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Subject: Section 40

Section 40

We've received the attached letter which details the alleged activities of one Section 40 ('investigative journalist') at RAF Rudloe Manor.

There are no dates of when all this is supposed to have happened. I suppose it must also be borne in mind that it is in the interests of such individuals to give the impression that they are 'doing a Roger Cook' and it may not have happened at all.

But as a first step do you know anything about any of this?

Grateful for a chat when you've a moment.

Regards Section 40

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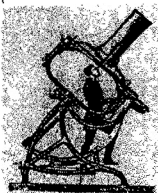
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UFO Times

A BUFORA Publication

Editor: [redacted] BS: FRAS. Address: BUFORA-Northern Office, [redacted]

Section 40 [redacted] No visitors, please. Telephone: [redacted]

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23rd August 1997.

Ministry of Defence,
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a,
Room 8245,
Main Building,
Whitehall,
London,
SW1A 2HB.



Dear Sir/Madam,

As the branch of the MoD concerned with reports of unidentified aerial objects, I thought that you might find the attached letter of interest. It was written to us by a concerned BUFORA member after our big Sheffield Conference last weekend, and it concerns the breaking into of RAF/ Ministry of Defence installations by one [redacted] a Welsh UFO "investigator". He was a speaker at the Conference, and has also spoken to at least one other group (Strange Phenomena Investigations in Scotland) about his exploits. The SPI talk was accompanied by slides showing his entry into RAF Rudloe Manor and of concrete tunnels and underground chambers; at the BUFORA conference he also showed a videotape of various people breaking into RAF Woodbridge/Bentwaters in front of a large audience.

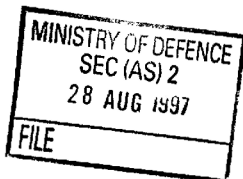
I would just like to point out that BUFORA does not condone or support illegal activities such as these. As you can see from the attached letter, [redacted] is not acting with the support of BUFORA members and his activities are a matter of concern to the organization's ruling body. We are well aware that the official MoD line is that UFOs "are of no defence significance", but this matter surely is. Does the Ministry take legal action in cases such as this?

I will await your response with interest.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]
Section 40

cc. RAF Rudloe Manor, Wiltshire.



OPEN LETTER OF CENSURE TO THE BUFORA COUNCIL

To all BUFORA members

Originally having seen the Rudloe Manor presentation, I felt the need to write a letter which I was originally going to call 'COVER UP? OF COURSE THERE'S A COVER UP, BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MATTER?'. But then to be shown at the BUFORA Conference a video tape showing the Conference organiser along with Section 40 trespassing on Ministry of Defence land at RAF Bentwaters and gaining access to what had appeared to be a previously secure hardened storage facility, made me feel compelled to write this letter.

I am a BUFORA member. Both my husband and I investigate UFO sightings. We have willingly passed the results of these investigations to BUFORA. We both have a lengthy and detailed knowledge of the subject.

First let me assure Section 40 that most military bases have underground facilities and yes, some are indeed connected by subterranean transport systems. There is nothing unusual or sinister about this. It is merely a military fact of life. Since the commencement of the Second World War, with increased and accurate aerial and satellite surveillance, aerial bombardment and nuclear warfare, it has become necessary for the military to protect its supply and command and control structures in hardened underground facilities. If Rudloe Manor was the Headquarters of RAF Southern Sector, I would find it surprising if it did not have substantial underground facilities. But what has a detailed presentation of the military infrastructure to do with UFOs?

Why does Section 40 feel aggrieved with Ministry of Defence personnel, whom he states acted in a hostile and aggressive manner towards him? Why does he feel the need to exact revenge? He made an unauthorised incursion on to Ministry of Defence property.

My husband is Section 40 in his Section 40. On his visits to the base in an official capacity, he is accompanied by an armed military escort. He is not allowed to walk freely around the base. Had such an unauthorised incursion onto military property not been met by a military response, with or without drawn weapon, then those same military personnel would be guilty of neglect of duty. There is a substantial terrorist threat in the United Kingdom and all military bases are on a permanent state of heightened alert. Did Section 40 expect to be treated differently? The military are tasked to defend this country - that's me and you. I find nothing unusual in their use of covert and overt surveillance of persons and vehicles loitering in the vicinity of sensitive military establishments. I think it is time to exercise a degree of maturity. Incidentally I will be unable to look at a dog walker in green wellies and a wax jacket in the same light again. You have destroyed my innocence!

But to return to a more serious note. The military's primary role is the defence of our country. The RAF in particular are tasked to identify and evaluate, both radar and visual incursions into UK air space. I found it perplexing that an hour of conference time should be given to proving that Air Intelligence investigated UFO sightings in the 1950s and 60s. Of course they did. To think otherwise shows an amazing degree of naïveté. From Roswell onwards any student of this subject will be aware that the military and the government have covered things up, time and time again. There is nothing unusual in this. There are many valid reasons why this should be so. They may not wish to display their ignorance of the an event and therefore display their inability to counter a real or potential threat. There are factions in all societies who would exploit such vulnerability and thus undermine the government and the military and in turn its ability to defend its people. Perhaps they wish to cover up a crashed experimental weapon system. To do otherwise would be to expose its level of weapon technology. Remember the Cold War has only recently ended. The former Soviet Union is hardly a model of political stability. The world is not a safe place peaceful place. If only it were so.

My advice to Messrs Section 40 and his to take it out of his book. He admits there was a cover up at Rendlesham from day one. He does not become obsessed with that cover up but goes on to probe the facts concealed behind it revealing truly amazing results. As UFO investigators we all acknowledge that facts are covered up and official denials issued. We have come to expect this. Our task is to penetrate the cover-up and reveal the concealed facts, --not to become obsessed with proving a cover up exists. It is easier to investigate static terrestrial targets, rather than the elusive and enigmatic subject of unidentified flying objects.

Finally Section 40, have you considered the consequence of your actions? You seem inordinately proud that you have over flown a sensitive military establishment and published photographs of it. Did you sign the Official Secrets Act when you worked for Her Majesty's Customs and Excise? Your need to name underground bases - underground command and control structures and the existence of Intelligence Agencies at Rudloe Manor, places this sensitive material in the public domain for the use of aggressors both internal and external. Investigation without responsibility is dangerous.

I believed when I joined BUFORA that it was a mature organisation dedicated to research into UFOs. To my dismay, I find it members openly boasting their ability to make over flights of sensitive military establishments, to make illegal and unexpected visits to RAF Rudloe Manor and to trespass on to Ministry of Defence Property at RAF Bentwaters and to gain entry to what appeared to be a previously locked facility. The action of the trespassers on the video tape footage show that they knew what they were doing was wrong. Contrary to **Section 40** protestations, trespass, with or without acts of damage or theft, is an offence against civil law and an Association or its members found committing acts of pure trespass may be sued in the Civil Courts.

To find such a respected organisation as BUFORA actively or passively condoning such behaviour at its Conference, is an act of suicidal folly. Recently the UFO movement has gained much credibility in the eyes of the public and its past image of 'crankiness' is beginning to disappear. But with its members committing such acts is to play directly into the hands of our detractors and opponents. It will give the authorities the excuse they need to quietly withdraw any support or co-operation that may have existed and sympathetic MPs may, in the future, go out of their way to avoid contact with such an organisation and its members. Ultimately it will do the movement much harm.

I believe that UFOs are a topic worthy of serious, lengthy and detailed investigation. I feel that the study of the subject will ultimately lead to a profound realignment in how we see ourselves, our place in the world and the universe and perhaps our view of reality itself. It is a widely challenging and exciting topic. The search for an answer will require hard and dedicated investigation, but it is primarily the study of unexplained aerial phenomena. Both Rudloe Manor and RAF Bentwaters are identified and terrestrial.

I lay before the BUFORA Council a challenge to respond collectively to this letter. I know from the comments of the Association's membership and the members of the public who attended the conference at Hallam University that the Conference did much to harm the Association's public image.

Consider your reply carefully. I am not sure that I wish to remain a member of an Association, which either passively or actively condones such illegal and irresponsible acts. I feel that the Association should censure those individuals concerned and ask them to consider their future as members of BUFORA. The Association must seem to operate at all times in an open responsible manner within the legal framework of this country. The Association and its membership are not above the law.

I feel that the emphasis on conspiracy theory will ultimately mean that BUFORA will lose its way in those dark subterranean tunnels of the secret bases that seem to preoccupy so much time of the advocates of a such a theory. BUFORA is dedicated to research into UFOs, unexplained aerial phenomena. I feel the answer will *not* be found underground.

With heartfelt concern,

Yours faithfully,

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DI55/108/15

To: Section 40 Historical Review Team, Room 014 OWOB.

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RELEASE OF UAP(UFO) POLICY FILES



83/1

Refs: A. DI55/40/9/1 PART 1 (Closed 18 Nov 67)
B. DI55/40/9/1 PART 2 (Closed 22 Dec 67)

1. You asked me to comment on the contents of the above-referenced files, which are 2 of the only 4 policy files held by this Department. Part 3 is missing. Part 4 covers the period 1971 to 1996. Part 5 is the current file in use. Although classified SECRET, almost the whole contents of these files is RESTRICTED.

Comments on PART 1.

2. Ref A comprises 25 enclosures, which, from their intermittent numbering, shows that they were 'weeded' at some time from another earlier file. The whereabouts of the missing enclosures (E2 to E6 and E8 to E11) is unknown. Although the file front cover is dated Jun 1967, it is clear that the material is of much earlier origin - the first-dated material is at E12, July 1958. The final item on the file is dated October 1963. Hence, the overall file contents is much older than 30 years and it could have been surveyed and possibly released earlier - if it had not been from the misleading date on the front of the file.

3. During my search, at your request, for any indication of OPERATION AENEID - of which there is no mention - I found the following items which are drawn to your attention, and may possibly be misinterpreted by the public and may influence your decision on public release:

- E21 Para 2 (a photocopy of this is attached) The second sentence is clearly either a typing or grammar error which implies that the 'British Bodies have access to those who are in regular contact with the operators of flying saucers. [One can imagine what the fringe ufologists will make of this! Further, please note that this enclosure has been re-numbered and started life on another file which has presumably been destroyed. One again suspicions of a 'cover up' - however unfounded, are bound to be raised]

- Letters on file frequently refer to other (SECRET & TS) files which the public might request to see. Examples are DDI(Tech)/S290/B4989, FC/S.92/23, AFL.2/S1381/ITY/PARTIII, and AMOC/TS.92/2. The latter may raise eyebrows even further as these suspicious persons and the media frequently imagine things to be 'TS' which are not.

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- Contact with the US Air Attache (this is mentioned at Minute 1 - see minute sheet).

- E21 para 3 refers to contact with Italians.

- E57A and E59 refer to 'adequate contacts with the Americans and the possibility of Russian Scientific Commission results.

- E58 refers to possible Canadian links

- E61 Confirmation of UK discussions with the USA and Pentagon interest in any Russian information.

4. There is no mention of Operation AENEID on this file (see comment at para 11, below)

COMMENTS ON PART 2

5. The contents of file Reference B commences with a loose (untagged) sheet of paper (which is now stuck to the file cover), stating that file extracts from D/DSTI/126/6 have been moved to this file. From the staple mark at the top this loose note was probably attached to the pile of papers to be put on this file. and these were probably weeded at the hand-over period during Tech Int (Air's)- DI61e transfer to DI55. The contents of this file is 70 enclosures plus 6 minute/record sheets. By 1967, DI55f(Air) was assimilated into the new DI55 Branch and had taken over responsibility for UFOs (see first E1). A second E1 is also on file, with consecutive numbering thereafter starting on 13 July 1966. A brief review of the contents has been made for areas of sensitivity and for evidence of 'AENEID'.

6. Enclosure 1 to 8 were apparently transferred from file D/DSTI/126/6, but although referred-to on the first minute sheet, only Enclosure 1 to 4 exist here. Others E6 to E8 probably all went to file 40/9/2 (which we do not have). A note at the foot of Minute Sheet 1 requests correspondence with the USA to be brought on file. (these are all Unclas or Restricted and seem to be E1 to E4: but E5 is missing). The 4 enclosures E1 to E4 embrace the period May to August 1967 (and thus are older than the start of the file contents proper). Hence, other US-related correspondence (and repeated correspondence appears later in the sequence, for example at E26. Some of the other enclosures have clearly been transferred from yet another file - as it is noted that E6 to E19 have one (or even more) previous enclosure numbers. At E10 is a minute sheet from another file (see para 8 below)

7. With reference to the contacts with the USA, please note that we replied to a question from AS2 quite recently (presumably to follow-up a question from the public), to the effect that we have no record of formal meetings with the USA Government on the topic of UFOs. Section 40 who was contracted by the US Government in the 1960s made a brief visit to the UK and presumably met with Mod Staff. There are no formal recorded minutes of this meeting. We do, however, at E26B, have a presumed input to Section 40 Study and a

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brief summary of this meeting is at E44. We do not have **Section 40** final report on file, even though it is promised in his note at E45/E46; and again via the USAF at E61.

8. E10, at Ref B, as mentioned above, is a minute sheet from a closed (and probably destroyed) file. M5 on this sheet refers to an E50 (which may be the current E15), and which seems to be a re-numbered sequence dealing with establishments. You will see that this minute refers to 'three spacemen and probably a fourth later'. Although on close examination this refers to the staffing of the department to handle Space Intelligence (as the Combined DI55 did in those days), one can imagine how this might be misinterpreted by the public. [Note: The well publicised Roswell incident in the USA is alleged to have involved 3 damaged and one less-damaged alien!].

9. At E17, due to the DIS reorganisation taking place at the time, the scope of work of DI55 is mentioned, as are the responsibilities of several DIS departments - which we do not disclose publicly today and, for example are not even in the MOD 'Buff' Telephone Directory. It is suggested that the implied connection/ mention of France, Israel and Egypt might be considered sensitive in 1967 - the year of the YOM KIPPUR war. An earlier document (Jan 1967), at E3 reviews the work of DI61(Air) and DI62 well beyond that of UFOs.

10. No mention of Operation AENEID was found on Part 2, and apart from some decisions on the potential public and media misinterpretations pointed out above and any disclosure of DIS responsibilities and international contacts which may be considered sensitive and might need deletion, I see no reason why both files should not go to the PRO.

AENEID

11. As the existence of OP AENEID is currently the subject of a public question, I might mention here that, while searching for other data I came across a 1995 request and reply, following a question from a Member of Parliament. This is attached. I also, quite by accident, came across a series of 1994 newspaper articles which reported AENEID - as taking place in 1970, and furthermore, as a joint US/UK operation. Last week's archive search of issued operation names, by the MOD central issuing authority, over this period has revealed that this name was not issued. Further, since it might be possible that the name had been issued by the USA, our DI55 US Exchange Officer, via DIALL and other personal contacts had this carefully checked-out this week with the relevant US organisation - again without success. It seems, therefore, that, in the 1970s 'AENEID' was the figment of imagination of a journalist. The fact that we have been able to check this out easily with the US organisation should not be loosely used in any reply to the public, in case of possible misinterpretation of official MOD UFO intelligence links with the USA - which there are not.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Air Ministry (S.6), Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.1.
To : H.M. Air Attache, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.
Ref : 84/56
Date: 27th August, 1958. 7823

- Act(+) 52
1. Please refer to your A.A. No. 60 of 18th August about the N.I.C.A.P.
 2. Compared with similar bodies whose activities have been brought to our attention the N.I.C.A.P. does seem to be attempting an honest evaluation of the facts although to some extent I fear with preconceived ideas. Comparable British bodies seem to have considerable advantages over the N.I.C.A.P. in having access to reports from those in this country who are in regular contact with the operators of flying saucers. Visits have been exchanged and the subject tends to be entering fields where the Air Ministry has no wish to follow. It is likely in the future therefore that the Air Ministry will be found less forthcoming than in the past to inquiries about investigations into unidentified flying objects.
 3. We should be grateful therefore if you would return the N.I.C.A.P. a reply on the following lines:-

"The Air Ministry has investigated many reports that flying objects have been seen which the observers were unable to identify. In most cases investigations have produced an explanation though not always one that satisfied the observer. The more common explanations have included aircraft, balloons, kites, fireworks, car headlights and latterly artificial satellites. Among the less common have been a model airship and a hayrick on fire. When it has not proved possible to produce an explanation it has invariably been because the evidence has been incomplete and uncorroborated.

"No evidence available to the Air Ministry suggests that it is necessary to look for extra terrestrial explanations in the reports made to it."

D. A. WEST

(D. A. J. WEST)

Copy to: D.D.I.Tech. ✓

Section 40

- DISSE

UFO file

Text of minute and
draft sent to US of S'
office, as promised

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/12/4

4 May 95

APS/US of S

Section 40

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D/USofS/OH/1407/95; GERRY SUTCLIFFE, MP - "UFOs"

1. Mr Sutcliffe's constituent, Section 40 is a regular correspondent on the subject of unidentified flying objects and has written on five occasions over the last four months. The detailed replies he has received to each of his letters very clearly sets out the MOD's specific and limited role with respect to "UFO" sightings. Section 40 however, refuses to accept our explanation.

2. The alleged "UFO" research operation called "Aeneid" is not recognized by this office or others, under this or any other name, and the MOD certainly does not send "spies" to "UFO" Conferences. The matters raised concerning the United States and South Africa are not for us to comment upon.

3. I attach a draft response.

original signed.

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Section 40

DRAFT

D/US of S/OH/1407/95

May 1995

Thank you for your letter to Malcolm Rifkind of 13 April regarding an enquiry you received from **Section 40** of **Section 40** Bradford, concerning unidentified flying objects. I have been asked to reply.

Section 40 has written to the MOD on a number of occasions recently on this subject and my officials have replied to each of his letters. These responses have explained the specific and limited role and responsibilities my Department has in connection with reports of "unidentified flying objects". We look at such reports solely in the context of our responsibilities for identifying any potential threat to this country's security. We consider reports of unexplained aerial phenomena submitted to us in order to establish whether what was seen may have been of defence significance. If no threat is discerned, and this has been case in all such instances to date, then our interest in the sighting ceases. As such a sighting can remain unexplained, but not result in any further official action. We have no role in "UFO" research of the type alluded to by **Section 40**

Gerry Sutcliffe, MP

Section 40 letter refers to the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. Based on the available substantiated evidence at the time, a collective decision by those within the MOD/RAF sections with responsibility for air defence matters at that time judged that nothing of defence concern occurred in or around Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge on the nights in question. Nothing has emerged during the last 14 years to make us question that original judgement. My Department has no knowledge of the films which **Section 40** claims exist and alleges to be in our possession.

Section 40 makes reference to "UFO" research activity entitled "Operation Aeneid". Neither I nor my officials are aware of any such operation under this or any other name. I have already explained that my Department has no role whatsoever in "UFO" research and as such my officials are not sent to "UFO" Conferences.

Section 40 queries in connection with the United States and South Africa are matters for the Governments of those countries and should be addressed directly to them. It is not for me to comment.

I hope this is helpful.

LORD HENLEY

File ref. 2/RAD 73.4

10 September 1997

Section 40

Dear Section 40

UFO related documents in the PRO

Thank you for your letter of 25 August which raised two further queries following on from my letter to you of 20 August.

In relation to the effect of any proposed Freedom of Information legislation, as I said in my original letter, files referred to on the Eureka database are still subject to the 30 year rule and it would be unwise to speculate on what may or may not be the effect of the proposed Act upon current legislation.

As far as any files on the subject of UFOs for the period after 1970 are concerned, it is likely that, if they survive, they will still be held by the department awaiting review and transfer to the Public Record Office.

By way of explanation, files on any subject (not just UFOs) are usually reviewed five years after the date of the last enclosure on them so that, if they are not required for administrative purposes and do not warrant permanent preservation, they can be destroyed in a timely fashion. Twenty five years after the date of the last enclosure the surviving files are reviewed again so that those which warrant permanent preservation can be transferred here in good time for their opening to the public at the thirty year point.

As I said in my previous letter, I have been unable to identify any files on this subject which are currently subject to extended closure, by which I mean any files which are closed for longer than the statutory thirty years.

I hope that this clarifies matters and will avoid the need for protracted correspondence on this subject.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Government Services Department

File Note

MEETING WITH DI 55 STAFF - 'UFO' SIGHTING REPORTS

Wg Cdr [redacted] Section 40

Section 40
[redacted]

DI55's interest is strictly technology based.

In support of sighting reports made by credible witnesses they have asked to have any other reports made on the same day. We have agreed to provide on request.

Section 40
[redacted]

9 Sep 97.

Sec (AS) 2.



LOOSE MINUTE

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5 Sep 97

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**BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT
FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC**

Reference:

A. D/DPR/336/4 dated 22 Aug 97.

Thank you for your comments in response to the Reference. Enclosed, for your retention, is a copy of the final, signed, Agreement.

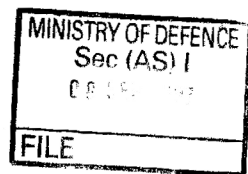
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Enclosure:

- I. Agreement - MOD and BBC Scotland - "Invasion Earth"



AGREEMENT

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Dated the 3 day of September 1997

Parties

1. Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Herein known as "MOD"

2. BBC Scotland
Broadcasting House
Queen Margaret Drive
Glasgow
G12 8DG

Herein known as "the BBC"

Background

3. The BBC is currently producing a Sci Fi drama series 'INVASION EARTH' in which the principal character is an RAF F3 pilot.
4. MOD agrees to make a Chinook, Puma and Sea King helicopter and RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth available to the BBC to shoot certain scenes for the series, on the terms and conditions set out herein.

Services to be Provided

5. In accordance with Annex A MOD will provide the following:
 - a. Access to RAF Lossiemouth to film a Sea King helicopter on 22 Sep 97.
 - b. A Chinook and a Puma helicopter at Wroughton on 17 Sep 97.

A:BBC

c. Members of the Queen's Colour Sqn RAF Regiment to appear as film extras. Such officers/airmen will sign a Multi Purpose Voucher in the form of Exhibit One, attached, assigning all rights to their performance in the series to the BBC.

d. A number of military vehicles to be operated by members of the Queen's Colour Sqn.

6. The MOD will also provide the following:

a. Access to RAF Leuchars to film Tornado F3's, on a date to be decided.

b. A selection of new/used uniforms for hire.

c. 4 sets of flying clothing for hire.

Charges and Payment

7. In accordance with standard MOD policy, appropriate charges will need to be raised to cover each element of assistance provided. Accordingly, charges will be levied as follows:

a. Chinook Helicopter

(1) Flying Time - £3,358 per quarter of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

b. Puma Helicopter

(1) Flying Time - £1,860 per quarter of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

c. Filming at RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth. A fixed daily charge of £2,000 to cover access, security, parking and filming, but excluding personnel employed as "extras". There will also be an additional charge of £150 plus VAT to cover costs of raising the Licence Agreement.

d. Use of RAF Personnel as Extras. Any RAF personnel used as "extras", ie those personnel whose contribution is sufficient to necessitate the signing of a Multi Purpose Voucher, will be charged for at the following rate: £65:50 per day.

e. Filming of RAF Aircraft at their bases. Provided that the aircraft are carrying out their normal roles and no extra costs are incurred by the RAF as a result of a request from the BBC, no extra charges to those already detailed in para 7c will be raised.

f. Vehicle Costs. The charges for vehicles operated by RAF personnel will vary according to the type. Examples, excluding VAT, are as follows:

(1) Land Rovers Hire £9.50 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 21.08p per mile.

(2) Trucks 4-10 tonne Hire £35.21 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 60.17p per mile.

(3) Coach 24-39 Seats Hire £36.82 per day + Fuel & Running Costs 49.35p per mile.

g. Clothing. The charges for the provision of clothing will be as follows:

(1) Flying Clothing. Approximately £2600 for the hire of 4 sets of flying clothing.

(2) Uniforms. Not to exceed £2500.

h. Other Costs. Any additional costs incurred by the RAF as a result of assistance to the BBC which would not otherwise have arisen, will attract charges. An example of such charges would be the standard messing and accommodation charges that would apply if overnight accommodation were required on any military establishment, or if meals were taken in messes.

8. Payment for services provided should be made in full within 28 days of presentation of the authorised bill from MOD. Details of payment will accompany the bill.

Indemnity and Insurance

9. MOD facilities used and/or modified by the BBC are to be returned to their original state and condition, which includes repairing damage either deliberate or accidental, caused in the course of the BBC's work. Payment for any work carried out by MOD to restore such facilities to their original state, will be charged to the BBC.

10. a. The BBC will satisfy MOD, PL(LS) Claims, that sufficient insurance cover has been established to cover any damage to MOD aircraft and

property before access to RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth will be allowed.

b. MOD acknowledges that the following coverage is sufficient to satisfy it under the terms of this clause:-

(1) for bodily injury and/or property damage to the Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD property and personnel, liability insurance in the amount of Seventy Five Million US Dollars (\$75 million).

Security

11. The BBC is to provide at least 48 hours notice of personnel and vehicles attending at each location. Details required are full names of personnel and their official title, vehicle details to include make, type, colour and registration number. Details of vehicles/personnel should be notified to the contact addressee at paragraph 15.

12. Access to RAF Leuchars and Lossiemouth and onboard the helicopters is to be restricted to those employees of the BBC who have a specific need to be there. Employees of the BBC are not permitted outside of the areas allocated to them by MOD personnel as notified to the BBC by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative.

Health and Safety

13. The BBC is to take all reasonable precautions for the safety of MOD personnel and property. Items and areas considered unsafe by MOD personnel are to be made safe as instructed by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative. The BBC are to observe all the relevant Health and Safety regulations.

Force Majeure

14. In the event that the MOD is unable to meet its obligations to provide the services detailed in this contract due to Act of God, Weather, Perils of the Sea, War, Riots, Civil Commotion, Blockade, Sabotage, Fire, Explosion, Accident, Security or Operational Reasons then the MOD shall not be liable for any costs arising out of any failure or delay in providing said services.

Point of Contact

15. The point of contact is as follows:

MOD Project Officer

Wing Commander

Section 40

AD INFO(C&T)
Room 0366
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Tel: 0171 218 [Section 40] Fax: 0171 218 [Section 40]

Controlling Officers

16. The MOD Project Officer is also the Controlling Officer for MOD for the facilities named.
17. The BBC point of contact is:

[Section 40]
Line Producer
BBC Scotland
Caterham Barracks
Coulston Road
Surrey CR3 5YB

Tel: [Section 40] Fax: [Section 40]

Assignment of Rights

18. a. MOD confirms it is aware of the subject matter of the Film and the characters therein and the use to be made of the MOD facilities specified in this agreement. MOD approves such use of its facilities in the Film.
- b. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC shall own all rights (including but not limited to all copyright) in the still and film photographs made of the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD facilities pursuant to this agreement. Should it be necessary, MOD will execute any assignments or other documents to give effect to this clause.
- c. MOD acknowledges and agrees that the BBC may incorporate scenes featuring the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and the other MOD facilities specified in this agreement in the final version of the Film either as a sequence on its own or preceded, interlaced or followed by such other scenes as the BBC may require, or the taking of publicity stills.
- d. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC may exploit and exhibit the Film and excerpts therefrom in any manner and in any medium now known

or hereafter devised throughout the world in perpetuity without restrictions whatsoever.

e. MOD hereby acknowledges that all rights and releases granted or agreed to in this paragraph shall be deemed to extend to all persons, firms or corporations distributing, exploiting or exhibiting the Film.

Miscellaneous

19. This agreement will be extended to cover episodes 4 to 6 of the series; exact requirements will be notified once scheduling is complete.

20. In the event that due to a force majeure or otherwise filming cannot occur on the dates set out herein, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to find alternative dates.

21. In the event of any dispute, MOD agrees not to seek equitable or legal remedy which would enjoin or prevent the development, production, advertising distribution or exploitation of the film.

22. The BBC will provide a credit to MOD and Royal Air Force in the end roller credits of the Film acknowledging the assistance provided.

23. This agreement is governed by English law.

Signed for and on behalf of
Ministry of Defence

Air Commodore **Section 40**
Director of Public Relations (RAF)
Ministry of Defence
London

Signed for and on behalf of
BBC Scotland

Section 40
Manager Contracts Scotland

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3 Sep 97

5 Sep 97.

EXHIBIT ONE

MULTI PERIOD VOUCHER

From: BBC Scotland "The BBC"
To: ("the Artiste")
Re: INVASION EARTH ("the drama Series")

1. The BBC hereby confirms the engagement of the Artiste in the capacity of Background Artiste in the Film on the following days:

2. The Artiste's services are provided pursuant to a contract between the BBC and the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Defence shall be responsible for paying the Artiste.
3. The Artiste hereby gives the BBC all necessary consents under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as currently in force, and assigns all rights (including copyright) in the Artiste's performance to the BBC.
4. The Artiste hereby agrees that the Artiste's voice may be dubbed into any language.

Signed for and on behalf of
BBC Scotland

Signed by

Date: _____

Date: _____

INVASION EARTH - MANPOWER/VEHICLES AND HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS
EPISODES ONE - THREE

Note: Radcliffe's Squad is script term for Queen's Colour Squadron RAF Regiment.

Sunday September 14: Travel & Shoot at Wroughton

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 x 4 Ton Truck

Monday September 15: Shoot at Wroughton

14 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 4 Ton Truck
	1 x Coach

Tuesday September 16: Shoot at Wroughton

4 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Military Ambulance
2 Male RAF Drivers	1 x RAF Armoured Landrover
3 x RAF Officers	1 x RAF 4 Ton Truck
1 Male RAF Ambulance Driver	2 x RAF Motor Bikes
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	1 x RAF Landrover
Driver 1	(Not armoured)
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike	2 Staff Cars?
Riders	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck	
Drivers	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	
Crew	

Wednesday September 17: Shoot at Wroughton

	RAF Puma & Crew
	RAF Chinook & Crew
20 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Armoured P Carrier
1 x Male RAF Ambulance Driver	1 x Military Ambulance
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	2 x Armoured Landrover
Driver 1	
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	2 x RAF 4 Ton Trucks
Driver 2	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike	2 x RAF Motorbikes
Riders	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck	Drivers

TOTAL WROUGHTON

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Thursday September 18: TRAVEL SCOTLAND

Friday September 19: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers (Continuity Swindon)
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Saturday September 20: Aviemore

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrovers 1 x 4 Ton Truck
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Monday September 22: Lossiemouth

Sea King & Crew

Tuesday September 23: Loch Ness

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers
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Thursday September 25: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

TOTAL SCOTLAND	50
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GRAND TOTAL	116
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NOTE:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME NUMBER OF MEN AND VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EPISODES 4 TO 6 ON DATES TO BE ADVISED.

File ref. 2/RAD 73.4

DRAFT

September 1997

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Dear Section 40

UFO related documents in the PRO

Thank you for your letter of 25 August which raised two further queries following on from my letter to you of 20 August.

In relation to the effect of any proposed Freedom of Information legislation, as I said in my original letter, files referred to on the Eureka database are still subject to the 30 year rule and it would be unwise to speculate on what may or may not be the effect of the proposed Act upon current legislation.

As far as any files on the subject of UFOs for the period after 1970 are concerned, it is likely that, if they survive, they will still be held by the department awaiting review and transfer to the Public Record Office. Files on any subject (not just UFOs) are usually reviewed twenty five years after the last date of the correspondence on them so that, if they warrant permanent preservation, they can be transferred here in good time for their opening to the public at the thirty year point. As I said in my previous letter, I have been unable to identify any files on this subject which are currently subject to extended closure, by which I mean any files which are closed for longer than the statutory thirty years.

I hope that this clarifies matters and will avoid the need for protracted correspondence on this subject.

Yours sincerely

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Proposed reply to

25/08/97

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... enclosed
after 25/08/97
in files covering this matter

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25 August 1997

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Govt. Services Dept
Public Record Office
Russkin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DU

Your Ref: 2/RAD 73.4

Dear Section 40

I am grateful to you for your letter and enclosures of the 20 August.

I would hope that all the UFO-related files on the PRO Eureka Database will be made available with immediate effect in the spirit of the forthcoming FOIA - can you confirm whether this will be the case?

I note that the files only go up to 1970, does that mean there are no files under extended closure from 1970 onwards? This is important because the RAF instigated *Operation Aeolus* in the period 1971-72 which I understand came to some pretty incredible conclusions.

Between 1964 and 1967, some defence research laboratories (eg Aldermaston) analysed various "satellite debris" with some pretty amazing results. A lot of UFO incidents from the 1950s were investigated by The Deputy Directorate of Intelligence (Technical). I understand that a lot of Intelligence Files are kept under 50 and 100 year extended closure; however, I do hope that in the case of DDI (Tech) and its related bodies that these files are accessed sooner.

Finally, without trying to sound too melodramatic, keeping any UFO-related file secret is to all intents and purposes, a bigger threat to National Security than releasing it. The more restricted a subject, the fewer the "brains" working on it and slower development will inevitably result. Certainly the files on the "satellite debris" and *Operation Aeolus* should be released and published in a professional journal. It just so happens that I am preparing an article at this time for the Royal Society of Chemistry Magazine *Chemistry in Britain*.....

Yours sincerely

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Kind attached Pro's reply to Section 40
 I will wish to note x. I expect
 will next ask about the release of files
 in advance of 30 years!

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Dear Section 40

UFO related documents in the PRO

Your letter of the 12 August to our Reprographic Department has been referred to me in order to respond to the queries raised in the second paragraph.

I understand from our Reader Services Department that we have not published any guidance on this topic but they do hold a memorandum (undated) compiled by a member of their staff which is used for reference by their staff; I enclose a copy in the hope that you may find it useful but I cannot vouch for its currency or completeness. They have also provided me with a printout from their Eureka database using the topic keyword "ufo" which gives additional references to those included in the memorandum, although the majority of these are to files which are still subject to the 30 year rule; if you require further information about the scope and content of the Eureka database please refer directly to our Reader Services Department.

Your other query concerned the impact of a Freedom of Information Act on UFO related documents which are currently subject to extended closure. I have been unable to identify any files on this subject which fall into this category but if you have certain files in mind and are able to quote their PRO references, I will, of course, be happy to clarify their current status. However, I should point out that I feel it would be unwise for me to speculate on what may or may not be required by the proposed Act.

Yours sincerely

Section 40

Government Services Department

cc. Reader Services Department

RSD MEMORANDUM NO 639

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND FLYING SAUCERS**AIR 2 Air Ministry: Registered Files**

AIR 2/16918

1961-1963, alleged sightings of UFO's. Letters from members of the public on alleged sightings. Magazine entitled Cosmic Voice - "Mars and Venus Speak to Earth" - dated November/December 1961. Article entitled "Men from Outer Space: Are they visiting Britain?"

AIR 16 Fighter Command

AIR 16/1199

1952, Royal Air Force Topcliffe. Special Occurrences (Flying Saucers). Reports on UFO's from members of the public sent to RAF Topcliffe.

AIR 20 Unregistered Papers

AIR 20/7390

1952, Reported sightings of UFO's. Memorandum prepared for Ministry of Defence.

AIR 20/9320

1957, Parliamentary question 17 April 1957 Mr Stan Awbery: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what recent investigations have been made into unidentified flying objects; what photographs have been taken; and what reports have been made on this subject. Reply by Secretary of State (Mr Ward). Notes on UFO's provided for the Ministers use. UFO incident at West Freugh in Wigtownshire in 1957, incidents and signals at RAF Church Lawford, RAF Bampton and RAF Lakenheath. Newspaper clippings 6 April 1957: News Chronicle and Evening Standard. Daily Sketch 6 April 1957: Photographs of object over Channel Islands.

AIR 20/9321

1957 Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 Major Patrick Wall: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, how many unidentified flying objects have been detected over Great Britain this year as compared with previous years; and whether the object picked up by radar over the Dover Straits on 29 April has yet been identified. Further question to Minister from Mr Beswick. Notes for Minister on reported sightings. Replies by Mr Ward. Newspaper clippings: The Times, News Chronicle, Daily Worker, Daily Mirror, Daily Sketch, Daily Telegraph, Daily Express, Evening News. April - May 1957.

AIR 20/9322

1957, Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 Mr Frank Beswick: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what was the nature of the aircraft or other object sighted on the radar air defence screens on Monday night and which occasioned the despatch of aircraft of Fighter Command. Reply by Mr Ward. Notes for Minister.

AIR 20/9994

1957, Headquarters Southern Sector Intelligence. Reports on Aerial Phenomena, including "observation of unusual aerial phenomena at Royal Air Force Ventnor on 29 July 1957".

Two copies of "Track Tracing" Sheets.

Description of UFO's, eg RAF Lyneham 9 December 1957: "Description large bright crescent shaped object or could be a sphere with trails from edges. Travelling on a course of 290 degrees at a moderate speed. Seemed to be descending and not at a very great height".

AIR 22 Periodical Returns, Summaries and Bulletins

AIR 22/93

1955, Air Ministry Secret Intelligence Summary March 1955 Volume 10, No 3 Article on Flying Saucers "An object was reported....."

351405

PREM 11 Prime Minister's Office: Correspondence and Papers, 1951-1964

PREM 11/855

1952 Personal Minute from Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to Secretary of State for Air, Lord Cheswell, 28 July 1952: "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience." Minute from Secretary of State, dated 9 August 1952, dismissing stories about flying saucers.

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Your search terms were:-	Topic Keyword:	Subject:	Date:	Document Ref:
	ufo			

Document references and descriptions found by your search are:-				
Document Reference:	Topic Description:	Date:	Further Information:	
AIR 14/2800	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports of UFOs on RAF (Royal Air Force) bombing raids	WW2, December 1943		
AIR 18/1199	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports by RAF (Royal Air Force) service personnel at Topcliffe, Thirsk	1952		
AIR 2/16918 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO sightings reported by members of the public	1961-1963	Open 1994	
AIR 2/17318 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports	1963	Open 1994	
AIR 2/17526-17527	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO reports in Air Ministry papers	1964-1965	AIR 2/17527 closed until 1985	
AIR 2/17982-17984	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - UFO reports (with photographs)	1965-1967	AIR 2/17982 + 17983 - Jan 1966 17984 - 20 Jan 1967	
AIR 2/18183 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Registered File	1968-1969		
AIR 20/11612	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers	1967-1968		
AIR 20/11895-11902	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers: monthly reports	April-November 1968		
AIR 20/12055-12067	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers: monthly reports	January 1969- January 1970		
AIR 20/12297-12306 (numerical list)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Air Ministry: Unregistered Papers	February - November 1970		

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Document Reference:	Topic Description:	Date:	Further Information:
AIR 207380; 9320-9322; 9994 (Codes S/P, 81 and 87/1)	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Reports and Parliamentary questions	1950-1957	
PREM 11/855	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): Aerial phenomena - Prime Minister's request for an explanation of stories about flying saucers	1952-1955	

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26/08/97	Hd of CS(RM)1	UP DATED LIST OF "UFO" FILES	[]

Intended:

Sent: 26/08/97 at 8:37

Delivered: 26/08/97 at 8:36

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: 425

From: Hd of CS(RM)1

Auth by:

Subject: UP DATED LIST OF "UFO" FILES PRESERVED FOR THE PRO

Text: You will note the inclusion of three new files, AIR 14/2800, AIR 22/93 both brought to my attention by [Section 40] (PRO) and referred to in his reply to [Section 40] (copies winging their way to you in due course), and BJ 5/311 due for release 2001. Let me know if you have not seen [Section 40] article headlined "UFO investigator nets the Ministry of Defence" → pte

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Subject: MESSAGE CONTINUES

Text: in a web of deceit" in Alien Encounters. It covers MIB, files conspicuously absent from the PRO (DIS files) and the now notorious AIR 2/16918. Somewhat disturbingly a PRO official is alleged to have suggested that it was not unusual for MOD to recall sensitive files released by mistake. I plan to take this up with the PRO, Section 40

Priority: Normal

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD
OFFICE TOGETHER WITH SCHEDULED RELEASE DATES - AS AT AUGUST 1997

Already open - 14

To be released:

1998	-	10
1999	-	14
2000	-	13
2001	-	11
2002	-	2
2003	-	14 (1 awaiting assignment to AIR 2)

Total - 78

AIR 2

16918	1961-63	UFO's: sightings; reports by members of the public	AF/X59/64 Pt 5
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[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised
form. Extracts now released]

17318	1963	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 6
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[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised
form. Extracts now released]

17526	1964	UFO files	AF/X59/64 Pt 7
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17527	1965	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 8
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[Released 1996]

17982	1965-66	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 9
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[Released 1997]

17983	1966	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 10
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[Released 1997]

17984	1966-67	ditto	AF/X59/64
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[To be released 1998]

18115 1967 Unidentified flying objects: AF/CX38/67
reports Pt 1

[To be released 1998]

18116 1967 ditto AF/CX38/67
Pt 2

[To be released 1998]

18117 1967-68 ditto AF/CX38/67
Pt 3

[To be released 1999]

18183 1968-69 Unidentified flying objects AF/7463/72
Pt 2

[To be released 2000]

18564 1957-71 UFO Reports: West Freugh 1957

[To be released 2002]

18565 1970-71 UFO Reports

[To be released 2002]

TBA April 1972 UFO's 10/45/120

[Awaiting allocation of piece no.
To be released 2003]

AIR 14

2800 1943 No 115 Squadron: news sheet
"Bang On" No 1.
[Released 1972]

AIR 16

1199 1952 Sept Flying saucers: occurrence I1H1/188/1/17
reports: service personnel
at Topcliffe station, Thirsk
and local public sector

[Open]

AIR 20

7390 1950-54 Unidentified aircraft II/127/3/48
(flying objects): reports

[Open]

9320 1957 Parliamentary question on MR 008614/193

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9321	1957	ditto	MR 008614/213
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9322	1957	ditto	MR 008614/220
	[Open]		
9994	1953-57	Reports on aerial phenomena	IIH/273/10/4
	[Open]		
11612	1967-68	Unidentified flying objects	MR 073414
	[To be released 1999]		
11694	1968 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)512
	[To be released 1999]		
11695	1968 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)513
	[To be released 1999]		
11696	1968 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)523
	[To be released 1999]		
11887	1967 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)507
	[To be released 1998]		
11888	1967 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)508
	[To be released 1998]		
11889	1967 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)509
	[To be released 1998]		
11890	1967 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)509
	[To be released 1998]		
11891	1967 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)510
	[To be released 1998]		
11892	1967 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)510
	[To be released 1998]		
11893	1967 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)511
	[To be released 1998]		

11894	1968 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)514
	[To be released 1999]		
11895	1968 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)515
	[To be released 1999]		
11896	1968 May	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)516
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11897	1968 Jun	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)517
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11898	1968 Jul	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)518
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11899	1968 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)519
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11900	1968 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)520
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11901	1968 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)521
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11902	1968 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)522
	[To be released 1999]		
12055	1969 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)524
	[To be released 2000]		
12056	1969 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)525
	[To be released 2000]		
12057	1969 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)526
	[To be released 2000]		
12058	1969 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)527
	[To be released 2000]		
12059	1969 May	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)528
	[To be released 2000]		
12060	1969 Jun	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)529
	[To be released 2000]		

12061	1969 Jul	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)530
	[To be released 2000]		
12069	1969 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)531
	[To be released 2000]		
12063	1969 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)532
	[To be released 2000]		
12064	1969 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)533
	[To be released 2000]		
12065	1969 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)534
	[To be released 2000]		
12066	1969 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)535
	[To be released 2000]		
12067	1970 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)536
	[To be released 2001]		
12297	1970 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)537
			ID/48/94
	[To be released 2001]		
12298	1970 Mar	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)538
			ID/48/95
	[To be released 2001]		
12299	1970 Apr	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)539
			ID/48/96
	[To be released 2001]		
12300	1970 May	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)540
			ID/48/97
	[To be released 2001]		
12301	1970 June	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)541
			ID/48/98
	[To be released 2001]		
12302	1970 July	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)542
			ID/48/99
	[To be released 2001]		
12303	1970 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)543

ID/48/100

[To be released 2001]

12304	1970 Sept	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)544 ID/48/101
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[To be released 2001]

12305	1970 Oct	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)545 ID/48/102
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[To be released 2001]

12306	1970 Nov	ditto	AF/S4f(AIR)546 ID/48/103
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[To be released 2001]

12399	1971-72	UFO reports	ID/47/274 Pt 4
12400	1972 Jan	ditto	ID/48/117
12401	1972 Feb	ditto	ID/48/118
12401	1972 March	ditto	ID/48/119
12403	1972 April	ditto	ID/48/120
12404	1972 May	ditto	ID/48/121
12405	1972 June	ditto	ID/48/122
12406	1972 July	ditto	ID/48/123
12407	1972 Aug	ditto	ID/48/124
12408	1972 Sept	ditto	ID/48/125
12409	1972 Oct	ditto	ID/48/126
12410	1972 Nov	ditto	ID/48/127
12411	1971 Dec	ditto	ID/48/128

[Pieces 12399-12411 due for release 2003]

AIR 22

93	1953	Air Ministry Secret Summary. Vol 10. No 3 Article on Flying Saucers.	IIG/101
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[Released 1984?]

BJ5

311	1968-70	UFO: Met aspects	AF/M 396/68
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[To be released 2001]

Annex B

**PRO CLASSES CREATED FOR INTELLIGENCE RECORDS - UFO RELATED RECORDS
- AS AT 23 JULY 1997**

8 classes have to date been raised for records originating from defence "intelligence" branches. They contain between them more than 15,250 intelligence records selected for permanent preservation.

THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE UFO RECORDS.

They are, together with the date range and the total number of pieces in each class:

ADM 223 - Naval Intelligence Papers, 1914-1965, 840 files and volumes.

ADM 231 - Naval Intelligence Reports, 1883-1965, 54 volumes

AIR 40 - Directorate of Intelligence and other Intelligence Papers - 1926-1963, 2706 files and volumes

DEFE 21 - Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files - 1946-1978, 77 files

DEFE 32 - Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files - 1957-1979, 99 files

DEFE 44 - Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports - 1946-1971, 100 files and volumes

WO 106 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence - 1937-1961, 6228 boxes, files and volumes

WO 208 Directorate of Military Intelligence - 1917-1961, 5187 boxes, files and volumes

Loose Minute

D/GF/6/2

26 Aug 97

AD INFO(C&T) - Wg Cdr **Section 40**

Copy to:

PL(LS)Claims

PL(LS)Legal

Hd Sec(AS)

DCS(Sec&CTS) HOSTC

DLA RAF IO - **Section 40**

BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT FOR
THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC

Reference: D/DPR/336/4 dated 22 Aug 97

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference, and for sending a copy of the draft Agreement between the MOD and BBC Scotland, setting out the terms under which we will provide assistance to the BBC with regard to the production of their drama series "Invasion Earth".

2. I can confirm that we are content with what you propose, and have no specific comments to make on your draft.

Section 40

GF(Pol)1b

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E Mail: GF(POL)1B-1 **Section 40**

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DPR/336/4

22 Aug 97

GF(Pol) 1
PL(LS) Claims
PL(LS) Legal
Hd Sec(AS) ←
DCS(Sec+CTS) HQSTC
DLA RAF IO

Copy to:

PSO/ACAS
DPS
DPR(RAF)

**BBC SCOTLAND SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES "INVASION EARTH" - AGREEMENT
FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE BBC**

1. The MOD and BBC Scotland have reached agreement on the financial implications of assisting BBC Scotland in the making of the Sci-Fi drama series "INVASION EARTH" and a draft Agreement is attached.

2. Filming of RAF assests commences on 14 Sep 97 and the Agreement must be in place before that date. Therefore, addresses are requested to forward any comments to the undersigned by cop on Monday 1 Sep 97. I apologise for the short notice of this request but it is due to circumstances outside of my control. Nil responses will be taken as concurrence with the draft.

I can see nothing to
comment on so far as
the attached is concerned.
I believe we should
continue to keep our
distance. Since a nil response
equals no comment I
do not intend we should
make any contact at all

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AD INFO(C&T)
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DRAFT AGREEMENT

D/DPR/336/4

Dated the day of September 1997

Parties

1. Ministry of Defence
 Whitehall
 London SW1A 2HB

Herein known as "MOD"

2. BBC Scotland
 Broadcasting House
 Queen Margaret Drive
 Glasgow
 G12 8DG

Herein known as "the BBC"

Background

3. The BBC is currently producing a Sc Fi drama series 'INVASION EARTH' in which the principal character is an RAF F3 pilot.

4. MOD agrees to make a Chinook, Puma and Sea King helicopter and RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth available to the BBC to shoot certain scenes for the series, on the terms and conditions set out herein.

A:BBC

Services to be Provided

5. In accordance with Annex A MOD will endeavour to provide the following:

- a. Access to RAF Lossiemouth to film a Sea King helicopter on 22 Sep 97.
- b. A Chinook and a Puma helicopter at Wroughton on 17 Sep 97.
- c. Members of the Queens Colour Sqn RAF Regiment to appear as film extras. Such officers/airmen will sign a Multi Purpose Voucher in the form at Exhibit One, attached, assigning all rights to their performance in the series to the BBC.
- d. A number of military vehicles to be operated by members of the Queen Colour Sqn.

6. The MOD will also endeavour to provide the following:

- a. Access to RAF Leuchars to film Tornado F3's, on a date to be decided.
- b. A selection of new/used uniforms for hire.
- c. 4 sets of flying clothing for hire.

Charges and Payment

7. In accordance with standard MOD policy, appropriate charges will need to be raised to cover each element of assistance provided. Accordingly, charges will be levied as follows:

- a. Chinook Helicopter

(1) Flying Time - £3,358 per quater of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

b. Puma Helicopter

(1) Flying Time - £1,860 per quarter of an hour.

(2) Waiting Time - £63 per hour.

c. Filming at RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth. £2,000 per day, to cover access, security, parking and filming, but excluding personnel employed as "extras".

d. Use of RAF Personnel as Extras. Any RAF personnel used as "extras", ie those personnel whose contribution is sufficient to necessitate the signing of a Multi Purpose Voucher, will be charged for at the following rate: £65:50 per day.

e. Filming of RAF Aircraft at their bases. Provided that the aircraft are carrying out their normal roles and no extra costs are incurred by the RAF as a result of a request from the BBC, no extra charges to those already detailed in para 8c will be raised.

f. Vehicle Costs. The charges for vehicles operated by RAF personnel will vary according to the type. Examples, excluding VAT, are as follows:

(1) Land Rovers Hire £9.50 per day + Fuel & Running Costs
21.08p per mile.

(2) Trucks 4-10 tonne Hire £35.21 per day + Fuel & Running
Costs 60.17p per mile.

(3) Coach 24-39 Seats Hire £36.82 per day + Fuel & Running
Costs 49.35p per mile.

g. Clothing. The charges for the provision of clothing will be as follows:

(1) Flying Clothing. Approximately £2600 for the hire of 4 sets of flying clothing.

(2) Uniforms. Not to exceed £2500.

h. Other Costs. Any additional costs incurred by the RAF as a result of assistance to the BBC which would not otherwise have arisen, will attract charges. An example of such charges would be the standard messing and accommodation charges that would apply if overnight accommodation were required on any military establishment, or if meals were taken in messes.

8. Payment for services provided should be made in full within 28 days of presentation of the authorised bill from MOD. Details of payment will accompany the bill.

Indemnity and Insurance

9. MOD facilities used and/or modified by the BBC are to be returned to their original state and condition, which includes repairing damage either deliberate or accidental, caused in the course of the BBC's work. Payment for any work carried out by MOD to restore such facilities to their original state, will be charged to the BBC.

10. a. The BBC will satisfy MOD, PL(LS) Claims, that sufficient insurance cover has been established to cover any damage to MOD aircraft and property before access to RAF Leuchars and RAF Lossiemouth will be allowed.

b. MOD acknowledges that the following coverage is sufficient to satisfy it under the terms of this clause:-

(1) for bodily injury and/or property damage to the Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD property and personnel, liability insurance in the amount of Seventy Five Million US Dollars (\$75 million).

Security

11. The BBC is to provide at least 48 hours notice of personnel and vehicles attending at each location. Details required are full names of personnel and their official title, vehicle details to include make, type, colour and registration number. Details of vehicles/personnel should be notified to the contact addressee at paragraph 14.

12. Access to RAF Leuchars and Lossiemouth and onboard the helicopters is to be restricted to those employees of the BBC who have a specific need to be there. Employees of the BBC are not permitted outside of the areas allocated to them by MOD personnel as notified to the BBC by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative.

Health and Safety

13. The BBC is to take all reasonable precautions for the safety of MOD personnel and property. Items and areas considered unsafe by MOD personnel are to be made safe instructed by the Controlling Officer, or his designated representative. The BBC are to observe all the relevant Health and Safety regulations.

Force Majeure

14. In the event that the MOD is unable to meet its obligations to provide the services detailed in this contract due to Act of God, Weather, Perils of the Sea, War, Riots, Civil Commotion, Blockade, Sabotage, Fire, Explosion, Accident, Security or Operational Reasons then the MOD shall not be liable for any costs arising out of any failure or delay in providing said services.

Point of Contact

15. The point of contact is as follows:

MOD Project Officer
Wing Commander [Section 40] RAF
AD INFO (C&T)
Room 0366
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

Tel: 0171 218 [Section 40] Fax: 0171 218 [Section 40]

Controlling Officers

16. The MOD Project Officer is also the Controlling Officer for MOD for the facilities named.

17. The BBC point of contact is:

[Section 40]
Line Producer
BBC Scotland
Caterham Barracks
Coulston Road
Surrey CR3 5YB

Tel: [Section 40] Fax: [Section 40]

Assignment of Rights

18. a. MOD confirms it is aware of the subject matter of the Film and the characters therein and the use to be made of the MOD facilities

specified in this agreement. MOD approves such use of its facilities in the Film.

b. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC shall own all rights (including but not limited to all copyright) in the still and film photographs made of the F3 Chinook, Sea King, Puma and other MOD facilities pursuant to this agreement. Should it be necessary, MOD will execute any assignments or other documents to give effect to this clause.

c. MOD acknowledges and agrees that the BBC may incorporate scenes featuring the F3, Chinook, Sea King, Puma and the other MOD facilities specified in this agreement in the final version of the Film either as a sequence on its own or preceded, interlaced or followed by such other scenes as the BBC may require, or the taking of publicity stills.

d. MOD acknowledges and agrees the BBC may exploit and exhibit the Film and excerpts therefrom in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised throughout the world in perpetuity without restrictions whatsoever.

e. MOD hereby acknowledges that all rights and releases granted or agreed to in this paragraph shall be deemed to extend to all persons, firms or corporations distributing, exploiting or exhibiting the Film.

Miscellaneous

19. In the event that due to a force majeure or otherwise filming cannot occur on the dates set out herein, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to find alternative dates.

20. In the event of any dispute, MOD agrees not to seek equitable or legal remedy which would enjoin or prevent the development, production, advertising distribution or exploitation of the film.

21. The BBC will provide a credit to MOD and Royal Air Force in the end roller credits of the Film acknowledging the assistance provided.

22. This agreement is governed by English law.

Signed for and on behalf of
Ministry of Defence

Air Commodore **Section 40**
Director of Public Relations(RAF)
Ministry of Defence
London

Signed for and on behalf of
BBC Scotland

Section 40
Line Producer

EXHIBIT ONE

MULTI PERIOD VOUCHER

From: BBC Scotland "The BBC"
To: ("the Artiste")
Re: INVASION EARTH ("the drama Series")

1. The BBC hereby confirms the engagement of the Artiste in the capacity of Background Artiste in the Film on the following days:

_____.
2. The Artiste's services are provided pursuant to a contract between the BBC and the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Defence shall be responsible for paying the Artiste.
3. The Artiste hereby gives the BBC all necessary consents under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as currently in force, and assigns all rights (including copyright) in the Artiste's performance to the BBC.
4. The Artiste hereby agrees that the Artiste's voice may be dubbed into any language.

Signed for and on behalf of
BBC Scotland

Signed by

Date: _____

Date: _____

INVASION EARTH - MANPOWER/VEHICLES AND HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS
EPISODES ONE - THREE

Note: Radcliffe's Squad is script term for Queens Colour Squadron RAF Regiment.

Sunday September 14: Travel & Shoot at Wroughton

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 x 4 Ton Truck

Monday September 15: Shoot at Wroughton

14 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrover
	1 4 Ton Truck
	1 x Coach

Tuesday September 16: Shoot at Wroughton

4 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Military Ambulance
2 Male RAF Drivers	1 x RAF Armoured Landrover
3 x RAF Officers	1 x RAF 4 Ton Truck
1 Male RAF Ambulance Driver	2 x RAF Motor Bikes
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	1 x RAF Landrover
Driver 1	(Not armoured)
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike	2 Staff Cars?
Riders	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck	
Drivers	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	
Crew	

Wednesday September 17: Shoot at Wroughton

	RAF Puma & Crew
	RAF Chinook & Crew
20 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x Armoured P Carrier
1 x Male RAF Ambulance Driver	1 x Military Ambulance
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	2 x Armoured Landrover
Driver 1	
1 x Radcliffe's Squad Landrover	2 x RAF 4 Ton Trucks
Driver 2	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad Motorbike	2 x RAF Motorbikes
Riders	
2 x Radcliffe's Squad 4 Ton Truck	Drivers

TOTAL SWINDON

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Thursday September 18: TRAVEL SCOTLAND

Friday September 19: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers (Continuity Swindon)
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Saturday September 20: Aviemore

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	1 x RAF Landrovers 1 x 4 Ton Truck
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Monday September 22: Lossiemouth

Sea King & Crew

Tuesday September 23: Loch Ness

17 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)	2 x RAF Landrovers
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Thursday September 25: Aviemore

8 x Radcliffe's Squad (Armed)

TOTAL SCOTLAND	50
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GRAND TOTAL	116
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NOTE:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME NUMBER OF MEN AND VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EPISODES 4 TO 6 ON DATES TO BE ADVISED.



Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS)/64/1

22nd August 1997

OMD/AD(Management)

Copy to:

CS(RM)1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I attach a copy of a letter from **Section 40** a persistent correspondent on the subject of **Section 40**, something in which the Department has only a limited interest.
2. **Section 40** earlier letter to the Prime Minister was forwarded to Sec(AS) for reply (copy also attached). **Section 40** has now taken up the matter of the Freedom of Information Act and clearly wishes to make his views known to those responsible for taking it forward. I would like to be able to say something about how he might do this in our next letter to him and should be grateful for your advice on what it might be.
3. Is it the intention to issue a FoI White Paper sometime after the House returns in the Autumn? Is it also the intention to have a consultation period whereby members of the public can contribute their views? If you could let me know the Cabinet Office's plans in this respect and the form of words I might use in reply to Dr Ridyard, I should be grateful.
4. In order to meet the deadline it would be helpful to have something, please, by 4 September.

Section 40

Sec(AS)2

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FAX : MB

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PRIME MINISTER'S
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

No. 10 Downing Street has been sent.
This is the form of
reply by your
department.
IF NECESSARY

Section 40

27 June 1997

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair PM
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the response dated 11 June, Ref D/Sec(AS)/64/3 to my correspondence of 7 May. I am writing to you again on this subject as I understand from the reply that the Cabinet Office is taking forward the Manifesto pledge on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I would like to see a commitment in the FOIA to making the subject of unidentified craft a special one and that as a goodwill gesture, steps be taken to start releasing all UFO documentation, no matter whether it is held under 30, 50 or 100 year extended disclosure.

A potential problem with the FOIA is how far exactly do you go to making information freely available. I recall for example that under the last administration, some vital information on BSE that, although technically available, was hidden in the middle of a file and not circulated to the appropriate departments. In effect, departments should really be going out of their way to publicise important information.

To avoid this problem, I would strongly urge that any significant UFO-related event (e.g. similar to West Freugh 1957, RAF Topcliffe 1952, RAF Bentwaters 1980, Operation *Aeneid* 1971) be publicised in the form of a Press Conference and craft details such as size, colour, flight pattern etc. be formally revealed within a maximum of two days after the event. This will be vital in the case of a CE2 incident as it will give ample time for soil and vegetation samples to be collected. Analysis of these samples can verify as to whether an incident took place and the tools to carry out these studies are routinely available in most university science departments.

I look forward to hearing your comments on these matters.

Yours Sincerely

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P.S. Friday 27 June; a live debate on ITV asked
phone pollsters whether or not they believed 'ET's'
had been to Earth. Result 100,000 calls 92% believed
they had!!!

Section 40

7 May 1997

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair PM
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 24 February, I now enclose evidence that the MOD and PRO were a little economical with the truth regarding the fate of AIR 2/16918 (see Appendix 1).

In Appendix 2 I have included:-

- (i) 26 Mandatory Occurrence Reports (some involving UFOs) kindly supplied by the Safety Reg. Group (CAA), Gatwick Airport.
- (ii) Extracts from AIR 20/9320 and 20/9321
- (iii) Halt Report, 13 Jan 1981

These are only a few of the documents in my possession and I am willing to give yourself and your Defence Ministers a full briefing should you so require. If you (or your ministers) are to be briefed on this subject by the MOD or The Department of Transport, please take the above documents with you. It may be an idea to produce the documents at the end of the briefing as I know from experience that reports are scattered about different Secretariats and you may (more by accident than design) well not get the full picture.

Alternatively I will be happy to attend any briefing as a scientific adviser.

I would also be grateful if New Labour could continue the work of The Late Martin Redmond MP and make a commitment to releasing all UFO-related material for public scrutiny. I note that a petition to this effect was presented to The Commons on March 17 last.

To conclude, I am hoping to give a lecture on this subject to a Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Symposium at UCNW Bangor. I have written to The RSC President, Prof. Eddie Abel, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0BN (Tel: 0171 437 8656) due to the sensitive nature of the material. It would mean a lot to me if yourself or one of your ministers were to endorse my efforts.

I thank you in anticipation and appreciation of your kind attention on these matters.

Yours sincerely

Section 40



From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB



Telephone (Direct dial) 0171 218 2140
(Switchboard) 0171 218 9000
(Fax) 0171 218

Section 40

Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
11 June 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 7 May addressed to the Prime Minister about "unidentified flying objects". I have been asked to reply.

2. It is the case, as with other government departments, that MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. The files selected for preservation are then transferred to the Public Record Office for release into the public domain.

3. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However, since 1967 there has been an increase in public interest in this subject and "UFO" report files are now routinely preserved. A few files from the 1950s and early 1960s did, however, survive and are available for examination by members of the public. They may be viewed at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199	AIR 2/16918
AIR 20/7390	AIR 2/17318
AIR 20/9320	AIR 2/17526
AIR 20/9321	AIR 2/17527
AIR 20/9322	AIR 2/17982
AIR 20/9994	AIR 2/17983
PREM 11/855	

4. You may also find it helpful to know that the Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The

timetable currently envisaged involves the publication of a White Paper before this year's Summer Recess. This would be followed by a period of open consultation leading to a draft Bill early next year and further consultation.

5. Finally, you will wish to know that I have contacted the CS(Records Management) branch concerned with regard to the comments contained in the first paragraph of your letter about the location of a MOD file (AIR 2/16918). They have established that due to a clerical error, the date given in their letter to  Section 40 of 15 April 1997 was incorrect. The file was not with the MOD last year since the date should have read 9 November 1995.

6. I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

 Section 40

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES

Section 40

20 Aug 97

D/MIN(AF)/JR/8/1

8 August 1997

Dec Section 40

Thank you for your letter dated 21 July to Secretary of state, concerning the charging policy applicable to your drama series "Invasion:Earth".

In a drama about alien invasion?

We recognise that PR and recruiting benefits can stem from series such as this, when the Services are shown in a positive light, and I am pleased to say that we are able to be flexible in such circumstances.

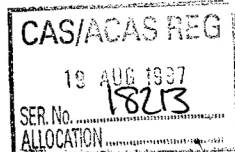
I am aware that since you wrote your letter there have been a series of meetings between BBC staff and some of our finance and PR staff, and I am pleased that agreement has now been reached on this matter.

As you know, we intend to charge a licence fee of around £2000 per day, granting you access to the Defence Estate, and permission to film. There will also be charges levied for the use of military equipment - the major element here being helicopters. With regard to the use of Service personnel as "extras" - which had been the only area of potential difficulty - you will be aware that we intend to charge you the sum of £65.50 per person per day. I believe this to be an acceptable compromise which reduces costs to an affordable level, whilst ensuring that the Defence Budget is sufficiently recompensed for our assisting you in a commercial venture. In settling upon this figure we were also conscious of the need to avoid undercutting the Equity rate.

Our respective staffs are already in touch at working level, and clearly this dialogue will continue. The next step is to formalise this agreement by producing a written contract; my PR staff are already working on this.

Section 40

Esq





I am pleased that we have reached agreement on this issue, and that we have been able to help with your venture. I should like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with this project.

Kind Regards

Section 40



HIDDEN COPY TO;

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PS/SofS

PS/2nd PUS

AUS(GF)

PSO/ACAS

Deputy Press Secretary

DPR(RAF)

DLA RAF IO - **Section 40**

D/Sec(AS) 64/1



File Note

Section 40 [REDACTED] /RAF VALLEY

Reference: E73

1. Gp Capt **Section 40** to say that he had spoken to the Station Commander at RAF Valley about **Section 40** assertion that the Station was referring those reporting 'UFO' sightings to him.

2. The telephone operator(s) at the exchange at RAF Valley had noted **Section 40**'s name and number on their reference pad as he had, it seemed, convinced them he was a recognised 'UFO' expert in regular contact with the MOD and it was, therefore, in order for them to refer 'witnesses' to him.

3. Our earlier request for this practice to cease had not, it appears, survived through staff changes. All have again been reminded of the proper arrangements.

Section 40 [REDACTED]

12th August 1997

Sec(AS)2

WEEK BEGINNING 4 AUGUST 1997

04/08/97

At 09:22 [Section 40] telephoned to report a sighting seen on 3 August at 20:50 over Bexley, Kent. He described the object simply as huge and that part of it came down in the woods near Bexley village. His daytime phone number is: [Section 40]

ACTION: Report made and filed on 64/2 part F enc 52.
NFA required.

At 14:27 [Section 40] telephoned. On 2 August at midnight he saw a very bright football-like object several hundred feet up in the sky above the Nightingale Triangle in London, SW12. It skimmed across the sky and left a trail behind, then it just disappeared. He saw it for about 10 seconds. It was not a rocket, shooting star or anything else explainable. He contacted the police who had not received any other reports. His address is: [Section 40]

[Section 40] Tel: [Section 40]

ACTION: Report made and filed on 64/2 part F enc 48. Wrote [Section 40] explaining our role. See file 64/3 pt J enc 73.

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[Section 40] telephoned. His exact words were:

"Hello, this is [Section 40] here. Phone number is [Section 40]. I think you have it on file. I'm phoning concerning a report that occurred over the Hoole area of Chester on 28/7/97. The time was between 11 and 12pm. Now the two witnesses phoned RAF Valley on Anglesey and were actually referred to me which is how I actually got to know of this particular incident. The witnesses have sent me a map of the area, a report and pictures of the unidentified craft. The description seems to roughly correspond to the craft that was reported in Mandatory Occurrence report number 8201614C, which was filed with the Safety Regulation Group at Gatwick. This referred to a Dan Air B 727 which witnessed what looked like a twin hulled structure with a globe crowned by a silver cone. I'll be sending the details through the post over the next day or two. I'd be interested to know if there were any other reports to Secretariat 2A1 of this particular incident. Thank you for your time. Bye now."

06/08/97

No messages

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[Section 40] telephoned at 08:22 to report a sighting that she could only describe as a star. She was feeding the foxes in her back

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12/08/97	OMD/AD(Management)	Freedom of Information	[]

Intended:
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To: SEC(AS)2A (2)
CC:
Ref: /GUID:F311459BA312D1119C240020AFF4C999
From: OMD/AD(Management) Auth by:
Subject: Freedom of Information

Text:

Priority: Normal SEE PAGE Attachments [1]
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In your D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 30 Jun, you asked to be kept up to date with the situation on a Freedom of Information Act. The position has changed since I was last in touch in that Ministers concluded last month that it would not be possible to produce a White Paper in time for the recess, especially as they wished to take a close personal interest in the development of policy on the issue. The publication of the White Paper has therefore been deferred until towards the end of the year.

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

12 Aug 97

AO-AD1

RAF VALLEY - REFERRAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REPORTING "UFO"
SIGHTINGS TO Section 40

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/3 dated 8 Jan 97.

1. You may recall my LM at Reference (copy attached) in which I drew attention to Section 40 links with RAF Valley. On 5 August he wrote to the Department and left a message on the "UFO" answerphone. On both occasions he said that RAF Valley had referred 'UFO' witnesses to him.

2. I should be grateful to know asap if you would yourself wish to remind RAF Valley of the correct procedures when dealing with alleged 'UFO' sightings or if you would prefer that I do so direct.

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

1 Aug 97

DPO(RAF)

REQUEST FROM AN AMERICAN TV COMPANY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A "UFO" PROGRAMME

1. I have received the attached fax from an American TV production company who will be filming a programme in the near future entitled "Sightings". As you will see they have requested a statement on the UK MOD's policy in respect of "UFOs" and asked if we would wish to front-up a spokesman during the programme.

2. I should be grateful if you would respond to [redacted] along the lines of the attached draft. With thanks for your assistance once more.

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CHOTS: SEC(AS)2A (2)

Enc.

D R A F T R E P L Y T O Section 40

1. Thank you for your facsimile message of 30 July addressed to Secretariat(Air Staff)2a, in which you seek a statement from the UK Ministry of Defence setting out its interest in respect of reports of "unidentified.flying objects".

2. Please find attached a MOD statement of policy which you may find of use. Thank you for offering the opportunity of providing a MOD spokesman to take part in your programme, but as the Department has no remit in respect of "UFO/flying saucer" matters it would not be appropriate for the MOD to participate.

DPO(RAF)

STATEMENT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE REMIT IN
RESPECT OF REPORTS OF "UFO" SIGHTINGS

The UK Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it remains open-minded. To date, however, the UK MOD is unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

The UK Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFO" sightings it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely is there any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

The reports are examined, with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts as required. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" sighting has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

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BEYOND IMAGINATION LIES THE TRUTH

July 30, 1997

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Ministry of Defence

Dear Section 40

I am writing in regards to a special we will be shooting in the near future for the U.S. television program "Sightings". The program will explore various UFO incidents around the world and their possible explanations.

A portion of the program will deal with the British experience with UFO's and we will be speaking to a number of specialists in the area, such as Section 40 and Section 40. As it stands now, we will most likely explore the Bentwater Case, possibly Salisbury Plain, and the recent East Anglia sightings.

I have gathered that in most cases, or atleast the more recent ones, the Ministy's position has been one of "No Defence Significance", which I take to mean there is no threat to British Airspace. If you would care to comment on this or state a definitive policy in regards to UFO's, we would greatly appreciate your input. In addition, we will be shooting in England in August if you would be interested in being interviewed for the program.

We can be faxed at Section 40 if you would care to send a reply. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Section 40



A Production of Paramount Domestic Television
Production Offices

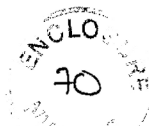
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29/07/97	DPO(RAF)	CUMBRIAN TV - VIDEO FOOTAGE OF A	[]

Sent: 29/07/97 at 14:19
To: DPO(RAF), DPO(RAF)SO2
CC:

Ref: 1271
Subject: CUMBRIAN TV - VIDEO FOOTAGE OF A "UFO"

Text: Tip Off. I've just come off the phone to a S/L [Section 40] at Spadeadam.

He said Cumbrian TV wanted him to look at some video footage of a "UFO". I told him to ask them to send the video here with a letter explaining what they want. I also said that if they wanted to follow up by phone to liaise through your office. [Section 40]

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From: Section 40 Head of Secretariat (Air Staff)

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Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB
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(Exchange) 0171 218 9000
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Barter Media
c/o Bartercard Adelaide

Section 40

21 July 1997

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about tendering for the UFO-related work of Sec(AS)2a.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Defence's interest is confined to the establishment of whether the sighting may have any air defence significance. This function, which involves consultation with other staff concerned with air defence, is not one that could be performed by a contractor.

I am grateful, nevertheless, for your expression of interest.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Sec (AS)

(TAS A)

Yes, Sir. I had not achieved the attached because

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mentioned to me that another message was
on the way. I do wonder how someone in Australia

has managed to identify, by name, PFI personnel and
you. He also seems to be able to find telephone
numbers - not, I would have thought, published on
the internet.

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Capping the amount of activity allowed in all LFAs would unacceptably impact on low flying training. Not only would it restrict the tactical freedom of aircrew to plan varied routes, but would also reduce the amount of training available for aircraft, such as helicopters, with a limited range capability. Furthermore, the unpredictable nature of the UK's weather frequently adversely affects flying conditions in individual LFAs at short notice. Capping the daily, weekly or monthly amount of flying would mean that valuable training opportunities could not be rescheduled forwards and would be lost.

Activity in LFA 14C (north of Peterhead, Scotland)

Whilst the number of movements into this LFA have increased since 1988, this must be set against the relatively few flights the area experiences. In 1988 it saw 100 flights. In 1996 it saw 367 and, when judged against its relative size, saw less than its proportionate share of low flying in both 1995 and 1996.

Foreign Aircraft in the UK

Low flying in the UK by foreign aircraft is strictly controlled and is conducted on a reciprocal basis. Consequently, foreign aircraft operating in the UK are generally restricted to those heights at which we are permitted to fly in their countries. I can assure the [Rt] hon Member that no foreign airforces train in the UK under more favourable conditions than apply to our Armed Forces in the country concerned.

[Some 4% of the overall amount of low flying in the UK is by UK-based USAF aircraft, and around 1% is flown, on a reciprocal basis by aircraft of other NATO countries, mainly during exercises and squadron exchanges.]

Low Flying in Germany

The general minimum height of 1000 feet applied to low flying military jet aircraft in Germany is a matter for the German Government. I should, however, point out that this is a general limit and that the German authorities do allow some low flying below this height.

We believe that restricting our aircrews to this height during training would impair their operational effectiveness. Indeed, it is our view that low level training above 500 feet is of little benefit in preparing aircrew for operations.

Discipline

Our military aircrews are highly trained, professional airmen who do not behave recklessly. However, all complaints from members of the public are carefully examined and any which suggest that a breach of flying regulations might have occurred are thoroughly investigated. Should indiscipline or disregard for the rules play any part in an incident, the RAF has no hesitation in instigating formal disciplinary action, up to and including court martial.

Aircraft Accidents

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ATTENTION Section 40

7 July 1997

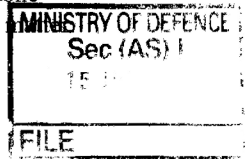
I had sent this proposal to the PFI and Section 40 has passed it to you for a view to be formed. I felt I should elaborate on various points before you form a view. The function I refer to is known to you as the public UFO report line which comes under your direction and which I have referred to as atmospheric anomalies in keeping with it's official explanation.

In regards to the first paragraph of my original letter the point is based on research into this function via the RAF media liason, Section 40 Section 40 and other sources. Based on this I will assume that this scenario is it's position in 2A and propose my tender accordingly. I am happy to be corrected to it's official position and tender appropriately.

Bartermedia is a media brokerage and we would fully fund this function on the understanding that we would use it as a marketing opportunity for future expansion in the UK and that we would seek proprietary control over information generated via a Defcon 90 arrangement under your departmental guidelines.

We are open to negotiation and are thinking along these lines:-

- 1/ By placing this function with us we can distance the MOD from the public perception as to the official involvement in this matter which generates adverse publicity for the MOD. We also feel that we will have no difficulty in co-opting a leading PR firm in UK to aid this objective.
- 2/ We would suggest a MOD officer with meteorological experience that would further assist the public in the MOD's understanding of this phenomena although the current supervision of 2A would also be acceptable to us.
- 3/ We wish to float ideas such as these to help 2A in it's public perception. We would look to co-operating with you in this



We feel that you should take this tender seriously. We leave you with this one simple fact; via **Section 40** and other similar sources the public perceives that this is the only function 2A does.

Surely the time to correct this perception has come and we look forward to facing that challenge.

I will contact you shortly.

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Phone Section 40

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Dear Section 40

I wish to propose a tender for a function of the secretariat (air staff) 2A which deals with the public initiated reports of atmospheric anomalies. This is a part of 2A's PR Remit which also requires them to review and assess those reports. This is considered by 2A as a wasteful use of its resources. These resources could be better outsourced via the PFI.

One of Bartermedia's functions is to provide PR services. As a British citizen I plan to return home soon to establish Bartermedia UK. I feel this might be a unique marketing opportunity for us.

We are thinking along these lines;

- 1/ We would fully fund our own qualified PR specialist to deal with the general public and aid the review and assessment process.
- 2/ We would fully fund the MOD supervision costs which includes a MOD officer (our nomination) who will review and assess these reports.
- 3/ We think we can strengthen the remit along the lines of better liaison capacity, departmental assistance in dealing with the public and public education.

I am aware of the department's policy in the matter of public initiated reports and will strictly adhere to this policy.

I will contact you by phone after receiving your fax regarding the process of tendering for the above contract.

Regards

Section 40 Bartermedia

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For action please!

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8 July 1997

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Head Sec(AS)

UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL

1. I attach a proposal from a Section 40 in Australia to take over part of the responsibilities undertaken by Sec(AS)! I am quite sure that this is nothing to do with PFI, and I would be grateful if you could take on any further action that is required.

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DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	CODES
15/07/97	Hd of CS(RM)1	INTELLIGENCE RECORDS/UFOs	[]

Intended: SEC(AS)2A (2)

Sent: 15/07/97 at 11:47

Delivered: 15/07/97 at 11:49

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: 368

From: Hd of CS(RM)1

Auth by:

Subject: INTELLIGENCE RECORDS/UFOs

Text: **Section 40** Enquiry from the PRO this am re "Men in Black" and "X Factor" (magazine!) and assertion that records open in PRO. I directed attention to 3 most recent releases (possible DI report). In anticipation of further enquiries I have initiated the attached exercise. It will result in a nil return, but useful none the less!! **Section 40**

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INTELLIGENCE RECORDS PRESERVED - RECORDS RELATING TO UFOs

1. With the recent publication of **Men in Black** by Jenny Randals, the imminent release an unconnected film and a book alleging a cover-up by HMG in respect of this phenomena I think a little work is now called for on our holding of intelligence records preserved for the PRO.

2. A few years ago I established no records of "PROable" age, emanating from DIS, relating to ufos, survived local destruction. I would though like updated information just in case of enquiries.

3. The PRO Guide reveals a number of classes created for intelligence records covering the post WWII period. Please arrange for the date range to be updated and the number of pieces currently assigned to each class.

CLASSES CREATED FOR INTELLIGENCE RECORDS

ADM 223 - Naval Intelligence Papers, 1914 - 1961 - 734 files, vols

ADM 231 - Naval Intelligence Reports, 1883 - 1965 - 70 vols, booklets

AIR 40 - Directorate of Intelligence and other Intelligence Papers, 1926 - 1963, 2620 files, vols

DEFE 21 - Joint Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Scientific Intelligence: Registered files, 1946 - 1978, 59 files

DEFE 31 - Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered files, 1957 - 1979, 44 files

DEFE 44 - Joint Intelligence Bureau: Reports

WO 106 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence, 1837 - 1961, 6156 boxes, vols, files

WO 208 - Directorate of Military Intelligence, 1917 - 1968, 5019 files, vols

4. Additionally, please provide me with a copy of the following class lists DEFE 21, 31 and 44 (is 44 the class created by **Section 40** from an index formerly held by DI that bears no resemblance to reality?). Also confirm the other classes contain no records

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

11th July 1997



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DPR(RAF)

BBC DRAMA SERIES 'INVASION EARTH' - MEETING 14TH JULY 1997

1. I have seen a copy of your minute D/DPR/336 of 9th July about a meeting on this proposed BBC drama production and have been giving some thought about whether or not I might ask if I could sit in. However, it is clear from the agenda that the topics for discussion are the nuts and bolts arrangements for the facilities and equipments that might be made available during the filming of the series and that there is no intention to discuss MOD policy on 'UFOs' and related issues. On this basis I can see no reason for Sec(AS)2 to attend.

2. I met Flt Lt Section 40 recently who is, I understand, working with the 'Invasion Earth' Project Officer, Wg Cdr Section 40. It occurred to me that neither might be as familiar as we both are with MOD policy on 'UFOs', and that for the duration of the project they might find it helpful to have to hand for their own use the official lines to take on this subject. These are attached.

3. Finally, as the focal point for MOD policy on 'UFOs' and related issues, it would be helpful to be kept informed should your discussions widen into these areas. It would also help if the Project Officer could alert Sec(AS)2a to any approaches by the 'UFO' fraternity to solicit their views during the filming of the series. You will know that we receive a considerable volume of correspondence about 'UFO' issues and it is always helpful to know if other avenues of approach have been tried by the letter writers.

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FAX : Section 40

UFOs/Invasion

MOD POLICY IN RESPECT OF REPORTS OF "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

General

The Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it is open-minded. To date, however, the MOD is unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

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Secretariat(Air Staff)2a

Sec(AS)2a is part of a larger Secretariat Branch which provides advice to Senior Staff on a wide range of issues. Sec(AS)2a is the focal point for handling queries directed at the MOD in connection with "UFO" sightings. Sec(AS)2a assesses UFO reports to determine whether there might be any defence interest.

'Alien' Abduction

Investigations into claims of any form of abduction are a matter for the civil police. The police, however, can only take the matter forward and investigate if there is evidence to support such an allegation.

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personnel wishing to publish a book which draws on their official experience, uses information obtained in the course of their duties, or which expresses views on official matters, are required to seek departmental approval to do so. Clearance to publish does not imply MOD approval of, or agreement with, the contents.

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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
11/07/97	OMD14	INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED FREEDOM OF [	]

Sent: 11/07/97 at 9:50
To: OMD14
CC:

Ref: 1264
Subject: INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Text: We understand from media reports that the date for publication of the White Paper on the above has slipped to the right and probably won't now happen before the Summer recess. Is this correct? I should be grateful for an update in order to keep our lines to take for "UFO" correspondence up-to-date.
With thanks, Section 40 Sec(AS)2a1

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Delivered: 11/07/97 at 14:09

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: /GUID:68855FE591F8D0119C080020AFF4C999

From: OMD14

Auth by:

Subject: RE: INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Text:

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For now use the line.

"The Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act." Only. Until we hear from OMD14 again.

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In light of the confusion surrounding what is happening to the
FoI White Paper I think that it is perhaps best that you don't
allude to when it will be released. As soon as a firm line (the
same or new) is announced, then I will let you know. Just
continue to answer the questions as posed in line with the Code
of Practice, as I know you do. Sorry I can't be more helpful -
but I would hate to be the one making up a new Govt policy before
they (may) decide it!

Regards,

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D/DPR/336

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See Distribution

BBC DRAMA SERIES ("INVASION EARTH") - MEETING 14 JUL 97

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2. The meeting will be chaired by AirCdre [redacted] (DPR/RAF), and you are invited to attend or be represented.

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For DPR(RAF)
Ext [redacted]

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UC 4 - LtCol [redacted]
Defence Lands [redacted]

Information:

DPR(RAF)
Project Officer
Press Secretary



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 - b. Helicopter Force.
 - c. RAF Regiment.
 - d. Other support agencies.
- 4 AOB.
- 5 Date of next meeting.

INVASION EARTH - BBC REQUIREMENTS

Location	Hardware Required	Date (All dates are approx)
Lossiemouth.	2 x F3, Vehicles, HAS.	19 Sep.
-"	Sea King, life raft.	18/19 Sep.
Aviemore.	Chinook.	20 Sep.
Wroughton.	2.x Puma, Chinook.	For 1 day between 16/23 Sep.
-"	Mil ambulance.	-"
-"	Mil convoy of approx 15 vehicles (Ambulance, APC, land rovers etc.)	Between 12 & 23 Sep.
-"	Misc vehicles and equipment for exterior dressing.	-"
Not yet known	Flying clothing, uniforms, headphones, notice boards, Ops boards, lighting lockers, maps, interior parts for a mock up F3 cockpit, identity tags etc.	Duration.

Note:

1. The requirements for the aircraft and the vehicles includes the crews/manpower associated with them.

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Defence Lands - [Section 40]

Information:

DPR(RAF)
Project Officer
Press Secretary

I have spoken to [Section 40]
[Section 40] to be took the
point about [Section 40]
unavoidability for this
topic (I think).

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..-	Mil convoy of approx 15 vehicles (Ambulance, APC, land rovers etc.)	Between 12 & 23 Sep.
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Not yet known	Flying clothing, uniforms, headphones, notice boards, Ops boards, lighting lockers, maps, interior parts for a mock up F3 cockpit, identity tags etc.	Duration.

Note:

1. The requirements for the aircraft and the vehicles includes the crews/manpower associated with them.

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D/DPR/336/4

9 Jul 97

PSO/ACAS

Copy to:
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Press Secretary
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BBC TV SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES - INVASION EARTH

Reference:

A. D/DPR/336/4 dated 13 Jun 97

1. At Reference I gave initial details of the proposed BBC TV Sci-Fi project "INVASION EARTH". The purpose of this minute is to provide you with an update on the current situation.

2. "INVASION EARTH" is a £5M Sci-Fi series of 6 episodes to be shown early next year and features an RAF F3 pilot as a central character. The BBC will make the series with or without RAF assistance but clearly our involvement would help steer it with beneficial results. The Corporation has requested permission to film at Lossiemouth and is also seeking to use RAF regiment personnel and to film Helicopters; a broad "wish list" (Location and support hardware) is attached. Wg Cdr [REDACTED] (InfoD Staff) has been appointed as Project Officer and we anticipate filming will start on 7 Aug 97. At this juncture, the BBC requirements would not place a heavy burden on any single Unit. Arrangements are in hand with Finance Policy staffs and Defence Lands Agents to produce a formal contract and a meeting of MOD interested parties is scheduled for 14 Jul 97. It would be extremely helpful to gain the willing support of all 3 COS before we go much further and, with that aim, a draft note is attached for ACAS to consider.

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The BBC has recently approached us seeking help in the making of a £5M Sci Fi drama series of 6 episodes called "INVASION EARTH". An F3 pilot is featured as one of the main characters in the series, which will be broadcast early next year. Of note, the BBC will make the series with or without our help but clearly our involvement would help steer it with beneficial results.

The Corporation has requested permission to film F3s at Lossiemouth (they are filming other sequences at Aviemore and would thus save on transportation costs) and wish to film RAF Regiment personnel and Helicopters in various other locations; a broad "wish list" (Location and support hardware) is attached. Wing Commander Section 40 (MOD DInfoD Staff) has been appointed as Project Officer and we expect filming to commence in early August. It is **not** anticipated that BBC requirements will place a heavy burden on any single Unit.

DPR(RAF) is drawing together formal contract arrangements between the MOD and the BBC and more detailed information will be circulated to your staffs in due course. Meanwhile, this drama production presents a good opportunity to gain some positive PR for the Service and I

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Your reference

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Date
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Thank you for your letter dated 1 July 1997 seeking further information in respect of the 1967 flying saucer hoax.

I regret I am unable to assist you locating the whereabouts of the Manston helicopter crew some 30 years after the event.

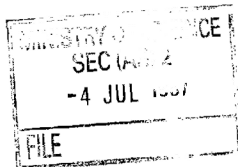
I attach a copy of the NICAP letter, dated 6 September 1967, to the Ministry of Defence. You will note it has been annotated "Ack 21/9". A copy of this acknowledge has not survived.

Under the terms of the Public Records Act, 1958, all government departments are required to review their records, selecting those worthy of historical preservation and destroying all others.

From an examination of the most likely Public Record Office classes we have been unable to identify any Defence Intelligence records relating to the UFO phenomena, including the hoax, from this period. It must therefore be assumed had DI files on this subject existed they have not survived the passage of time.

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Deputy Departmental Record
Officer



scientific research department
emergency defence department
investigations department

office of the secretary

To: Mr. SHIRLEY

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE FOR AERIAL PHENOMENA

SA F (air).

Great Britain

September 6th. 1967.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the recent time and money wasting flying saucer hoax, it was quite obvious that there was a complete lack of co-operation between departments involved in the various operations of investigation.

One hesitates to think of what might have happened had one or more flying objects actually landed, our NIOAF branches now en-compass the entire country, making any location accessible within one hour, suitable personnel from these branches are now being co-ordinated into an effective investigation team which can be put into instant operation by phone.

If at any time in the future you require coverage in any area, this team will be at your disposal, rest assured that they will observe the National Securities Act regarding the release of information to the general public.

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happy with this proposed response

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*Chots only

FOLLOW-UP LETTER FROM Section 40 **= FLYING SAUCER HOAX 1967.**

Reference: CS(RM)/4/6/37 dated 19 June 1997

1. I replied to Section 40's letter along the lines outlined in the reference. Inevitably he has a number of "final questions" (letter just faxed to you).

2. He asks:

(1) "Can [I] offer advice as to how [he] might be able to trace the Manston ..crew?"

The ORB did of course contain the names of the aircrew, but was excluded in my reply.

I propose to advise that I do not have the resources to track down the whereabouts of service personnel from 30 years ago.

(2) He asks for a copy of the NICAP letter in the [mistaken] belief that it of US origin.

I see no problem in providing a copy of this letter.

(3) No doubt citing information provided by Gp Capt Section 40's desk being located in DI - he asks about DI files relating to the incident.

From earlier research DI have assured us they have no "ufo" files of that, or an earlier, vintage.

The answer to his question is therefore:

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3. Are you content with my proposed response to Section 40

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proposed 'line' to take
to take.

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Room D8/2
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1 July 1997

Dear Section 40

Ref: CS (RM) /4/6/37 - 'Flying Saucer Hoax 1967'

Thank you for your letter of June 26; I am very grateful for the comprehensive efforts you have made to assist my research.

Your response raises a couple of final questions which you may be able to assist with:

1. Can you offer any advice as to how I might be able to trace the Manson helicopter crew? Are there any specialist publications (other than that published by the Royal Aeronautical Society) which reach ex-RAF officers?

Self operated "UFO" Group

2. Can you forward me a copy of the NICAP letter you refer to? I have examples of British UFO enthusiasts reaction to the incident and it would be extremely useful to have the US perspective. Presumably NICAP's letter does not contain any information which could be regarded as 'sensitive'.

3. As the 'UFO desk officer' was part of a Defence Intelligence function, might there Defence Intelligence files regarding the incident?

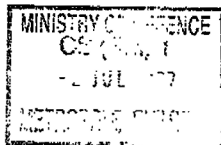
Once again I thank you for your kind assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Producer Director



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Thank you for your note. The line that you are using on the FoI Act is fine but, as I noted in my previous response, please ensure that you are implementing the current Code of Practice on Access to Government Information in the meantime - by all means contact **Section 40** OMD14, or I if you have any problems.

For DOMD and OMD14 - to be aware of Sec(AS)2's concerns.

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30 Jun 97

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3. I should therefore welcome your confirmation that the form of words given in para 2 remain accurate (for the time being at least). It would also be most helpful if we could keep in touch, on a regular basis, when significant changes in the position occur to ensure that my letters to the public continue to reflect accurately the position as things move forward.

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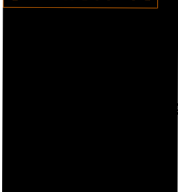
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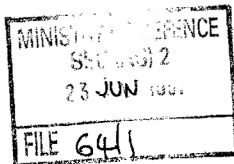
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UFO FILES FOR RELEASE JANUARY 1998

Reference: CS(RM)/4/6/37 dated 10 June 1997

1. The four outstanding files - AIR 20/11887, 11891, 11892 and 11893 - for release January 1998 are forwarded for examination.

2. You will note none contain any reference to the "ufo hoax" perpetrated by the students at Farnborough! I have though identified two files that do contain references to these incidents:

(1) AIR 27/3039 - Operational Records Book for 22 SAR Sqn, based at RAF Manston, has the following entry.

4 Sept	Whirlwind	Flt Lt	Section 40	"Up	Down
	XP 347	Flt Lt	Nav	1530	
	Manston	M Sig	Section 40	Man	1620

Scrambled by MOD via Station Commander to pick up saucer shaped object dropped on Isle of Sheppey. Picked up fibreglass object shaped like flying saucer. Taken to Manston. Found to be a hoax."

The ORB, due for release January 1998, makes no other reference to the incident.

(2) AIR 2/18117 UFO reports 1967-1968 contains,

press clippings from the following newspapers:

Daily Mirror, The Sun, Daily Mail, Guardian, Times, Daily Telegraph, Daily Express.

A letter from the National Investigation Committee for Aerial Phenomena, critical of the lack of co-operation between departments involved in the various operations of investigating, and offering their services in the future!

The letter was acknowledged, but a copy has not survived on the file.

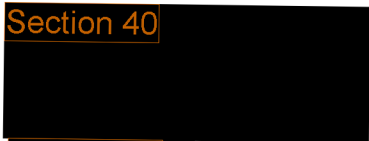
The file is due for release January 1999.

3. AIR 2/18117 is likely to prove controversial due to DIS's more substantial responses to S4f(Air)'s submissions. In addition it is

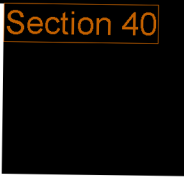
apparent enclosures are missing from the file ie transferred to other folders of which there is no trace.

4. I propose to reply to **Section 40** along the lines of paragraph 2, excluding the identity of the aircrew.

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Intended:

Sent: 17/06/97 at 9:54

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To: PS/Hd of SEC(AS)

CC: SOFS-PAGroupRole, MIN(AF)REGISTRY, MIN(DP)/Registry, USofS/Mailbox +

Ref: 635

From: Sec(HSF)

Auth by:

Subject: RAF RUDLOE MANOR

Text: PSA

Priority: Normal
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17 June 1997

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Head of Sec(AS)

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DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	CODES
17/06/97	PS to Hd Sec(HSF)	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: "OUTLINE, [	]

Intended:

Sent: 17/06/97 at 9:28

Delivered: 17/06/97 at 9:30

To: PA/HEAD SEC FY (FP), PA/SEC(O), Sec(NS)-PS, SEC(AS) REGISTRY 1

CC:

Ref: 1093

From: PS to Hd Sec(HSF)

Auth by:

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: "OUTLINE, ISSUES AND OPTIONS" PAPER

Text: PSA

Priority: Normal
Reply Request []

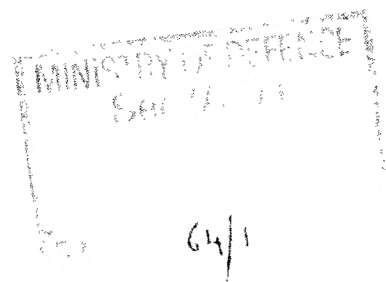
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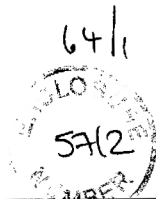
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16/06/97	PSO/ACAS-Personal	BBC TV SCI-FI DRAMA - INVASION	[]

Intended:

Sent: 16/06/97 at 11:46

Delivered: 16/06/97 at 11:47

To: DPR(RAF)-PA

CC: PS/Hd of SEC(AS)

Ref: 1073

From: PSO/ACAS-Personal

Auth by:

Subject: BBC TV SCI-FI DRAMA - INVASION EARTH

Text: Further to your note D/DPR/336/4 dated 13 Jun 97, ACAS has agreed to our involvement subject to DPR discussing the UFO aspects eith Head of Sec(AS)

PSO/ACAS

Priority: Urgent
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I mentioned this to you. As

I said. I told Section 40 that as
this was a pure piece of fiction
Sec(AS) need not be involved.

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D/DPR/336/4

13 Jun 97

PSO/ACAS

Copy to:
PSO/CAS
Press Secretary
~~PSO/ACAS~~

BBC TV SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES - INVASION EARTH

Reference:

A. D/DPR/336/1 dated 18 Apr 97

1. Attached is a self explanatory point brief on the proposed BBC TV Sci-Fi project 'INVASION EARTH', which will feature an RAF F3 pilot as a central character and several other RAF units.

2. I have read the first 3 episodes - strong sci-fi adult entertainment with no unwelcome slant to it all from our point of view - and recommend that we become involved. They will make the series without us anyway.

3. STRIKE FORCE failed to deliver. This is entirely different and looks like being easier to manage. Besides, at £5M this budget makes Yorkshire TV's £1.5M investment seem cheap.

4. Let me know when ACAS is free to discuss further.

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DPR(RAF)-PA

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13 Jun 97

POINT BRIEF FOR ACAS

BBC TV SCI-FI DRAMA SERIES - 'INVASION EARTH'

Reference: D/DPR/356/1 dated 18 Apr 97

BACKGROUND

- Following successful involvement with BBC Radio Drama (Sci-Fi) last autumn ('Independence Day' reached No 3 in tape charts), BBC TV Drama approached us.
- Proposal is RAF feature role in £5M Sci-Fi series of 6 episodes to be shown next year.
- Reference set out reasons for RAF involvement and to determine scope of likely participation.
- This brief gives a situation update and recommends a way ahead.

PRESENT SITUATION

- Exploratory meetings, including visit to RAF Leuchars, now complete.
- First 3 scripts indicate a strong, exciting story line (but very much sci-fi) with no undesirable slant and broad entertainment appeal. Adult audience is aimed for.
- BBC have produced a 'wish list' (Location and support hardware) which is attached. There are no stoppers.

CONSIDERATIONS

- The producer has his commission, so the series will go ahead, with or without RAF help/involvement. Therefore best option is to become involved and 'steer' firmly as much as possible.
- BBC requirements would not involve large burden on any single unit (unlike STRIKE FORCE at Leeming).
- We would need a full time project officer. Strong possibility of using a DinfoD Wg Cdr who is lightly loaded over next few months. Otherwise an approach to Innsworth would be required.
- Next step could be to address arrangements for a formal contract. Finance Policy staffs and Defence Lands Agents would both be involved.

PROPOSAL

- ACAS agreement to the following:
 - RAF involvement in BBC TV 'INVASION EARTH' drama series.
 - Appointment of a Project Officer, responsible to DPR(RAF).
 - Drawing up a formal contract with the BBC for the project.

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DPR(RAF)-PA

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Invasion Earth Military Hardware Episodes 1 2 3			
Location	Scene No.	Hardware Required	Where
Ep. 1			
Leuchars	101	Tornados, Vehicles, Runway Eqpt.	Scotland
North Sea	125-134	Liferaft, Sea King/Wessex Helicopter	?
Ext FHQ	140	Lynx Helicopter <i>Puma</i>	Scotland
Int. Lynx	141	Lynx <i>Puma</i>	Scotland
Ext.FHQ	160-163	Military Vehicles, Helicopter?	Scotland
Ext Hangar	161	Military Vehicles	Swindon
Ep 2			
Road	206	Military Convoy, Ambulance, APV, Helicopter.	Scotland
Int. Ambulance	207>	Ambulance	?
Int APV	208>	APV	?
Ext. FHQ	220	Convoy. Ambulance, APV, Helicopter, Jeeps.	Scotland
Int. Chinook	229	Chinook (in flight)	Scotland
Countryside	230	Chinook (landing)	Scotland
Ext Farm	231	Jeeps?	Scotland
Ext Hangar	257	Military Vehicles	Swindon
Ep. 3			
FHQ Heliport	338	Chinook Helicopter	Scotland
Int. Chinook	340	Chinook	Scotland
Ext. Oakbridge	372	Military Vehicles (Jeeps/APV's)	?

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12 June 1997

Sec(AS)2 - Section 40 (by E-mail)
AOCIS/SO - Sqn Ldr Section 40
Cmd Sec(LC) - CS(Fin Sec)1 (Section 40)
OC Admin RAF Rudloe Manor - Sqn Ldr Section 40

ENQUIRIES ABOUT RAF RUDLOE MANOR

Later than intended, I attach a draft record of what I think we agreed on 29 May regarding the future handling of enquiries. I should be grateful to know, by Fri 13 June if possible, whether you are content with it and whether the distribution looks right. (Sqn Ldr Section 40 on distribution, should a copy go to each of your neighbouring units or would you prefer to be the central point for informing them?)

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DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	CODES
11/06/97	Hd of CS(RM)1	RE: Section 40 LETTER	[]

Intended:

Sent: 11/06/97 at 7:49

Delivered: 11/06/97 at 7:49

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: 319

From: Hd of CS(RM)1

Auth by:

Subject: RE: Section 40 LETTER

Text: Section 40 I am content with your para 5, with possibly one exception. A typo but I appreciate the sentiments behind your use of the word "fist" in line three!

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Priority: Normal
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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
10/06/97	Hd of CS(RM)1	Section 40 LETTER	[]

Sent: 10/06/97 at 15:42

To: Hd of CS(RM)1

CC:

Ref: 1211

Subject: Section 40 LETTER

Text: Section 40 Before I send this off I'd be grateful if you would let me know if you are content with my para 5.
You may notice we have ignored the bit about his presentation and wanting HMG or MOD endorsement - he has said this so many times before I've given up counting!!!

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Priority: Normal

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From: **Section 40** Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1
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Section 40

Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
10 June 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 7 May addressed to the Prime Minister about "unidentified flying objects". I have been asked to reply.
2. It is the case, as with other government departments, that MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. The files selected for preservation are then transferred to the Public Record Office for release into the public domain.
3. It was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However, since 1967 there has been an increase in public interest in this subject and "UFO" report files are now routinely

preserved. A few files from the 1950s and early 1960s did, however, survive and are available for examination by members of the public. They may be viewed at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU. The references of these files are as follows:

AIR 16/1199	AIR 2/16918
AIR 20/7390	AIR 2/17318
AIR 20/9320	AIR 2/17526
AIR 20/9321	AIR 2/17527
AIR 20/9322	AIR 2/17982
AIR 20/9994	AIR 2/17983
PREM 11/855	

4. You may also find it helpful to know that the Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The timetable currently envisaged involves the publication of a White Paper before this year's Summer Recess. This would be followed by a period of open consultation leading to a draft Bill early next year and further consultation.

5. Finally, you will wish to know that I have contacted the CS(Records Management) branch concerned with regard to the comments contained in the first paragraph of your letter about the location of a MOD file (AIR 2/16918). They have established that due to a clerical error, the date given in their letter to **Section 40** **Section 40** of 15 April 1997 was incorrect. The file was not with the MOD last year since the date should have read 9 November 1995.

6. I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40



Loose Minute

CS(RM)/4/6/37

June 1997

SEC(AS)2a1

UFO FILES FOR RELEASE JANUARY 1998

Reference: your E-mail 30 May 1997

1. You will note from my updated database 10 "ufo report" files are due for release next year.

2. I have examined 6 files for papers relating to the ufo hoax enquiry but have drawn a blank! The files - AIR 2/17984, 18115, 18116, AIR 20/11888, 11889 and 11890 - are therefore forwarded for Sec(AS)'s special preview. You will note that AIR 20/11890 (folder 10/65) contains a field investigation undertaken by MOD incl DI55.

3. The four outstanding files will be forwarded later.

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SEC(AS)2
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letter of 15 Apr 97

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

9 Jun 97

Head of CS(RM)1

OFFICIAL ACTION LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PRIME
MINISTER - FILE AIR 2/16918

1. I attach a recent letter to the Prime Minister which requires an official action response from Sec(AS)2. **Section 40** is a persistent and highly active correspondent on the subject of MOD "UFO" policy.

2. As you will see he encloses copies of letters from the PRO, you and myself containing comments about file Air 2/16918 and suggests we have not got our facts straight. I also attach additional paperwork which gives the background to the reply I gave to **Section 40** relating to file Air 2/16918 as at Sep 96, following discussions with you and through you the PRO.

3. I must hold up my hand and say that I do now recall you clearing your letter to **Section 40** with us, but must confess the significance of the enquiry about the file was lost on me (probably because the earlier enquiry to me had originated from a different source).

4. I wonder whether you have any more idea where the confusion has arisen than I do? If needs be, and we have got some of our wires crossed, I am perfectly happy to say so in my reply to **Section 40**.

Section 40 Grateful for a word when you've a moment.

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Encs.

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7 May 1997

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair PM
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 24 February, I now enclose evidence that the MOD and PRO were a little economical with the truth regarding the fate of AIR 2/16918 (see Appendix 1).

In Appendix 2 I have included:-

- (i) 26 Mandatory Occurrence Reports (some involving UFOs) kindly supplied by the Safety Reg. Group (CAA), Gatwick Airport.
- (ii) Extracts from AIR 20/9320 and 20/9321
- (iii) Halt Report, 13 Jan 1981

These are only a few of the documents in my possession and I am willing to give yourself and your Defence Ministers a full briefing should you so require. If you (or your ministers) are to be briefed on this subject by the MOD or The Department of Transport, please take the above documents with you. It may be an idea to produce the documents at the end of the briefing as I know from experience that reports are scattered about different Secretariats and you may (more by accident than design) well not get the full picture.

Alternatively I will be happy to attend any briefing as a scientific adviser.

I would also be grateful if New Labour could continue the work of The Late Martin Redmond MP and make a commitment to releasing all UFO-related material for public scrutiny. I note that a petition to this effect was presented to The Commons on March 17 last.

To conclude, I am hoping to give a lecture on this subject to a Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Symposium at UCNW Bangor. I have written to The RSC President, Prof. Eddie Abel, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0BN (Tel: 0171 437 8656) due to the sensitive nature of the material. It would mean a lot to me if yourself or one of your ministers were to endorse my efforts.

I thank you in anticipation and appreciation of your kind attention on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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PUBLIC
RECORD
OFFICE

21 March 1997

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Dear Mr Wyn Jones,

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE DOCUMENT AIR 2/16918

The Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, has asked me to reply for the Public Record Office to your question about this document.

The document ^{transferred to LPRO in 1990} was open to public inspection in ^{July 1990} ~~July 1980~~. Under the Public Records Acts 1958 and 1967, once a document has been opened to public inspection it cannot be closed again. Documents may be withdrawn temporarily by their department of origin, but this did not happen with AIR 2/16918 and even if it had happened arrangements could have been made for it to be consulted at the Ministry of Defence.

We know from our records of document usage that AIR 2/16918 was consulted by members of the public on several occasions between 1990 and 1996. In April 1996, it was in our Reprographic section for some photographs to be taken, but it appears that it was subsequently misplaced and, despite several searches, we have so far been unable to locate it.

I am very sorry that it is currently unavailable for consultation and we shall continue to search for it. I shall let you know when we find it. By way of explanation, but not in mitigation, I should add that we hold several million documents on 160 kilometres of shelving, processing over a million document movements each year, and that occasionally and regrettably human error does lead to misplacements.

Yours sincerely,

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wrongly ref'd.



From: **Section 40**

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Your reference

Our reference
CS(RM)/4/6/37
Date
15 April 1997

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confirmed clerical
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have read
9 Nov 95.

Thank you for your letter dated 14 April 1997.

I can confirm that AIR 2/16918 was in MOD's hands last year and was returned to the Public Record Office on the 9 November 1996/5.

I understand that the file was originally released, in 1994, in a sanitised form. It is established practice, when sanitising files, to ensure that pages thus affected are clearly identified, for example a photocopy of a page with sensitive information excluded would be marked "retained in department under Section 3(4)" or something very similar.

Following a change of policy in 1995 it was decided, in light of the Open Government initiative, our early concerns were no longer valid and previously excluded information could now be released. With the file already in the public domain the extracts were transferred to the PRO on 22 November 1995. Any subsequent action to re-establish extracted papers, either by re-inserting or attaching to the original file, rests with the PRO.

On the general question of extraction from files departments can remove papers for reasons of sensitivity prior to the opening of files. But once the file is open papers can not be removed, whatever the reason.

So far as your final question is concerned I regret that I can provide no further information as to what happened to the file after its arrival in the MOD.



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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date

21 September 1996

Dear **Section 40**

1. I refer to your letter of 29 August 1996. Much of your letter goes over ground we have previously covered and I do not propose to go around the buoy on these issues any further. If you do not accept what you have been advised by this office then there would seem little point in continuing this correspondence. I shall however, address the new points your latest letter raises.

2. With regard to your query at para 3 of your letter I am not aware of any such footage, and without some indication of the date would not be able to advise whether the alleged sighting was ever looked at by this office. I suggest that you ask the makers of the video who gave them the footage, if indeed it is genuine British Army footage in the first place.

3. In answer to your points at Para 4 I refer you to my letter of 14 December 1995 (Q3). As stated no military aircraft/helicopters were booked into Night Low Flying Training sector 3A on the evening in question, and this includes foreign military aircraft. This does not of course rule out the possibility that police or civil helicopters may have been in the vicinity but the MOD would have no record of civil/police helicopter movements.

4. With regard to your comments about file AIR 2/16918 held in the Public Record Office (your Para 5), I can tell you that I have made enquiries through the MOD Records Management Branch and the staff were able to confirm that the MOD had not recalled this file from the PRO. When enquiries were made the PRO's computer records showed that this file was held by the PRO's photo ordering department. It is quite common for members of the public to request photocopies of documents held on file at the PRO and the file would have to be temporarily withdrawn from public viewing whilst the papers were being photocopied. After the photocopies have been taken the file is available for viewing again. You may be interested to know that once an official file has been selected for permanent retention, and has been transferred to the PRO, it would be illegal for any documents contained on the file to be removed, or tampered with in any way by anyone.

5. Para 5 also asks about the extent of Rudloe Manor's role in handling "UFO" reports. To clarify the position I think it would be useful if I were to expand on the comments made in my letter to you of 14 December 1995, particularly since Rudloe Manor's involvement is constantly misrepresented and exaggerated by "UFO" enthusiasts and the media. Until 1992 the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), part of

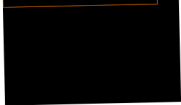
the HQ Provost and Security Services (UK) based at RAF Rudloe Manor, was the central coordination point for any "UFO" reports made to RAF stations (from whatever source, i.e. members of the public or service personnel). Its function was simply to record details and pass the reports directly to Sec(AS)2a. Sec(AS)2a would then examine the reports and decide whether what was seen had defence implications. No action was taken on the reports by staff in the FCF. The FCF no longer have any involvement in the central collection of "UFO" reports made to air force bases. Any reports received by air force stations are now forwarded directly to Sec(AS)2a for consideration. The extent of Rudloe Manor's involvement in the "UFO" reporting process these days, in common with all other RAF stations, is to take down the details of any reports made in its local area and to pass them to us.

6. Turning now to your comments in Para 6. I can assure you that the MOD takes its responsibilities for ensuring the effective defence of this country very seriously indeed. However as has been explained, unless there are defence implications we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit. As we make no attempt to investigate sightings for which we judge there is no defence interest, we are not in a position to provide a precise explanation for the hundreds of reports we receive each year. We believe that rational explanations could be found if resources were devoted to so doing. However, it is not the function of the MOD to provide a general aeronautical identification service and it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

7. Finally the parts of your correspondence which relate to Mexico are not for this office to comment upon and you may care to refer any queries you have to the Mexican Embassy. However, I can confirm that I was not aware of the existence of the film you mention.

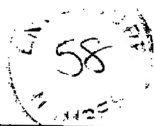
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Once file has been transferred to the PRO
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tamper with the file in any way.

Could result in disciplinary action if official
was proved to have done this and prosecution
if member of the public had done this.

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5 Sep 96

Hd CS(RM)1

LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - REFERENCE TO FILE HELD AT PRO

1. I wonder if you might be able to shed any light on a statement I have been asked to comment upon in a recent letter I received from a member of the public.
2. The correspondent, **Section 40** of Rumney, Cardiff, asks:
"Can you tell me why the document (AIR 2 16918, ref. # 21457272), which was featured on BBC 1's programme 'Out of This World', that shows that people from Provost and Security Services investigated a UFO sighting back in the 1960s has been withdrawn from the Public Records Office in Kew by the MOD, as I was told by staff there yesterday?"
3. The reference in itself is odd, but I recognise the file (AIR 2 16918) as one which is in the Public Record Office. Has anyone asked for any papers from that file to be removed as far as you are aware or have you recalled the file for some administrative purpose perhaps?
4. Grateful for a word when you've a moment.

[original signed]

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Thursday 29th August 1996

Dear Section 40

thank you for your letter of May 16th in reply to my letter of April 15th and also thank you for returning the video tape I sent you that contained many video segments of UFOs. I have some questions to put to you again regarding UFOs and the MoD's involvement with them.

1. Why will you not answer, with either a yes or no reply, my hypothetical question of whether the MoD would regard the alien abduction phenomena as being of defence significance if incontrovertible evidence of this was discovered. In your 29th February letter to me you answered yes to my question of whether the MoD would inform the public if incontrovertible evidence was established of extraterrestrial intelligence, so why can't you answer my question about abductions? You say that abduction is a civil offence and is a matter to be dealt with by the police, so if this is the case, would they, not the MoD, be the ones who would deal with an alien abduction?

2. You can not tell people anymore in your letters that the MoD is to date aware of no evidence which substantiates UFOs, as you have now seen such evidence (the video I sent). Included on some of the segments were incidents that included radar visuals of UFOs as well as many videos of UFOs which are by no means fake. I would also like to point out that on July 28th 1994 flight 129 from Guadalajara to Mexico City had a mid air collision with a UFO over downtown Mexico City which resulted in the shock absorber being torn off. Also that same night the UFO was witnessed by many people, filmed by more than one person and it was also admitted that it turned up on radar.

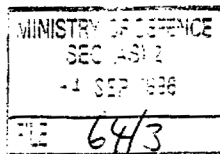
Though such evidence does not prove that UFOs are of an extraterrestrial origin, it does without a doubt substantiate that some UFOs are indeed real objects of an unknown origin. If you carry on telling people in letters that the MoD is still aware of no evidence that substantiates the existence of UFOs then you are lying, as you have been provided with such evidence and I will be glad to provide you with more if you wish.

3. Are you aware that a UFO was filmed by the British Army during secret operations a few years ago in Wiltshire using night vision equipment? A clip of this footage is shown on the video 'Crop Circle Communique' which clearly shows a large ball of light moving through the sky. Can you tell me who released this footage to Circlevision, the makers of this documentary, and was the sighting investigated by the MoD?

4. Going back to a question I asked in a previous letter about the UFO that was seen near Matlock on August 23rd 1994. You say that there were no helicopters present when the UFO was sighted, but the video of the incident taken by Section 40 clearly shows two helicopters that close in on the UFO before it vanishes.

Regardless of the UFO, how do you know that these are not foreign military helicopters? If you still don't know who's helicopters they were, then this to me is of defence significance. And if they are ours and you haven't been informed about their operations, how can you say for certain that there are not areas of the military that investigate UFOs? The helicopters on the video definitely seem interested in the UFO as they head straight for it.

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Were the Provost and Security Services stationed at Rudloe Manor back in the 1960s and are they still stationed there now? If they were at Rudloe back then, then contrary to what you said in your letter to me of 14th December 1995, Rudloe has been involved in investigating UFOs. I am also aware of a sighting in Wiltshire which involves a video tape of a UFO that was reported to Rudloe back in 1992 by a friend that was, according to [redacted] when he was asked, never forwarded to [redacted]. Where could this have gone?

6. Again I ask the question, how do you know that some UFOs that are reported are not of defence significance when you say that no attempt is made to try to find out what they may be. Surely, as your predecessor [redacted] says publicly, there is at least a potential threat? This to me seems like there is a big hole in the defence of the United Kingdom because it could be possible for another country to construct an aircraft with the appearance of a UFO so they could fly over, knowing that the British MoD isn't interested in finding out what UFOs are, and check out all of our military installations.

7. Lastly I would like to ask if you are aware that video film now exists, that was taken by a housewife on September 16th 1994 in Metepec, Mexico, that shows what may be a live extraterrestrial? This occurred during a time of intense UFO activity when UFOs were also tracked on radar which showed that the objects appeared to land. As far as I am aware, no evidence has been found that suggests that this footage is a hoax.

Yours sincerely,

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SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE ON ALIENS/UFOs : 8 JUNE 1997.

1. Just for your information, the US Colonel mentioned in the above article - Col Corso, a one time US Army intelligence officer - has a previous track record of unreliable testimony.
2. He has previously made claims about the 'Missing in Action' saga, stating that some 1,000 US Servicemen were not repatriated from prisoner of war camps at the end of the Korean War. Colonel Corso's claims have been recorded, examined and rejected by the US authorities. Their examination included study of papers he claimed supported his views.

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**DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE FOR ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
ABOUT "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"**

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19 Feb 97.

1. You may recall I wrote to you at reference (copy attached for ease) informing you of the telephone number to be used for members of the public wishing to leave reports of "UFOs" etc.

2. Action was taken to amend the MOD Directory showing my dedicated telephone line for non-UFO business (0171 218 **Section 40**) a separate line listing the Public "UFO" enquiries telephone line (0171 218 2140). Unfortunately we have today received our copy of the new MOD Directory and have discovered that the Public "UFO" telephone line number has not been included.

3. I should be grateful if you would continue to ensure that any member of the public wishing to contact Sec(AS)2 about "UFO" matters is put through to **0171 218 2140 only** in accordance with instructions issued at reference.

4. If there are any queries in respect of these arrangements please contact me on **Section 40** **Section 40**

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19 Feb 97

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1. You will wish to be aware that with effect from 0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb, the MOD will have a dedicated telephone line for handling enquiries and reports from members of the public about "unidentified flying objects".
2. Queries will usually be handled through an answerphone system, which will briefly set out the MOD's limited interest in this subject, and invite members of the public to leave reports if appropriate. The answerphone will be switched on from 0800-1700 hrs and will be continuously monitored. Any "UFO" calls received outside these hours must continue to be handled by the DCMC in the usual manner, in the event there may be genuine air defence implications of a more terrestrial nature.
3. The dedicated "UFO" number will be: 0171 218 2140. All members of the public wishing to be put through to the "UFO" desk should be connected only to this number. Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks. Although I will continue to oversee queries of this nature, the separate telephone line I have acquired for handling the major part of my work (the non-'UFO'-related duties) must not be given to members of the public or Press enquiring about "UFOs". Members of the public not content with an answerphone and insisting on speaking to a member of staff should be firmly advised that "UFO" business is only handled from the number given above.
4. Officials who wish to speak to a desk officer in Sec(AS) about "UFO" business can of course be advised of my alternate number below. If you have any queries in respect of these new arrangements please contact me on

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Date

June 1997

Thank you for your letter dated 14 May 1997 concerning a number of closed files you believe relevant to your research into a series of incidents involving hoax "flying saucers" allegedly perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough and students from Farnborough Technical College in September 1967.

I regret to advise you there is no public access to Ministry of Defence records in advance of their release date.

Although I am unable to agree to access to these files the Code of Practice may allow me to provide you with information related to your area of research assuming that such information survives.

It will take a few weeks to requisition the files you have identified from the Public Record Office but I hope to be in a position to write to you again towards the end of the month.

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Draft reply to **Section 40** for your collective consideration - suggestions for improvements welcomed!

Sec(AS)2 have passed me another, similar, enquiry from a **Section 40** asking about the role of R. Manor. I intend to "cut & paste" the relevant bits from the **Section 40** letter - I assume addressees won't wish to clear it?

Thank

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DRAFT REPLY TO **Section 40** **RAF RUDLOE MANOR**

1. As promised, here is my suggested reply to **Section 40** of the Truthseekers' Review. The letter is based largely on the draft supplied by Stn Cdr RAF Rudloe Manor, although I have incorporated the suggestions made at our meeting last week.

2. The **Section 40** reply has also lead me to make an adjustment to the information provided to **Section 40**. Please note that I have replaced para 3a of the letter to **Section 40** to mirror the first unit description in **Section 40** letter (describing DCS and DFTS).

3. I would appreciate addressees' confirmation that they are content for the attached letter to be released.

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Please reply to the Air Officer
Commanding in Chief

For the attention of: CS(FinSec)1

Our Reference: LC/356805/3/F&S

Date: June 1997

Dear Section 40

Your letter dated 29 April to the Command Public Relations Officer about RAF Rudloe Manor has been passed to me for reply.

Flight Lieutenant Section 40 is the Public Relations Officer at Rudloe Manor and, in answering the letter in the Daily Mail of 25 April, referred directly to a question about the former underground aircraft factory at Hawthorn. He did not intend to give the impression that all of the tunnel complex at Box Hill owned by the MOD is now disused. It may be useful if I clarified the role of RAF Rudloe Manor.

RAF Rudloe Manor, which is part of Headquarters Logistics Command, has no direct operational role. Rather it supports a range of operational units within the area. Some of these units, as you point out in your letter, are housed underground.

The units supported by Rudloe Manor are as follows:

- The combined HQ of the Defence Communications System (DCS) and the Directorate of the Defence Fixed Telecommunications System (DFTS). DCS and DFTS provide a wide range of communications support for the MOD and since 1 April this year, incorporate the former No 1 Signals Unit (1SU). A small element of DFTS is located underground.
- The Controller Defence Communications Network (CDCN). CDCN is the tri-service organisation that controls world-wide defence communications. Again, elements of the unit are housed underground.
- Provost & Security Services (P&SS). The police presence at Rudloe Manor comprises HQ P&SS(UK); the HQ of the RAF Police in the UK - the equivalent of the Army's Military Police. The station is also the location of HQ(P&SS) (Western Region), who provide specialist police and

security support to all RAF establishments in the West Midlands, the West Country and mid-wales.

- No 1001 Signals Unit (1001SU). Detachments of 1001SU are located at Rudloe Manor and Colerne in support of the UK constellation of Skynet satellites which provide communications to all 3 Services.

- Bristol University Air Squadron (BUAS). BUAS provides air experience and flying training for the cadets. The unit operates from the airfield at Azimghur Barracks at Colerne village, close to Rudloe Manor.

X In addition to the units listed above, RAF Rudloe Manor is responsible for ~~and~~ extensive area of MOD owned tunnels in Box Hill which at one time accommodated the Station's war time operations centre and a large ammunition storage facility. With the exception of our operations centre, which is kept on a care and maintenance basis, these tunnels are totally disused and do no more than provide an escape route for the personnel who work in the units which are located underground. ~~Access to any Service establishments, especially operational working areas, by members of the public is not encouraged.~~

At present, some 580 Service personnel and 250 civilians work at RAF Rudloe Manor and its lodger units.

Yours sincerely

It is not MOD policy to encourage visits by M. of the pub to
service est. & I am afraid it
is simply not possible to
agree to your request to
visit R.M.



From: **Section 48** Secretariat (Air Staff)2
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Date
3rd June 1997

Section 40

Dear Group Captain **Section 40**,

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 13th May to the Chief of Public Relations about the request from Caplan Wilkie Film and Television for help with their research into the 1967 Farnborough Flying Saucer hoax. I am grateful for your advice about this initiative. MOD CPR will not be replying separately and has agreed the text of this letter.

With apologies for what might seem a rather formal list of 'do not's, the Department is content to agree your request subject to the following constraints:

- a. that you make it quite clear at the outset to the Company, and in any participation in any film or programme about this topic, that you are doing so in a personal capacity and not on behalf of MOD;
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As you say, it might be that your contribution would be on the basis of answers to written questions and we, would, of course, welcome sight of these in advance.

I know that Wg Commander [redacted] **Section 40** already been in touch with you. His Director, DI ST, has said that he is happy to provide informal guidance should you wish to clarify which aspects of your work during 1967/68 still remain sensitive.

I should be grateful to know how matters develop on this issue. Please let me know if there are any areas of difficulties and I shall do my best to help.

Yours sincerely,

Section 40 [redacted]

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1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19th May 1997

1. I attach a copy of the letter I propose to send to Gp Capt [redacted] (RAF) and should be grateful to know that you are content. Gp Capt [redacted] wrote direct to MOD CPR - I assume DPO(RAF) will not wish to reply separately to the letter and the draft reflects this line.

2. I know that Wg Cdr [redacted] intends meeting Gp Capt [redacted] sometime this month and I would wish my letter to arrive well before the meeting takes place. With this in mind, a simple telephone call to say that you are content by, say, cop tomorrow Tuesday 3rd June would be appreciated.

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Text: [redacted] Thanks very much for the information. [redacted] said
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release in 1998. Could you at some point let us have them for a
week or two (forewarned is forearmed!)

Thanks [redacted] Section 40

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Dear Sirs,

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I am a private investigative NUJ journalist working out of South Wales and involved in work trying to uncover the work of certain underground installations around the UK. I have a specific interest in RAF Rudloe Manor because through my investigations we have been able to prove definitively that at a time in the past HQ P&SS were involved in investigations into Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - a point which the MOD are quick to deny. P&SS are now based at RAF Rudloe Manor. Possibly you read some of the publications I write for and are aware of the publicity myself and others have given to this facility, along with many other startling facts.

My reason for writing to you is this. A recent letter printed in the Daily Mail newspaper included a reply from Flt Lt [Section 40] the subject of an underground facility known as HAWTHORN which was making aircraft components during the time of the war. Lt [Section 40] stated that soon after the time of the war the "dark and damp complex was closed". This is not true as the facility remains open today with many complexes and areas functioning happily. I refer to CDCN, Copenacre. CCC and HQ Western Communications etc. The signals group controls communications for some military satellites.

Much information exists at the public records office to show that the facility was a manned underground facility with hundreds of staff at 1965. This is well past the end of the war as Lt [Section 40] stated. I have documents which chronicle the installation of telephone exchange equipment (System X) and a super computer. Some of this was installed for the RSG (Regional Seats of Government) bunker which was operational into the 80's. Many personnel, both civilian and military, have spoken to me to give statements of their working at the underground RSG and state that it was as big as a town and with just as many shops and pubs as such. All of this goes to show that there are lies being put out about this facility which are continually pushed.

Documents which are freely available at the Public Records Office at Kew, London show that there are working underground facilities at the Corsham town vicinity. Any Russian spy could enter the P.R.O. and see these documents too - so the charade of white lies for security reasons makes no sense.

All I have ever wanted to see is a clear and open admission to what the state and scale of the facility is. Because I have been lied to I have resorted to expose style journalism.

You may remember a TV team from "Schofields Quest" (ITV) going to Spring Quarry and asking to be let in and shown the tunnels. They were denied access (no surprises there) and never given access after seeking formal permission. This obviously showed that the military were trying to hide something - in a full public arena! This probably did a lot of damage to the security of the facility. Further TV broadcasts I have done and public lectures I have carried out have also damaged the security - so why not come clean and admit what is there.

Better still can I organise a team of journalists to go underground and show that there are no working areas there, if this is really true.

These are the points I would like clarified:

1. What active underground facilities are connected with the broad term "Hawthorn" or specifically Rudloe Manor.
2. How many people work at these underground sites.
3. What are their general duties.
4. Why are lies put out about the state and function of the facilities - including lies given by former press officers that the underground sites are all up for sale.
5. Can access be granted for an inspection of said underground areas, by a team of journalists, to prove that the facilities are disused.

If there is a real active facility working in secrecy then this must be acknowledged - although the exact details of work need not be disclosed for obvious security reasons. Showing the facilities and the fact they are there, does not decrease the levels of internal security which should still exist.

I hope very much that this can be taken as an amnesty and chance to set the record straight.

Yours sincerely

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18 October 1996

Ken Martin

I said I would write to you in response to your recent Parliamentary Question (Official Report, 17 October, Col 1092, ... copy attached).

RAF Rudloe Manor consists of a parent unit and five lodger units:

No 1 Signals Unit - providing voice and data communications for MOD, RN, Army and RAF establishments throughout the country;

Detachment of 1001 Signals Unit - operating the UK military communications satellite system. No 1001 SU comprises several sites, one of which is located at RAF Rudloe Manor;

Headquarters Provost and Security Services (UK) - a RAF unit commanding the six geographical P&SS Regions within the UK;

Headquarters Provost and Security Services (Western Region) - providing specialist Police and Security support to all RAF establishments within the West Midlands, the West Country and South and Mid Wales;

Controller Defence Communications Network - a tri-service unit controlling world wide defence communications.

Rudloe Manor also has a parenting responsibility for Bristol University Air Squadron and No 3 Air Experience Flight, which operate from the airfield at Colerne.

Martin Redmond Esq MP





The role of the station over the last 10 years has not varied, although some of the lodger units have changed:

- a. No 1001 Detachment formed in Oct 91;
- b. No 1 SU came into existence in Apr 93, forming from a staff organisation which originally arrived in Nov 85;
- c. HQ P&SS(WR) formed in Apr 93, and HQ P&SS (Southern Region), which was then at RAF Rudloe Manor, moved to RAF Halton in 1995;
- d. No 6 SU, a message switching unit, closed in Oct 94;

Information on the establishment of the Station is not available for security reasons in the form requested. However, I can tell you that it comprises 557 Service and 225 civilian personnel.

I shall arrange for a copy of this letter to be placed in the ... Library of the House.

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THE HON NICHOLAS SOAMES MP



Research has been conducted on behalf of his by the national poisons information service of Gulf war syndrome. [41292]

Mr. Soames: I will write to the hon. Members and a copy of the letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Mr. Nicholas Pope

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence to what post Mr. Nicholas Pope was appointed by his Department after his tour of duty with Secretariat (Air Staff) Department 2A; and if he will make a statement. [40920]

Mr. Soames: Mr. Nicholas Pope was posted on promotion two years ago to a general finance policy branch.

Uranium-tipped Shells

Dr. David Clark: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what assessment he has made of the current risk posed to civilians from exploded depleted uranium-tipped shells in Kuwait. [41101]

Mr. Arbutnot: My Department has conducted no formal assessment of the risks to civilians from exploded depleted uranium-tipped ammunition in Kuwait.

Dr. Clark: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make a statement concerning the risk to soldiers of handling depleted uranium-tipped shells. [41100]

Mr. Soames: Depleted uranium has a very low level of radioactivity and the risks attached to the handling of depleted uranium ammunition are minimal.

Dr. Clark: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what assessment he has made of the 1991 Atomic Energy Authority report on industrial technology concerning the risk of exposure to exploded depleted uranium-tipped shells. [41102]

Mr. Soames: I refer the hon. Member to the letter sent by my noble Friend the Under-Secretary of State for Defence to the hon. Member for Blaenau Gwent (Mr. Smith) on 7 August 1996, a copy of which has been placed in the Library of the House.

Dr. Clark: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many depleted uranium-tipped shells were fired by British forces during the Gulf war; and what assessment he has made of the number of exploded shells remaining in Kuwait. [41099]

Mr. Soames: British forces fired some 88 depleted uranium shells during the Gulf conflict. The Ministry of Defence has made no assessment of the number of exploded shells remaining in Kuwait, as we judge the risk to human health posed by DU rounds to be negligible. It is likely, though, that a large proportion of the 88 shells was expended in Iraq rather than Kuwait.

Mr. Llew Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what studies have been conducted by his Department into the nephrotoxicity of the inhalation of uranium particles. [41296]

Mr. Soames: I will write to the hon. Member and a copy of the letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Married Quarters Estate

Mr. Spellar: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what are the locations of the houses from the married quarters estate that have been released to Arrington Homes for immediate use by the private sector. [40931]

Mr. Arbutnot: I will write to the hon. Member and a copy of the letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

RAF Rudloe Manor

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what work is currently undertaken at RAF Rudloe Manor; what work was undertaken in the last 10 years; what was, by rank, the establishment for the last 10 years; and if he will make a statement. [40823]

Mr. Soames: I will write to the hon. Member and a copy of the letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Defence Intelligence Branches

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) what is the current function of DI55 SIG; what was its function (a) five years and (b) 10 years ago; and if he will make a statement; [41040]

(2) what is the current function of DI65B; what was its function (a) five years and (b) 10 years ago; and if he will make a statement; [41038]

(3) what is the current function of DI55; what was its function (a) five years and (b) 10 years ago; and if he will make a statement; [41041]

(4) what is the current function of DI61E; what was its function (a) five years and (b) 10 years ago; and if he will make a statement; [41037]

(5) what is the current function of DI10; what was its function (a) five years and (b) 10 years ago; and if he will make a statement. [41039]

Mr. Soames: I will write to the hon. Member and a copy of the letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Unidentified Flying Objects

Mr. Redmond: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) what consultation has taken place in each of the last five years by his Department with the French Ministry of Defence Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales in respect of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement; [41048]

(2) if a lodger unit housed within his Department's Flying Complaints Flight specialises in unidentified flying object investigations; and if he will make a statement; [41036]

(3) how many records currently held by his Department's Scientific Intelligence Branch are under extended closure for (a) 50 years, (b) 75 years and (c) 100 years; how many of these records refer to unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement; [40911]



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Date
11 March 1997

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letter of 13 February.

2. We have already explained in detail the MOD's interest, the role of Sec(AS)2, and RAF Rudloe Manor in respect of reports of so-called "unidentified flying objects". I am unable to provide any further information about RAF Rudloe Manor. The views expressed by **Section 40** in respect of the "UFO" phenomenon are his personal opinions and do not represent, nor reflect, those of the MOD.

3. The Head of Sec(AS)2 is **Section 40**

4. I am unable to help any further with your other enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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13/2/97

Dear Section 40

in furtherance of my need for clarification on some of the answers you gave me in your letter dated 18.1.96;

1. Can you confirm any internal names of departments at Rudloe Manor, namely FCF who dealt with the traffic of UFO reports to yourselves. If possible I am seeking the names of seat positions that dealt with these matters or officers names involved. I would imagine that in your records you would have easy access to this sort of information.
2. Can you confirm that whilst Rudloe Manor FCF was sending any reports to you, that either they or yourselves kept a log of reports taken and reports transferred? If such logs were taken, where would these be now. If you kept logs, are these still in your possession?
3. Are you aware of tracking facilities at Rudloe Manor, such as Radar or Space Tracking?
4. Are you aware or able to comment on the major part of RAF Rudloe Manor and surrounding facilities being housed underground?
5. I asked a question to you about the role of the Air Defence Experts. I think I may not have been clear enough, because I think there may be more than one use of the phrase Air Defence Experts, inside the MOD. Nick Pope has used this term to describe the staff who he would have contact with regarding analysis of UFO materials such as radar tapes, photos and videos. Nick Pope also states that certain aircraft recognition personnel would be employed to help him in his investigations. All of these people would come under his bracket of "Air Defence Experts". Can you tell me which departments you or Nick Pope would call upon in the execution of such investigations. I will need to know either Office Names or Locations within MOD hierarchy. I am interested primarily in those that Mr Pope would have called upon.

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6. Have any UFO reports, either civilian or MOD based, been investigated by your department to determine if they pose a threat to national security. I need to clarify this point as it seem unclear that although the MOD position of UFOs is that they are of *No Defence Significance* we do not know who made this determination.

7. Can you tell me which ruling or instruction book you take your policy on, investigating or replying to letters from members of the public, from. Also what is the date of issue date of such a document.

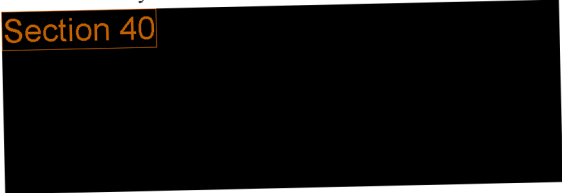
8. In your term of duty, did you receive any reports of UFO sightings from active MOD personnel, on duty, who reported via radar, visual or other means. A) If such reports were received were they deemed worthy of investigation? B) Did airstaff 2a determine their importance C) Did airstaff 2a investigate these reports D) Did airstaff 2a make any evalutaions of these reports. I do not need to know specific details - simply did the above procedures take place.

9. I would be grateful if you could supply me with the name of your superior officer. I wish to write to him/her regarding a private matter concerning the UFO subject.

Thanking you for your help in these and many other matters.

Yours sincerely

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PS I enclose a copy of my magazine
which you may find entertaining
as light reading.

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Remember the truth hurts - but lies hurt even more....
No night is dark with the truth as a light...

EDITORIAL



By Matthew Williams

Welcome to a new year and a new Truthseekers magazine. In this edition we have another hopefully interesting blend of conspiracy, alien information and truth.

News of many sightings over the South Wales area recently is causing interest with local researchers and is discussed in the news page. I am rather sceptical that anything will come of the Israel alleged alien body that is being researched by Debbie Segal, though only time will tell on this one. Sad news also of the death of a political UFOlogist - Martin Redmond.

Phillip Kinsella brings us a candid insight into his families involvement in a visitation of a strange creature which appeared to be able to move through solid matter - and was apparently operating outside of a time frame reference. I hear of many strange stories such as this in my research. People may find these sorts of things hard to accept but this is clearly a high importance case as events were witnessed by three members of the family - and a dog - simultaneously. Phillip is currently writing a book which will hopefully be published soon, and will contain details of his encounters. We look forward to this and wish him luck.

In my investigations into claims that a D Notice has been placed on all media in an attempt to suppress news a flying triangles which may be a military development or else a military cover-up of real alien flying triangles. I contacted the MOD in London who were helpful with my enquiries and supplied me with details of the D Notice system and which notices are currently in operation. The full D Notices are reprinted in this edition for all Truthseekers to get an idea of just what it is the MOD say we shouldn't see from the media.

Bill Love from Dover gives us a report of his investigations into strange electrical activity in two homes in different parts of the country. Bill has been researching this activity for many years and is a qualified physicist and has worked on many high level projects for multi-national companies. Interesting also the links between electrical

activity and what could also be seen as paranormal activity. Read his report to learn more.

Chris Fowler fills us up with the latest happenings from Gulf Breeze, some of which he just missed out on by his return to the UK. Geez - wouldn't ya just know it! (as Ed Walters might say!).

Jonathan Hurst tells us what he thinks will happen if ET's make contact with us in the article Open Contact. Jonathan also makes use of information which has apparently been channelled through from an alien source. Jonathan always has interesting insights to offer in this field.

Chris Fowler updates us on his efforts to locate a missing file at the Public Records Office - the government department which holds the officially released files for public view. It would appear that the file in question may have been taken away on purpose for the MOD to review and perhaps withhold from public view.

Bill Hamilton gives us a report on UFO sightings in and around the Antelope Valley, which is near the mysterious Hellendale and Edwards Air Force bases. All of these bases have their connections with Area 51, in more ways than it seems. If reports are true all three bases have UFO research going on, and are connected via underground tunnels.

We have finally got kicked up the rear over not doing a proper review and giving information on the Mexico sightings. We have reversed this with a review of the first commercially available video on the Mexico sightings - "Messengers of Destiny" - which is a mind blowing look at a news story which has hardly hit the Western World yet but is of world changing importance.

Lastly we have a Hardcore report on PSYOPS - Psychological Operations - which are carried out in practice by the military powers of the world. Research into mind control, social engineering and preventative manipulation of people to stop them acting out of accord with the

generally accepted norms. The only problem is, who decides behind the scenes what the norms are - and just how far are the secret governments and military prepared to go in their efforts to control us? Read and be amazed.

OTHER NOTES:

Tony & Carol James of EMUFORA (East Midlands UFO Research Association) have had to put their Truthseeking on the back burner for a while due to work and study commitments. Tony and Carol have run a successful group for many years now. They have provided competent information and research to many other groups around the country and their presence will be missed. We hope that in the future we will see their return to UFO research.

Also if you were wondering why there was the comment "Positively No Thought" on the cover of the magazine the reason is as follows: I was writing a letter on top of my Desktop Scanner, near my computer table. The TV was on in the corner of the room and was visible out of the corner of my eye. An advert came on TV and whilst I was writing my mind wandered onto what I should next stick down on paper. My pen stopped and suddenly a word and voice came clearly into my mind. It seemed as if it wasn't my own mind saying this as it overpowered my current train of thought. The word/concept that was impressed was "Positively No Thought". I quickly looked over at the TV and almost thought I saw the word on the screen. The adverts was either for BUPA or the new Ford "Ka". I cannot quite remember which advert it was now, just that this is what happened. Because of this I decided to check up on mind control and subliminal persuasion to see if this sort of thing was common. I will be printing more of this information in future editions of Truthseekers.

ALSO SEE OUR ADVERT FOR OUR TRUTHSEEKERS CONFERENCE IN NORTHAMPTON - ONE OF MANY WE WILL BE ORGANISING AROUND THE COUNTRY IN THE COMING YEAR. ALSO LOOK OUT FOR TRUTHSEEKERS GROUPS... See you next month.

NEWSDESK UPDATE

With Chris Fowler & Michael ...

WOMAN RECEIVES BURNS FROM POSSIBLE UFO ENCOUNTERS

A South Wales lady recently contacted Truthseekers with an amazing story of UFO sightings and physical contacts. She spoke to two Truthseekers investigators about her experiences which started with a UFO sighting one night. The lady claims that she woke from sleep to feel an urge to look out of her window, upon which she spotted a large bell shaped luminous UFO hovering near the night time horizon. This was observed for 40 minutes.

The woman then went on to tell investigators that on a subsequent night she was woken and found that she was unable to move. This paralysis meant that she could not open her eyes, but she says she was very aware of the fact that the room was full of chattering voices. She was then dragged out of her bed by someone or something before losing consciousness. All of this could be argued by sceptics is not proof of very much but the next event seems to have qualities which may be regarded proof to some as hallmarks of paranormal contact of some kind. Further to this the lady has experienced strong sensations of there being "a presence" around her home and also strong precognition feelings, described as deja-vu's.

On new years eve, the lady had friends visiting and she had become tired and fallen asleep in the lounge of her home, in Aberbargoed, South Wales. She awoke in the morning to find herself in her bed fully clothed but she noticed a pain on her leg. Upon inspection it was discovered that she had sustained burns on her right leg. The burns were so bad that she had to attend hospital for treatment and was told that the burns were severe enough to be classed second degree.

The friends who stayed nor the lady herself have been able to find any rational explanation which can say how she came to get the burns, and no appliances in the house were in positions to be able to cause the burns. Friends have been amazed at just how quickly the burns are now healing, and the lady says that in a three day period the burns had all but gone. In addition it has been noted that any heat source did not damage the jeans that she was wearing.

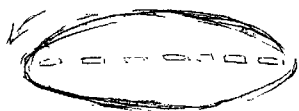
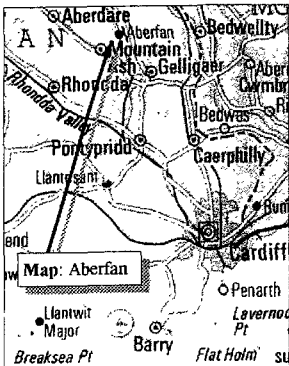
When investigators interviewed the lady

we examined the burn area with an ultra-violet light and found that the discharge from the blisters was fluorescing. This is interesting news considering research which has been conducted in the US, where people who have had contacts with alien entities have been marked with fluorescent materials. Without too much speculation, as to the true nature of what we were seeing, we have held off making such a statement for this case until the dressings, from the burn area, have been inspected by an independent medical source. *More news when we have it.*

ABERFAN SIGHTINGS

Recently sightings of UFO have been made over many South Wales areas but most predominantly over the ex-mining town of Aberfan. Aberfan may be familiar to some as it was the site of a horrific accident where a mining tip slid onto a junior school killing almost all the occupants and infants inside. UFOs were in fact spotted near the area just before this happened. Experts in the UFO field believe that this type of sighting, near a important or shocking event, is not uncommon. Mexico city has been visited by UFOs recently and some believe that this is because of renewed activity in a volcano near to Mexico City. Is there a connection?

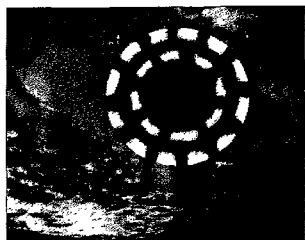
In the Aberfan area there are mine workings, large quartz deposits underground, a fault line and ley lines running through the area. This could mean that there is geological instability underground is causing the quartz to emit



Witness drawing: Aberfan UFO

peizo electric burst of energy which may cause earth lights. Still this does not explain what over 200 people say they saw in October. Witnesses described seeing saucer shaped craft and spinning lights which entered the valley and flew along near ground level.

Whilst there was a fairground nearby which did have sky lights operating (and this does account for what a lot of people saw), certain witness testimony does not follow this explanation. The saucer shaped craft and UFOs with dark centres had a solid quality. Could it be that a UFO would have been attracted to the nearby light show, or operating under their "cover"?



Artist rendition of Aberfan UFO

Other sightings include a ball of light which was seen to have intelligently rose from a hillside in broad daylight. In another instance Video footage has been taken of a triangular shaped object hovering above houses near Aberfan and the witness who shot the footage does not believe in UFOs and supplied the footage to researchers with the firm statement that he wants nothing to do with the footage - and has even wiped his copy. We have a copy of the tape thankfully.

Enquiries on sightings in Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil (which are both to the north of Aberfan) showed that Cardiff Wales Airport air traffic controllers sometimes give out misleading information. Matthew

Williams, being a partially trained pilot, phoned up the control tower and asked for flight traffic information in the correct manner but explained that his enquiries were in connection with a UFO matter.

He was given misleading information as to there having been a police helicopter in the exact area of the sightings at the same time. Subsequent enquiries with the police helicopter controllers proved this to be wrong. Control towers either being flawed in their information or giving out incorrect information purposefully is a dangerous game to be playing...

Dates of sightings:

October thru November 96.

♦ ISRAEL CREATURE CAUSES INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STIR.

A strange creature, now being referred to as "the item" in X files style, has been found in Northern Israel. It was discovered on the night of 21st December by a farmers family (names not known at this time)

The creature was allegedly humanoid and green in colour with a large head and large eyes. It stood 30cms tall and was alive at the time it was discovered. Police were called in and the local police chief made attempts to investigate the object by prodding it with his foot at which it seemed to let out a sigh and promptly died after expelling liquids into the soil. The police chief was apparently quite overwhelmed with "the item".

The area in which the creature was found is well known to UFO researchers who have been researching cattle and sheep mutilations. Apparently the area had an entire herd of sheep go missing, but it is not known if more down to earth explanations could be given for this vanishing act. A researcher named Debbie Segal has been keeping the British researchers informed of the updates on the scientific analysis being carried out.

The creature has now been taken away by the Israeli UFO group who have put it in cold storage so that it will not decompose. Two videos were taken of the creature and a number of photos for the record. It is not known if these videos or photos will be circulating soon.

Two samples, one internal and one external have been analysed by claimed prestigious Israeli scientific institute (name yet unknown), who were advised of the background of the samples at the time. An analysis was expected by midday Israel time

on Dec 25th. By that time the institute concerned were unable to furnish any written data of the samples, and explained they could not have any public connection with the item. They did express verbally that the DNA of the item were of an unknown origin, and did not comprise of any known terrestrial animal.

When details of the report first circulated, the Israeli UFO group concerned appeared on Israeli state TV.

On Dec 25th researcher Miles Johnson was contacted in London, and initiated a series of moves designed to ensure full scientific analysis of the item, by what will now be termed "secret scientists". This is to protect their reputations, and avoid any geographical connection with them. If they agree to analyse the material, this will at least take a week. The material will require shipment, and kept under very cold conditions. Since it's death, and the loss of a great deal of body fluid, the "item" is now less than 10cm in size, and has lost one arm.

Researchers seem to agree that whatever this creature is, it is not a "grey" - an alien with large black eyes.

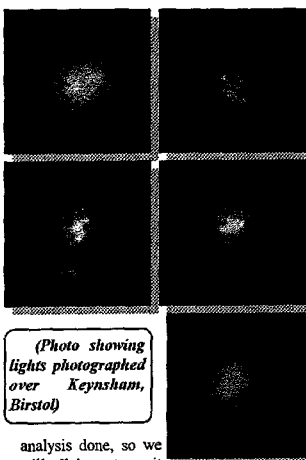
The UFO group in question has already received strong threats as to their continued involvement with the item. For this reason they have instigated a number of security procedures to ensure that the item is not traced, and impounded.

Miles Johnson asked the SKY NEWS Foreign desk in London to get some feedback on the Israeli item. After reports on Israeli TV, their opinion of what they saw was - The item was an aborted foetus, and they have no further wish to cover the story, until the science says otherwise.

Considering the alleged police involvement, and threats that have been made to impound the object, it is surprising that the creature was not impounded directly by the police for 1. Health reasons 2. Possibility of it being human remains. How private researchers managed to keep the creature is interesting, unless the police did not think that it was of interest and this case has been blown out of all proportions by the researchers involved.

Researcher Debbie Segal is due in the UK on Jan 15th and will be arranging for parts of the creature to be analysed by the UK scientists. She will deliver her findings to a British UFO research association meeting in London on Feb 1st

down the story now until she gets there



(Photo showing lights photographed over Keynsham, Bristol)

analysis done, so we will all have to wait until that time to learn the real truth.

However Miles Johnson states that some people have already made up their mind. According to Reuters and accounts of witnesses who are independent of the UFO circus, there is no story here. Philip Mantle, a UFO researcher has claimed that Debbie Segal has got connections with the tabloid newspaper "The News Of The World", who are famed for doing their GOTCHA type scoops. If mantle is correct, then we hope that this is not the case. Certainly UFO researchers have behaved themselves, so far, in respect of this story - unlike the way some acted in relation to the Santilli "Roswell" Footage.

Thank you to Miles Johnson for this news and or further updates you can contact Miles his email address on: 101341.2089@compuserve.com

♦ BRISTOL LIGHTS

These photographs were taken in early September at 3 am in the morning by a gentleman by the name of Bob Gregory who lives in Keynsham, NR Bristol.

Mr Gregory observed this strange light for some 30 minutes and there was no sound or movement, the light is presumed to have been there before he noticed it and was still there when he retired to bed.

Mr Gregory estimated the light to originate somewhere between Salford and the Globe Public house between Salford

and Bath.

The direction from Keynsham of the light was S.E. to S.S.E. Mr Gregory said that from his position he was looking up to approximately a 9 foot height, if his estimated origin of the object is correct then it was about 1 to 2 miles away. The photo's were taken with a telephoto lens

[source Chris Davies, SEARCH]

MARTIN REDMOND DIES

Martin Redmond, Labour MP for Don Valley, in South Yorkshire has died aged 59. His death followed a long illness which was cancer related.

The death comes as a bit of a shock to UFOlogists who were riding many hopes on the actions of Mr Redmond, for he had started to ask questions on the subject of UFOlogy, in the Houses Of Parliament. This was a first time move by an MP who was obviously not afraid to ask such questions.

Recently Mr Redmond asked over 10 questions about areas of UFOlogy which seemed to be a direct result of his reading Nick Popes book *Open Skies Closed Minds*. Many UFOlogists contacted Mr Redmond following the interest he was showing.

It was often wondered what was Mr Redmonds real motivation for asking such questions. Perhaps his family will be able to shed some light on his reasons, but in their own time. Whatever his reasons were we thank him for them and send condolences to his family

We have to ask who will now take up the banner and fight for UFO information to be released by the MOD. There are a number of other MPs who have shown initial interest in political campaigning for freedom of information. We will have to wait and see.

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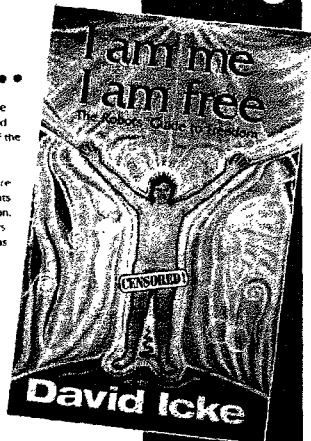
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My Encounter With The Unknown



By Phillip Kinsella

My interest in Ufology began when I was thirteen years of age. Having encountered what I termed to be a UFO experience, my interest grew and grew. I had no prior knowledge of what UFOs were, or where they came from for that matter, but over the years now, I have come to accept that they definitely do exist

We were living in Luton at the time, up near the football grounds, and one night I, along with my brother Ronald, were I and joking about spacemen in our bedroom. Thinking about it now seems odd. It was a cold winter night and we, along with our mother and sister, Christine, were the only persons in the house.

I remember saying to Ronald in our bedroom that I felt thirsty and needed a drink. So, off I went downstairs. The lounge door where mother and Christine were occupied was shut. I could hear some talking and gathered mother was having a conversation on the phone with someone. I walked into the kitchen, not bothering to turn the light on because there was enough for me to see from the moonlight outside.

EGG-SHAPED OBJECT

Our kitchen had two large bay windows - overlooking a small garden - one of which was by the sink. I took a plastic tumbler from a drawer, filled it with juice concentrate and took it to the sink where I topped it up with water. It was at this point when I tipped my head back to drink that I noticed something extremely peculiar. In our garden we had a small bike shed, and it was above this construction that I could clearly see an egg-shaped object through one of the windows. It was just hovering there and glowed an orange-red colour. Shock set in immediately. The thing about it was that it was no bigger than a football and just hung there. I dropped the drink and screamed as loud as I could. The object darted across the sky and disappeared at a tremendous rate. Time seemed to slow down for me - I gather this was due to Shock.

After racing into the lounge I shook mother from the phone, finding myself on hands and knees, crying and blurring that I had seen a

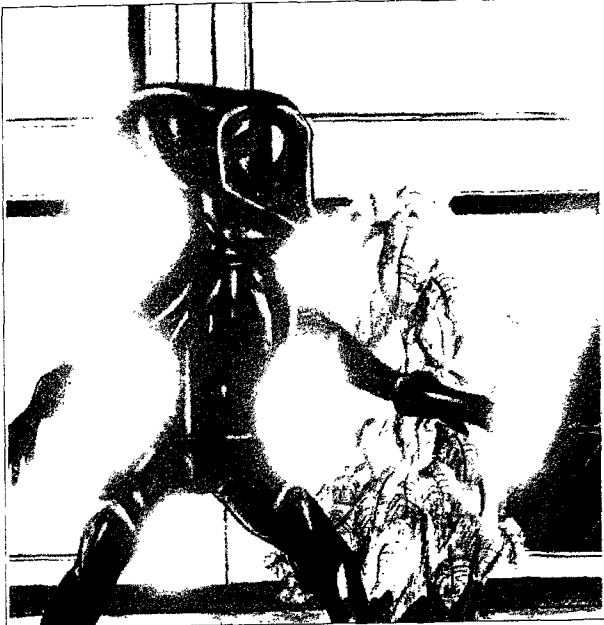
spaceship. The whole incident was brushed aside as mere fantasy, but little was I to know that the worst was to follow later in my life.

At nineteen we were now living in Marston Mortaine in Bedford. Personal problems had taken their toll on our family, and it wasn't long before mother, Christine, Ronald and myself escaped the dominance of our step-father. Mother had found a new partner and we had discovered a moderately handsome home in a small cul-de-sac which we bought. Creatively, this seemed the perfect setting for any writer, (which my brother and I were determined to become), and we soon

began to live what we assumed to be a normal life. I hadn't up until this point seen another UFO or encountered anything strange.

Coming home from work one evening in the winter of 1989 was to open up a whole case load of strange happenings. Mother and her partner were on nights, so there was only Ronald, Christine, our dog Benji and myself in the house. The time was roughly seven O'clock, because I used to take the train from Bedford which got me to the village and in the door about this time. All the lights, bar from the one in the kitchen, were on and we stood around talking about everyday things when, quite literally, Ronald who was standing by the open kitchen door which looked out onto the hall where some frosted glass windows lay, froze.

There was a atmosphere around the



Drawing:
Phillips rendition of the "Alien" that ran through his house.

room as though the whole place was being charged with electricity. Ronaku went into some kind of trance and said: "There's going to be an earthquake, or Grandma's going to die!"

His statement confused us all, and it was at this point when the electrical charge, (or whatever it was), seemed to intensify. The kitchen door was open, so I had a clew view from where I was of the hall. A brilliant white light lit the frosted glass windows and I was amazed to witness something which, by everyday standards, shattered my whole concept of reality.

A small figure, (about three feet in height), and clad entirely in black stepped through the glass door. The dog was going mad; growling and barking. The being seemed to dart into the downstairs study and came out of there before it then raced across the hall and disappeared up the stairs. I could see it clearly the black outfit it wore was rather like wet leather, but it seemed to be wearing some kind of large protruding helmet over its head, rather like an oversized egg. The strange thing was that, as it raced through the hall, it made no noise whatsoever, although the leaves from the plant around the hall rustled across its body as it brushed past them.

Fear gripped me, and I reached behind and opened a drawer for a knife. My mind was set on the simple fear that there was an intruder in the house, and it was as though the shock of all this had blocked any thought of this thing being anything but an intruder. But that was crazy! All the doors and windows in the house were locked, and I had seen it physically step through the door - as though the whole glass had melted and then reassembled itself like some soft, plastic mould.

VERY CONFUSED

Taking the knife we searched the house from top to bottom but couldn't find any trace of the intruder. My mind was blank and I was very confused regarding the whole

incident. We decided not to tell anyone - who would believe us anyway? Both Ronald and I did, however, confide about the whole incident to some very close friends the next day. Do you think they understood?

Some time after the mystery man in black episode, I started to have strange reoccurring dreams. I would float out of my body towards the kitchen and through to the conservatory. I would then stand upright and look towards the stars where I would see hundreds and thousands of

them because, for some reason my view was restricted or it was perhaps more the feeling they didn't want me to see them. It was no longer dark so there had obviously been a long duration of absent memory on my part. I would estimate it was now six or seven O'clock in the morning, which would indicate I had lost eight or so hours in this strange state. As I came down from the sky, I immediately caught sight of a huge UFO floating near to our conservatory, and underneath this object stood a little man.

FLOATED EFFORTLESSLY

It was weird because I seemed to recognise the figure ahead of me. My two, invisible companions disappeared and I floated effortlessly towards the ground. The man underneath the UFO was about five feet in height and wore a one-piece overall. His face came to a point at the chin and he had the most amazing eyes; large, wide and mysterious. The mouth and nose were nothing more than tiny slits, yet he didn't to my mind, look unnatural. On top of his head he wore a pointed hat which seemed to touch the underneath of the craft above us.

The upsetting thing about this was that the man was not happy to see me. He had his arms folded in a way which maintained some kind of psychological barrier between us had to be maintained, as though telling me to come no further, and he was frowning at me - the look of which seemed to lash out at my stomach and turn it into knots. What on earth had I done to invoke such anger?

I searched for a question. I needed some proof which would make me understand some of the physics involved in their tampering with me. I needed to know how they were able to transport me through physical, solid objects such as the locked doors.

"How the hell am I able to pass through closed doors? I mean, how can I do that?" I asked.



Phillips drawing of alien that visited him in his dream.

different shaped UFOs, all moving into the distance. I remember feeling joyous and how foolish all those people who didn't believe in UFOs were. Then I was lifted into the night sky, and I remember my stomach going over and over, rather like being on a roller-coaster.

There is a gap in time, and in this dream-like state I would be guided back down to the point where I started, aided by two, invisible persons. I couldn't look at

The expression on the creatures face changed to surprise, and slowly he looked up at the underneath of his craft, (he was no longer frowning but looking puzzled), and opened his small mouth to speak. In slow motion he tried to explain what I wanted to hear, but it was all garble.

CRYING OUT FOR HELP

Over the next couple of years I tried so hard to come to terms with the encounter with the man in black and of the reoccurring dream. It seemed as though I was in some kind of black hole, with no one to turn to for help or support. At the time both Ronald and I had had two books published by a small company along with articles, and I feared that if I told anyone they would brand me unstable or, even worse, psychologically unbalanced. I was literally crying out for help but there seemed no one around to listen or understand. Those, for me, were dark and lonely days. I started reading everything I could get my hands on about UFOs and even contemplated talking to someone about my experiences. I was, on occasions, seeing UFOs and re-living past memories as a child, the events of which were symbolic, but I just couldn't work them out.

I thought about the possibility that, because I am a twin, there was some form of mental activity going on which science hasn't yet discovered. In fact, I firmly wanted to believe in this, but when seeing the man in black, there was my sister too along with the dog - which went mad - so how could this have been some form of subconscious projection on our part?

TWILIGHT ZONE.

When you see UFOs, or aliens, (if that is what they're called), you will more often than not find yourself laughed at. I am a very private, single person; so when word of my encounter got out at work, there was hell to pay! People didn't take me seriously and used to sing the tune to the Twilight Zone. It bothered me to begin with, but now, over the years, (and seeing as more on this subject is coming out), I get a little respect and sometimes people will ask me my opinion about UFOs and talk to me.

In my opinion I feel that I have been in contact with extraterrestrials, but in a way that is somehow different. I don't believe that I have been medically examined. I feel that I have been able to just reach out far enough to touch them, and it is not on a physical level. Also, I am a lot stronger than I used to be. My mind has adjusted to the fact that there is more to our mortal

existence than we are led to believe, and that we await some grander experience within the spectrum of our physical reality.

I am convinced this physical incarnation which we all have is a vehicle for the consciousness on a physical plane. Some people are able to tap into other realms and dimensions for beyond our human perception and see worlds too wondrous or strange to make any sense of. Death in my opinion, (and which I am also slowly learning), is not something to fear, but appears to be a level of re-birth for all of us. UFOs are here to help rekindle his faith in the human spirit by making us aware of this, but at the same time helping us understand that we are not mortal beings. We are all children of the universe. That is where we came, and surely where we will return once we fold back into the world of subconscious reality and surrender our physical possession - the body.

I would just like to express my thanks to two people here. Kenneth Parsons, founder of BEAMS, listened to my experience and gave me strength. I have recently joined his group and have met a lot of people who have also had encounters with UFOs. Also, I would personally like to extend appreciation to Matthew Williams who holds a torch as a researcher in this field of investigations. He suggested I write about my encounters and took the trouble and time to listen to

me when others would not. Without such people, I would have still been stuck in a black void.

[Shucks and to top it all off I get enjoyment out of my job too! Thanks Phillip - ED]



Photo: Phillip Kinsella

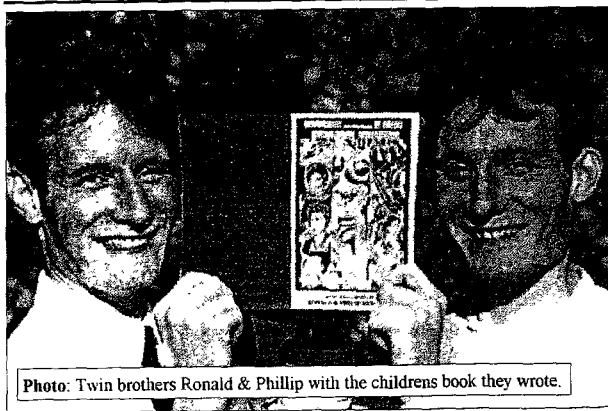


Photo: Twin brothers Ronald & Phillip with the childrens book they wrote.

Truthseekers Special Report

THE "D" NOTICE

A recent article in UFO Reality magazine stated that a D Notice had been placed on all stories of "Black Flying Triangles" in the media. D Notices are issued by the MOD to all major media and press publishers with instructions (now known as guidelines) on what would be damaging to print. In the past it has been perceived that the D Notice system was used to suppress interesting stories from the public knowledge. Wanting to know if this was true I contacted the D Notice department at the MOD and asked them what the rules were. To my surprise they offered to send me copies of the current D Notices - and I print them now so that you can understand how the system works....

THE DEFENCE ADVISORY NOTICES A REVIEW OF THE D NOTICE SYSTEM

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OPEN GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT NO 93/06

The Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee has agreed a number of significant changes to the D Notice System as a result of the review announced in October 1992 by the Minister of State for the Armed Forces and undertaken by the Committee.

The aim of the review was to make the system more transparent and relevant in the light of international changes and the increased emphasis on openness in Government.

The review has concluded that the D Notices should be revised and reduced in number, and that their name should be changed to Defence Advisory Notices (DA Notices) better to reflect the voluntary and advisory nature of the system.

The DA Notices are issued by the renamed Defence, Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee (DPBAC) and replace the D Notices last circulated to editors, producers, publishers and officials in November 1989. They come into effect on 1st August. Their publication is intended to promote a better understanding of the system and to be a contribution to greater openness.

Further copies can be obtained from the Secretary DPBAC, Room 2235, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE DEFENCE ADVISORY NOTICES

1. Public discussion of the United Kingdom's defence and counter-terrorist policy and overall strategy does not impose a threat to national security and is welcomed by Government. It is important however that such discussion should not disclose details which could damage national security. The DA Notice System is a means of providing advice and guidance to the media about defence and counter-terrorist information the publication of which would be damaging to national security. The system is voluntary, it has no legal authority and the final responsibility for deciding whether or

not to publish rests solely with the editor or publisher concerned.

2. DA Notices are issued by the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee (DPBAC), an advisory body composed of senior civil servants and editors from national and regional newspapers, periodicals, news agencies, television and radio. It operates on the shared belief that there is a continuing need for a system of guidance and advice such as the DA Notice System, and that a voluntary,

advisory basis is best for such a system.

3. The 1993 edition of the DA Notices recognises the changed circumstances following the break-up of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact and the UK's involvement in smaller-scale conflicts, the undiminished and currently high threat from terrorist attacks and the risk of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It also takes account of the continued targeting of the UK by foreign intelligence services.

4. Compliance with the DA Notice system does not relieve the editor of responsibilities under the Official Secrets Acts.

5. The Secretary DPBAC (the DA Notice Secretary) is the servant of the Government and the Press and Broadcasting sides of the Committee. He is available at all times to Government departments and the media to give advice on the system and, after consultation with Government departments as appropriate, to help in assessing the relevance of a DA Notice to particular circumstances. Within this system, all discussions with editors, publishers and programme makers are conducted in confidence.

NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT

1. It is requested that disclosure or publication of highly classified information about defence equipment, or equipment used to counter threats of terrorist attacks, of the kind listed below, should not be made without first seeking advice:

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- areas of vulnerability to counter measures;
- total numbers, orders, rates of production, stocks and forecast dates of entry into service;
- detailed photographic and other pictorial or diagrammatic material disclosing highly classified developments.

The above categories may also relate to cancelled projects if publication could jeopardise projects which are continuing.

2. Rationale. The disclosure of highly classified information about equipment used for defence and counter-terrorism purposes could enable potential enemies or terrorists to devise effective counter-measures more quickly, to speed up the development of their own weapons and equipment and to alter their operating methods so that attacks which might otherwise have been frustrated could prove successful.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

1. It is requested that disclosure or publication of highly classified information, including photographic and other pictorial or diagrammatic material, falling within the following categories should not be made without first seeking advice:

- a. the design of specific nuclear weapons, their characteristics and systems whose purpose is to enhance their penetration through defences;
- b. the technologies for producing nuclear weapons and the special nuclear materials used in them;
- c. stockpile quantities, storage arrangements and deployment plans for nuclear weapons and the materials used in them, especially plutonium, uranium and tritium;
- d. detailed information on the arrangements for transport and movement of nuclear weapons, components and fissile material.

2. Rationale. Information about the performance and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, including any measures they incorporate to defeat defensive systems used to detect, discriminate or react, could be of value to an enemy in formulating his defence plans and in devising counter-measures. At the same time information about the design of nuclear weapons and the technology for their manufacture could assist nuclear weapon states to improve their nuclear capability, non-nuclear weapon states to acquire one, or sub-national groups to produce explosive nuclear devices.

CIPHERS AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

1. It is requested that no details be published, without prior consultation, of HM Government's highly classified codes and ciphers, related data protection measures and communication facilities, or those of NATO or other allies.

2. It is also requested that advice be sought before disclosing, or elaboration on, information published at home or overseas about UK official codes and ciphers or their potential vulnerability.

3. Rationale. Disclosures that could compromise codes and ciphers put at risk the classified information protected by them. Revealing details of associated data protection measures and communications facilities, whether obtained, for example, from documents or by techniques such as computer hacking, could assist potential enemies to penetrate these elements of national security.

IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS

1. It is requested that disclosure or publication of details, illustrations or photographs of the following facilities should not be made without first seeking advice.

- a. defence and related sites associated with the nuclear weapons programme;
- b. underground installations for the storage and movement of emergency reserves of oil and the capacity of non-commercial oil storage's or pipelines.

c. sites of neuquinos or neuquinos government or NATO in time of crisis.

2. Rationale. Information about key facilities and installations could be of value to persons or governments whose interests might be harmful to those of the UK and NATO.

UNITED KINGDOM SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

1. Information falling within the following categories is normally regarded as being highly classified. It is requested that such information, unless it has been the subject of an official announcement or has been widely disclosed or discussed, should not be published without first seeking advice:

- a. specific operations, sources and methods of the Security Service, SIS and GCHQ and those involved with them, the application of those methods, including the interception of communications, and their targets, the same applies to those engaged on sensitive counter-terrorist operations;
- b. The identities, whereabouts and tasks of staff employed by these services or engaged on such work, including details of their families and home addresses, and any other information, including photographs, which could assist terrorist or other hostile organisations to identify a target (with the exception of details which have been officially announced);
- c. The addresses and telephone numbers used by these services, other than those which have been the subject of an official announcement.

2. It is also requested that where other individuals are, likely targets for attacks by terrorists, care should be taken not to publish details of their home addresses without first seeking advice.

3. Identified staff from the intelligence and security services, others engaged on sensitive counter-terrorist operations and those who are likely targets for attack are at real risk from terrorists. Security and intelligence operations, contacts and techniques are easily compromised, and therefore need to be pursued in conditions of secrecy. Publicity about an operation which is in train finishes it. Publicity given even to an operation which has been completed, whether successfully or not, may well deny the opportunity for further exploitation of a capability, which may be unique against other hostile and illegal activity. The disclosure of identities can prejudice past, present and future operations. Even inaccurate speculation about the source of information on a given issue can put intelligence operations (and, in the worst cases, lives) at risk and/or lead to the loss of information which is important in the interests of national security.

DA NOTICES

The DA Notices are intended to provide to national and provincial newspaper editors, to periodicals editors, to radio and television organisations and to relevant book publishers general guidance on those areas of national security which the Government considers it has a duty to protect. The Notices, together with a General Introduction, details of the Committee and how to contact the Secretary, are widely distributed to editors, producers and publishers and also to officials in Government departments, military commanders, chief constables and some institutions. The Notices have no legal standing and advice offered within their framework may be accepted or rejected partly or wholly.

Although the system is normally applied through the standing DA Notices, should it be found necessary to issue a DA Notice on a specific matter, the Government department concerned will agree a draft of the proposed Notice with the Secretary who, from his experience, can advise upon the form and content which are likely to make it acceptable to the press and broadcasting members. The Secretary will then seek the agreement of both sides of the DPBAC to the draft and, if it is obtained, issue the text as a DA Notice

SECRETARY DPBAC (Defence Press & Broadcasting Committee)

The Secretary is normally a retired two-star officer from the Armed Forces, employed as a Civil Servant on the budget of the Ministry of Defence. He is the servant of the Government and Press and Broadcasting sides of the Committee, a fact which is recognised by the Vice Chairman being involved in the process of his selection. Similar arrangements apply for the Deputy Secretary who is also normally a retired service officer.

The Secretary (or-Deputy Secretary) is available at all times to Government departments and the media to give advice on the system, taking into account the general guidance given to him by the Committee. DA Notices are necessarily drafted in somewhat general terms and it is the application of a DA Notice to a particular set of circumstances on which the Secretary is expected to give guidance, consulting as necessary with appropriate departmental officials. He is not invested with the authority to give rulings nor to advise on considerations other than national security.

If the Secretary agrees that a Government Department may quote the DA Notices in a release of information to the media, he should ensure that the Department makes it clear that it is doing so on his authority and therefore that of the Committee.

- Forwarded to Truthseekers by the Secretary DPABC.



Rear Admiral D M Pulvertaft CB

(notes from Truthseekers editor - the only the thing I worry about is that this "open government" style D Notice system is not just a front for a secret D Notice system which operates to stamp out unwanted stories and silence witnesses to events or information by fear and threats. Rear Admiral D M Pulvertaft seemed a very reasonable gentleman and was open to my questions. He did a good job of convincing me that the new DA Notice system was an open system and was good enough to send me these details. I was quite shocked to see on the letter-headed notepaper that he uses that his home telephone number and fax was also listed. Obviously this is an example of very open government... I would not be too sure about my wanting a home telephone number published for such a controversial job... ED)

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2000 VOLTS From Nowhere

By Bill Love

This is a story concerning the strange happenings in the home of a father and son in a small Somerset town some 120 miles west of London, and events, sometimes bordering on the bizarre, in the home of a married couple and their son in a Kent village.

There is a striking similarity between the two cases, weird phenomena centred around the electrical supply; official bodies unable, or perhaps unwilling to help and of course, the inevitable scapegoat - in both cases the son. Numerous theories have been advanced to explain the phenomena but none completely fits the bill.

Somerton is a small, but delightful, Somerset market town. Iverson Cottage, the home of Frank Pattimore and his son Nigel, lies unobtrusively in the heart of Somerton. Within this peaceful looking cottage 83 year old Frank and Nigel are being plagued by strange phenomena.

Adisham is a small, quiet and secluded Kent village lying between Canterbury and Dover. 3 Church Lane is situated near the end of a quiet country lane on the edge of the village. Now boarded up and dilapidated it was some ten years ago, the home of Mr and Mrs Joe Orchard and their son David. Like Frank Pattimore's cottage, the Orchards home consisted of a lounge and kitchen downstairs and two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs and it was in this quiet rural home that the Orchards suffered phenomena which were at times, so bizarre as to be beyond belief.

Frank Pattimore bought Iverson Cottage in 1976 and he and Nigel enjoyed six happy years and a good electricity supply until 1982 when it was noticed that an unusually large number of fuses were blowing on both the cooker and lighting circuits. SWEB, the local electricity board were informed and their engineers thoroughly examined the troublesome circuits but could find nothing wrong. These circuits were rewired by SWEB and when their engineer switched on

the supply, there was a loud explosion which destroyed the fuse board. From that moment there began a long saga of strange happenings, light bulbs exploding, light fittings melting and falling out of the ceiling, switches becoming welded and unusable, the meter turning even when all the circuits had been isolated, television sets catching fire and the phone ringing of its own accord.

RESEARCH

Experts from SWEB, NASA and the Electricity Research and Development Centre carried out research and investigation and the Cook Report put in an appearance with their own experts but, although 2000 volt surges were recorded the problem remained unsolved and in fact, got worse. By this time SWEB had carried out numerous repairs and two complete rewires but now objects not directly connected to the electricity supply were being affected by this elusive force.

A battery radio set also suffered damage resembling a lightning strike and during one of my visits for the purpose of research, a journalists miniature tape recorder persistently switched itself off when it was placed within a strange forcefield which runs diagonally through the Iverson Cottage.

Frank Pattimore has been visited by experts in many fields; physicists, electrical engineers, psychologists, psychic researchers, mediums, dowders - and strangers who purport to be officials of one kind or another. They often give a name and telephone number but can never be traced afterwards. Theories advanced have

and ley lines but all have been flawed.

The problems for the Orchards began in 1976 when their son, David, was 15. Before this they had spent a number of very happy years in the cottage. The first indication of trouble was with interference electrical equipment - a vacuum cleaner glowed and a television set switched itself on and off. These were minor problems compared to what was to follow.

Phenomena now began to be associated with water; there would be a whooshing sound, as Mrs Orchard described it, and boiling hot water would appear everywhere - in the dogs basket, in the television set, on carpets, mattresses and books and even in electric bulbs. The strange thing is that when the water was emptied the television set would work as though nothing had happened. The water always "left it's mark" - a circle with a dot in the centre.

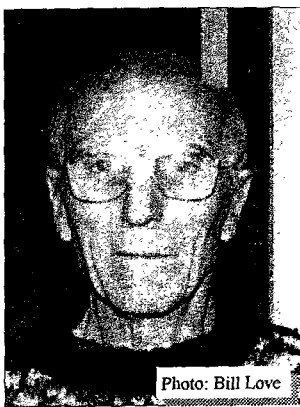


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More bizarre happenings were to follow. Objects would float across the room from their situation on shelves and the sideboard, sometimes slowly and sometimes with such force that they would smash windows or doors and continue their flight outside. A settee, chairs and tables would upend themselves and were held firmly "until the force gave them up".

A broom was snatched right out of Mrs Orchard's hand and attached to the ceiling; a line of books on a shelf flew, one by one, down the stairs, one striking Mrs Orchard on the

forehead; the pet cat levitated and hovered close to the ceiling and then ran out terrified! when it was released, water pipes bent and buckled as people watched in complete amazement.

What this strange and inexplicable force is and why it should appear only after an appreciable number of serene and happy years, nobody knows. Radars and laser are both line of sight and therefore can be ruled out because other houses remain unaffected. Neither of the homes is situated on a ley line and thus, energy cannot be obtained from this source.

Leakage of electric charges from the mains

is hardly a candidate to be considered seriously as it would have to be an enormous amount to create the tremendous field necessary to lift the heavy objects which were moved. In one instance a Rayburn stove moved across the floor, watched by an incredulous official from the local authority.

In both cases very large induced electromagnetic forces have found their way into the neutral conductor. These surges have been measured at 2000 volts plus, and one day in August 1991, we recorded 11 such surges between 11pm and 11am at Frank Pattermore's home.

If, as two electricity boards say, this is occurring within the house, it can only imply that it is being caused mechanically and knowingly by one or more occupants or that is being created by an unknown force within the house or, unwittingly by one of the occupants. If this is the case, the problem falls within the realm of poltergeist activity. An interesting facet of Frank Pattermore case is that, while we were carrying out our research, Hamish Miller, co-author of *The Sun and The Serpent*, found the same diagonal energy beam with his dowsing rods that we had found with our orthodox, and considerable more expensive scientific apparatus, although he had no prior knowledge of our findings. He also obtained one of the strangest reactions he had ever seen from Frank Pattermore himself.

ATTITUDES

Research into the cause of the phenomena has been hindered by the attitude of those in authority. Official

bodies have been obstructive and devious.

SWEB, before the beginning of the investigation, told the writer that the media exaggerated and the phenomena wasn't worth investigating because they were only looking for a simple earth fault. If this were the case, why was Nigel Pattermore followed for two days by two men in a dark blue car and later arrested at work by the same two men and taken to Yeovil Police Station under completely false pretences? He was told that there was to be a meeting concerning the electricity supply at his home and his father would also be at the meeting which was to place in Yeovil; the police station was never mentioned.

The truth of the matter that was whilst he was being kept at Yeovil police station, his father was having the indignity of suffering his home being searched under warrant. Nigel had already suffered the same indignity at work when his lunch box was searched under warrant and his sandwiches taken apart. The possibility of this action being yet another red herring cannot be discounted.

The danger of a preconceived notion stopping all further research is amply illustrated in the Orchards' case. In desperation, due to bizarre events taking place in his home, Mr orchards called in the police and was visited by a PC from Bridge who then telephone SEEB at Folkestone. As a result, SEEB wrote to Canterbury Subdivision HQ of Kent Police suggesting that quantities of water had been thrown into electrical appliances despite the fact that many gallons could be seen running down the lane.

The police responded by a letter showing that once a preconceived notion has been instilled, the intelligent consideration and analysis of evidence goes out of the window.

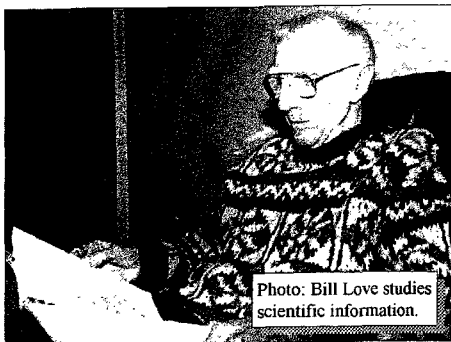


Photo: Bill Love studies scientific information.

As is known, we both have the ideas as to the cause of these incidents and the police, in fact, have advised the parents of their feelings in this matter. However, the parents refuse to accept what has been said and prefer to delve into the mysterious occult for the apparent cause.

So there we have it. The police, although totally lacking in evidence whatever, had formed the opinion that the Orchards' son David, was responsible for the bizarre happenings at Church Lane, Adisham.

We are, at present, no-nearer to solving the mystery of the strange force that, so dramatically, invaded the Orchards' home and still plagues the home of Frank and Nigel Pattermore. Neither do we know whether and authority knows what is happening but won't admit whether they, too, are in the dark.

Whatever the force is, it does not obey the known laws of electromagnetism but is without doubt very powerful.

(Bill Love is a physicist by profession and has worked in such a capacity with many large companies. I visited him in Dover in 1996 to enquire about these cases. I was impressed by the level of research which he carried out on these cases. I feel that much more could have been done by the authorities to further research on these cases and the conclusions which were drawn were not the final answers. Bill Love has accumulated a large amount of data on such cases and would like to hear from people with information on similar happenings. Please contact this magazine to be put in touch. - ED)



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Gulf Breeze

UPDATE

With
Chris Fowler

Since yours truly's visit to Gulf Breeze / Pensacola last October there have been a number of UFO sightings that have been reported in the area, as well as a loud boom that was heard in the area in the early evening of October 29th. Originally attributed to the Mississippi National Guard, the boom that was heard has now been denied as being from them due to the distances involved. There have been many of these loud booms reported over the years in the Gulf Breeze area that have been named 'sky quakes', some of these have sometimes preceded and followed intense UFO activity in the area.

The recent reported UFO sightings in the area have occurred on November 3rd in Bagdad, Florida, November 22nd in Pensacola (one of the most significant UFO sightings of the year which we will describe) and December 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Shoreline Park, when some of the classic Gulf Breeze 'Bubba' UFOs were witnessed by the regular skywatchers (see article on Gulf Breeze in the last issue of Truth Seekers). The sighting on the 3rd, even though only about seven seconds in duration, was one of the best sightings observed by the regular skywatchers at Shoreline Park for some time. An amber light about a quarter of an inch at an arm's length was seen that was followed in rapid succession by two other slightly smaller amber lights. When illuminated together they formed a curved edge of what appeared to be one side of a ring of lights. The sighting on the 4th was witnessed by a lone skywatcher at Shoreline Park and consisted of two short duration sightings of a red light. About ten minutes later the witness reorted what seemed to be another 'sky quake'.

What was seen on the 22nd of November, at around 5:50pm is as follows (reprinted from the Islander):-

Two witnesses were driving to a local mail from their home in Northwest Pensacola when one of them was paged. She knew there was a telephone she could use at her church, and drove directly there to return the page. As the two witnesses drove

up to the church outbuilding where the telephone was, one of them noticed a large bright orange light over the power sub-station. "I was joking around saying it was a UFO!" the witness told me. The second witness saw the light and they stopped the car. Still watching the light one of the witnesses tried to use the telephone in the church building. "It was all just static," the witness states, "You could not get anything but static."

Meanwhile, as one witness was trying to use the telephone, the other witness, carrying the pager, decided to go toward the power sub-station to get a closer look at the light. "I just wanted to see what it was," she told me. "It was perfectly round and just hovering there, low above the power thing." As she walked toward the sub-station, the pager began acting strangely, vibrating and beeping at the same time (which it is not designed to do) and no numbers were showing up on it. The other witness saw what her friend was doing and became hysterical, calling the second witness back.

Together again in the doorway of the church building, the two witnesses watched as a central ball of light began to interact with the sub-station. "There were sparks, like from a sparkler just raining down from this big orange ball of light to the sub-station, then as we watched, two smaller balls of light, the same colour, kind of rolled out from the big one and hung there next to it." One of the witnesses estimates that the large ball of light was about two inches at arm's length and the other, smaller lights, were about half the size. The witnesses both went on to describe how they watched for over five minutes as the small balls of light would merge back with the larger ball and then separate from it again. This occurred three or four times. "When they went back in, the sparks started going up to the ball instead of raining down," one witness stated. "You know there was something intelligent controlling the thing, because every time a car would come by and shine it's headlights, the whole thing would disappear, like someone flipped a switch,

back on again," the witness who approached the sub-station told me, "As I got closer to it, it was just one big ball at that time, I could see it was very bright, but there was a darker ring around the outside of it. I could not see any structure."

After watching this display for about 2-1/2 to 3 minutes the two witnesses were joined by a third. From the third witnesses description, it would appear that by this time the UFO was moving away, beyond the sub-station. "It looked to me about a mile beyond the power plant thing" the third witness states. "I could see lights in a triangle shape." This witness described the size at arm's length as being about 1 inch across. "It looked to me like they were in a perfect triangle, all sides the same." After the tree witnesses watched for another approximately 2-1/2 minutes, all three concurred that..... it just went out and never came back on. Immediately after the final disappearance of the UFO, the pager returned to it's normal functions and the telephone line became clear.

The UFO was not more than 80 yards from all the witnesses. The one witness who ran toward the power sub-station, was at one point much closer than that, but how close is not possible to determine. The witness can not remember how close to the sub-station she got before her friend called her back. "We were excited. My friend was freaking out, so I ran back. I'm not sure how close I got to it," she told me.

Apparently, we were told that there were some other witnesses in the vicinity who also saw the UFO on that Friday evening. However, we have been given no further information on how to contact them. Therefore we would urge them to come forward and contact the hotline number.



Photo: Chris Fowler

OPEN CONTACT: A REALITY OF THE 21ST CENTURY?

*Public interaction with ET cultures would undoubtedly lead to a world revolution.
Our intergalactic researcher, Jonathan Hurst, adds to the debate...*

The recent explosion of UFO-related information seems to have popularised the belief that interactions with alien cultures are already taking place, albeit outside the realm of the general public. Many are realising that the matter is far more complicated than the wishful, romantic scenario of an alien craft landing on the White House lawn. Although there is an escalating number of multiple-witness landings and aerial sightings that have occurred elsewhere. For example: Bonnybridge, Scotland (ongoing); Mexico City (ongoing); Gulf Breeze (ongoing); Israel (1991-1993); and Belgium (1989-1991). All of these cases are supported by many convincing witnesses and some of the best video and photographic UFO evidence to date.

Should there be a White House landing, the authorities would probably conceal the event until fully cognisant of the extraordinary situation; only after understanding the nature of the visitors might any announcement be made. Anyway, a sensible pilot (from any planet) would choose the White House as the *last* place to land.

Related to this matter, the growing testimony of whistle-blowing officials (current and retired) fuels the argument that aliens haven't landed outside the White House (as far as we know), because contact has already been established in a far less overt manner. This involves the governments and some members of the general public.

An inter-governmental conspiracy of silence, regarding ET contact, exists partly because such news would destabilise the core ideological, technological and political foundations of society. The impact would ultimately lead to a mass cultural revolution. In 1959, NASA commissioned the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C., to evaluate the probable effects on society if we experienced contact with an alien culture. Their consequent report warned that such contact would undoubtedly cause sociological catastrophe. Ever since 1959,

NASA has been extremely discreet on what information it makes public.

However, if an announcement of contact were made, the authorities would have to be very tactful in justifying why they remained secretive for so long (if admitting to a conspiracy) - 'public safety' and 'intelligence gathering' may be reasons given. Inevitably, the subject of alien abductions would be addressed, and these claims may either be denied or, to avoid hysteria, the public might be reassured that no harm is intended to those involved. But how would they explain the sinister side?

In the days of open contact, the authorities run the risk of being exposed by the aliens. The truth regarding government collusion would probably come to light. No wonder the governments remain quiet, despite an unprecedented amount of alien activity worldwide.

It seems likely, however, that the authorities have in operation a programme of indoctrination to help lessen the impact of any such revelation. Personally, I feel the time has come for those of us with knowledge and experience of ET contact to be more open with our opinions. Let us take the Native American elders as our example. In June, 1996, they felt it was time to tell the world of their ongoing interactions with the Star Nations; believing there shall be open contact before the close of the 20th century.

Anyone with commonsense cannot deny the reality of the UFO subject after examining the inexhaustible volume of material now available. Historical records indicate that the pre-Christian world seemed very open to the idea of 'gods' visiting and founding many of our cultures. Tribal societies have never forgotten this. Only with the spread of Christianity has the matter become a taboo subject. The churches would like us to believe that the only intelligences issuing from the sky are angels and demons - yet these still fall under the category of extraterrestrials

There is much evidence to suggest that they were humanoid visitors from other planets. Actually, the Old Testament word 'Elohim' (replaced with 'God' in later translations) is plural and means, 'Those who came from the sky'.

Fortunately, statistics show that we are turning our backs on Christianity and embracing pre-Christian pagan and 'post-Christian' New Age philosophies. Public awareness is changing and people are beginning to take the official line with a large pinch of salt. Theoretical physics has made great progress over recent decades, now postulating parallel worlds and previously 'esoteric' concepts of reality. Newtonian principles are being discarded in favour of a 'holographic' paradigm, thereby the difficulty in understanding UFO propulsion and 'paranormal' phenomena. The old world is giving birth to the new.

TYPES OF CONTACT

According to the evidence, literally hundreds of extraterrestrial civilisations appear to be in contact with the Earth today, interacting with us on many different levels. The majority of contact seems to occur during sleep when we are active on the astral planes. This is a time when we seem most receptive to higher consciousness, since the astral is not as dense and suffocating as the physical plane. Of course, physical contact does take place, normally on an individual basis. Apparently, this is because of a Universal Code of Conduct that is honoured by most evolved civilisations. Usually an intelligent race is given the freedom to resolve its own dysfunctions without external salvation; although subtle guidance and inspiration may be offered.

One way of helping without overtly interfering is by 'incarnating' into the struggling society (related to the concept of reincarnation). Today there are countless individuals who believe that they are alien visitors to the Earth, on missions of a humanitarian nature (known as Star People). Some believe that this movement

'sō included many of the great spiritual teachers, such as Krishna, Buddha, and Jesus

So one can understand why evolved races are extremely careful when interacting with other planets. Open contact would probably not be instant, but worked toward over many centuries or even millennia.

However, not all races appear to share the same set of ethics. The rogue Greys are probably allowed to remain on Earth because covert elements of government have formed treaties with them. They have been invited here and allowed to pursue all of their dubious projects. Thus evolved races have left them alone, because they've so far chosen to honour the judgment of those working with the negative Greys and their allies. This is surely why suspicious ETs seek treaties, as they would find it difficult in remaining here otherwise. Why else would an advanced intelligence want permission from governments, when they could abduct people regardless?

TELEPATHIC CONTACT

Another form of ET contact occurring today is that of a telepathic nature. This may also take the form of channelling (translation) and mediumship (mediation). Channelled books abound, usually claiming to be the messages of ETs, angels, or spiritual masters. Most talk about the transformation of planet Earth and how different our way of life will be in the Golden Age. Many even claim that this new age will come as the planet undergoes a dimensional shift into a higher state of existence.

However, after examining the broad spectrum of channelled material, the flaws of contemporary human nature become painfully obvious. Inconsistency and contradiction of data can be found everywhere, probably due to the fact that the communicated information is inevitably coloured by the channel's own ability and level of understanding.

COSMIC LANGUAGE

One theory regarding the crop circle (alias pictogram) phenomenon, is that the designs are 'mandalas' encoded with activation messages understood by our collective unconscious. Apparently the designs are based upon a sacred geometry and mathematics that is the creational language of the cosmos. If so, this would be

an ideal way of helping our society without direct interference. The pictograms are also said to assist with the rejuvenation of our planet's depleted etheric grid system. They tend to appear on recognised etheric vortices, where a number of leylines cross. Many New Agers also believe that our mass consciousness is in some way connected to the grid system, with one affecting the other.



TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS FROM SPACE

It may sound too good to be true, but there do exist several accounts of broadcasts on TV and radio purporting to come from concerned extraterrestrials

On 8th January, 1971, Greater London Radio featured a phone-in on the subject of UFOs. At 9.10pm, a caller announced in a cold, metallic voice that he was speaking from outer space. A guest of the phone-in was the late ufologist and theosophist, Rex Dutta, who compiled the transcript given below.

Assistant Producer: *Why are you calling us?*

Extraterrestrial: I have not phoned you. I am speaking by thought-transference guided by computer.

AP: *What does that mean?*

ET: It means how do you do.

AP: *Very well. How do you do, Sir?*

ET: Yes. Evidence of life in outer space is not visible to Earth eyes except the chosen few who have celestial ability to appertain and to appreciate higher intelligences

AP: *How does the planet Earth rate in your experience? Are we reasonably well developed?*

ET: Planet Earth is in for a very difficult time, spinning very fast, making heads of men go round too quickly and think too much about silly little problems. But I think that long-term prospect for Earth is relatively good.

AP: *Are you going to help us from wherever you are speaking?*

ET: Maybe. That is to be discussed soon at a meeting of the Universal Planet Development Society, and we are considering shortly the special case of Earth.

AP: *Have you spoken to Mr Heath? [In those days, the Prime Minister.]*

ET: I know of Mr Heath, this gentleman. No? Yes, he is a gentleman. He is at this moment - Mr Heath - yes I can see him. Yes, I see him there. He is at the moment - he is having - he is sleeping, but very quickly he will get up to have his breakfast. He is at the moment not in your country.

AP: *No, you are quite right, he is not in our country at the moment. You have spoken to him then?*

ET: I have spoken not to him, no. But I have heard him speak, yes. But I have not spoken with him myself.

AP: *What do you think the prospects are for this planet?*

ET: Well, I tell you that very shortly now on Earth there will be very big trouble.

AP: *What sort of trouble?*

ET: I think mankind makes very silly, foolish mistakes. It does not look at elementary methods and forgets important principles; always looks at unimportant things and thinks unimportant things are important. And because of this there will be much trouble.

AP: *How can mankind avoid this disaster?*

ET: No, I cannot say because you will not listen.

AP: *I am listening to you now.*

ET: I know, it has happened before. Also men on Earth say men, other men, do not listen; they do not wish to listen. They wish to hear other things and they turn away. For a time on Earth the trouble must come and no words, it seems, can escape this.

AP: *Where are you now?*

ET: I am now approximately, Earth

distance, 200,000 miles over 'x' in the centre of 'y'. [Marylebone High Street, Greater London.]

AP: *What are you doing there?*

ET: I am speaking at the moment to you by computer thought-transference system

AP: *Why don't you speak to me face to face?*

ET: I have no face, I am very sorry

AP: *Do you exist in the way a normal human being does?*

ET: It is possible to assume a human appearance, yes

AP: *How long do you do this for? And when do you do it?*

ET: Oh, it is for maybe five minutes, ten minutes, at one time, but not for very long.

AP: *Why do you do it?*

ET: Amusement.

AP: *You find us amusing on Earth?*

ET: Yes. There is always great temptation to interfere, but to interfere is not scientific. It is not. It is to destroy that which is natural among men.

AP: *You are obviously of superior intelligence. Why aren't you helping us?*

ET: Because the first rule of life is that every creature must help himself and use his own intelligence. It is possible sometimes to guide the way, but very often guidance is ignored.

AP: *Are you going to try and guide us?*

ET: Yes. There are men among you now who would guide you, but you would also ignore that.

AP: *What sort of men are they? Who are they?*

ET: I shall not say

AP: *Why not?*

ET: Because they would be attacked.

AP: *Do you really believe that?*

ET: Yes.

AP: *Why would they be attacked?*

ET: Because they speak the truth.

AP: *So how do you intend to help us?*

ET: The only way you can be helped is not by doing for you that which you must do for yourself. But possibly by guiding the way, but indirectly not directly. It is not possible to say to man, "You must do this," because it is in the nature of man not to do this, but to do something different because there is in the nature of man perhaps a

perversity which we observe. But never mind, it is possible perhaps if man uses only one thing - that is intelligence. The greatest danger in man is pity. Man has a strong feeling of pity for his fellow men, for suffering. It is good but it is not the highest good. In the universe, the highest good is balance, is justice, not pity. A very interesting thing but justice is the most important element in the universe. And if man will find justice, there is hope for man.

AP: *What you have been saying has made a great deal of sense to me. How could I contact you again?*

ET: Call outer space sometime.

AP: *How do I call you?*

ET: Call me Sir.

AP: *How do I call you Sir?*

ET: You call me Sir any way you like, I don't mind. Any way. Now I must return to outer space.

AP: *Well, it has been a great pleasure talking to you, Sir. Thank you very much indeed.*

ET: Goodbye.

THE ASHTAR GALACTIC COMMAND

The most famous of television broadcasts occurred in England on 26th November, 1977, on Southern ITV (which covered London, the South, and South East). The time was 5.12pm and the message (audio only) interrupted the evening news. Lasting 5½ minutes, it was superimposed over the voice of the newsreader, Ivor Mills. No less than five transmitters were hijacked simultaneously, spread over great distances, and the Independent Broadcasting Authority were not even aware that the message was overriding their signal; as the transmitters would have been switched off immediately. The nature of the overriding signal seemed to indicate that its source was not terrestrial, but from outer space.

The newsreader appeared completely oblivious to the situation and continued as usual, while the voice spoke slowly and calmly, as if echoing through water. Below is the transcript, again compiled by the late Rex Dutta, with the use of sophisticated studio equipment.

"This is the voice of Gramaha [?], a representative of the Ashtar Galactic Command, speaking to you. For many years now you have seen us as lights in the

skies. We speak to you now in peace and wisdom as we have due to your brothers and sisters all over this, your planet Earth.

"We come to warn you of the destiny of your race and your world so that you may communicate to your fellow beings the course you must take to avoid the disasters which threaten your world, and the beings on our worlds around you. This is in order that you may share in the great awakening, as the planet passes into the New Age of Aquarius. The New Age can be a time of great peace and evolution for your race, but only if your rulers are made aware of the evil forces that can overshadow their judgments

"Be still now and listen, for your chance may not come again. For many years your scientists, government and generals have not heeded our warnings; they have continued to experiment with the evil forces of what you call nuclear energy. Atomic bombs can destroy the Earth, and the beings of your sister worlds, in a moment. The wastes from atomic power systems will poison your planet for many thousands of your years to come.

"We, who have followed the path of evolution for far longer than you, have long since realised this - that atomic energy is always directed against life. It has no peaceful application. Its use, and research into its use, must be ceased at once, or you all risk destruction. All weapons of evil must be removed.

"The time of conflict is now past. The race of which you are a part may proceed to the highest planes of evolution if you show yourselves worthy to do this. You have but a short time to learn to live together in peace and goodwill.

"Small groups all over the planet are learning this, and exist to pass on the light of the dawning New Age to you all. You are free to accept or reject their teachings, but only those who learn to live in peace will pass to the higher realms of spiritual evolution.

"Hear now the voice of Gramaha, a representative of the Ashtar Galactic Command, speaking to you. Be aware also that there are many false prophets and guides operating in your world. They will suck your energy from you - the energy you call money and will put it to evil ends giving you worthless dross in return.

"Your inner divine self will protect you from this. You must learn to be sensitive to the voice within that can tell you what is truth, and what is confusion, chaos and

truth. Learn to listen to the voice of truth which is within you and you will lead yourselves on to the path of evolution

"This is our message to our dear friends We have watched you growing for many years as you too have watched our lights in your skies. You know now that we are here, and that there are more beings on and around your Earth than your scientists admit.

"We are deeply concerned about you and your path towards the light and will do all we can to help you. Have no fear, seek only to know yourselves, and live in harmony with the ways of your planet Earth. We of the Ashtar Galactic Command thank you for your attention. We are now leaving the plane of your existence. May you be blessed by the supreme love and truth of the cosmos."

The message received a mixed reaction: some listeners were terrified, some intrigued, while others remained sceptical. Of course, the media denounced the broadcast as a hoax, even though the Independent Broadcasting Authority failed to explain how its stringent security system was bypassed; and the supposed terrestrial perpetrators were never found.

It would seem that broadcasts of a similar nature occurred worldwide, even in other areas of the UK. "We speak to you now in peace and wisdom as we have done to your brothers and sisters all over this, your planet Earth."

The Ashtar Galactic Command, as mentioned in the broadcast, features quite prominently in channelled material going back to the early 1940s. In channelings subsequent to the broadcast, the entities do claim responsibility. In 1994 several channels published information that the Ashtar Command were planning another similar series of broadcasts. However, it appears that proposed dates have so far not been met.

COMMENT FROM OTHER ALIENS

Believe it or not, I am in almost daily contact with several types of extraterrestrials. This is made possible via the channelling and ESP skills of my partner, Janice Jackman. Prior to our meeting, she had fought this 'psychic' contact since it began 15 years ago. In addition to telepathic

dialogue, the ETs assure us that we also have contact of an astral and physical nature - but recall is appropriated by our level of personal development. Janice, being very psychic, has substantial recall.

Recently, our contact has primarily been with two humanoid, called Oni Colona and Rualda, who claim to come from the year 2081. Apparently, when in telepathic communication with us, they are seated on broad a saucer-shaped craft suspended nearby. Most of the time the craft is invisible, due to interdimensional and cloaking capabilities. More information concerning these two beings will feature in a later article, including the extraordinary nature of our personal relationship with them. Briefly, they claim to be our future selves.

Oni and Rualda state that all ETs, intending visits to Earth, are supposed to obtain clearance from the Galactic Council. However, this rule is sometimes broken by groups such as the rogue Reticulans who work with certain government agencies.

Generally, lucid contact is forbidden and must take place in the more concealed forms outlined above. However, Oni and Rualda seem very confident that alien contact will become an undeniable fact before the year 2000.

They claim the British government has recently commissioned an international research body to collate information on the alien guests and prepare a brief for the big announcement. Oni and Rualda state that the Reticulans (alias Greys) are very eager to reveal themselves publicly - hence the proliferation of their imagery in the media.

Although the first group to be made public will probably be a Blonde type from the Pleiades. At first they will cooperate with the governments, but later expose them. Time will tell if any of this comes true, in addition to much else that Janice and I have been told.

According to Oni and Rualda, the sightings over Mexico City are part of an experiment to gauge public reaction, being conducted by the Greys and the US government. The crafts seen are apparently of terrestrial (government) and extraterrestrial origin.

The pair also state that the majority of Black Triangles seen belong to two groups - the Greys and a race monitoring them, who are of the Nordic kind, from Orion.

In connection with abductions, they state that the Reticulan hybridisation experiment was a success; with a colony of about 2,000 hybrids existing in their time, 2081. As has also been revealed by other sources, the planet chosen to support this colony is called Essassani, in the constellation of Orion; some 500 lightyears away. Several other races also live on Essassani, including volunteers from planet Earth - as part of a 'Great Migration' that took place in 2021.

Beginning this year, 1997, the pair claim governments will start to release more information, possibly culminating with a big announcement in 1998. Apparently, the Galactic Council has forbidden open contact before this time (except in previous civilisations) because of public fear and our level of social development.

CONCLUSION

I have spoken with several different ETs via persons having the ability to channel, and all of them state with unanimity that covert factions of First World governments are indeed colluding with some groups of dubious aliens, like the rogue Greys. However, these groups are but a minute fraction of the total alien community now interacting with Earth, and will not constitute a threat or problem when open contact is established.

My ET friends urge us all to prepare ourselves for that great time of public interaction with other planetary cultures, by



Photo: Jonathan & Janice

dissolving our fears and opening our minds to the excitement that lies ahead.

The Galactic Council has monitored our situation for a very long time and now feel the moment has come for the re-introduction of Earth back into the interplanetary community. We are now at a sociological stage where the acceptance of alien life is easier than decades before, and so it is less likely that the 'big announcement' would result with mass hysteria. Planetary isolation no longer serves the evolution of humankind.

Eventually, the day will arrive when this planet shall be freed of all tyranny and dark government, and that time shall be known as the Golden Age. My ET friends stress that this great era is not far off - maybe they'll be right. I and many others hope so. Frankly, I can't quite see the human race surviving for much longer otherwise.

PROFILES

Janice Jackman: Aged 36, a divorcee, Contactee and Star Person with hybrid DNA. Being preoccupied with three infants and a retail venture, she has had minimal exposure to ufological material. With the support of Jonathan, only recently has she begun to utilise her natural psychic powers. For many years Janice has kept to herself extensive recall of past lives and contacts with extraterrestrials. She has never been hypnotised.

Jonathan Hurst: Aged 23, an Alien Walk-in, Crypto-Contactee and Twin Soul of Janice. Also former editor of the now-defunct *Star Force* magazine, which dealt with subjects of a metaphysical and extraterrestrial nature. For details of remaining issues, please send a SAE to:

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Janice and Jonathan are available to give talks on these subjects plus much more; interested parties please write to the above address. Any other correspondence is welcome.

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{Janice Jackman appeared in previous editions of Truthseekers magazine as Janice X... I preferred this name - ED}

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CROP REPORT CIRCLES

By Petr Novak

Trying to distinguish the so-called hoaxes from the so-called genuine crop circles can be very difficult in many cases. There are certain signs (criteria) that should make the distinction easier for us. Some not very consistent researchers, however, often work with criteria that cannot be described otherwise than as doubtful.

For instance, the microscopic photos of the cell wall of stem parenchyma made in England are supposed to point at something unusual. This made us think that the differences between the samples taken from a supposedly genuine circle and those taken outside the circle would consist in the occurrence of thinner cell wall, various perforations ... etc., as suggested. However, a detailed microscopic examination of our samples carried out by biologist RNDR Vaclav Svamberk shows that these morphological formations represent a common anatomical phenomenon. No differences between the two sets of samples were established.

There is a sufficient number of microphotographs of the control samples to prove this. However, there are still some researchers who use these photographs as evidence without even knowing what they really show. Those special little ruptures they talk about are in fact ordinary grains of starch (

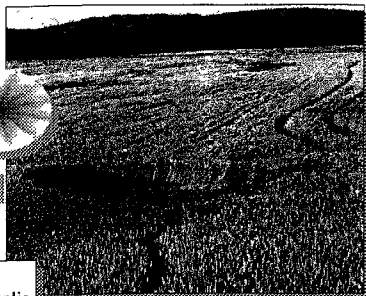
"statolyty" in Czech), which occur in cells quite commonly and which appear in the seeds during ripening.

a bend ! Many enthusiasts simply discover a few bent stems in a circle and tell everybody in excitement that this proves the genuineness of the formation involved.

Few people realise they are more likely, to be holding a proof of their naivety in their hands, because, in most cases, the roots of the crop are parallel with the stem, which is a perfectly normal state in such plants. A completely different situation is when the roots are manifestly in a vertical position to the bent stems. This kind of effect should be considered as an important indicator.

There are cases when the bending of the stems in the first or the second node can be as extreme as 90° or, in some instances, you find out that the downing of the stems was not caused by any bending or folding over of the plants, but that a part of the root system was pulled up and the plants were simply downed without any deformation (the root is quite elastic and thus easy to bend) - These are the cases when thinking about the procedure of a possible hoaxer is rather pointless.

{Petr is a Czechoslovakian Republic researcher of crop circles- his group Sirius would like to hear from UK crop circle researchers. Write to the magazine address for details on how to contact Sirius - ED}



RIGHT: Horzol in Tyno
BELOW: Bystravny in Teplic

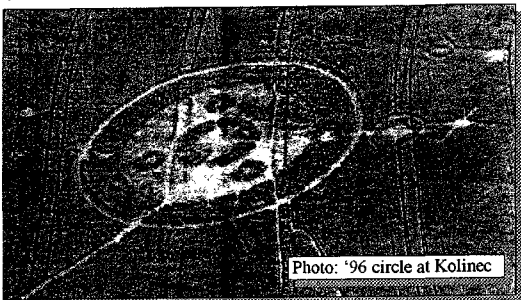


Photo: '96 circle at Kolíneč

So, if you come across these photos, you can be quite sure there is no abnormality involved, no factor that would indicate genuineness.

Sometimes it is astonishing how easily one can be deceived here. Bent crop is, among others, considered as one of the properties of a genuine circle. But there is a difference between a bend and



Photo: Nemithor circle.

MISSING FILE AIR 2 16918 AND THE PRO

By Chris Fowler

On August the 27th and 28th 1996 I visited the Public Records Office in Kew, London along with Matthew Williams, Richard Conway and Sue Dilworth in search of released documents relating to UFO sightings and investigations that have been released under the 30 year ruling. In particular we were after a document, AIR 2 16918, that contained a page concerning a UFO sighting in the 1960s that was investigated by Provost and Security Services, the MoD's own internal police service.

This document had been brought to light by researcher Nick Redfern who had discovered it previously and featured it when he was on an episode of the BBC series on the paranormal 'Out Of This World', that had been aired in July. Also featured on this episode was a short segment on RAF Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire that featured Matthew Williams. Rudloe Manor is now where Provost and Security Services are based, and is the site where it is alleged in Tim Good's book 'Above Top Secret' that the MoD has conducted secret research into UFOs for a number of years.

AUGUST 27TH

We arrived at the PRO ready with the reference number of the said document which we had got in advance from Nick Redfern. After 'signing' into the PRO and being given our papers we went straight away to the reference room and ordered the document on the computer for viewing. Around ten to twenty minutes after doing so you are paged to inform you that the document is ready for viewing, and then you go and pick it up and take it to a reading room. The PRO itself is quite tight with security, with cameras everywhere and security guards wandering around. When we went to collect the document we were told that it was not currently available as it was held in Photo Estimates waiting to be copied, so we then went to Photo Estimates, where you get the documents photocopied if you wish to do so, and asked if it was possible to view the document and get a copy of some if it. On doing so we discovered that it wasn't in fact in Photo Estimates and was apparently missing, so the staff then informed us that they would do a search for it and told us to try again for it later, which we did on many occasions. The staff there were quite helpful, one lady who was helping us informed us that it had been missing since May, which I found interesting because if they had known it had been missing since then, then why is it not listed as being so instead of it being on

record as being in Photo Estimates.

LETTER FROM BLUE BOOK

One document of interest that was found by Richard Conway (AIR 1 17527) was a letter dated June 15th 1965 from a member of staff at Project Blue Book, Lt. Colonel John E. Spaulding USAF, to a Mr. R. A. Langton at our MoD asking whether the British MoD has an equivalent to Project Blue Book. It also mentions that the scientific consultant to Blue Book, Dr. J. Allen Hynek was due to visit London that year and wanted to discuss the subject of UFOs with people at the MoD. The reply to this letter from unnamed persons at the MoD (they have been deleted from the document), dated June 24th 1965, is very interesting in a number of ways (see enclosed photocopies). Perhaps the most interesting statement on the letter is as follows:-

'Our policy is to play down the subject of UFOs and to avoid attaching undue attention or publicity to it. As a result, we have never had any serious political pressure to mount a large-scale investigation such as Project Blue Book. Indeed, the matter has been raised only once in Parliament in the last 5 or 6 years, and then only in a perfunctory way.'

The letter also goes on to say that they would be delighted to discuss the matter with Dr. Hynek when he comes to London later on that year. Shortly before we left the PRO that day we tried once more to see if it had turned up, but as expected by now, it hadn't, so we left ready to try again the next day.

AUGUST 28TH

We arrived yet again at the PRO ready to once more search through our governments UFO files in hope of finding something of interest, though after spending the previous day doing the same,

we weren't too hopeful. We met up with Sue (Richard couldn't make it on the second day) and then once again enquired with staff if the missing document had turned up yet, it hadn't, but we were told that it was still being searched for and was being treated seriously. That day we were only spending half the day there, as we had to get back to Wales, so before leaving we again asked if it had turned up yet. This time the staff member went and got the manageress of the department concerned, named Vivienne Bales. When we spoke to her we explained about the document and told her that it had been featured on 'Out Of This World' recently, she then told us that they, the PRO, had in fact received a note from the MoD requesting the document, suggesting that that may be something to do with it. When she told us this, at no point did she say to us, 'off the record.....' Bingo we thought, that's why it's gone conveniently missing! We all then left the PRO in agreement that it's all a con and sure that all of the real significant documents probably never get released.

AUGUST 29TH

The day after I got home I immediately wrote a letter to Kerry Philpott at the MoD (Air Staff 2A) specifically asking why the document had been requested by the MoD I received my reply from her a month later and her reply to my question is as follows:-

With regard to your comments about file AIR 2116918 held in the Public Record Office (your Para 5), I can tell you that have made enquiries through the MOD Records Management Branch and the staff were able to confirm that the MOD had not recalled this file from the PRO. When enquiries were made the PRO's computer records showed that this file was held by the PRO's photo ordering department. It is quite common for members of the public to request photocopies of documents held on file at the PRO and the file would have to be temporarily withdrawn from public viewing whilst the papers were being photocopied. After the photocopies have been taken the file is available for viewing again. You may be interested to know that once an official file/e has been selected for permanent retention, and has been transferred to the PRO, it would be illegal for any documents contained on the file to be removed, or tampered with in any way by anyone.'

I was surprised at this response after

ing told otherwise by staff at the PRO. It is most likely though that Kerry Philpott was telling the truth in her letter to me, as she was probably told by staff at the PRO that the document was in the 'photo ordering department', which is what they are still telling people who haven't found out otherwise. Shortly afterwards (in early October), I phoned the PRO myself and was put through to Vivienne Bales. When I confronted her with what she had told us on the 28th August and what I had just got back in my reply from the MoD, she confirmed that she told us that they did have a note requesting the document from the MoD. She said that she'd presumed that was why it was missing from the PRO, but now said that it probably wasn't the reason and thought that the MoD probably hadn't received it as it was missing. It was no surprise to find out that the document had not turned up yet, but I was told to phone back in a few weeks time, as they were shortly closing for a week to do stock taking and it would probably turn up if it had been mis-filed. As I was going to be out of the country between October the 9th and the 22nd, I decided to leave it until I got back to phone up the PRO once more.

Shortly after I got home I phoned the PRO and again was put through to Vivienne Bales. Once more I explained all to her and that she had said that they'd had a note from the MoD etc. All of which she acknowledged as she remembered our previous conversation. Again it was of no surprise to me to find out that it hadn't turned up, even though they had recently been closed for stock taking, so I was told to try again in a months time.

In the meantime I contacted Nick Redfern and told him about all the fuss that had gone on in search of file AIR 2 16918. Luckily Nick had a copy of the whole document himself which he had got photocopied from the PRO not too long after it was released. Nick told me that it was only one page that related to Provost & Security Services out of a few hundred. He also told me that he had used his own copy on 'Out Of This World' and he said that shortly after he had got the document he had sent a copy of the page relating to P&SS to their office in Whitehall, which we both found to be very interesting. Shortly afterwards Nick kindly sent us copies of the elusive document, which we now have in our possession at last!

NOVEMBER

During November I received a phone call from Richard Conway as he was writing an article on our visit to the PRO for UFO Reality magazine, so I filled him in on all

the details after not having spoken to each other for a while due to my two weeks away. At this time I had not yet phoned Vivienne Bales back, so as Richard was writing it all up, we decided that he'd do it.

Later on that day Richard called back and told me something that gave me a surprise. He had spoken to Vivienne Bales at the PRO and she had told him that she had made a mistake and they in fact hadn't received a note from the MoD requesting the document! This, after confirming the matter with me twice!

Richard said that it seemed obvious to him that she wasn't telling him the truth. It now seems that perhaps she told us something she shouldn't have back in August and maybe she has been told off for doing so? Her superiors would by then have certainly been aware that a member of staff had told members of the public that the MoD had requested this document because of my letter to Kerry Philpott. One thing was obvious by now, and that was that someone along the line is not telling the truth! It's also hard to imagine how someone could steal such a thick document from the PRO with all the security they have. All they would have to do was trace who last viewed or dealt with it? To date, after being missing for over six months, it is still not listed as being so. Why?

WITNESS COMES FORWARD

Whilst attending a meeting of the British Flying Saucer Bureau in Bristol on November 28th we were to discover that the witness, who had the sighting on August 30th 1962 in Trull, Taunton, that the missing document concerns, had independently come forward and appeared in an article in The Western Daily Press only days before telling of her sighting. She had apparently figured that it was OK to talk about it now as it was over 30 years ago and had even said that people from the MoD had come and visited her and told her to keep quiet about her sighting, which she had done until now. Such statements from UFO witnesses don't say much for statements by Nick Pope that the MoD have never sent out people to visit witnesses and told them to be quiet. Nick claims that people who claim such things have obviously been visited by impostors having a joke at the witnesses expense!

This is where all this stands at the moment, no doubt we will discover more about it all as time goes on.

[The editor was present when Vivian Bales said the MoD requested the file be returned to them... - ED]

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LettersPage

I have a strong suspicion that something covert is going on at a place called Glensanda, which is situated not far from this "neck of the woods". We are all led to believe that a straightforward - albeit technical - quarrying operation is taking place which involves boring and cutting down vertically from the top [Glory Hiding?] of a mountain in order to extract granite from a tunnel outlet in the side of the hill, for shipment to the USA for road building requirements! You may well be aware of this superquarry, or of another which has been proposed for the Island of Harris in the Western Isles, where considerable publicity has been generated by those islanders in their objection to the proposed site.

The large and wild mountainous area containing the Glensanda mining operations is located on a point of land bordered by the sea loch, Loch Linnhe, and the Sound of Mull. There are no roads accessing the site and as far as I am aware no recognized hill tracks available to gain access should one want to do so. Should an attempt be made by someone to venture across the wild mountains and moorland and finally reach the Glensanda site, I am told that they would be confronted by a high perimeter fence patrolled by security guards. It is also said that the workers there are under some form of secrecy oath. Machinery and heavy excavating equipment is ferried across Loch Linnhe from Barcaldine, North of Oban. A few years ago it was rumoured that a piece of equipment was sabotaged at the site. For what reason I wonder, if there was nothing to hide: it being conventional quarry operation?

Back in 1985 a Scottish solicitor and Scottish National Party activist, William MacRae was found dead in his car a short distance off the A87 road between Invergarry and Kyle of Lochalsh in the North West highlands. He's been shot in the head with a handgun. The official verdict was suicide. But it wasn't as straightforward as that, as the gun he had used was found to be too far away for MacRae to have thrown it after e supposedly shooting himself. The murder has never been satisfactorily explained, and much has been written about

the tragic incident in the local press over the years. A full and comprehensive account (a complete chapter of 28 pages) has also been written by Andrew Murray Scott and Ian Macleay in "Britain's Secret War - Tartan Terrorism and the Anglo American State" suggesting that Willie MacRae may have been about to reveal state secrets which were better kept with the "powers that be" for reasons of national security.

I cannot help wondering whether Willie knew about plans for creating a nuclear dump site at Glensanda and because of the recently previous concern amongst Scots, and Highlanders particularly, was silenced in order to prevent him from revealing long term plans regarding the siting of nuclear waste dumps. The Atomic Energy Authority hated him for his vociferous rejections of their attempted underhanded methods of dodging and avoiding planning permission when searching for sites in the Highlands. Seemingly Willie was highly elated a short time before his "execution", quoting several times to his close friends "I've got them. I've got them". What he was referring to was has never been revealed but I can't help wondering if it had something to do with Glensanda. MIS and the Special Branch were constantly on his tail. This has been well documented. That Willie MacRae was undoubtedly one of Britain's greatest seekers of the truth and sought to expose cover-ups and release pertinent information to the subjects of this country is admirably summed up by Alan Clayton writing to the "Scotsman" on 9th April 1988, when he wrote: "To my mind it is abundantly clear that Willie MacRae was a well established dangerous and deadly enemy of a state which will go to apparently any lengths to sustain and protect itself.

If anybody can throw any light on any of the above, Truthseekers magazine and the author would like to hear from you.

*From Peter Maldon of Scotland
(Thanks for this - ED)*

When and how are the Polaris Submarines being disposed of? What happened after Mullwharkar? Where did the government geology boffins go? For the last 13 years we have heard very little about in the highlands would be suitable for dumping nuclear waste. After the Oystercatcher project in Glen Etive revealed that government agents were seeking suitable dumping sites for radioactive materials, a pertinent hush fell over the Highlands while Nirex encouraged discreet dumping at Dounreay and Sellafield (formerly the notorious leaking Windscale).

I would suggest that for the last 15 years, geologists in the employ of HM Government have literally gone underground at Glensanda under the guise of commercial rock extraction while at the same time they were providing the MOD with data and suitability options for not only dumping nuclear waste at Glensanda but, wait for it - the eventual dumping and sealing in of the Polaris Nuclear Submarines! Why not? These deteriorating notorious weapons of war would be floated underwater into an enormous hole created in the interior of the mountain below sea level without anyone apart from the few in the know being aware of what was going on until after the event, by which time it would of course be too late to take objectionable action.

The vessels would be covered and sealed along with other expected nuclear waste, and that would be the end of the matter - or would it? Geologists will assure you that there is no risk, or at least very little, from earthquake activity in the area around Glensanda. That's because there has been relatively little activity from this threat during the recent past. Anyone knowing their geography and having a basic knowledge of geology will be aware that Glensanda lies on the Highland Great Glen fault line, a great divide split running North East to South West which divides the Highlands in two. Just because there have been no major earth movements this century doesn't mean that such could not happen in the future. With earthquake activity increasing all over the world at a time when natural and global disasters are peaking, what makes the experts so sure that Glensanda is a safe and satisfactory site to bury such dangerous material?

Having said that, perhaps I have got it wrong. I hope so for the sake of the Highland peoples.

Unknown Author

LETTER2

I am a great writer to all and sundry from the MOD down to MP's via several newspapers etc... and give talks on my years of experiences with the general paranormal scene, UFO's in particular, have been on TV in the past and radio, and am writing a book on it all which has so far been amended several times in the last five or more years as my views and experiences change!

Since I bought an old Amstrad last year my output has increased tenfold. Fortunately, at nearly 72 I have been retired for many years and one thing I do have is "time", although even that is pretty demanding!

My UFO sightings total fourteen, one in 1960 pursued by two RAF fighters in broad daylight over Gosport; denied by the airbase they took off from! ... and the rest intermittently and during the years 1977 to 1978 leading to a really close encounter which somehow led to my becoming a healer in 1979, which I still do, but subsequently experiences of mediumship, precognition, "ghosts" (one!), "contact" with what is loosely known as the "other side", and currently, and for the last year, a closer interaction with whoever and whatever the so-called aliens" might be.

This leading to my re-appraisal of childhood incidents and adult ditto which I have always PARTLY recalled as "dreams" or "religious" experiences: disturbingly I think that I may well have been one of the millions of abductees", still ongoing recently, but would really prefer NOT to believe it!

Physical evidence notwithstanding!

I am waiting to see what the NEXT incident might bring! I am always looking for information and contacts with others to compare notes with since this kind of experience seems to be not unusual once one gets involved with UFO's. I have met several over the years and it is heartening to find I AM NOT going nuts!

To "set up a world network of investigators" has been suggested in the past, and is a very fine idea. I find UFO investigators tend to often keep things to themselves, whereas I think the more of us there are to band together the better we can disturb the pillars of our society, to make them aware of the awesome truth... which, I will admit, is enough to cause chaos in the world to begin with, at a guess!

Since my last "close encounter" I changed my views of the state of things in the Universe in seconds, so it also changed my whole life. Therefore I am concerned with the state of other people, since ones priorities change, too. The "self", the "ego", or whatever, is eliminated, not without difficulty.

I am in touch with various people in other parts of the world, in America and, recently, in Germany, and have others closer to home in this country, so I get all kinds of information coming in. Currently I am interested in the work going on the "spirit" side and here with transcommunication, as it is called.

You may be aware of this kind of co-operative science which seeks to use both voices and pictures from those who have passed on. In this there are apparent "connections" with the crews of the "craft" that we call UFOs, by the way, since BOTH use "pure mind" If you have read the abduction scenario you will be aware of the "power" they have to control us, our "minds" disturbing, but hopefully our own "minds" are "shown" how to develop.

In writing this letter, I was initially, very suspicious of Truth Seekers Review writer "O.H.KRILL" having read the article under that title there appears to me much that has an apparent ring of truth about it, one that stood out to me for very personal reasons, was the point stated that the "greys are here mainly for their own survival agenda and thus require biological substances from various life forms on this planet, thus item backed up by Barry King's article in the same issue of your magazine.

When he states that the aliens require such genetic material from us to create 'naturally regeneratable life forms to form themselves a new race. This is one reason why they are extraordinarily interested in human "emotions" which their technology has gradually eliminated over much time. One has only to study the current terrestrial advances (?) in genetics, the DNA system, to credit all this.

One can further theorise that "they" are only here for as long as they require, on a "swap" basis for their technology then, and who can blame them, they will vanish and leave earth to its own self destructive devices, although I have to say that some of them do appear to be very concerned with what they call our apparent death "wish", and do "advise us", leaving us to make our own decisions. Their concern seems to be more urgent lately and the usual "warnings" of planetary

destruction by various forces which have been reported for years are becoming more urgent, too.

Since "the Governments" etc. are aware of all this, could this be the reason why they fight tooth and nail to deny the very existence of "aliens" or their craft, a ridiculous ploy to say the least against such damning evidence, but explainable if they "know" that the problem will vanish anyway in the not too distant future. Leaving them with the "We told you so" denial for what remains of posterity!

From Mr Ernie Sears



BASHAR: Blueprint for Change

Channelled by Darryl Anka ~ Compiled by Luana Ewing

302pp, paperback, New Solutions Publishing 1990
Available from the Stellar Gateway at £11.99 (p&p included)

One of the best channelled books I've ever read. *Blueprint for Change* is a compilation of material channelled during the late 1980s by a graphic designer named Darryl Anka (illustrator of *Beyond My Wildest Dreams*, 1995). The source is a very benevolent extraterrestrial being known as Bashar (which is Arabic for 'messenger'). This alien claims to be a member of the race created from the hybridisation of Earth humanity and the positive Reticulans (alias Greys). Communicating from the year 2863, his home is a lush planet called Essassani (which means, Place of Living Light) in the Orion constellation, some 500 lightyears away. Apparently, this planet was chosen to support the new Terran-Reticulan hybrid race (still being perfected in our time).

Bashar says that by profession he is what we would term a pilot, engineer, sculptor and interplanetary diplomat. His mission to Earth is as a representative of the Galactic Association of Worlds, to help us prepare for the next phase of our evolution, as planet Earth undergoes a dimensional shift into the so-called Fourth Density. As the changes occur, he believes we shall become responsible for ourselves and

reclaim our personal power. With regard to overt alien contact, he states that this will not take place until we lose the attitude of feeling incomplete and looking outside of ourselves for salvation. While in this condition, overt contact will not be helpful in terms of us achieving self-responsibility. "We have no need for you to believe in us. We are here to assist you in believing in yourselves."

The first part of the book deals with philosophy and belief systems, demonstrating how we are all creators of reality. Bashar goes to great lengths in helping us to remember the power we've always had, and how this may be utilised to consciously create an ideal reality. He says free will has always been our birthright, as co-creators within All-That-Is. Also, fulfilling one's purpose is simply the following of excitement. "When you remove guilt from your tool box, you will realise that nothing is too good or too simple to be true, nothing is too wondrous or too ecstatic to be yours. You deserve all you can conceive of..."

Later in the book Bashar talks about the process of entering Fourth Density (one of many labels ascribed to the higher dimension the physical Earth is moving into). He makes a very important statement that should help dispel the elitism prevalent within the New Age 'ascensionist' movement: (Audience: "Bashar, you said that nobody is going to go faster than anybody else.") "Not in an overall sense."

There is a bubble, let us say, of leeway that you will stay within, in general terms, even though some individuals may be more accelerated than others. But you will stay within the bubble of acceptability, thus allowing you all together as a bubble to move into fourth density at once. You will not get ahead of anyone else, although in a sense you may be ahead of someone else on a personal level."

Toward the end of the book he answers questions concerning life in the galaxy, and states that between 60 and 70 million civilisations exist in the Milky Way, within or close to the physical dimension of Earth (which he terms as Third Density). He also states that the network known as the Galactic Association of Worlds, currently consists of some 360 member civilisations - although contacts with other potential members is ongoing. Apparently, some physical planets within the constellation of Orion are experiencing a similar dimensional shift to the Earth, which seemingly contributed to the dissolution of the oppressive Orion Empire. "By your year 2027 your world will be absolutely

interwoven into the Galactic Association of Worlds - as an equal member."

At the end of the book Bashar talks in-depth about life on his homeworld Essassani, and describes the nature of the propulsion system used by his triangular scoutcraft; capable of warping space and time. The details appear very consistent with the information revealed by Robert Lazar, who claims to have worked at Area 51, on a Reticular disk acquired by the military. The book also contains diagrams of Bashar's craft and cigar-shaped mothership (called Solar Wind), and of the solar system containing planet Essassani.

Incredibly, Bashar states that he has only lived one incarnation on planet Earth, which is Darryl Anka. He is travelling back in time to communicate through his past self. This type of contact now seems to be very common.

Blueprint for Change is highly recommended to all who want to understand the current transformation of planet Earth. It provides excellent answers to many questions, and helps resolve the common mystery surrounding extraterrestrial intelligence. Obviously, it is also an important book with regard to the prevalent 'alien abduction' phenomenon; helping to replace fear with understanding.

Bashar's information is consistent with that of many contactees, such as myself, Billy Meier, Gina Lake, Robert Shapiro, and Lyssa Royal. The latter individual is an American psychologist who travels worldwide imparting knowledge of the transformation and our galactic heritage. Lyssa also channels Bashar and his twin-soul, Anina, along with numerous others belonging to the Galactic Association of Worlds. Her books, *The Prism of Lyra* (summary of our galactic heritage), *Visitors from Within* (the Reticulars explain their abduction programme), *Future Sex* (sexuality on other planets), and *Preparing for Contact*, may also be obtained from the Stellar Gateway, 21 Carlton Place, Southampton, Hampshire SO1 2DY. Telephone 01703 336895.

I was fortunate enough to witness Darryl Anka channel Bashar at last year's Glastonbury Symposium, July 1996. It was a brief stay in England, as Darryl was taking his wife Erica to celebrate their wedding anniversary in Paris. He did two superb sessions over the symposium weekend, available on video at £14 each. Send your order to Poland Pargeter, The Cottage, Blackford, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4NL. Telephone 01934 713180

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Jobe - Servant of Gaia
Channellings by Paul Bura
64pp, paperback, Symbol Creations 1995,
£4.50

Another book of excellent channelling transcribed by Kim Besly, from a humble being who calls himself Jobe, a Servant of Gaia (not the biblical Job). He bases his persona on a past incarnation spent as a Buddhist monk in Burma, a few hundred years ago

Paul Bura has been channelling Jobe since 13th August 1992, when he and eleven other people gathered together for meditation. The purpose was to perform an invocation to Gaia, the Earth Spirit, and ask if she could help with understanding the meaning of the crop circle phenomenon. In answer to their call came a spiritual entity from the Fifth Dimension: Jobe.

During further meditation gatherings, Jobe has spoken at length concerning the fantastic transformation affecting the planet Earth; and the opportunity for her children, humanity, to make the journey with her.

Jobe - Servant of Gaia contains the simple truths of the cosmos. The simplicity of terminology will enable its content to be understood even by the average man-in-the-street. Jobe's message is one of love and deep adoration for Gaia and all of her beautiful creations. Although he displays some sadness at the current state of humanity and remembers how wonderful the world used to be prior to 'the Fall'. With confidence he assures us again and again that the world will change, that everything shall be tranquil again, and humanity will awaken from its 'spiritual amnesia' of many thousands of years duration.

He states that the world we know is the result of the immutable Law of Karma, and that at this time much karma is surfacing to be balanced; particularly concerning humanity. Many subjects are covered in the book - divided into three chapters: *Earth Changes*, *General*, and *About Jobe* - with Jobe giving succinct and easy-to-understand explanations.

The subjects covered include: the Seed People; England and the changes; new power centres; crop formations and astrograms; the ascension process; the female principle; Mary apparitions; warnings of the changes; the changes and after; the 'government behind the government'; the Photon Belt; Grey aliens

nd abductions, devas, meditation; the development of mankind; different dimensions, and the practice of love.

The last chapter details a lifetime Job lived in a village now called Sudbury in Suffolk, at the turn of the First Century AD. The village was then called Orik. At that time Job says he worked with a local stone circle, and that he was "a reluctant priest but not really a priest. I was an underling. The nearest I can describe it was, what a curate is to a vicar - not quite a priest." He talks about the early priesthoods, pagan and Christian, and of some of their activities, like teleporting along the grid system and between stone circles - which he claims could be achieved by members of the High Priesthoods.

The book ends with a description of a trip made to Sudbury by Paul Bura and three friends, in September 1993, to locate the site of Job's stone circle. With the use of dowsing rods and Paul's psychic abilities, it was eventually found in a ploughed field not far from the place of Job's village. A couple of miles away was also the ruins of Borley Rectory, once reputed to be the most haunted house in England. Job explains that this was built on a church placed on an ancient pagan site, where shamans and other adept beings used to travel between worlds; hence the frequently reported apparitions. But now, according to Job, the site has long been corrupted and taken over by entities of the lower astral planes.

Job - Servant of Gaia is a great read, containing much important and truthful information in such a short number of pages. I recommend it to anyone who would like to know the basics of what is happening in the world today. *Especially* concerning the dimensional shift. It contains many excellent, concise answers to questions frequently asked by those interested in this fascinating subject. As with most channelled communicators, Job came across as an extremely loving, amiable and humorous being.

The book may be obtained directly from Paul Bura, at 7 West End Way, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8RL. Cheque or postal order for £4.50 plus 50p for postage and packaging.

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HIGH STRANGENESS

In The Antelope Valley

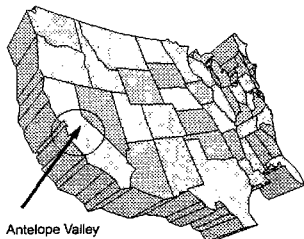
By Bill Hamilton III

The year 1991 was an unprecedented year for sightings and encounters in the Antelope Valley of California, embracing the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, and Rosamond (Edwards AFB is some 20 miles east of the latter).

I was investigating reports of sightings associated with a Northrop Skunk Works facility 20 miles west of Rosamond in the Tehachapi Mountains on the north side of the valley, when I heard about two witnesses who had experiences of missing time. These two women, Pam and Jackie, lived within eyeball range of the facility and had experienced a number of strange events. In addition, Jackie, who could see the facility clearly from her property in the high desert, reported two daylight sightings. In each case she contends that she witnessed a large disk ascend from the facility and move eastward along the base of the Tehachapis. Construction workers have informed me that the facility itself has several underground levels.

On the evening of 14th May 1991, Pam had her strangest encounter ever. Shortly after 11pm she reports that three Greys appeared by her bedside and started to lift her off the bed. She lives in a large, custom-built pentagonal desert home that has one large room without partitions. The kitchen, bedroom and living room are open to one another. She started to struggle with the Greys (3½ feet category) when she spotted a human in the living room area. The man, dressed all in black, was holding a device that resembled a small TV and dangling a cord. Pam heard the man say, "You have no electricity."

At this point she somehow freed herself from the entities and went to grab a light cord that would switch on a light from her 12-volt system. The light would not come on. She then yelled for her husband to awaken. Events now took a bizarre turn. Hearing their 100-pound labrador, Casey, barking in the yard, she and her husband went to the north-facing kitchen window. Her attention was drawn to a man who lay prone on a projecting



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part of the roof near a ladder. The man was wearing full-dress Air Force blues. The three Greys were now on the ground below the man, as well as a K-9 sentry dog that was poised to attack Pam's labrador. In the sky over the yard there were a number of red lights. The man yelled to the Greys, "Get her out of the house!" while Pam yelled back, "Don't kill my dog!"

In the wake of this panic, Pam next remembers standing alone outside and behind their generator shack. The man, sentry dog, three Greys, and her husband, were no longer in sight. Red lights were revolving above her and a thick fog was emanating from ports set around a large hovering craft.

Her next memory was that of awakening, seated on her bed at 3.50am. I arrived at Pam's place the next morning and spent all day with her. That evening we had a local certified hypnotherapist, Miranda Cunha, regress Pam through the incident. We discovered a mental block in the missing-time period. A few titbits emerged from this session.

Pam believes she may have been taken to a base inside the Tehachapi Mountains (the second case that reported this) and that she was cautioned not to reveal what she knows. She felt very threatened by this incident. This is just a brief recounting of only one of Pam's encounters, but significant for its mention of human involvement and its disturbing implications. Pam is a good observer and very precise about her experiences. Jackie reports seeing Pam's yard enveloped in a fog that same night, but does not remember seeing the lights, which may have been directed downward and obscured by the fog screen

put out by the object.

Since that night, Pam has also been buzzed by low-flying helicopters. One military helicopter hovered less than a hundred feet over her yard. Since there has been some remarkable sightings over this area throughout 1991 and Pam's account raises many questions, I would like to relate other events that enlarge the scope considerably.

On 28th May, the night of a full moon, I went to a certain observation area in the Antelope Valley just west of the city of Lancaster and south of the Northrop facility in the Tehachapi mountain range. Joined by three other observers, we saw our first aerial light emerge at the crest of the mountains south of us. The light was white with an amber tinge. It moved west above the mountain ridge, reached a certain point, then started strobing fluorescent red and white lights. As it continued to move west, then northwest, it began to jump and dance erratically.

When it reached the far end of the west valley, I could see a silhouette against the twilight blue sky. The object appeared to be boomerang-shaped with several strobe lights dancing around its perimeter. This object suddenly vanished. A second and third object appeared above the same mountains and followed roughly the same pattern of activity, except they continued on their course to disappear in the distance. The wild 'jumpers' were sometimes so erratic that normal aircraft could not have withstood the structural stresses that would result from such rapid changes in motion.

On the following night, with thirteen other witnesses gathered at our desert observation post, I viewed a spectacular light show starting in the same way as the previous night. Researchers and abductees (including Pam and Jackie) were present. We saw between 25 and 30 objects, several of which danced and zigzagged in all directions. One or two of the objects also disappeared when in clear view.

In addition to the strobing jumpers, we saw what appeared to be a large craft manoeuvring to the east. It appeared to be triangular with a steady fluorescent red light on its right tip and an aquamarine light on its left. This object flew both forwards and backwards and glided silently sideways. It turned and tilted until it came to the south end of the street as if it were peering at us. It then tilted on its edge and turned to proceed back to its point of origin. I snapped four photos at that instant, but the lights failed to register on 1000 ASA Ektar film. This light show lasted two and a half hours.

At one point two Air Force jets crossed from northwest to southeast and returned, but did not attempt to close with any of the UFOs.

Nearby Palmdale is the site of a major

Los Angeles Air Traffic Control Centre, as well as several aerospace facilities and Air Force Plant 42.

Edwards AFB is a few miles to the north, near the town of Rosamond. Yet no aircraft were sent out to intercept these strange aerial objects! I phoned Edwards AFB Public Affairs Office the next day, and the officer on duty was extremely interested in our sightings, but could offer no immediate explanation for them except to say he was aware that the Antelope Valley had several secret projects which might involve advanced technology aircraft, and that he had no access to that sort of information.

We feel that the people on these secret projects are well aware of what is flying in the skies over Lancaster. In the early morning hours of 25th July 1991, Pam and I were watching the valley skies, as we had made it a sort of ritual during the warm summer nights. At 12.45am a string of gold-coloured lights approached silently and rapidly from the west, moving east. The golden lights were surrounded by a coronal field that may have been ionized layers of plasma. Some of this 'plasma' appeared to be shedding from its source and trailing behind. As the string reached the city limits of Lancaster, the lights disappeared one by one.

At least two other sighting parties viewed this same light string from separate locations. One of the other parties had a camcorder and starlight scope, and videotaped this procession of lights. I have a VHS copy of the tape. After one of the other witnesses mentioned, to his neighbour, the starlight scope's ability to enhance night photography, his neighbour bought one and on the night of 1st August tested its ability to record the passage of an airliner over downtown Lancaster. To his surprise a small lighted object appeared and raced around the airliner, executing a sharp-angled, high-speed fly-around, then faded out against the background stars.

I also have this segment on video and have shown it on San Diego's ABC affiliate, Channel 10, which did a special report on UFOs during their nightly news in late October.

One of the most spectacular sightings occurred on 4th November 1991. While driving to work in the morning, Pam spotted a triangular shape over the Antelope Valley Freeway (Highway 14) at 7.11am. It gave off a bright flash of gold and green. She was headed south on 60th Street West when the triangular object appeared. She then entered the freeway travelling south toward Lancaster.

At 7.18am a very large charcoal-black, arrowhead-shaped vehicle passed over her pickup truck, which was headed north over

the Avenue H overpass. It had no wings or openings. Running the whole length - as upside was a tubular structure. The craft had no vertical stabilisers and made no sound. It was travelling very slowly. She estimated its altitude as 300 to 500 feet (very low) and its dimensions as a football field in length (300 feet) and as wide as the freeway, including the central corridor and pullovers (about 80 feet). She exited at Avenue I and pulled into an ARCO station and quickly jumped out to look for the object. The object was nowhere in sight.

There have been other peculiar activities and light shows reported to me from the east side of the valley. Some of these sightings are in the vicinity of another secret underground facility owned by the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. Near this facility is El Mirage Dry Lake and Shadow Mountain. A team of skywatchers from Victorville has seen many strange balls of light and one huge lighted craft near Shadow Mountain. They have also reported seeing an identical string of lights on several occasions similar to the one Pam and I viewed on 25th July.

Another abduction case was reported in the Victorville area. The abductee, Diane, reported being taken to an underground facility jointly occupied by Greys and men in Air Force uniforms. A Victorville psychotherapist is doing extensive work on this case. If we take these reports seriously and do not dismiss them as a product of the witnesses' imagination, then there are significant implications in the content of such reports.

The few informants from the aerospace sector who have approached me, have done little more than cautiously confirm the existence of these underground bases, the reality of the alien presence, and verified advanced technology projects. I am not advocating a wholesale belief in any conspiracy scenario nor do I believe all the tales I hear, but I am advocating a need for further careful and cautious investigation based on eyewitness testimony.

The light shows over Lancaster continue. The 'jumpers' are still seen frequently. Skywatchers regularly flock to the Antelope Valley in hopes of seeing UFOs

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MESSENGERS OF DESTINY

Reviewed by David Mayo

What can one say about some of the most fantastic visual evidence of sky-bound anomalies ever recorded? Weeks ago, when I first received the mail-order offer from Genesis III Productions, I was reluctant to order.

As most of you know, there is a glut of UFO material out there, but little is of any significance. Ufology is a science most everyone loves to ridicule and there is no shortage of scam artists eager to make a buck off information-hungry UFO enthusiasts. I had convinced myself this offer was just such a ruse, when a few days later, an associate I trust asked me if I had heard of the Mexico City sightings. He insisted that when anything on this became available, I should purchase it post haste. As anyone who attended Houston UFO Network's January meeting highlighting this tape would agree, this was very good advice.

The video, "Messengers of Destiny," is by far the best daylight UFO footage I have ever seen! The tape, co-produced by Lee Elders and Jaime Maussan and narrated by Brit and Lee Elders, begins with references to Mayan prophecies and, in particular, those found on the Dresde Codex (755 AD.), ancient Mayan stone tablets that speak of future events, and the Sun Rock, also known as the Aztec Calendar. Their hieroglyphics supposedly state that the July 1991 sun (or solar eclipse) would usher in two life-altering events: Earth changes and cosmic awareness in the form of an encounter with the masters of the stars. According to legend, the first sun ended with devastating winds; the second with fiery rain; the third with darkness; and the fourth sun with water, believed by some to be the Biblical Flood. The fifth sun was to end with devastating earthquakes, thought to be the massive Mexican earthquake of 1985. Scientists had eagerly awaited the 1991 eclipse, calling it the eclipse of the millennium due to its unusually long expected duration of six minutes and 45 seconds over land. It was a given that this solar eclipse would be

highly scrutinised and recorded.

Shortly after 1 p.m. on July 11, 1991, individuals with cameras and camcorders waited with anticipation for the eclipse to begin. At 1:22 p.m., people began to notice a silvery object in the sky hanging motionless below the eclipsed sun. By 1:24 p.m., the sun was in full eclipse and the object had caught many people's attention. By 1:27 PM, the sun began to reveal itself as the eclipse waned as cameras and camcorders were aimed at the first mass-photographed daylight disk. The videos show a silvery object hanging below the eclipsing sun. As one who has admittedly become bored with lights in the sky, these daylight shots have a sense of reality about them that is both exciting and astonishing. During the course of viewing this tape, over 40 clips of UFOs consisting of four daylight varieties and one interesting night time configuration are presented. The one seen during the solar eclipse was a short "top-hat" design, sporting a smooth silver surface and a darker lower flange.

The second appeared as a flattened spinning top, the third as a sombrero (large thin flange with a small dome on top), and the fourth was similar in design to one of Billy Meier's beamships photographed in Switzerland. Some of the night shots showed an object banking in the dark sky revealing the familiar triangular pattern of lights made famous by the Belgian flap of recent years.

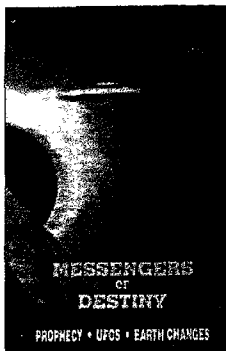
The Elders owe a great deal of gratitude to Jaime Maussan, the chief investigative reporter and editor of "60 Minutes," a popular Mexican television show patterned after "60 Minutes." Shortly after

the events during the solar eclipse, Maussan took it upon himself to assign a news team to the investigation of these UFOs. He also appeared on "Siempre & Domingos," another popular TV program. He showed

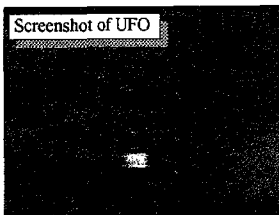
footage of the silver ship and asked the viewing audience to please send him any videos that had been taken of the UFOs. The TV station was swamped with phone calls, resulting in hundreds of videos sent to Mr. Maussan. Among some of the stranger outcomes of this request for evidence was footage from a town 85 miles from Mexico City where an identical daylight disk was seen and recorded at the same moment!

Another clip shows a UFO performing (according to the Elders' interpretation) a "hyper-jump" as it stretches and streaks away within a split second. The best of the video evidence was gathered by the Elders and made available for analysis. Optical enhancement, as analyzed on camera by H. David Froning, director of Flight Unlimited (and a scientist friend of the Elders), shows that the UFO is rotating and occasionally throwing off a multi-coloured corona.

The Mexican UFOs are similar, if not identical to, aerial objects that are being seen in Japan and the Commonwealth of Independent States. On May 8, 1992, at the Elders invitation, a NIPPON TV research team from Japan arrived to study the situation. It had been determined that many sightings suggested a flight path along the Volcano Zone, a string of dormant volcanoes that include Mount Tuxtahuatl and Mount Popocatepetl, which lie between Mexico City and Pueblo. After speaking to a city mayor and a police chief (who, along with local media, were all very open to the phenomenon) the team left for Mount Popocatepetl and set-up camp. That night, they witnessed and videotaped the strange triangular lights of the UFO. There were several significant event dates that followed the Mexico City sightings. On September 16, 1991, Mexican National Independence



Screenshot of UFO





Screenshot of analysis of UFO's shown in video

Day, a parade of marching troops, military jet and helicopter fly-bys, etc. was being covered by a reporter videotaping the parade activities. He noticed, and then recorded, a silvery object close to a formation of 24 air force fighters. Moments later, five fighters broke formation and gave chase, but the UFO accelerated to the Northeast and disappeared. Optical enhancement revealed the same now-familiar UFO.

On Nov. 23, 1991 and 7000 miles away, a Japanese couple videotaping the erupting Mt. Unseen, caught sight of a silver shape floating below the crescent moon. They filmed it for nearly an hour, then stopped as they grew weary. The next morning, to their surprise, the UFO still floated in the morning sky! Again, it was the same familiar UFO. On March 4, 1992, the Aircraft Control Tower in Mexico City recorded a group of UFOs on their radar screens. The blips stayed for 40 minutes. It is the producers opinion that the arrival of the UFOs, in conjunction with the Mayan prophecy, suggests that there will soon be a major volcanic eruption. In fact, Mount Popocatepetl began steaming for the first time in years just after the arrival of the UFOs. The area between the two volcanoes is the Pass of Cortez, an area previously devastated by volcanic eruptions. The Mexico government put enough stock in the Mayan prophecies to issue some public warnings. To quote the prologue from the tape: "In May of 1992, the Mexican government warned the population of 40 cities to prepare for the possible catastrophic eruption of the awakening volcanoes. The newspaper, El Universitario, carried the article on the front page.

In August of 1992, "60 Minutos" presented a one-hour program on the volcanoes, stressing the need for preparedness in the face of an imminent disaster. Although there is no evidence of a cover-up in Mexico, the news of this historical sighting has inexplicably stopped at our border. "Messengers of Destiny" Update

I spoke to Lee Elders on January 15. He and Brit had just returned from Mexico covering what has become Phase Two of this incredible UFO flap. On January 1, the UFOs returned, but now there are as many as eight daylight disks hovering in the Mexican skies. Lee said they have videotapes of traffic jams caused by drivers and passengers exiting their automobiles to get a look at the strange disks. This new wave is being seen by a massive number of people.

Lee also spoke of his prized video possession, daylight footage of "20 UFOs hovering around a docking station!" Counting the videos he received from his first trip, he now has over 700 tapes of which, by his count, 200 are of very good quality. Of those 200, half are excellent daylight shots. The Elders are producing a second tape covering the ongoing Mexico sightings and plan on marketing it this summer.

{The series now stretches to 3 videos - the latest being Voyagers of the 6th Sun. These are all must have videos and are available from Ark Soundwaves, Po Box 1395, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 9FE priced £19+1 p&p - ED}

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Big Brother's Recipe for "Revolution in Military Affairs"

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In 1994, the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) of the US Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) produced a paper entitled, "The Revolution in Military Affairs and Conflict Short of War". In the paper, the authors propose that, many American strategic thinkers believe that we are in the beginning stages of a [sic] historical revolution in military affairs (RMA). This will not only change the nature of warfare, but also alter the global geopolitical balance." This revolution is not only strategic. It is also fundamentally technological. "Sensor technology, robotics, non-lethal weapons, and intelligence meshes will be used in combating terrorism, countering narcotrafficking, and peace operations. These technologies, along with simulator training and unmanned aerial vehicles, will also be useful in insurgency and counterinsurgency."

The authors of the SSI paper recommend ongoing research, analysis and debate on a number of topics including, "Technology designed specifically for conflict short of war, especially psychological, biological, and defensive technology."

They also suggest that, as "large numbers of Americans may find themselves in areas of instability and conflict", such individuals might benefit from being "equipped with an electronic individual position locator device (IPLD). The device, derived from the electronic bracelet used to control some criminal offenders or parolees, would continuously inform a central data bank of the individuals' locations. Eventually such a device could be permanently implanted under the skin..." The paper also openly declares that, "Behaviour modification is a key component of peace enforcement," and that "Soft kill

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systems can play a key role."

Furthermore, with regard to counterinsurgency, "Greatly improved intelligence gathering and fusion is a primary component of the RMA, and proposed information warfare capabilities might be ideally suited for helping develop desired emotions, attitudes or behaviour."

The authors recognise that, "The use of new technology may also run counter to basic American values", and that, "Deception, while frequently of great military or political value, is thought of as somehow 'un-American'." 8 Due to this fact, and also that the majority of Americans may find the use of many of the emerging technologies "morally difficult", the authors conclude that the military might consider that "American values and attitudes thus form significant constraints on full use of emerging technology, at least in anything short of a perceived war for national survival."

The central premise of the paper is that: "In its purest sense, revolution brings change that is permanent fundamental and rapid: The basic premise of the revolution in military affairs (RMA) is simple: throughout history, warfare usually developed in an evolutionary fashion, but occasionally ideas and inventions combined to propel dramatic and decisive change. This not only affected the application of military force, but often altered the geopolitical balance in favour of those who mastered the new form of warfare. The stakes of military revolution are thus immense..." With such "immense" stakes, might the military have felt the need to covertly foster revolution in order to bring about the change necessary to make the use of new weapons and technologies less "morally

difficult" for the American people? The paper leaves the reader in little doubt that the answer to this question is resolutely affirmative, for the paper declares: "Overcoming these constraints to make a RMA in conflict short of war would require fundamental changes in the United States—an ethical and political revolution may be necessary to make a military revolution" The authors then declare that, rather than being limited by "constraints and countermeasures", "there is another alternative: we could deliberately engineer a comprehensive revolution, seeking utter transformation rather than simply an expeditious use of new technology."

Have the opening moves of such a revolution already been played? Is the American national security establishment already at war with its own citizens (and those of other 'civilised' nations) in order to coerce them to accept the formerly unacceptable by means of "the manipulation of images, beliefs, attitudes, and perceptions," 13 that is, psychological warfare? Once again, the reader is left with little doubt that the answer to this question is a resolute YES. The authors write that to achieve a "Revolution in Military Affairs", the Army must fully recognise that psychological technology is of much greater importance than strike technology. "Ways must be found to use emerging technology, including advanced artificial intelligence and information dissemination systems, to help military strategists develop, implement, and continually improve methods of influencing opinion, mobilising public support, and sometimes demobilising it."

THE RECIPE: The Association of National Security Alumni is a Maryland based organisation composed primarily of former US national security establishment employees who oppose the use of covert

operations. The Association's letterhead declares their credo: "actions are counterproductive and damaging to the national interest of the United States. They are inimical to the operations of an effective national intelligence system and corruptive of civil liberties, including the functioning of the judiciary and a free press. Most importantly, they contradict the principles of democracy, national self-determination and international law to which the United States is publicly committed." In 1992, an Association sub-group known as the Electronic Surveillance Project published a preliminary investigative report, entitled "Microwave Harassment & Mind-Control Experimentation", which detailed the covert deployment and testing of emerging behaviour - modifying directed-energy technologies on US citizens against whom the United States Government has no legitimate legal or moral claim. The initial study investigated the claims of 12 alleged victims of covert harassment and experimentation. By mid-1993 the Association had been contacted by approximately 72 victims, and at the time of this writing has been approached by over 200 such individuals

In a 1993 supplement to the original report, written by Julianne McKinney, Director of the Electronic Surveillance Project and author of the initial report, it states: "While the majority of these 'experimentees' reside in the United States, a number of virtually identical complaints have also been received from England, Canada, and Australia. It would appear that these activities are also ongoing on the European continent, and in the former Soviet Union. Connections between this

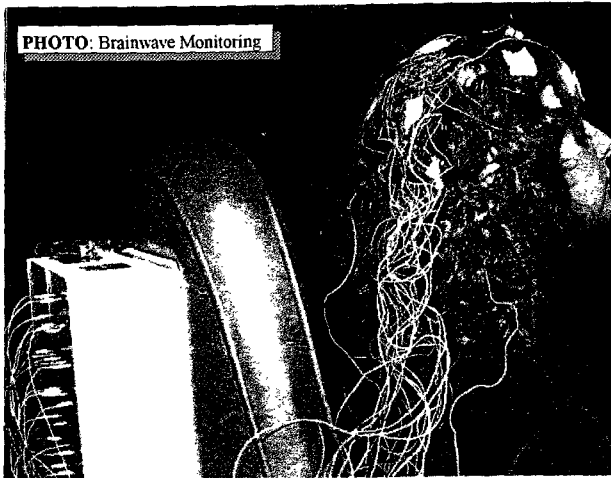
global pattern of activity and the objectives of the so-called New World Order remain to be determined. 'The categories of types of complaints being received by this Project have also changed since publication of this report. Survivors of certain satanic cults (alleged to protect the interests of government and military 'political Satanists' in this country), former Vietnam-era 'programmed assassins', prison inmates, are now reporting an array of experiences (and symptoms) which are remarkably similar to those addressed in this report. Experimental drugs, induced auditory input, vicious overt harassment, attempted psychiatric discrediting, and an extremely painful array of externally-induced symptoms are included in this shared panoply of experiences." McKinney later states: "It has been suggested that the long-term objective of all this experimentation is to develop a system by which all (surviving) citizens of this country may be monitored and tracked by a sophisticated, perhaps satellite-based cybernetics system. Certainly some of the research being dedicated to 'mapping of the brain' shows this potential. We are in receipt of preliminary information which points to magnetic resonance imaging as being critical to this process." Upon reading the Strategic Studies Institute paper, "The Revolution in Military Affairs and Conflict Short of War", McKinney wrote to the authors, Steven Metz, Ph.D., and LTC James Kievit, to critique its content. In the letter, McKinney writes. "First, I noticed a rather curious mission in your paper, namely, the impact of a 'revolutionised' military upon the rights of US citizens as they might be inferred to

exist under Article IX of the United States Constitution. True, you have expressed some concern about potential 'ethics' violations resulting from unconstrained evolutionary or revolutionary processes; however, I see no reference anywhere in your paper to the military's primary responsibility in upholding, protecting and defending the US Constitution." Armed with information gathered during investigations by the Electronic Surveillance Project, as well as the testimony of the individuals whose cases the Project has studied, McKinney suggests in her letter that the "recipe" for a successful "revolution in military affairs" (RMA) was, in fact, considered some 30 years ago and may presently consist of the following ingredients: "Satanic Cults; UFO Cults, Directed-Energy Technologies; Neurocyberneticist Psychotechnologies; Biotechnology's/ Experimental Drugs, Multinational Government Contractors and Subsidiaries; Investment Portfolios and Other Financial Inducements; Imported East Bloc Mercenaries and Military Equipment; Imported Foreign National Scientists; A Controlled and Compliant Media; Decentralised US Government Control; An Induced Crime Wave." 9 Julianne McKinney herself is a former US Army intelligence officer who apparently ran operatives out of Berlin. Bearing this in mind, it is perhaps reasonable to assume that she would have a fair understanding of the typical mind set of members of the national security establishment, and that her list of "ingredients" may therefore be based on something more than idle and uninformed speculation. One "experimentee" from whom this author recently received correspondence refers to Ms McKinney's assessments as "impeccable military know-how". McKinney wryly (and accusingly) suggests in her missive to Metz and Kievit of the SSI that the above ingredients might result in their desired "revolution in military affairs" if combined in the following manner:

"Instructions: "1. produce generations of dissociative automatons who will comply with instructions in obedient, unquestioning fashion. Their required adherence to cult tenets precludes any consideration of laws governing US society, generally. Cult programmed 'graduates', among other things will be expected to participate in contrived UFO abduction scenarios.

"2. Directed-energy surveillance and weapons technologies of ALL types will be used for purposes of spreading fear and confusion in the population at large (under deniable circumstances), for eliminating persons deemed 'adversarial' to US national security interests; and for spotting, assessing

PHOTO: Brainwave Monitoring



and manipulating potential recruits to RMA causes.

"3. Neurocybernetics and other psychotechnologies will be used to sow confusion and hypochondria in the population at large. The symptoms and effects produced by these and other directed-energy technologies will parallel the effects produced by various microbes, viruses and chemical imbalances, thus compelling a large segment of society to seek medical intervention which, in turn, will be a basis for their being used for medical experimentation under 'voluntary' circumstances.

Psychiatrists and psychologists will play an important role in these experiments, particularly where denying the efficacy of neurocybernetics/psychotechnologies is concerned. Citizens complaining of 'hearing voices' will be used as a basis for (generously) government-funded, schizophrenic-related brain research, since comprehension and control of the human brain is critical to the sustained success of any long-term RMA. Satanic cult graduates, drug dealers, gang members recruited off the streets, and foreign nationals will be housed at black-funded government expense (under comparatively luxurious circumstances) and trained in the use of these directed-energy technologies. (Technicians who may be obliged to drive targeted US citizens insane or to their deaths do not need to be burdened by considerations of morality, ethics or the US Constitution.)...

"4. Mix biotechnologies and experimental drugs generously throughout all of these ingredients. The unsuspecting US citizen of today may be the cyborg soldier of tomorrow.

"5. Multinational corporations under contract to the US Government play a very important role in this recipe - particularly those engaged in the development of directed-energy surveillance and weapons technologies, and those in the business of telecommunications. Corporations and their subsidiaries will have the primary responsibility of experimenting on US citizens with directed-energy technologies under appropriately-deniable circumstances and of maintaining all records concerning the results of that experimentation. Corporations will also systematically install surveillance and directed-energy targeting systems in government and other office buildings, in public establishments, in educational institutions, in apartment buildings, in neighbourhoods, on streets and highways, and in prisons, jails and psychiatric institutions. The public's attention will not be drawn to the antenna arrays and other ground-based devices and

wiring configurations being used for this purpose.

The Ground Positioning Satellite (GPS) system [sic] will play an important part in these activities, with the expense to be sustained by government-funded contractors. Centralised control of these surveillance and targeting systems will be maintained in appropriately deployed bunkers, at an expense to be assumed by black-funded corporate contractors. Contractors may toy with these systems on an occasional basis, such as by bringing down an airliner or two for test purposes (such as, recently, near Pittsburgh); by inducing occasional targets of surveillance to erupt into acts of violence involving mass murder; and by assassinating occasional sports and public figures who exceed agreed-upon standards of mediocrity. However, no concerted large-scale effort is permitted until the ingredients of this recipe have obtained a 'proper mix'.

"6 Investment portfolios and other financial inducements are critical to the long-term success of this pending RMA. There is much money to be had in the development of directed-energy systems and biotechnologies. Lucrative investment portfolios have a way of keeping Members of Congress, owners of the Major Media and other public officials silent. (Satanic cult 'kiddies' trained as porn stars serve an equally useful purpose, as do demonstrations of the effectiveness of directed-energy technologies on more obstreperous types; however, greed has long been recognised as the primary mover and shaker in matters covert and should be exploited accordingly.) Financial inducements otherwise have a way of buying the continued co-operation of all persons participating in or directly knowledgeable of the ingredients in this recipe.

"7 Out-of-work East Bloc military personnel and their vehicles and other equipment will be brought into this country under the guise of a "UN" logo, to be housed under comparatively luxurious circumstances at black-funded corporate expense, for specialised urban/LIC [low intensity conflict] training under otherwise deniable DOD auspices. Use of a UN logo on incoming vehicles and uniforms is to spread confusion and fear in the populace at large, thus facilitating efforts by this government at eliminating that institution as a potentially effective tool for peaceful change. Imported East Bloc soldiers will be paid as mercenaries for employment in this country only when a proper mix of this recipe's ingredients

has been obtained.

"8 Foreign national scientists, predominantly from the Far and Near East and from Germany and Russia, will be brought into this country to participate in such activities as brain and biophysics research as they pertain to the further development of neurocybernetics and other directed-energy technologies. Foreign national scientists, unlike most Americans, are not burdened by early indoctrination concerning human rights vis-à-vis lethal forms of involuntary human experimentation. Foreign national scientists have also demonstrated a greater capacity for imaginative (and obedient) scientific research than exists indigenously in this country. Their brains must be picked.

"9. A controlled and compliant media is critical to sustained deniability in this evolutionary process. The media will ignore complaints from US citizens regarding growing evidence of police-state actions in this country, while concurrently lauding the military's advanced technologies as being the 'gentle' supplement to existing conventional weapons systems. The media will also ensure that the public's attention is kept diverted from more serious issues and, instead, that it is focused on hype-up 'sleaze' events, such as The Kneecapping of Nancy Kerrigan, O.J. Simpson's Problems, With Satanic Cult Murders, The Bobbing of Bobbitt, etc., etc. When pondering the national security implications of an Amy Fischer, the public is not likely to notice the antenna arrays springing up around this country like mushrooms, the inducing of 'sick' offices buildings and public establishments by directed-energy means on an ever-widening basis, or other similar indicators of an evolving RMA.

"10 Decentralised government control - a panacea currently being sought by a befuddled American public to relieve their (contrived) economic woes - is one means by which FCC oversight can be permanently eliminated. FCC monitoring of communications frequencies might ultimately result in an untimely disclosure that those frequencies are being used to facilitate implementation of a successful RMA and should therefore be squelched. Decentralisation will be employed selectively and with much diverting Congressional fanfare. Law enforcement agencies will be subjected to greater centralised control, as will those agencies and institutions such as the FDA which are currently engaged in biomedical research. With the help of a compliant media, the centralisation of these latter types of agencies will elude public attention.

"11. Crime in this country will be induced. The sales of illegal drugs and weapons reap profits which help fund the foregoing. This activity is the preferred alternative to increased taxes, since tax increases tend to alienate a public which already has doubts about where its money is going. Drug dealers will be protected, since they play an important role in this recipe. Widespread addiction to illegal drugs and drug-sale profits will serve to eliminate and neutralize a large (parasitic) segment of society which might otherwise make undue demands for a 'piece of the American Pie' (employment, education, etc.). Drug addiction fosters a certain degree of crime; however, to ensure that the public comprehends the need for martinet laws, expanded law enforcement capabilities and greater numbers of prisons, crimes of a sensational nature will be induced on a periodic basis which, with the help of the media, will lead to the public's voluntarily agreeing to sacrifice its privacy for safety. Neurocybernetics, psychotechnologies, biochemicals and directed-energy weapons and surveillance systems will be used to induce acts of violence, ranging from simple one-time mass murders (such as in post offices and on subway systems) to long-term serial killings involving cannibalism and other gruesome deeds. Rape and child molestation will be facilitated by means of directed-energy (radar) targeting of reproductive organs. The perpetrators of these crimes, by claiming to hear 'voices' and to be the targets of radio-frequency harassment, will serve two distinct purposes: viz., (1) they will enhance official deniability, since the public is not yet prepared to believe their claims of mind-control experimentation; and (2) they will hasten the public's abandonment of privacy for the sake of safety. Prison inmates will be routinely targeted for experimentation. Those sociopathic and psychopathic prisoners who show the greatest potential for future social disruption will be the most likely to be paroled or to be allowed to escape before we proceed with Step 12, below.

"12. Mix the foregoing ingredients in calculated fashion until the order is given (in or around the late 1990s) to commence with Total Chaos. On that day, the order will be given to activate ALL directed-energy systems at maximum amplitudes, i.e., in office buildings, private residences, on the streets and highways, in psychiatric wards, in prison and jail systems, and in public establishments. Satanic cult members, who, until now, have been held in relative abeyance, will be given the order to concurrently run rampant for purposes of raping and butchering US citizens a la Rwanda [sic] while the latter are preoccupied with trying to comprehend their

extreme throes of pain, radio frequency burns and rupturing internal organs. Satanic cult members will be aided in this process by escaped prison inmates and psychiatric patients who, on the day in question, will find that the doors in their detention facilities are no longer locked. Once this (relatively low-level) Chaos has commenced, all previously regulate communications frequencies will be overridden by a single transmission coming from an underground bunker, specifically, the voice of an 'extraterrestrial' announcing that this country has been invaded from outer space. TVs and radios which are not operating at the time will be activated by means of technologies recently adopted for 'national emergency' purposes."

Viewers of TVs will be addressed by a person garbed in special-effects extraterrestrial costume and make-up. The average US citizen, being gullible in cases involving "War of the Worlds" scenarios and having no knowledge of the effects produced by amplified directed-energy systems, will firmly believe that an extraterrestrial invasion is underway. 13. Now comes your RMA. The DOD will intervene to put an end to the carnage merely hinted at under Step 12, above. It is here the Army will be brought into the process. Being of the opinion that upholding and defending the US Constitution is his or her first priority, the average US Army soldier will willingly and obediently obey any order to intervene, particularly if the order is given in the context of a posse comitatus.

Simply put, the military will be induced to take over this government in unsuspecting fashion, for purposes of trying to restore order to circumstances which evolved over the past 30 years under their very noses. Uncorrupted law enforcement officers will take part in this activity just as enthusiastically as the military, in the belief that their services are needed to restore law and order. US citizens who are currently tagged as 'dissident' will be re-tagged 'terrorist' for removal to the concentration camps which are rumored [to] be under construction in this country, guarded by government-contracted security firms such as Wackenhut [sic]. The average soldier, having no basis for disbelief, will readily participate in these roundups. Because the US military has demonstrated a remarkable inability to handle concentration camps on a long-term basis, particularly when disruptive elements are housed in the detainee population (ex: Guantanamo and Florida), executions of detainees will commence. From then on,

...it doesn't really matter, does it? Revolution is underway." END GAME

Outrageous, paranoid, totally far-fetched and unsubstantiated extremist conspiracy theory - or is it? After all, how many Rwandans were massacred today? How many more innocent civilians died in Chechnya? How many drive-by shootings took place on the streets? How many people died in the latest 'terrorist' bombing? How many 'death metal' records permanently burned their nihilistic messages into teenage memories? How many children lost their innocence to hate and fear? The final paragraph of "The Revolution in Military Affairs and Conflict Short of War" states: "Distilled to their essence, revolutions are acts of supreme creativity. The US military is not inherently hostile to creativity, but is cautious. If the nation - our political and intellectual leaders and the public - decide that improving American capabilities in conflicts short of war is necessary and desirable, the pre-eminent task for the military is to continue to build and enlarge a culture of creativity and strategic entrepreneurship among the officer corps. To some extent this has begun. The changes leading to Air/Land Battle, victory in the Gulf War, and the current RMA were supremely creative. Still, these were only first steps. To make a revolution in conflict short of war will be more difficult. But to allow technology to develop without concomitant creativity would, in the end, endanger the Nation's security."

Hopefully such calculated barbarism, such calculated evil, will never come to pass, but should you detect any warning signs suggesting that it is, now you may also know what others to expect. And if 'forewarned is forearmed', then, clearly, contributing to chaos and social disintegration would only be to play precisely the role that you are being so deviously lured into playing, leading you - all of us - straight into their technological clutches. Don't fall into that trap. Work together - don't tear each other apart.

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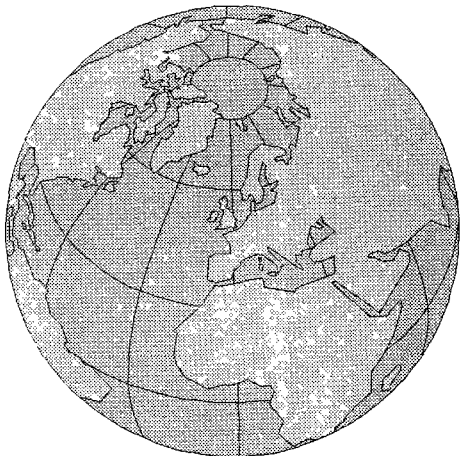
1-What is the place in the multiverse of the human race? How old is our race and what is its destiny?

Aona: The human race is not unique. There are many human-type races throughout the universe, so much so that it would quite useless trying to quantify this fact. There is a human, or human-type, archetype. That archetype is used by many different groupings of creational Kaiana (deva) as a model on which a terrestrial type of organism of the human variety can be precipitated-through the layers, ranging from the abstract planes into the physical or objective dimension, via stepping-down procedures. This is a Kaiana's answer to this question. Nevertheless it should be noted that what we mean by the word "human" does not necessarily indicate a human being from Earth, regardless of root-race (black, yellow, white). We are addressing a type here; the external details will vary from world to world, as will certain inner functions.

It is worth pointing this out. Besides this, there are many other kinds of races who were created using any number of alternative archetypes-according to function and need. Each race is subject to certain internal energy-geometry's, based on the power of inner sound (nada); the interaction of energies on various wavelengths between nodal points creates form(s). The rest is down to natural evolution, prompted by spiritual need.

The human race on Earth is a hybrid of different designs, evolved over millions of years (billions even, from a certain point of view). Certain bits have been taken away, and other bits have been added over that time, in para-genetic terms. The para-DNA-a purely energetic 'authoring tool', a 12-spirallic/petalled helix (plus twelve shadows or reversals) or vortex-when projected, causes a basic chemical DNA version of itself to be precipitated into density (involving two-plus-two chemicals). Physical human beings living on Earth presently only have a (twin-spirallic/petalled DNA helix (plus its reversal shadow-helix, unseen by you; like matter and anti-matter, these can cancel each out if in conflict or opposition mode, or else merge-and-fuse, consciously and permanently). the other ten helices have been omitted or reserved for the time being. This is a restriction for Earth-born human beings, yet it is also a source of their future or impending strength restriction always brings out the best in a being, because it forces that being to master its nature through endurance (of course, it tends to bring out the worst initially, during the "descent" or involutionary period).

The destiny of the human race is to resolve its duality, upon which it will be free to roam amongst the stars at will, though not in dense physical terms or bodies. Using bodies of resolved light or energy instead. Each race creates its own destiny according to the principles of inner sound which govern its existence and deployment. Once the inner triangle of intent, consciousness and mind is resolved into a pure unity, and once the outer triangle of



lower mind, astral sentiency and ethero-physicality has been similarly resolved and drawn into synchronous alignment with the inner triangle-then resolution and freedom are at hand; all the rest is experiential detail. At the 'end' of this process, a single point of electric fire animates what a being has become-that point of electric-fire is multi-dimensional, and, in principle, it can displace itself anywhere and take on any form, or remain formless and unseen. When all chakric nodes and their perfected 'wheels' have been drawn together into an energetic unity, a thoroughly conscious one, then this becomes possible. The being involved is no longer divided into lower and higher, or outer and inner, and therefore she stands free—that is, free from the illusions fostered by duality. This is true for human-type beings everywhere, and for many others types of being also-if usually in a different way.

Your destiny as human beings is to free yourselves from illusion; to see what you are (and what life is) from within, to master your state of being, including acquiring any number of skills; and to unfold naturally and spiritually in whatever direction, or directions, you care to explore and take advantage of.

You are influenced by many other kinds of beings, including ourselves (extra-dimensional, extraterrestrials, intraterrestrials, polar-reversals/shadows/"anti-matter-energy" people, kaiana of many types, elementals, and others-and you often have an effect on them too, even if you do not realise this). From some you receive help or assistance, tangibly or not so tangibly, and there are others who hinder you, quite deliberately test you, to subject you to challenges which encourage either mastery or destruction, or

slavery. All dualistic movements of energy are caught between two poles, one negative and one positive, and these stretch you (and all other dualistic beings) between them. Once you master those two poles (plus any number of other factors that may be involved), then you can stand in balance and flow with life instead of continually falling down! There is no room for continual or self-indulgent weakness in this universe-no one scores any points for being inept. The universe requires strong beings, yet capable of insight, balance and flexibility. Everyone is given a chance to succeed, even against almost/apparently impossible odds; it is also worth pointing out that the essential spirit of an individual cannot die, whereas his/her personality self will most certainly die or be altered beyond recognition-whether she succeeds or not.

A more expansive picture there are vast inner tribes of beings everywhere in the cosmos. Each inner tribe deposits or incarnates fragments of itself here and there, on different worlds. These fragments have to adapt to various conditions on these worlds. This causes them to take on a different or altered 'coloration', at least for a time, which results in near-unique experiences. That experience is then funnelled back to the inner tribe from which fragments in the plural-originally radiated or emanated. Fragments who have resolved their evolution on any given world add to the overall strength and capability of their inner tribe (and that of any allied tribes). Once they have fully freed themselves from a given planetary environment, including its many layers or folds, or planes/levels, they can rejoin their inner tribes in ever fuller measures of pure consciousness. This empowers them. They are bringing back vital experience from their sojourn in density. That experience cannot be gained on superior levels of existence, because unitary life prevails there - everything is 'open', nothing is concealed within a given range. This vital experience can only be gained through restriction, impediment.

Every being exists in three principal modes simultaneously: as spirit-energy (electric-fire, centred chiefly on one monadic node), as soul-psyche (which is like a magnetic 'coloration'-filter-&-binder, involving aeons of select-&-experience), and as projected fragment/s (over and over again, through incarnation, indicating evolution through friction-fire caused by duality and precipitation). Once you consciously see this clearly in your lives, then you can take it for granted that you are moving towards freedom.

Once all three aspects are in synchronous affinity, then the barriers dissolve, and freedom ensues.

In short, your destiny is what you care to make of it, according to your attainable range of possibilities. Many beings may influence you (for truly better or for apparent worst), yet it is entirely up to you-as individuals, and as groups within a greater group, including inner groupings-to make decisions based on need as well as interest.

However, there is a big cosmos out-there/in-there, and you will find it full of surprises-some of these will seem most stunning (in more ways than one). Your freedom will only be relative and progressive: there are greater 'areas' of freedom to be known and experienced... There is no 'end' to what life is or can be.

2-In what regard is our race held by extraterrestrial civilisations?

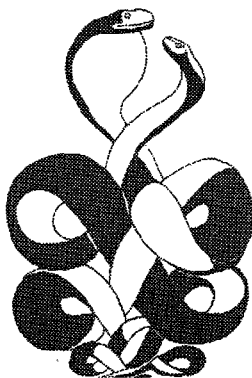
That is a nearly impossible question to answer! In the overall sense you are perceived as an evolving entity, in planetary terms.

You are also perceived as fragments which belong to thousands of distinct spirit-tribes, or star-tribes. Often when there is any form of contact between a human being, or several, and any extraterrestrial civilisation, the contact is between outer fragments and its inner causal tribe. Behind each tribe there is a single being, a star-being, or a differentiated aspect of an even greater being. The solar system as a whole is a being. The Earth is also a being, a differentiated aspect or attribute of the solar system (that is, this solar system). The Sun is the power-house for the system, and its motivating force-and the Earth is a small part of that. The Sun (and the solar system as a whole) is in turn a differentiated aspect of a much greater being, composed externally of several stars and their respective planetary systems. Imagine the evolution that is going on throughout this vast sphere of references being who is differentiated into many stellar and planetary evolutions, including countless numbers and kinds of beings of lesser aspect or attribute. This being in turn is only a tiny fragment of an even greater being yet, and so on...

You are presently drawing the vested interest or curiosity of thousands of different groups of beings. You are surrounded in apparent space by emissaries from these different groups. By and large, these groups know each other more or less well, and are having to come to terms with each other-precisely because affairs on Earth have drawn them into a greater proximity (this applies elsewhere also, in various measures and under different conditions). There are apparent-conflicts of interest, yet these cannot be resolved through animosity, the results would be too disastrous for virtually everyone. By projecting fragments into density, each group can come to term with itself and with others within an arena of restriction, where wars cannot degenerate on an open scale through space and through the inner continua, from system to system. This is why there are thousands of groups currently surrounding the Earth (not so much in the spatial sense, but in the para-energetic sense). Each group perceives things somewhat differently, according to its perceptual modes and perceived purpose; according to the ways of those involved. Therefore each one of them looks upon the human race from the vantage of a somewhat different 'vector' or 'slant' as well. Those inner races which are more advanced and more spiritually-aligned see things more or less in the same way, and to some extent moderate the activities of the lesser-evolved races-this prevents any one race from gaining undue prominence here, and elsewhere.

There is an alliance which is overseeing what is occurring, and that alliance is very determined to keep things in balance; however, it does not entirely prevent certain lesser-evolved beings from interfering if these have some right to be here, either because they have fragments projected into incarnation on this planet, or because they have some outstanding issues to settle as a result of having 'had business' here in the past, or for some other reason, nevertheless the alliance does stop them from becoming too overbearing... That is not to say that this alliance has full control over the overall situation, with respect to the affairs not only of the Earth, but those of many star-systems as well. Yet it does moderate activities and intercede between groups; and-since the alliance is spiritually aligned-it makes its intentions quite clear to all, one way or another. The Power of Spirit should never be underestimated.

Life is a mandala. Different parts of that mandala are composed of various groups of beings. When the situation is perceived from a



... point of view, then the differentiations between groups become subject to an overall unifying principle—therefore those who may seem to be in conflict are simply working out their relationships of power. The higher or most evolved groups are fully conscious of the Oneness behind the diversity of existence, and therefore work ceaselessly to resolve the affairs of all life everywhere. Diversity breeds existence, experience and evolution; and the Oneness is pure energy—within and beyond the boundaries of forms. They feed on each other, quite naturally. Here we have an 'androgynous meta-reality'. A fused balance between all complementary-opposites, beyond paradox. The Oneness then knows, and is.

Some beings are thoroughly in-tune and in alignment with the Oneness, others pursue their vested interests, as they perceive things—for whatever reasons or lack of them. Insofar as there are star/space civilisations which have an interest in the Earth and in whatever may live on or inside it—in this dimension, and also in other dimensions/on other levels—these all have some input here, felt or unfelt.

Perception of, and response to, human beings varies—there are those who are relatively 'for' or 'against' you; and others—the majority who remain primarily indifferent or detached, or watchful. Many of these do not perceive you the way you see or evaluate yourselves or each other—instead they see intensities of energy-patterns and rays highlighting various stages of chakric unfoldment; they hear the inner sounds associated with these energy-patterns, and the quality of these sounds is telling; they can gauge how advanced any one individual (or group) actually is by seeing and hearing in the sorcerial sense. When considering Earth-incarnate humans, they see the fragments of a lot of different evolutionary groups, ones emanating originally—to-lately from all sorts of places or levels. They see fragments of greater spirits, greater beings. Their perception and interpretation of what is happening on Earth, and around the Earth, are often vastly different to your own. They are perceiving things differently, sometimes very differently, and their attitude towards you is therefore equally diverse. They see you as natural energy-organisms, and what you consider important in the personal sense, they often consider trivial.

To be honest, there are many beings who consider human beings incarnate on Earth to be substantially mad! But they also perceive the interesting bits. Out of the madness will come a new level of clarity and determination. Since there are so many different groups involved, it is impossible to answer your questions in detail—reading about it all would be a life-long exercise for you!

3-How can human beings align themselves with the Divine Plan (is this acceptable terminology to you?) for the cosmos?

The "Divine Plan" is to get better and better at everything that is of value, to become ever-freer and more capable. To rise up into the unimaginable. Anyone who apphes himself with this in mind and at heart, as a matter of intent, can align himself with the One. Different people and individuals will choose different ways, yet all ways are One ultimately. Each way provides a more-or-less specific order of experience, a relatively unique view of what life is. A different angle on how one can apply oneself—Freedom is the future. Embrace it. Being open and free within is to be aligned with the Spirit. Creating and dissolving over time... becoming something else, something that offers new evolutionary possibilities—yet always within the overall umbrella of the Oneness. If you were to meditate daily on everything we have said here, you'd get the picture!

None of you should toe a line orchestrated by another, or others in the plural. To survive and prosper in the universe at large you have to feel and be free enough to embrace what may seem



impossible, or even unattainable—such as taking full command over your energies, and learning to fly into the beyond... without fear, without fighting to hang on to your personality profile, your sense of little-self. The little-self is useful, yet it is not the true-you. The true-you is the One. Once you are at-one with the One (!), then whatever you do is in alignment with that One—regardless of what that doing may consist of.

4-Are we genuinely poised on the threshold of a New Age? If so, will it mark the beginning of a new cycle of contact with extraterrestrial civilisations? What is the origin of ancient teaching, such as the Law of Manu, etc?

In one sense, you are always on the threshold of a New Age. Life continues onwards, ceaselessly. Nevertheless certain specific forces are brought to bear in cyclic order on the affairs not only of your planet, but elsewhere as well. These forces go in and out of prominence at various intervals—with respect to a planet, a whole system, a galaxy, a several—and so on. The interconnects point or overlap between two relatively major cycles can be considered to be the beginning of a New Age; and there are lesser new ages within greater New Ages. Understanding this in the detail may not be an easy thing for you to consider or undertake. This has to be seen from the vantage of the Spirit...

Contact with extraterrestrials has taken place, is taking place, and will take place in the future. Such contact symbolises or actualises a stage of progression. You are waiting for what you call the "First Contact", whether you know it or not. Nevertheless, "First contact" occurred several millions of years ago. At each stage of interaction, different realities have been projected or unmasked. You tend to make the assumption that you are ready to welcome extraterrestrial civilisations into your lives. We can safely say that you are not yet ready to see what can be seen. It would blow your brains out, as you might put it. Not only because of the differences, but because of the sheer power of certain beings. You need to adapt at an energetic level before too much interaction can be allowed. Humanity, in its present state, is only just beginning to reconnect itself with the Cosmic Web. The connection once existed at a conscious level, but it was apparently-lost, because of the effects of the momentum caused by involution, which drove a wedge between cosmic consciousness and personal consciousness. Now the Earth is emerging from involution, and is moving through evolutionary

grades of experience. Bit by bit you will perceive more, understand more, and have more contact-henever you are ready for it. Some of you will experience that contact before others, for that reason: because some are ready for it, while others are not yet

Having said this much, yes, there will be more contact-and it will alter your sense of being dramatically. That contact is already taking place with view to freeing, or helping to free, those who are progressing in earnest with regard to their spiritual needs as total beings. Those who have inner affiliations with various inner groups will find that these connections begin to get clearer and clearer, until the truth becomes more or-less entirely obvious. As for a more generalised public contact, this will occur as soon as humanity as a whole is indeed ready for it-it could occur now, or in ten years, or in a thousands years, or whenever the right point is reached. Progress remains relative-as you evolve, your horizons will continue to be stretched. It should be pointed out that how you interpret whatever you may see flying around in your skies has as much to do with inner events as it has to do with how you can perceive it. If your perceptions are limited, then what you will see and otherwise experience will be limited also. There is a lot of rubbish being circulated in print about extraterrestrials presently, and while that is understandable, it merits scrutiny.

No-one is really 'good' or 'bad' out-there/in-there, in the overall generic sense. Each type of beings represents a spectrum of expression, however.

A spectrum of roles even.

You wouldn't want to get too close to certain beings either-not because they are 'bad', but because they are far too powerful for you, at this time. Whether you think of any given beings as "good" or 'bad' largely has to do with whether or not you can cope with their energies and potency, and their perspective; your fear can colour the issue to the point of totally misconstruing what is there to be encountered, felt, and maybe actually touched and known. Do not overestimate your capability to deal with an extraterrestrial, let alone a whole civilisation. Encounters can seem benign, yet they can also seem most threatening; whether they are either of these things is another issue. This is a question of perception- any one being may represent a great range of modes, and not just a single 'face'. There are several kinds of beings who travel throughout the continua, in search of whatever may interest them. Some hunt for awareness, and seek out unusual energy combinations or patterns-unusual to them, that is. Some look around for potential friends, or allies even. There are karmic-type beings who will feel drawn to anyone who is in tune with Nature-&-Spirit, and these will assist that someone overtly or surreptitiously-contact with these can be delightful, yet they will reflect 'where-you-are-at' too; the more evolved Kaina can teach and initiate, including both simultaneously.

There are other beings who, in contrast, enjoy manipulating lesser beings for self-interested reasons, and their means and disposition are not always pleasant

You are surrounded by vastness. Think of all the kinds of creatures which exist on your planet, each one with its own more-or-less unique characteristics. Out-there in the Great Beyond, the overall topography or demography of species distribution is infinitely more expansive. Fortunately, for you, only a very few of them actually have any interests in the Earth or yourselves.

Bear in mind that everything that you do and think is recorded in your thoughts, including your electromagnetic transmission- and broadcasts, are picked up now on thousands of worlds. Your emotions and, to a certain extent, your perspective, are a curiosity to some. By and large, however, interest is muted, bordering on "We've seen it all before!". Human beings are not that unique.

As for the so-called Law of Manu, we suggest you ask the equally so-called Human Hierarchy about that. We are Kaina. We have our own laws, which are simple in the general: "Evolve as you see fit and, wherever possible, help others to evolve too." Kaina are evolutionary beings par excellence.

That's all they care about really! They are Nature-&-Spirit personified...

They will also say, "Let's test that, and see how it responds."

5-Is "dark space" the place of origin of malign extraterrestrials? Is such purported ET contact purely imaginative?

Dark space is a misnomer. There is no dark space. If it were truly dark, then you would see no stars, no galaxies. Space is limpidly clear, in itself. There are clouds of dark matter or substance, however, and from within these clouds all sorts of things/creatures emerge, including stars.

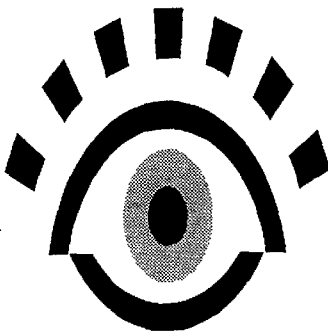
Further afield, the background of space may appear black; yet that is simply because you cannot perceive the light from the far-beyond. An issue of resolution and magnification. On certain levels, space is blue-tinged, as a blue ether can be seen much like your atmosphere seems predominantly blue (to you), since sunlight is diffracted by atmospheric gases which overall give off a blue-wavelength reflection which you can perceive.

The darkness of the void conceals its true inner light, which is transparent in essence. It should also be pointed out that darkness is merely an absence of reflected light. Light courses through space nonetheless.

There are no malign extraterrestrial in the pure sense, anymore than there are goody-goodies. There are simply beings with a variety of interests or needs, and they pursue these interests or needs as they see fit. Some are gentle, some are not, some empathise with you, and others do not. Some do a bit of both, and others do neither.

You cannot be entirely intellectual about all life and the universe at large, and hope to understand all its intricacies thereby. Only experience will tell-including whether or not you should encourage or discourage contact with this, that or any other kind of beings. Keep in mind that if any one race had wanted to destroy human beings en masse, this would have happened by now.

As for imagined contacts, as distinct from real encounters, yes, these do occur. Yet even within the illusion or the hallucination, there may be something valid to be addressed. Certain beings simply reflect where-you-are-at; so if you think of them in one way, they will reflect that back at you-by way of creating some sort of bridge between what they are and what they represent truly, and what you are and how you see things.



This doesn't guarantee that the contact will be either meaningful or in any way useful - to either or any other party involved. Certain beings will seem so alien in character that you will not be able to really grasp what they are or what they represent - not until you get to know them better, if ever.

Others can present themselves in a manner which creates a more conducive atmosphere of exchange, they can take on human form, or near-human form, for instance even if they more closely resemble a blob of light, or a swirl of energy or a point-of-force, or whatever, in their own natural-to-habitual state.

As for wicked beings doing strange experiments on people, how much of what actually occurs is mostly a secret guarded by certain intelligence agencies, which generate their own fair share of disinformation? Losing control is a key issue for them!

As for secret deals between certain groups of extraterrestrials and human governments, some members of those governments are not human-in origin, at least. But then, nor is anyone else! As for UFOs, as you call them, all sorts of things and beings are flying around in your skies, through the Earth, through the oceans, all the time, or virtually all the time, regardless of whether they are detected or not.

Eighty per cent of them, or thereabouts, are plastic in consistency, not physical. There is a great interchange between Kaiana who live on this planet, and Kaiana who emanate from elsewhere. The contact is a very ancient one. You tend to think that you are the only intelligent beings who exist on this planet; well, you are not. Some come here not to meet humans, but Kaiana (of all grades) or other beings instead. Some have ancient relationships all of their own to tend to. You see so little of what is really happening.

6-In the light of your insights and contacts, what do the next ten years promise for us?

Endless expansion. Not an easy course or trajectory; yet a significant shift in perspective is somewhat overdue. Those who cannot take the pace will disintegrate predominantly; others will hang around, even though they will not be able to cope very well; others yet will thrive in all the new, or apparently new, opportunities as these present themselves. We cannot tell you exactly what will happen, because this would spoil the surprise of it. We have been here and around for a long time. We can see how things work, and we are largely responsible for everything that is natural in scope. Yet we do not dictate to human beings what they should do, or how they should do it. We monitor the situation on a moment-by-moment basis, and we also take in the long-term view. We can predict certain things on the basis that we can see what is coming; and we work towards fulfilling certain objectives, certain of which take the human equation into consideration. Insofar as this is so, then it could be said that we are at your disposal, providing you are prepared to work with us to create a more beautiful and more interconnected world, and interface with the beyond more meaningfully, more significantly even.

Since we've always been here - that is, there has always been a kaianic presence and activity on this planet, we're like on the other side of it, its reversal image - we've always tended to the affairs of the Earth.

Long before human beings were seeded and developed on this planet, we were here, looking out on what we had created, or had helped to create, nurturing it ever-forward towards fruition. (You will note that I am speaking here in behalf of all Kaiana, particularly Earth-involved Kaiana, even though - at source - I come from the

galaxy you name Andromeda.)

The gist of this communication, besides attempting to answer your questions and enlarge your horizons of perception - is that there are beings all around you who, under certain conditions, are more than willing to assist you, and test you, and help propel you into higher orders of consciousness and realisation. Some of these are human or human-like in origin, and others, like ourselves, are kaianic-devices, and there are others. Yet nothing is given if there is no effort on your part. We cannot co-create or maintain a world with you if you are not willing partners in this enterprise. We can influence you, yet we cannot actually force you against your wills to do anything, along whatever line or lines. We cannot interfere with the will of human beings, yet we can predispose you towards doing what needs to be done in any given context.

Your future is bright. Nevertheless there will be moments of doubt which you will have to address and deal with. You can be whatever you want or need to be. It's up to you to decide what that might be or consist of.

Of course, you have to take into account that everything and everyone is ultimately interconnected; and, regardless of any appearance to the contrary, we are 'in this' together, without relent and without remorse either. Even those who appear to oppose you - in any way - are there to test or challenge you to get better at living.

You will go to the stars in some numbers, but not in clap-trap spaceships.

You will learn to energise your being to such an extent that you will be able to travel on para-energetic wavelengths solely, at the speed of intent. You can learn to dematerialise and rematerialise your bodies if you so wish, assuming that you will find any reason for doing so, however it is much easier to travel as a ball of light-energy or as a point-of-force with focused intent - neither of which states will prevent you from remaining conscious and very much alive. You can even become a stream of energy, or hitch a ride with a stream of energy, or several.

Spaceships can be created which are living entities in their own right, able to move up and down across the levels - ships driven by mind, intuition/seeing, intent. Super-technologies will blend with sorcery - the latter being the ability to control and modulate energy at will. However, there is very little to be gained from moving around over apparent distance in physical 'nuts-and-bolts' crafts, except arguably in the local systemic environment. Mind-ships are the norm in the vastness of space, where spaceships are involved at all. Multi-dimensional crafts would be a better way of putting it. Since most advanced races are purely energetic, and not physical - except whenever they care to condense themselves temporarily - they do not actually need ships; although some of them use these, mind-ships especially. They can go wherever they wish that is accessible, and explore and do whatever.

Life in space, amongst the stars, gives way to vast meetings of minds and resources. Some of you know this deep within yourselves, because in another guise you have been there, you've known what it's like to be there, to thrive on endless wonders!

7-How many ET civilisations are there in our galaxy? Was the human race seeded on Earth from space?

The numbers would supplant your ability to derive any real perspective. There are thousands upon thousands of such civilisations in your sector of the galaxy alone; throughout the whole

galaxy, there are countless billions, literally. Throughout the local meta-galactic area there are zillions beyond quantification. New races of beings are always emerging, all over the place...

The human race is a hybrid programming effort entertained over time. The human race is also self-generated from a certain point of view. You need flexibility in order to understand these things. You are what you think you are; and yet you are all sorts of other things as well, even though you may not realise it at a conscious level. Your identity is currently human, yet the human state is just a passing point or passing phase in your overall experience and evolution as spirits

The human-type body was created by certain Kaiana, along with the assistance of many other beings, over time (once again), to provide a means of focusing attention on the physical plane, on this planet-in this case. Very few spirits dare to come down into density, if the truth be told; it is perceived by most as a trap, yet as a deadly, painful, if somewhat necessary experience for some. Those spirits who are involved are driven by emerging desires, particularly for heavy sex; they are compelled by their desires to seek the dense manifested state. Sex-in-the-heavens is not physical, it is purely energetic. It guarantees none of the subtle or overt feelings of dominance or submissiveness that characterises affairs between human beings, a factor that descends from the animal state. In-the-heavens there can be no dominance or submissiveness, since everyone who lives there knows everything that everyone else knows, in principle at least; surprises always await somewhere, however.

Those who are either not solely driven by desires, or not driven at all by desire, who still elect to project fragments of themselves here, do so because they see a way of moving something, for whatever reason, with whatever need in mind or at heart. With the intent of true warrior-esses, they descend through the levels, take on embodiment, do whatever they have to do, then retreat back to where they came from, or move on to somewhere near or distant to do something else. As much as anything, they are providing a service, which may or may not be recognised or even acknowledged in any way by those who benefit from this, and they also fulfil a certain degree of experience for themselves. The Earth, from a physical point of view, is perceived as extremely dense and consequently, evolving here, through the human embodiment, is considered a great challenge-which is why our planetary facilities are valued. Having said that much, it should be mentioned that there are places and environments which are even more demanding, some of them denser, and some of them simply far more energetic and powerful. There are opportunities for everyone everywhere, even in deep space where there are no stars. We have told you much, yet we would have to impress upon you that we have told you, in fact, verily little compared with everything that could be said or mentioned. Life is full of livingness. The universe would not be out-there/in-there if there were not beings to uphold it, to give it definition through their lives. The cosmos is absolutely vastly beyond anything that you can currently imagine, and it is all populated with life, in one guise or another.

Your Earth was seeded from space-with crystalline matrices, with (the DNA or actual seeds of plants and insects, with animal life, and more recently with a human-type organism; there have been other civilisations on Earth-before humans were invested here, to see what they would get up to in this particular environment. You see, the Earth is an investment. It is a long-term project to derive something new from out of the confusion of values and perspectives which have held any sway here. We said that human beings were hybrids-they were derived from experiments which were conducted

elsewhere, experiments which were brought together, tinkered, then precipitated into dense existence. Human beings are an investment-in living, in creating something out of virtually nothing, in precipitation itself. We have also pointed out that you are all fragments of greater beings, beings who have cared to invest something of themselves within this environment (or position of the assemblage point). Those beings have very intention of harvesting the results of that investment, and therefore, over time, they will reclaim what is theirs-yet not before their fragments have realised what the relationship is, what the underlying intent or purpose is, leading to a full understanding and acceptance of the transformation which will come about whenever that harvesting takes place (in the individual and collective sense, where units and-or groups are concerned). The point is not to destroy anything, but to take back what belongs to a higher order of being. Projected fragments develop a sense of personal identity through dense incarnation. However, once stripped of that gloss, they perceive themselves as a part of something much bigger, and in consequence they ready themselves for re-assimilation into that which is greater. They do not lose their evolved sense of individuality, it persists forever, even when immersed in totality. They become conscious parts of a spiritual team; in fact they have always belonged to that team, yet they lost sight of it for awhile while incarnate.

We are pushing you to see things for yourselves. Your questions can only be answered and verified by your own experience more by anything we may say.

<Aona and the Kaiana Web-of-Life.

A STATEMENT OF POSITION

Those of us who are involved in channelling the impressions from Aona, the Kaiana (Deva), Alshacon/The Masked One, and others-via the printed word, artwork and effected photography are not interested in any self-publicity. We are doing this work because we are evolving through the doing of it. As much as anything else it is a search for our inner spiritual roots, and we are happy to share whatever we find with others who may feel an affinity for this kind of contact and realisation. Presently we are producing Dream-Explorer, which is now a quarterly mag, which in accumulation is evolving into a full-blown, very detailed book, issue by issue concentrating on astral projection, dreaming-awake and inner realisation-&-synergy; and Starcraft/starian sorcery/star-magik. We have a (dwindling) stock of other books which are part-and-parcel of this overall effort, and we have just begun to publish artwork-with photography to come-to supplement and extend what has been published so far.

If you wish to contact us and-or acquaint yourself further with what is on offer, then please send an SAE for details, or £1.25 for a copy of the latest Dream-Explorer, or £7.50 for Dream-Explorer #1-to 6 (available), or £5.00 for Dream-Explorer #7-to-#10 (Autumn 1996-to-Summer 1997). Available from: VanDam, 53 Hallett Way, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8PG.

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RUDLOE MANOR SECURITY UPGRADE...

Following possible information leaks provided in this magazine it would appear that the once low key face of Rudloe Manor is taking a security upgrade. Facilities which were once open to the public and available to walk into off the road have now been given high barbed wire fences.

This is perhaps because now that Rudloe Manors cover is blown, they are expecting hordes of UFO tourists to take a visit and enter unauthorised areas and perhaps cause damage.

AGENTS VISIT FIRST TRUTHSEEKERS TALK

The first UFO talk of the Wiltshire Office of Truthseekers International was held in the Cavalier Pub in Devizes on the 27th January 97.

Tessa Ghent who runs the Truthseekers group happens to live next to the infamous Rudloe Manor and was surprised to see one of her neighbours and another unknown person who both appeared to be sent from Rudloe Manor. The one known man is a security officer of unknown status and posting. We do however know that he works in the Basil Hill facility.

Both men listened to the talk most intently and because I knew that they were here to listen to me talk about Rudloe I gave them a special show which was 90% Rudloe Manor information. Interestingly and purely by chance two other people in the audience spoke up and said that they could confirm that my talk was accurate and that they knew about the scale size and purpose of Rudloe Manor. They could not confirm any alien connections which have been alleged by Barry King but investigations were a definite possibility.

One man told me that he can confirm that there are long distance cross country tunnels from Rudloe Manor to another facility to the North and said that he believed it totally possible that Boscombe Down was connected by a tunnel.

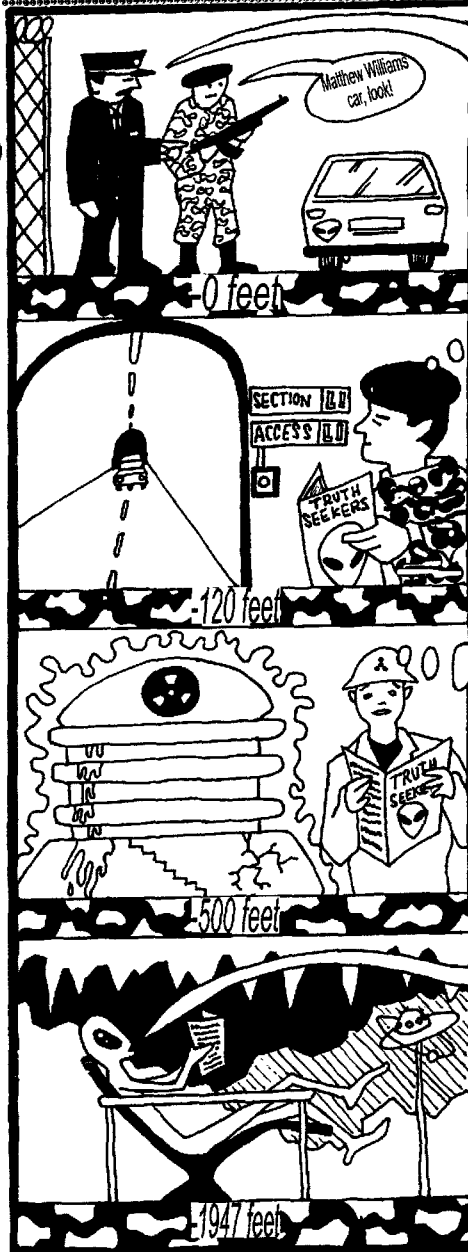
One of the security guards bought a Truthseekers magazine - issue 7 and left without saying anything to me although he was aware that I knew who he was.

Yes. He got it totally wrong about the underground bunker - stuff what a dork.

Well he got the bunker stuff right, but what's all this crap about a nuclear generator? Sheesh!

Well he got the bit about the nuclear generator right, but what's this total crap about aliens being stored here. The guy must be mad.

Well Barry King was right about us always having a base here but what is this Matthew Williams talking about with Nuclear Generators - what a reticulate GEEP!



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- **DR HORACE DOBBS** is the Honorary Director of International Dolphin Watch, and the author of several fascinating books on dolphins and whales. He initiated Operation Sunflower which has scientifically demonstrated the healing benefit of close contact with wild dolphins for people suffering from psychosomatic and depressive illnesses. Horace will be speaking on 'Healing with Dolphins'.
- **DR SERENA RONEY-DOUGAL** is the founder of the PSI Research Centre, thought by many as the very heart of the British Esoteric tradition and the author of the enormously successful book 'Where Science and Magic Meet'. Serena, who has a PhD in Parapsychology and over 23 years of study and experience in scientific, magical and spiritual explorations of the psyche, will be speaking on 'The New Spirituality of this Age'.
- **ADRIAN REID-WOLF** has been involved in personal development and alternative living since the 1960's and his work involves Men's Issues, Earth Awareness and Personal Growth Workshops. Adrian will be speaking on 'Healing the Planet by Conflict Resolution'.
- **JANET SLEIGH** is a Member and Certified Teacher of the Wolf Clan Teaching Lodge which presents the philosophy and wisdom taught by Grandmother Twylah Nitsch, Elder of the Seneca Nation of the Native Americans. Janet will be speaking on 'Prophecy and the Seven Ages of our Earth Mother'.
- **ROGER HILL** is the founder of Hypnosynthesis, which is a unique fusion of therapeutic techniques and personal/spiritual transformation. He, together with Mike Robinson and David Icke, is a co-founder of P.A.N. and the conference organiser. Roger will be speaking on 'The Evolution of Human Consciousness'.
- **OLIVEA DEWHURST-MADDOX** qualified as a Licentiate of London's Royal Academy of Music and gained a teacher's diploma in singing from the Royal College of Music. She worked with the Sadler's Wells Opera for five years. She teaches on the healing powers of music and the human voice, and she is author of 'The Book of Sound Therapy'. Olivea will be speaking on 'The Healing Voice'.
- **DAVID HUW STEPHENS** is the Principle of the Tir Gaia Solar Village in Mid Wales. He is a consultant building scientist who has devised several practical Earth-rescue techniques with mind-boggling potential. Voter Voice, a new form of direct democracy which enables people's concern about the environment to penetrate parliament is another vital project. David will be speaking on 'Tools for Earth-Rescue'.
- **MICHAEL ROLL** is the founder of the Campaign for Philosophical Freedom and has campaigned vigorously for many years for the study of survival of death to be recognised as a legitimate branch of sub-atomic physics. Michael will be speaking on 'The Scientific and Rationaust Case for Life After Death'.
- **JILL HARLAND AND JANET PARKER** are both internationally renowned and respected Psychics and Spiritualist Mediums, and they will give a practical demonstration of the survival of consciousness after death as a complement to Michael Roll's scientific presentation.
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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
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Thank you for your letter dated 14 April 1997.

I can confirm that **AIR 2/16918** was in MOD's hands last year and was returned to the Public Record Office on the 9 November 1996.

I understand that the file was originally released, in 1994, in a sanitised form. It is established practice, when sanitising files, to ensure that pages thus affected are clearly identified, for example a photocopy of a page with sensitive information excluded would be marked "retained in department under Section 3(4)" or something very similar.

Following a change of policy in 1995 it was decided, in light of the Open Government initiative, our early concerns were no longer valid and previously excluded information could now be released. With the file already in the public domain the extracts were transferred to the PRO on 22 November 1995. Any subsequent action to re-establish extracted papers, either by re-inserting or attaching to the original file, rests with the PRO.

On the general question of extraction from files departments can remove papers for reasons of sensitivity prior to the opening of files. But once the file is open papers can not be removed, whatever the reason.

So far as your final question is concerned I regret that I can provide no further information as to what happened to the file after its arrival in the MOD.

I hope that you find the above information helpful.

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14.4.97

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for your help with my enquiries on the telephone this morning, your information will certainly help me in file requisitions in the future. *temp. loan - for official*

As per our telecon. I said that I would write to you as a formality to confirm some of the points raised in our conversation. *bonheur - I cannot comment further.*

1. Can you confirm that the file AIR 2/16918 which was in your departments hands temporarily, but as you stated - not held by you, in fact returned to the PRO in November 1996.
2. That although certain documents were removed from the file by some person, that all papers are now back in the file (we are quite sure this is the case anyhow because we have seen the file, although have not counted the pages. Most of the important material we are interested in is still there.)
3. That you are unable to tell me who in your department, or another department was the person to request the file. We wish to know exactly the movement of the file from the PRO to yourselves or another MOD department. We do not need to know names of officers involved in the requisitions - only departmental names.

Section 3 is the most important point. Obviously if you are subsequently allowed to tell us what was the interest in the file - and why it was requested this would be of interest to us, but is not essential.

Once I have received your reply I will keep you informed of our research work and will write to you to tell you what we have found.

Thank you once again for being so open and helpful - I do not receive such a warm response from some MOD departments.

Yours sincerely

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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date
18 December 1996

Section 40

Dear **Section 40**

1. Thank you for your letters to this office of 22 and 27 November - one addressed to me and two to my colleague **Section 40**
2. Perhaps it would help if I were to go into some detail about the HQ Provost and Security Service's role in the 'UFO' reporting process as certain members of the 'UFO' lobby continue to exaggerate and misrepresent this matter. I should first explain that RAF Rudloe Manor has been the home of the HQ Provost and Security Services (UK) since 1977; the Flying Complaints Flight (FCF), which is part of HQ P&SS (UK) was, until 1992, the central coordination/collection point for any 'UFO' reports made to RAF stations (from whatever source, ie. members of the public or generated by service personnel on duty). No action was taken on the reports by staff in the FCF, except to forward them to this office (Sec(AS)2a). Since 1992 they have not been involved in the central collection of 'UFO' reports, which are now forwarded directly to Sec(AS)2a by individual stations. The FCF is not and has never been involved in investigations into 'UFO' sightings. The extent of the FCF's involvement in the 'UFO' reporting process these days, in common with all other RAF stations, is to note down the details of any reports made in its local area and forward them to Sec(AS).
3. You asked me to describe the current function of the Air Defence experts in the MOD. As set out in the 1996 Statement on the Defence Estimates, Military Task 1.10 states that "*The integrity of British airspace in peacetime is maintained through a continuous Recognised Air Picture and air policing of the United Kingdom Air Defence Region*", which is the role of the Air Defenders. The Department's air defence staff officers are based in MOD HQ locations, Commands, Groups and RAF stations. Advice on the air defence aspects of "UFO" sightings is sought from a variety of sources.

4. In your letter to **Section 40** you enquired about documentation originating from the mid 60s. I can confirm that all surviving paperwork from over 30 years ago in relation to "UFOs" previously held by the MOD has now been transferred to the Public Records Office. With respect to the other queries made in your letter to **Section 40** I am afraid I am unable to help.

5. Finally, with respect to the "UFO" sighting report you made of 26 November to RAF St Athan, I can confirm that we are satisfied that no unauthorised incursion by of the UK Air Defence Region by foreign military aircraft occurred. As previously explained that is the Department's only interest in respect of "UFO" sighting reports.

Yours sincerely,

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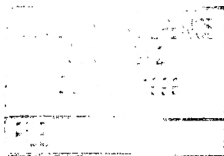
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Letter RE: Provost & Security Services
& Air Defence Experts



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Section 40

S/Sec (AS) 2a

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Room 8245

Whitehall

22.11.96

Dear Section 40

please can you let me if you know of any UFO investigations which are undertaken by the Provost & Security Service, either in the past or today.

Also I would be grateful if you can describe to me the current function of the Air Defence Experts as used by your department and who these people are. I have it on good authority that Air Defence Experts is the in-house term used for people such as Radar Experts and Aircraft Recognition staff etc... Can you please tell me where these staff work from.

Yours assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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RE: MOD Letter to Project Bluebook

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22.11.96

YOUR REF: AS/64/3

Dear Section 40

than you for your letter dated 19th Nov 96 which I received this morning. I note your point that it is a long time since 1965 to be able to track down who would have written the MOD letter to Project Bluebook. However can I ask, is it impossible because all records have been destroyed or are filed away at somewhere like the PRO? If they are at the PRO it might be worth me going around and seeing if I can find them.

Does the MOD have a personnel section which may be able to help - or a historical branch, as these departments can sometimes hold very basic details on personnel, as do military museums? Any ideas you may have on how to trace this person would be helpful.

Another track for me to follow might be to trace who has worked in the MOD in the role of AS2a prior to Nick Pope, back to DI55. Would it be possible for you to check if you have records who would have served in DI55.

A Mr Langton was mentioned in the MOD letter. This may serve as a starting point.

I am currently going to be contacting the Centre For UFO Studies (CUFOS) in the US to see if they have any further details at their end. Any suggestions you may have would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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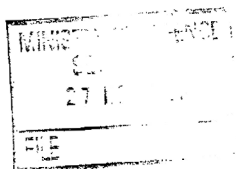
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UFO sighting report

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Airstaff 2a
MOD Whitehall
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27.11.96

Dear Section 40

I would like to report a sighting which was made by 2 witnesses and myself on the 26th Nov 1996 at 5.50pm. The location was the A4059 Penderyn, Pontbren road leading from Hirwaun to the Brecon Beacons. We were driving southwards on the descending part of the 4059 coming into Penderyn when we spotted a very bright set of lights. It was dark at the time.

The lights were bright red and flashing in a very high speed manner - faster than any aeroplane strobe lights and much brighter/larger (7-10hz approx.). The craft (whatever it was), was hovering about 200ft in the air and was clearly visible as being stationary. We lost sight of it behind the quarry hill as we descended. There were two main high speed strobes, with three or four lights to the left of the main strobes and two or so lights to the right of the main strobes. The whole affair was oblong in shape and only a very feint outline was visible.

All three witnesses - Section 40 of High Wycombe, Section 40 of Bricketts Wood and myself were astounded by the object. It was no small lights sighting. We all said immediately that what we were seeing was no helicopter as we estimated the size to be about 100ft across.

I am familiar with aircraft strobe lights after completion of the greater part of my private pilots licence. I realise that red lights could only mean military or police helicopter. I checked with Cardiff Air Traffic and they said that the police helicopter was in the Merthyr area that night (I have not had the times confirmed yet), not that I think this matters in relation to the lights and craft we saw as I feel fully qualified after seeing the police helicopter many times including at close quarters, that this was not the police helicopter. I know of no military helicopter this big!

If you receive any reports from Wales on this night can you please let me know. For your information - you may forward this report to any member of the public who wishes to see it - there are no restrictions on your giving out my letter, name and address details or telephone number.



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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/3
Date 19 November 1996

Dear **Section 40**,

1. Thank you for your letter dated 11 November 1996.
2. I am sorry but it is simply not possible after more than thirty years to answer your questions in relation to the correspondence enclosed with your letter. Similarly, I am unable to provide information about the civil servant who might have drafted the letter dated 24 June 1965.
3. The policy of the Ministry of Defence is to examine any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by a foreign hostile military aircraft.
4. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that down-to-earth explanations are available for most of the reports, such as aircraft seen from unusual angles or natural phenomena. It is my understanding that this policy has not changed in any way from that of the 1960s.
5. I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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11.11.96

Dear Section 40

further to our telephone conversation of a few weeks ago. I apologise for not having sent copies of these letters to you sooner. I would like your opinion on the letters in regard to their content and tone. I am particularly interested in the comment which was made by the MOD official (who has not signed the letter), that it is "Our policy to play down the subject of UFOs....".

My question is this, do the MOD civil servants follow standard civil service guidelines which state that civil servants will follow the instructions set out to them by government. If so then how could it have been in 1965 that they have decided to create their own policy in this matter?

Next can it be explained why in the 1960's the MOD seemed to be using such locally created policy to portray a different opinion to government in order to change "pressure" which may have been exerted upon MOD by government. Bear in mind that it is not the role, nor has it ever been the role, for the MOD to meddle in the affairs of politics. In fact it is forbidden.

The officer from the MOD is conspicuous in his signature absence on the letter. Can you please determine who the officer was who wrote this letter, or can you please check to see who he could have been back in 1965?

I would like to hear from you the current local or global policy within the MOD regarding the subject of UFOs re:

1. Do you play the subject down today.
2. Would the MOD consider fair, any actions by it's staff which prevent political pressure being raised against the MOD to answer questions on the subject of UFOs.

Yours sincerely

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Attached are:

2 photocopied letters

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Our reference:
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24 June 1965

Mr Langton has shown us your letter of the 15th June about Project Blue Book.

In the United Kingdom, the Air Force Department of the Ministry of Defence has the primary responsibility for investigating reports of UFOs., and the reasons for this allocation of responsibility are exactly the same as in your case.

We investigate every case reported to us, and we use every assistance, civilian as well as military, available to us to identify a particular object. For example, we have frequently used the resources of Kodak Ltd., to examine photographs, films and equipment submitted to us. We do not, however maintain a special scientific staff for this purpose. It is normally handled as part of the routine work of our Air Force Technical Intelligence department. Unlike you, however, we do investigate single-observer sightings. Our results over the years are in line with yours viz. in some 90% of cases investigated, we are able to make a positive, rational identification, in 10% we are unable to do so because of insufficient data, and in no case have we unearthed any evidence of extra-terrestrial origin.

Our policy is to play down the subject of UFOs and to avoid attaching undue attention or publicity to it. As a result, we have never had any serious political pressure to mount a large-scale investigation such as Project Blue Book. Indeed, the matter has been raised only once in Parliament in the last 5 or 6 years, and then only in a perfunctory way.

The specific answers to your questions are as follows:-

- a. No
- b. No
- c. Yes, a considerable number
- d. We investigate about 70 case a year but there are others which are not reported to us, although sometimes reported in the newspapers.

We should be delighted to discuss the matter with Dr Hynek when he comes to London and no doubt you will let us know in due course when he will be here.

Lieutenant Colonel John P. Spaulding,
Civil Branch,
Community Relations Division,
Office of Information,
Department of the Air Force,
Washington DC
U.S.A.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

JUN 15 1965

Dear Mr. Langton:

In keeping with the Air Force role for the air defense of our country, we are responsible for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) reported in the skies over the United States. The name of this program which is governed by Air Force Regulation 200-2 is Project Blue Book. A copy of the current report on this project and a copy of the regulation governing the program are attached for your information.

We are interested in obtaining the following information on British UFO activity:

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- a. Do you have a Government program comparable to our Project Blue Book?
 - b. If so, do you have a scientific consultant?
 - c. Are there civilian organizations in your country which are dedicated to the study of UFOs?
 - d. How much UFO activity do you have in your country?

Presumably less than U.S. probably due to lack of technology

The Air Force scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, Doctor J. Allen Hynek, is planning a trip to London in September. While he is there, he would like to discuss this subject with you.

Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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== by fax ==

Date
29 May 1997

PRESS ENQUIRY: MAIL ON SUNDAY - ALLEGED "UFO" INCIDENT INVOLVING AIRCRAFT FROM RAF MARHAM

1. The Mail on Sunday have approached the MOD Press Office requesting a statement on an alleged "UFO" incident involving aircraft from RAF Marham.
2. The journalist implied that on Mon 12 May 97 at 1945 hrs a radio enthusiast had heard evidence that a "something had been picked up on Eastern Radar(?)" in the "Pennine Air Corridor" which was subsequently closed for a couple of hours while Canberra aircraft from the "Tasmin formation" from RAF Marham investigated the contact.
3. I should be grateful if you would confirm whether aircraft from Marham were undertaking any general training activity in the area in question, and if so whether the crews could shed any light on what has prompted this enquiry.
4. I should be grateful for anything you can offer before the weekend.

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CEO Marham

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Records show no aircraft were flying out of RAF Marham on Mon 12 May in the evening. (Either Canberra or Tomado).

No other UFO reports received by MOD.

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Head of Sec (AS) - for information

This is DI (ST)'s response to my last round of questions about their intention to set up a computer database of "UFO" sightings. I was not aware that DSc(Air) had shown any interest at all in this business - we certainly have never heard from them! I do not propose to respond further.

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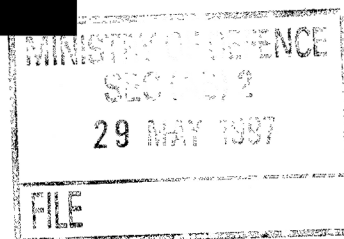
That is, I agree.

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Ref A: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 13 May 97.

1. Thank you for your minute and your observations.
2. UFO/UAP. I note that you will continue to use the term "UFO" and appreciate your logic. We prefer to use the term UAP internally to DI(ST) since I believe that it more accurately describes the topic.
3. DIS Interests. Your existing policy statement is already classified RESTRICTED - POLICY and I believe that this is adequate to cover my suggested minor amendment. In dealing with the public I would expect you to continue to use the expression "anything of defence significance".
4. Archive. By archive I meant your UFO report files since I assumed that you retain files to assist in answering questions from the public. My proposal was meant to indicate that once the database was established we would not retain any paper reports. I do not envisage that this practice would impose any additional work on your department.
5. Database/Customers. DSc(Air) TG 3 and 4 strongly support our proposed initiative. If DAO still have no interest in any data-basing of material then I will support the minor costs involved from within my own budget. I am still prepared to include any minor DAO requirements if they do not have a significant effect on



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6. I hope that my comments have assisted in your understanding of my intentions. I have no wish to "send the public a misleading message" and I will (as always in the DIS) take appropriate steps to ensure that the public do not become aware of this minor project.



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Ref A: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 13 May 97.

1. Thank you for your minute and your observations.
2. UFO/UAP. I note that you will continue to use the term "UFO" and appreciate your logic. We prefer to use the term UAP internally to DI(ST) since I believe that it more accurately describes the topic.
3. DIS Interests. Your existing policy statement is already classified RESTRICTED - POLICY and I believe that this is adequate to cover my suggested minor amendment. In dealing with the public I would expect you to continue to use the expression "anything of defence significance".
4. Archive. By archive I meant your UFO report files since I assumed that you retain files to assist in answering questions from the public. My proposal was meant to indicate that once the database was established we would not retain any paper reports. I do not envisage that this practice would impose any additional work on your department. *What is the advantage of converting from paper to a database? Surely entering it on a database would impose additional work?*
5. Database/Customers. DSc(Air) TG 3 and 4 strongly support our proposed initiative. If DAO still have no interest in any data-basing of material then I will support the minor costs involved from within my own budget. I am still prepared to include any minor DAO requirements if they do not have a significant effect on

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To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

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Ref: 297

From: Hd of CS(RM)1

Auth by:

Subject: UFO DATABASE OF FILES SELECTED FOR PERMANENT PRESERVATION IN THE
PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

Text: Section 40 updated listing of 76 files selected for PERMANENT
preservation in the PRO.

Regards Section 40

PS I heard Section 40 on Radio 4 last Saturday.

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the files due for release in 1998

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**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - FILES PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD
OFFICE TOGETHER WITH SCHEDULED RELEASE DATES - AS AT 27 MAY 1997**

Already open - 12

To be released:

1998	-	10	
1999	-	14	
2000	-	13	
2001	-	11	
2002	-	2	
2003	-	14	(1 awaiting assignment to AIR 2)

Total - 76

AIR 2

16918	1961-63	UFO's: sightings; reports by members of the public	AF/X59/64 Pt 5
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[Open - Note file originally released in a sanitised
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17318	1963	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 6
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17526	1964	UFO files	AF/X59/64 Pt 7
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17527	1965	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 8
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17982	1965-66	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 9
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17983	1966	ditto	AF/X59/64 Pt 10
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[To be released 1997]

17984	1966-67	ditto	AF/X59/64
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18115 1967 Unidentified flying objects: AF/CX38/67
reports Pt 1

[To be released 1998]

18116 1967 ditto AF/CX38/67
Pt 2

[To be released 1998]

18117 1967-68 ditto AF/CX38/67
Pt 3

[To be released 1999]

18183 1968-69 Unidentified flying objects AF/7463/72
Pt 2

[To be released 2000]

18564 1957-71 UFO Reports: West Freugh 1957

[To be released 2002]

18565 1970-71 UFO Reports

[To be released 2002]

TBA April 1972 UFO's 10/45/120

[Awaiting allocation of piece no.]

To be released 2003]

AIR 16

1199 1952 Sept Flying saucers: occurrence I1H1/188/1/17
reports: service personnel
at Topcliffe station, Thirsk
and local public sector

[Open]

AIR 20

7390 1950-54 Unidentified aircraft II/127/3/48
(flying objects): reports

[Open]

9320 1957 Parliamentary question on MR 008614/193
UFO's

[Open]

9321 1957 ditto MR 008614/213

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9322	1957	ditto	MR 008614/220
	[Open]		
9994	1953-57	Reports on aerial phenomena	IIH/273/10/4
	[Open]		
11612	1967-68	Unidentified flying objects	MR 073414
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11694	1968 Jan	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)512
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11695	1968 Feb	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)513
	[To be released 1999]		
11696	1968 Dec	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)523
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11887	1967 Aug	ditto	AF/S4f(Air)507
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12304 1970 Sept ditto AF/S4f(AIR)544
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ID/48/102

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12306 1970 Nov ditto AF/S4f(AIR)546
ID/48/103

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12399 1971-72 UFO reports ID/47/274 Pt 4

12400 1972 Jan ditto ID/48/117

12401 1972 Feb ditto ID/48/118

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12403 1972 April ditto ID/48/120

12404 1972 May ditto ID/48/121

12405 1972 June ditto ID/48/122

12406 1972 July ditto ID/48/123

12407 1972 Aug ditto ID/48/124

12408 1972 Sept ditto ID/48/125

12409 1972 Oct ditto ID/48/126

12410 1972 Nov ditto ID/48/127

12411 1971 Dec ditto ID/48/128

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1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

Reference : D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19 May 97

1. Thank you for staffing yet another "UFO Spotting" request. Despite sharing your instinctive wish to do all we can now to quell a prospective tide of enquiries which may follow the planned TV programme, I think there is little we can prevent. Gp Capt [Section 40] was a member of the DIS and there are plenty of precedents for former members of our organisation declaring themselves as such on TV and radio. Although the details [Section 40] has already given to the production team would normally constitute classified information, this would be for his own personal protection and ultimately he can waive that consideration.

2. I would suggest that he is formally reminded of his obligations under the Official Secrets Act. Beyond that I would hesitate from providing him with any other formal guidance in case it contributed to any confusion about the capacity in which he was speaking. If he appears on the programme it should be in his own personal capacity and not on behalf of MOD. However DI ST would be willing to give him informal guidance if he wishes to clarify which aspects of his work in 1967/8 still remain sensitive.

3. I believe the PQ response in 1966 was correct and also reflected the situation when I worked in DI ST in the late 1970s.

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References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19 May 97.

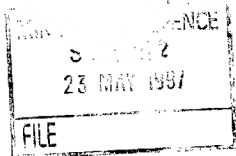
1. At Reference A you wrote on the 67 hoax and posed several questions. My first reaction was that a book/tv programme on a 30 year old non-event may not prove very popular. Is there a hidden agenda, or is my intelligence paranoia level higher than normal!

2. Grp Capt Section 40 is known to me and I rang him yesterday to discuss the event and some other matters. In general I agree with the comments in Reference B. In response to your specific questions:

a. UFO "Investigations" in 67/8. My understanding is that Grp Capt Section 40 arrived in the DIS shortly after an internal reorganisation and that his primary task was electronic and EW assessment and analysis. However, as a sideline/secondary duty he had UFOs. Much the same arrangement as currently exists in DI 55. There was no formal assessment and investigation in the normally accepted meaning of the words. If a report was received that had air defence implications then it was read and discussed. What is interesting is that he told me that prior to his arrival there was apparently some full time work but the individual involved was killed in an aircraft crash shortly after he left the DIS. We have no record of this time because we no longer have the files from that era. I will be meeting with Section 40 in June to debrief him on his memories.

b. Participation of Section 40 in Programme. Since Section 40

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has already communicated with the company any attempt to prevent participation would result in further "evidence" for those who ascribe to the conspiracy theory of life or who watch "Dark Skies". In any event, describing his examination of a hoax saucer is not classified! What he must avoid is:

- i. Being led into discussion of DIS responsibilities/activities.
 - ii. Discussions on normal use of any equipment he used at Bromley. (In their original letter Caplan Wilkie mentioned the Ministry wanted to use portable X-ray equipment.)
 - iii. Discussions of UFO work prior to his time in the DIS. Since we have no records of that period it could be embarrassing and add weight to the conspiracy theory.
 - iv. Discussions of his primary tasks in the DIS.
 - v. Discussions of any current contacts with the DIS.
 - vi. Not speculate on current policy.
- c. Speaking Role. Subject to the above, I am happy for Grp Capt [Section 40] to participate in a speaking role. If we can not trust mature retired ex-DIS senior officers we are in a bad way! There is no reason why he can not state MOD has agreed to his appearance, but he is speaking in a private capacity as an individual.
- d. [Section 40] did not discuss [Section 40] with [Section 40] but there is no reason why you should not discuss this with him. In any event I will cover it in June.
- e. CS(RM) Material. I agree that we should vet the trawled material prior to release.

3. I believe it right that you lead on this issue.

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Wg Cdr (ret'd)

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References:

A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 19 May 1997

B. D/AHB(RAF)8/10 dated 20 May 1997

1. References A and B were passed to me by DDSy(Pol)3 for comment from the release of information policy aspect.

2. I concur with Hd of AHB(RAF) in his response at Reference B. Provided Gp Capt (Ret'd) **Section 40** is fully briefed on the areas he can safely talk about, I see no problem. Ideally it would be helpful if Caplan Wilkie Films could provide Gp Capt (Ret'd) **Section 40** with an advanced outline of the type of questions they wish to ask him. You could then assess whether or not there would be any potential pitfalls that Gp Capt (Ret'd) **Section 40** should avoid. However, this would not guarantee that "last minute" questions would not be inserted by the company.

3. Finally, you may also like to discuss this matter with Sec DPBAC. He has a good rapport with most publishers, TV companies etc and may be able to offer further useful advice regarding the handling of this matter.

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From: DSy(Pol)2b

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Subject: 1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

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1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 LM dated 19 May 97

1. Thank you for sight of your minute at Reference discussing MOD's reaction to the approaches from Caplan Wilkie TV. My own view is that we are in danger of overreacting and making the Department look very foolish.
2. It seems to me most unwise to refuse permission for a retired RAF officer to appear on a programme which is dealing with an admitted UFO hoax, and one which took place thirty years ago. This at a time when the Department has cleared one of its own officials, who vacated the relevant Sec(AS) desk very recently, to write and promote two books on the subject of UFOs. I believe we will deservedly become a laughing stock and further fuel the paranoia and suspicions already rampant "out there" about cover-ups, X-files, etc. etc.
3. I believe concern about Gp Capt Section 40 being drawn on wider DIS matters and today's UFO policy is misplaced. He can be briefed to say that he only dealt with UFOs in 1967-68, has no idea what current policy is, and will not talk about other areas of his work. Surely he is old enough and wise enough to handle that, and will I am sure make a far more positive contribution on MOD's behalf than is currently being made by Section 40 therefore see no reason why he should not appear. If he is advised not to appear we will be accused of a "cover-up" when the incident is an admitted hoax, and will thereby miss a golden opportunity to correct some of the nonsense which is circulating at the moment - much of it regrettably being perpetuated by Section 40.
4. On the more specific points at Ref I think CS(RM)1's proposal to trawl the files is a sensible one. I have also tried to establish whether DI 61e were responsible for UFO investigations c.1967. Unfortunately, the oldest MOD Directory we hold is amended up to 1971. However, I can confirm that in 1963 Air

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Intelligence Tech 5b dealt with non-Soviet electronics and UFOs, and that in 1971 DI 61e dealt with non-Sino Soviet aircraft and electronic systems. UFOs were therefore definitely the province of the Tech Int air world in the early 1960s, and the posts of AI Tech 5b and DI 61e do, at different times, seem to have covered similar areas of responsibility.

5. The only Wg Cdr Section 40 can trace is a retired engineer, who was commissioned in 1960 and left the service in 1979. As he is presumably receiving a pension Innsworth would be able to provide a current address. He has not approached PCB(Air) to write or speak.

6. I hope this helps.

[Signed and sent by CHOTS]

Section 40
 Head of AHB(RAF) & PCB(Air)
 GSY3.11 Section 40
 CHOTS: Hd of AHB(RAF)
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Head of Sec(AS)

1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

1. Gp Capt **Section 40** (Retd) rang me last week to say that he had been approached by a company making a film about a flying saucer hoax and that he wanted to take part to 'set the record straight'. He said that he had been the MOD investigator at the time (1967), was still obliged to abide by the Official Secrets Act and was separately requesting official permission to participate. He was ringing me, he said, to ask if I would be interested in a copy of his letter - Enclosure 1.

2. In the few days it has taken for the letter to arrive, the film company (Caplan Wilkie Film and Television) have separately approached CS(RM) seeking access to material not yet released to the Public Record Office - Enclosure 2. On the face of it I think we can expect some sort of TV programme at the time of the 30th anniversary of the event (4th September); Gp Capt **Section 40** implied that he would be more than willing to be interviewed.

3. I suggest it would be helpful if the various strands of this issue were considered as a whole rather than in isolation, particularly given the need to consider the Department's position in respect of 'UFO' matters. Unless anyone else is keen to lead, I think it falls to Sec(AS) to do so and I should therefore be grateful for advice from addressees on the following points:

- a. **Section 40** says that he was investigating and analysing "UFO" sighting reports in 1967/68.

Was DSTI/DI(AI)61e actively investigating "UFO" reports at that time as claimed? The answer to a PQ of 22nd

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June 1966 (Enclosure 3) says that other than air defence implications, no further study was carried out at that time, so what if anything changed during the next twelve months other than Section 40 arriving in post?

b. Section 40 suggested Caplan Wilkie Films had made overtures to him and that he was writing to them to say that he was seeking advice on whether he might participate. He did not say that he was intending to send his CV or say what his "UFO" role had been.

Are there any specific reasons why Gp Capt Section 40 should be advised that he may not participate in the programme?

c. Section 40 feels that he is uniquely placed to deal with this issue.

If we are content that he is allowed to participate, should this be limited to written answers only (and cleared by MOD in advance)? Can we go further and allow him to speak? I believe this could be fraught with difficulties, not least that he could find himself drawn into wider areas of questioning, possibly including wider DI activities, and that by appearing with MOD approval, it would imply he is an MOD spokesperson.

d. Section 40 mentions that a 'colleague' (Wg Cdr Section 40) has also provided some information. This might simply be to the effect that Section 40 was the desk officer concerned with "UFOs", or it could be that Section 40 has said more (he is also mentioned in the Caplan Wilkie letter to CS(RM)).

Who was Wg Cdr Section 40 and has he made any approaches for clearance to say or do anything?

e. The material requested from CS(RM) is still held under the Public Record Act and it is Government policy not to allow privilege access. It would set a precedent if we did so. Under the Citizen's Charter Code of Practice we should aim to be as helpful as possible.

CS(RM) suggest that they should trawl the closed files providing Caplan Wilkie with written answers to their questions (draft reply at Enclosure 4). I believe this is a sensible way forward in that we could make sure, before any information is released, that there are no hostages to fortune in what is proposed. Are addressees content with this line?

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4. Finally, there may be other points that I have not drawn attention to that also need to be addressed and I should appreciate advice on any that come to mind.

5. We need to respond both to Gp Capt [redacted] and Caplan Wilkie and I should therefore be grateful for comments (and nil returns) please by Wednesday 28th May.

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ENCLOSURE 1

From:

Gp Capt

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I don't think from
Secretary would want to
be involved with this.

Could you please

advise. (A)

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Tel: Section 40

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Reference: WAT/UFO.3

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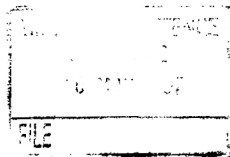
(A) we plan to take (Asst) for action.

THE 1967 FARNBOROUGH FLYING SAUCER HOAX

1. In the April 1997 issue of the Royal Aeronautical Society news letter, Society People & Business, the senior producer/director of Caplan Wilkie Film and Television seeks assistance with his research into an "UFO" hoax perpetrated by Farnborough students in September 1967. A copy of his letter is at enclosure 1.

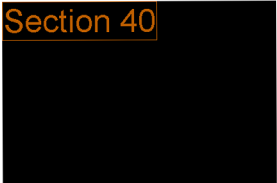
2. At the time of the hoax, the appointment responsible for investigating all UFO sightings in UK Airspace and which were reported to MOD was the incumbent of the post DI (AI) 61e within the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence. I served in that post between 1967 and 1968, and was the last technical intelligence officer to be solely responsible for UFO analysis before the task was transferred to the Defence Secretariat.

3. The hoax was cleverly executed and seems destined to feature in a future television film and so deserves and needs to be accurately recorded. I can help to achieve such an objective - given that I was the MOD investigating officer who attended Bromley Police Station to examine Saucer 2.



4. So today, I contacted [Section 40] Caplan Wilkie Film and Television - who had already learnt from his research activities something of my involvement in the hoax - to offer an input on the veracity of any releasable details of the hoax. This is to be on the basis that my contribution would most likely be largely based on answers to written questions and subject, where required, to MOD approval. I later followed up this offer with a letter to that effect. A copy of this is at enclosure 2.

[Section 40]



- Enclosures:
1. R Ae Soc Society People & Business April 1997
 2. [Section 40] letter to [Section 40] dated 13 May 97

Action

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Enclosure 1



Phil Condit (centre), chairman and chief executive of Boeing, pictured with president, Professor John Green, and past president, Sir Donald Spiers, receiving his Honorary Fellowship.

Requesting information...

I am writing in the hope that members of the Royal Aeronautical Society may be able to assist with a project I am researching. The project concerns an elaborate hoax perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment and students from Farnborough Technical College in 1967.

On Monday 4 September of that year, six small 'Flying Saucers' were discovered in locations across Southern England from Sheppey to the Bristol Channel.

National and local press accounts suggest the hoax was uncovered when Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers opened one of the objects at Bromley Police Station, Kent. Up until that point the unusual objects were the cause of legitimate concern and investigations by a number of Government agencies and Armed Forces including the MoD, Ministry of Technology, Air Ministry, Royal Air Force and Army Southern Command.

In order to produce an accurate chronicle of the events I would be extremely grateful for any assistance in tracing individuals who were involved in any capacity. To that end I have listed the available details from the media with some specific questions:

Saucer 1. Location: Wasteground, Hillsdale Avenue, Rushingden, Queenborough, Sheppey, Kent.
Discovery reported to PC John Tomsett. Police 'cordon off' area. Helicopter dispatched from RAF Manston with bomb disposal/fire brigade expert [press variations] on board to collect saucer. Who was on board that helicopter? Object checked with a 'survey meter' before being flown to Manston. What happened to saucer after it arrived at Manston?

Saucer 2. Location: Sundridge Park Golf Course, Bromley, Kent.

Discovery reported to PC Gordon Hampton and 'saucer' transported to Bromley Police Station. Superintendent S.R. Sheppard contacts Scotland Yard bomb disposal squad and reports find to the Air Ministry. Ministry want to check object with portable X-ray equipment. Bomb disposal squad open saucer before Air Ministry 'boffins' [press description] arrive. Press reports suggest the MoD sent a 'Senior Engineer' from Whitehall to Bromley. Reports also quote un-named MoD and RAF spokesmen. Who were the Air Ministry 'boffins'? Who was the 'Senior Engineer'? Who was the RAF spokesman? Who could they have been?

Saucer 3. Location: Winkfield Plains, Winkfield, near Ascot, Berks.

Discovery first reported to Mr Roger Kenyon, engineer at the Winkfield Satellite Tracking Station. Under whose jurisdiction did the station belong? Does it still exist? Does anyone know the whereabouts of Roger Kenyon?

Saucer 4. Location: Easton, Welford, between Hungerford & Newbury, Berks.

Discovered by a postwoman on her rounds. Hungerford PC James Hennessey told press the saucer was transported to Newbury Police Station.

Press reports state the object was photographed by American Air Force Police from 'a nearby RAF station'. The nearest that appears to fit the criterion is RAF Greenham Common.

Press reports state the contents of the Saucers were later examined by 'Home Office scientists at Aldermaston'. Who transported the saucer to

We announce with regret the death of the following members

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Bryan Arthur Chapple, Technician RAeS, 65
Cyril Lano Dodd, MRAeS, 73
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Harry Zeffer, FRAeS, 83

Aldermaston? Who conducted the examination?

Saucer 5. Location: Elm Tree Farm, Queensbridge, Chippenham, Wilts. Discovered by farmer Roger Jennings. Reported to Chippenham Police who stopped traffic on road adjacent to field. The Saucer was examined by Flying Officer David Pepper from RAF Colerne. Captain Fred Cantrell of Army Southern Command at Salisbury was dispatched to the site.

Cantrell transported the Saucer to a Corporation rubbish tip on the outskirts of Chippenham where it was opened with two controlled explosions.

The remnants of the saucer were placed in the custody of Chief Inspector Frank Dunnett [press spelling] at Chippenham Police Station.

Saucer 6. Location: Dial Hill, Clevedon, near Bristol, North Somerset.

Discovered by schoolboy on paper rounds. Reported to Clevedon Police Sergeant John Durston. Examined by Mr Greville Beale, Chief Designer of the Guided Weapons Division at the British Aircraft Corporation.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mr Beale?

Saucer was subsequently opened by two local engineers.

Any information, however seemingly trivial, will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted on 0171-287 8080, or at home on 01621 891520. I thank the RAeS for publishing the letter and hope it jogs someone's memory.

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Enclosure 2

Section 40

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13th May 1997

THE 1967 FARNBOROUGH FLYING SAUCER HOAX

I telephoned today in response to your plea, through the Royal Aeronautical Society, for help with researching the subject hoax. I told you that I should be able to contribute to your research as investigations of UFO sightings were one of my MOD duties at that time, and I was one of those who visited Bromley Police Station. I also advised you however that the extent of my support might be somewhat circumscribed by any concomitant requirements of the Official Secrets Act that MOD decide to impose. Meanwhile I am now taking the first steps to warn MOD of my involvement.

As promised I have enclosed a copy of my RAF Service Appointments which will serve to substantiate the information already provided by Section 40, an erstwhile colleague.

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Enclosure:

Career Record of RAF Service Appointments

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UNIT/DATE	APPOINTMENT/RANK	DUTIES
MOD Central Staff Chief Scientific Adviser's Staff Aug 87-Jul 93	THE UK MOD Participation Office " US Strategic Defense Initiative " Deputy Director Gp Capt	UK Director and Project Manager of bilateral UK/US ballistic missile defence feasibility studies; Military member of UK BMD Systems Design Team. Air Systems Staff surrogate responsibility for missile defence operational concepts and requirements
MOD Defence Staff Air Staff Jan 85-Aug 87	Operational Requirements OR 61(Air) Head of Branch Wg Cdr	Defining the performance requirements and operational concepts for communications, identification and data link systems for aircraft operations. Integration of Reported Air and Surface Picture data into the IUKADGE data base
HQ RAF Germany Jan 82-Jan 85	Mechanical Engineering Air Engineering 2 Wg Cdr Deputy/Acting Command Electrical Engineer Wg Cdr	Assessing airworthiness and reliability of Germany-based Phantom, Chinook and Puma aircraft. Delegated Engineering Authority for Pembroke aircraft. Member of RAF Germany Tactical Evaluation Team Management of special signal, communication and photographic facilities
RAF MARIAM Jan 80-Jan 82 1 Gp Strike Command	OC Engineering Wing Wg Cdr	Provision and management of human and engineering resources to support a major military UK air-base operating Canberra, Victor AAR, and later Tornado aircraft
HQ 1 Gp Aug 77-Jan 80 Strike Command	Gp Electrical Engineer Wg Cdr	Assessing airworthiness and reliability of aircraft and support facilities and evaluating the effectiveness of maintenance procedures and operations at No 1 Gp air bases and units. Member of HQ STC Tactical Evaluation Team
HQ MOD Procurement Executive Jul 75-Aug 77	Project Manager Sqn Ldr	Developing, flight testing and procuring ECM equipment for Jaguar and Tornado
RAF BRAWDY Tactical Weapons Unit Sep 74-Jul 75 11 Group Strike Command	OC Engineering Support Sqn Ldr	Provision and management of electrical, mechanical and armament aircraft servicing facilities for Hunter, Meteor, Jet Provost; maintenance of airfield navigation and landing aids; operation and maintenance of station communications and mechanical transport

RAF BRAWDY/ RNAS GOLDCREST Jun 73-Aug 74 11 Group Strike Command	Senior Engineer Officer Sqn Ldr	Planning, preparing for and installing the unit engineering facilities to support the redeployment of the Chivenor OCU as the Tactical Weapons Unit to Brawdy. Support of 22 Sqn S&R Whirlwind helicopter detachment
HQ Allied Forces Northern Europe Air Staff Dec 70-Jun 73	Operations Branch Electronic Warfare and Radar Intelligence Head of Branch Sqn Ldr	Operational evaluation and effectiveness and technical efficiency assessments of NATO assigned units in Northern Region. AFNORTH representative on NATO EW Operational Requirements Team. Northern Region Tactical Evaluation Team. Surveillance radar information evaluation.
MOD AMSO Staff Air Force Department Jun 68-Dec 70	Elec Engineer Staff Sqn Ldr	Engineering Authority for in-service avionics, missile control systems and reconnaissance equipment and aircraft pods. Technical Project Leader for RAF and RN Phantom aircraft
MOD Intelligence Staff Scientific & Technical Intelligence Staff Jul 61-Jun 68	Technical Intelligence (Air) DSTI/DI (AI) 61e Flt Lt	Technical analysis and research studies; electronic and electronic warfare capabilities and requirements. Investigation and analysis of all sightings reported to MOD of UFOs in UK Airspace.
RAF SCAMPTON Jan 65-Jul 67 Bomber Command	Aircraft Engineering Flight Line Operations Flt Lt	Squadron Engineering Officer; 27, 83, 617 Sgns Vulcan B Mk 2 (Blue Steel) MBF Nuclear Strike Force
RAF SCAMPTON Apr 64-Dec 64 Bomber Command	OC Air Radio & ECM Servicing Flight Flt Lt	Preparation and management of 1st/2nd servicing facilities: Vulcan B Mk 2 (Blue Steel)
RAF SALT PANS Apr 62-Apr 64 Middle East Command	Communications Commanding Officer Flying Officer	Total site management of HF/VHF receiving and special signals/telecommunications station and associated aerial farms
RAF BENSON Jan 60-Apr 62 Transport Command	OC Air/Ground Radio and Communications Servicing Pilot/ Flying Officer	Provision and management of 1st/2nd avionics servicing facilities: Canberra; Hunter; Meteor; Argosy aircraft. Maintenance of airfield communications and radar aids

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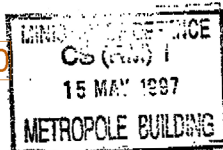
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Our reference
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 Date
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Dear

Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 1997 with regard to the hoax perpetrated by RAE apprentices and students of Farnborough Technical College on 4 September 1967.

I am afraid that the records held by the Air Historical Branch do not shed any further light on the events surrounding this (obviously very successful) practical joke. Documents relating to the RAF response to this hoax may now be lodged at the Public Record Office (PRO): I would recommend that you consult in the first instance classes AIR2 (Air Ministry: Registered Files) and AIR20 (Air Ministry: Unregistered Files). Unfortunately, these are very large classes! A brief review of the class lists suggest that the following may be of interest:

AIR2 18115-17 Unidentified flying objects: reports, 1967 (18115-6) and 1967-8 (18117)

AIR20 11888 Unidentified flying objects, September 1967.

No reference is made to 'Flying Saucers' 1 and 5 in the RAF Form 540 Operations Record Books (station diaries) of RAF Manston and RAF Colerne. The helicopter despatched from Manston in connection with Saucer 1 is likely to have been a Westland Whirlwind of D Flight, No 22 Squadron - then based at Manston on Search and Rescue (SAR) duties; the Operations Record Book entry compiled by this unit for September 1967 is held by the Public Record Office under the references AIR27 3039 and 3040.

On cross-referencing The Royal Air Force Retired List, 1996 with copies of the Royal Air Force List for the period in question, I believe that the 'Flight Officer Section 40' called upon to examine Saucer 5 was actually Flying Officer Section 40, service number Section 40. These sources indicate that Section 40 was born on Section 40 and commissioned into the Engineering Branch with the rank of Pilot Officer on 2 February 1965. Subsequently, this officer was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on 2 August 1965, to Flight Lieutenant on 28 November 1969 and to Squadron Leader on 1 July 1976. Squadron Leader Section 40 Section 40 retired from the RAF on 2 February 1987.

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As you will note, Squadron Leader [Section 40] is currently a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society; this body may be able to help you in your attempts to contact him. Enquiries relating to the USAF personnel that photographed Saucer 4 might best be directed to the US sources. The USAF Historical Research Agency may be able to assist you, or advise you as to an agency that can; the address of the agency is given below. As [Section 40] was an employee of the British Aircraft Corporation at the time he examined Saucer 6, the successor to that company - British Aerospace - may be able to guide you; moreover, [Section 40] is also likely to be a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

I hope that the above provides some pointers for further research, and am sorry that I am unable to provide a more precise response to your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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30 January 1997

Dear Sirs,

An extremely helpful lady on the MOD Public Information switchboard suggested that your department may be able to assist with a project I am researching.

The project, a proposed book and/or TV documentary, concerns an elaborate hoax perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment (Farnborough) and students from Farnborough Technical College in 1967.

On 4th September of that year, six small 'Flying Saucers' were discovered in locations across Southern England from Sheppey to the Bristol Channel.

National and local press accounts suggest the hoax was uncovered when Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers opened one of the objects at Bromley Police Station, Kent. Up until that point the unusual objects were the cause of legitimate concern and investigations by a number of Government agencies and Armed Forces including:

Ministry of Defence
Ministry of Technology
Air Ministry
Royal Air Force
RAF Colerne
RAF Manston
RAF Greenham Common
Army Southern Command bomb disposal experts
Winkfield Satellite Tracking Station, Berks.
Home Office scientists at Aldermaston
Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

In order to produce an accurate chronicle of the events I would be extremely grateful for any assistance you can offer in tracing reports, documentation and personnel involved. To help facilitate that I have listed the available details from the media with some specific questions:

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Discovery reported to PC [Section 40] Police 'cordon off' area.
Helicopter dispatched from RAF Manston with bomb disposal/fire brigade expert [press variations] on board to collect saucer.
Object checked with a 'survey meter' before being flown to Manston.

Details of flight, flight crew and any other personnel?

Saucer 2.

Location: Sundridge Park Golf Course, Bromley, Kent.

Discovery reported to PC [Section 40] [press variations].
Saucer transported to Bromley Police Station. Superintendent [Section 40] contacts
Scotland Yard bomb disposal squad and reports find to the Air Ministry. Ministry want to
check object with portable X-ray equipment. Bomb disposal squad open saucer before Air
Ministry 'boffins' [press description] arrive.

Details of bomb disposal team and Air Ministry team?

Press reports suggest the MOD sent a 'Senior Engineer' from Whitehall to Bromley. Reports
also quote un-named MOD and RAF spokesmen.

Who were they? Who could they have been?

An ITN news reporter interviewed an un-named 'Forensic lab' man.

Saucer 3.

Location: Winkfield Plains, Winkfield, near Ascot, Berks.

Discovery first reported to [Section 40] engineer at the Winkfield Satellite Tracking
Station.

Under whose jurisdiction did the station belong? Does it still exist? How can I attempt to trace

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Saucer 4.

Location: Easton, Welford, between Hungerford & Newbury, Berks.

Discovered by a postwoman on her rounds. Hungerford PC [redacted] told press the saucer was transported to Newbury Police Station. Section 40

Press reports state the object was photographed by American Air Force Police from 'a nearby RAF station'. The nearest that appears to fit the criterion is RAF Greenham Common.

Can you confirm that was the case? If not, where did the USAF personnel originate from and how can I attempt to trace them?

Press reports state the contents of the Saucer were later examined by 'Home office scientists at Aldermaston'.

Who transported the saucer to Aldermaston? Who conducted the examination?

Saucer 5.

Location: [redacted] Queensbridge, Chippenham, Wilts. Section 40

Discovered by farmer [redacted] Reported to Chippenham Police who stopped traffic on road adjacent to field. The Saucer was examined by Flight Officer [redacted] from RAF Colerne. Section 40

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Saucer 6.

Location: Dial Hill, Clevedon, near Bristol, Avon.

Discovered by schoolboy on paper rounds. Reported to Clevedon Police Sergeant [redacted] Section 40
[redacted] examined by [redacted] Chief Designer of the Guided Weapons Division at the British Aircraft Corporation. Section 40

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Subsequently opened by two local engineers.

Any assistance and/or further avenues of investigation you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
Senior Producer Director

File - X59/6

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ENCLOSURE 3

Sir J. Langford-Holt asked the Secretary of State for Defence what estimate he has made as to the value, courses and origins of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects as well as of the objects themselves.

Mr. Merlyn Rees: Reports are examined at their face value in the light of their possible air defence implications, and we do not carry our study beyond this point. No defence implications have been found.

ENCLOSURE 4

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Date
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D R A F T

Thank you for your letter dated 14 May 1997 concerning a number of closed files you believe are relevant to your research into a series of incidents involving hoax "flying saucers" allegedly perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough and students from Farnborough Technical College in September 1967.

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Although I am unable to agree to access to these closed files the Code of Practice may allow me to provide you with information relevant to your area of research assuming that such information has survived the passage of time.

It will take a few weeks to requisition the files you have identified from the Public Record Office but I hope to be in a position to write to you again towards the end of June.

One final point, you may wish to note from the summary of your research to date it would appear incidents 3, 4 and 6 have no MOD (including RAF/Army) involvement.

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1967 FLYING SAUCER HOAX

1. Gp Capt **Section 40** rang me last week to say that he had been approached by a company making a film about a flying saucer hoax and that he wanted to take part to 'set the record straight'. He said that he had been the MOD investigator at the time (1967), was still obliged to abide by the Official Secrets Act and was separately requesting official permission to participate. He was ringing me, he said, to ask if I would be interested in a copy of his letter - Enclosure 1.

2. In the few days it has taken for the letter to arrive, the film company (Caplan Wilkie Film and Television) have separately approached CS(RM) seeking access to material not yet released to the Public Record Office - Enclosure 2. On the face of it I think we can expect some sort of TV programme at the time of the 30th anniversary of the event (4th September); Gp Capt **Section 40** implied that he would be more than willing to be interviewed.

3. I suggest it would be helpful if the various strands of this issue were considered as a whole rather than in isolation, particularly given the need to consider the Department's position in respect of 'UFO' matters. Unless anyone else is keen to lead, I think it falls to Sec(AS) to do so and I should therefore be grateful for advice from addressees on the following points:

- a. **Section 40** says that he was investigating and analysing "UFO" sighting reports in 1967/68.

Was DSTI/DI(AI)61e actively investigating "UFO" reports at that time as claimed? The answer to a PQ of 22nd

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June 1966 (Enclosure 3) says that other than air defence implications, no further study was carried out at that time, so what if anything changed during the next twelve months other than arriving in post?

- b. [Section 40] suggested Caplan Wilkie Films had made overtures to him and that he was writing to them to say that he was seeking advice on whether he might participate. He did not say that he was intending to send his CV or say what his "UFO" role had been.

Are there any specific reasons why Gp Capt [Section 40] should be advised that he may not participate in the programme?

- c. [Section 40] feels that he is uniquely placed to deal with this issue.

If we are content that he is allowed to participate, should this be limited to written answers only (and cleared by MOD in advance)? Can we go further and allow him to speak? I believe this could be fraught with difficulties, not least that he could find himself drawn into wider areas of questioning, possibly including wider DI activities, and that by appearing with MOD approval, it would imply he is an MOD spokesperson.

- d. [Section 40] mentions that a 'colleague' (Wg Cdr [Section 40]) has also provided some information. This might simply be to the effect that [Section 40] was the desk officer concerned with "UFOs", or it could be that [Section 40] said more (he is also mentioned in the Caplan Wilkie letter to CS(RM)).

Who was Wg Cdr [Section 40] and has he made any approaches for clearance to say or do anything?

- e. The material requested from CS(RM) is still held under the Public Record Act and it is Government policy not to allow privilege access. It would set a precedent if we did so. Under the Citizen's Charter Code of Practice we should aim to be as helpful as possible.

CS(RM) suggest that they should trawl the closed files providing Caplan Wilkie with written answers to their questions (draft reply at Enclosure 4). I believe this is a sensible way forward in that we could make sure, before any information is released, that there are no hostages to fortune in what is proposed. Are addressees content with this line?

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4. Finally, there may be other points that I have not drawn attention to that also need to be addressed and I should appreciate advice on any that come to mind.

5. We need to respond both to Gp Capt [redacted] and Caplan Wilkie and I should therefore be grateful for comments (and nil returns) please by Wednesday 28th May.

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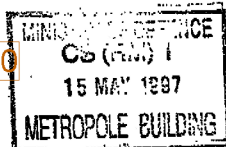
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Spoke to **Section 40**

- **Section 40** grants access to material still held under Public Record Act.
- Govs Policy not to permit privileged access
- Only could if they applied to Lord Chancellor.
Sets precedent if we do.
- As **Section 40** does documents in particular under Code of Practice
MOP should be prepared to find docs and answer any specific questions posed.
- Only do this if **Section 40** signs form saying if work takes longer etc a few hours they will pay for it.



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 Captain Wilkie
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Our reference
 D/AHB(RAF)/7/17
 Date
 4 February 1997

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 1997 with regard to the hoax perpetrated by RAF apprentices and students of Farnborough Technical College on 4 September 1967.

I am afraid that the records held by the Air Historical Branch do not shed any further light on the events surrounding this (obviously very successful) practical joke. Documents relating to the RAF response to this hoax may now be lodged at the Public Record Office (PRO): I would recommend that you consult in the first instance classes AIR2 (Air Ministry: Registered Files) and AIR20 (Air Ministry: Unregistered Files). Unfortunately, these are very large classes! A brief review of the class lists suggest that the following may be of interest:

AIR2 18115-17 Unidentified flying objects: reports, 1967 (18115-6) and 1967-8 (18117)

AIR20 11888 Unidentified flying objects, September 1967.

No reference is made to 'Flying Saucers' 1 and 5 in the RAF Form 540 Operations Record Books (station diaries) of RAF Manston and RAF Colerne. The helicopter despatched from Manston in connection with Saucer 1 is likely to have been a Westland Whirlwind of D Flight, No 22 Squadron - then based at Manston on Search and Rescue (SAR) duties; the Operations Record Book entry compiled by this unit for September 1967 is held by the Public Record Office under the references AIR27 3039 and 3040.

On cross-referencing The Royal Air Force Retired List, 1996 with copies of the Royal Air Force List for the period in question, I believe that the 'Flight Officer Section 40' called upon to examine Saucer 5 was actually Flying Officer Section 40, service number Section 40. These sources indicate that Section 40 was born on Section 40 and commissioned into the Engineering Branch with the rank of Pilot Officer on 2 February 1965. Subsequently, this officer was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on 2 August 1965, to Flight Lieutenant on 28 November 1969 and to Squadron Leader on 1 July 1976. Squadron Leader Section 40 Section 40 retired from the RAF on 2 February 1987.

As you will note, Squadron Leader [Section 40] is currently a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society; this body may be able to help you in your attempts to contact him. Enquiries relating to the USAF personnel that photographed Saucer 4 might best be directed to the US sources. The USAF Historical Research Agency may be able to assist you, or advise you as to an agency that can; the address of the agency is given below. As [Section 40] was an employee of the British Aircraft Corporation at the time he examined Saucer 6, the successor to that company - British Aerospace - may be able to guide you; moreover, [Section 40] is also likely to be a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

I hope that the above provides some pointers for further research, and am sorry that I am unable to provide a more precise response to your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

[Section 40]

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**CAPLAN
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FILM & TELEVISION

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30 January 1997

Dear Sirs,

An extremely helpful lady on the MOD Public Information switchboard suggested that your department may be able to assist with a project I am researching.

The project, a proposed book and/or TV documentary, concerns an elaborate hoax perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment (Farnborough) and students from Farnborough Technical College in 1967.

On 4th September of that year, six small 'Flying Saucers' were discovered in locations across Southern England from Sheppey to the Bristol Channel.

National and local press accounts suggest the hoax was uncovered when Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers opened one of the objects at Bromley Police Station, Kent. Up until that point the unusual objects were the cause of legitimate concern and investigations by a number of Government agencies and Armed Forces including:

Ministry of Defence
Ministry of Technology
Air Ministry
Royal Air Force
RAF Colerne
RAF Manston
RAF Greenham Common
Army Southern Command bomb disposal experts
Winkfield Satellite Tracking Station, Berks.
Home Office scientists at Aldermaston
Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

In order to produce an accurate chronicle of the events I would be extremely grateful for any assistance you can offer in tracing reports, documentation and personnel involved. To help facilitate that I have listed the available details from the media with some specific questions:

39-43 Brewer Street
London W1R 0JD
Telephone 0171-287 8080
Facsimile 0171-287 7126
VAT No 524 8827 49
** TOTAL PAGE.07 **

Saucer 1.

Location: Wasteground, Hillside Avenue, Rushingden, Queenborough, Sheppey, Kent.

Discovery reported to PC [redacted] Police 'cordon off' area.
Helicopter dispatched from RAF Manston with bomb disposal/fire brigade expert [press variations] on board to collect saucer.
Object checked with a 'survey meter' before being flown to Manston.

Details of flight, flight crew and any other personnel?

Saucer 2.

Location: Sundridge Park Golf Course, Bromley, Kent.

Discovery reported to PC [redacted] [press variations].
Saucer transported to Bromley Police Station. Superintendent [redacted] contacts Scotland Yard bomb disposal squad and reports find to the Air Ministry. Ministry want to check object with portable X-ray equipment. Bomb disposal squad open saucer before Air Ministry 'boffins' [press description] arrive.

Details of bomb disposal team and Air Ministry team?

Press reports suggest the MOD sent a 'Senior Engineer' from Whitehall to Bromley. Reports also quote un-named MOD and RAF spokesmen.

Who were they? Who could they have been?

An ITN news reporter interviewed an un-named 'Forensic lab' man.

Saucer 3.

Location: Winkfield Plains, Winkfield, near Ascot, Berks.

Discovery first reported to [redacted] Section 40 engineer at the Winkfield Satellite Tracking Station.

Under whose jurisdiction did the station belong? Does it still exist? How can I attempt to trace

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Saucer 4.

Location: Easton, Welford, between Hungerford & Newbury, Berks.

Discovered by a postwoman on her rounds. Hungerford PC [redacted] told press the saucer was transported to Newbury Police Station. Section 40

Press reports state the object was photographed by American Air Force Police from 'a nearby RAF station'. The nearest that appears to fit the criterion is RAF Greenham Common.

Can you confirm that was the case? If not, where did the USAF personnel originate from and how can I attempt to trace them?

Press reports state the contents of the Saucer were later examined by 'Home office scientists at Aldermaston'.

Who transported the saucer to Aldermaston? Who conducted the examination?

Saucer 5.

Location: [redacted] Queensbridge, Chippenham, Wilts. Section 40

Discovered by farmer [redacted] reported to Chippenham Police who stopped traffic on road adjacent to field. The Saucer was examined by Flight Officer [redacted] from RAF Colerne. Section 40

On whose instructions? How can I attempt to trace [redacted]? Section 40

Captain [redacted] of Army Southern Command at Salisbury was dispatched to the site. Section 40

On whose instructions? How can I attempt to trace [redacted]? Section 40

Cantrell transported the Saucer to a Corporation rubbish tip on the outskirts of Chippenham where it was opened with two controlled explosions.

The remnants of the saucer were placed in the custody of Chief Inspector [redacted] [press spelling] at Chippenham Police Station. Section 40

Saucer 6.

Location: Dial Hill, Clevedon, near Bristol, Avon.

Discovered by schoolboy on paper rounds. Reported to Clevedon Police Sergeant [redacted] Section 40
Examined by [redacted] Chief Designer of the Guided Weapons Division at [redacted] Section 40
The British Aircraft Corporation. Section 40

On whose instructions? How can I attempt to trace [redacted]? Section 40

Subsequently opened by two local engineers.

Any assistance and/or further avenues of investigation you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

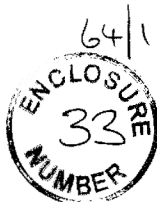
I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Yours faithfully,

Section 40
Senior Producer Director

Wed 14 May, 1997 16:05 mailbox log Page 1



DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
14/05/97	DPO(RAF)SO2	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POST PRESS ENQUIRY	[]

Sent: 14/05/97 at 16:04
To: DPO(RAF)SO2
CC:

Ref: 1148
Subject: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POST PRESS ENQUIRY

Text: **Section 40** suggested lines attached. Nothing much to say
Really. Any queries please give me a call.

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Priority: Normal
Reply Request []

View Acknowledge [*]
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Attachments [1]
Codes []

PRESS LINES - ALLEGED "CRASH OF ALIEN CRAFT" - 12 NOV 87 - KIRKBY
IN ASHFIELD

- No military aircraft crashes recorded for 12 Nov 87 in the United Kingdom.
- CAA can advise on whether there were any reported crashes involving civil aircraft.
- MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of "UFO/flying saucers" or craft of extraterrestrial origin.



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From:

Gp Capt

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RAF (Rtd)

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~~→ Delo (Kurt)~~

I don't think from
Section 40 will work
be honest with him.

Could you please

do it. (A)

Section 40

Tel: Section 40

13th May 1997

Reference: WAT/UFO.3

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(A) as per to H.A. (RAF) for comment

THE 1967 FARNBOROUGH FLYING SAUCER HOAX



1. In the April 1997 issue of the Royal Aeronautical Society news letter, Society People & Business, the senior producer/director of Caplan Wilkie Film and Television seeks assistance with his research into an "UFO" hoax perpetrated by Farnborough students in September 1967. A copy of his letter is at enclosure 1.

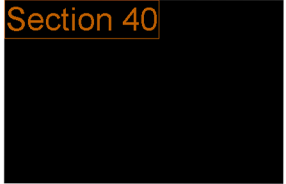
2. At the time of the hoax, the appointment responsible for investigating all UFO sightings in UK Airspace and which were reported to MOD was the incumbent of the post DI (AI) 61e within the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence. I served in that post between 1967 and 1968, and was the last technical intelligence officer to be solely responsible for UFO analysis before the task was transferred to the Defence Secretariat.

3. The hoax was cleverly executed and seems destined to feature in a future television film and so deserves and needs to be accurately recorded. I can help to achieve such an objective - given that I was the MOD investigating officer who attended Bromley Police Station to examine Saucer 2.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
10 MAY 1997
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4. So today, I contacted **Section 40** of Caplan Wilkie Film and Television - who had already learnt from his research activities something of my involvement in the hoax - to offer an input on the veracity of any releasable details of the hoax. This is to be on the basis that my contribution would most likely be largely based on answers to written questions and subject, where required, to MOD approval. I later followed up this offer with a letter to that effect. A copy of this is at enclosure 2.

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- Enclosures:
1. R Ae Soc Society People & Business April 1997
 2. **Section 40** letter to **Section 40** dated 13 May 97

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Enclosure 1



Phil Condit (centre), chairman and chief executive of Boeing, pictured with president, Professor John Green, and past president, Sir Donald Spiers, receiving his Honorary Fellowship.

Requesting information...

I am writing in the hope that members of the Royal Aeronautical Society may be able to assist with a project I am researching. The project concerns an elaborate hoax perpetrated by apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment and students from Farnborough Technical College in 1967.

On Monday 4 September of that year, six small 'Flying Saucers' were discovered in locations across Southern England from Sheppey to the Bristol Channel.

National and local press accounts suggest the hoax was uncovered when Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers opened one of the objects at Bromley Police Station, Kent. Up until that point the unusual objects were the cause of legitimate concern and investigations by a number of Government agencies and Armed Forces including the MoD, Ministry of Technology, Air Ministry, Royal Air Force and Army Southern Command.

In order to produce an accurate chronicle of the events I would be extremely grateful for any assistance in tracing individuals who were involved in any capacity. To that end I have listed the available details from the media with some specific questions:

Saucer 1. Location: Wasteground, Hillsdale Avenue, Rushingden, Queenborough, Sheppey, Kent.
Discovery reported to PC John Tomsett. Police 'cordon off' area. Helicopter dispatched from RAF Manston with bomb disposal/fire brigade expert [press variations] on board to collect saucer. Who was on board that helicopter? Object checked with a 'survey meter' before being flown to Manston. What happened to saucer after it arrived at Manston?

Saucer 2. Location: Sundridge Park Golf Course, Bromley, Kent.

Discovery reported to PC Gordon Hampton and 'saucer' transported to Bromley Police Station. Superintendent S.R. Sheppard contacts Scotland Yard bomb disposal squad and reports find to the Air Ministry. Ministry want to check object with portable X-ray equipment. Bomb disposal squad open saucer before Air Ministry 'boffins' [press description] arrive. Press reports suggest the MoD sent a 'Senior Engineer' from Whitehall to Bromley. Reports also quote un-named MoD and RAF spokesmen. Who were the Air Ministry 'boffins'? Who was the 'Senior Engineer'? Who was the RAF spokesman? Who could they have been?

Saucer 3. Location: Winkfield Plains, Winkfield, near Ascot, Berks.

Discovery first reported to Mr Roger Kenyon, engineer at the Winkfield Satellite Tracking Station. Under whose jurisdiction did the station belong? Does it still exist? Does anyone know the whereabouts of Roger Kenyon?

Saucer 4. Location: Easton, Welford, between Hungerford & Newbury, Berks.

Discovered by a postwoman on her rounds. Hungerford PC James Hennessey told press the saucer was transported to Newbury Police Station.

Press reports state the object was photographed by American Air Force Police from 'a nearby RAF station'. The nearest that appears to fit the criterion is RAF Greenham Common.

Press reports state the contents of the Saucer were later examined by 'Home Office scientists at Aldermaston'. Who transported the saucer to

We announce with regret the death of the following members

Allan Barker, MRAeS, 75
Geoffrey Edward Beck, MRAeS, 80
Bryan Arthur Chapple, Technician RAeS, 65
Cyril Lano Dodd, MRAeS, 73
Francis William Free, FRAeS, 76
Dr William Frank Hilton, FRAeS, 84
Anthony Patrick Hughes, MRAeS, 61
Glyndwr Lloyd, AMRAeS, 76
Eric Beechcroft Moss, FRAeS, 94
Andrew Derek Munro, AMRAeS, 71
Eric Herbert Spouge, AMRAeS, 79
James Thomson, AMRAeS, 76
James Waddup, MRAeS, 81
Patrick John Wirsbitzki, Student RAeS, 21
Harry Zeffert, FRAeS, 83

Aldermaston? Who conducted the examination?

Saucer 5. Location: Elm Tree Farm, Queensbridge, Chippenham, Wilts.
Discovered by farmer Roger Jennings. Reported to Chippenham Police who stopped traffic on road adjacent to field. The Saucer was examined by Flying Officer David Pepper from RAF Colerne. Captain Fred Cantrell of Army Southern Command at Salisbury was dispatched to the site.

Cantrell transported the Saucer to a Corporation rubbish tip on the outskirts of Chippenham where it was opened with two controlled explosions.

The remnants of the saucer were placed in the custody of Chief Inspector Frank Dunnett [press spelling] at Chippenham Police Station.

Saucer 6. Location: Dial Hill, Clevedon, near Bristol, North Somerset.

Discovered by schoolboy on paper rounds. Reported to Clevedon Police Sergeant John Durston. Examined by Mr Greville Beale, Chief Designer of the Guided Weapons Division at the British Aircraft Corporation.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mr Beale?

Saucer was subsequently opened by two local engineers.

Any information, however seemingly trivial, will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted on 0171-287 8080, or at home on 01621 891520. I thank the RAeS for publishing the letter and hope it jogs someone's memory.

John Keeling

Senior Producer Director
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Enclosure 2

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Tel: Section 40

13th May 1997

THE 1967 FARNBOROUGH FLYING SAUCER HOAX

I telephoned today in response to your plea, through the Royal Aeronautical Society, for help with researching the subject hoax. I told you that I should be able to contribute to your research as investigations of UFO sightings were one of my MOD duties at that time, and I was one of those who visited Bromley Police Station. I also advised you however that the extent of my support might be somewhat circumscribed by any concomitant requirements of the Official Secrets Act that MOD decide to impose. Meanwhile I am now taking the first steps to warn MOD of my involvement.

As promised I have enclosed a copy of my RAF Service Appointments which will serve to substantiate the information already provided by Section 40 an erstwhile colleague.

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Senior Producer Director
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Enclosure:

Career Record of RAF Service Appointments

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CAREER RECORD OF RAF SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

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UNIT/DATE	APPOINTMENT/RANK	DUTIES
MOD Central Staff Chief Scientific Adviser's Staff Aug 87-Jul 93	THE UK MOD Participation Office * US Strategic Defense Initiative * Deputy Director Gp Capt	UK Director and Project Manager of bilateral UK/US ballistic missile defence feasibility studies; Military member of UK BMD Systems Design Team. Air Systems Staff surrogate responsibility for missile defence operational concepts and requirements
MOD Defence Staff Air Staff Jan 85-Aug 87	Operational Requirements OR 81(Air) Head of Branch Wg Cdr	Defining the performance requirements and operational concepts for communications, identification and data link systems for aircraft operations. Integration of Reported Air and Surface Picture data into the IUKADGE data base
HQ RAF Germany Jan 82-Jan 85	Mechanical Engineering Air Engineering 2 Wg Cdr Deputy/Acting Command Electrical Engineer Wg Cdr	Assessing airworthiness and reliability of Germany-based Phantom, Chinook and Puma aircraft. Delegated Engineering Authority for Pembroke aircraft. Member of RAF Germany Tactical Evaluation Team Management of special signal, communication and photographic facilities
RAF MARHAM Jan 80-Jan 82 1 Gp Strike Command	OC Engineering Wing Wg Cdr	Provision and management of human and engineering resources to support a major military UK air-base operating Canberra, Victor AAR, and later Tornado aircraft
HQ 1 Gp Aug 77-Jan 80 Strike Command	Gp Electrical Engineer Wg Cdr	Assessing airworthiness and reliability of aircraft and support facilities and evaluating the effectiveness of maintenance procedures and operations at No 1 Gp air bases and units. Member of HQ STC Tactical Evaluation Team
HQ MOD Procurement Executive Jul 75-Aug 77	Project Manager Sqn Ldr	Developing, flight testing and procuring ECM equipment for Jaguar and Tornado
RAF BRAWDY Tactical Weapons Unit Sep 74-Jul 75 11 Group Strike Command	OC Engineering Support Sqn Ldr	Provision and management of electrical, mechanical and armament aircraft servicing facilities for Hunter, Meteor, Jet Provost; maintenance of airfield navigation and landing aids; operation and maintenance of station communications and mechanical transport

RAF BRAWDY/ RNAS GOLDCREST Jun 73-Aug 74 11 Group Strike Command	Senior Engineer Officer Sqn Ldr	Planning, preparing for and installing the unit engineering facilities to support the redeployment of the Chivenor OCU as the Tactical Weapons Unit to Brawdy. Support of 22 Sqn S&R Whirlwind helicopter detachment
HQ Allied Forces Northern Europe Air Staff Dec 70-Jun 73	Operations Branch Electronic Warfare and Radar Intelligence Head of Branch Sqn Ldr	Operational evaluation and effectiveness and technical efficiency assessments of NATO assigned units in Northern Region. AFNORTH representative on NATO EW Operational Requirements Team. Northern Region Tactical Evaluation Team. Surveillance radar information evaluation.
MOD AMSO Staff Air Force Department Jun 68-Dec 70	Elec Engineer Staff Sqn Ldr	Engineering Authority for in-service avionics, missile control systems and reconnaissance equipment and aircraft pods. Technical Project Leader for RAF and RN Phantom aircraft
MOD Intelligence Staff Scientific & Technical Intelligence Staff Jul 67-Jun 68	Technical Intelligence (Air) DSTI/DI (AI) 61e Flt Lt	Technical analysis and research studies; electronic and electronic warfare capabilities and requirements. Investigation and analysis of all sightings reported to MOD of UFOs in UK Airspace.
RAF SCAMPTON Jan 65-Jul 67 Bomber Command	Aircraft Engineering Flight Line Operations Flt Lt	Squadron Engineering Officer: 27, 83, 617 Sgns Vulcan B Mk 2 (Blue Steel) MBF Nuclear Strike Force
RAF SCAMPTON Apr 64-Dec 64 Bomber Command	OC Air Radio & ECM Servicing Flight Flt Lt	Preparation and management of 1st/2nd servicing facilities: Vulcan B Mk 2 (Blue Steel)
RAF SALT PANS Apr 62-Apr 64 Middle East Command	Communications Commanding Officer Flying Officer	Total site management of HP/VHF receiving and special signals/telecommunications station and associated aerial farms
RAF BRNSON Jan 60-Apr 62 Transport Command	OC Air/Ground Radio and Communications Servicing Pilot/ Flying Officer	Provision and management of 1st/2nd avionic servicing facilities: Canberra; Hunter; Meteor; Argosy aircraft. Maintenance of airfield communications and radar aids

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Loose Minute

D/Sec(AS) 64/1

13th May 1997

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DPR(RAF)

Head of Sec(AS)

AOAD1

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/DIST/11/10 dated 25th April 1997

1. Thank you for your minute at Reference setting out the DIS interest in 'UFO' reports.
2. I was grateful for your detailed comments. I think it might be helpful if I list my observations on them in the same order (paragraph numbers in brackets in bold refer to your minute):
 - a. You say that you would prefer the term 'UAP' rather than 'UFO' (para 2). Presentationally this would give us some problems. To the vast majority of the public - and it is the public we deal with - 'UFO' with all its 'extraterrestrial' connotations is the only one they recognise. Most are not interested in the difference and, to avoid any more confusion in their minds, we shall continue with 'UFO'.
 - b. You suggest (para 3) amending the policy statement on MOD's interest to include your own specific areas of interests. However, the current wording 'anything of defence significance' has been couched in fairly general terms so that it can be used in response to PQs, letters from the public, the media etc. We need to be quite sure that there are no hostages to fortune in saying anything more detailed. Are you content to have your interests promulgated more widely given the inevitable questioning that will follow?
 - c. I can assure you that we too are always careful to say that we have an open mind on this issue (para 4).
 - d. For the future we shall copy to you (and DAO) only those sighting reports falling into the three categories set out in my minute to AOAD1 of 2nd April (D/Sec(AS)/64/1) (para 5).

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e. You say (para 6) that you need an adequate reference system for information culled from reports and intend a database, albeit that you have not yet determined how it might be achieved, and that incorporating retrospective reports depends on the costs involved. But you also say that you have to decide whether it should be 'DIS policy to retain other reports or rely on our archive'. I am rather confused about what this means. Are the 'other' reports those copied to you previously which do not fall into the three categories (para d above), or those which will not be copied to you in future? Either way, I am concerned that you favour relying on our archive because you do not say what this might entail and I am afraid there are no Sec(AS) resources to support your work. If there is a DIS requirement for access to archive material I think it makes sense for DIS to retain the information.

f. Returning to the subject of a database (para 7), you suggest DAO's requirements also need considering and propose a single framework, sharing responsibility for data entry. However, AOAD1 has said they have no requirement for a database (D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March, para 11) and, as I made clear in my reply to him, Sec(AS) has no need of one either. It would be helpful to know who else might be a customer given Sec(AS)'s role as the MOD focal point for this subject, and what 'shared resources' might be used to implement the plan. Sec(AS) has neither staff nor money for this purpose and, I think, DAO is similarly constrained.

3. I am sorry for the length of this note but we do all need to be quite clear what, as a Department, we are doing and why. We need to be very careful about expanding 'UFO' business and, thereby, sending the public a misleading message about the extent of MOD's interest. Of course, should Government policy on this issue change, we will review the extent of our involvement accordingly.

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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
13/05/97	DPO(RAF)	LINES TO TAKE RE: "THE UNINVITED"	[]

Sent: 13/05/97 at 11:11
To: DPO(RAF),DPO(RAF)SO2
CC:

Ref: 1147

Subject: LINES TO TAKE RE: "THE UNINVITED" BY NICK POPE

Text: As you may be aware, Nick Pope's second book "The Uninvited" on the subject of Alien Abduction is to be published by Simon and Schuster on 2 June. You may have noticed that the Daily Mail has abridged extracts from the book in today's and tomorrow's issues. Attached are the lines to take should this attract further press interest.

Priority: Urgent
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PRESS LINES - "THE UNINVITED" - NICHOLAS POPE



GENERAL LINES

The Ministry of Defence has no interest, expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it is open-minded. To date, however, the MOD remains unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

"ALIEN" ABDUCTION

Investigations into claims of any form of abduction are a matter for the civil police. The police, however, can only take the matter forward and investigate if there is evidence to support the allegation.

MR NICHOLAS POPE

Mr Pope was a desk officer in the Secretariat(Air Staff)2a section from 1991-1994 and at that time he was an executive officer. Sec(AS)2a is the focal point for handling queries directed at the MOD in connection with "UFO" sightings. At the time Mr Pope worked in the section there were no staff working on this subject full-time and this remains the case. The work represents a small part of the overall duties of the section.

"THE UNINVITED"

The comments contained in the book "*The Uninvited*" are the personal views of Mr Pope and do not represent nor reflect the views of the Ministry of Defence. All Ministry of Defence personnel wishing to publish a book which draws on their official experience, uses information obtained in the course of their duties, or which expresses views on official matters, are required to seek departmental approval to do so. Clearance to publish does not imply MOD approval of, or agreement with, the contents.

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9 May 97



FILE NOTE

DPO(RAF) received a call from West Country TV who wanted to interview the Secretary of State about the subject of "UFOs" for their political programme "Power Games Monthly" going out on 19 May.

The programme concentrates on **Section 40** [redacted] and asserts that if **Section 40** [redacted] was who he claimed to be in the book **Section 40** [redacted] then what he wrote about is far reaching and significant.

They are also playing on the "Labour Party's" interest in this subject as "evidenced" by the raft of PQs tabled by the late Martin Redmond.

The attached statement was forwarded to the Press Office for onward transmission to the programme makers.

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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
09/05/97	DPO(RAF)SO2	STATEMENT FOR "POWER GAMES MONTHLY"	[]

Sent: 09/05/97 at 17:11
To: DPO(RAF)SO2
CC:

Ref: 1144
Subject: STATEMENT FOR "POWER GAMES MONTHLY"

Text: **Section 40**
Any queries about the attached, please give me a call.

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Priority: Normal
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STATEMENT FOR WEST COUNTRY TV's "POWER GAME MONTHLY" - 19 MAY 97

The Ministry of Defence has no interest, expertise or role with respect to "UFO/flying saucer" matters, or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it remains open-minded. To date, however, the MOD remains unaware of any evidence which proves that these phenomena exist.

The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of "UFO" sightings it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely whether there is evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by a foreign hostile military aircraft.

The reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts as required. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" sighting has revealed such evidence, the MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported. It believes that down-to-earth explanations could be found for them. However, it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to carry out such investigations. From the descriptions received, aircraft or natural phenomena account for most of the observations.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - POLICY

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- A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97
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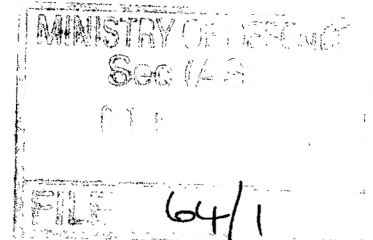
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Arrangements

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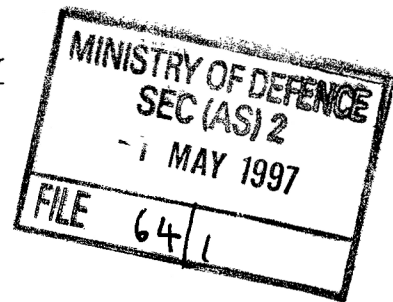
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Reference:

- A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997
- B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14th March 1997
- C. D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997
- D. D/Sec(AS)64/1 dated 2nd April 1997

1. It is now some time since I wrote (Reference A) seeking views on the way forward for the increasing amount of correspondence and sighting reports the Department now receives on the subject of 'UFOs' and related issues.

2. In the absence of any advice from DI of a need to see such material, I can only assume that this subject does not warrant significant interest. I therefore propose that for the future only information relating to 'credible' sightings will be further disseminated. The criteria for what constitutes a 'credible' sighting was given in my response to AOAD1 (Reference D - copied to you) following receipt of his advice on the extent of DAO interest.

3. I should be grateful to know that this course of action is acceptable to you.

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what you have told him into an article for his mag.

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Your reference

Our reference
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Date
April 1997

Thank you for your letter dated 14 April 1997.

I can confirm that **AIR 2/16918** was in MOD's hands last year and was returned to the Public Record Office on the 9 November 1996.

I understand that the file was originally released, in 1994, in a sanitised form. It is established practice, when sanitising files, to ensure that pages thus affected are clearly identified, for example a photocopy of a page with sensitive information excluded would be marked "retained in department under Section 3(4)" or something very similar.

Following a change of policy in 1995 it was decided, in light of the Open Government initiative, our early concerns were no longer valid and previously excluded information could now be released. With the file already in the public domain the extracts were transferred to the PRO on 22 November 1995. Any subsequent action to re-establish extracted papers, either by re-inserting or attaching to the original file, rests with the PRO.

On the general question of extraction from files departments can remove papers for reasons of sensitivity prior to the opening of files. But once the file is open papers can not be removed, whatever the reason.

So far as your final question is concerned I regret that I can provide no further information as to what happened to the file after its arrival in the MOD.

I hope that you find the above information helpful.

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I prepare the following:

1. Yes
2. On original where certain papers were entrusted to me. I am sorry. These extracts have now been released - PRO is responsible for maintaining the file. The file was not in my hands - I cannot comment further.

Section 40 (DRO)

Room D-3/1 (The Dome)

M.O.D

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14.4.97

Dear Section 40

Thank you very much for your help with my enquiries on the telephone this morning, your information will certainly help me in file requisitions in the future.

As per our telecon. I said that I would write to you as a formality to confirm some of the points raised in our conversation.

1. Can you confirm that the file AIR 2/16918 which was in your department's hands temporarily, but as you stated - not held by you, in fact returned to the PRO in November 1996.
2. That although certain documents were removed from the file by some person, that all papers are now back in the file (we are quite sure this is the case anyhow because we have seen the file, although have not counted the pages. Most of the important material we are interested in is still there.)
3. That you are unable to tell me who in your department, or another department was the person to request the file. We wish to know exactly the movement of the file from the PRO to yourselves or another MOD department. We do not need to know names of officers involved in the requisitions - only departmental names.

Section 3 is the most important point. Obviously if you are subsequently allowed to tell us what was the interest in the file - and why it was requested this would be of interest to us, but is not essential.

Once I have received your reply I will keep you informed of our research work and will write to you to tell you what we have found.

Thank you once again for being so open and helpful - I do not receive such a warm response from some MOD departments.

Yours sincerely

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11 Apr 97

DPO(RAF)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM A WRITER - "UFO" ISSUES

1. We received the attached letter from **Section 40** who is writing an article on the "UFO" phenomena for a magazine called "FOCUS". I recall speaking to **Section 40** ages ago and advised him to channel his queries through your office but for some reason he has weeded out our fax number and has written direct.

2. As is usual in responding to letters from writers or journalists I would prefer the reply to come from your office and I attach a proposed draft and the enclosures he has requested.

3. If you have any queries please give me a call.

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DRAFT REPLY TO **Section 40**

1. I refer to your fax of 8 April 1997, addressed to Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, which requests information you wish to use in a forthcoming article in the magazine "FOCUS", on the subject of "UFOs".

2. As requested please find details of the number of "UFO" reports made to the MOD by year since 1959, and a map which gives an indication of the geographical distribution of the sightings reported in 1996. I should like to stress that both relate to the number of reports received by the MOD of aerial activity which was not immediately identifiable to the witness. They should not be taken to reflect the number of "UFO" sightings in the popular sense of the word, ie. flying saucers or craft of extraterrestrial origin.

3. I should add that the MOD examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised by a foreign hostile military aircraft. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "unidentified flying object" sighting has revealed such evidence, the MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported. The MOD believes that down-to-earth explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources for the MOD to do so.

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Encs.

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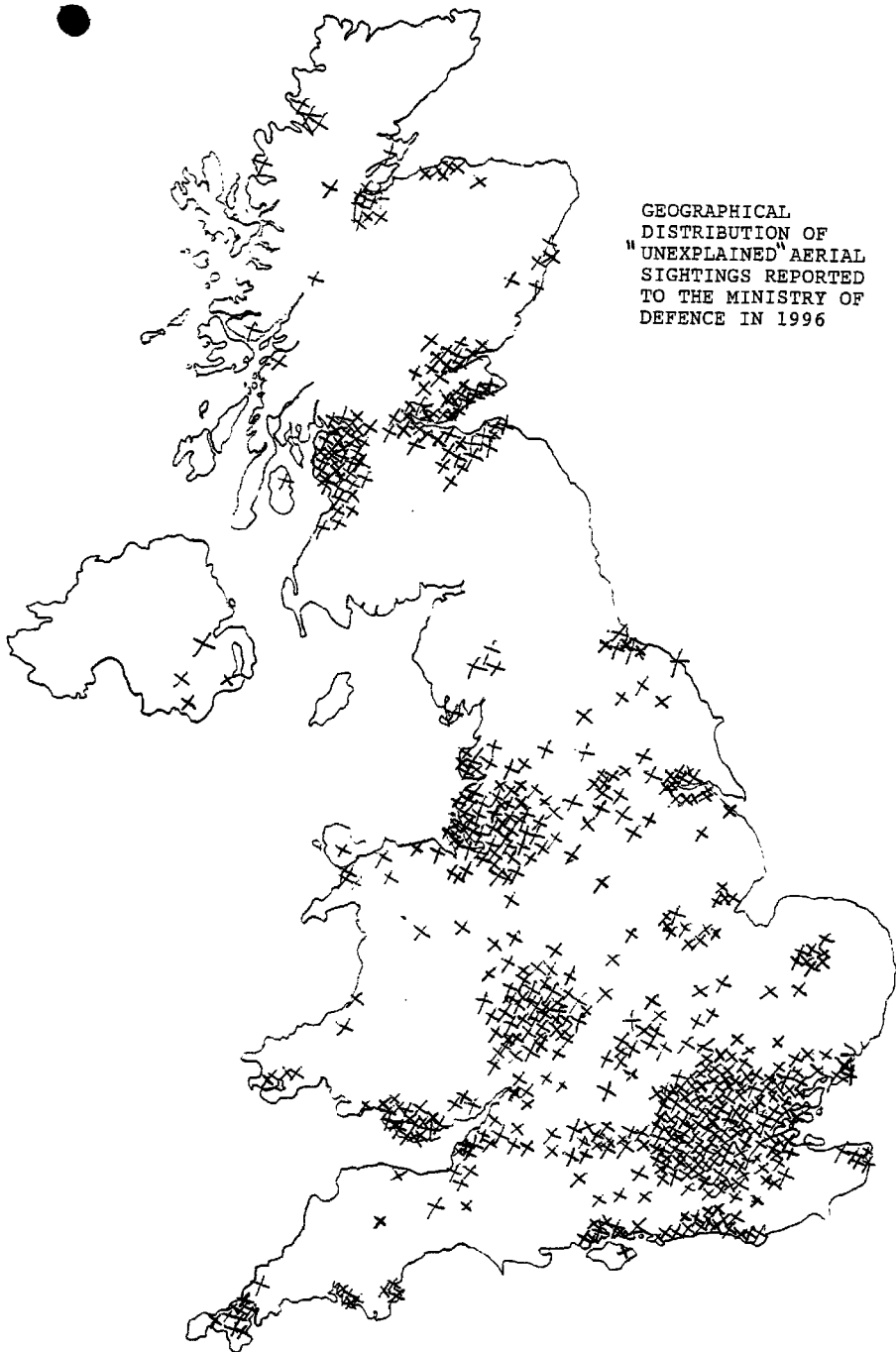
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Figures from before 1959 are not available.

NB. The above figures relate to the number of reports, received by the Ministry of Defence, of aerial activity which was not immediately identifiable to the witness. They should not be taken to reflect sightings of "UFO/flying saucers".



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From: Section 40

Date: 08/04/97

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Subject: Latest UFO report statistics and map(s)

Comments:

I am writing an article on the subject of UFOs in the UK for FOCUS magazine (not the internal MoD publication) and would like to include the official number of sightings reported to you for whatever years may be available..

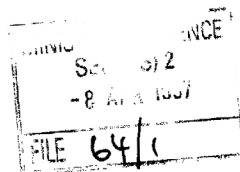
I also understand that there is a map available on which sightings for at least one year, perhaps more, are indicated. I should be most grateful to find out how I should go about obtaining the map(s).

Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Sincerely

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference A: D/DAO/1/13 dated 25th March 1997

1. Thank you for your reply (Reference A) to my minute seeking advice on the way forward for the handling of 'UFO' reports.
2. In view of your stated interest in 'UFO' sightings (para 2 of Reference A), Sec(AS)2 will in future only refer to you for advice or investigation reports that fall into the following categories:
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We will not follow-up undocumented, uncorroborated reports of past events unless, in the opinion of the Sec(AS) desk officer or duty officer, there are features of particular interest or dependability.

3. You asked about US reporting and investigating practices. We have inquired about this in the past through the Washington Embassy. The US DOD has a statement on their Internet web site recording their 'Project Blue Book' research and concluding that they no longer have any interest in UFO reports and related matters; those who wish to report 'sightings' are invited to contact local law enforcement agencies.

4. You question whether we need to fund investigation of

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inexplicable incidents. Ministers' policy is clear: we are not funded to investigate all unexplained phenomena and our interest is confined to any occurrence that may have an air defence significance. The Prime Minister sees no case for funding research into extra terrestrial 'UFO' phenomena.

5. Finally, you suggest that we need an electronic database and management system against which sightings might be recorded and handled. This is not something we ourselves see any need for.

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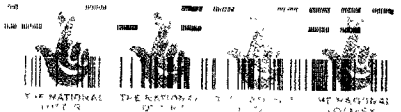
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3. You asked about US reporting and investigating practices. We have inquired about this in the past, through the Washington Embassy. The US DoD has a statement on their internet web site recording their 'Project Blue Book' research and concluding that they no longer have any interest in UFO reports and related matters; those who wish to report 'sightings' are invited to contact local law enforcement agencies.

4. You also question whether we need to fund investigation of inexplicable incidents. Ministers' policy is clear: we are not funded to investigate all unexplained phenomena and our interest is confined to any occurrence that may have an air defence significance. The Prime Minister ~~has~~ sees no case for funding research into extraterrestrial ^{UFO} phenomena.

5. You suggest that we need an electronic database and management system against which sightings may be recorded and handled (though, two paragraphs earlier, you say that there is no air defence requirement for this). I am rather surprised by this suggestion, but presumably if you think this is a proper use of defence funds, in the light of my paragraph 4, you will be inviting ACAS to make suitable provision in his budget? It is not a proposal I would endorse.



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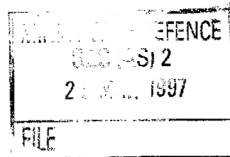
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) POLICY

References:

- A. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 14 Mar 97.
B. D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29 Jan 97.



1. Thank you for your letter at Reference A reminding of the need to make progress on future handling of UFO reports against a background of increasing public interest and therefore workload. You ask what might be required insofar as air defence interests are concerned.
2. Following your earlier letter at Reference B, you will recall our discussion of the topic. My views are unchanged. We have no direct air defence interest in UFO reports unless there is intelligence, reliable sighting or evidence that UK national airspace, or the UKADR, may be, or has been, penetrated by aircraft of potentially hostile powers without authorisation. Orbiting satellites are accounted separately and appropriate COMSEC implemented.
3. A majority of UFO reports are tenuous in nature, are reported at second hand or with a time lag, and frequently overland or at night in areas where we have little radar cover. Those described as at great height, if they exist, may lie above radar cover, as only Fylingdales has tracking capabilities in the endo-atmosphere and in space. Some reports describe objects in terms of manoeuvre, speed and shape which lie beyond our engineering knowledge and that which could be reasonably expected from hostile powers.
4. There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil

airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity.

5. I would emphasise that such sightings have been few and far between, with only Russia among potentially hostile powers being capable of penetrating UK airspace at very high altitudes; while no hostile power could reasonably be responsible for low level sightings, because of the range or political risk involved, except in the context of large civil register aircraft diverting from flight plans (where we have had incidents).

6. Staffing UFO matters, however, is a time consuming concern. As you are painfully aware, reported sightings are frequently explored in the public domain, often by organised societies, seeking extra-terrestrial explanations. Whilst using best judgement at the time, we are sometimes left accounting for the inexplicable or investing large numbers of man hours to establish rational explanations (as recently in the "Skegness sighting" when the Service's professional competence was called into question in an MP's letter to the SoFS). These frustrations are compounded by supporting PQs of the sort "... on how many occasions have ..." which require paper searches of long put down records. Neither do explanations that "the cost of the search cannot be justified" satisfy the public, for it only re-inforces their conviction that if the truth cannot be found out there, it is certainly available in the MOD. The MOD may eventually be caught out by cross referring to previous answers and other information, cherished on PCs and exchanged on "the web". The consequences are further questions and ever greater care and time taken to ensure that we do not contradict ourselves.

7. The problem is unlikely to subside especially as the US brings into service over the next decade high flying capabilities such as Global Star, Dark Star, the X-33 and, should it come to fruition, the manned spaceplane. Other nations will follow, especially with UAVs, which may permit risk taking in unauthorised penetrations of airspace. Activities of these sorts would clearly require monitoring and control by the MOD.

8. The extra-terrestrial business is also likely to boom, exacerbating the staffing problem. Continuing discoveries of planets, and emerging knowledge of circumstances needed for at least non-intelligent life, lead to speculation that planets and life may commonly occur. With that change of perception, arguing that our rock alone is a teeming and verdant speck in a vast and sterile nothingness may soon be as unrewarding as the Church once found in continuing to enforce the idea that the world was flat; more so, with the knowledge that many suns are older than our own, and perhaps provide conditions for advanced evolution. Even though some experts argue very low probabilities for intelligent life, and allowing for barely imagined transit distances, requiring unknown uses of physics, we cannot rule out entirely the idea of extra-terrestrial observation/visitation, either covert or overt. Our current policy to retain an open mind on these matters is therefore probably correct.

9. It is a fine judgement whether UFO sightings are MOD matters, or Government responsibilities best located with other agencies given the unproven nature of a vast majority of reports. I

believe they should continue to be managed in the MOD because of inevitable inter-weaving of terrestrial sightings, some of military origin, with extra-terrestrial pre-occupations. Moreover, any future concerns, terrestrial or extra-terrestrial, are likely to require national or international co-ordination responsive only within security alliances.

10. Whether we should set aside for further examination outside the MOD unexplained phenomena, I leave others to decide, knowing that political, scientific and cost judgements are associated with their investigation. I am not wholly convinced, however, that covert investigations would be the best way forwards. When inevitably discovered, they lead to mistaken ideas that "contact has been made" or that "government is worried, knowing something we don't." Should we decide regularly to investigate UFO reports, then we might look at how the US has handled some aspects with, for example, the targeted search of deep space for artificial signals which attracts little public speculation. The downside, of course, is "Roswell" with plastic kits as visible proof of alien capture and reverse engineering. What are US reporting and investigation practices?

11. The UK air defence interest is primarily to automate reporting, handling and administration of incidents so that operators, infrequently switching their busy routines to consider unlikely phenomena, react in a focused and consistent way. Reaction and reporting needs for UFOs are similar to those practices necessary for handling flight safety incidents, and potentially we could mimic them. However, a computer based system is needed to support accurate handling and recording of incidents, and to allow easy extraction of historical data for parliamentary response or retrospective study. Such a system is not, per se, an air defence requirement.

12. We therefore differ in view over responsibilities, organisation and funding. These matters are not for the air defence forces alone to consider, or to utilise the output from. Public reporting of phenomena is essentially government business to which we contribute infrequently when there are matters of direct air defence interest and, on other occasions, to exclude known air movements. As always, when tasked to respond, we do so to the best of our abilities. However, PQs that ask what similarities we have found between recent incidents and those of years ago, or to count them, leave us embroiled in dusty paperchases or in making retrospective assessments of incidents when we are not fully expert.

13. My response has turned out longer than I had intended, but hopefully lays the issues fully on the table as we see them. The policy is fine, how we manage public enquiries probably needs some re-consideration, also whether we need to fund investigation of a minority of incidents which may be inexplicable; above all, we need an electronic database and management system against which

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sightings may be uniformly handled and recorded. If nothing else, we owe successors an easily extracted historic record.

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To: DPO(RAF)SO2
CC: DPO(RAF)

Ref: 1096
Subject: ANGLIA TV: REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENT - "UFO" POLICY

Text:

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25 Mar 97

DPO(RAF) - Sqn Ldr [Section 40]

ANGLIA TV REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENT ON MOD's "UFO" POLICY

1. Further to [Section 40]'s E-mail to [Section 40] of 20 Mar, I attach a draft letter for you to send to [Section 40] the researcher for Anglia TV. [Section 40]'s telephone number is [Section 40] - he may wish you to fax the letter.
2. Any queries please call me.

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'The Magic and Mystery Show'
Anglia TV

== by fax ==

1. You recently requested a statement on MOD policy concerning reports of "unidentified flying objects". You also sought a statement about the sightings in the area of The Wash of 5 October last year. I have the following to offer:

MOD Interest in "UFO" Sightings

MOD has no interest, expertise or role with respect to "UFO/ flying saucer" matters or in the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms about which it remains open-minded. To date MOD is not aware of any evidence which proves these phenomena exist.

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Reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts as required. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" sighting has revealed such evidence, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported. From the types of descriptions received, aircraft or natural phenomena probably account for most of the observations.

Sightings in the Area of The Wash - 5 October 1996

At the time of the incident on 5 October it was determined there was no evidence that the integrity of the UK Air Defence Region had been compromised. This was MOD's only concern.

Much of the press reporting of the incident at the time was incorrect, ill-informed and speculative. All available sources of information were examined and MOD was completely satisfied that the sightings were not of air defence significance; our air defence system found no evidence of unidentified flying craft throughout the period in question. The only radar plot observed, which was identified on the National Air Traffic Services Claxby radar in the position of Boston, was judged by experienced operators at two separate locations to be a permanent echo, caused by a natural phenomenon (something that does occur in certain weather

conditions), not suspicious in nature nor of any significance to air or maritime safety, and of no air defence or air concern.

There was little reliable or accurate bearings or elevation information in connection with any of the sightings of lights observed in the area of The Wash. From that provided, including a video, which was not forwarded to the MOD by the Lincolnshire Police HQ until 5 November, the Greenwich Observatory view was that the lights were of celestial origin and likely to be Venus which had been exceptionally bright during the week in question.

I hope this is helpful.

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CC:

Ref: 241

From: DPO(RAF)

Auth by:

Subject: Anglia TV: Request for written response from MOD

Text: Further to our telephone call, [Section 40] of Anglia TV, to whom I responded on Sec A behalf earlier this week with the line on UFOs, has now asked for a letter on MOD headed paper setting out the line for him to show on camera in place of an MOD spokesman. I suggest we have nothing to loose by complying. Grateful for a response from you to S/L [Section 40] on Ext [Section 40]

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If you are content, would you draft a note along the lines requested. I will sign it if you wish. I will, in any case, ask DPO to advise Anglia that officers names should not be highlighted or mentioned on air.

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Mon 17 Mar, 1997 14:07

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Subject: Anglia TV - UFOs

Text: For info - I have spoken with Anglia. They were content with some extrapolation from the general statement on UFOs.

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Oh dear - I wonder what they'll use!

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17th March 1997

DPO(RAF)1

'UFOs' - REQUEST FROM ANGLIA TV

1. We spoke this morning and I said that we have been approached by Anglia TV to participate in a programme 'The Magic and Mystery Show' to talk about 'UFOs' and, in particular, an incident on 5th October last year in the area of the Wash.

2. **Section 40** rang late on Friday afternoon about the programme and left a message on our answerphone. He said that he wanted to do a 'balanced' item and was therefore seeking input from MOD.

3. We have not returned **Section 40's** call and I should be grateful if you would do so (on **Section 40** to say that the Department would not wish to appear on the programme but is happy to provide the attached statement about the extent of their interest in 'UFO' matters and an explanation of events on 5th October.

4. Please let me know if he has any further questions.

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'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 29th January 1997

1. You will recall that I wrote at Reference seeking advice and comment on the way forward for handling 'UFO' reports and I wonder if you have yet had time to consider what might be required so far as your respective interests are concerned. I discussed a number of points at a meeting some three weeks ago with Wing Commander [redacted] but have not heard further.

2. I appreciate that other issues might well have taken priority in recent times but I would like to make some progress on this in the near future.

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Group Captain Section 40 Section 40 RAT
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British Embassy
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Your reference

Our reference
D/Sec(AS) [redacted]
Date
7 March 1997

Dear Group Captain Section 40

1. You will recall the fax you received from Section 40 about "UFOs". Attached is our reply which you kindly agreed to translate and pass on.

2. For your background information last year Mr Pope wrote a book entitled "Open Skies, Closed Minds" in which he criticises the MOD's policy with respect to the "UFO" phenomenon; he has to some extent become a thorn in the side of the Department. He is often quoted in the Press when a "UFO" sighting makes the newspapers. Our line is that Mr Pope's views are his personal opinions and do not represent, nor do they reflect the views of the MOD. I thought you might just wish to be aware of this.

Yours sincerely,

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19 Feb 97

To all Sec(AS)1 Staff

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"UFO" PUBLIC ENQUIRY ANSWERPHONE FACILITY

1. Head of Sec(AS) has given approval for public enquiries by telephone on "UFO"-related issues to be handled using an answerphone facility, to free-up my line for business more directly related to the Sec(AS) remit. The answerphone will be in operation from 0800 - 1700 hrs Mon-Fri. Outside these times, in accordance with current practice, calls will be directed by the Switchboard staff to the RAF Duty Officer in the DCMC.

2. I have been allocated a new telephone number for non-"UFO" business (0171 218 [redacted] Section 40). Please note that this number may be passed to officials who wish to speak to me about "UFO"-related business, or of course about any other matter for which I am responsible. However, members of the public who wish to talk to someone about "UFOs" should be advised to call 0171 218 2140 only. If they have previously been put through to the answerphone and complain that they wish to speak to a member of staff not an answerphone, please firmly advise them that all such enquiries are handled from that telephone line alone, which is continuously monitored by staff in Sec(AS)2. All Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks ([redacted] Section 40 MB).

3. The above arrangements apply from 0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb.

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To all Sec(AS)2 Staff

"UFO" PUBLIC ENQUIRY ANSWERPHONE FACILITY

1. As you know, Head of Sec(AS) has given approval for public enquiries by telephone on "UFO"-related issues to be handled using an answerphone facility. Attached at Annex A is the outgoing message which members of the public who call this line will hear. The answerphone will be switched on Mon-Fri 0800 - 1700 hrs. Outside these times, in accordance with current practice, calls will be directed by the Switchboard staff to the RAF Duty Officer in the DCMC.

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3. The answerphone will go "on-line" wef 0800 hrs tomorrow.

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ANNEX A TO
D/SEC(AS)/64/1
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"UFO" ANSWERPHONE OUTGOING MESSAGE

"You have reached the Ministry of Defence Air Staff Secretariat. You may use this voicemail facility to make reports of unusual aerial observations which you wish to draw to the attention of the MOD. However, the Department's interest is confined only to establishing whether there is evidence of unauthorized military activity in UK airspace.

On this basis if you wish to register a report please leave your name, address and telephone number after the tone giving brief details of what you have seen. Please remember to include the date, time and precise location. You will be contacted further only in the event that we consider any follow-up is required.

If your enquiry concerns the MOD's policy on the so-called "UFO" phenomenon, you will need to write to us at the:

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff)2
Room 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
SW1A 2HB.

Press Enquiries should be directed through the MOD Press Office."



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3. As some of you will be aware, Sec(AS)2a is the nominated MOD focal point for handling "UFO" enquiries from members of the public. Please note that my new telephone number should not be passed on to members of the public/Press who wish to make enquiries about "UFO"-related issues. A dedicated answerphone on my old number (0171 218 2140) is to be set up with effect from 0800 hrs tomorrow for future handling of this business.

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WASHINGTON FOR RAF STAFF
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(Section 40)

Section 40

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NO FOR SEC(AS)2A1

1. THIS MESSAGE IS TO ADVISE THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT MY
TELEPHONE NO HAS CHANGED TO 0171 218

Section 40

2. MY ADDRESS REMAINS ROOM 8245 MOD MAIN BUILDING AND MY FAX
NUMBER REMAINS 0171 218

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Wed 19 Feb, 1997 13:42

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DATE	TO	SUBJECT
19/02/97	PARLIAMENTARY CLERK	CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER -

Sent: 19/02/97 at 13:42

To: PARLIAMENTARY CLERK

CC:

Ref: 1044

Subject: CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER - SEC(AS)2A1

Text: I should be grateful if you could circulate the attached to your team.

Telephone enquiries on PQs and PEs about "UFO" matters can of course be made on **Section 40**
Thank You. **Section 40**

Priority: Normal
Reply Request []

View Acknowledge [*]
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Room 8245
Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB

Telephone (Direct dial) 0171 218 [redacted]
(Switchboard) 0171 218 9000
(Fax) 0171 218 [redacted]

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Your reference

See Distribution

Our reference
D/Sec(AS)/64/1
Date
19 February 1997

SECRETARIAT (AIR STAFF) 2A1 - CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

1. Please be advised that my telephone number has changed to

0171 218 [redacted] Section 40

2. My address and fax number remain as follows:

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat(Air Staff)2a1
Room 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
SW1A 2HB

Fax: 0171 218 [redacted] Section 40

3. As some of you will be aware, Sec(AS)2a is the nominated MOD focal point for handling "UFO" enquiries from members of the public. Please note that my new telephone number should not be passed on to members of the public/Press who wish to make enquiries about "UFO"-related issues. A dedicated answerphone on my old number (0171 218 2140) is to be set up with effect from 0800 hrs. tomorrow for future handling of this business.

[original signed]

Section 40 [redacted]
Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a1

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19 Feb 97

MOD Main Building Switchboard Staff
MOD Public Enquiries Office

Copy to:

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DCMC Air Force Desk

DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE FOR ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

1. You will wish to be aware that with effect from **0800 hrs Thu 20 Feb**, the MOD will have a dedicated telephone line for handling enquiries and reports from members of the public about "unidentified flying objects".
2. Queries will usually be handled through an answerphone system, which will briefly set out the MOD's limited interest in this subject, and invite members of the public to leave reports if appropriate. The answerphone will be switched on from 0800-1700 hrs and will be continuously monitored. Any "UFO" calls received outside these hours must continue to be handled by the DCMC in the usual manner, in the event there may be genuine air defence implications of a more terrestrial nature.
3. The dedicated "UFO" number will be: **0171 218 2140**. All members of the public wishing to be put through to the "UFO" desk should be connected only to this number. Press enquiries should be directed towards the RAF Press Desks. Although I will continue to oversee queries of this nature, the separate telephone line I have acquired for handling the major part of my work (the non-'UFO'-related duties) must not be given to members of the public or Press enquiring about "UFOs". Members of the public not content with an answerphone and insisting on speaking to a member of staff should be firmly advised that "UFO" business is only handled from the number given above.
4. Officials who wish to speak to a desk officer in Sec(AS) about "UFO" business can of course be advised of my alternate number below. If you have any queries in respect of these new arrangements please contact me on **Section 40**

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DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	CODES
12/02/97	ADGE1	Answerphone Message	[]

Intended:

Sent: 12/02/97 at 13:36

Delivered: 12/02/97 at 13:40

To: SEC(AS)2A (2)

CC:

Ref: 309

From: ADGE1

Auth by:

Subject: Answerphone Message

Text: Please find suggested changes at attachment

Priority: Normal
Reply Request []

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D/DAO/1/13

12 Feb 97

Sec(AS)2a1

MOD "UFO" REPORTING ANSWERPHONE

Reference: D/Sec(AS)1 dated 12 Feb 97.

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed answerphone message at Reference.
2. Firstly, I believe that the message should avoid the term UFO which, in itself, is too suggestive. I would recommend the use of 'unusual aerial phenomena' or similar neutral term.
3. Secondly, perhaps 'evidence of hostile foreign military activity' is too anachronistic and narrow; I would favour the following more:

'The MOD's interest in such reports is limited to whether there is evidence that the integrity of UK airspace has been compromised by an unauthorised airborne vehicle'.
4. I hope these suggestions are helpful.

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Wg Cdr

ADGE 1

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DATE	TO	SUBJECT	CODES
12/02/97	ADGE1	MOD "UFO" REPORTING ANSWERING	[]

Sent: 12/02/97 at 12:16

To: ADGE1

CC:

Ref: 1028

Subject: MOD "UFO" REPORTING ANSWERING MACHINE

Text: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Priority: Urgent
Reply Request []

View Acknowledge [*]
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D/Sec(AS)/64/1

12 Feb 97

ADGE1

MOD "UFO" REPORTING ANSWERPHONE

1. Head of Sec(AS) has recently given approval for this office to acquire an answerphone aligned to a dedicated telephone line to aid with handling predominantly non-defence related "UFO" business. Once this is up and running I shall start using a completely separate telephone line for handling the business more relevant to the work of Sec(AS)2.

2. The phone line with the answering machine will be the only one which the public will be able to lodge any "UFO" reports, and will be monitored regularly throughout the day, should any further action be required. Details of our policy in respect of the "UFO" phenomenon will continue to be provided through written correspondence.

3. Attached we have drafted a simple outgoing message which briefly explains the Department's limited interest in these reports and encourages the caller only to leave details if they feel that what they saw may be of defence relevance. Hopefully this will discourage casual callers wanting to report something they saw in 1972 and other time consuming telephone calls about the meaning of life which go round the houses and take up a considerable amount of our time.

4. I should be grateful if you would let me know if you have any comments or suggestions regarding the proposed outgoing message.



[original signed]

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CHOTS: SEC(AS)2A (2)

DRAFT "UFO" ANSWERPHONE OUTGOING MESSAGE

You have reached the Ministry of Defence focal point for reports of "unidentified flying objects".

The MOD's interest in such reports is limited to whether there is evidence of hostile foreign military activity in UK airspace.

If you have seen something which you believe may be of defence interest please leave your name, address and telephone number after the tone giving brief details, remembering to include the date, time and precise location. You will be contacted only in the event that follow up information is required.

If you have any other enquiries about the MOD policy on the "UFO" phenomenon you may write to the following address:

Ministry of Defence
Secretariat (Air Staff)2
Room 8245
Main Building
Whitehall
SW1A 2HB.

Press Enquiries should be directed through the MOD Press Office.

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D/Sec(AS) [REDACTED]

29th January 1997

AO/AD1
DI ST

Copy to:

PSO/ACAS	Head of Sec(AS)	AD/DI55
DAO	DI Sec	DPR(RAF)

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS' - POLICY

1. I have been giving some thought to the way the Department currently handles 'UFO' reports and letters from members of the public, many of the latter actively seeking information about the existence of extraterrestrial life forms, or seeking a detailed investigation/explanation for what has been reported (allegations of abduction by aliens, out of body experiences, animal mutilations, crop circles etc).
2. The increasing media attention given to this subject in recent months has almost doubled the work of the desk officers involved to the detriment of other tasks more directly relevant to the work of the Branch. In the circumstances it seems timely to reappraise the situation with a view to clarifying the Department's role and requirements. Existing Government policy and my understanding of the current arrangements is set out at Annex.
3. I believe there should be a demonstrated need to continue current policy if we are to do so and would be grateful to know:
 - a. the extent of DAO and DI ST current interest in 'UFO' reports;
 - b. whether Sec(AS) should continue to forward any sighting reports to DAO or DI ST from members of the public for further examination/clarification and, if so, the criteria on which such decisions might be based.
 - c. whether the focus of interest ~~is~~ should be internally generated (ie air defence) or rely on reports only from credible witnesses with full involvement from DAO and DI ST in the investigation process.
4. Depending on the nature of any changes proposed it may be necessary to seek Ministerial agreement to proceed. I look forward to receiving your formal comments.

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'UFO REPORTS ': MOD INTEREST AND CURRENT ARRANGEMENTSPolicy

1. The Government's policy on 'UFOs' is that the air defence implications of unidentified flying objects are a matter for the MOD; air traffic implications are a matter for the Civil Aviation Authority.

2. MOD's interest in 'UFOs' is limited to examining reported sightings to establish if such activity might have a defence significance (ie whether the UK Air Defence Region has been breached).

Sec(AS)2 Responsibilities

3. Sec(AS)2a acts as the focal point for MOD Policy on 'UFO' issues and maintains a simple record for all reported sightings, staffs sighting reports and public correspondence relating to alleged sightings to other MOD Branches as necessary, responds to Parliamentary and Ministerial inquiries, and deals with written and telephone enquiries from members of the public. DPO staff deal with media enquiries based on advice from Sec(AS)2.

Current Arrangements

4. It is generally the case that 'UFO' reports are copied to AO/GE1 for advice on air defence related issues, and to DI55 for the technology aspects of what has been observed. DAO has no interest in extraterrestrial matters and 'UFO' sightings are considered only in relation to a possible military threat to the UK's air defences. DI55 is responsible for studying aerodynamic missiles and is the DIS repository for UFO reports forwarded by Sec(AS): they have no evidence to date to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

5. It is considered that events giving rise to a defence interest are only likely to be reported by credible witnesses, ie military pilot reported incidents or detections by defence radar or early warning systems. In these circumstances DAO staffs would lead on the response in light of the circumstances at the time. Other credible witnesses might be professional civil pilots, officials at Air Traffic Control Centres (ATCCs) and the emergency services (police/fire). During the last two years only a handful of reports have been made by credible witnesses and none have provided evidence of defence significance.

6. There are no resources within the Department to provide an aeronautical identification service for every 'UFO' report. More importantly, given MOD's stated interest, there is no requirement to do so.

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Any comments -
16 answers for my
when/for what
questions would be
helpful - any idea of
its time when these
comments apply to?

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3 Feb 97

Sec(AS)2

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DISec
AO/AD1

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

Ref: D/Sec(AS)/64/1 dated 27 Jan 97

1. Thank you for reference on the discussions on the possibility of a study into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). This is a holding reply, not least because Wg Cdr **Section 40** is central to this matter, is on terminal leave from the RAF and not available to advise for some weeks. (U)

2. However I wish to point out now that reference to planned DI55 activity conveys too firm an impression. Wg Cdr **Section 40** has been investigating what might be achieved within our current resources prior to seeking any commitment. He had sought your views because in the past your branch had supported an (unsuccessful) application for additional resource to create an electronic database. The interest of your branch has also been evident from many occasions over the last 20 years when DI55 has responded to your short notice demands to undertake extensive manual searches of the current and very large paper-based UAP archive. (S)

3. In addition to your requirements we also consider there are several other parties who have an interest in the data as an intelligence source. However our ability to adequately exploit the data is severely constrained by lack of resources and the limitations of the paper based archive. While I rejected the specific application for additional resources mentioned above I remain concerned that we are not in a position to conduct intelligence assessment, which leads me to question whether there is any point in maintaining the archive. Once we have investigated further I would welcome a discussion over what the customer requirements are and whether we are resourced to meet them.

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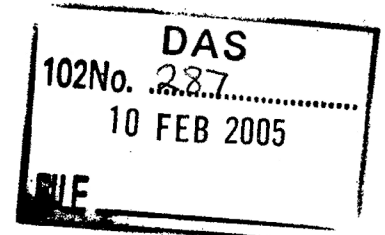
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA STUDY

1. Sec(AS)2 is the Departmental focal point for the receipt of sighting reports and correspondence from the public about 'UFOs' - a growth industry in view of the current media obsession with this issue. Government policy on the subject is that MOD examines such reports solely to establish whether what has been reported might have some defence significance - namely, whether the UK Air Defence region has been breached. It is also Government policy that unless there is any evidence of a threat to the UK ADR, reports are not examined further to try and establish what might have been seen.

2. I recently had brought to my attention a study DI 55c is embarking upon in connection with 'UFO' reports and wrote to seeking further information. A copy of my letter and the response is attached.

3. I have some concerns about what is planned:

- the objectives for the research effort given the Department's limited interest in 'UFO' reports, and who the customer might be (para 5). Sec(AS)2 has no requirement for a database of information on reported sightings to support Parliamentary business (para 5) or any other work; nor for a redesigned sighting report form (para 8); nor for a CONFIDENTIAL register of witness details (para 7) which does, perhaps, run contrary to the Citizen's Charter and the Data Protection Act;

- how we are to maintain the line that the Government's policy is not to examine Reports further and that we have nothing to hide;

- if the study is only interested in reports made in relation to sightings in the UK ADR Region (para 6), why the key desk officers in DAir Ops are completely unaware of this

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initiative and why they should not be kept informed (para 10). In my view, and I have discussed this with Head of Sec(AS), the work proposed is of relevance to DAir Ops and I cannot therefore accord with the request to keep them unsighted.

4. I should be grateful for your views. In addition to AO/AD1, I feel I must copy this minute and attachments to DI Sec in view of their role in dealing with DIS Parliamentary business and to DI P&R in the event there is anything she might wish to contribute to the debate.

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Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
LONDON
SW1A 2HB

Please address any reply to The Officer Commanding

Your reference

Our reference

COLT/1466/4/Org

Date

23 January 1997

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

1. Forwarded for your information is a UFO report.
2. The originator has been made aware that a reply from MOD is unlikely unless there is a defence interest and further information sought.
3. There have been a number of UFO sightings reported in the local Press recently which quoted the interest shown by the British UFO organisation. Can you confirm that you still require UFO reports to be sent to Sec (AS) 2a rather than refer the UFO spotter to the civilian interest?

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Chlo
for Officer Commanding

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Explained the new Policy of not giving out
civilian UFO addresses + Details to anyone.

Asked him to continue to
reports
send them through to us.

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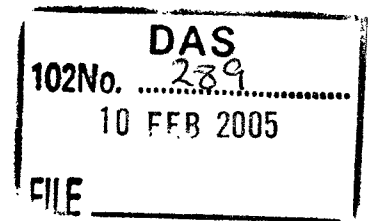
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA

References:

- A. D/Sec(AS) 64/1 dated 14 January 1997
- B. D/DI55/108/15 dated 11 December 1996
- C. D/DI55/108/15 dated 16 November 1993



1. In reply to your letter at Reference A, there are several differences in the current tasking which I have received from Wg. Cdr **Section 40** (as an internal DI55 formal note) at Reference B; compared with the work programme envisaged in the proposal at Reference C.

2. Whereas the 1993 proposal would have involved a fully funded British Aerospace contract, and hence a formal contract amendment, the current tasking is that I should carry out some work (see para 4 below) within the constraints of an existing contract. This would be one of many tasks I undertake for the Department and which can be done under a current 3 year contract while the funds are present to do so. No extra money has been added to the contract for this purpose.

3. Historically, it is perhaps useful for you to know that, during 1995, subsequent to the unsuccessful 1993 initiative, the Department again attempted both in June and October to get approval for funding. The timing eventually clashed with the onset of Defence Study 18 and the requests were shelved. In the 1995 case the work would have been accommodated within an existing budget and undertaken by **Section 40** as is the case now.

4. Now to the current situation. My remit is to build a new database from scratch - nevertheless, the whole task is summarised in just 4 subheadings of a sentence each. Thereafter to make a 'categorisation' or any possible explanation of the UAP events. As you can imagine, things are not quite as simple as this may sound.

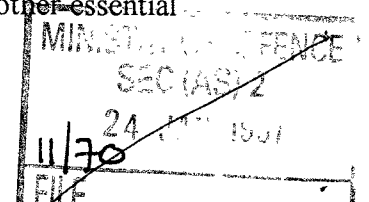
5. My current progress, in the last few weeks, has been to read all of the 22 files held by the Department (although some I had seen previously, as occasionally my advice/opinion had been sought in the past). This was a pre-requisite, so as to scope the task. All files prior to 1975, having either been destroyed, or sent to the PRO, at least limits the events recorded to about 21 years. Working between other essential

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and often urgent DI55 tasks, I have now started to set up the data base, having realised that a minimal database will not be adequate. For example, there is no point in having a database which just comprises a list/log of events in textual form, unless useful information can be easily extracted. Hence, my database structure, when complete, must allow investigative and statistical reports to be made. The tool chosen is a relational database which, if all goes according to plan, will be capable of providing material which should be of use in your answers to PQs and other correspondence.

6. Once the database format is finalised, new Event Reports will be entered as they come in, while there will be a continual lower-rate effort to get all the old reports for the last ~20 years entered. This is considered essential, so as to provide a good basis for any investigative work we might need in the future. As there are literally thousands of inputs to make, I am sure you realise that this part of the work will take many months to complete. I intend only to include UK reports made within the UK Air Defence Region (i.e. within the UKADGE area of responsibility).

7. There is, of course, the sensitivity of the matter in view of Press and Public interest. As you know, the actual sighting reports are all unclassified. I intend that the data tables are structured so that those containing witness names should be CONFIDENTIAL. This might enable the other material to be separated more easily for public disclosure, if so desired at some future date. If, as is the current trend, an 'electronic office' culture develops, the paper reports may diminish anyway. Therefore a move towards a properly structured electronically recorded system seems appropriate at this stage.

8. This leads to another important point, that of the current public UFO questionnaire format - which was 'invented' in the 1950's **Section 40**

Section 40 You will already be aware that a lot of effort goes into form design when a computerised data base is to be used. The current form, which leaves a lot to the initiative of the witness and reporting officer, could be replaced with a much simpler format. I envisage that much can be done with little narrative but mainly with ticked boxes and cryptic yes/no answers - I realise that it might be difficult to bring a new form into use without some media reporter or ufologist mis-interpretation! One can imagine 'MOD UFO Investigation Intensifies' ! You may wish to comment on this possibility?

9. Much of my present task will involve extracting the several (for database purposes) diverse bits of information that are often contained within a sentence which forms one answer on the present form. To do this effectively I shall have to examine every sheet, individually and extract the information and mark it up on paper copies of the new form for each table used in the database. My Secretary will then enter the data. It is the correlation of these individual elements of information within the total report with sources of external information I can construct in other tables (e.g. Space debris re-entry data, meteorological phenomena, location of power lines etc.), which will make the tool useful for evaluation and categorisation.

10. Finally, I wish to keep a low profile. **Section 40**
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media knowledge - especially as they would undoubtedly soon link these with my other known activities on **Section 40** and probably connect my long-standing involvement with DI55 - which we also wish to avoid. I note you have copied Reference A to ADGE1, which includes my name. I would not wish my name to be further linked with them because of my **Section 40** links with that same organisation. I have a 50-60% weekly commitment to DI55, but this is not always in OWOB. The rest of the time is spent both nation and worldwide for **Section 40** My Secretary, **Section 40** always knows my whereabouts, should you need to make urgent contact when I am not in London. Please do not use the term UFO on the phone to this number, as it is operator-handled. **Section 40** is, of course, cleared, and would understand the words PROJECT CONDIGN and relay any messages.

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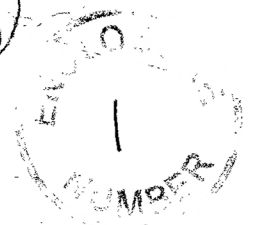
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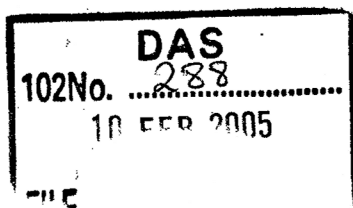
- A. D/DI55/108/15 dated 18th October 1993
- B. D/Sec(AS)12/1 dated 16th November 1993

1. Wing Commander Section 40 rang Sec(AS)2a recently to say that he was retiring and that in his absence you would be looking at the 'UFO' reports we routinely copy to DI55c. He also mentioned that you had been contracted to compile a database of reported 'sightings' and that, once compiled, you would go on to analyse the material.

2. I should be grateful if you could confirm that the work on compiling the database, which I believe is a fairly recent initiative, is that envisaged in the BAe contract amendment attached to Reference A (which was supported by my predecessor at Reference B).

3. The contract amendment sets out a number of issues to be addressed in the course of this work but mentions only a database and a report (it would be helpful to see a copy when produced). I am not, therefore, clear on the scope of the proposed analytical work and it would be helpful to have some more information on this aspect.

4. I should add that my concern is to ensure that the line taken when answering PQs and dealing with Ministerial and public correspondence about 'UFO' reports and associated phenomena accurately reflects the Department's position.



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