something like a 24-degree included angle at the eye. At 100 metres this would be filled by an object some 41 metres in length. Furthermore, this huge object made no sound, even when accelerating away.

A drifting, unpowered, airship might have fit the description of the close encounter phase, but not an aeroplane. Neither of these would have been capable of the UFO's described silent departure from Section 40 vicinity.

It would be interesting to know how the witness assessed the distance travelled by the departing object during his 10 second timescale. If his estimates are assumed to be accurate, the following deductions can be made:

Mean acceleration (from hover) 16.4g
Speed at 5 miles distance 3600 mph (4.74 M at S.L.)

Incredible though these figures may seem, they are not without precedent (eg. reference my car-stop investigation, dated November 1978, which featured as a Case History in the BUFORA Vehicle Interference Project report compiled by Section 40 in 1979. A terrain-following object, calculated to have been flying at 1500 ft asl, was estimated to have travelled across a valley with a speed of 7000 mph (5.0 M) --- and, quite incidentally, it had interrupted all the essential electrics on a Spitfire sportscar during its flyover.)

In terms of the Astronautical Model, the timing of the Daniel event is excellent and indicates delivery from a 54-degree, sunset orientated track. Retrieval could have occurred only 20 minutes later by rendezvous with an orbiter following a 53-degree, 2130 hours RA orientated track.

The object was clearly an 'air craft' of some kind, but it was definitely not one of ours!

CASE 101 - Ealing (London) Illuminated Disc 10.7.93

The object sounded like an airship --- and might have been an airship which was displaying a brilliant ground-illumination device. The glare from the battery of lights beneath it could have blinded the witness to any back-scattered light reflecting from the gas envelope above.

However, if we assume that the device flew over at, say, 1000 feet altitude, then the tennis ball at arm's length estimate would indicate a disc of lights which was about 125 feet in diameter. Even if the altitude had been 500 feet, a disc of lights some 60 feet across would have been an unusually large device for a small advertising airship to have been carrying.

Add to the above uncertainty the fact that the event occurred during a typical CE4 time slot --- between an arrival at 2230 hours BST from a 53-degree inclined sunset track and a departure to rendezvous with a 58-degree inclined, 2130 hours RA, track orbiter at 2310 hours BST --- and one has to remain sceptical about an airship solution.

CASE 102 - Chigwell (Essex) Daylight Disc 25.3.93

The object described could have been an airship reflecting light in different ways as it progressed slowly through the clouds, as MoD have suggested.* However, if the UFO had really been as large as a tennis ball at arm's length and the (high) cloud base had been, say, 5000 feet asl, then it seems that the object witnessed would have been something extraordinarily large. It would have been over 600 feet long!

The timing of the event is good and indicates a possible delivery or retrieval link with an orbiter on a 58-degree inclined, 2130 hours RA orientated track. Since the object was not seen again, the likelihood of retrieval is higher.

* Apparently the witness reported his sighting to you (M.O.D.) directly

CASE 103 - Wandsworth (London) Light Balls 19.7.93

This is a classical multiple LITS event of the manoeuvring variety.

The witnesses were clearly very familiar with aircraft lighting configurations and manouevres and realised that they were watching something extraordinary.

The initial time of the observation is exactly that of a delivery from an established 53 degrees inclined, 2130 hours RA, orbital option. That particular option was linked, also, with [redacted] 097 and 099 and, therefore, seems to have been the most favoured for visits to the London area.

CASE 104 - Greenwich (London) Line Astern Formation 27.6.93

The timing for this observation is not good and it seems likely that the objects seen flying at high altitude could have been military aircraft reflecting sunlight. The sun would have been in the south-west and the objects were to the north-west of the observers: thus the likelihood of strong reflections being seen was maximised.

Perhaps MoD can identify the aircraft involved on this occasion.

END

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

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Section 40

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
11 November 1993

Dear Section 40,

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Geographical distribution of UFO reports - 1990

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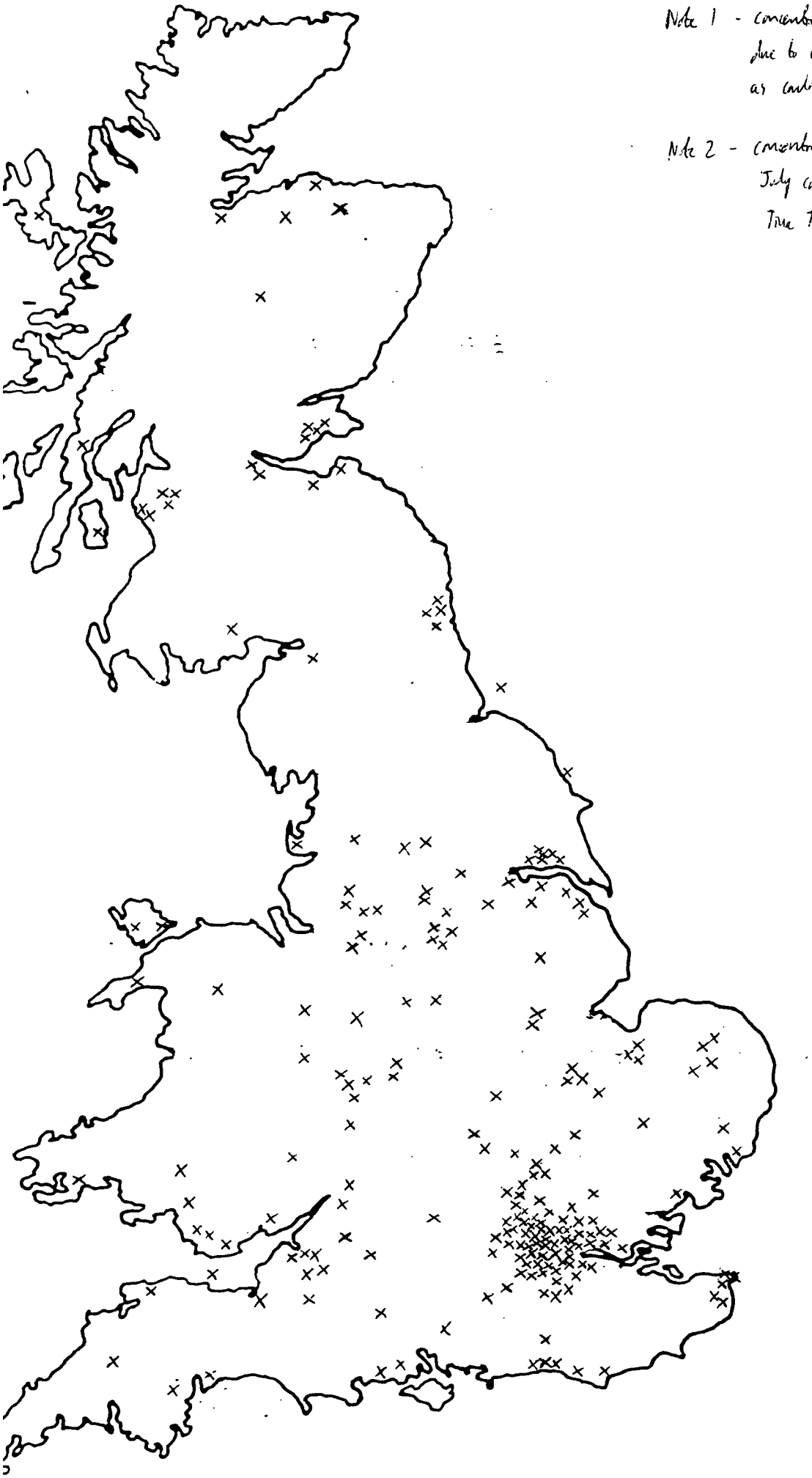

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Geographical distribution of UFO reports - 1909

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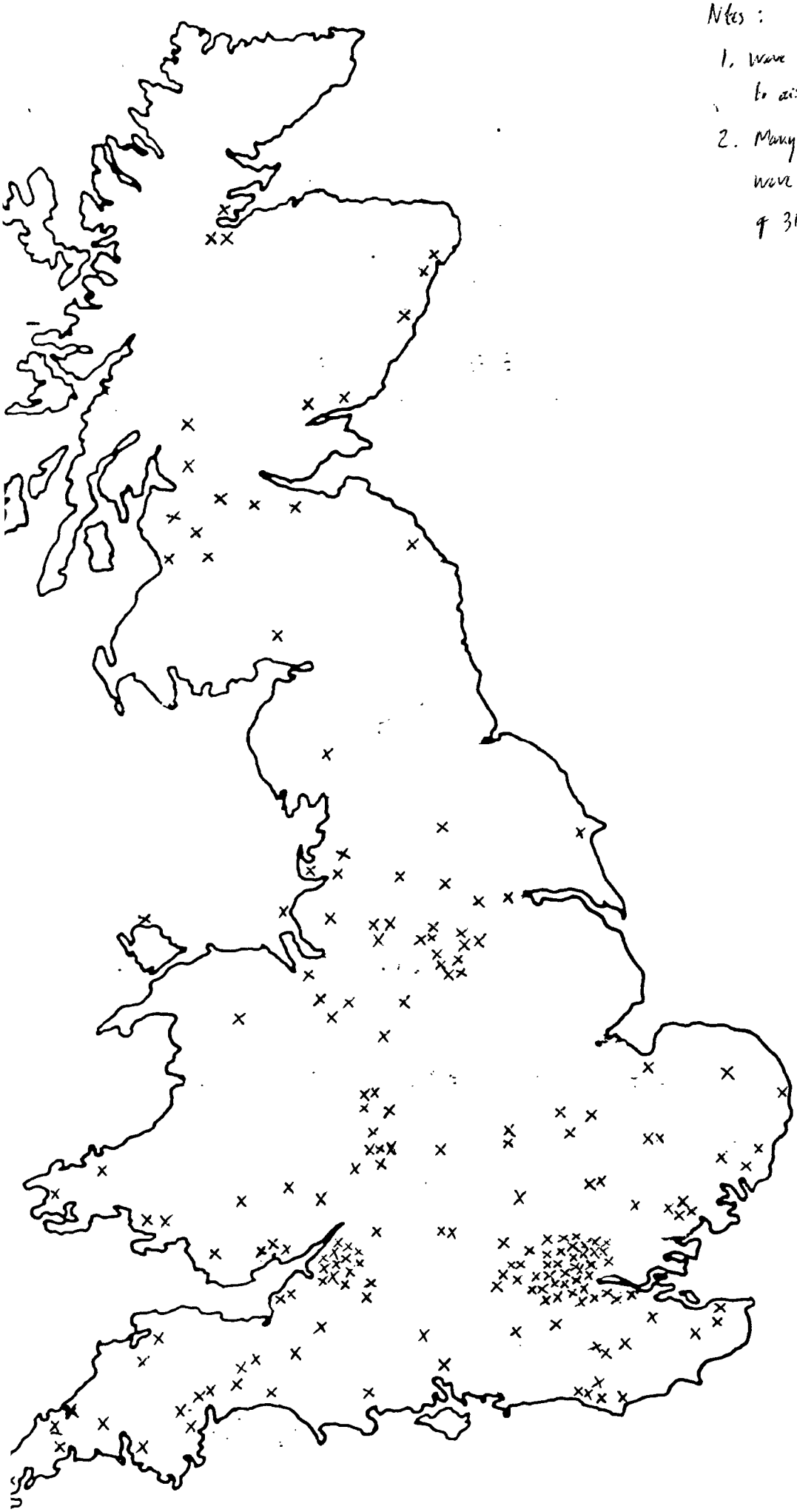

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I have had a recent look at the situation, and have discovered that because files were not destroyed immediately, surviving papers generally date from around 1962. The reason these papers have not yet been released is that they are in files where the 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.

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In fact, we received a report from one of the witnesses in this case, and suggested that she get in touch with BUFORA, amongst others. We received no other reports that might tie-in with this sighting.

Because of the size of the object, it is difficult for me to offer any opinion; your theory of a kite may well be correct, but a released helium balloon might also be a possible explanation. A tethered advertising balloon is another possibility.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40

Recycled Paper

Section 40 [redacted]

4/10/93

Dear Section 40 [redacted],

This report isn't one to get excited about but I've included it in the wake of the other Greenwich sightings.

It's quite conceivable that some-one was flying a special kind of kite (Section 40 [redacted]?) during the period in question.

What do you think?

Yours sincerely

Section 40 [redacted]

UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE (STANDARD)

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MORE GREENWICH OBSERVATIONS

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g) BRIGHTNESS(+)" " " : none

$ 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.

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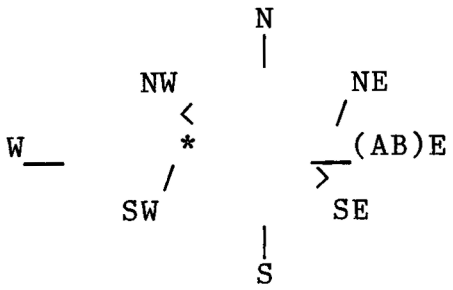

Imagine yourself in the middle of this compass dial. Write 'A' on the on the dial where you first saw the object, & a 'B' where the object was last seen.

SECTION D: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBSERVATION

2) TIME WHEN THE OBJECT(S) WAS FIRST SEEN: 16.55 bst

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

DURATION MORE THAN:

DURATION LESS THAN: t < 55 mins

4) DATE OF OBSERVATION: 3-10-93

5) WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT? (NEAREST STREET, DISTRICT & MAIN TOWN) Section 40 Greenwich, London, Section 40

6) WHAT FIRST BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S) SEEN AND WHERE WAS IT (THEY) LOCATED?: I first noticed the object when I looked out of the window opposite the seat I was sat on

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8) IF ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 5, HOW DID YOU GAUGE THE TIME? (WATCH, CLOCK TOWER OR RADIO ETC.): we estimated the first 10 mins. & timed the rest of the sighting by watch

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 : pinhead

10) WAS THE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED OR VIDEO RECORDED? (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS): n

11) WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE OBJECT(S) YOU SAW? (IF YES, GIVE NAMES,ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS WHERE POSSIBLE): 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: clear

ii) CLOUD COVER: none, quarter, half, three-quarter, total: half

iii) ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE: freezing, cold, cool, mild, warm, hot: cool

iv) PRECIPITATION: dry, rain, snow, hail, lightning, other: dry

v) WIND STRENGTH: still, breeze, strong wind, gale-force: breeze

vi) VISIBLE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS: stars, moon, sun, Aurora Borealis, shooting stars: none

WITNESS' SIGNATURE: [signed] Section 40 TODAY'S DATE: 1-10-93

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Letter returned
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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October, and for sending a copy of "Northern UFO News", which I found very interesting.

I agree that many of the UFO sightings on 30/31 March were probably generated by people having witnessed the re-entry of Cosmos 2238, although there would appear to be some reports that might not be explained in this way.

I agree that most of the recent sightings in the Bristol area seem to have been generated by Venus. I believe that there was also a display of lasers or searchlights that might explain other sightings.

You mentioned two other specific sightings, and asked whether we have any reports that might tie-in; we have no such reports, although I seem to recall that a researcher mentioned a case to me recently which involved a UFO being seen on a security camera.

I have seen the video of the Lockerbie sighting, but it is difficult to come to any firm conclusions. While lights can clearly be seen, it was dark at the time, and there were no other visible features that might have given an indication of the size, speed and distance of the objects filmed.

Finally, I was delighted to hear that Section 40 is recovering. I think that the handling of this case shows the sort of positive result that can come from cooperation between ourselves and serious UFO researchers.

Yours sincerely,

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Tel: Section 40

28 October 1993

Dear Section 40

I wanted to drop you a line to thank you for the copies of the 'close encounter' cases and your continued assistance on the investigation of sightings - such as the 30/31 March 1993 events over the west country for which you offered much help to our investigator Section 40

I presume you have concluded - as we did - that barring a few rogue cases 'trawled in' that night as a result of the publicity the majority do relate to the re-entry of Cosmos 2238 ? From my discussions with UFOlogists in Ireland, France and Spain they also had sightings of this same phenomenon - which makes the explanation as a very high altitude object a virtual certainty. Estimates of time do vary considerably in such cases. I recall the reentry of Cosmos 1068 on 31 December 1978 where a similar pattern emerged (see Section 40 UFO Reality - Hale, 1983 - for a fuller discussion of the analysis we did into 100 reports of this spectacular IFO)

We have also had quite an influx of video recorded UFOs this summer. The vast majority seem to be explicable - many as venus, which has been very bright pre and post dawn. You may be aware of the Hartcliffe, Bristol, episode. I thought I would send a copy of 'Northern UFO News' for your files as it has my comments on that case after spending some time with the witnesses on Section 40

Two other videos cover a 24 hour period and I wondered if you had any data about other sightings that might correlate with these dates. At this stage I suspect an aircraft in both instances (possibly one of these wretched airships which is a source of so many sightings these days).

Video one was taken in the early hours (6 am) of 2 September in a south Lancashire location by a security camera on site. It shows an object moving north west.

Video two was taken at dusk on 3 September from Cleveleys, near Blackpool, Lancashire. It shows a similar object but in colour and daylight.

I should also thank you for recommending that witnesses continue to contact us. The video case from near Lockerbie a couple of weeks ago is a recent example. I gather you spoke with the witness and we are now investigating the matter ourselves. We will be pleased to send you a copy of our conclusions in due course. Similarly if you have any thoughts - assuming the witness sent on a copy of the video as you had requested that he do and as we advised him to do - then we would be interested in those.

Best wishes,

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Dear Section 40,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November, and for sending me details of some of the UFO reports that you have researched.

I should say first of all that Ministry of Defence policy with regard to UFOs has not changed; our involvement is very limited, and our only reason for looking at reports is to ensure that there is no evidence of any threat to the defence of the UK. We believe that most reports could be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena, although we entirely accept that a small percentage appear to defy explanation; we are open-minded about what lies behind these sightings.

I believe that we do now have a good working relationship with a number of UFO groups and researchers, and this is clearly a good thing. We are happy to look at any reports that people send us, and offer an opinion if we have one. We will do our best to answer any questions that we are asked, either about specific sightings, or about more general policy issues. If anybody is investigating a specific and recent sighting, we can let them have a copy of any report we have that appears to tie-in, although we would not release the name and address of the witness.

I was very interested in the material you sent, particularly in relation to the wave of sightings that occurred on 31 March. Because of the number of witnesses, and the consistency of the descriptions given, it was clear that the events of 31 March were very interesting. I worked closely with Section 40 and was able to pass him details of some sighting reports that he had not received. In this way we were actually bringing into the public domain material which would not otherwise have been made available, which is clearly inconsistent with any claim that we asked anybody to keep the matter "low key"!

I have to say that our position has been somewhat misrepresented in your report; we were simply doing our best to assist with the investigation of what was clearly an intriguing mystery.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 40 [redacted]

CHAIRMAN/INVESTIGATIONS
HON. SECRETARY
HON. TREASURER

reply to:
Section 40 [redacted]

Date 1-11-93

Dear Section 40

Section 40 of DUFORO, Honiton suggested that you might be interested in the report we recently completed concerning the Ufo activity on the night of the 31st of March.

Please find enclosed a copy of the report and I hope it is of some interest. You will see that the MOD is featured and I would be interested in any comments you care to make about the points I raise, or anything else in the report.

I was told not long ago that your department is now suggesting more cooperation between Ufo groups/researchers and yourselves. I have in the past contacted your office in regard to sightings and have always received courteous and helpful replies. We would be more than happy to supply you with any reports we have, either current or past. I have included a couple of our more 'normal' type of report but would think you would have enough of this type already ! I can supply our better reports as they are completed or if there is any particular type of report you want, please let me know.

I have also enclosed a copy of our 'general enquiries' letter, which will give you some idea of PUFORG and it's work.

You will be aware that there has been intense activity over the south west for the last six months and continuing apace. Not including 9303, we have over thirty reports for the year so far; the most for a single year since the late '70s. March 31st, was a significant 'event' but the reports in general have been of a higher than average standard, with a couple of notable sightings. As mentioned I can send reports when completed. I have to stress **when**, as there is quite a backlog already !

Hope you find 9303 of interest,

yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted]

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reply to:
Section 40 [redacted]

Date

Dear

Thank you for your enquiry concerning PUFORG. the following is a brief account of the group and its work.Section 40

The Plymouth UFO Research Group was founded in 1965, by Section 40, and run by him singlehanded until 1978. [redacted] then called a public meeting to say that unless he could get others to help with the group, then PUFORG would have to close. At that meeting Section 40 was elected chairman, the post he has held since then. PUFORG secretary is Karen and group treasurer is Section 40 [redacted].

PUFORG operates as a small investigative team rather than a Ufo 'club' and though dealing with mainly Plymouth Ufo activity, also investigates reports from all over Devon and Cornwall. We have extensive files of reports from both counties.

PUFORG's main aims are to record local Ufo activity and to publicise our better reports and the Ufo subject in general. PUFORG's position is that Ufo's (that is unexplainable flying objects) are intelligently controlled aerial craft, not made by man.

Because of the lack of any real evidence, PUFORG cannot comment on the origins or purpose of Ufos.

PUFORG has hundreds of reports on file including quite a number of notable cases, one of which was featured by Timothy Good in his excellent 'Above Top Secret'. More recentlySection 40has included several of our '91 reports in 'UFO Report 1992'.

In the early '80s, PUFORG was given a Ufo photograph by the photographer. Thanks to the Fortean Picture Library of Clwyd, N. Wales, this photo 'The Plymouth Zoo Photo', has appeared in many international publications.

In January '92, we were very fortunate to be given a ten minute video tape of the Ufo type known as 'lights in the sky'. A PUFORG account of this excellent tape was featured in issue 50 of 'The Unexplained'. Then in Nov.'92, the cameraman took another video of the same lights. This proved to be better than the first. Because of the importance of this material, PUFORG is now compiling a report on these tapes, and will be distributing copies to leading publishers and groups.

Over the last couple of years PUFORG has also been very fortunate in being able to investigate some excellent corn circles which appeared locally, and hope to be continuing these investigations in the future.

We are always happy to hear from those interested in the subject of Ufos, and always try to meet those who live locally. PUFORG would like to hear of any notable past sightings and also from anyone in Devon & Cornwall who could be a PUFORG contact in their area and inform us of any sightings or activity they hear of.

The evidence is that anyone can see a Ufo, anywhere and at any time !! Everyone interested in Ufo's should learn to scan the sky as a regular part of everyday life. Day and night. A camera of course, should always be to hand ! Watch the skies.

Thanks again for your letter and please find enclosed one of our reports. As we are of very limited funds, should you require further correspondence or more Ufo reports, we must ask you to please send a stamped addressed envelope and/or costs towards photocopying.

Watch the skies,

PUFORG

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Date

UFO Activity over Devon & Cornwall 31st. March 1993
PUFORG File Rep. No. 9303

In the early hours of Wednesday, 31st. March 1993, hundreds, probably thousands of people all over the West Country, Wales and SW Ireland, saw two brilliant objects emitting bright vapour trails flying north to south, quickly and silently, across the night sky. PUFORG was alerted to the reports by Section 40 [redacted] of the Devon UFO Research Org. only hours after the events had occurred.

The following day, April Fools Day, Westcountry TV gave a report of 2 witnesses in west Cornwall seeing 'strange lights in the sky, similar to those seen quarter of an hour earlier in Ireland', but didn't know if this 'was a hoax or not'.

PUFORG and DUFORO worked together where possible but as Section 40 [redacted] had the bulk of reports and more importantly, the reports from police officers throughout the south west, both felt it best that each group produce their own report on the sightings and incidental information.

What follows is the PUFORG report on what appears to have been significant Ufo activity over a very wide area on the night in question. The report is divided into two halves; the first giving the witness reports PUFORG received, and the second on the investigation itself - which did present a few problems but also produced results unique in British Ufo investigation.

Witness Reports 31-3-93

All but two of the reports forms we sent out were returned and we received 10 written reports from witnesses in 6 different locations. Notably all reports were from along the southern coasts of Devon and Cornwall.

When writing we stressed the importance of time and direction of travel being as exact as possible. The following accounts are from written reports and from telephone and/or personal interviews with the witnesses.

The sightings are in chronological order.

Report No. 1 01.03am

The earliest sighting we received (the sightings in Ireland at 00.45am, will be discussed later) was by Section 40 [redacted] from her home near Penzance, Cornwall.

"I'd been visiting friends and I arrived home as the 1.00am news was starting on the radio. I got out of the car and went towards the house which is on a dirt track; there are no lights about. I stopped at a gate to look over the landscape which was moonlit. I was thinking how nice and tranquil it was, when out of the corner of my right eye, I saw a couple of objects travelling N - S, not quite overhead. I momentarily thought they were a couple of meteorites, but instead of vanishing quickly, they kept on coming.

"They were travelling parallel to each other, travelling very precisely. They were like very big stars. They were as bright as Sirius and about 4 times as large. They were about 1"-1¼" apart as seen by the naked eye and were giving off a vapour trail.

"The lights were white like stars and the trails were white like fog. The trails came from directly behind the objects, and were a single thick trail, no like those given off by large airliners, which are split into two.

"My first thought was 'My God, what's that ?!'. They were obviously some kind of controlled craft, but not like anything I'd seen before. There were no flashing navigational lights, just two extraordinarily bright lights, which were unusually large and/or powerful, travelling fast.

"As they proceeded N - S, I noticed that there were two other objs. accompanying (or following) the larger two. These were not visible in themselves, but were giving off vapour trails, although these were barely visible.

"As I watched their progress across the sky, I tried to relate what I was seeing to something I was already familiar with. The closest comparison I can make is that the two smaller vapour trails looked like those seen during the day coming from high flying smaller jet aircraft - a single jet stream.

"There's nothing I can compare the larger two objects with, because they're not like anything I've seen before, but side by side with the other 2 objects/trails, they were very large indeed.

"Since I saw the objects, I've been watching and listening for aircraft at night and have seen nothing that compares to them in any way at all.

"The objects flew very precisely. In my opinion, there were definitely 4 separate objects and these were definitely controlled craft. The 2 large lights were flying exactly parallel to each and (I believe) a little way behind and below them the 2 smaller ones also flew exactly parallel to each other. All 4 flew exactly the same speed and course.

"The 4 vapour trails were very 'precise'. They looked as if someone had taken a ruler and drawn 4 dead straight lines across the sky, parallel to the ground.

"I couldn't hear any noise coming from the objects. I was waiting to hear some noise, but the fact that they passed overhead silently added another dimension to the puzzle. There was neither direct aircraft sound or delayed sound.

"The only sound I heard which I do connect with them, was a low, barely audible, displaced, muffled, rumbling sound coming from somewhere off to the west. I was looking to the east and the noise was definitely coming from the west. It sounded like a distant, very remote body of traffic, not like any sound I would normally connect with aircraft, even delayed sound from high flying jets. It was different in location, sound and volume. Four 'ordinary' aircraft would have made more noise.

"When the noise started, dogs living in that direction start barking. It wasn't just one dog, it was several and this carried on until the sound subsided.

"As already stated, I have listened to & watched aircraft at night since I saw the objects, and there is nothing that compares with them in any way. In particular, ordinary aircraft do not make dogs bark.

"I watched the 4 objs. fly southward, where they flew into some cloud. The clouds lit up very brilliantly, as they flew through it. I thought 'That is **weird**'. They then went out of my sight.

"I wouldn't have followed this up if I hadn't heard a news report on Radio 4's "P.M." (31/3/93) programme about Ufos seen over the west coast of Ireland shortly before my sighting".

Section 40 watched the objects for about 1½ minutes. They were ¼" across (at arms length) and were at an angle of 80° when passing 'nearly overhead'. She contacted 'Westcountry' TV, the day of her sighting. They briefly gave her report and that of Section 40 [redacted]. However these were broadcast the following day, which was April the 1st. The presenter wasn't sure if it was an April Fool joke, possibly because of Section 40 surname.

Report No. 2 01.09 am

Section 40 [redacted] lives at Truro, Cornwall.

"I had just turned off the tv and lights and felt like going outside. I went out on my patio watching the stars. It was very clear even though there was a quarter moon. A couple of minutes later, that is about 1.09, my attention was caught by a movement coming over my roof from the north.

"I saw two very bright points of light flying in a SSE direction. Their path was from the area of Ursa Minor and went parallel to the pointers (to Arcturus) in Ursa Major. Their colour was a blue white and they left a ropey trail, like a vortex from a plane wing, though I am sure it was not a plane because it had no navigation lights and was completely silent. And if it was a secret American spy plane (as someone on tv suggested) then it wouldn't carry floodlights on its wingtips."

The objects were at 45° and to the east of his position. He saw only two objects and two vapour trails.

"The objects were the size of a pinhead AAL. They travelled at 2" apart AAL, and the speed was about 1½" AAL per second. The trails appeared 1" behind the lights and faded in 4-5 seconds.

"The trails, which were as wide as a normal jet trail at 30,000ft, were unusual. It was like when you're looking at an ultra-violet light, your eyes can't quite focus on it. It was the same with the trails. The lights were a bright white/blue and the trails were very bright blue, almost violet. They were very bright but I couldn't say if they were self luminous or reflecting the moon which was at 90° to them."

Section 40 an "astronomer for some years", was "stunned" by what he saw. He watched the objects for 30-40seconds, then rushed indoors to get his camera. When he came out the objects and trails had gone.

Because he knew he had seen something unusual, Section 40 called Westcountry TV the same day and his report was mentioned on the local news the next day, April 1st.

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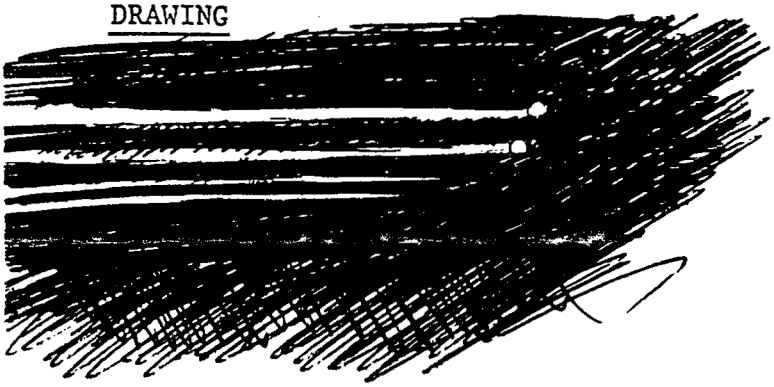

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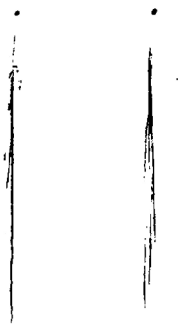

Report No. 3 01.15am

Section 40 and his wife, Section 40 live in Torquay, Devon.
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"On Tuesday 30th March, I had had a tooth taken out. I went to bed about 11.30 that night. At 1.00am (31/3) I woke up in some pain and decided to go downstairs and take some Anadin. Returning upstairs, I got almost to the top landing, when I saw 2 bright lights out of the landing window (the landing curtains are never closed).

"I pulled aside the net curtains to see 2 bright amber lights coming at an angle but straight overhead. They were spaced apart, moved in unison and were leaving a heavy trail as they went overhead. I could see a a shape behind each light, a sort of dark mass that I felt was short and cylindrical, like a bean tin.

"Between and above the lights was a sort of streamer or beam, that seemed to ripple. It ran along the same path as the objects, but stretched ahead and behind them and seemed to keep 'catching up'. I find this hard very hard to describe.

"As they passed over the roof, I ran into our bedroom at the front of the house. I woke my wife [redacted] and opened the curtains and together we watched them fly out of sight. Section 40

Section 40 first reaction was 'Oh, my God' and we both felt we had seen something exceptional."

Section 40 Section 40 "I was in bed trying to get to sleep but feeling restless. It was 1.15am 31st of March. [redacted] my husband had just been downstairs to get some painkill s, having had a tooth out the previous day. I heard him arrive at the top of the stairs, hesitate for a couple of seconds, then he ran into the bedroom and shouted, 'Look at this, Section 40 Section 40

"I jumped out of bed and went to the window which [redacted] was looking out of. We both stood speechless as we watched and then said 'What is it ?!'.

"There were 2 bright shining orange lights, moving at great speed. They had flown over the rooftop and were heading in the direction of the sea. There were 2 vapour trails left by the 2 main lights and as they went into the distance, I noticed another small light in between them, but quite a bit behind and with a smaller vapour-like trail.

"There was complete silence and the speed was faster than any plane, shooting star or other object I've seen.

"Against the night sky they were quite bright and the vapour trails were very clear. The lights looked like a cigarette end in the dark and travelling at great speed."

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Both witnesses noted the time on the bedside clock was 1.15. [redacted] saw the objs. for 15 secs. and Section 40 for 10. The objs. were travelling from N to S. The vapour trails were the same colour as the lights. They were brightly lit along their length and stretched from horizon to horizon. They had "no idea" how far away the objects were

Section 40 phoned us on the evening of the 31st and even over the phone it was obvious he was still excited by what he had seen. He said it was a fantastic sight because the objects lit up a large part of the sky,

"Anyone who was out at that time could not have failed to see them. They were awesome".

Section 40 thought the small object between the 2 main lights, was the most unusual aspect of the sighting, though he found it hard to explain why. He said it kept falling behind and then catching up with lights and then falling behind again before going forward and catching up again. This was happening during all of the sighting.

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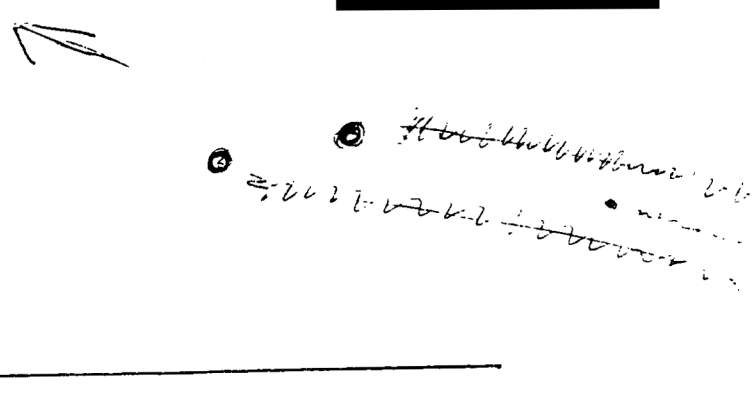

Report No. 4 01.15am

Section 40 [redacted] lives at Strete, near Dartmouth, Devon, 12 miles from the previous witnesses.

Section 40 had just been to the bathroom and on returning to bed looked out of his bedroom window, and saw,

"Two very bright lights in the sky with vapour trails behind them. They seemed to be at an altitude of several thousand feet and on exactly the same flight path as passenger jets take.

"The lights were heading south out over the sea. I turned from the window to alert my wife. When I turned back they had completely disappeared. The whole sighting only lasted a few seconds. I know the time was right because I had just looked at the clock.

"I can't be sure, because it was over so quick, but I think the colour was amber or orangey. The trail was very long and very bright and was the same colour as the lights. The lights were pea sized AAL and a pea size apart. Length of sighting 5 seconds.

Section 40 said "the hairs on the back of my neck stood on end", and the sighting was "so weird, so unusual." They flew "on a definite flight path, heading to a certain point on a flat course, lights parallel with each other and the ground. They were definite objects on a definite direction and using their own power".

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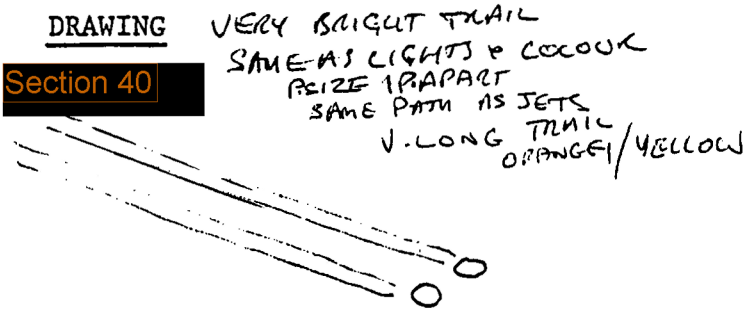

Report No. 5 01.25 am

Section 40 and Section 40 are friends and neighbours, who live in the village of St. Mellion, Cornwall near the border of Devon & Cornwall and some 10 miles from Plymouth. They had visited a mutual friend in the village and were returning to their homes.

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"What I saw were three objects flying very high and very fast. The left hand object being slightly ahead of the right one and was followed by a smaller one some distance behind.

"All three seemed to be of a gold to orange colour and left a trail which was visible over about ¾ of the sky. The objects came from behind which was NNW, and the trails could be seen for approx. half of the available sky behind and obviously to the objects in front. The trails were the same colour as the the lights but paler and got dimmer and dimmer further back along the trail.

"Nothing appeared to connect the objects together and stars were visible at all times between them. No sound whatsoever was heard. Both front objects were the same size, i.e. a 5mm pea AAL. The small one would be very slightly larger than a pinhead. The main lights were 5-6" apart, and the small light was 6-7" behind the main ones.

"The smaller obj. on the inside of the left trail appeared to be bouncing in and out of the trail, i.e. as if being hit by debris, making it fly in a wobbly/-waving way as it kept bouncing off the trail. I felt it was like watching a kiddie trying to keep up with its parents, saying 'wait for me, wait for me'. The small obj. stayed the same distance behind the main lights all of the time. I could see a short trail from it but it wasn't distinct because it was so close to the large trail.

"All three continued in a dead straight line in the position shown in the diagram. They did not stop at all and disappeared in a SSE direction. (Direction of travel is accurate as the objects flew directly in line with our road and I have checked the road direction with a compass.) Objects seen for about 5 seconds.

"I was about 50yds from my house. I went straight home and it was almost 1.30 on the clock."

What Section 40 saw was quite dissimilar to Section 40

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"I saw what I thought was two RAF jets flying above me. I then realised that the speed they were doing was too fast and also the fact that there was no sound and there should have been because they were quite low.

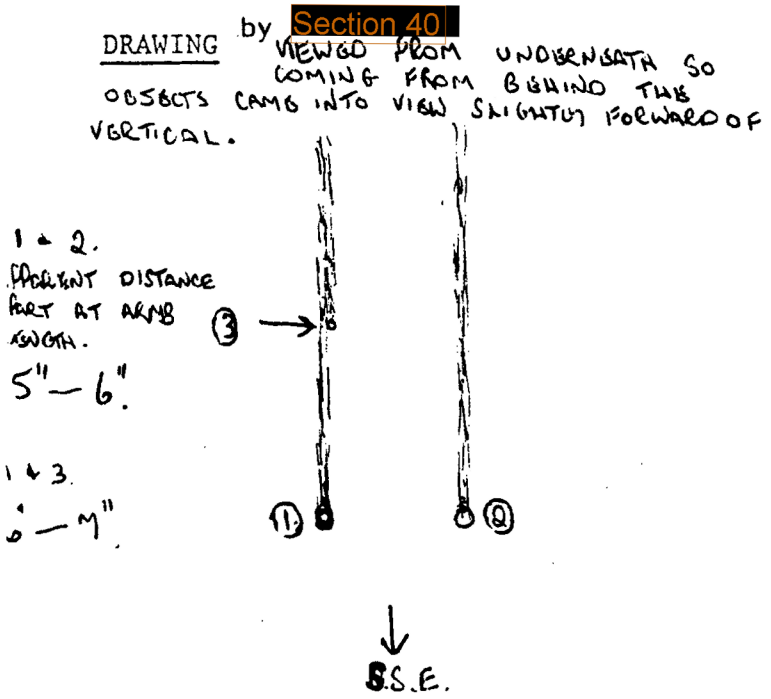
"In the jet smoke behind the planes, I noticed something sparkling, like little red stars, but they were moving at the same speed as the jets."

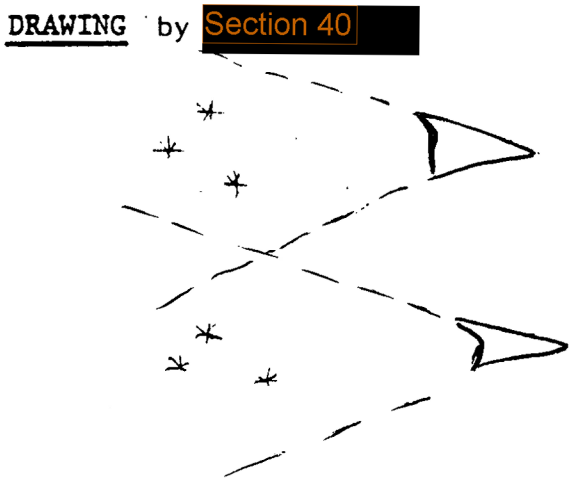
Section 40 did not see any bright lights. The "arrowhead" shaped objects were each the size of 2p AAL. They had no navigation lights and were "hazy" and "dark" but the trails behind them were bright. Within the trails were 'twinkling red stars'.

The difference between the two reports is striking but not unknown in Ufo sightings. Space does not allow discussion of this odd aspect of Ufos but we accept both reports as true accounts of what the witness saw.

The objects had flown from behind and over the witnesses heads and lost sight of in the direction of Saltash. They were seen from a street lit area and Section 40 said looked as bright "as a star" though considerably larger. [redacted] thought they were "very high, I would say above the normal flight path of airliners etc."

Section 40 On the afternoon of the same day [redacted] phoned Launceston Police and was told by the duty officer that they'd "had a dozen reports" of the objects and that one officer from the station had reported seeing them. PUFORG contacted the station and asked for police witness to contact us, with no response.





Report No. 6 01.25

The Blockhouse is the highest point in Plymouth, at 221ft., and has an excellent 360° view. To the NW is the Tamar Bridge, Saltash and 5 miles NW of Saltash is St. Mellion, 8 miles from the Blockhouse. At 01.25 am on the 31/3, 4 young men and 2 young women were at the Blockhouse on their way home.

One of them suddenly noticed a pair of very bright lights low in the sky over Saltash, and at eye level from their position.

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"We were standing at the Blockhouse when we saw appearing from the NNW, 2 white balls of light. They looked as if they were travelling upwards (vertically) but I soon realised they were travelling to the SE, about ½ - 1 mile up in the air.

"As they flew overhead, I saw between the two lights, two smaller, yellow lights travelling in a figure of eight pattern. Whilst they were overhead, the two smaller lights tailored off to the NE, maintaining a constant distance between themselves.

"No sound was heard at any time - more like a deadly silence. This was the most noticeable characteristic of the lights as they got closer, was the fact that no sound could be heard, when they seemed very bright and very close, approx. half a mile away. Trails possibly light trails were seen behind the objects."

Section 40 was "stunned" by what he saw. As he watched the objects he was "very excited".

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"Two large, bright lights appeared on the horizon from the direction of the Tamar Bridge. They travelled straight over my head, making absolutely no sound.

"As they came up from the horizon, two smaller lights were visible between the larger ones. They were travelling in a figure of eight pattern.

"As the collection of lights reached a point over me, the smaller lights shot off at 90° (horizontally) towards Central Park (NE). The other two continued until they disappeared over the horizon."

Section 40 felt "disbelief, excitement" as he watched the objects.

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"Myself and 5 mates were up at the Blockhouse, when someone said 'look up there', when I did I saw 2 lights in the sky. We followed them across from Saltash and over our heads.

"The lights were white/creamy and were different sizes. The 2 front ones were largest. One was about the size of ½p AAL and the other slightly smaller. The little light behind them was about the size of a split pea AAL.

"I thought at first there was only 2 lights. It was only when they were almost directly above me that I saw there was 3. The little one looked as if it was trying to keep up with the large ones. It was quite sweet really.

"Because of the angle they came towards us, it was also only when they were almost above me that I first noticed the trails of smoke behind them. As the trails came off the lights they were as bright as the lights but dimmed quickly and got dimmer and dimmer as they stretched back. The trails were about half a metre or more long AAL.

"At first we were all saying 'What the hell's that' 'What is it' then we just watched speechless as they went over our heads and across the sky towards and past the Hoe. As I watched them travel into the distance, they vanished ! You know like when you turn a switch off. They didn't get dimmer - they just went out !

"I was shocked and amazed by what we saw. I knew it wasn't a plane because the lights were the wrong colour and there was total silence. Also the sky was so clear above me I would have been able to see a plane."

It took the lights between 45 seconds and 1 minute to fly from horizon to horizon. Three of the witnesses saw the small lights depart at high speed from the large lights. Two others said they were just watching the main lights, and Section 40 said she watched all 3 lights fly into distance.

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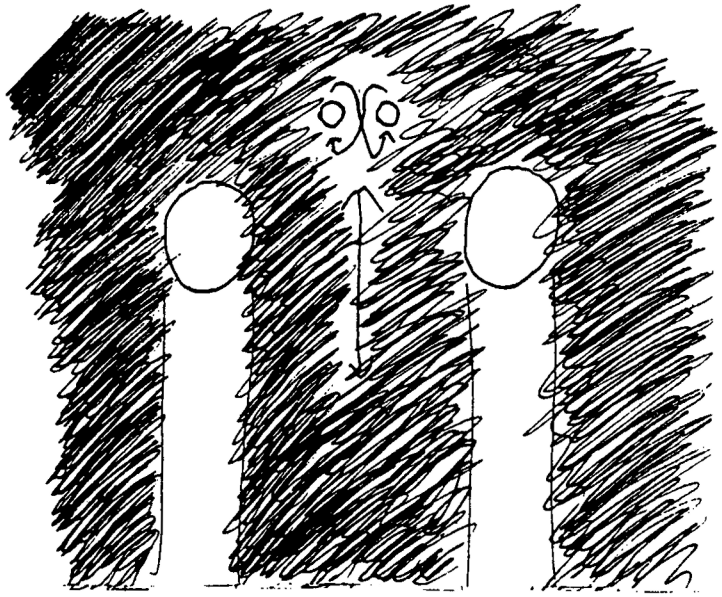

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Those are the reports we received for the night of 31/3. After investig - ion, and many reports of similar sightings all over the SW, we believe the objects seen to be unexplainable flying objects, that is genuine Ufos. And seen in what was a significant Ufo event.

Whether the same objects were responsible for all the sightings we can't say. It is not unknown for numbers of Ufos to 'parade' across the sky, but the large area covered by the sightings (including Wales and Ireland) and the different times involved could point to more than two craft being involved.

The objects and trails seen, bear a very striking resemblance to a Ufo filmed in the Rockie Mountains; in the '70s, we believe. This remarkable film shows a lakeside beach scene, with mountains in the background, fringing the lake. The film shows people on the beach turn to look as a colossal, brilliant white light, leaving a very thick, vapour trail the same colour as the light, powers majestically across the sky over the lake, continuing its flight over the mountains and out of sight. The object on the film could quite rightly be called 'awesome'.

This film was shown a few times on tv Ufo programmes, where it was dismissed as a "bolide", which is a small piece of rock falling into atmosphere. This is ridiculous of course because the object is obviously colossal - and travelling parallel to the ground.

It is a very striking piece of film lasting 10 to 15 seconds but has not been seen for some years. We think the Ufo on the film is identical to the Ufos seen on the night of the 31st of March. Though further away, the 2nd from top object on Section 40 drawing is practically identical to the Ufo in the film. PUFORG would very much like to obtain this film clip and if anyone can offer any help on this, we would be very grateful.

Transcript of Radio News Report

'P.M.' Radio 4 31/3/93

Presenter, "Dozens of people on the west coast of Ireland, were mystified to see what appeared to be Ufos in the sky last night. They rang police stations, local journalists and radio chat shows, to talk about the strange silent, other worldly lights. Ms. (name unclear) Section 40 was one of the many people who saw them as she drove home near Ennis in Co.Clare.

Section 40 "At about 12.30/12.45, we were coming home and I was just looking out of the side window of the car, when I saw these two bright lights and I was thinking to myself they were very bright to be stars. The next thing I saw was this trail of fog or white light behind them, so I opened the window just to see more clearly. I said to mum and dad, I wonder what those lights are ? I suppose they were about 10' apart, directly opp. one another with this trail of fog was trailing behind them. So we stopped the car and got out, and we could see it travelling kind of from N to S dir. travelling just fairly steady like and we saw these 4 or 5 small, little like stars following the white lights as well. It just dis. over the hill then, but when we came up home the trail of fog was still in the sky, very bright but the lights had travelled through."

Presenter. "At the time what did you think you'd seen ? "

Section 40 "I thought it was something to do with stars or some type of as plane but there was no sound at all off it. That's what puzzled me."

Presenter. "Now on the line from Dub, Section 40 who as well as being our Ireland corres., is also would you believe an expert in things ET. Section 40, what on earths going on here ?"

Section 40 "I honestly don't know. I have to say the Irish Govt. are taking this very seriously. The DOT have issued a statement saying there were no aircraft in the area at the time, and its very puzzling that there was no noise coming from this thing, because that would obviously be an indicator but theres a lot of speculation, I have to say now about whether this was a secret Am plane operating

for some reason in the west of Ire. We know that last year at the end of Dec. there were a number of sightings over Scotland, around Macrannish, there's a base there, which there's some suspicion the Americans were flying trans-atmospheric craft into space over the pole and down into Scotland.

"Now whether this is one of those planes that just got lost, one doesn't know, but all of the indications that have come from people around Ireland, they're consistent with the description of what has been called in the media, 'Aurora' and that is that trans-atmospheric American top secret plane." Section 40 Presenter "It sounds almost as unlikely as a Ufo, [redacted] These people assure me, Section 40 [redacted] in particulr said she had been to the pub but had only been drinking mineral water. Theres no sign at all that they've all been drinking the same mineral water ?"

Section 40 [redacted] "That thought did cross peoples minds. Also there was the suggestion that people had put the calender forward instead of the clock last weekend and this was some sort of April Fool trick. But in fact no, all the reports are consistent and I've read across some of the accounts I've received to some people in the states, who are familiar with Aurora and some of the other deep-black projects in the states and there are very striking similarities. For instance, the description, by some people of the fact there was a pulsing element to the contrails that this thing was pushing out little blobs of smoke from the back...." Presenter, "Sounds like it may remain one of lifes greeat unexplained mysteries, Section 40 [redacted] Thank you very much indeed for that."

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On the 7th of April Section 40 [redacted] wrote an article on the sightings in the Irish Times. He strongly suggested that the lights were a top secret American spy plane - or maybe two. But as pointed out earlier in this report by Section 40 [redacted] a top secret plane would hardly fly round with brilliant lights on it. Section 40 [redacted] may genuinely believe in the 'spy plane', but we think the whole 'spy plane' story is false and used only to 'muddy the water' when significant real Ufo activity is occurring, such as the Belgium Ufo wave of 91/92 and more recently in Scotland.

The article does give some interesting information though. Section 40 [redacted] a well known traditional singer in east Clare", saw the lights when driving home in the early hours (no times are given in the article). Through the windscreen he saw two bright lights heading south, with "little wee ones running behind them." Surprisingly similar to two of our witness' descriptions of the smaller objects.

The article continued, "A respected amateur astronomer saw the same lights in Sligo moments earlier and said the contrails were broken by illuminated clumps trailing behind; an Air Corps flight crew saw the lights cross their path as they flew NW from Baldonnel to Finner Camp in Donegal." The description "crossing their path" would seem to suggest the objects were at more or less the same height as the military plane whose crew reported them.

The article also said "Up to 138 satellites and spent rocket stages passed within sight of Ireland but not one came close to re-entry." Which is interesting in view of later developments in the case.

The Investigation

At 03.30am on the 31st of March, 1993, Section 40 [redacted] (Devon UFO Research Org.) phoned to tell us of the police reports he was receiving. Though police officers, alone, in pairs and in groups, have reported Ufos many times in the past, from what he said we knew this had to be a very significant Ufo case.

Section 40 [redacted] said he'd had reports from 19 police officers at 5 different stations, ranging from S.Wales to Cornwall; all reported the same objects and all at the same time. For so many to do so, in different locations and witnessing the same Ufos (and, it must be noted, all reporting to the same investigator !) is unheard of, and make this a unique case in British Ufo reports.

PUFORG's investigation took place from 31/3 to the middle of July. Apart from the sightings, three other main areas of investigation arose from this Ufo event. For the sake of clarity we have dealt with each separately, though all are, of course, linked.

Nearly all of this material was gathered by DUFORO, and we are indebted to them for all their help and full co-operation with this case, and for use of their material in the completion of this report.

We believe the DUFORO material to be extremely unusual in British Ufo cases, and in one item, unique.

The three main areas of investigation were, 1. Rocket Re-entry; 2 The Police; 3. The M.O.D. We will deal with them in that order.

Rocket Re-entry

On the 30th of April, a month after the sightings, Section 40 phoned to say that he'd been told by Section 40 (BBC Dublin) that at 1.10am on the morning of the 31/3/93, there had been the re-entry of the launch section of a Russian Cosmos satellite, Cat.No. 2238. This was significant of course, and had to be checked. Section 40 called Section 40 of BUFORA who suggested the British Astronomical Society. Section 40 contacted them and was given the number of a man who specialised in that area of space research. We will call him Mr. A.

Section 40 phoned during a PUFORG meeting, on May 5th. He said, and I relayed it to the group as he told me, that Mr. A. had said that at 1.10am there had been a rocket re-entry (RE) "at a height of 85 - 100km. It travelled across Ireland, N.Wales over Belgium and last seen heading to its mother country", namely Russia. The burn up would have been visible for about 4mins and would consist of a number of lights.

I pointed out to Section 40 that the direction of travel given was at 90° to the reports we had, and agreed with only one of the times. Further, our witnesses described objects too large for something seen over 50 miles away. We asked Doug if he could get a latitude and longitude course for the rocket from Mr. A.

We had a difficulty here. The time of the RE, fitted in perfectly with all of the police times and Doug felt the RE answered all but two of the police reports he'd received. PUFORG had the opposite, in that the RE answered only one of our sightings. And of course definitely couldn't account for the objects seen over Ireland at 12.45am.

The only report we had for the time 01.10, and which appeared to describe RE. was from Section 40 in Truro. We were going to classify this as the RE and phoned Section 40 to ask if he agreed with this explanation. His answer surprised us and of note because he is an astronomer

"I can't agree with that. I've never seen a RE but I would expect when it hit the atmosphere, the separate parts would go off in different directions. What I saw was far too 'neat'. The objects stayed at a fixed position to each other, the speed was constant as was their brightness, during the whole sighting. Also the objects travelled in a very straight line, they were not falling to earth. If there had been just one light, I might accept RE but not two together. I've done astronomy for years and I knew this was something special. I don't accept what I saw was a re-entry."

Even though the times were different, we checked with other witnesses and asked if RE would fit in with what they had seen. Their responses were "ludicrous", "definitely not", "impossible".

On the 10th of May, Section 40 (PUFORG treasurer) and I went to see Section 40 in Honiton, to discuss the case and review the evidence. Section 40 still hadn't received the flight path of the RE from Mr. A., so he phoned him and was told by Mr. A. that he had a report of 6-7 objects seen over Toulon, S.France flying N/S, and this is the path the rocket would have been travelling.

After the call and further discussion, Section 40 phoned Fylingdales RAF Base in Yorkshire, (this is the top radar tracking station in Britain), and was told that, yes, cat. No.2238 came over Lands End at 01.10am on the 31/3/93.

Section 40 This didn't agree with PUFORG's reports, so we still needed some hard data to evaluate in regard to our reports and so continued this line of investigation. We asked Section 40 to ask Mr. A. to send him written co-ordinates of the re-entry flight path. By May 20th Section 40 had not received the details from Mr. A., so we tried to get the information from elsewhere. We phoned RAF St. Mawgan, N.Devon, who couldn't help but suggested Fylingdales would have the information and supplied us with the telephone number.

I called Fylingdales and asked the woman who answered for information on Cat. No. 2238 re-entry. She said she would put me through to some one and asked my name. After a short break a man came on the line,

"Yes, Section 40 how can I help you ?" His manner was brusque, unfriendly. I explained what I wanted and in a shocked tone, he said,

"I can't possibly give you that information."

"Why not ?", I asked.

Short pause, "What's your interest in this anyway ?", he demanded.

"I'm investigating a Ufo report."

"I'm sure you are." (!!) he said, still abrupt, irritated. A longer pause.

"Give me your number Section 40 and I'll see what I can do and phone you back."

I gave him the number. I have to be honest, I didn't expect to hear from him again but in 45mins, he called back. His manner was totally different, warm, friendly, joking.

"Ah Section 40 I have the information you asked for but I'm afraid it's no use to you because the re-entry came down in the middle of the Pacific."

"What ?!!", I said, "2238 ?"

"Yes, here are the co-ordinates. It flew N/S and came down at 41.6°N - 135°W. I just don't see how you got reports of it, it came down on the other side of the world !".

"No, that's fine", I said.

"I'm amazed that they've reported this. How could they see it when it was on the other side of the world ?", he said.

"Well they obviously couldn't have, could they ?", I replied.

"No, I suppose not. Well sorry the information is no use to you".

"Believe me, it's a great help and very interesting. Thanks very much."

"Don't mention it. I'm glad to help."

"Thanks very much."

"Any time, Section 40

Naturally we were very surprised at this and phoned Section 40 who was likewise impressed. He said he would call Mr. A. and see what he had to say. Section 40 phoned back later to tell us that Mr. A. said that Fylingdales had got it wrong !! That the Pacific obj. had been mistakenly given out at first as 2238 but was in fact 2257, and that Fylingdales hadn't corrected the early incorrect information. I Section 40 pointed out to Section 40 that Fylingdales had given the 'correct' information when he had phoned them; now, two weeks later the initial 'correct' report had been changed for an incorrect one ?

Section 40 felt we were making too much of this and to some extent he was right. We accepted that there had been a RE, and that this could answer all of Section 40 police reports. However, we were unhappy with the conflicting information and our inability to get the simple hard data - as given by Fylingdales for the Pacific RE.

If we accepted that Fylingdales was wrong this time, we still didn't have the flight path of 2238. So we tried another path. We contacted the Astronomy Dept. of Plymouth University who told us they didn't have that type of information, but gave us the name of a man who is a specialist in this area of space research. He works at the Royal Aircraft Est., Farnborough, Hampshire, and we wrote asking if he could give us flightpath co-ordinates for 2238, its height; what arc of sky it would travel; how long it would be visible for and where did it land. To date, end of July and 8 weeks since writing, we have not heard from him.

We also contacted Section 40 of the Plymouth Astronomical Society who sent us a copy of a 'Satellite News' bulletin which showed 2238 being launched on the 30th of March and the RE on the 31st, but unfortunately didn't give directions or flightpath. Section 40 said he would talk with a colleague and let us know if he got any more details.

Because of the time it was taking to get hard facts, we decided to leave the re-entry at this point, to get on with this report. We felt that though the RE had occurred, it did not answer any of the sightings that night, other than the very high level sightings made at the stated time by the police witnesses. The one witness we had which fitted time and height, strongly disagreed that he had seen a re-entry, which we accept.

Then towards the end of July, Section 40 phoned to say he'd received from a BUFORA contact in Ireland, a copy of a report by the Dept. of Transport, Energy and Communications (Air Navigation Services Office) concerning the sightings of 31/3. This was a most interesting document.

The report ignored the 12.45 sightings and said that RE was the "logical" explanation for what was seen, but gave further interesting information. It was in 2 parts; the first an undated 2 page preliminary investigation by the D. of T,E & C into

"the numerous reports from members of the public, including civilian and military pilots", of "2 or more bright lights moving across the sky at a steady speed". The silent objects were "emitting contrails as they did so.....estimates of their height.....ranged from several hundred to 25,000ft."

"Reports were received from most parts of the country, except the extreme north and extreme south. Reports were also received from an aircraft over N. Ireland and an aircraft over Wales."

The timings given were "remarkably consistent.....and indicate the sightings lasted for a few minutes, between 01.10 & 01.15am local time." Which is of course, incorrect. The reports they received showed the objects went across "the middle of Ireland.....and moving towards Wales" in a NW/SE direction, "The objects were not seen to descend to earth at any stage."

"A check by Air Traffic Services could not relate the sightings to any known civil air traffic operating at the time. Nor were any unidentified objects observed on radar."

"London Air Traffic Control confirmed receiving several reports of similar sightings **by aircraft** "in the Belfast/Anglesey/Dublin area." They also confirmed that nothing was observed on radar."

"The Irish military authorities confirm that they had no operations in progress at the time which would account for such occurrences."

"The Met. Service confirms that the sightings do not appear to be explainable by any known atmospheric phenomena."

Concluding part one, the report says that RE is the most likely explanation,

"However without concrete information as to the origin, identity or destination of the objects, any explanation put forward must remain highly speculative. Pending further information, the Dept. will keep an open mind on the sightings."

A most interesting comment.

Part 2 is a single page, dated 19/4/93, and tells of information received from Section 40 of the USAF Inst. of Technology. His studies for,

"the period of the sightings, identified Cat. No. 22586, Int. Designator 1993-018B which decayed on March 31st, as the objects sighted.....The rocket body was predicted to pass over Ireland on a NW/SE trajectory between 01.06 hrs. and 01.12 hrs. local time at an altitude of somewhat less than 107km (66miles). The predicted (Not recorded ? PUFORG) path matches closely the reports of the observers, all of whom had difficulty in estimating the altitude of the objects."

"It appears safe therefore, to accept the findings of Section 40 as the logical explanation of the phenomena."

Except of course the RE occurred 20 minutes after the first sightings in Ireland. It would be interesting to know at what height the military pilots logged the objects, because it is hard to believe that an object seen from over 60 miles away could mistakenly thought to be at most 25,000ft. We know it is impossible to estimate heights except with known objects, but every witness being wrong by over 60 miles is we believe, highly unlikely. So a "logical explanation" yes, but a plausible explanation, in the face of the evidence, definitely not.

And yet another Cat No. !! It is worth recalling information given in Section 40 Section 40 article of the 7th of April, which by inference in the same paragraph, is attributed to "The US space command HQ at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado", who said that "up to 138 satellites and spent rocket stages passed within sight of Ireland, between midnight and 4 am. on Wednesday, but not one of them came close to re-entry."

The Police

At 3.30am, on the 31st of March, [redacted] phoned to tell us of the police Ufo reports he was receiving from stations all over the west country. Within 36 hours of the sightings [redacted] had verbal reports from 20 officers (constables and sergeants) who had been on duty at 01.10am and had all seen the objects. He took brief details from each, "they couldn't have been more helpful", said [redacted] and all said they would complete report forms, which were duly posted to them.

Of the 20 report forms sent out, 17 were not returned. Those received were from the 3 sergeants who had seen the objects. None of the constables returned forms. Both PUFORG and DUFORO were surprised at the very poor response from the constables.

[redacted] attempted phoning an number of them at various times, to ask fro the report forms, but though initially extremely helpful, they were now all "unavailable".

As the investigation progressed, what started out as a unique case because of the large number of police witnesses in different locations, on the little information available, it now appeared that all but two of them had seen a RE. Twenty officers report seeing a Ufo - and 18 of them saw a rocket re-entry !

And a re-entry, of course, that just happened to occur during the same hour that two spectacular Ufos were seen all over Ireland, Wales and the west country.

Without having the report forms DUFORO was unable to fully evaluate the other police reports, but of the three reports from the sergeants, DUFORO concluded that 2 of them reported objects that definitely could not be a RE. They were seen at 01.10, yet their reports are almost identical to the Ufos seen at the other times by civilian witnesses.

Sgt. [redacted] was on duty at Liskeard, 01.10, when he saw

"two very bright lights hovering above at about 2000ft. above the NW horizon. Knowing the night sky fairly well, he immediately realised that 'they' were not stars and did not conform to any known aircraft or their navigation lights. At this point he stopped his patrol car and got out. He watched the objects for a few seconds and was amazed to see them suddenly start to ascend at a fairly fast rate of knots. They seemed to move in an arc over his position and disappeared to the south. At their highest point, about 10,000ft (this height is based on information obtained from the control tower at Exeter Airport later that day), 2 vapour trails appeared behind each object and they appeared to be self-luminous."

Sgt. [redacted] and P.C [redacted] were approaching Lynton, N. Devon, travelling due north, at 01.10, when they saw,

"two very bright lights approaching from the north across the Bristol Channel. Stopping their patrol car, they watched as the lights drew nearer to them. The lights or object(s) passed to the west, going in a SE direction. As it/they passed over, they noticed a third light, much smaller than the other two and positioned somewhere between them.....As it went went away from them, both officers saw 2 white vapour like trails behind each light. They described these trails as 'self luminous', not the same as normal aircraft vapour - more like beams of light ! They estimated the elevation of the objects to be 40° to the horizon, at a distance between 1,000 and 2000ft." Sightings quoted from DUFORO's report.

One of the sergeants contacted the M.O.D. later the same day to report the sightings.

The M.O.D.

Following a report by an ex-airline pilot, of 2 "jet fighters" being seen flying in line, at high speed from the east and across Devon, at 1.30am, on the 31st, [redacted] contacted the M.O.D. in London on Friday 2nd April. He was told they had no knowledge of these aircraft, and that from their records, no military aircraft were airborne over Devon at that time.

They then told him they "were concerned about the sightings that night", and were "treating them as **unconfirmed.**" !!!

This very surprising statement, about specific Ufos by the M.O.D., is we believe, unprecedented in British Ufo investigation.

Following reports of 3 military helicopters flying around the Bridgewater area, between 01.30 and 2am on the 31st, [redacted] contacted M.O.D., London, on the 5th

of April, but again was told they didn't know where these helicopters came from, but again surprisingly, they also told him they had,

"no idea what the objects seen", on the 31st "were, and were treating the matter very seriously". !!! Section 40

On the 13th of April [redacted] produced a preliminary report on the sightings, of which he sent a copy to the M.O.D.

((PUFORG had contacted the Plymouth media on the 31st, but because of April the first the story wasn't covered. On the 5th of April, we had been to Westcountry TV and given a reporter the details, stressing the importance of the case, but we heard nothing further from them. [redacted] on the other hand, had managed to get reports in several local papers around his area, and this led to the BBC picking up the story. On the 21st of April, [redacted] phoned to say that local BBC TV were interviewing him the next day in Honiton and they would see PUFORG at the Plymouth studios in the afternoon. Westcountry TV also decided to cover the report on the same day and likewise interviewed [redacted] and PUFORG the following day, 22nd of April. Both reports were broadcast that evening. Section 40 [redacted] for Westcountry did a good but short piece, and Section 40 [redacted] of the BBC did an excellent report on the events of the 31st.))

On the 22nd, between interviews, Section 40 [redacted] phoned to say the M.O.D. had phoned him from London. And again they made statements that greatly surprised us. They phoned with a very unusual request in British Ufo investigation. They told him they were still taking the case "very seriously" and, because of the reports he was getting in the press, asked him to "keep it as low key as much as possible." !!!!

This is the first time PUFORG has heard of this happening in British Ufo investigation, and must show the level of M.O.D. "concern" at the sightings.

Section 40 had to reply that the case was being broadcast on both tv channels that very evening. [redacted] said he felt the M.O.D., was "particularly concerned, and that they couldn't make head or tail of it".

Section 40 And it has to be asked why ?? We know the M.O.D. has had indisputable, photographic (if nothing else) proof of the reality of Ufos since the early '50s and since then has maintained a public position of disinterest. What was it about this event that apparently disturbed them so much ? PUFORG has several similar 'large scale' reports on file, so why did the M.O.D., spectacular though the Ufos were, show so much "concern" about this one ?

And it has to be considered, that if the M.O.D. asked a civilian investigator to "keep it low key", it must be fair to think that a stronger line may have been taken with the police witnesses. Especially when only 3 out of 20 replied.

Section 40 The M.O.D. also asked [redacted] to send a list of his reports and they would send him a list of theirs for the 31st. They sent a list of 14 sighting locations only, Section 40 over half of them from [redacted] and a map showing locations, direction of travel and time seen. No other information was given. Of the 14 flight paths there were - 5 NW/SE; 4 N/S; 3 S/N; 1 E/W; 1 W/E. They were seen between 10.40pm 30/3 and 2am 31/3. Unfortunately from the information given, we do not know if the objects seen earlier and later than 1.10am, were all of the same type of object.

PUFORG thinks it likely that there were many military witnesses to this event (including possibly, British and Irish jets, with gun cameras), which would be the determining factor in the M.O.D. evaluation of the case. As military Ufo reports are classified, none would be given on the list.

Section 40 On the 2nd of June [redacted] showed us a letter he had received from the M.O.D. The letter is reproduced here. Even though Section 40 says he is speaking personally, he is speaking as a representative of the M.O.D., who here acknowledges that RE "might" explain the 01.10am sightings, it would "not" explain the other sightings that night !!

This is a most remarkable statement by the M.O.D. After many years of not acknowledging their interest in Ufos, to say this is really quite extraordinary. The M.O.D. didn't at any time, use the RE as a blanket explanation for the Ufos, and in fact gave little regard to the RE in general, as if it just wasn't part of the issue. Secret spy planes were never mentioned.

Combined with the previous statements made by the M.O.D. to Section 40 they have stated, to a civilian investigator, that, in fact, they do monitor Ufo activity, but specifically as unexplainable flying objects. And talking, not generally, but about specific Ufos.

What has been said to DUFORO, may point to the M.O.D. becoming more open on

the subject of Ufos. This has been thought many times in the past, but never before, to our knowledge, has the M.O.D. shown such interest, or made such 'public' or written statements about specific Ufos.

The M.O.D accept that Ufos were flying over SW England, Wales and Ireland on the 31/3, and admit they are unable to identify them. For some reason these particular Ufos "concerned" them, and were taken "very seriously"; but amazingly, the M.O.D. said so publicly.

Again, we must ask - Why ?? What was so special about these Ufos that caused the M.O.D. to make such remarkable public statements ?

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PUFORG would like to thank all who helped with this report, especially DUFORO for their unique material, and all of the witnesses who helped so much, particularly Section 40 for her excellent report, drawings and tape of the radio news report. Many thanks to all.

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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date
28 May 1993

Dear Section 40,

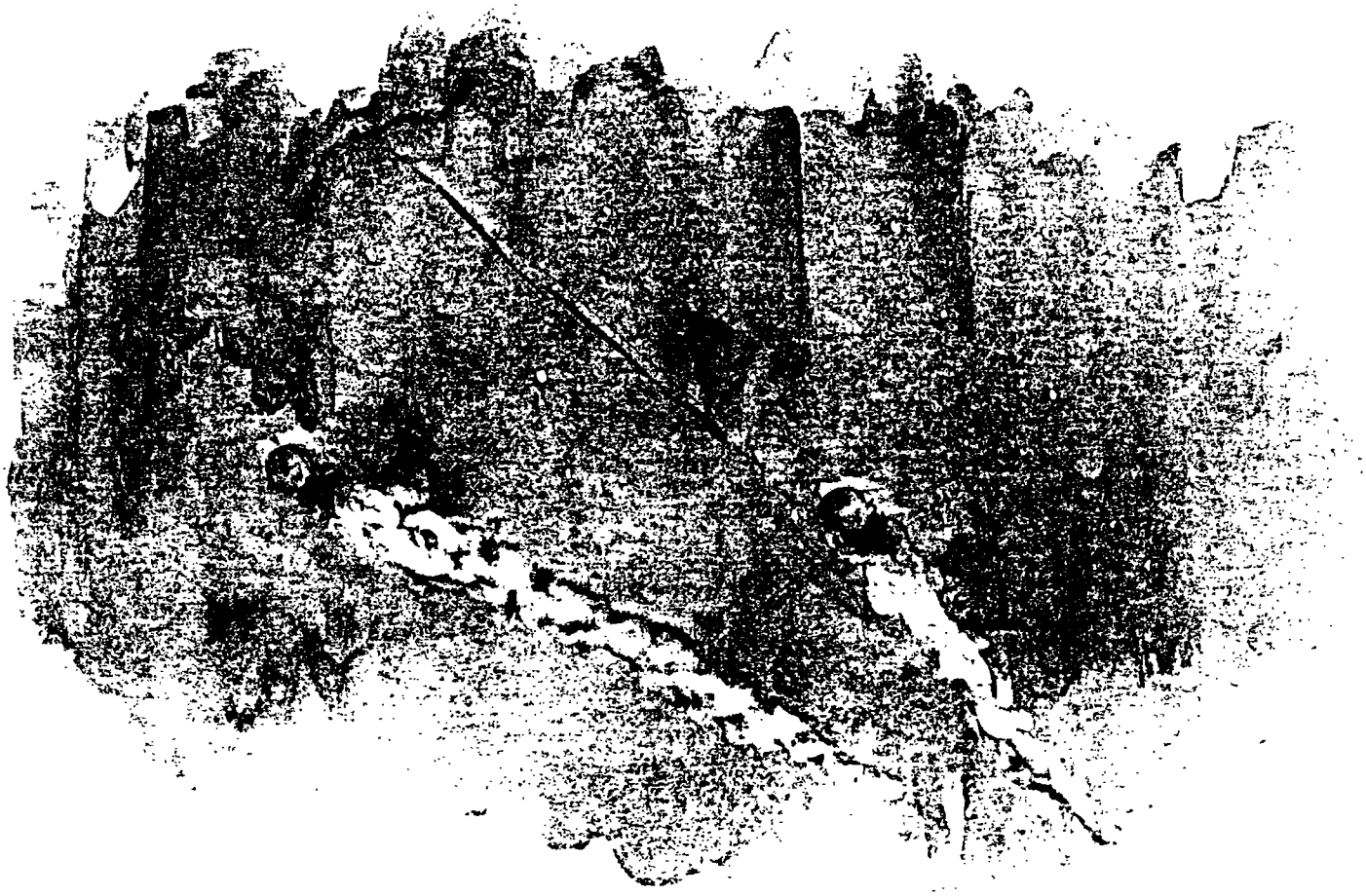
Thank you for your letter dated 26 May.

I am afraid that I can offer very little with regard to tracking down the fighter aircraft and helicopters seen on 31 March; when you first mentioned this to me, I attempted to track down any military aircraft that might have been operating at the times and locations specified, but found no evidence of any such activity. I should add that it is unusual for military aircraft to be operating as late as 1.30am.

I will await your final report with interest - 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.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



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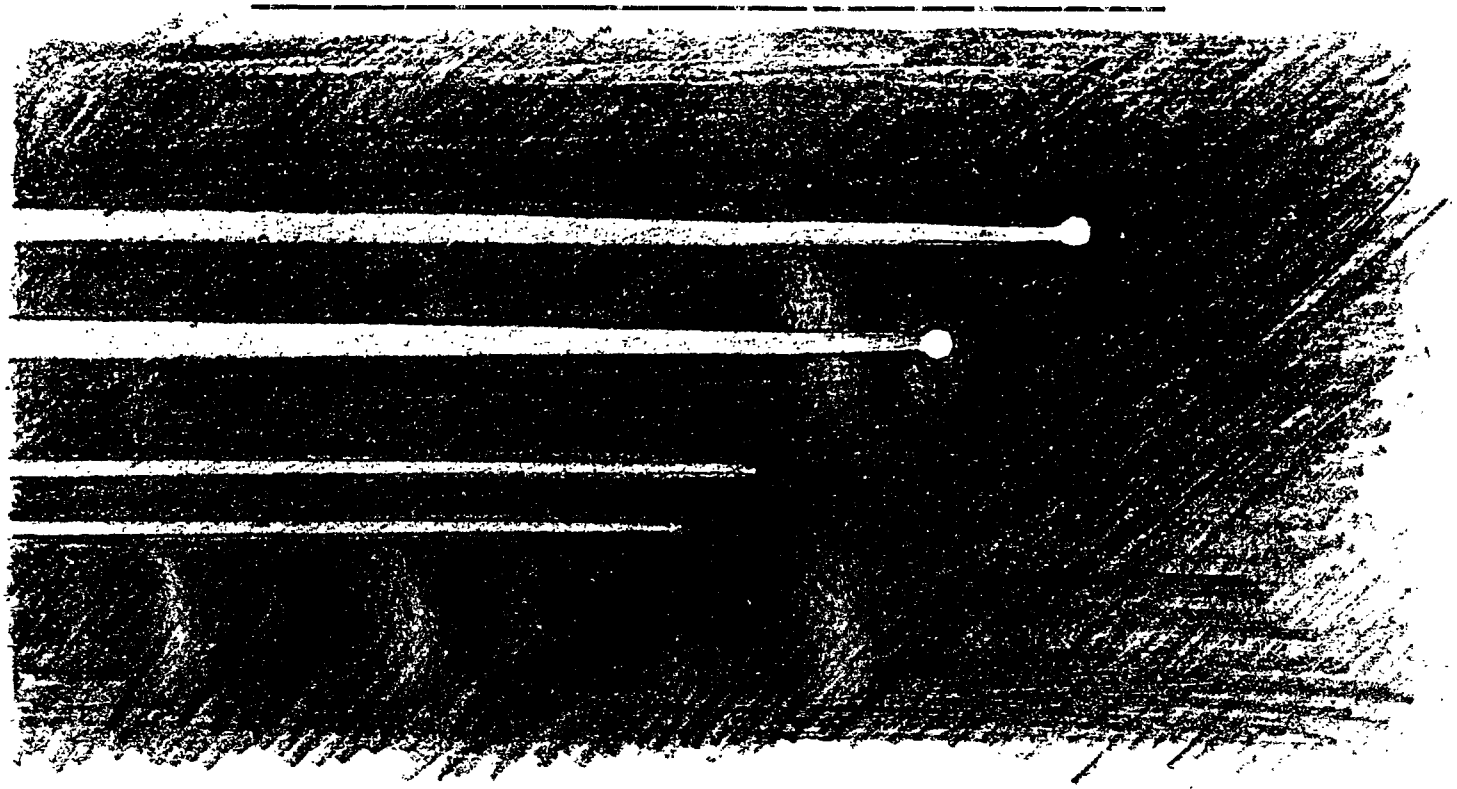

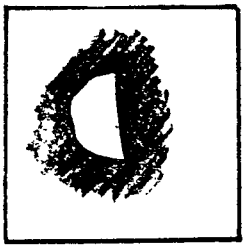

THIS DRAWING ILLUSTRATES THE POSITIONING OF THE OBJECTS IN RELATION TO ONE ANOTHER, AND THEIR SIZE IN COMPARISON TO THE MOON, AS I SAW IT.

Section 40 PENZANCE - 31/3/93 1.00 AM.

PUFORG

PLYMOUTH U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP
SIGHTING REPORT

Date. 21-4-93 Time 2.15pm	FILE NO. 9304	Location nr. Yelverton,Devon

At 2.15pm on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21st of April 1993, Section 40 and her grandson Section 40 were driving from Yelverton to Dousland, on the B3212, when she saw a very bright silver object, flying in their direction from NE.

She immediately slowed her speed thinking, "I am seeing my first Ufo so I must take in the details". As the car slowed down, she wound down the electric window on the passenger side and brought the car to a stop. Section 40 the front seat passenger, saw the object at the same moment as Section 40

The object was very large, 4½ x ½ins. at arms length, to the left and at 45° to their position. The weather was bright and sunny, with scattered cloud and excellent visibility. They both watched as the object came down the Walkhampton valley, about ½ a mile away, and passed them on the other side of Walkhampton.

Section 40 said it looked like a "torpedo they used in the last war but without any fins....I thought at first it might be an experimental aircraft but there were definitely no wings, tail or tail fins. It looked like a torpedo."

She was greatly impressed by the object. The silver of the object was striking "I wonder who is doing the buffing to get it as brilliant as that. I wish I could get my silver to look like that." When asked how it was different to her silver, Section 40 couldn't explain and said it just looked "wonderful". "How pretty, how very pretty", were her thoughts at the time, "but it was beautiful, truly beautiful", she said during the interview. She also noted a rectangular section of bright red at the rear of the object. There was also some "yellowy orange" at the rear, but no smoke, flames or other signs of propulsion.

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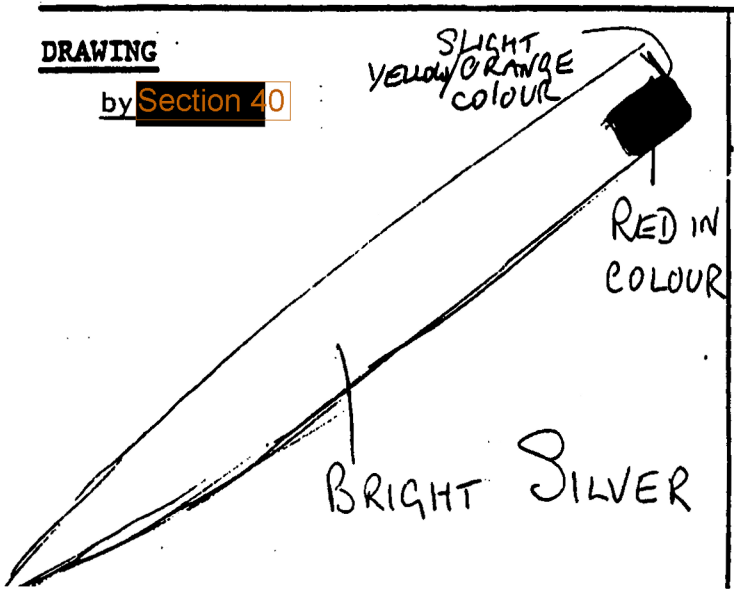
by Section 40



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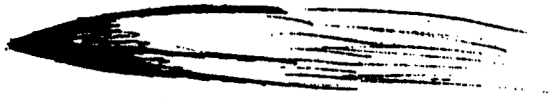

They watched as the object flew past Walkhampton and continued its straight line NE/SW flight. Section 40 lost sight of it at this point, but Section 40 turned and watched the object through the rear window. The object "sleekly" took a 30° turn to WNW, continuing its flight over Horrabridge village and out of sight. The object had been in sight for 40 seconds.

As occurs in many Ufo sightings Section 40 description of the object differs from Section 40 said the object was white but going back from the nose it was red; the red covering about 15% of the object. The surface was non-reflective. he described it as a "thorn" or "dart". It moved quickly and directly "like a dart when it has been thrown". When it changed course, it turned "sleekly", smoothly and directly felt at all times that the object was controlled, was "being flown" and that "whoever was flying it, knew where they were and what they were doing." Section 40

Section 40 contacted the group after hearing a PUFORG radio interview the day after the sighting. Both witnesses are intelligent and articulate and from a well to do background. Now retired Section 40 was highly qualified in her profession and a remarkably young woman for her age. Section 40

We accept their report as a true account of what they saw. The only explanation that might account for this object is an experimental aircraft. We think it highly unlikely however, that an experimental aircraft of this 'quality' would be flying where there was any possibility of it crashing on or near villages. Added to the fact that the object had no steering fins or wings (both witnesses are very definite about this) and showed no sign of propulsion on its "controlled" flight, we classify this as a genuine Ufo, that is an unexplainable flying object.

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SIGHTING REPORT

FILE No. 9202

Location ORESTON PLYMOUTH Date 10·1·92 Time 1·40AM Duration 20SECONDS

No of Witnesses TWO Size(aal) 3ft -tablet No of Objs. ONE Classif. UFO

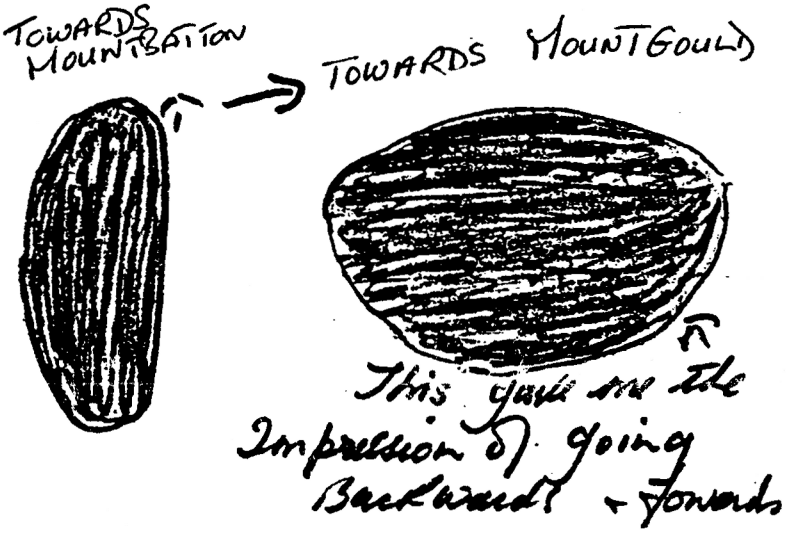
Obj. movement DIRECT 2, 90° TURNS Colour BROWNY ORANGE Shape OVAL

Weather conditions CLEAR - FROSTY Add. Info.

DRAWING The Colour was a Browny orange

Drawing by Witness / ~~PUFORG~~

Section 40



Section 40 live on the eastern edge of Plymouth. On the above date, Section 40 Section 40 had gone downstairs to 'refill the hot water bottles'. As she stood at the lounge window, 'something made me look up'. As she did so a very large, (3ft. at arms length), 'browny orange' object came from over the house and flew quickly, in a straight line away from her position, west towards Plymouth Sound. The object was a thick cigar-shape in a horizontal position, 'like an oblong with rounded corners'.

"This huge cigar shape seemed to have a bubbling mass around it, as it came over the house. If I can liken it to the bubbly plastic packing, only in burnt orange colour. It seemed to be coming from just over our roof top as I looked up and first saw it. This object coming from over the house was very low and felt just over me. There was no sound whatsoever".

As soon as she saw it, Section 40 shouted upstairs to her husband to look out of the window. Not hearing her properly and thinking there was something wrong, Section 40 got out of bed and came downstairs. Meanwhile, as it flew over Mt. Batten, the "light veered off to the right without seeming to turn". Section 40 agreed in interview that the object made a right angled turn. The object was now flying NNE, and as it took this different direction it also seemed to change shape

somewhat, now looking more round (see Section 40 drawing). At this point the object was the size of a dinner plate at arms length, and the 'bubbly' effect could not be seen. As she watched it Section 40 thought "My God, what am I watching ?"

The object was now over the Mt. Gould area of Plymouth, when again it "slid" to the right in another right angled turn, this time to ENE and "whizzed" out of sight. Section 40 arrived at this point and got to the window just in time to see the object go out of sight. In interview Section 40 confirmed this and the description of the object given by his wife. He said it was about the size of a "tablet" when he saw it and "very striking".

Section 40 said there was movement within the object but found it difficult to explain. She said the object was 'sliding backwards and forwards' but thought it may appear like this if it was spinning. The excellent illustration by Section 40 however helps make it clear. Section 40 Maybe lights inside, as we have tried to draw, gave this appearance of movement as if it was spinning ". It would seem the outer surface of the object was static and the 'movement' was within it. Section 40 also saw a green light at one point in the sighting.

Section 40 was surprised as this object was identical to an object she saw for three consecutive mornings some years ago, when the family lived in the Southway area of Plymouth.

PUFORG interviewed the witnesses shortly after the sighting, and again many months later. The incident was still very fresh in their minds "as if it had happened yesterday...I'll never forget it", said Section 40 The witnesses are mature, responsible, intelligent people and PUFORG accepts that they have reported, clearly and in detail an actual event. The object described in appearance and flight is very similar to many other reported Ufos and we have no doubt that the object seen was a genuine UFO.

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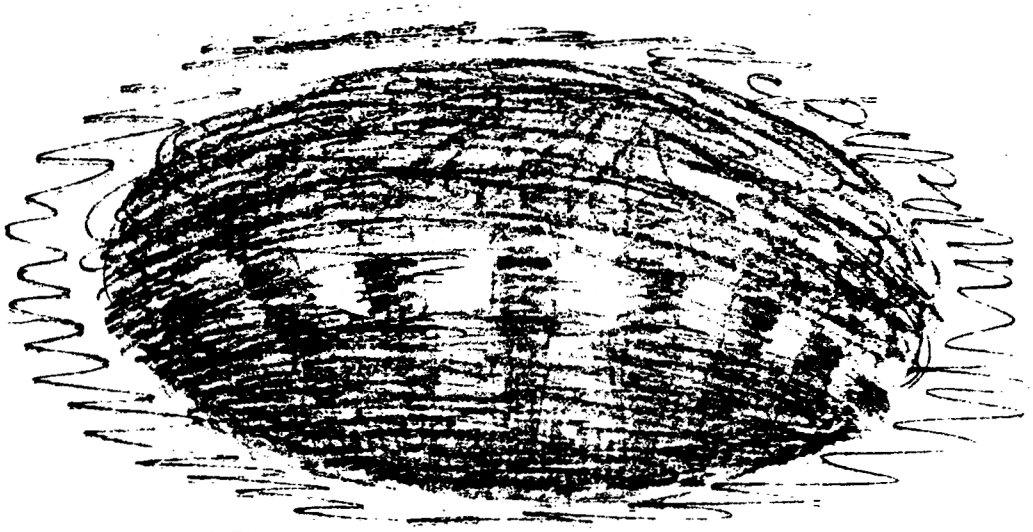

THIS IS ROUGHLY HOW THE OBJECT APPEARED AT THE POINT WHEN IT CHANGED DIRECTION OF APPROX 90° FROM WEST TO NORTH FLIGHT PATH. IT SEEM TO EMIT OSCILATING FROM WITHIN. PRIOR [redacted] IT APPEARED AS JUST CIGAR SHAPED SOMEWHAT FUZZY IN OUTLINE

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